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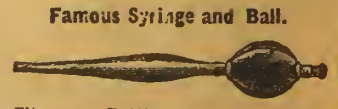

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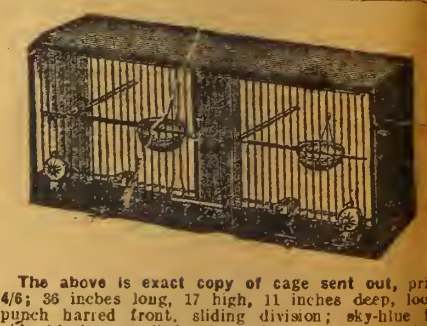

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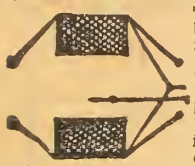

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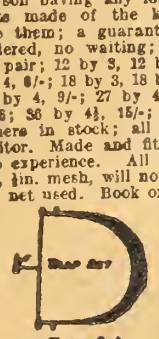

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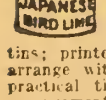

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I have thousands of Goldfinches, Bullfinches, Linnets weekly, and can pick likely exhibition specimens. Cock Goldfinches and Bullfinches, 3/-, 4/-, 5/- each; cock Linnets, 1/-, 1/6, and 2/-. Cock Greenfinches, Chaffinches, Redpolls, 1/-, 1/6, 2/-. Large hen Bullfinches, for showing, muling, 2/- and 2/6. Mr. Hedges, Eastbourne, writes, September 13th: "Send me special selected cock Goldfinch, Linnet, Greenfinch, and hen Bullfinch, for enclosed 10/-; Goldfinch I got from you two years ago won six 1sts and specials; the one I had last year won 3rd, but I lost him." Mr. Veitch, Jedburgh, writes: "Send cock Goldfinch, 3/-; two hen Bullfinches, 3/-. Glad to say Goldfinch purchased from you won me two lots Hawick, 1st and special Kelso, 5th Edinburgh (class 33), 3rd Galashiels, twice 2nd at our show." W. Jones, Altrincham, December 6th: "Send two cock Linnets and two cock Siskins. Am pleased to say I won 2nd and 4th at Altrincham open class with birds purchased from you." Mr. Ewan, Kirn, writes: "Goldfinch arrived safe, and won 1st and special at our show." Mr. Weedall, Winsford, Jan. 30th: "Send another good Bullfinch. Glad to say last two have won 1st and 2nd every time shown. Unfortunately best one just died; other won 4th large class at big Crystal Palace show." Walter Dyke, Longridge: "Send cock Goldfinch and hen Bullfinch. Glad to say Hybrid which I bred from Goldfinch and Bullfinch purchased from you has won 1st Leeds (Class 19), 2nd Halifax, 1st Leek, 2nd Hamilton, 2nd Hinckley, 1st Portsmouth, etc." Hundreds of winners supplied. Est. 1879.—**SANDIFORD, Bird Specialist and Judge, Preston, Lancs.** Tel. 440.

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W. GORE, Gooch Street, BIRMINGHAM.

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I have just received another magnificent consignment of genuine Siberian cock Goldfinches in perfect health and condition; as this will most probably be the last lot this season it behoves all intending purchasers to apply as early as possible to avoid disappointment; prices, cocks in full song 5/- and 6/- each, seven for 29/9; real exhibition specimens, with full complement of show points, 7/6 and 10/- each; the winning Siberian Goldfinch at last Scottish National was supplied by me; this bird has also won all over England, and has never yet been beaten, so if you want a similar dec.-sweeper send to the direct importer, who allows no other dealer to get first pick; all on approval, as usual.

W. GORE, GOOCH-ST. BIRMINGHAM.

Softbills.

LARGE cock Snow Buntings, 1/- each: Woods, 125, Palgrave-rd., Gt. Yarmouth.

WRENS, 5/- pair; list 30 species free: Miss Rosey, Rosemary House, Eastbourne.

FOR sale, exhibition Fieldfare, and show cage, 10/6, worth double, in good form: 32, High-st., Penzance.

LARKS, Larks; big strong birds, guaranteed cocks, 2/6 dozen: Thomas Rimmer, 73, Lytham-rd., Marshside, Southport.

HAND-REARED singing cock Skylark; incessant songster day and night; 1/6: Miss Paterson, Rifleman, Dunstable.

TWO large house-moulted cock Woodlarks, 10/- each; 1 smaller, 7/6, good song; deposit: Rickards, 36 New-st., Exmouth.

LARKS. Large cocks, 2/6 doz.; Starlings, for show, 1/- each: Apply, J. Rimmer, 51, Shellfield-rd., Marshside, Southport.

COCK Larks, 2/- doz.; cock Blackbirds, Starlings, 1/- each; hen Blackbird, 6d.: Wright Pen, 108, Shellfield-rd., Marshside, Southport.

GREAT winners; Magpie 10/-; Jay, 3 firsts, three 2nd, medals, 7/6; two others, damaged tails, 5/- each: Douglas, Bridge-st., Brechin.

COCK Thrushes, 3/- half-dozen; selected Thrushes, Blackbirds, 1/- each, on food: William Wright, 54, Shellfield-rd., Marshside, Southport.

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SPLENDID pairs of Blue Tits and Marsh Tits, 2/6 pair; warranted meated off; fit for keenest competition: Kerschhammer, 14, Forest-rd., Torquay.

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Miscellaneous.

GOLDFINCHES, Bullfinches, Linnets, Larks, Canaries and Buntings: Jinks, 2, Bramall-lane, Sheffield

CHAMPION coloured Yellowhammers, 9d. pair; Hedge Warblers, 6d.: W. Steward, 5, Theatre-st., East Dereham.

COCK Larks, 4/- dozen, cock Yellowhammers, Greenfinches, 6d. each, like paint: E. Rowe, West-st., Chatteris, Cambs.

DEVONSHIRE Woodlarks, warranted cocks, 2/6 each, in song, 3/6 each; Bullfinches, 2/- pair: Marlee, 4, Park-st., Crediton.

COCKS, best selected, for show; 3 Reed Buntings, 2/-; 3 Yellowhammers, 2/-; 3 Linnets, 2/-; 3 Green Birds, 1/6: Fenn, Station-rd., Isleham, Cambs.

LARKS, 4/-, Linnets 7/-, Greenfinches 1/6 dozen, warranted cocks; special cock Goldfinches, 2/6, 3/6, 5/- each: Roughton and Son, Bird Stores, Chatteris.

NOTICE, Goldfinches, 2/3 pair; Greenfinches 4d. pair; Chaffinches, Yellowhammers, Starlings, Larks, Linnets, 6d. pair: Brain, Aviaries, Aston, Birmingham.

COCK Blackbirds, Song Thrushes, Yellowhammers, 6d. each, 3 for 1/3, 5/- dozen; genuine cock Larks, 3/6 doz.: Williams, New Street Aviaries, Chatteris, Cambs.

COCK Bullfinches, 1/3, hens 9d.; 1/9 pair; warranted cock Woodlarks, 1/6, song 2/6; 3 pairs brown Linnets, 1 cock Skylark, 3/-: W. Cleave, 6, Tolleys, Crediton

NOTICE, cocks, Larks, Linnets, singing loud, 1/- each; lovely green Linnet and Chaffinches, singing, 6d. each; hen Canaries, 2/-: Brain, Aviaries, Aston, Birmingham.

LINNETS, Larks, Linnets; handsome Redbreasted cock Linnets, well on seed, 4/- doz.; upstanding cock Larks, 3/- doz.; money returned if not satisfied: Bartholomew, Dunstable.

COCK Greenfinch, rare size and substance, good one, with nice hen Chaffinch, 2/6; three nice cock Larks, 1/6; also a few hybrid pairs cheap; state wants: Viggers, 85, Warwick-rd., Banbury.

TWO grand cock Greenfinches, picked from dozens, none better, 1/- for both; fine cock Starlings, same price; healthy cock Robin, perfect plumage, in flight all winter, 1/6: Schoolmaster, Swerford, Oxford.

J. I. MACKIE, Gorgie P.O., Edinburgh: I am very reluctantly compelled to dispose of stock, having to vacate my present birdroom and aviaries, comprising Wagtails, Missel Thrush, Chaffinch, Greenbnches, Redpolls, cages, etc.; cheap.

1910 HAND-REARED cock Magpie, says few words, 7/-, including large cage, 12/-; pair Yorkshire Canaries, 1910, yellow cock, buff hen, 10/6; pair H.M. 1910, hand-reared Greenfinches, 4/-: Penfold, 6, Seymour-buildings, Seymour Place, London, W.

BLACKBIRDS, Song Thrushes, selected songsters, 1/- each; Bluetits, Robins, 1/- pair; Linnets, Chaffinches, Greenfinches, Yellowhammers, Bramblefiuches, mixed cocks, 2/6 dozen; 18 mixed aviary birds, 1/-; nine for 6d.: George Fenn, East End, Isleham, Cambs.

COCK Goldfinches, Bullfinches, 1/6, 2/- each, hens 9d., 1/- each: Redbreasted Linnets, Chaffinches, Greenfinches, Yellowhamners, Skylarks, Redpolls, all cocks, 6d. each, hens 1/- dozen; cock Thrushes, Blackbirds, 1/- each; in song, 1/6; all approval: Haynes Bros., Birdcatchers, Selly Oak, Worcestershire.

WARRANTED cock Linnets, 9d., 3 2/-; cock Greenfinches, 1/- dozen; cock Goldfinches, 3/-, on song; cock Bullfinches, 2/-, hens 1/-; splendid cock Blackbirds, and song Thrushes, 1/-, 3 2/-; selected cocks, Greenfinches, Yellow Buntings, Larks, Chaffinches: Hobden, Ivy Cottage, Winchelsea-rd., Norway, Eastbourne.

NOTICE, cock Goldfinches, Bullfinches, 1/6, selected 2/-, hens 1/-, 1/6; splendid red-breasted Linnets, Chaffinches, Redpolls, Bramblefinches, Yellowhammers, Skylarks, Starlings, cocks 6d. each, hens 3d.; Greenfinches, pair 4d.; four pair 1/-; cock Thrushes, Blackbirds, 1/-, 1/6 each; note, all birds selected by me, rest sold to dealers; any of above singing nicely, 6d. extra; trap cages, 6d.; spring-net traps, 1/-; approval, deposit: Gould, Birdcatcher, Heldford-rd., Witton, Birmingham.

WINNERS for the Palace Show, splendid male Dartford Warbler, house-moulted, finger tame, excellent condition; Song Thrush, 1st Palace 1911, full song; Lesser Whitethroat, house-moulted, 1st and 2 cups for best bird in show at East Ham recently; bearded Reedling, twice house-moulted Cornish Chough, Waxwings, Hawfinches, etc.; also Norwich and Yorkshire Canaries, cheap; prices upon application; genuine clearance: Morris and Adams, 219, Henley-rd., Ilford, Essex.

EXHIBITORS, owing to lack of spare time I am compelled to part with a few first-class British, including cock Reed Bunting, good bib, expansive chest, 3/6; cock Yellow Bunting, good V marks, a gem, 3/-; giant cock Greenfinches, 2/-; Norwich type cock Linnet, a topper, 2/6; cock Chaffinches, a gem, 1/6; extra large Bramblefinch, 1/6; giant hen Bullfinch, 2/6; cock Lark, a gem, in song, 1/6; giant Snow Bunting, a real topper, 2/6; the above are guaranteed first-class, and are kept at my private address; approval willingly; for above write: Fred Allen, 19, St. James-st., Hull.

GIVING up: 15 cock Canaries, 1 cock Finch Mule, 6/- each; 6 hen Canaries, 2/6 each, or 12/- lot; 3 cock Bullfinches, 2/- each, 5/- the 3; 3 Goldfinches, 4/- the 3; 1 hen Goldfinch Mule, 1/-; 9 cock Larks, 5/- the lot; 1 cock Blackbird, 1 cock Thrush, 1 cock Woodlark, 2/- each; good singers; 1 White Sparrow, 15/-; 4 double breeding cages, 50in. long, 4/- each; 1 6-compartment, or can pull partitions out and make a good flight cage, 6ft. 6in. long, 14in. high, 9in. wide, 7/6; 12 small cages, 1/- each; 1 single breeding cage, 2/6; 9 double breeders, 3/- each: Rees, Berry House, Abercanaid, Merthyr Tydvil.

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J. FENN, ISLEHAM

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WHOLESALE AND RETAIL.

Guaranteed cocks, Goldfinches, Bullfinches, Woodlarks, 1/6, 2/6, 14/- doz.; Skylarks, Linnets, 8d., 1/-, 5/- doz.; Greenfinches, Redpolls, 4d., 2/- dozen; Mules, Canaries, 5/-, 7/6, 48/- dozen; exhibition cock Siskin, Bullfinch, Goldfinch, 5/- each; Hybrids 50/-; traps 1/-; birdlime, 4d.: Irwin's Aviaries, Lurgan.

CANARIES.

Belgians.

BELGIANS for sale, young, healthy, 3 yellows, 2 buff cocks, 2 buff hens: White, 52, Paruie-st., Glasgow.

FOR sale, 20 high-class Belgians, same strain as my winners: Lady Verhees, Grens 56 Mortsel, Antwerp, Belgium.

CHAMPION Belgians, grand birds, sale, same strain as my winners Belgian challenge trophy; approval: Baker, George's-ave., Barnstaple.

BELGIANS; several good pure-bred high shouldered Belgians, related to my Barnstaple silver challenge bowl winner; reasonable; approval: Baker, 3, Kingsley-aven., Barnstaple.

Border Fancy.

GREEN cocks, 5/-; hens, 2/6: Sheldon, Holly House, Chingford, Essex.

IF you want value in Border Fancies, see my list and advt ou page 11: Rudd.

PRIZE Borders, 5 cocks, 3 hens, £2 lot, or 10/- pair; approval: G. Guss, Causeway-st., Moffat.

FOR sale, a few choice yellow Border hens, 3/6 each, pairs from 5/6: Gibb, 80, Balfour-st., Kirkcaldy.

CHAMPION prize Border Fancy Canaries, 12/6 pair; approval; weekly payments taken: Heron, Castle Douglas.

BORDERS bred from winners, cocks in full song, 6/6, hens 3/- each; ten days' approval: W. Powick, Dewsbury.

PINK-EYED clear yellow 1911 hens, from best even cinnamon blood in the Fancy, 3/-: Laidlaw, Painter, Langholm.

BORDERS; grand stock or show birds; cocks from 5/-, hens from 2/6; approval: Aikenhead, Southesk-st., Brechin.

BORDERS, twelve cocks, six hens, stock birds, from 7/6 pair, or offers lot: Welsh, 67, Raeburn Place, Edinburgh.

TYPICAL Borders; cocks, 10/-; hens, 3/6, 5/-; three good Norwich cocks, 10/- each; approval: Hislop, Baker-st., Stirling.

FEW pairs of high-class, well matched Borders, and single birds, cheap: Norman, Eyrie, Salisbury-rd., Carshalton, Surrey.

GRAND stock birds, from my even marks, cocks and hens cheap, singing cocks 3/-, 3/6: McVittie, 20, John-st., Langholm.

SELECTED Border cock, 1910 bred, clear yellow, sweet songster, 8/-; approval, if deposit: Isherwood, Bromley-st., Blackburn.

TWELVE typical Border hens, 3/6 each, to clear, worth double; state wants; approval: Walker, 12, Tower-rd., Tweedmouth.

TWELVE pair Border Fancies, breeding cages, for sale, good birds, some fit for show bench, 8/- pair: Wise, Myers-st., Keswick.

HIGH class Borders from well known strains, grand type colour and quality, cheap, approval: Thomson, 16, Bridge-st., Kelso.

FEW good hens, clears and marks, bred from leading strains, cheap to clear: Blackhall, 24, Tower-rd., Tweedmouth, Berwick-on-Tweed.

SOME winners for sale, also some grand stock birds, cheap to clear; approval, stamp: Walker, Ellenslea, Lesmahagow, Lanarkshire.

CLEAR buff cocks and hens, cocks from 5/-, hens 2/6; also buff variegated cock, vhc Brechin, 10/-: Robertson, 7, Albert-place, Brechin.

VARIEGATED buff cock, clear yell. hen, yellow green cock, clear buff hen, two 1911 cocks, 30/-: Eastwood, 389, Manchester-rd., Hollinwood.

CINNAMON and green marked buff cocks, from 7/6; yellow and buff self cinnamon hens, 5/-: Farrer, 169, Stanton-st., Newcastle-on-Tyne.

SPLENDID buff Border cock, 10/6; smart clear yellow hen, best vhc in show, South London, 4/6; or 13/6 the pair: Burton Bros., 126, Lee-rd., Lee-green, S.E.

CHAMPION winning Borders, cocks, hens, clear, marked, variegated, can win in keenest competition, 4/6 upwards; approval: Shearer, View Mount, Thurso.

A few choice Borders cheap, pairs or singly, bred same as my winners; see show reports Paignton, Cardiff; exchange toy Pom pup, offers: Pratt, Jeweller, Teigumouth.

EIGHTY prize-bred Borders, clears, green, and cinnamon marks, some good matched pairs, reasonable to clear: Jos. Graham, 16, Melrose-terrace, Newbiggin-by-Sea.

CHAMPION green Borders, a few for sale, same as my winners, see show reports Manchester, Bradford, Galashiels, Selkirk; prices moderate: Murray, Albert-terrace, Selkirk.

CINNAMON Border Fancies, 3 self buff cocks, 2 self yellow cocks, 1 foul yellow cock, and 2 self buff hens; stamp reply: Wm. Jackson, 4, Alexandria-ter., Summertown-rd., Govan.

PRIZE Borders, clears, marks, smart unrelated pairs from 10/-; also few cinnamons, Palace winning strain; see reports L.C.B.A., Gateshead; approval: Roberts, Gwyddfor, Penygroes, Carnarvonshire.

CHAMPION Borders, for sale, clear yellow cocks from 6/6 up; yellow hens from 4/- up; also a few British birds, all house-moulted, all on approval: Peters, 140, Randolph-st., Buckhaven.

BORDER Fancy; ticked yellow hen, 3rd Scottish National, 10/6; four Border show cages, and box for same, 12/-; three ditto and case, 7/6; approval: John Tait, 281, Gala Park-rd., Galashiels.

EXHIBITION Borders, clears and greens, pairs from 10/-; odd birds from 5/-; cold-room bred; approval; see Frome show report, 1st, 2nd and vhc, 3 entries first time out: Brain, Glastonbury.

BORDERS, winning strain, clears, marks, and greens, same as my winners at leading shows, cocks from 5/-, hens from 3/6, matched pairs from 7/6: Thos. Halliday, Loan View, Lander, Berwickshire.

BORDERS, 6 cinnamon hens, 5 green hens (Patterson's and Green's strain), sell separate or one lot: Allan, 47, Gilbert-st., Kelvinhaugh, Glasgow.

PRIZE Borders, clears, marks, smart pairs from 8/6, also yellow and buff cocks, related to my winners Carlisle, Gateshead, Haltwhistle, Blaydon, Newcastle, Chopwell; approval: Nicholson, Westgate, Haltwhistle.

AYE, winning yet: 1st and 3rd National, 1st and 2nd at Glasgow, with cinnamons and greens; large number all colours for sale, also clears and marks; state your wants; the quality is right, and the value excellent, so say host of customers; stamp for reply; every inquiry answered: Walter S. Wilson, Glendyne, South Park-rd., Hamilton.

A FEW good Borders to sell, related to winners, yellow and buff green cocks, 7/6 and 10/-; clear yellow and buff cocks, even mark strain, 6/6, hens 3/6: Robert Gentleman, Avonbridge, Stirlingshire.

YELLOW cocks, 10/6; buff cocks, 8/6; hens, 5/6, 7/6; best strains; grand types, full of colour and quality, all related to my winners at Blackburn, Carlisle, Cleator Moor, Warrington; approval: Rea, Embleton, Cockermouth.

LEAVING the Fancy, Borders for sale, 15 prize-bred Borders, including 1st Swansea, 1st Frome, 2nd Cheltenham, 2 3rds Frome; six nearly new show cages; what offers in cash for lot or part to: A. G. King, Catherine Hill, Frome.

OWING to going abroad am compelled to dispose of my stock of winning Borders, including winners at Glasgow, Hamilton, Sanquhar, etc.; no reasonable offer refused: stamp reply: Ed. Johnston, Wellwood-villa, Maxwelltown, Dumfries.

SUPERIOR lot of typical show and stock Borders, many of them prize winners, clears of both sexes, even and uneven marks, yellow and buff cinnamon hens; prices reasonable; approval: Jas. B. Richardson, 22, English-st., Dumfries.

J. I. MACKIE, Gorgie P.O., Edinburgh: I am reluctantly compelled to dispose of stock, having to vacate my present birdroom and aviaries; nearly 100 for immediate disposal, clears, marks, greens, and cinnamons, from 6/- a pair; cages, etc., cheap.

CHAMPION Borders for sale, I have a few to part with off my celebrated strain, principal winner at National, cup Broxburn, cup, medal Lochgelly, cup, medal Kelty, medal Darvel, under all the leading judges; state wants; stamp: G. Bennet, Bowmont Villa, Kelso.

OWING to pressure of business, have decided to sell my entire stock of Borders; about 50 birds to select from; greens, clears, etc.; some grand specimens; exhibition or stock; rare opportunity; reasonable approval willingly: Green, 36, Lord Nelson-st., Liverpool.

THIS is the strain to breed your winners; all on approval and cheap to clear; a few of my winners for sale; also some champion stock pairs, from 12/6 to 30/- pair; also a few good stock cocks, yells, greens and cinnamons, from 7/- each: Patterson, Grocer, Chirnside, Berwickshire.

HAVING met with an accident wasn't showing at the National this year; still, my strain was winning again, including cinnamon cock 1st, cinnamon hen 1st, buff green hen 1st, etc., also winners at most principal shows, including Palace, where 10 per cent. winning cinnamons were bred by me, or from birds I supplied; few for sale, reasonable, all varieties and colours; state wants; approval, stamp: Dan Hamilton, 239, Lowwaters, Hamiltou.

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and their production are fully described in **"The Border Fancy Canary,"** which also defines the standard. You will find fullest hints in our "Nutshell" booklet No. 23, concerning the keeping of your birds in health and song. **Post free, 2½d., from the Publisher, CAGE BIRDS, 154, Fleet-st., London E.C.**

Cinnamons.

CINNAMONS; 1911 buff cock and yellow hen, pair 21/-: Wilson, Baker, Banchory.

TWO young buff cinnamon cocks, 2nd and 3rd Gateshead, 12/-, 15/- each: Hewick, Newfield, S.O., Newcastle.

J. BEVAN can spare unflighted yellow cock, 1910 buff hen, second L.P.O.S., £2 pair: Bevan, Belle Vue, Ipswich.

FEW good Cinnamons and Cinnamon Greens, hens from 5/-, cocks from 7/6 to clear; useful exchange; Broomfield, 273, Herbert rd., Smallheath, Birmingham.

LARGE unflighted buff cinnamons, cocks and hens, Norwich type, good colour and feather, from 7/6, cheap; approval, stamp reply: Fernie, Sandy-rd., Renfrew.

WANTED a pair of Cinnamons, must be good type, colour and size; on approval; no rubbish wanted: Saunders, Sunnybank-stables, Worcester-rd., Sutton, Surrey. (See Norwich.)

LARGE buff Cinnamon hen, 7/6, another buff hen 6/-, splendid type, healthy, worth double, really smart buff cock, full song, 8/6; all unflighted birds: Arthur Fletcher, Sedgefield, Co. Durham.

YELLOWS and buffs, Norwich type, 1911, cocks, 7/6; hens, 5/-; worth double; also a few good greens, cocks and hens, same price; or exchange for good Plainheads; yours first: Brown, 46, Arthur-st., Leith.

CINNAMON CRESTS.—Breeder, William Tatman, 111, Midland Road, Wellingborough.

Crests and Crestbreds.

BREEDER'S CARD.

WILLIAM TATMAN, 111, Midland Road, Wellingborough, has for disposal few good Crests and Crest-breds, yellows and buffs, cocks and hens.

TWO nice 1911 Crested, clear-bodied hens, 5/6, bargain: Bush, Homestead, Keynsham.

J. BROTHERTON, Rylstone, Park-st., Bolton, has a grand lot of hens for sale; bred same as his winners.

TWO big young Crested cocks, one Crestbred cock, good birds, cheap: Young, 76, Newbury-rd., Bromley, Kent.

SELL Crested cock, £1, also green C.B. cock, 10/-, wanted, Crested hen: Davidson, Townhead, Kennoway, Fife.

HAVING no hens, must sell two extra large crested cocks, 25/-, 30/- each; stamp reply: Calam, Baxtergate, Whitby.

FEW Crests and Crest-breds for sale; pairs from £2 to £4 per pair: B. Woolley, Killis-lane, Kilbourne, Derbyshire.

FOR the best value in Crests and Crestbreds that can be obtained in England, see my list, and advt. on page 11: Rudd.

CREST and Crestbred, old breeding cages, for sale cheap to clear: Boulton, 32, Palmerston-rd., West Hampstead, London.

TWO pairs of Crests for sale, or exchange anything, offers, approval: Routledge, Dene Bank, Allendale Cottages, Medomsley.

GOOD Crested cocks, 7/6 each, clear hens, grey crests, 6/6 each, green Crestbred hens, 6/-; approval: Roberts, Cley-next-Sea.

HAVING no cocks, can spare two Crested and two Crestbred hens, cheap; approval: Mr. Clarke, 109, Rupert-st., Nottingham.

TWO green Crests, one Crestbred, cocks, also few Norwich, cheap, to clear: Burrows, Old Pack Horse, Cleckheaton, Yorkshire.

BETCHLEY, Henfield, Sussex, Crest fit for Palace Show, giving up owing to business, 45 birds, appliances, cages, good fitted room.

DARK Crested cock, 1911, second Broughty Ferry, 30/-, worth double; approval: Robt. Whittou, 2, Churchill-terrace, Broughty Ferry.

COLLEDGE, Kilburn, Derby, breeder and exhibitor 31 years, has good Crests or Crestbreds for disposal, reasonable, from 12/6 each.

BUFF grizzle Crested cock, 25/-, exchange for yellow Crested hen, another, 20/-, var. Crestbred cock, 7/6: W. Stevens, 53, Olivier-st., Derby.

GRAND Crest cocks, from 10/6 each; cold room bred; also few pairs of good Norwich; approval: A. Armistead, Second-st., Elton, Bury, Lancs.

WANTED large young Crestbred hen, for stock; on approval; must have good broad skull: Brown, 1, Loughborough-rd., Sinclairtown, Kirkcaldy, Scotland

CRESTS and Crestbreds for disposal, yellows and buffs, cocks and hens, cold room, closely related to winners, from 10/-: Thomas Morley, Baldock, Herts.

MATCHED pair high-class Crests, large and heavily feathered, cost £5, accept 50/-; Crested bred hen, 20/-; approval: Renwick, 126, Ingleby-drive, Glasgow.

I have a few grand Crests and Crestbreds for sale, mostly hens, 1911 birds, cheap, room wanted, inspection invited: Apply to John Vickers, 24, Kershaw-st., Shaw.

CREST and Crestbred, have few good stock birds for disposal, either single or pairs, prices reasonable; apply: Shaw, 26, Stoney-st., Sutton-in-Ashfield, Notts.

CRESTS and Crestbreds, best blood, can spare a few pairs and cocks, from 60/- and 30/-; state price prepared to give; stamp: Rev. G. W. Joyce, Wellington, Somerset.

THIRTY high class Crests, Crestbreds, 8/6 to 40/- each, £15 lot; twelve pairs songsters, 7/- pair, 78/- lot; 1911 cold room bred: A. Harding, 7, Clarence terrace, Barton-st., Gloucester.

CHAMPION Crests, Crestbreds, grand birds, cocks or hens; one of the first Crest breeders; have sold as many winners as any fancier; reasonable approval: T. Billington, Hambleton, Poulton-le-Fylde.

A. LISTER, 106, Rectory-rd., Gateshead, breeder and exhibitor, can spare big dark Crested and Crestbred cocks or hens at 7/6, 8/6, 10/-, 12/6, 15/-, 20/-, 25/-, 30/-, 40/-, 50/-, 60/-, 70/- each; approval.

T. J. King, Ingogo, Cheltenham, not wishing to exhibit this season, has several grand show Crests, big winners, for disposal; also about 100 stock birds His stock can be viewed and a selection made by appointment.

NOTICE, four Crested cocks, one Crestbred, 6/6 each, two Crested hens, 4/- each, cage moulted Goldfinch, 5/-; no rubbish, lot £2, approval, cash or deposit: Mr. R. Collins, Marsh-rd., Burnham-on-Crouch, Essex.

MR. COMPTON offers a few useful stock Crests and Crestbreds, mostly young birds, most highly bred, very cheap to clear, quite healthy; on approval: The Stables, Waddesdon, nr. Aylesbury. (No cards please.)

TWO grand 1911 green crested hens, one 15/-, other 20/-, bred from my winning strain (see reports Bournemouth, Wimbledon, Frome, and Swanage, etc.); approval willingly: F. Matthews, Ravenscroft, Parkstone, Dorset.

CRESTED cock, 1910, 20/-; Crestbred cock, 1910, 30/-; Crestbred hen, 1910, 20/-; Crestbred cock, 1911, 10/-; Crestbred hen, 1911, 10/-; Crested hen, 1911, 7/6; all good birds; approval: James Herschell, jun., 61 Watson-st., Dundee.

H. HORTON, 18 years' Crest breeder, winner of hundreds of prizes with birds of my own breeding, surplus good healthy young birds from 10/-; approval: 18, The Avenue, St. John's Park-rd., Blackheath, London, S.E.

HAVING won at principal shows in England and Scotland, breeder and exhibitor of "The Duchess," the best Plainhead in the world for Crest breeding; have a few same strain to part with: Bewick, Newfield S.O., Newcastle-on-Tyne.

YELLOW ticked Crestbred cock, buff variegated ditto, Dark Crest wing marked cock, green crest cock, 20/- each, or exchange good Crest and Crestbred hens; mutual approval: Joseph Maddocks, Cowley Manor Gardens, Cheltenham.

RADMORE has for disposal a few Crests and Crestbreds, grand stock birds, large, with plenty of feather; this strain has been carefully selected for 30 years, and has produced many winners; stamp: 17, Chaddlewood-avenue, Plymouth.

F. G. BALE, 66, Victoria-st., Barnstaple, having won at all the leading shows, has a few to spare, cocks and hens, 40/- upwards; 1911 wing-marked Crested hen, 40/-; clear buff Crestbred hen, 1911, 40/-; some blood as my winners; approval.

C. ROBERTS, Staunah Hey, Newton Drive, Blackpool, breeder, exhibitor, and exporter of champion Crests and Crestbreds, winner all leading shows, can offer matched pairs to breed winners from 30/- to £10, single birds from 12/6; approval.

GRAND opportunity; variegated dark Crested hen and large buff marked C.B. cock, 37/6 pair; easy worth double; variegated C.B. cock, rare headpoints, grand bird, £2 10s.; ditto large feathery hen, 27/6; approval: Shearer, View-mount, Thurso.

MR. HEDGES, 46, Greys-rd., Eastbourne: Cheap to clear, room wanted: Dark Crest variegated cock, 1910, 15/6; 1911 ditto, 13/6; grey Crest hen, 8/6; 3 Crestbred cocks, 12/6, 15/6 each; cold room; approval, cash; deposit; stamp reply. See Norwich and British.

HAVING had a successful breeding time, I must reduce my stock of Crest and Crest-bred, no better blood can be bought at double price; pairs from 15/-, single birds from 7/6, on approval; deposit with Editor: Tetin, 124, Chestnut-ave., Forest Gate, Essex.

I can still spare a few first class Crest-breds; yellow green hen, throws real good stock, 63/-; foul green hen, a winner, 70/-; large first cross buff, wing marked hen, 1911, 63/-; buff dark cap cock, 1911, good turnover, dense and even, 63/-: Alfred Smith, St. Ives, Chester-road, Erdington, near Birmingham.

GRAND typical Crests and Crestbreds, cocks from 7/-, hens from 4/-, specially matched pairs for breeding, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, 20/-, to £5; enquiries invited; all cold room bred, and willingly on approval anywhere; highest of testimonials: H. Amiss, Ashby-st., Norwich.

T. GILBERT, winner of 1st Birmingham, 1st Coventry, 1st Royal Horticultural Hall, 1st Derby, etc., can spare large clear buff Crest bred cock, 40/-; 2 large clear Crested cocks, 30/- each; nearly green Crest-bred cock, 20/-; several green ditto, 10/-, 15/-, 20/-; all with feather on head, when turned back will come to end of beak; wing marked dark Crested hen, 15/-; approval: 37, Craven-st., Coventry.

ALL my Crests and Crestbreds for sale: Buff hen, 1st Norwich, special best Crest in show, one of the best hens living price £17/10/-; 1911 buff Crested hen, 1st Yarmouth, special best Canary in show, an excellent show bird, £15/15/-; buff Crested cock, 2nd Norwich, big crest, good feather, £10; buff Crested cock, 2nd Yarmouth, good crest, veiny feather, price £7/10/-; yellow Crested cock, winner, beautiful crest and feather, £7/10/-; buff Crested cock, 2nd Norwich, limit, can win at ordinary shows, £2; buff Crestbred cock, almost green, 1st Lowestoft, very dense feather, £4; buff Crestbred cock, 1st and special Yarmouth, a very good bird, £5; yellow Crestbred cock, winner, £4; also several others; full particulars: J. Sheaman, Chemist, Great Yarmouth.

EVINS BROTHERS offer following at very low prices to clear: Variegated Crest hen, 25/-; ditto, 15/-; Crestbred hen, 25/-; ditto, 20/-; ditto, 12/6; small ditto, 5/-; Crestbred cock, 20/-; Crested cock, 80/-; ditto, 15/-; yellow Crestbred hen, 30/-; yellow Crestbred cock, 3rd Gateshead, 40/-; all 1911 bred and healthy: 259, High-st., Exeter.

Greens.

YORKSHIRE self and foul green hens, few cocks, lot or single, reasonable: Cubbon, 40, Kimmel-st., Liverpool.

YORKSHIRE greens, grand stock birds, yellows, buffs, fouls, cocks 7/6 upwards; approval: Morris, 56, Breckfield-rd. North, Liverpool.

YORKSHIRE greens, rare colour and condition, some of the best, cocks 12/6, 15/-, hens 5/6, 7/6, 10/6: Sherlock, 134, Liverpool-rd., St. Helens.

VARIEGATED yellow cock, self buff hen, Norwich type, mated to produce winners, bargain 30/-; approval: Metcalfe, 68, Brunswick-rd., Liverpool.

YORKSHIRES, giving up Greens, good stock birds, cocks from 7/6, hens from 5/-, or exchange for good clears: Qualtrough, Leigh-ter., Douglas, Man.

I am compelled to reduce my stock of Yorkshire Greens considerably, and now offer some real bargains in pairs or singles, reasonable, approval: Geoff. Benson, 7, Sandheys-rd., Liscard, Cheshire.

NORWICH Greens. Having purchased the entire stock of Mr. Deacon's well known strain, my winnings with same, see Preston, L.C.B.A., Derby, Bradford, Scottish National; prices 10/- to 60/- each, cocks and hens, state wants, price, approval, stamp: Harding, 29a, Market-st., Wellingboro'.

Lancashires.

ON sale, four pairs of Lancashires, cheap; apply: J. Butterworth, 70, Entwisle-rd., Rochdale.

TWO clear yellow Plainhead cocks, one 1910, one 1911, 12/- each: James Newell, 12, Carlisle-st., Rochdale.

LANCASHIRES, large massive Plainheads, cock or hen, 10/6 each, ten days' approval: W. Powick, Dewsbury.

LANCASHIRE Plainhead yellow variegated hen, 9/-; clear buff hen, 9/-; large birds; approval: J. Day, Fornham-rd., Bury St. Edmunds.

LANCASHIRES, hens 7/6 each, cocks 10/6 and 12/6 each, P.O. or deposit, stamp reply: W. Sanger, Ellerhayes Villas, Hele, Cullompton.

YELLOW coppy cock, buff Plainhead hen, 25/-; yellow coppy cock, buff Plainhead hen, 20/-; yellow Plainhead cock, buff coppy hen, 20/-; yellow coppy cock, 10/-; buff Plainhead cock, 7/6; stamp,deposit: Johnnie Laycock, 16, John-st., Bunkers-hill, Colne, Lancashire.

I HAVE decided to sell out all my champion Lancashires; one grand pair, yellow coppy cock and buff Plainhead hen; also good buffy coppy cock and six young yellow and buff Plainhead hens; yellow coppy hen; also buff coppy hens; all reliable stock; inspection invited; approval, stamp: Broadhead, Grocer, Derby-st., Macclesfield.

Lizards.

SILVER hens, 3/-: Sheldon, Holly House, Chingford, Essex.

IF you want value in Lizards, see my list and advt. on page 11: Rudd.

1911 LIZARD cock and 2 hens, 12/6, ten days' approval: W. Powick, Dewsbury.

CHAMPION Lizards, have most of my winners and stock birds for sale: John Dewsnap, 68, Princess-st., Glossop.

A RARE chance; some real good Lizards for sale, extra cheap: Levi Butterworth, 593, Oldham-rd., Rochdale.

HECTOR OLIVER, Hadfield-st., Glossop, has some grand Lizards for sale, all related to his winners, cheap; approval.

TWO sets of champion Lizards, Oliver strain; giving up keeping; cheap; approval, stamp; particulars: T. Broadhead, Grocer, Derby-st., Macclesfield.

WHIPP, 483, Rochdale Road, High Crompton Shaw, Oldham, has for sale some grand 1911 young Lizards 10/-, 12/- per pair; and cocks, 7/-, 8/- each; approval.

CLEAR gold cripled 1911 Lizard hen (the Hampstead and Highgate show), 5/-; 1910 clear silver cap Lizard hen, good breeder, 3/-; approval, deposit Editor: Liman, 3, Evangelist-rd., Kentish Town.

DO you want to win at the Crystal Palace? The Lizard Prince offers 6 gold and silver cocks, Manchester, Nottingham, Blaydon, Scottish National, etc., winners (see reports); every bird for sale, reasonable, prices and particulars on application; approval; inspection invited: John Rukin, 44, Hall Carr-rd., Rawtenstall, Lancashire.

W. P. BARNES.

Cage Bird Judge, breeder of champion Lizards; properly matched pairs from 17/6, hens from 6/-; every bird from my champion strain; no better obtainable; every bird in perfect health and condition; approval: 23a, London-rd., Grantham.

Norwich.

BREEDERS' CARD.

E. BAKER, 14, High Street, Cowes, I.W., Breeder and Exhibitor High-class Norwich Plainheads, winner at most big shows. Write for prices.

J. HODDER, Breeder of Champion Norwich, winner of championships; some nice birds cheap; approval: 6, Banner-st., St. Luke's, London, E.C.

MORE, 62, Drive, Gt. Yarmouth, good Norwich Plainheads for sale, own breeding, related many this year's prize winners.

W. READ, Chellowdene, York-road, Guildford, breeder and exhibitor of high-class Norwich; surplus stock only for sale; over 100 to select from; seen any time; from 15/6 pair; approval.

IF you want value in Norwich Plainheads, see my advt. on page 11: Rudd.

YELLOW and variegated, cocks 5/-, hens 2/6: Sheldon, Holly House, Chingford, Essex.

NORWICH cock Canaries, 4/6 and 5/6, hens 2/6; approval: Rose, Canary Breeder, Forres, N.B.

TO clear, 3 unflighted Norwich cocks, 2 yellows, 1 buff, 12/-, or 4/6 each: E. Baker, Bagdale, Whitby.

E. GODLEY has few grand Norwich for disposal, single or pairs, also Cinnamons: Rishton, Blackburn.

1910 and 1911 Norwich cocks 7/6, hens 3/-, yellow and buff; cold room bred: Miss Fooks, Brentwood, Essex.

FOR sale, 20 pairs Norwich Canaries, 6/6 per pair, or nearest offer: Wallis, 8, Gt. Eastern-rd., Brentwood.

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T. H. DENT, 4, Langton-st., Preston, can still spare a few for show or stock; approval; known fanciers.

NORWICH bred, good hen Canaries, clear yellow, cold-room, 2/6 each: L. Baker, 67, St. Aubyns, Hove, Sussex.

NORWICH; good stock or show birds; cocks and hens from 10/-; cheap to clear: Norrie, Scott-st., Brechin.

ONE ticked, two clear typical 1911 hens (Irons'), nice size, 5/- each; approval: Eddy, Bellevue-terrace, Penzance.

FIVE pairs Norwich, Vardy's strain, from 10/- to 15/- pair; offers: A. Holmes, Fletcher-st., Heanor, nr. Notts

TWELVE prize-bred Norwich cocks, in one lot £3 10s., or singly 7/6, 10/6: Pigott, 157, Colwyn-rd., Northampton.

F. PEBERDY has few good Norwich for disposal, bred from winners; prices reasonable: 39, Twycross-st., Leicester.

SEVEN Norwich hens, 10/6, or 1/9 each; one cock, 4/3; all young, healthy birds: John Edmunds, Berry Hill, Coleford.

NORWICH Canaries, buff hens, 4/6; yellow, 5/6; good size: Mrs. Martin, 9½, Cowcaddens-st., Glasgow (only address).

1910 MASSIVE full-chested ticked Norwich hen, excellent feeder, 4/-; approval: Parkes, Two Gates, Cradley, Staffs.

TEN pairs, buff cocks, yellow hens, 12/- the pair; see Hawick show report this week: Holt, Holland House, Hawick.

SIXTY grand young Norwich Canaries, Crested and Plainheads, cocks 5/-, hens 3/-: Bolton, 105, Blackman-lane, Leeds.

T. IRONS, breeder of high-class Norwich, singles, pairs, 15/-, 20/-, 30/-, 40/-; approval, stamp: Ivy-rd., Northampton.

NORWICH cocks from 6/-; hens from 3/-; clears, variegated, green: Shewan, 21, Oakley-place, Old Kent-rd., London.

MATCHED pair, buff cock yellow hen, prize stock, large birds, 1910, 15/-: Alex. Strachan, 16, Hillcres., Stonehaven.

EXCEPTIONAL bargains. Big skulled cocks and hens, yellow and buff, 7/6 to 15/-: Tomsett, 34, Endwell-rd., Brockley.

BARGAIN, 3 pairs good Norwich, Iron's strain, unflighted, 7/6 pair; £1 lot: Page, 113, St. Marks Road, Bush Hill Park, N.

THREE pairs Norwich, Bertie's strain, half price to clear, 15/-, 12/-, 10/-: J. Williamson, Mount Pleasant, Riddings, Alfreton.

GOOD cobby hens from 7/6: also pair cheap from my winners; see Queen's Park: Roberts, 39, Ossington-st., Bayswater.

BARGAIN, four 1911 Norwich cocks, Vardy's strain, 7/6 each, fed; approval, deposit: Brown, 3, Weldon-st., Hunslet, Leeds.

SIX good pairs, from 9/6, clear lot, 48/-; cock Mules, 6/-, or exchange: Trevallion, 16, Higham-rd., Mount Pleasant, Tottenham.

CHEAP; large muling hen, 4/-; others, 2/6; Goldfinch-Canary cock, 5/-; hens, 9d.: Barker, 123, King's-avenue, Clapham, S.W.

PRIZE strain, Norwich cocks from 6/6, hens from 2/6; same strain, pairs from 7/6: E. Kilsby, 89, Cbarnwood-st., Leicester.

A FEW surplus single or pairs from winner; cheap to clear; approval: Ward, 21, Warwick-st., Pimlico, nr., Victoria-station.

PRIZE-bred Norwich Canaries, cocks, in full song, 4/-, 5/- each; hens, same strain, 1/6, 2/- each: Heathcote's Aviaries, Leicester.

CHAMPION cold-room Norwich cocks and hens, colour-fed; all prices: Salmon, 5, Arundel Place, Barnsbury. No Sundays.

HIGH-CLASS Norwich, winning strain, 12/-, 15/- pair; colour-fed, cold-room bred: Wm. Henderson, 310, London-rd., Glasgow.

WELL-BRED Norwich, colour-fed cocks from 6/6, hens from 5/-, a few pairs to spare: Fred E. Brewer, 11, Lauderdale-st., Preston.

WHAT offers for 1911 Norwich Canaries, 5 cocks, 3 hens, the lot, or separate, on song: Hunter, 3, Caledonia-st., Scarborough.

BARGAIN, clear yellow cock, 1st Portsmouth, 1st Gosport, 1st Ryde, 1910, 1st Newport, Selling, 1911, 30/-: Morris, Fancier, Ryde.

UNFLIGHTED double yellow marked Norwich cocks, 6/6, 7/6; buff green cock, Cinnamon bred, 6/-: Bexson, 17, Otter Street, Derby.

TYPICAL Norwich cocks, same strain of winners as supplied for twenty years; prices from 7/6: Williams, Pharmacy, Ashbourne.

TYPICAL 1911 cocks, Hodder's strain, full song, 8/6, 10/6; health, sex guaranteed; approval: Chemist, 48, Clapton-rd., N.E.

MAGNIFICENT unflighted buff Norwich cock, 4th Oxford, 25/-; ditto, yellow, vhc, 20/-; approval: Webb, 22, Frederic-st., Luton.

NOTICE. Grand lot Norwich, many winners, prices low; easy payments taken; approval: McKeand, Seahright Villa, Castle Douglas.

FEW good Norwich from good stock, cocks from 6/-, hens from 3/-; approval, cash or deposit: Moores, 142, Gresmere-st., Leicester.

GIVING up. All birds for sale (20), including several winners, none reserved, cheap: Wells, Nelson-rd., Balderton, Newark. Stamp list.

J. C. HEATON has few typical buff Norwich cocks and hens to dispose of cheap to clear, cocks from 5/-, hens 3/6: 27, Minshull-rd., Crewe.

LARGE Norwich, some winners, best strains; prices reasonable to clear; approval, stamp reply: 174, Ladybirl-rd., Newcastle, Northumberland.

TWENTY pairs, including winners Scottish National, etc., all guaranteed same strain; all colours, stamp reply: Robertson, 191, Links-st., Kirkcaldy.

JNO. ALLEN must clear grand stock cocks, own breeding, from the best, from 10/6, worth double; approval, stamp: 4, Bonsall-st., Leicester.

THREE-compartment Crystal Palace aviary, nearly new, 12/6; large buff Norwich cock, 12/6; 3 hens, 7/6, or 30/- the lot: H. Lucking, Dunmow, Essex.

PRIZE bred Norwich, cocks, in full song, 4/-, 5/- each; hens, same strain, 1/9, 2/6 each; satisfaction guaranteed: Heathcote's Aviaries, Leicester.

NORWICH plainheads, 1911 bred, my breeding; satisfaction everywhere sent; 6/6 pair; approval; Mark Bennett, Broughton, Astley, Leicester.

MONSTER winning buff cocks, 1910, 21/- to 35/-; typical yellow and buffs from 8/-; hens from 5/-; perfect quality, very short; own breeding only; approval: Miss Gwyn, Souterville, N. Avenue, Rams gate.

FEW good Norwich cocks, 5/6 to 7/6, full song; hens, 2/6, 3/6; cold room; approval; seen any time: F. Leyman, 4, Woodland-terr., Senghenydd.

SIX useful unflighted Norwich hens, rare type and quality, from my prize winners, 5/6 and 7/6 each; approval: W. Wallace, 27, Mill-st., Stafford.

YELLOW cock, 25/-; yellow and buff hens, from 5/-; only few left; see reports Swansea, Manchester, Liverpool: Sheldon, South Parade, Llandudno.

NORWICH Plainheads: 4 pairs left, to clear 7/6 pair, worth double; approval; post-dated remittance, cold room bred: Cann, Station-rd., Plympton.

CLEAR yellow Norwich hen, 25/-; buff and buff variegated and yellow variegated cocks from 7/6; approval: A. Pirie, 255, Montrose-st., Brechin.

PRIZE-BRED Norwich, champion stock birds; cocks from 10/-; hens from 7/6; approval, stamp: Dawson, 117, Primrose-st., Farnworth, Bolton.

NORWICH unflighted cocks, 10/-, upwards; see last week's report Hand-in-Hand Show; state wants, stamp: G. Ette, 49, Wycliffe-rd., Northampton.

TWO yellow, two buff, cocks, 10/- each, 1911 bred, genuine good birds, cash or deposit; approval willingly; Apps, 71, Chalkwell Road, Sittingbourne.

WHAT cash offers for 8 unflighted N.P.H. buff hens; prize bred, beautiful quality; room wanted; seen any time: A. Wakefield, 3, Long Lane, East Finchley.

GOOD Norwich hen Canaries, own breeding, cold-room, grand stock birds, 5/6, 6/6, carriage paid: Long, Stationmaster, Hellesdon Station, Norwich.

HAVING selected my breeding stock, have a few Norwich to spare, from my winning strain; cocks from 8/-: Neal, 38, Medway-st., Highfields, Leicester.

TWENTY Norwich for sale, from 10/- a pair, clears, var., selfs, cinnamon, and greens; exchange one for good Goldfinch: R. Dunlop, High-st., Irvine.

W. MILES, Aviaries, Chichester, has some grand Norwich for disposal, including many winners, cocks from 7/6, hens 5/-, pairs from 15/-; all on approval.

NORWICH, three splendid hens, two yellow, one buff; yellows, 7/6 each; buff, 6/6; approval; cash or deposit: Geo. Campbell, Lord Hill Hotel, Dawley, Salop.

SCHOFIELD, Saddler, Ipswich, has several yellows and buffs to spare, 1911, related to Crystal Palace and Norwich winners, cocks from 8/6, hens 5/-; approval.

PRIZE-WINNING Norwich cocks from 5/-, hens from 2/6, sound, healthy, cold room, own breeding; approval, cash or deposit: Adams, 28, Chartley-rd., Leicester.

J. R. HOUGHTON, 21, Hatfield-rd., Gloucester, breeder and exhibitor of high-class Norwich Plainheads; some grand stock pairs from 20s. upwards; approval.

NORWICH, well-bred yellows and buffs, cocks from 6/-, hens 4/-, pairs from 7/6; cold room bred, 1911; approval: Chas. Makins, 18, Palace Green, Berwick-on-Tweed.

OWING to removal must effect speedy clearance; pairs from 20/-; some fit to win; odd buff cocks and hens; stamp reply: Calderwood, 34, West Shaw-st., Kilmarnock.

FOR sale, 10 pairs of Norwich Plainheads, colour-fed, young birds, £3 15s. the lot, or 9/- a pair: John Palmer, No. 1, Hoewood-terrace, Downing-st., Bulwell, Notts.

NORWICH for sale, yellow variegated cocks, yellow hen, yellow variegated hens, buff variegated hen, buff variegated cock, cheap; approval: Taylor, 113, High-st., Brechin.

CYRIL BROWN, Tobacconist, Scunthorpe, has several Norwich cocks for sale, related to his winners, 10/6, 15/-, 20/-, 30/- each; also hens, 2/6, 3/6, 4/6, 7/6, 10/6 each.

PERCY DAVIES, Steel Green, Millom, has a splendid selection of high-class Norwich cocks for sale, yellows or buffs, for stock or exhibition, 15/- to 50/- each; approval.

UNFLIGHTED Norwich buff cocks, Judge Barnes direct, parents cost £3 pair, 10/6, 12/6; variegated buff cock, 2nd Derby, 15/-: Roberts, 43, Young-st., Derby. Approval.

REDUCING stock. Prize bred Norwich, a few pairs to clear, from 12/6 pair; one cock two hens, common Canaries, do. feeders, 9/- lot: Hedges, see Crests and British.

OVERSTOCKED, 6 pairs good Norwich, 12/6 pair to clear, exchange any for large-headed yellow green cock, 1910; approval: Garbutt, 21, Niagara-st., Heavilcy, Stockport.

THOMAS PROCTOR has a few high-class Norwich and Cinnamons for sale, bred from winners; some good stock birds to dispose of; state wants: 80, Oswald-st., Blackburn.

MR. RICHARDSON-GRIFFITHS has two yellow hens 5/- each, and four cocks, yellows and buffs, 7/6 and 10/6; all 1911; very good type; approval, deposit: Oak Cottage, Horsham.

SIX unflighted Norwich cocks, 3 buffs, 3 yellows, 10/-, 15/- each, winners at club show; also 2 buff hens 5/- each; approval, deposit: Wm. Chambers, 4, Wood-st., Motherwell.

FOR sale, cheap, eight unflighted yellow cocks at 7/6 each; three unflighted buff cocks at 6/6 each; good healthy birds; cold-room bred: F. E. Moore, 96, Walnut-st., Leicester.

PRIZE-bred Norwich Canaries, cocks, warranted in full song, 4/6, 5/6, 6/6 each; hens, same strain, 2/-, 3/-, 4/- each; satisfaction guaranteed: Fred Johnson, 22, Goswell-st., Leicester.

FOUR large young bonny cocks, including three 1st winners; clear yellow, 22/6; clear buff, 20/-; variegated ditto, 15/-; ticked ditto, 10/6; half value; approval: Shearer, View-mount, Thurso.

C. ROBERTS' noted Norwich, Bullfinch type, highly colour-fed, some can win, matched pairs from 20/- to £5, single birds from 10/6; state wants; approval: Stannah Hey, Newton Drive, Blackpool.

ARTHUR WAKE has a few really good birds left to spare, related to his winners, show or stock, very reasonable; no fancy prices; approval; inspection invited: 128, Princes-rd., Middlesbrough.

A. L. HAWKES has some massive framed, short, thick-set, cobby, colour-fed Norwich hens; stock or exhibition specimens, 7/6, 10/-, 12/6, 15/- each; approval: 390, Grove Green-rd., Leytonstone.

PRIZE Norwich cock, took 2nd prize Chester show, and buff hen, cost 25/-, will sell 10/-, or exchange good typical yellow hen; also good buff hens, 5/- each: Thompson, Lime Grove, Hoole, Chester.

GRAND typical lot of Norwich cocks from 5/-, hens from 2/6, specially selected matched breeding pairs 7/-, 10/-, 12/6, 15/-, 20/-; highest satisfaction guaranteed; all cold room bred, and willingly on approval, as usual: highest of testimonials: H. Amise, Ashby-st., Norwich.

UNFLIGHTED yellow cock, cobby buff hen, 15/-; exchange pair clipper covers, wired, 28 by 14; grand ticked yellow hen, good quality, 7/-, non-fed; 20/- lot; approval, deposit: Mattock, Myland, Colchester.

YELLOW Norwich cock, winner, 17/6; unevenly marked buff hen, splendid quality, winner several prizes, 40/-; approval willingly; cash or deposit: P. Muscott, 1, Boundary-terr., Llandrindod Wells.

VARIEGATED yellow cock, good head, neck, nice size, 12/6; clear buff, same stamp, 10/6; grandsons of my winning buff cock, Coventry, Northampton, Bedford; approval: G. Notley, 3, King's Place, Bedford.

WINNING Norwich, 2 clear yellows, won 1st, 2nd and 10/-; 2 unflighted, yellow and buff, 27/6 2; 3 Yorkshires, buff and yellow, cock and hen, 24/-; a bargain: J. P. Andrew, Whitemoor near St. Austell, Cornwall.

CHAMPION Norwich, few grand birds, Bullfinch type, large heads, fine silky feather; 35 years breeder; one of the very best strains in England; reasonable; approval: T. Billington, Hambleton, Poulton-le-Fylde.

ON final selection of breeding stock, I have for disposal 1910 yellow hen, 30/-; 1910 buff hen, 25/-; unflighted buff hen, 17/6; another 10/-; yellow unflighted cock, 7/6: W. Midgley, Chesham House, Winslow.

THE Wrigley strain, winners at leading shows, see reports Great Harwood, Derby, Runcorn, etc.; few birds for sale cheap to clear; all my own breeding; approval, stamp: Wm. Wrigley, 143, Back-lane, Hyde, Cheshire.

I AM compelled by recent bereavement to part with most of my stock of prize-bred birds (about 70); pairs from 12/6, cocks from 7/6, hens from 5/-; approval, deposit; stamp: F. Tesseyman, Church Hill, Camp-rd., Leeds.

TYPICAL Norwich yellow cock, buff marked hen, 9/6; buff marked cock, yellow hen, 9/3; chubby birds; few buff marked cocks, 5/9, 6/9; clear buff cock, splendid type, 7/9; good values: H. Matthews, 47, Bosworth st., Leicester.

A. CRAWFORD, 14, Wilton Drive, Glasgow, has a number of good stock Norwich for sale, buffs, buffs and yellow variegated cocks and hens, at reasonable prices, winners and related to winners; inspection invited; approval.

CHAMPION Norwich to spare; some grand pairs from 15/- to 90/- per pair; single birds, equally as reasonable; fanciers would do well to write to me, as I have the quality; approval: J. Hodder, 6, Banner-st., St. Luke's, London, E.C.

DEALERS supplied with clean strong healthy, typical, colour fed, and natural colour Norwich Plainheads, large or small quantities, prices on application; all cold room bred; satisfaction guaranteed: Cooper, 29, Junction-rd., Norwich.

THREE unflighted yellow hens, 15/-, 12/6, 10/- each; four buff hens, 10/-, 7/6 each; unflighted yellow cock, 12/6; six buff cocks, 17/6, 15/-, 12/6, 10/- each; all bred from winners Leicester, Coventry, etc.—W. Growdridge, Clarendon-rd., Hinckley.

TICKED buff cock, 1st Kilmarnock, 1st Kilsyth, etc., matched to yellow variegated hen, 2nd City of Glasgow, etc., a grand pair, £4, bargain; several other good ones cheap; state wants: Robert Jeffrey, 574, Cathcart-rd., Govanhill, Glasgow.

UNFLIGHTED hens, one yellow, £1; buff, 15/-; related to my winners, 1st cup Rochester, 1st cup Chatham, L.C.B.A., Wimbledon, etc.; Barker, Hodder, and Midgley strain; also exhibition Goldie, mule, £1: Wickham, 28, Rainham-rd., Chatham.

MR. ECKERSLEY has a few really good birds left to spare, bred from his well-known winning strain; large yellow cock, grand substance, 30/-; 1910 buff, perfect type, 30/-; fine buff hen, 25/-; good pairs, 20/- each: 51, Francis-rd., Edgbaston, Birmingham.

CLEAR yellow cock 10/6, clear buff cock 12/6, variegated buff cock 12/6, 2 variegated buff hens 12/6 and 15/- each, ticked yellow hen 10/6, clear buff hen 7/6, 2 clear yellow hens 3/6 and 5/- each; all unflighted, and bred from my winners; approval: Muir, Thomson-st., Kilmarnock.

GEORGE MITCHELL has still a large stock of well-bred birds to sell; can supply beginners with matched pairs fit to breed winners, from 15/- pair, single birds from 5/-; no better strain in the Fancy; see show reports; all outdoor bred: Broadway Boot Stores, Tonsham, nr. Exeter.

MR. HAWKES, 390, Grove Green-rd., Leytonstone, has a grand lot of Norwich for disposal, including all his winners; none reserved; from 7/6 each, pairs 12/6; for style, type, size, and quality cannot be excelled; write for this season's testimonials, and state wants; satisfaction assured.

PRIZE Norwich at workingmen's prices, related to my winners at Birmingham. See report last week. Cocks singing from 6/6, hens from 3/6; properly matched pairs, will breed some good birds, from 10/-; chance for novices; only a few left; approval: West, 153, Floyer-rd., Small Heath, Birmingham.

FOUR clear buff Norwich cocks, 6/6 and 8/6 each; 2 clear yellow cocks, 7/6 and 10/6; 1 variegated buff, first and third prize only twice shown, 12/6; 1 ditto, second prize Lancaster, 10/6; above all prize bred, and in good health; approval, deposit. See report Kendal Show last week's "Cage Birds": Dickinson, Hillside Villa, Kendal, Westmoreland.

I HAVE 20 pair of Norwich Plainheads, prize bred, for sale; birds I have bred and sold have won at Paisley, Berwick, Alnwich, Morpeth, Cranlington, Newcastle, Blaydon, Gateshead, Haltwistle, Darlington, Sunderland, Shields Shows; proof, the man that bought them; the strain is Iron's, Grey's, Dobinson, Cowling; prices reasonable: John Hagan, 30, Doublerow, Seaton Delaval, Northumberland.

J. C. BARNES, 113, Northfield-rd., Walkley, Sheffield; well-known strain, of 20 years standing: Sheffield Challenge Cup winner (3 years in succession); having selected own breeders, can now spare few choice specimens, true to type, and full of quality and colour; cocks from 20/-, hens 10/- upwards; inspection cordially invited; approval with every pleasure; matched pairs a speciality.

HART, 52, Stevens-st., Lowestoft, two shows ten firsts, four seconds, three thirds, eleven spls; several good birds for sale, including winners; buff from 5/-; yellow from 7/6 to 50/-; several young hens; yellow Cinnamon cock, buff hen, 20/-; buff cock, yellow green hen, 17/6; cocks, winners; good Goldfinch, 7/6; Crested from 15/- to 80/-; double breeding cages from 2/-; tame hedgehog, 2/-; deposit, approval; stamp.

MONSTER 1911 exhibition yellow cock, real model for type and quality, grand substance and depth of chest, truly a gem, sure winner in keen competition, only 42/-, honestly worth £4; also massive exhibition buff cock, grand size and substance, large head and full neck, rare type and quality, win anywhere, only 45/-, or £4 the two; can soon win their cost; genuine bargain; approval: Warminger, 28, Guernsey-rd., Norwich.

AN opportunity not to be missed, if you want genuine bargains. Every bird guaranteed exactly as stated, and unobtainable elsewhere at the prices. Large cobby Norwich cocks, 6/6, 7/6, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6; smart hens, 3/-, 4/-, 5/-, 6/-, 7/6. Correctly matched pairs, fine type and quality, 9/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, 20/-. Long slim Yorkshires same prices. Call inspect finest, cleanest, healthiest stock in Midlands; or state requirements; approval anywhere, cash or deposit: R. Hanford, Osmaston-rd., Derby.

Monster 1911 exhibition yellow hen, immense size, perfect type and quality, grand colour, and rare depth of chest, sure winner in keenest competition, perfect gem, only 35/-, honestly worth double; also extra choice 1911 exhibition buff hen, real model for type and quality, grand size and colour, feathered like silk, win anywhere, only 30/-, cheap at £3; also monster 1910 exhibition yellow and buff hens, both of rare size, grand type, and quality, and depth of chest, winners many prizes, only 21/- each, recently cost treble; genuine bargains; satisfaction guaranteed; approval: Warminger, 28, Guernsey-rd., Norwich.

ONLY TWO PAIRS LEFT

and 3 buff cocks, 10/-, 15/-, and 25/- each; stamp reply; approval: Watson, Arbuckle-st., Kilmarnock.

J. HAYHURST'S NORWICH.

that breed winners, hens, 7/6; yellow and buff cocks, 12/6 and 15/-; approval, stamp: 217, Brunshow-rd., Burnley.

NORWICH FOR SALE.

Giving up; have two pairs 1911 prize-bred Norwich, in splendid condition, for sale; cages: Vernon, 11, Albion-place, Ramsgate.

GIVING UP

Two yellow Norwich hens, 10/- each; one ditto, mother of my Siskin Mule. 2nd Manchester, etc., 15/-: Love, Market Vaults, Neath.

ROBINSON'S CHAMPION NORWICH,

Few clear yellow and variegated yellow cocks for sale, also buff cocks; prices reasonable; inspection invited; approval: Five Alls, Hoyland, nr. Barnsley.

CHAMPION NORWICH.

Clear buff cock, winner 3 1st prizes, 30/-; clear yellow, grand colour and quality, 20/-; variegated buff, 15/-; several other good stock birds, 7/6, 10/-; 2 good singing cocks, 5/- each; hens, 2/6, 3/6, 5/-, 10/-; approval: T. Gilbert, 37, Craven-st., Coventry.

POWICK'S CHAMPION NORWICH.

The same strain as the winners at all the leading shows, large typical cocks, in full song, 7/6, 10/6; hens, 5/6, 7/6 each; sure winners, 15/6 each; ten days' approval at my risk: W. Powick, Dewsbury.

NORWICH CANARIES.—14 days' trial our risk. Splendid Types. Cocks, 5/-, 6/-, 7/6, and 10/- each. Hens, 2/6, 3/6, and 5/-. Well-matched pairs, 7/6, 10/6, and 15/- per pair. Cages and all appliances, cheapest and best in Kingdom. Catalogue free. Patronised by Royalty, Experts, and Judges.—**Northern Aviaries, Ormskirk Road, Preston.**

G. W. SAUNDERS

has a few cocks and hens to spare, related to his winners this show season at Brighton, Maidenhead, Wimbledon, Thames Ditton, Bugh, Heath, etc.; price reasonable; approval, deposit: Sunnybank, Stables, Worcester-rd., Sutton, Surrey.

SILK'S CUPS.

During next show season I am giving 10 cups valued at 21/- each, to purchasers of my champion Norwich at shows held in Scotland, England and Wales. Six will be given for unflighted birds bred from my champion strain. The four remaining to birds other than unflighted which has been purchased after the date of this advertisement, January 12th, 1912. Particulars of shows where these cups will be competed for will appear in "Cage Birds" at a later date. This will give fanciers in various district a chance to view the really high-class Norwich bred from this strain.—Judge Silk, Whitstable.

LEADING QUALITY.

Reliable high-class Norwich at low prices, cocks 5/6, 6/6, 7/6, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6; hens, 2/6, 3/-, 3/6, 4/-, 4/6; all on 7 days' approval at my risk; illustrated list post free: Miss Storey, Crowle, Doncaster.

W. N. TURNER,

Breeder and Exhibitor of

CHAMPION WINNING NORWICH

is now prepared to offer at reasonable prices, champion show or stock birds. These have size, type, and quality, and there are no better in the Fancy. This strain has been winning for the past 15 years, and is still winning every time out. See the latest show reports.—Bolton, Rochdale, Manchester, Sheffield O.S., Warrington, Doncaster, Pendleton, and Salford, Stratford-on-Avon, Runcorn, Sheffield C.B.S., and Blackburn. Inspection invited; approval.

3a, PERCIVAL ST., HIGHTOWN, MANCHESTER.

A. W. CURTIS.

Giving up, to be sold in one lot, all my stock of over fifty Canaries, including my best stock pairs and show birds, ten double-breeders, and three flight cages (joiner made), show cages, nest pan, and other birdroom utensils, £25 the whole lot: 8, Fabian-rd., Fulham.

GREAT REDUCTIONS

I am, as an advertisement, offering for a few weeks, the most wonderful value ever offered to the Norwich Plainhead fancier; my birds need no bounce. Most of the leading exhibitors have been supplied from my rooms. Grand pairs, which will do you some good. Don't waste valuable time and money on buying birds which have no pedigree. Silk's strain is unrivalled; champion, 30/-; pairs at 21/-; the best, 40/-; pairs at 30/6. The price is right and the quality wonderful; few pairs same blood, 15/-, not monsters. Don't hesitate, send now and secure something really high class; hens, yellow or buff, from 10/6 to 21/-; cocks, ditto, 8/6 to 21/-; every bird has a reputation, and all on 3 days' approval; satisfaction guaranteed: Judge Silk, The Norwich Specialist, Whitstable.

Palace Winners Cheap

Having just purchased a well-known breeder and exhibitor's entire stud of Norwich Plainheads, including Palace and Club Show winners, all of which are for sale at ridiculous low prices, as I wish to clear them quickly to make room for breeding. Twenty monster exhibition clear and marked yellow and buff cocks, price 17/6 each; 30 stock yellow and buff cocks, price 10/6 each; 30 monster exhibition clear and marked yellow and buff hens, price 12/6 each; also several large stock yellow and buff hens, 7/6 each; also correctly matched pairs, 12/6, 15/-, 21/-, and 25/- a pair; many of the above are winners at the leading shows, including Palace, Norwich Plainhead Club Show, and other winners; all these birds are of immense size, large heads, and full necks, and grand type and quality, and several are fit to win at the coming Palace Show. Four of the above birds cost £20 last season, and this is an exceptional opportunity for breeders to improve their stock, and a rare chance for beginners to reach the top of the exhibition world at a small outlay. All the above birds are strong, healthy, and in splendid condition; all cold room bred; genuine bargains; satisfaction guaranteed; approval, cash or deposit: Cooper, 29, Junction-rd., Norwich.

SPECIAL THIS WEEK!
20 Selected Pairs, 20/- Pair—approval.

Pure Norwich

direct from our noted strains and Mr. Midgley's noted Crystal Palace strain this last few years. Not exhibiting this season can offer some of the best blood in the Fancy. Won year 1902 28 1sts, etc., 1903 50 1sts, gold medal International Show, also N.P.C. Challenge Cup, 1904 42 1sts, also N.P.C. Challenge Cup, second year in succession, 1906 38 1sts, etc., 1907 33 1sts, etc., 1909 30 1sts, etc. What more proof? All in best and keenest competition. Have some grand yellow cocks and hens, 10/-, 12/-, 15/-, 20/-, 30/- each. Buff cock and hens, 8/-, 10/-, 12/- 15/-, 20/- each. Grand Matched Pairs, specially selected by myself, 15/-, 20/-, 25/-, 30/- pair. Any on approval with pleasure. Breeders 30 years.

SANDIFORD, Canary Breeder & Judge, PRESTON, LANCS.

Crystal Palace Norwich.

Grand typical Norwich, from my well-known stock. (1) Grand large yellow cock and buff hen to match, pair of beauties, 80/-; (2) grand cobby marked buff cock, and sweetly shaped yellow hen, fit to show anywhere, 90/- pair; (3) marked yellow cock, grand shape and size, matched to cobby buff hen, 85/- pair; all above fine typical birds that will grace any birdroom; approval: 6, Banner-st., St. Luke's, London, E.C.

Rollers & Singing Canaries

BREEDERS CARD.

ARTHUR CHILLCOTT, Breeder and Trainer, celebrated Water Glucke Rollers (pure Randall's), 151, South Avenue, Southend-on-Sea. Member B.R.C.C. Birds for sale, THE finest strain in England.

ALEXANDER PATTISON, Breeder and Exhibitor, Glücke, Water Glücke, Rollers (pure Randall's), 31, The Terrace, Gravesend. Member B.R.C.C.

T. W. WALTON, Breeder and Exhibitor of high-class Roller Canaries; write for prices: 20, Cecil Grove, Armley, Leeds.

WANTED, Rollers: Barnes, Aviaries, Merthyr.

ROLLER hens, Hartz, from 2/6: Laurence, Kimbolton, Leominster.

IF you want value in Hartz Mountain Rollers, see my advert. on page 11. Rudd.

THREE good Roller hens, 5/-; Seifert schoolmaster, 25/-: Stizaker, 89, Bute-st., Moston, Manchester.

HIGH-CLASS Rollers, in full song, 7/6, 8/6, 10/6 upwards; hens, 2/6: John Day, 77, Porter-st., Hull.

GLUCKE Rollers, cocks 8/6, 10/6, 20/-; hens, 4/- each; club rung: J. Mawhood, 284, Burnley-rd., Colne, Lancashire.

HIGH class Rollers, cocks from 6/6 to 15/-, hens 2/6, 3/6; approval with pleasure: Allen, 19, Albert-st., Wednesbury.

FIVE 1911 Seifert Roller hens, from aviary, or what offers: Edmund Cole, 42, Water-st., Kidwelly, South Wales.

HIGH class Seifert and Glucke cocks 7/6, hens 2/6; 7 days' approval, cash or deposit: H. Nickless, 59, Mill-st., Crewe.

NICE Hartz hens, some green, cold-room, 1911 and older, 1/9 each; approval, deposit: Harrison, Retreat, Tiverton, Devon.

SEIFERT Roller cocks, B.R.C.C., 8/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-; hens, 3/6, 4/6: Chapman, 3, The Pavement, Hampton Wick.

THREE pure Seifert Roller hens, 1911, 3/6 each, or exchange Roller cock: Saunders, Ealing Cigar Stores, High-st., Ealing, W.

TWO Roller hens, Chillcott's strain, double breeder, good condition, the lot 10/-; approval: Day, 67, Hodgson-st., Sheffield.

LEIPSIG Roller cocks, 10/6; hens, same strain, 3/6; stamped rung, 1911, worth double: Mrs. Hermann, 43, Scotte-rd., Leyton.

CHAMPION Rollers (Palace winning strain), organ, schoolmaster trained, rung; cocks 10/-, 15/-, hens 4/-: Laurie, Kirkby Stephen.

WANTED, good Glucke Roller hens, state strain, no fancy price; approval: K. Garrett, 100a, Kingwood-rd., Fulham, London.

GENUINE Rollers, cold room bred, cocks 7/-, 8/6, 10/-, hens 2/6, 3/6: Sykes and Akers, Windmill Aviaries, Boroughbridge, Yorks.

ROLLERS of the highest excellence, own breeding guaranteed; cocks, 10/6 upwards; hens, 5/-: Best, 5, Alma-place, Beckett-st., Leeds.

CANARIES, Rollers, many changes, 8/-, 9/-, 10/-; hens, 2/6 each; approval; stamp reply: Miss Hughes, 7, Wembrook-rd., Wem, Salop.

A FEW 1911 Roller cocks from 6/-; hens from 2/6; cold-room bred; approval: H. Binks, 35, Brushfield-st., Hyson Green, Nottingham.

CHOICE Roller Schoolmasters, and hens to match, at working-men's prices, cheap; approval, deposit: Yeardsley, 118, Revidge, Blackburn.

SEIFERT Rollers, not choppers, cold room, cocks from 7/6, hens 3/-; approval willingly: Smith, 3, Torquay-villas, Rosmead-st., Hull.

A FEW Seiferts left, cocks 7/6, hens 2/6; green, 1910 Schoolmaster, 15/6; approval, deposit: Thwaites, 410, Harehills Lane, York-rd., Leeds.

ROLLER hens, 1911, B.R.C.C. rung, Roehls, Chilcott and Fould's strain, cold-room bred, 5/-, 7/-, and 10/- each: Leigh, 57, Bold-st., Altrincham.

PAY the price, songster cock Canaries, 10/-, seven days' approval; no misleading statements: Henry Maynard, Canary Specialist, Bethnal Green.

ST. Andreasburg Rollers, 1911 cocks, in full song, from 6/6; hens, 2/6; cold-room bred; approval: Gennoe, Mona House, Lord-st., Wolverhampton.

SEIFERT Rollers, in full song, 5/6, 6/6 each; hens, in finest condition for breeding, hardy, cold room bred, 1/9; approval: Hitch, Stafford-st., Walsall.

HIGH-class Rollers, from cup winner (Provincial 1911), B.R.C.C. rung, 1911 cocks from 20/- upwards, hens 10/-: Banbury, 13, Railway-terr., Llanelly.

CLEARING out my stock of Seiferts, for immediate disposal, cocks 5/6, hens 2/-; approval, cash or deposit: Martin, 43, Park-rd., Wellingborough.

FIRST and three specials Bolton; few deep water glucke cocks, same as above winner, 10/- upwards; hens, 5/-; B.R.C.C. rung: Johnson, Jeweller, Bacup.

NOTICE. Extra good St. Andreasberg Roller cocks, day and night songsters, 15/-: approval; easy payments taken: McKeand, Seabright Villa, Castle Douglas.

GENUINE high-class Rollers, cocks 12/6, 15/-, hens 4/-, 5/-; bred in cold rooms, wearing closed club rings; member B.R.C.C.: Roberts, 12, Madeira-hill, Wrexham.

FEW grand Seifert Roller hens left, Corkindale and Fould's strain, kept in cold room, 2/6 each, honesty worth double: Etherington, 226, Fletcher-rd., Preston.

HIGH-CLASS Rollers (Tweed's), cold-room bred, B.R.C.C. rung, splendid songsters; cocks from 7/6, hens 3/-; satisfaction guaranteed; approval: Bogue, Kirkby Stephen.

TWENTY splendid St. Andreasburg hens, cold aviary bred and pink of condition, 3/- each, 50/- lot to clear, worth double; approval: Gould, Aviaries, Hayfield, Derbyshire.

THREE roller cock Canaries, 1911 birds, splendid songsters, day and gaslight; perfectly healthy; 3/6 each, 10/- the three: Morrison, 36, George Arthur-rd., Birmingham.

ROLLERS, B.R.C.C. rung, bred from my cup and prize winners, 20/- to 60/- each; hens sold: Randall's strain direct: Tomlinson, Welcome Hotel, Marton, Blackpool.

HIGH-class Rollers for sale, cocks from 6/-, hens 2/6; parents of above B.R.C.C. rung; from noted strains; inspection invited: H. Venables, 116, Aldersley-rd., Tettenhall.

ROLLERS; Glucke hens for sale, same strain as won two 1sts at Bolton last week, P.R.C.C. rung, cold-room bred, 5/-, 7/6 each: Turner, Plumber, Openshaw, Manchester.

HIGH-CLASS Glucke Rollers, 1911, B.R.C.C. rung, cocks from 10/6 to 30/-; hens 5/- to 7/6; sale or exchange fowls or anything useful: Duncombe, 37, Church-st., Darlaston, Staffs.

ROLLER cock, warranted on full song, 6/-; a few hens, 2/6, or 8/- pair; only 4 pairs to sell; cold-room bred; approval: Norris, 137, Cherrywood-rd., Bordesley Green, Birmingham.

HARTZ strain celebrated contest singers; St. Andreasburg Hartz Roller cocks; No. 1, nothing better procurable, 7/-; No. 2, good songsters, 4/-: George, 103, Kenlor-rd., Tooting.

M. NEUGEBAUER'S champion strain, highly awarded at every Roller Canary show, many prizes and specials, 1st prize, silver challenge cup championship class Grimsby; cocks from 15/-, hens 6/6: 35, Marylebone-lane, London, W.

HARTZ Rollers, 5/6, 6/6, 7/6, and 8/6 each, in full song; seven days approval; cash or deposit; inspection invited; Yorkshires, 8/6 a pair: Price, 100, Caroline-st., Chapel-lane, Wigan.

ROLLERS. Private breeder has few surplus birds, pair 1910 birds 12/6, 1911 cocks 7/6, 1911 hens 2/6, cocks, singing, cold room bred; satisfaction guaranteed: Chemist, 38, Church-st., Bilston, Staffs.

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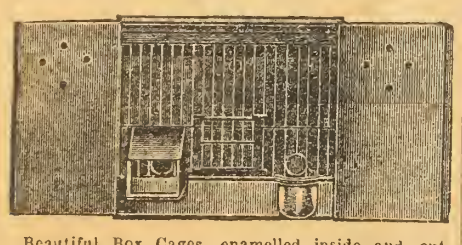

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CHAMPION Yorkshires, long leggy upstanding birds, just the sort to breed winners, 6/6, 7/6, 8/6, 10/6, upwards; hens, 5/6, 6/6, 7/6, 10/6; pairs, properly mated, breed winners, 12/6, 15/-, 20/-; approval, 4 days; 26 years' breeder, exhibitor: Frank Stevens, Great Ayton, Yorkshire.

MR. HAWKES, 390, Grove Green-rd., Leytonstone, has a grand lot of Yorkshires for disposal, including all his winners, none reserved, from 5/- each, pairs 10/-, length, type, and quality cannot be excelled; write for this season's list of testimonials, and state wants; satisfaction assured.

WHAT offers in cash for typical Yorkshires? Ten cocks, four hens, mostly 1911, yellow, buff, marked, colour-fed; cocks seven inches, grand stock birds; four days' approval, deposit: Blaylock, 28, Benwell Dene Terrace, Newcastle-on-Tyne.

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CHAMPION Yorkshires, magnificent unflighted buff cocks, beautiful shape and feather, can win unflighted class, 60/-; yellow hen, real gem, full of style and quality, 45/-, can win, or £5 pair; also one of the best stock pairs living, magnificent cock, bred from our champion yellow, winner three firsts Palace, mated to gem of hen, feathered like wax, £5 pair; one nest from these should be worth double; approval, cash or deposit: Messrs. Amblers, Langton Lodge, Scotton, Knaresborough, Yorkshire.

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Yorkshires from 6/-, matched pairs 10/-, winning strain, inspection invited, satisfaction guaranteed: 211, Seabank rd., New Brighton.

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also winners at Yorkshire Union Shows (Novice Section); own breeding; approval: Packer, 59, Curzon-rd., Bradford.

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Yellow cock, winner, buff cock, winner, also buff hen, all unflighted, parents of same; giving up; on approval: Colley, 90, Corkerhill, Glasgow.

The Winning Strain.

Read following testimonials, and judge for yourself who can give you the best value for your money. From Haveloch-st., Lancaster, Jan. 1, 1912:—The stock birds I bought of you last year have bred my winners at our annual show, Lancaster and District, and are the best birds I ever got for the money. Shall recommend you to all I know.—R. Mason to L. Dykes. Another from Pickering Rd., Sheffield, 31/12/11.—Just a few lines to thank you for the pair of Yorks. which I am very well satisfied with. In fact, the more I see them the better I like them, and feel sure they will breed me some good youngsters. R. Hatton to L. Dykes. Another from 18, Violet St., Londonderry, 29/12/11.—Received birds safe, and well pleased with them. They are a credit to you at so small a price, and worth four times as much as others I got elsewhere, though costing more money than yours.—T. Falconer to L. Dykes.

Champion, long, stylish, yellow or buff Yorkshire Cocks, on full song, at 5/6, 6/6, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, 20/- each; unrelated, properly matched pairs, at 8/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, 20/-, 25/-, 30/- per pair; fine racy hens, feathered like wax, any colour, at 3/6, 4/6, 6/6, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6 each. A few good exhibition cocks and hens, can soon win their own cost on the show bench, at 12/6, 15/-, 20/-, 30/-, 40/- each; colour-fed to perfection, and in best of health. All on seven days' approval at my risk. Travelling cages, 3d. extra.

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Now ready, long stylish cocks, from 6/-; hens, feathered like wax, real gems, from 5/-; in clears, ticked, or marked, yellow or buff, all cold-room bred; all on approval; satisfaction guaranteed; several show specimens for sale: 12, Angel-st., Baildon, Yorks.

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HIRST'S

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Having had a record breeding season, I have over 100 birds to select from, of grand type, length, and quality, including many winners, and every bird for sale (see reports, Bolton, Rochdale, York, Warrington, Gt. Harwood, etc.); single birds, cocks, 7/6 upwards, hens, 5/- upwards; pairs, 12/6, 15/-, 20/-, 25/- upwards; inspection invited: Brooks, 320, Ainsworth-lane, Tonge Moor, Bolton.

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Kilwinning, Ayrshire, Jan. 5th, 1912.—Received birds. They were in the best of condition. I must say they are something good to look at. Thanking you for your kind attention.—J. Rae to W. Rudd.

Trewethert Farm, Port Isaac, St. Endellion, Jan. 1st, 1912.—I am writing to thank you for the bird and cage, which I received safely. I am very well pleased with them.—W. Morish to W. Rudd.

75, Coronation-road, Crosby, Jan. 3rd, 1912.—Birds arrived safely. I am very pleased with them for the amount paid.—J. E. Armstrong to W. Rudd.

279, Bernard-street, Bridgeton, Glasgow, Jan. 4th, 1912.—The pair of Rollers arrived safe, and I am highly delighted with them.—A. McNeil to W. Rudd.

47, Cussick-street, Lisburn-road, Belfast, Jan. 4th, 1912.—Received birds yesterday in good condition, and I am very pleased with same. Splendid value for the money. The other cock you sent me is singing splendidly.—J. Somers to W. Rudd.

173, Turners-road, Burdett-road, London, Jan. 2nd, 1912.—Received bird safe. I am quite pleased with same.—E. Wedon to W. Rudd.

6, Harriett Cottages, Tarton Hill, Cobham, Jan. 7th, 1912.—I received bird safe. Quite satisfied with it.—A. Dodd to W. Rudd.

21, Wyndham-street, W., Plymouth, Jan. 5th, 1912.—Received bird safe. Am well pleased with it.—J. Hayes to W. Rudd.

102, Upton-lane, Forest Gate, London, Jan. 5th, 1912.—The Canary arrived safely, and was singing splendidly within an hour of arrival. I shall know in future to whom to refer intending purchasers of Canaries. For plumage and singing, mine will take a lot of beating.—E. Hudson to W. Rudd.

263, High-street, Elgin, Jan. 4th, 1912.—Rollers arrived safe. I am highly pleased with them.—D. Watson to W. Rudd.

14, Glyndwr-street, Danyden, Merthyr Vale, Jan. 4th, 1912.—I received bird quite safe, and it was in the pink of condition. I am very pleased with him.—W. J. Griffiths to W. Rudd.

27, Eastbourne-grove, South Shields, Jan. 3rd, 1912.—Very pleased to say the bird arrived this morning in splendid condition. I am highly satisfied with the quality and value you have sent.—W. S. Wheldon to W. Rudd.

68, St. John's-avenue, Harlesden, Jan. 3rd, 1912.—I received the Seifert Roller safe, and in good condition, and am well satisfied with same. I consider it good value.—P. T. Edgar to W. Rudd.

Lodge Farm, Kineton, Jan. 4th, 1912.—I received the birds quite safe this morning, and I am very pleased with them. They are very nice.—W. Padbury to W. Rudd.

Rodway Hill, Cannington, Bridgwater, Jan. 4th, 1912.—The Siberian cock Goldfinch arrived safely this morning. He is a very handsome bird, and I think will give every satisfaction.—T. Cooper to W. Rudd.

66, Annandale-road, Greenwich, Jan. 2nd, 1912.—On November 29th I received from you a Hartz Mountain Roller. I think it is only right to tell you it has turned out a beauty. He sings practically all day long, and well on into the evening, with a beautiful clear note, and has already got many admirers. Should I hear of anyone wanting a Canary I will recommend them to you.—F. Peter to W. Rudd.

26, Bradley-view, Nelson, Jan. 2nd, 1912.—Birds arrived safe; they seem in good order and very healthy.—S. D. Addy to W. Rudd.

Fruit Co., Ltd., Liverpool, Jan. 2nd, 1912.—Bird came safely to hand, and thanks for same. He is a beauty.—G. Richardson to W. Rudd.

Sandy, Beds., Jan. 3rd, 1912.—Birds to hand. Accept my very best thanks for your selection. They are far better than I expected. I do not wonder now why they call you the Premier Bird Fancier.—H. Thursby to W. Rudd.

Denswalt, Chichester, Jan. 4th, 1912.—Bird arrived quite all right, and I am very pleased with it.—P. Hooncy to W. Rudd.

10, Zetland-terrace, Saltburn, Jan. 4th, 1912.—I received the birds this morning. I am well satisfied with them, and the quick way you sent them.—E. Mitchell to W. Rudd.

23, Park-court, Clapham Park, London, Jan. 5th, 1912.—I feel much obliged to you for the Canary, which arrived safely.—P. Hines to W. Rudd.

Clacton-road, St. Osyth, Jan. 6th, 1912.—The bird has arrived safe, and looks a nice bird. We are all pleased with it.—J. Eggleton to W. Rudd.

2, Croydon-street, Bristol, Jan. 7th, 1912.—Bird arrived quite safe. Very pleased with it, considering the small amount sent. If ever requiring anything in the Fancy shall apply to W. Rudd for straightforward dealing.—A. Lewton to W. Rudd.

66, Adolphus-street, Seaham Harbour, Jan. 2nd, 1912.—I received the bird all right, and it gives me every satisfaction.—W. Armstrong to W. Rudd.

2, Arundel Cottages, Back Green, Hersham, Jan. 2nd, 1912.—Bird arrived quite safe, and I am very pleased with it. I am sure it is a splendid bird for the money.—A. Thompson to W. Rudd.

Knockbawn Cottage, Greystones, Co. Wicklow, Jan. 5th, 1912.—Just a line to let you know the Canary arrived in the pink of condition, and beautifully packed. I am well pleased.—W. Guest to W. Rudd.

13, Holland-road, Kensington, London, W., Jan. 6th, 1912.—Miss Willson received the Canary quite safely, and is very pleased with it. It seems quite well and happy.

"Linacre," Gt. Halland, Kirby Cross, Essex, Jan. 6th, 1912.—I received bird quite safely. Very pleased with same.—N. N. C. to W. Rudd.

8, Parade, Exmouth, Jan. 6th, 1912.—Bird to hand quite safe. I am highly pleased with it.—W. T. Dewaney to W. Rudd.

71, Rushes-road, Petersfield, Hants, Jan. 7th, 1912.—Received bird. I am quite pleased with it.—E. Wright to W. Rudd.

15a, Whitehouse-street, Burnt Tree, Tipton, Jan. 4th, 1912.—Bird arrived safe to-day. Am quite satisfied with same. Thanking you for prompt delivery.—S. Gorton to W. Rudd.

Sunnybank, Blackdown, Jan. 5th, 1912.—I have received birds quite safe, and am very pleased with them.—J. Pearce to W. Rudd.

19, Westfalling-street, Hereford, Jan. 5th, 1912.—Bird arrived safely. I am pleased with same.—A. Woodhall to W. Rudd.

2, Ashleigh Villas, Oldfield Park, Bath, Jan. 5th, 1912.—I am quite pleased with pair of Border Fancies. They arrived in very good condition. You do certainly send out good birds, and clean too.—F. de Silver to W. Rudd.

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Cocks, 5/6, 6/6, 7/6, 8/6, 10/6; hens, 2/6 and 3/6 each; pairs, 7/6, 8/6, 10/6. Note.—Some real good cocks, with plenty of size and substance, fed, and for show, 12/6, 15/-, 20/-; hens, with size and substance, to match, 4/6, 5/6, 7/6. Worth treble; guaranteed.

YORKSHIRES

Cocks, 5/6, 6/6, 7/6, 8/6, 10/6, 15/-, 20/-, 30/-; hens, 2/6, 3/6, 4/6, 5/6, 7/6, 10/6, 15/-; pairs matched for breeding, 7/6, 8/6, 9/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, 20/- upwards. Some good Greens, 10/6, 15/-, 20/- pair; cocks, 8/6, 10/6; hens, 3/6, 5/6 upwards.

Genuine Hartz Mountain Rollers

Without giving **them or myself false names**, any of the following will be found **worth much more than** the money asked. All on approval. Cocks, 5/6, 6/6, 7/6, 8/6. Hens, 2/-, 2/6. Pairs matched for breeding, 7/6, 8/6, 10/6 upwards. Grand Seifert Cocks, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, 20/- each. Hens, 3/6 and 5/-; cages, 3d. extra. Do not be deluded into paying high prices for "bogus" and meaningless names, when I will sell you, not as good, but better at half the price.

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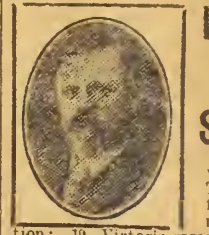

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WANTED, all kinds of birds: Barnes, Aviaries, Merthyr.

WANTED first-class cage makers to send wholesale price list: H. Jinks, 2, Bramall-lane, Sheffield.

DEALERS supplied with clean healthy colour-fed Yorkshires: Cheshire, 26, Crawford-st., Bradford.

WANTED surplus Scotch Fancies cheap for cash; on approval: W. McNair, 152, George-st., Paisley.

CRYSTAL Palace aviary wanted, good condition, must be cheap: Bamber, 78, Whitstile-rd., Brentford.

WANTED Canaries, exchange small Foreign birds, caged 2 years; also cages: Horne, Stanley-rd., Herne Bay.

WANTED old golf balls, best prices given, or exchange birds, cages: Phimister, Golf House, Forres, N.B.

WANTED for export any quantity of Norwich and Yorkshlers, 6/- pair: E. T. Howard, 79, Pitt-st., Norwich.

WANTED all kinds British birds, also Canaries, any quantity: Surrey Aviaries, 28, Surrey-st., Glasgow, S.S.

WANTED 2 yellow marked Norwich hens; exchange pair Borders, sell 12 6; yours first: 14, High-st., Dumfries.

WANTED old golf balls and disc records, exchange exhibition British, Canaries, or cages: Ross, Aviaries, Forres, N.B.

WANTED yellow cinnamon hen, best of colour, give prize yellow Norwich cock; sell 30/-: Geo. Cooper, Long Buckby.

WANTED Canaries, Mules, and British birds: Richard Williams, Fanciers' Provider, 8, Doncaster-rd., Barnsley.

WANTED Yorkshires, fed, fair price; will deposit cash; state price; cocks singing: Oliver, 2, Bridport Place, Hoxton.

WANTED hen Goldfinch Mules and hen Canaries, 1/- each given: Henderson, 19, King and Queen-st., Walworth, London.

WANTED high-class jewellery, paintings; exchange high-class Crests and Crestbreds: Day, 15, Everilda-st., London, N.

WANTED, cash offers for five pairs Yorkshires, lot or separate; or exchange: Snell, Rae Barn, Brixham, Devon.

WANTED 2 extra large cock Twites, lowest price; on approval: Sadler, 33, Preston-avenue, Highams Park, Chingford.

WANTED any quantity British birds from catchers, state your own price: Thomas Hughes, 65, Saltley-rd., Birmingham.

WANTED for export, any quantity of Canaries; say kind, number, and lowest price for cash: Northern Aviaries, Preston.

WANTED offers in Canaries for all-wool Scotch blankets, or sell 25 -: Wright, 16, Haggs-rd., Pollokshaws, Glasgow.

I REQUIRE monster young nestling Hawfinches and Corn Buntings, size and colour essential; best exchange, other winning Britishers or cash; Marley, Manor-rd., Leyton.

TYPICAL Yorkshires, Norwich, etc., wanted for resale; also cock mules; all on approval: Gibb, Bond-st., Brighton.

WANTED, plant propagator, also pair Cockatiels, exchanges and cash; no post-cards: Wightman, Quadring, Spalding.

WILL give 3 6 Linnets, 16.- Goldies, 12/- Bullies, cocks; hen Goldies and Bullies, 6/-: Vanner, 6, Redheugh-rd., Gateshead.

WANTED any quantity of Canaries in exchange for anything in my appliance advert: Pimm, Icknield Port-rd., Birmingham.

WANTED, talking Parrot, or a monkey; give lever watch or seraphone organ with music: 32, Poplar-st., Nottingham.

WANTED offers for pied hen Linnet, with splendid singing cock Goldfinch, caged months: F. Read, Houghton, Regis, Beds.

WANTED song Canaries, dog puppies, pigeons, or exchange all varieties livestock: Maynard, Bethnal Green. Phone 2528 Wall.

WANTED 6 pairs good Norwich Canaries, also few Border Fancies, must be reasonable; approval: Clark, 178, London-st., Glasgow.

WANTED, offers in Canaries for Scotch blankets sell 25/-, or anything useful: Macdougall, 134, James-st., Bridgeton, Glasgow.

WANTED for cash, Goldfinches, Mules, Hybrids, cocks or hens: Merrington, Bird Specialist, 19, Bessou-st., New Cross, London.

YOUNG cock Goldfinches, exchange gent.'s black keyness watch, good timekeeper; birds first: Allen, Travis-st., Littleborough.

WANTED Yorkshire hen Canaries and weekly supply of Linnets from catcher: Blackett, 42, Hassard-st., Hackney-rd., London.

WANTED Canaries, exchange good set boxing gloves, 3 and 4 compartment breeding cages: 6, Kempton-rd., New Ferry.

WANTED good Norwich, hens preferred, exchange new Gillette razor, value guinea: E. H. Williams, 19, Copper Works-rd., Llanelly.

WANTED offers Canaries; exchange Scotch blankets or tweed suit length, value 25/-: Drummond, 15, Hutcheson-st., Glasgow.

WANTED for cash, cock and hen Mules; state lowest price: Trask, Bird Specialist, Chesham House, Deptford Broadway, London.

WANTED silver watch chain, in exchange for 3 1911 hen Linnet Mules; yours first: Rawlins, 42, Temple-gdns., Golders Green.

WANTED cash offers. Six pairs high-class, 1911, Yorkshires, single pairs 7/6; approval, deposit: Hance, King-st., Tring, Herts.

100 HEN Canaries wanted weekly, cheap for cash, stating price and breed: Edward Bruce, 124, Black-friars-rd., Salford, Manchester.

WANTED good Yorkshire show cages, exchange 10/6 set silver-mounted carvers and steel: 171, Ladykirk-rd., Newcastle, Northumberland.

WANTED typical buff cinnamon-marked Yorkshire cock, exchange cock Goldfinch-Canary Mule: Chas. Pickering, 91, Portland-st., Lincoln.

WANTED pair 1911 high-class Rollers, cock in full song; exchange 4 Yorkshire hens, or sell 16/-: Bates, 84, Mossley-st., Southchurch, Essex.

WANTED light Goldfinch Mule, will give first-class Crested Canary and Yorkshire, singing, sell 15/- each: 58a, Cheetham Hill-rd., Manchester.

WANTED good big yellow Norwich cock, unflighted; exchange 2 good Crest hens; mutual approval: Chinchen, Park-st., E. Cowes.

WANTED Norwich hens in exchange for set of brown leather boxing gloves, cost 10/6: Williams, 27, Museum-bldgs., Creen-st., London.

WANTED good singing Goldfinch or Linnet Mule, in exchange for pair Yorkshires; yours first: Jopling, Park-terr., Willington, Durham.

WANTED Border Fancies, cocks and hens, any quantity for cash: Wilson, Scotland's Largest Naturalists, 247, Argyle-st., Glasgow.

WANTED Linnets, Redpolls, etc., been caught few weeks; state price; also song-ter Canaries: Matthews, 205, Dornall-rd., Attercliffe.

WANTED pair Norwich or Rollers, 1911 birds, exchange 2 White Wyandotte pullets: Keary, Hedingham House, Hampton-rd., Twickenham.

WANTED birds and cages; exchange six pairs homers; strains Jurion, Dr. Ward, Grooter: Simmonds, 27, Goodenough-rd., Wimbledon.

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Club Reports.

GRANGEMOUTH AND DIST. O.S.

Meeting held Boilermakers' Hall, Jan. 5. Mr. J. Ovenstone, vice-president, in chair. Rules revised. Decided, to have a judging competition to start next meeting, for Norwich yellow and buff. All members are invited to bring birds. Decided, to vote for judges for annual show at next meeting. Our radius has been extended to 15 miles, so I hope to see as many new members as possible before May, as our books are closed then. We give a very good classification, and the best prize money with specials. Full particulars may be had from the sec., 93, Porth Street, Grangemouth.—J. Woodhouse, Sec.

SOUTH COUNTY DUBLIN C.B.A.

Committee meeting held 4th January. In consequence of not being able to procure a suitable hall, we are compelled to defer our intended show until end of year, the date of which we will advertise through CAGE BIRDS. We regret the postponement very much, as we believe a great many fanciers throughout Ireland were anxiously looking forward to this show. However, in order that no obstacle may come in our way regarding the hall, we are making an application for same immediately, and I am very pleased to state that the committee are going into the work with a whole heart, and will leave no stone unturned to make the show the best in Ireland. Fanciers please watch for our further announcement in CAGE BIRDS.—D. Smyth, Hon. Sec.

BUCKHAVEN AND DIS. C.B.S.

Fourth annual general meeting held January 6, over 20 members being present, which shows there is likely to be keen interest in the society during the ensuing year. Mr. D. Henderson presided. Balance sheet for 1911 read and found satisfactory. Officers elected as follows: Mr. D. Henderson re-elected president; vice-president, Mr. R. Thomson; secretary, Richard Hazzard; treasurer, Mr. A. Duncan; auditors, Messrs. G. Fotheringham and W. Foster. Agreed to hold open show as usual on November 16. Also agreed to hold a show for members, January 27, 1912. There is likely to be keen competition, and a big entry. It was also agreed to enrol members residing in Fife from now to three months previous to open show on payment of a 1s. to sec., 93, Denbeath, Methil.—Richard Hazzard, Sec.

PRESTON O.S.

Annual general meeting held Club Rooms, Tokio Cafe, Jan. 4th. Treasurer submitted balance sheet for 1911, which proved to be very satisfactory, showing a profit of about £2. The November open show proved a great success in comparison with others; it showed a small profit, only a few shillings, but considering the 1910 show lost us over £9, the result was considered very good. A hearty vote of thanks was given Mr. Dent for his good work as chairman during the year. Mr. Dent in his reply moved a vote of thanks to the secretary, which was carried. Election of officers:—Chairman, T. H. Dent; vice-president, A. Burrows; hon. sec. and treasurer, J. P. Leeming; assistant, T. Leeming; committee, Messrs. Marsh, Issott, Barton, Nickson, Metcalf, Waring, Pyke, and Anderton; hon. auditors, Messrs. Anderton and Peak. Cup rules were altered to read:—"The four highest birds to count," and it was resolved that points gained at members' shows count for members' specials at open show in November.—J. P. Leeming, Sec.

READING AND DIS. C.B.S.

New Year's meeting held Palmer Hall, January 3rd. Hon. Sec. read a budget of correspondence. Balance sheet for the year was then presented, showing after all expenses were paid a balance at bank of £16, a result that gave great satisfaction. Before the election of officers the Hon. Sec. intimated that owing to removal he would not be able to give the time he had given to the affairs of the society, and should be glad if another member would take his place, but the members would not hear of this at any price. Following officers elected unanimously: President, the Righ Hon. G. W. Palmer; Vice-Presidents, Messrs. G. H. Acton, L. G. Sutton, C. E. Keeper, S. Pike, Howard Palmer, Alfred Palmer, A. W. Sutton, H. D. Astley; Hon. Treasurer, Mr. G. H. Acton; Auditor, Messrs. J. P. Laurence, and E. J. Smith; on. Secretary, W. H. Pyke, 102, Radstock Road, Reading; Chairman, Mr. J. Brooker; Committee, Messrs. Maisey, Yates, Dearlove, Laurence, Fraser, Albury, Vince, Tremlett, C. Cox, Avis, Hayward, E. J. Smith. Secretary proposed that the Society purchase an amateur cup, but Mr. G. H. Acton, with his usual kindness, intimated that he would present us with one. We shall have now four silver cups, so are well off, thanks to two of our best friends. The novice rule was altered to "winner of our first prize." Decided, to hold next show November 27th, providing judge can be engaged for that date. Members please note secretary's new address. A very interesting judging competition has been arranged for next meeting, and all members are requested to bring a pair of Nor. or Yorks. The best meeting we have had for a long time then terminated.—W. H. Pyke, Hon. Sec.

BRADFORD EAST O.S.

The Fanciers' Service, as announced in CAGE BIRDS, took place on Sunday, January 7th, 1912, at Park Chapel, but owing to the very inclement weather the attendance of fanciers was far below the average. A most eloquent sermon was preached by the Rev. G. Hall Wallis, who seems to be able to concentrate the knowledge he possesses into a very applicable form. Mr. Wallis referred to our hobby as being on a par with the cultivation of flowers. He remarked with very great pleasure indeed on the progress which the society had made during the past few years, and was delighted to hear that its membership was the highest of any society in Bradford and District. He hoped every church and chapel would throw open the rooms which they generally had at their disposal to societies of this nature, and encourage the working men of England to appreciate the benefits to be derived from this delightful hobby. Mr. Wallis said that he should always count the bright hours and the magnificent services we had had together as the brightest in his life's history, and although miles and miles of space should be placed between us, he should ever think of the delight it had given him to be of service to some of the bird fanciers who used that place of worship as the society's headquarters. Two sacred solos were sung by Mr. Nelson Bogg. Mr. G. White (Vice President of the Society) took charge of the service in a masterly manner, and seems to be just the right man in the right place. Mr. H. Hill read the lesson from the 12th Chapter of Romans. Amongst the fanciers present were Mr. F. Hammond, Mr. H. Simonett, and a few others who filed away before I could obtain their names. It was a most enjoyable evening, and must have appealed to all who were privileged to be present.—H. Hill, Secretary.

SUNDERLAND C.B.A.

Meeting held January 6th, Mr. Farrer presiding. Final arrangements for show were made, and the following were appointed stewards: Messrs. Farrer, Swan, J. Riseborough, G. Davidson, R. Newcombe, T. Gray and T. Davison. Several specials for members' classes were announced, and we are expecting to have a good show. Messrs. Martin and Archer (Huddersfield) are sending, amongst others, their famous Greenfinch-Chaffinch hybrid.—J. Jeffrey, Hon. Sec.

GLASGOW (Queen's Park) C.B.S.

Meeting held Dec. 29, Mr. R. Thomson presiding over a good attendance. It was arranged to have a pair show, to be held Jan. 18. Classes were given for Nor., Crests, Bord., Yorks., and muling pairs. Mr. W. Hutchieson was appointed judge. Annual general meeting fixed for Jan. 26, at 7.30 p.m., and as business is of great importance all members should endeavour to attend. Anyone wishing to become a member kindly inform secretary or attend annual general meeting.—R. Heggie, Sec.

ABERDEEN O.S.

Annual general meeting held Trades Hall, Dec. 27, president, Mr. W. Allan, in chair. Prize money paid. Financial statement submitted, which showed a substantial balance on the right side. The retiring office-bearers were re-elected, viz.: President, Mr. W. Allan; vice-president, Mr. J. Hector; secretary and treasurer, Mr. J. Bryson. The following members were appointed to the committee: Messrs. J. Lyon, J. Sandison, D. Saddler, A. Steele, J. Johnston, A. Anderson, W. Ewen, A. Thomson, J. Balfour, W. Allison, F. Garden, W. Rae, A. Park, G. Mackie, L. Will, W. S. Davidson, P. Stewart, J. Robertson, A. Taylor, A. Rae, C. Thompson, W. Lawrie. It was arranged to hold our next annual show on Dec. 13 and 14, in the Music Hall. Several well-known judges were nominated.—J. Bryson, Sec.

WEST BROMWICH C.B.S.

Meeting held Jan. 2, president (Mr. G. Cooper) in chair. Principal business: Ballot for officers for 1912. With a fair muster of members the business was soon carried through. Mr. G. Cooper was again elected president; Mr. S. N. Taylor, chairman; Mr. A. Jones, vice-chairman; Messrs. J. Bassett, S. Welch, J. A. Touks, vice-presidents; Mr. T. Duffield, treasurer; Messrs. F. G. Viles, T. Duffield, auditors; committee, Messrs. Sadler, Collier, Duffield, Beck, Hey, Groves, Capewell, and Viles; sec., Mr. W. G. Andrews. Election of judge for table show, Jan. 13: Mr. F. J. Weaver (Wolverhampton) has accepted. Also decided, to charge the small amount of 2d. for admission to show. We are hoping that local fanciers will support us with their presence, and trust to see a good muster of fanciers and their friends.—W. G. Andrews.

ORMSKIRK C.B.S.

Sixth annual meeting held headquarters (Church House), Jan. 2, vice-chairman presiding over a good attendance. Notwithstanding the increased expenditure incurred during the past year, the treasurer reported a balance of 39s. to the credit of the society. Rules were submitted and passed, with slight alterations. Election of officers result: Chairman, T. Johnson, jun.; vice-chairman, J. W. Johnson; treasurer, W. Moss; secretary, T. H. Toffen; auditor, G. J. Johnson; hon. solictor, W. Kennedy; committee, all the members. Since the meeting one of the members (an enthusiastic British bird fancier) has kindly promised a silver cup for competition at next annual show—would that there were more such fanciers—which should be an inducement for the dozen or more local fanciers who are not members of any society, to come and strengthen the ranks of the Ormskirk C.B.S.—T. H. Tiffen, Hon. Sec.

BANKFOOT AND DIST. C.B.S.

At a management committee meeting held Jan. 4, final arrangements for our whist drive and dance (Jan. 27) were completed. Some splendid prizes have been secured as follows:—Dressing case, 1st prize, gents; 1st prize ladies, double jam dish; 2nd gents, jam dish; 2nd ladies, cruet; 3, gents, trump indicator; 3rd ladies, marmalade jar. Decided that Messrs. Taylor Bros. either take the special allotted to them or otherwise forfeit all claim after Jan. 16. Owing to the action taken by Messrs. Taylor Bros. in ignoring the rules and regulations of the society, a resolution was passed, expelling them from the society. A special of 5s. was, through the kindness of Messrs. W. Ketteringham and J. Lawson, replaced, and therefore the winner will not be disappointed. Fanciers desirous of attending supper and prize distribution, Jan. 16, should send in names at once, so that proper arrangements can be made; hearty invitation given to all. An hour's extension has been obtained, and various artistes secured. A really good supper will be provided at a cost of one shilling each. Supper on tables at 8 p.m., concert to commence at 9 p.m., free of all charge. Arrangements for show, open to a radius of 5 miles, will be completed at next meeting, the annual general; every member urgently requested to attend. There are still a few tickets left for our whist drive.—F. Gelder, Sec.

LONG EATON AND DIS. C.B.S.

At our meeting held Jan. 6th, we decided to have a pair show for members (A.V. Canaries), Feb. 3rd. Mr. J. Turner, one of our members, was unanimously voted to judge. Members desirous of competing are to bring exhibits by six p.m.; fee 6d. per pair, two thirds of which will go to winner, and one third to 2nd; separate classes according to breed. Also decided at our annual meeting to alter radius to five miles of Long Eaton Market Place. Both meetings were well attended, and the report of the year's work and of members' show was received with general satisfaction. We have also made five new members, and the society has every prospect of a successful year.—G. T. Wall, Sec.

LONDON AND COUNTIES A.C.B.

Annual general meeting held Jan. 6, at "The Earl Cathcart," Osnaburgh Street, N.W.; there was a good attendance, over which Mr. A. Barns presided. Balance sheet for half-year presented, showing a balance of £1 1s. 8d., which was accepted and considered very satisfactory. Election of officers: President, Mr. J. Mackley; Committee, Messrs. Bell, F. Harrison, F. Mowl, E. Pretty, A. Ransley, and W. Shakespeare; auditors, Messrs. A. Barns and H. J. Pearce; hon. secretary, Mr. R. J. Pretty (who, after persuasion, agreed to act for another year); Show Sub-Committee, Messrs. Harrison, E. Pretty, W. Salter and W. Shakespeare. Donations for a silver cup handed to treasurer by Messrs. Mowl, E. Pretty, A. Ransley, H. Bell, and W. Salter. It was agreed to purchase same at once. The proposed musical evening was postponed until first week in March, and instead to hold the show of pairs matched for breeding on Jan. 20th. Mr. G. Gardner judge. Schedule for same drawn up and agreed to, several specials being promised and given. Secretary was instructed to get some lectures for the coming season, and a vote of thanks to the Chairman closed the meeting.—R. J. Pretty, Sec.

NEWCASTLE C.B.S.

Meeting held Jan. 4th; chairman, Mr. J. MacKenzie. The members were all exceedingly sorry to receive the resignation of our vice-chairman, Mr. J. Shepherd, who is going to London. It will be a serious loss to the society, and all members joined in expressing their regret at his departure, and wished him health and prosperity in his new sphere. The loss to the North will surely be a gain to the fanciers in the South, especially to novices, as Mr. Shepherd has been known as "the novice's friend." A vote of sympathy was unanimously passed to Mr. and Mrs. R. Tindale on the decease of his father-in-law. Mr. Pettersen gave notice of motion re the minute relating to the restriction of 25 miles radius in appointing judges; the same will be discussed next meeting. Nominations were taken for judges for annual show, and the two getting the highest numbers of votes are to be written to for their terms. Further nominations will be taken at next meeting. Mr. J. Craig (Newcastle) was welcomed as a new member. Secretary intimated that owing to his health and lack of time he would be obliged to hand in his resignation at next meeting. Will members who have books of tickets kindly settle up at once, so that the books may be closed.—J. E. Atkinson, Sec.

CLAPHAM AND DISTRICT C.B.A.

Annual general meeting held headquarters, "Landor Hotel," Landor Road, Jan. 1. Balance sheet was presented for the past year, and showed a very successful year's working, a profit being made on both the members' and annual shows, and although there was a deficit of £9 7s. at the commencement of the year, there is now a balance on the credit side of £13 12s. 2d.; and in addition the society has a large quantity of staging, and some cups to be won again before becoming the property of the present holders. All agreed that the hon. sec., Mr. Alfred L. Priest, had shown much business ability in his management of the affairs and producing the balance. Mr. Priest has also arranged a very interesting programme for the present year, which should go a long way towards increasing the membership. In moving the adoption of the secretary's report and passing of the accounts, the vice-chairman, Mr. Yeoman, said that the secretary was not only the engine of the club, but also the "sparking plug." The officers for the year were duly elected—Messrs. W. H. Vale and H. Yeoman unanimously re-elected to the chair and vice-chair, respectively; Mr. C. T. Maxwell, treasurer; Messrs. Sandy and Cooper, auditors; and Mr. Priest again hon. secretary, all agreeing he was too valuable a gentleman to be dispensed with. Judges for annual show also duly elected, viz.: Messrs. Robson, C. A. House, H. J. Fulljames, and H. Norman, an extra judge being appointed. The programme starts with a members' judging competition for Norwich, on February 12 (instead of the 5th, which clashes with the Palace show, and the L.C.B.A. dinner). Messrs. Sandy and W. H. Vale were requested, and agreed, to send short reports of any items of interest occurring at the monthly meetings to the Fancy Press, so that members who were prevented from attending such meetings might know what was being done.—S. A. Sandy.

LONDON AND P.O.S. ANNUAL DINNER.

Another Great Success.

This annual event was held January 3rd, at the Holborn Restaurant. Mr. G. Crabb presided over a large company of members and friends. The toast "The King and Royal Family" was given, proposed by Mr. Crabb, Mr. Latimer Harrison singing the first verse of the National Anthem and all joining in chorus. Mr. Crabb, in proposing "Success to the L. and P.O.S.," mentioned one of their oldest members who was lying ill, viz., Mr. W. Dobson. He also spoke at some length on the doings of the society during the past year, and said that the society was holding an open show in the autumn, and that all would be pleased to know that 10 new members had joined since the annual general meeting. He also said he was sorry to note the absence of some who were in the habit of never missing this function, including one of our oldest friends, Mr. F. Carl. He spoke of the flourishing state of the L. and P.O.S. finances, and on Mr. Crabb's sitting down, all joined in singing "For he's a jolly good fellow." Mr. J. W. Ramsden replied to this toast, and said there was not much that he could add to what Mr. Crabb had said, but that they were having several new classes and new ideas at the Palace show, which he hoped would be appreciated. He also read a letter from an old friend, Mr. Joe Hills, wishing them all a very happy evening, and wishing to be remembered to all old friends. "The toast of the Visitors": Mr. R. J. Pretty said how pleased he was to see so many visitors amongst us, and especially so many ladies, more than at any other L. and P.O.S. dinner. It gave him great pleasure to couple with this toast the names of Mr. Anderson and Mr. Tyson. Mr. Anderson, in replying, said he thought it was time he gave up coming as a visitor: he had therefore decided to come in future as a member. Mr. Tyson also replied. "The Ladies": Mr. F. S. Matthes said he was delighted to propose the health of the ladies. He always thought their wives were great helps to them where the birds were concerned. The ladies very often took a great share in the work connected with the birds. The response: Mr. D. W. Tatten said he was pleased to reply for the ladies, who were always ready to help their husbands. Mr. Ramsden proposed a vote of thanks to the chairman, and Mr. Robson replied. Mr. Crabb, in thanking them all, said how delighted he was with the musical programme, one of the finest that had ever been provided for them at any L. and P.O.S. dinner. He said the thanks of all were due to their secretary, Mr. C. W. Law, for providing such a company. He thanked the artistes, and the singing of "Old Lang Syne" brought one of the L. and P.O.S. happy evenings to a close. Present: Mr. and Mrs. Ramsden, Mr. and Mrs. Matthes, Mr. and Mrs. Robson, Mr and Mrs. Tatten, Mr and Mrs. Bamber, Mr. and Mrs. Law, Mr. Mrs. and Miss Oldaker, Mr. and Mrs. Kiesel, Mr. and Mrs. Thurling, Mr. and Mrs. Salter, Mdme. M. A. Feist-Madewell, Mrs. and Miss Lilchfield, Misss N. Cooper, Miss G. Shepherd, Miss M. Pickard, Miss C. Parsons, and Messrs. G. Crabb, G. Ramsden, W. H. Mugford, T. R. Trower, V. H. Todman, Allwright, A. Lazarus, J. Tyson, G. Madewell, Hazell, T. C. Pickard, G. Bemlyn, G. Graham, A. Kieley, A. J. Carroll, R. J. Pritty, W. A. Shepherd, Campbell, T. Heath and J. R. Anderson. C. W. Law, hon. sec.

[It was with very great regret that I found myself unable to attend this most interesting function, especially after a definite engagement to do so, but being absent in Cornwall, and under a misimpression as to the date of the gathering I returned just one day too late to do so. I heartily congratulate the society on the success of the event.—F. Carl.]

RESULT OF OUR CHRISTMAS COMPETITIONS.

The Coloured Frontispiece.

This competition proved an exceedingly popular one, a very large number of our readers essaying the task of painting the front page. Taken all round, the efforts displayed quite a surprising degree of artistic talent, and the task of selecting the absolute winner proved a difficult one. After mature consideration, the prize was awarded to

MR. A. HUNT,
30, Sylvan Street,
Leicester.

for an exquisite painting which not only depicted the main features, the pair of Blue Tits, the coconut, the Robin, and the foliage, in absolutely correct colours, but showed a very painstaking attention to the minor items in the headpiece to the page, each one of the smaller birds being painted with a care equal to that given to the principal birds.

Very close in merit to the leading painting was the one sent by Mr. F. Clarke, of 5, Melbourne Place, Topcliffe Road, Thirsk. This was done in oils, and in its leading features quite equalled the winning picture. The background was beautifully rendered, and was behind the first picture only in the minor details of the smaller birds in the top panel.

Very close up were the beautiful pictures sent by Isaac Heatherington (Greenhead), S. Wright (Kingston-on-Thames), and Mrs. Jackson (Cheadle), and special mention must be made of those sent by the following, which were but little behind those mentioned above: J. Johnstone (Sneinton), J. W. Goldsmith (Maidenhead), Gladys Traylen (New Malden), J. Wetherill (Wetherby), Miss Hardy (Dover), Kate Aitchison (Edinburgh), Mrs. Edwards (Liverpool), and Miss Palmer (Herne Bay).

A number of efforts lost whatever chance they possessed by the artists missing the condition which stated that the whole page was to be coloured.

THE HIDDEN BIRDS PUZZLE.

Some Ingenious Solutions.

The six pictorial representations of birds' names set as a puzzle to our readers and published in our Christmas issue proved a puzzle indeed to the vast majority of the very large number of those who made attempts at solving them. Of the many hundreds of "solutions" received only ten proved absolutely accurate, though very many failed by only the slightest possible margin.

In accordance with Rule 5, the names of the successful solvers were written on separate slips of paper, and one slip drawn by an independent person. The winning slip was the one bearing the name of

Mr. ERNEST HORTON,
11, Fairland Road,
Stratford, London, E.

to whom a cheque for one guinea will be forwarded in due course.

The correct solutions were:—

1, Chaffinch; 2, Amazon Parrot; 3, Butcher Bird; 4, Unevenly-marked Yorkshire; 5, German Roller; 6, Garden Warbler.

Picture No. 1 offered no difficulty to the majority of solvers, there being very few incorrect solutions sent in. It was noticeable that most of those who failed to get this solution correct failed all round, and sent in six incorrect answers. Among the attempts at No. 1 were Blue-fronted Barbet, Lancashire Coppy, Bullfinch, The Bullie, Hawfinch, Sparrow, Goldfinch, etc.

Picture No. 2: Amazon, "a masculine woman, a virago," proved a teaser to many, and gave rise to some remarkable efforts in cord-twisting. Many sent Seifert Roller with "toe-foot, roller" in brackets. Others Cockatoo (cook hit toe), Cuckoo (Cook-ooh), Raven (raving), Bullie, Sulphury Tyrant, Stormy Petrel, Mocking Bird, Festive Amazon, etc.

Picture No. 3 also produced some ingenious efforts, favourite among which was Cutthroat, which was sent by any number of solvers. Nuthatch appealed to many as the correct solution (probably "hatching" its "nut" off!) Nutcracker also was sent. Ring-neck, Redstart, etc., came among the other efforts received, but the majority of the solvers had the correct solution, Butcher-bird.

An enormous number came a cropper over No. 4, a picture showing a map of Yorkshire set on which was the head of a man who had gone through a bad time, of which he bore evidence in decidedly uneven marks. Many came near to the correct solution, one solver calling it as "irregularly-marked" Yorkshire. This term is not used in bird nomenclature, and could not be accepted for "unevenly-marked," which was the correct solution. Probably the most ingenious of the incorrect solutions to this picture were Sombre Mynah (sombre miner) and Cinnamon (seen a mon). Yorkshire Beauty, Cross Bill, Foul-marked Yorks, variegated Yorks, Crossed Yorkshire, and Sea Gull were among the other solutions sent in.

Picture No. 5 was easy to the vast majority of solvers, but one or two extra comical readers sent in Avadavat (have 'ad a vat!) We wonder what size bricks would have been thrown if we had dared to perpetrate such a blister as this.

Picture No. 6, representing a cat on a garden wall entertaining the neighbourhood with musical notes, proved about the greatest stumbling block. Quite a number of solvers gave Blackbird as the solution, others Owl (? Howl), Nightjar, Border Fancy, Treecreeper, Wagtail, Nightingale, Stonechat, etc.

Altogether, the solutions sent in came very near to the mark, many being wrong only in one instance, many more making only two mistakes, and very few three or more.

OBITUARY.

Mr. J. DOBSON (London).

It is with sincere feelings of regret that we find it our sad duty to announce the death on Jan. 4 of Mr. J. Dobson, one of the oldest and most highly respected fanciers in London, and a gentleman known far and wide wherever those interested in the hobby foregather. Mr. Dobson had suffered internally for a long period, intervals of more or less relief having been obtained by various operations, which he bore with great fortitude. The deceased gentleman was a fancier of the "good old type," upright, honest, and fearless. His characteristic bluntness of speech did not please some, but his thorough straightforwardness and detestation of anything savouring of sharp practice endeared him to everyone with whom he was brought into contact, and made him a great asset in the councils of the various fanciers' societies with which he was from time to time connected. The funeral took place on Jan. 10 at Highgate Cemetery, where there was a large gathering of friends, including many prominent fanciers, and the remains were laid at rest amid every manifestation of regret and sympathy. The floral tributes were splendid, one beautiful wreath coming from the London and Provincial O.S., with which Mr. Dobson had been connected since its foundation. The deceased was, we understand, about sixty-five years of age, and leaves a widow and family, to whom the sympathy of all will be tendered in their great bereavement.

THE LATE MR. J. DOBSON.

By courtesy of Mr. T. Heath, we are able to state that it was in January, 1886, when he announced his intention of trying to form a cage bird society for London, and said that a list would be put up at the forthcoming Crystal Palace Show (of which he was then manager) whereon those willing to join could put their names. Mr. Dobson was one of those who signed this list; and his demise leaves with us now only one other original member, viz., Mr. J. Oldaker, and the founder himself, Mr. Heath. The London and Provincial O.S. was the outcome of Mr. Heath's move, and Mr. Dobson was identified with it through the whole of its career as committeeman, etc. He first exhibited at the Palace in 1887; also in 1890-1-2-3-4-5-6, 1901 and 1905. His birds, however, did not meet with any great success at this fixture, although they scored heavily at other shows, and won a great number of cups, medals, and other diplomas for their owner. He possessed in his day many very first class birds, the outstanding specimen, perhaps, being a variegated Crest, a grand example, which won 1st at the Palace and did a lot of winning. Mr. Dobson's chief loves were Crests and Cinnamons, but he also kept at various times, Norwich, Yorkshires, and a few British birds. At the close of his career he became one of our most respected judges. Mr. Heath paid a glowing tribute to the memory of his old friend, whom he characterised as on eof the very best fanciers it had ever been his lot to meet.

Mr. C. W. Law, the hon. sec. of the L. and P.O.S., writes expressing the regret felt by the members at the loss of Mr. Dobson, and stating that a letter of condolence had been forwarded to the widow and family.

The Sutton-in-Ashfield Eastfield Side C.B.S. have selected July 13 for their first feather show and Nov. 2 for their annual show, writes Mr. R. Nuttall, the sec.

The 1911 balance sheet of the Border City (Carlisle) O.S. shows a credit balance of £1 19s. 8d. We note that an honorarium of £3 for three years' service was granted to the popular sec., Mr. J. C. Bell, who, with his fellow-officers, is to be congratulated on the position of the society.

TUNBRIDGE WELLS.

Royal Tunbridge Wells and Dis. F.A. show held in the Great Hall, January 10th and 11th. This was the most successful show and the largest entry the Association has ever had in the Cage Bird section. Quality was on a par with the excellent entry. Close upon 300 birds were staged. A notable feature of the show was the grand quality of the Crests and Crestbreds, Mr. Broad annexing special for best in show with a truly fine bird, and Mr. Hayward taking members' cup with a topping C.B. The members' classes came up well and quality, too, was excellent. The management of the show reflected the highest credit on the hon. secretary, Mr. H. G. Whibley and his committee. The light was good, even though the early fog at one time threatened to make judging a difficult task. The show was opened by Col. E. G. Slader, J.P. (the Mayor), who was accompanied by the Mayoress. During the opening ceremony an interesting presentation was made of a lovely bouquet of flowers to the Mayoress. Judging was over in good time, awards up and catalogues soon out. The Association has the advantage of a large and influential list of patrons. Mr. Geo. Gardner judged, and his awards were well received.

The Critique.

NOR. YELL. CK. (10): 1, spl, 2, 3, Sandiford's spl, Kilby, a wonderful team, leader a romping fine cl. yell., rich and level in col., sweet head and neck, soft and silky feather, 2nd extraordinary headed and bodied yell. green, thick-set, bull neck, short beak, flights and tail, silky feather, 3rd well-known ticked yell., very warm in col; r, Ellis, another grand bird; vhc, Follwell; hc, Bellamy; c, Edwards. BUFF (10): 1, 3, Kilby, leader thick-set, good head and neck, lovely quality, nice under-colour, 3rd blazing with under-colour and magnificent quality, rare shape, 2, Follwell, shapely, fine feather, nice head, neck and beak, stands well across; res, Ellis; vhc, spl, Bellamy; hc, Whitten; c, Smithers. UNFLIG. (10): 1, Kilby, bonny yell., full chest, bold head and neck, silky feathered, level col.; 2, Follwell, yell., very smart, thick-set bird; many good points; 3, res, Bellamy, buff, fine texture of feather, nice col; vhc, Borman; hc, Wreu; c, Davis. HENS (9): 1, no name, bonny little wing marked buff, soft ganzy feather, chubby and short flighted and tailed, very sweet; 2, Kilby, buff, wing marked, heaps of rich undercolour, charming for quality; 3, Bellamy, fine bodied yellow, just a tifle slack, else good; res, Ellis; vhc, Whitten; hc, Loveland; c, Gunnell. NON-FED (6): 1, Kerr, ticked buff, bold head, good quality; 2, res, Smithers, former a soft and silky feathered yell., very nice col.; 3, Whitten, buff, bold body; vhc, Easten; hc, Lucas. YORKS YELL. (18): 1, 2, Hawes Bros., leader splendidly tapered, grand feather, stands up like a guardsman, 2nd hardly so finely drawn but typical; 3, Mrs. Kirk-Bullock, very fine taper, rich col., a gem; res, Gale; vhc, Mrs. Ballard; hc, Southby; c, Wright. BUFF (12): 1, 2, Hawes Bros., winner full of rich col., softly and beautifully mealed, rare pose, 2nd a trifle stouter, grand position; 3, Humphries, a dancer, not quite so level proportioned as leaders; res, spl. Wraight; vhc, Frost and Rogers; hc, Bousfield; c, Mrs. Ballard. UNFLIG (16): 1, Lockett, lovely wing ticked yell., stands well on leg, grand pose; 2, Auton Bros., buff, very racy, close feather, neat head, finely drawn; 3, Foxen, very nice shape and very full of fire; res, spl, Meades; vhc, hc, c, Mrs. Kirk-Bullock; hc, Wraight. HENS (14): 1, 2, Hawes Bros., leader lovely buff, charming pose, a gem, 2nd equally good yell.; 3, Bousfield, very sweet, full of style and quality, well up on leg; res, Foxen; vhc, Meades; hc, Mrs. Ballard; c, Mrs. Kirk-Bullock. NON-FED. (8): 1, Bousfield, stylish buff, stands well up, very fine quality; 2, Frost and Rogers, very straight yell., just a trifle slack in feather; 3, Southby, buff, neat; res, Humphries; vhc, c, Lord; hc, Cross. CRESTS (10): 1, spl, best in show, 2, Broad, leader wing mkd., very massive crest, rare length of feather, nice droop and back, neat centre, 2nd grand body, hardly so massive headpiece, well away from rest; 3, Edwards, grizzle crest and dense crest, comes well on to beak, pretty centre; res, vhc, hc, Gale; c, Miss Brown. C.-B. (7): 1, members' cup, 2, hc, Hayward, winner immense length of head feather, very dense; 3, Broad, good one; res, Broad; vhc, Arthurs; c, Gale. A.O.V. (6): 1, Dunford, rich col., nice bodied yell. cinn.; 2, 3, Aitken, two sweet little Border Fancies; res, spl, Richards; vhc, Allan; hc, Knapp. PAIRS (6): 1, spl, 2, Broad, two grand pairs of Crests; 3, Bellamy, rattling fine pair of Nor.; res, Smithers; vhc, hc, Wraight. CAN. MULES, LIGHT (10): 1, Lees, Linnet-Can., marked simply on wings, nice size and shape, a sweet bird; 2, Gunnell, four-pointed yell. Gold.-Can. in fine feather, deep rich col.; 3, res, vhc, Lamb, former clear buff Goldie-Can., well shown; hc, Edwards; c, Wraight. DARK (6): 1, Miss Bousfield, Siskin-Can., rich col., in beautiful feather; 2, Edwards, lovely jonque Goldie-Can.; 3, Lamb, nice Can.-Bullie; res, Lees; vhc, Cadman; hc, Dunning. HYB. (5): 1, Edwards, Greenie-Bullie, lovely col., size and feather; 2, 3, Lamb, Linnet-Bullfinch and Greenfinch-Siskin, both very nice; res, Edwards. GOLDIE (13): 1, 2 spls, Gunnell, grand Finch, wide and deep face, rich tone of blaze, fine tanning, bars and buttons; 2, Miss Eileen Dooly, another sweet faced Finch, close as wax, well tanned and steady; 3, Cadman, close up; res, Clark; vhc, Miss Kirk-Bullock; hc, Swift; c, Wickham. BULLIE (14): 1, Miss M. Bousfield; 2, Markham, two grand bold Finches, not a great deal between them; 3, Gunnell, grand breast col., not quite so Bullie in shape; res, Williams; vhc, Aitkin; hc, Miss Kirk-Bullock; c, Wells. LINNET, ETC. (12): 1, Miss M. Bousfield, lovely Lesser Redpoll; 2, Wickham, an equally grand Linnet; 3, Miss M. Bousfield, well marked and capped Siskin, with a nice bib; res, Gunnell; vhc, Edwards; hc, Webb; c, Wren. A.O.S. (10): 1, Gunnell, topping Hawfinch; 2, Miss M. Bousfield, another grand bird; 3, sp, Cadman, rich col. Chaffinch; res, Borman; vhc, Kilby; hc, Cadman; c, Gunnell. FOR. (6): 1, Miss Backhouse, rich col. Black-headed Gouldian Finch; 2, Miss M. Bousfield, rattling fine pair of Diamond Sparrows; 3, Lyle, Gouldian Finches, hardly in such fine feather as winner; res, Mrs. Norbury; vhc, Read; hc, Greave. MEMBERS' CLASSES.—CAN. OR MULE (16): 1, sp, Wraight, very smart Yorks., stands well; 2, Kilby, bonny ticked yell. Nor.; 3, Bellamy, another good yell. Nor.; res, Loveland; vhc, Veness; hc, Walker; c, Borman. BRIT. (6): 1, Cadman, good Goldie; 2, Dunning, nice Song Thrush; 3, Dibley, fine Bullie; res, Dibley; vhc, hc, Godward. GIFT (2): 1, 2, Godward.

"Bobbie's" Early Start.

I send this newspaper cutting dated Jan. 6, writes Mr. B. Norris, of Stourbridge, of a Robin's nest being discovered, and I should like to know if anyone has ever found one so early before:—"A Robin's nest, containing six eggs, has been found in a hole surrounded by ivy at Drayton Works, Belbroughton. The eggs give an appearance of hatching out in a few days. The nest is situated in a warm spot."

A LAST CHANCE

For All Our Readers.

CAGE BIRDS ANNUAL for 1912 is now about to go to press, and all advertisements and announcements must be sent on to us *at once.*

TO SECRETARIES OF SOCIETIES.

Free.—The Insertion of full particulars (name of society, latest list of officials, place, time, and nights of meetings) in the **Alphabetical List of Cage-bird Clubs.** Remember, no society should be missing, for this feature of "Cage Birds Annual" is the **only Directory of its kind in existence.** Secretaries who have moved, please let us know your new addresses.

TO JUDGES OF CAGE BIRDS.

Free.—The insertion of their names and addresses, and the varieties in which they specialise, in the **List of Judges.** The only condition is that judges must have officiated at one of the recognised shows. Remember, this list is the **only complete one published,** and is universally consulted by show officials.

TO OUR TRADING FRIENDS.

Free.—The insertion of names, addresses, and specialities in the **Bird Trade Directory. No matter what you sell,** so long as it has to do with the Fancy, **particulars are inserted free.** This directory is of exceptional value, and fanciers the world over find it indispensable. For one shilling names can be thrown up in heavy black type.

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SHOW DATES FIXED.

England.

1912.
Feb. 2, 3, 5, 6.—**Great National** (Crystal Palace). (J. W. Ramsden, 11, Josephine Ave., Brixton, S.W.)
Oct. 30 & 31.—**Cheltenham.**—(A. S. Treasure, Idahoe, Oakland Ave.).
Oct. 23 & 24.—**London and P.O.S.**—(C. W. Law, Brimley House, Woodhouse Rd., N. Finchley, N.).
Oct. 30.—**Torbay O.S.**—(J. N. Jeffery, "Sartor House," Winner Street, Paignton.)
Nov. 1 & 2.—**Sheffield O.S.**—(T. Bishop, 60, Alexandra Road.) W.M., C.H.
Nov. 2 & 4.—**Leicester Hand-in-Hand.**—(A. Freestone, 79, Clarendon Street). J.H.P.
Nov. 8 & 9.—**Old Shildon.**—(J. H. Elwell, 35, Church Street, Shildon).
Nov. 15 & 16.—**Hull.**—(E. R. Ridley, 19, Lambton Street.) J.R., H.W.B.
Nov. 30.—**Coventry Godiva.**—(R. Symonds, 29, Melbourne Rd., Earlsdon).
Dec. 7.—**Rotherham.**—(B. Bailey, 47, Craven Street, Parkgate, nr. Rotherham.) J.C.B.

Scotland.

1912.
Oct. 12.—**Lochgelly.**—(W. Whiteford, 81, Hall St.)
Oct. 19.—**Kelty and Blairadam.**—(A. Dickson, 37, Adams Terrace.)
Dec. 31 and Jan. 1, 1913.—**Scottish National.**—(A. W. Watson, 58, Colinton Road, Edinburgh.)

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MORE RESULTS.

Re my last advert. in "Cage Birds" I was well pleased with the results, and I will send all the adverts. I have to your interesting paper.—Robt. Ebsworth (Mullingar).

Withdraw my advert.; rare foreign birds all sold, except Fruitsucker.—O'Neill (Carlisle). The above telegram refers to an advert. sent for two insertions; all birds sold from the first one.

CRYSTAL PALACE FIFTY-THIRD ANNUAL SHOW.

A Review of the Schedule.

Schedules of the Great Crystal Palace (London and Provincial O.S.) Show have been issued, and below will be found a review of the excellent classification provided. There are no fewer than 16 more classes than were provided in last year's schedule. Several novelties make an appearance, including a class for White Canaries, and another for mounted or decorated cages (bird and cage, the latter furnished with natural appropriate surrounding-). The novice section, too, has been increased.

DATE OF SHOW.—Friday, Saturday, Monday and Tuesday, February 2, 3, 5, and 6 (inclusive). Show will open at 3 p.m. on February 2, and on the Saturday, Monday and Tuesday at 10 a.m.; it will close each evening at 9.30 o'clock, except on Tuesday (February 6), when it closes at 4 o'clock p.m.

CLASSIFICATION.—There are 161 classes, as against 145 classes in 1911, and 136 in 1910. These are divided amongst 16 judges as follows:—

OPEN CHAMPION SECTION.

NORWICH PLAINHEADS, 10 classes; judge, H. W. Battye.
CRESTS AND CRESTBREDS, 9 classes; judge, T. Heath.
YORKSHIRES, 17 classes; judges, T. Heath and W. Mundell (who take the odd and even numbers respectively).
GREENS, Yorks. type, 4 classes; Nor. type, 4 classes; judge (of both), C. A. House.
CINNAMONS, 5 classes; judge, J. Wones.
LANCASHIRES, 2 classes; judge, G. Gardner.
LIZARDS, 2 classes; judge, C. A. House.
BORDER FANCIES, 11 classes; judges, J. Robson and C. A. House (the latter for the Greens).
SCOTCH FANCIES, 2 classes; judge, J. Robson.
BELGIANS, 3 classes; judge, J. F. Dewar.
DUTCH FRILLS, 1 class; judge, J. Robson.
WHITE CANARIES, 1 class; judge, G. Gardner.
A.O.V. CAN., 1 class; judge, G. Gardner.
ROLLER SINGING, 3 classes (judge to be announced later in Fancy Press).
LIMIT: Norwich, 2 classes; Crests, 2; Yorkshires, 1; A.O.V. Can., 1; Pairs Can., 1; judges, G. Gardner (Nor., Crest, and Yorks.), J. C. Barnes (remainder).
MULES AND HYBRIDS, 12 classes; judge, J. F. Dewar.
BRITISH, 26 open classes, Bullfinch ck.; ditto hen; Goldfinch; Linnet; Chaffinch; judge, G. E. Weston.
Lesser Redpoll; Siskin; Greenfinch; Yellowhammer; Blackbird; Starling; Pied, Albino, etc.; Nightingale or Blackcap; Wagtail; A.O.S. migratory, insectivorous, etc., not larger than and including the Wheatear; judge, A. Silver.
Mealy Redpoll or Twite; Bramblefinch; Hawfinch; Bunting A.O.S.; Song Thrush; Magpie, etc.; hen A.S.; Skylark, A.O.S. resident insectivorous, etc., not larger than the Grey Wagtail; A.O.S. migratory insectivorous, etc., larger than and including the Grey Wagtail and Wheatear; judge, W. Swaysland.
British Limit, 1; judge, H. Norman.
Mounted or decorated cages, 1 class; judges, H. T. Camps and H. Norman.
FOREIGN, 11 classes in all: Budgerigars; Parrakeets; A.O.S. Parrots; judge, H. T. Camps; Common, etc., Avadavats; Waxbills, etc.; Grosbeaks, etc.; Tanagers; Sugar Birds, etc.; A.O.S. small; A.O.S. large; judge, F. Finn; Goldfinches and Bullfinches; judge, G. E. Weston.
EXTRA STOCK, 1 class; fee, 1s. per cage.
CAGES, 3 classes.
APPLIANCES, 1 class (prizes, diplomas, gold, silver, and bronze medals).

OPEN NOVICE SECTION.

NORWICH PLAINHEADS, 6 classes; judges, J. C. Barnes.
CRESTS AND CRESTBREDS, 1 class each; judge J. Robson.
YORKSHIRES, 7 classes; judge, H. Broadley.
BORDER FANCIES, 2 classes; judge, H. Norman.
BRITISH, 4 classes; judge, H. Norman.
MULES AND HYBRIDS, 3 classes; judge, H. Norman.

ENTRIES absolutely close on Saturday, Jan. 20. There will be no extension, and no whip-up cards will be issued. Exhibitors are respectfully requested to send their entries as soon as possible after the receipt of the schedule, and not wait until date fixed for entries closing. They are also requested to dispatch their birds by the night trains on Wednesday, January 31st, or by early trains on February 1st, arriving at the London termini not later than 2 o'clock (afternoon). All birds arriving after Thursday, February 1, will have to be marked "Too late for competition." The show officials will be at the Palace to receive birds on Thursday morning, February 1st at 10 o'clock. The entrance fee is 2s.

THE PRIZE-MONEY is as follows: 1st 12s., 2nd 9s., 3rd 6s., 4th 3s., or gold, silver, and bronze medals to value at winner's option. Extra prizes will be awarded in particularly well-filled classes. Cash prizes will be sent, unless instructions to the contrary are given within three days of show.

ADMISSION.—There is no extra charge for admission to the show beyond the ordinary charge made for admittance to the Crystal Palace.

SHOW MANAGEMENT.—All entries must be made to Mr. J. W. Ramsden, 11, Josephine Ave., Brixton, London, S.W., who will dispatch tickets labels, etc., and also pay prize-money and sale money. The show will be under the sole management of Mr. Ramsden, who will accept orders for stalls and advertisements, also dispatch birds at close of show.

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JUDGES' LUNCH.—The L. and P.O.S. annual judges' lunch will be held in the Grill Room of the Crystal Palace on Friday, February 2, chairman, Geo. Crabb, Esq.; covers at 1.45 p.m. Tickets for the lunch (2s. 6d. each) may be had of the big exhibitors and friends or the Show Manager. Lunch will be over in time for the opening of the show. Ladies are especially invited.

CAGE BIRDS will have its usual stall at the Palace, and we are making arrangements to send by telegram or postcard results of the judging; further particulars will be announced in due course.

Singing Contests.

SHEFFIELD.

Held "Royal George," Brightside Lane, Jan. 7, when 24 birds entered. 1st and 2nd, Thomson, 76 sec. and 62 sec; 3, Driver, 54; Brown, 48 sec.; Cole, 46 sec. Contest every week end at 1 o'c. General meeting Jan. 14, 8 o'c., at night, to form club for next Whitsuntide big contest.—C. Hill.

BLACKBURN.

Blackburn Quality Linnet S.A., Club headquarters, Old Red Lion, Snig Brook. Will all members note that our society will have their meetings on Friday nights, instead of Saturdays, at 8 o'clock? All contributions will be taken, so that it will be better for members wishing to go to other singing contests on the Saturdays, as there isn't a date left open.—Rd. Haynurst, Sec.

TYLDESLEY.

Meeting of Tyldesley L.C. held January 8th, when there was a fair attendance of members, who brought a large number of birds. We had some splendid singing in artificial light. Business, Wigan affiliation contest, when the full number of birds will be sent. Don't forget open contest, Union Arms, Tyldesley, January 20th.—J. Harrison, 7, Samuel Street, Hindsford, Atherton.

NEWTOWN (Leeds).

Contest for Linnets held Jan. 7, when 16 birds entered. Judges, Messrs. J. Clarke and D. Madden. 1st and 2nd prizes divided between E. Wood and J. Chippendale; 3rd prize, A. Binns. Also a Canary contest in the evening, when 10 birds entered. Judges, Messrs. J. Clarke and C. Lorriman; timekeeper, D. Madden. 1st prize, J. Chippendale; 2, E. Wood; 3, A. Binns.—E. Wood, Hon. Sec.

WIGAN.

Wigan C.B.S. Linnet Club will hold an open-to-all-England contest at the Colliers' Arms, Frog Lane, on Jan. 13, at 2 o'clock, when Mr. S. Fishwick will give £1 to the entrance fees. Entrance to room 2d. All fanciers are invited. Prizes will be given for time and quality. After the contest there will be 5/- from each of the four affiliated club house landlords—Blackburn, Leigh, Salford, Tydsley, to be spent, along with collection after contest. J. Ashurst, Sec.

LANCASHIRE AFFILIATION.

Will Linnet fanciers kindly note that there is an open-to-all-England Linnet contest at Weavers' Arms, Wigan, on Saturday, Jan. 13, for quality and time? As this is our first affiliated meeting, I hope all fanciers that approve of this move will turn up in great numbers, and show their approval by making a record in the North of England. A general meeting will be held after the contest, when rules will again be put before the competition for further contests. Will all members of the Globe Inn L.C. kindly send in their club cards so that they may be audited, as I am resigning this position.—J. M'Allister, Sec.

CASTLEFORD.

Linnet contest held headquarters, George and Dragon, Bridge Street, but owing to bad weather we had only 18 birds. 1, D. Dobson; 2, A. Sweeting; 3, J. Brindley. Also January 7, 27 birds. After the best singing heard this season the winners were: 1, J. Ramskill; 2 and 3 shared between W. Dobson and J. Brindley. Canary contest January 4th, when seven birds sang. 1, J. James; 2, A. Sweeting. Our hostess is giving a silver cup, value £10 10s., to the bird doing the biggest score of the season; so anyone who would like to become a member can do so by attending any week-end during the time of the sing.—Walter Dodson, Hon. Sec.

SALFORD.

Contest for members held Boat House Hotel, Jan. 6, when 16 birds entered. Only 4 minutes were allowed each bird, and some very good time was recorded, the judge's decisions giving every satisfaction. 1st, Marshall; 2nd, Cain; 3rd, Green; 4th, Wharton; 5th, Pearson; 6th, Cooter; 7th, Bate; 8th, Godson; 9th, Heald; 10th, Simmons. Timekeepers, J. Godson, W. Cain; minutes, A. Marshall; birdkeeper, H. Coates. Next meeting, headquarters, Jan. 14. Messrs. Godson, Bate, and Hyde have kindly consented to have a Lark sing at 8 o'c. Lark fanciers specially invited to bring birds. We hope our club will be well represented at the Colliers' Arms, Wigan, Jan. 13, for the affiliation contest. Following clubs will be present: Blackburn, Wigan, Leigh, and Tyldesley. Train from Manchester Exchange, 1.59 p.m. Members can make journey earlier if possible.—B. Wharton, Hon. Sec.

LEEDS.

Linnet contest for quality held old bird house, King's Head, Shannon Street, January 6th, when 18 birds sang. 1, T. Johnson; 2, Brophy; 3, Wigfield. Judges, Messrs. Hardcastle and J. Naylor. Also January 7th, when 32 birds faced the judges, and some extra good singing was heard before a crowded house: 1, T. Stead; 2, T. Johnson; 3, 4, shared between T. Stead and W. Farrar. Judges, Messrs. T. C. Summers, Walt. Taylor; timekeeper, Mr. J. Thompson.—T. C. Summers, Hon. Sec.

Our fifty singing contest held Skinners' Arms, Buslingthorpe, Jan. 7, when 19 birds sang. 1st Richardson, 2nd J. Chippindale, 3rd shared by Ward and Sellars. Also Jan. 8, when some very good singing was heard by 22 birds. 1st Ward, 2nd Sellars, 3rd Richardson. Judges, Messrs. Sissons and Lorriman. A Canary contest will be held at the above address on Jan. 14, at 7.30.—C. Clayton, Hon. Sec.

DURHAM.

Linnet sing held Black Horse Inn, Elvet, Jan. 6th, when a good company assembled, and some grand singing was heard. Mr. G. Reed (Brandon) judged. 1, G. Franks; 2, W. Mounter; 3, Truman. Afterwards a concert was given, and the following took part:—Messrs. G. Chicken, G. Franks, T. Franks, junr., T. Simpson, R. Golightly, S. Bowey. Next contest Jan. 16th. 10s. added to entrance fees.—D. Trotter, Sec.

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J. H. PAYNE, 17, Northgate Street, Gloucester. Judge of Canaries, British and Foreign Cage Birds.
T. ROBSON, 41, Shield Street, Newcastle-on-Tync. Judge of Canaries. Specialist Crests.
C. E. SILK, The Aviaries, Emsworth, Hants. Judge of all varieties of Cage Birds. Life experience.
WALTER SWAYSLAND, 47, Queens-rd., Brighton. Judge all varieties of cage birds. Life experience.
HENRY TAMS, Orchard Place, Longton, Staffs. Judge of Canaries, British and Foreign Birds. Twenty five years Breeder and Exhibitor.
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BURTON-ON-TRENT.

JANUARY 20th.
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Parkstone, Dorset

East Dorset H.S. Show of Canaries, British, and Foreign Birds and Racing Pigeons will be held in Parkstone Skating Rink on Wednesday, Jan. 24th. Specialist judges. Splendid classification and specials. Entries close Jan. 20th to—FAIR AND PERCY, Parkstone.

Milford Haven

Dog, Pltry., Pgn., and Cage Bird Show will be held on Thursday, January 25th, in the Masonic Hall (entirely under cover). Judge, J. M. Lewis, Esq. Entries close January 17th postmark. Schedules now ready. Apply—J. FISHER GIBBS, The Docks, Milford Haven.

YEOVIL

F. and F.S. Open Show of Canaries, British, Foreign and Mules at the Skating Rink, Jan. 25th. Mr. C. A. House will judge. 25 Classes. 4 Border (guaranteed and 5/- special), Norwich 4, Yorks. 4. Entries close Jan. 20th.—S. PRIDDLE, Hon. Sec., 70, St. Michael's Road, Yeovil.

HEMSWORTH

and Dist. C.B.S. 2nd ann. Open Show of Canaries and Cage Birds will be held on Sat., Jan. 27th. Judge, J. C. Barnes, Esq., Sheffield. Good classification and prize money for 1/- entry. Schedules now ready.—JAS. W. GILLINGS, Hon. Sec., 52, Victoria Street Hemsworth, Wakefield.

MILNGAVIE, BEARSDEN

and Dist. Pltry., Pgn., and Cage Bird Show, confined to 15 miles radius, on Saturday, Jan. 27th. Schedules now ready. Cage Bird judge, C. Campbell.—Sec., D. McNICOL, Inchneuk, Clober Rd., Milngavie, Glasgow.

FOLKESTONE

£3 Limit. Jan. 31st and Feb. 1st. Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6. Entry fee, 1/9. Judge, Mr. F. J. Gibbs. Class 66, Norwich ck., y. or b. ck.; 67, do. hen; 68, tkd. or uneven y. or b. ck. or hen; 69, Yorks. y. or b. ck. 70, do. hen; 71, do. tkd. y. or b. ck. or hen; 72, do. bred 1911 y.or b.; 73, A.O.V.; 74, Mule or Hybrid, price £1; 75, B. Goldfinch; 76, B. Bullfinch or Greenfinch; 77, B. Linnet, Siskin, Redpoll or Twite; 78, B. A.O.V. Finch or Bunting; 79, B. A.O.V. not larger Thrush; 80, Foreign; 81, 15s. Selling. Entries close January 22nd to—J. W. GAMBRILL, 56, Cheriton Road, Folkestone.

NANTWICH

51st Annual SHOW, Feb. 2 and 3. Judge, Mr. Tams.—F. Powell, Sec., 88, Welsh Row.

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The number presented to readers to-day to celebrate our tenth anniversary is a sign of continued vitality as gratifying to us as it must be to our patrons. "Cage Birds" fills a big place in the hearts of many thousands of people. It is regularly sought and eagerly read by many who know and love birds for their interest and attraction, as well as by those who make a hobby of bird-breeding, and others who make it their trade or business. Its average weekly sale approximates fifty thousand copies.

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Twitterings.

We have extended our entries till Wednesday, Jan. 17, writes Mr. J. W. Clelland, sec. of the Larkhall O.S.

All members of the Great Horton O.S. are requested to send their subscriptions as soon as possible, writes the sec., Mr. J. Holroyd.

I was 1st and 2nd at Ludlow and 1st at Frome with Goldfinches, writes Mr. J. Yates (Wrexham); reports state "no name in catalogue."

I have resigned the hon. secretaryship of the Chester and Dis. C.B.S., writes Mr. Jas. Swindley, Mr. E. Richards having been appointed sec. pro tem.

Your reporter omitted to note that I was the owner of the winner of the Bennet Cup and B.F.C.C. novice medal (Border section), writes Mr. Thos. Todd (Edinburgh).

Palace Show.—Exhibitors of Green Canaries please note that Classes 43 and 44 are for hens. Classification should read same as for both Norwich and Border Greens.—Advt.

I found CAGE BIRDS ANNUAL most useful this year in finding addresses of judges, Specialist Club secretaries, etc., writes Mr. J. E. Atkinson, sec. of the Newcastle-upon-Tyne C.B.S., when sending us particulars of his society for our forthcoming ANNUAL.

Kindly thank all exhibitors and visitors at our show for their kind letters of appreciation of the way in which our exhibition was carried out and of the prompt payment of prize-money, writes Mr. W. Forster, sec. of the Peiton Fell and Dis. C.B.S.

I have been elected secretary of the Windhill and Shipley O.S., so that all matters relating to the society should be addressed to me, writes Mr. J. A. Taylor, 36, Aireville Road, Frizinghall, Bradford. The assist. sec. is Mr. P. Gunn, 36, Cemetery Road, Windhill.

There was a printer's error in Bathgate Show advertisement last week, the date being given as Jan. 30; it should be Jan. 20. Fanciers, therefore, have not so much time to enter for this fixture. Entries must reach Mr. A. Nicol, 46, High Street, Bathgate, not later than Wednesday, Jan. 17.

Although we always pay prize-money, writes Mr. J. W. Gambrill, sec. of the Folkestone and Dis. F.S., we have had a deficit for some time, and we are putting forth every effort to wipe same off this year through our £3 limit show on Jan. 31 and Feb. 1 at the Town Hall, Folkestone.

We have been notified of the following corrections to show reports:—Wishaw, 1st in Yorks hens and vhc Yorks cocks, Mr. Liles (not Tiles); Rugby, in the A.O.S. Brit. small class, 1st, vhc, and c, Mr. B. Pain (not Payne); Dalbeattie, 2nd in British Bullfinch class, Mr. J. M. Swan (not McCluskie).

The 1911 balance sheet of the Aberdeen O.S. shows a credit balance of no less than £20 6s. 2d., which is £11 10s. more than the amount brought forward from 1910. This excellent result the members look upon as reflecting every credit on the sec. (Mr. J. Bryson) and his fellow-officials.

Some catchers in this town (Mountmellick, Queen's County, Ireland) recently caught a Green Plover carrying the Aberdeen University marking ring, writes Mr. J. F. Morgan. [We hope the ring was sent on to the University authorities.—Editor.]

Messrs. Martin and Archer have, we hear, entered their celebrated team of Mules and Hybrids at Sunderland Show, including the unique Greenie-Chaffie. The show is held this Friday and Saturday, Jan. 12 and 13, in the Miners' Hall, Roker Avenue, and visitors will have a rare treat provided for them.

Palace Show.—Schedules have been posted. Any exhibitor not having received a copy will oblige by writing for one. Entries close Jan. 20 without extension, but exhibitors would be conferring a great favour if they made their entries before that date.—J. W. Ramsden, 11, Josephine Avenue, Brixton, London, S.W.—Advt.

We shall be glad if, for the purposes of CAGE BIRDS ANNUAL, the secretaries of the following societies will communicate their addresses to us:—Glasshoughton Linnet Singing Club; Whitletts and Dis. C.B.S.; and Bridgewater C.B.S. Also, we shall be glad to know of the present addresses of Messrs. M. Doolan (Ayr) and W. Thornton (Edinburgh).

Allow me to thank my many fancier friends through your valuable paper for their kind letters of sympathy in our recent sad bereavement, writes Mr. F. Tesseyman (Leeds). I could not answer all personally. I'm sorry to say that we have suffered the severe loss from pneumonia, after three days' illness, of our only daughter, at the age of 21. She was my right hand with my birds, and took a great delight in them.

We hear from Mr. S. A. Priddle, sec., Yeovil and Dist. Show, held Jan. 25, entries for which close on the 20th, that a special prize of a year's membership to CAGE BIRDS LEAGUE and a rolled gold badge will be given for the best bird in the Canary classes not gaining a card, and a similar special for the best in the British classes not gaining a card. These two specials are kindly given by Mr. W. H. Grant, hon. sec. for Yeovil to CAGE BIRDS LEAGUE.

The annual dinner and presentation of cup and medals of the Leigh and Dis. C.B.S. will take place in the Headquarters, Railway Hotel, Leigh, on Saturday, Jan. 27. Any fanciers wishing to be amongst us will be cordially welcomed by giving their names to me, writes Mr. R. Charleson (12, Lloyd Street, Leigh) before Jan. 23. The price is 2s. per head. I have been re-elected as secretary for 1912, and beg to thank CAGE BIRDS, for it has been a great help to our society.

Kindly note that I have resigned the hon. treasurership of the Chester C.B.S., writes Mr. H. Stovin.

Our next annual open show, writes Mr. J. N. Jeffery, sec. of the Torbay O.S. (Paignton), has been fixed for Oct. 30.

Bromley and West Kent F.A. Show is, we hear, to be held on Oct. 13, 1912. The Canary Section judge is Mr. H. Norman.

I have reared 26 young in three seasons from my old natural colour Buff Norwich cock 1st Coventry, 2nd Northampton, 1st special and 2nd Bedford, writes Mr. George Notley, of Bedford.

We have 147 members now, paid up; how's that for a start? writes Mr. R. B. Wright, hon. sec. of the Anfield, Everton, and Dis. C.B.S. And we can thank CAGE BIRDS for it: its help to the Fancy is invaluable. We have decided to advertise our next show in CAGE BIRDS on a large scale.

When I opened my copy of CAGE BIRDS of Jan. 6 I was delighted to see a sketch of my young buff Border cock; it is a good likeness, and a credit to the artist. As a constant reader of CAGE BIRDS, I have always found it most interesting and instructive to beginners.—Geo. Skinner (Shawlands, Glasgow).

Mr. J. Fisher Gibbs, sec. of the Milford Haven P.P. and Cage Bird Show (to be held on Jan. 25 in the Masonic Halls), writes: I trust fanciers will lend us their support, and so give us a good start with our first venture. The room in which the cage birds are to be staged is quite free from draughts, and, if cold, will be warmed to a suitable temperature. Eight Canary classes are provided, five for British birds, two for Mules and Hybrids, and two selling.

The Pontypridd F. and F.S., writes Mr. A. A. Gordon McLucas, the sec., do not intend to allow the grass to grow under their feet. After their successful show of Nov. 8 last they intend running an evening show on Jan. 27 (eight miles radius), cage birds, etc. The prize-money is small—4s., 2s., and 1s.—and so is the entry fee, 6d. Also the admission, 3d. This ought to be the means of increasing the membership. Schedules are now ready, and may be had on application. Entries close Jan. 20. Most of the classes are guaranteed.

REMEMBER JANUARY 20TH.

This is one of the most important days of 1912 for all who wish to make a success of their hobby. After this date there will be no further opportunity of adapting the best of all methods for selling birds and increasing business. It is the closing date of advertisements for "Cage Birds Annual" for 1912. Turn to page 33 and see why you must not let this opportunity pass.

I have lost my old champion yellow cock, "Chirsit's Davie," writes Mr. J. Patterson (Chirnside), also the famous even-marked hen, "Chirsit's Perfection." Both were well-known winners; the former had 22 firsts in his time and was the father of a host of winners, including my champion yellow hen. The even-mark hen I bought from Mr. Whitefield (when she stood first under me at Edinburgh) for a customer in England, but he returned her stating she was not "class." But she proved a champion, winning in all sixteen firsts.

The benefit of good bird seed is amply proved by the splendid testimonial Messrs. W. A. Rudd are publishing in their advertisement this week. There is no disputing the fact that Mr. Marley has done exceedingly well, and he claims that good feeding is the main secret. Take a leaf from his book; buy the best, and save disappointment. Messrs. W. A. Rudd and Co. are bird seed specialists, and study the Fancy only, and take every precaution and care in supplying the very best. Their time is devoted solely to the fancier, the man whose hobby is his birds, for they do not put up cheap foods for small traders; consequently they can give more time to the cleaning and packing. Messrs. Rudd's new premises in Bishopsgate are a model of cleanliness and very convenient for visitors when paying a visit to town. They extend a cordial welcome to any bird-keeper who favours them with a call.

"Judge Gazing": A Cage Bird Show Nuisance.

Astonishing Allegations by a Welsh Fancier.

During the course of the show season there are many things that crop up to disappoint any annoy the exhibitor. He may have to stand by and hear his best bird slated by some "clever" individual, even though his bird has won first prize. "A mistake!" "Judge was blind," etc. And, as if that were not enough, some swaggering, loud-talking person, with his ornithological bump abnormally developed, will prod the bird with the dirty end of a walking-stick and explain to a rapidly-gathering crowd that a relative of his has several ever so much better birds, but never cares to show them now.

One of the many troubles in the show-room is "judge-gazing." Few things disturb equilibrium more than this disreputable practice. This is carried on, we are glad to say, only by a few, but with a persistency worthy of a better cause.

The chronic judge-gazer seems to have imbibed to the full that Napoleonic motto, "Resolute determination." His modus operandi is, on the morning of the show, to put in an early appearance—very early—and see that his birds are carefully staged. Some other fancier's birds will next claim his special attention. The cages and cage-dressing will come in for a quizzing.

But the real time of his greatness comes when the judges arrive. It is safe to say that from then until the adjudication of the classes in which his birds are he will not lose sight of the judges. Every action of the stewards is watched, whether they bring out his cages first, second, or last, and how they are placed. His excitement is at its highest pitch now. He will endeavour to catch every remark that the judge may make to the stewards, and, if the fates decree that his birds are out of the tickets, there will not be wanting insinuations and excuses as to the reason of his downfall.

There is no mistake about it. This man makes himself a general nuisance from the show manager to the boy who sells the catalogues. We sincerely hope that, having thrown this phase of the fancier into focus, the true, generous spirit of the Fancy may yet prevail, instead of that carping, quizzing conduct that offends all honest thinking men.—Harry Jenkins in the "Cambria Daily Leader."

"CAGE BIRDS" PICTURE PUZZLE.

Can You Solve It?

ONE GUINEA CASH FOR THE SUCCESSFUL COMPETITOR.

(See our Front Page.)

The "jig-saw" picture on our front page this week hides in its jumbled-up pieces two Canaries—a Crest, and a Crest-bred. A cash prize of a guinea is waiting for the reader who cuts out the pieces and pastes them on a sheet of paper or cardboard so as to exactly reproduce the original picture of these Canaries before it was cut and jumbled up. The key to the correct arrangement of the pieces (as given by our artist) is locked in the Editor's desk. In the event of no reader correctly solving this puzzle, the prize will go to the effort which comes nearest the said key-picture; should two or more readers be correct, the prize will go to the one who sends in the most neatly arranged attempt.

In solving this puzzle, every jumbled piece appearing on the frontispiece must be utilised—any picture sent in which is made up of less than the said number, or to which extra pieces have been added, will be disqualified.

All solutions should be sent packed flat, with the full name and address of the competitor clearly written at the foot, and be posted to reach CAGE BIRDS Offices (154, Fleet Street, London, E.C.) not later than first post Thursday, Jan. 25, when the competition closes. The Editor's decision will be final.

Another Railway Blunder.

Glasgow Show report credits us with a 5th prize, write Messrs. Ogden Bros. (Bradford), but we had not a bird there; we had eight birds entered, which should have gone on to Glasgow from Edinburgh Show, but instead they were sent home—another mistake of the railway company. I was at Edinburgh and saw all the birds packed and the labels put on; also I paid the carriage for them. We think it is high time fanciers tackled the railway companies.

A Treat for Poultry-Keepers.

A mammoth issue of THE POULTRY WORLD will appear next week, Jan. 19. It will mark the first number of the enlarged edition of this popular periodical, and although containing numerous additional photographs and articles, with a sensational coloured plate and an art plate, it will be on sale at all newsagents and bookstalls at the popular price of one penny. Readers interested in utility and exhibition poultry should secure their copies by ordering same at once, as the rush for copies is sure to be very great.

A Green Hedge Sparrow.

The spot shown in the photograph (see page 20) is just outside Wolverhampton, writes Mr. A. W. Fulwood. There is a footpath across the fields through which this small stream runs, with trees each side. I was taking my usual Sunday stroll, admiring my feathered friends, when I saw a beautiful and curious-coloured bird making for the bushes. I could not get near enough to satisfy my curiosity as to its identity, so I took a net down to see if I could catch it, and after several attempts succeeded (on Dec. 13). To my surprise I found it was an "all green" Hedge Sparrow!—head, back, breast, and back green, only the wing-butts the ordinary brown. It is a cock, and "calls" as it darts across one of my aviaries. It was at this ideal spot for rare birds that I secured my white-winged Robin and saw a Cinnamon Sparrow.

The Months and the Birds.

January brings the snow,
Silence reigns in bird-land now.

February comes along;
Robin treats us to a song.

March is next with breezes shrill,
Thrushes now commence to trill.

April comes with brighter sun,
Nesting time has now begun.

May arrives; we garlands bring,
Nesting now is in full swing.

June brings roses, lilies white,
Busy birds from morn till night.

Hot July comes on apace,
Youngsters leave their nesting place.

August brings the harvest-home,
Flocks of birds the fields now roam.

Warm September brings the fruit,
Sportsmen now begin to shoot.

Fresh October brings us nigher,
Birds put on their new attire.

Dull November brings the cold,
Trying time for young and old.

Chill December, kindest deeds,
Don't forget the birdies, please!

J. C. WILMOT.

Bedford.

ENTRIES CLOSE

Monday Next January, 15th.

For Our Literary Competition.

HAVE YOU SENT IN YOUR ATTEMPT?

A CASE OF "TWO'S COMPANY, THREE'S NONE."

In many parts of Germany, especially in Munich and other Southern cities, almost every child has its pet bird—generally a piping Bullfinch or a Love-bird. In our photograph Master Bullie seems to be viewing askance the attempted intrusion of the Budgerigar upon his fair little mistress's company

" . . . His familiar voice,
His look of love, his sure fidelity,
Bid us be gentle with so small a friend."

THE PAINTED FINCH AT HOME.

A Camp in the Bush.

An account of a lovely Australian bird when in its native wilds.

By

W. E. TESCHEMAKER, B.A.

ONCE again we are privileged to contribute to a Birthday Number of CAGE BIRDS, and once again we are permitted to choose a subject. This time we will be more adventurous. We will not be contented with watching the Bearded Tit flitting in and out of a Norfolk reed-bed, or with listening to the throbbing notes of the Nightingale in a Devonshire "coombe"; we will not even be satisfied with following the White Wagtail on its long flight from Upper Egypt to distant Iceland—no, we will take ship and, leaving the dreary English winter behind us, follow the sun in his autumnal migration southward of the Equator, and seek that other summer which he brings to our kinsmen at the Antipodes.

Away, away! The tug casts us off to the strains of "Auld Lang Syne"; Prawle Point and the Lizard fade away in the distance, and our good ship begins to plough the heaving waters of the stormy "Bay"; soon we pass the frowning "Rock," grim guardian of the Tideless Sea, and, as we sail down the West African coast, we call to mind those five staunch keels—the largest only six hundred tons, and the smallest barely one hundred—which three long centuries since were fitted out by a few London merchants and sailed from Torbay one blustering April day, on the very course which our own good ship is laying to-day, to open up a trade with the East Indies, and lay the foundation of our magnificent Indian Empire.

JOYS ON A "BUCK-BOARD."

Southward we lay our course, passing the Cape of Good Hope and majestic Table Mountain, and then Eastward across the great waste of waters—the South Indian Ocean—where no bird is seen and no land is, save a few lonely rocks. After many days the keen eyes of the look-out sight "land-ahead," and at last we are ashore once more, but not quite at the end of our journey. Our sea-trip is over, and we take to a new means of locomotion; we are being driven through timber-country in a "buck-board." We hang on as best we may while our vehicle plunges with amazing leaps over a rough track, called by courtesy a road, swinging and swaying in and out among the tree-trunks, missing some by inches and barking others with our axle-ends, swaying and rocking now under the spreading limbs of a Reichardt pine now beneath the drooping glory of a Bankenia. Anon we pass through plains covered with grass ten feet high till we reach higher and more open country. In the blue sky above our heads the hungry Kites ceaselessly wheel in mazy circles, and yonder round a still pool whose unruffled waters are fretted with the crimson flowers of giant water-lilies are gathered an immense number of wading birds, Egrets and Jabirus and quaint "native-companion" Cranes.

Mr. Reginald Phillipps, an aviculturist of 60 years standing.

At length the sun sets, and a great hush falls on this strange land; we pitch our tent to the accompaniment of the croaking of Bull Frogs and the plaintive notes of the Mopoke. We have arrived. Where are we? — Where but in N.-W. Australia, the land of the "Never-never," and the home of the Painted Finch? And why is this part of Australia called the "Never-never?" Various explanations are possible. Its friends say because those who have once known its charm never, never desert it; its enemies say, because those who have the luck to get away never, never want to return!

To get a clear idea of the home of the Painted Finch we must bear in mind that, speaking generally, from the coast-line all round Australia, the land rises gradually, terminating in a kind of ridge or "divide," which rings round the central, low-lying interior. Most of the rivers run from this "divide" towards the sea, though one or two, oddly enough, run inland and empty themselves into some large lakes which, in the dry season, become mere salt-pans or dried mud-flats. We are now on that part of the watershed of this great "divide" which is drained by the rivers Ord and Fitzroy and not very far from the Kimberley Goldfields. This is by no means the only locality in which this rare and beautiful little Finch is found; the authors of the latest work on Australian birds, Messrs. Lucas and Le Souef, state that it also occurs in "West, Central, and South Australia, occasionally coming over the border into New South Wales." In all these localities, however, its preference is for what the colonists call the "Further-back", in other words, the dry, barren districts of the interior.

"NEVER-NEVER" WEATHER.

In order to understand the life-history and requirements of any species, we must try to ascertain what are the climatic conditions of its homeland. Australia is a land of many and varied climates. In the extreme south, Tasmania, the wet season, or winter, begins in March. There the cold, wet winds blow from the south (the Antarctic); the hot dry winds from the north (the sun-baked interior.) In North Australia, on the other hand, we have completely different conditions; the wet season is the summer and begins in November with strong N.W. winds—the "monsoon." The winter is the dry season, and at this time of the year, in some districts, of the interior, the nights at high elevations are sometimes quite cold. On the coast, however, it is exceedingly hot. Last summer we thought it uncomfortably hot in this country when the thermometer registered 83° Fahr., but at Wyndham, on the N.W. coast, temperatures range from 90° to 100° and even 110° have been recorded. Unfortunately, no official statistics of temperature, as far as the writer can ascertain, have been published for the inland districts which the Painted Finch inhabits.

"A still pool, around whose unruffled waters are gathered an immense number of wading birds."

The Northern Territory and N.W. Australia have a fairly heavy rainfall in the coast districts, but it varies considerably from year to year. On the whole, this species may be said to inhabit a dry country, but one subject to sudden torrential rains, for when the "monsoon" breaks it turns the streams into foaming cataracts, and floods the low-lying country.

NESTING SEASONS WHICH VARY.

The nesting season of South Australia is September, which is also the case in New Zealand and in a large area of South America. In N. Australia, on the other hand, the Finches begin to pair in December, and their nesting operations are in full swing in what is locally called "the wet." One of the many curious notions with regard to foreign birds which prevail in this country is that they—and still more their young—cannot endure heavy rain and that a dry summer is required for breeding them. As a matter of fact, very many tropical birds rear their young in the midst of such rain as was never experienced, and never even dreamed of, in this country, and their attempts at breeding are most successful in a warm, wet summer.

In many parts of Australia, however, the rainfall is exceedingly uncertain, and droughts often extend over several years. In such cases a friend—a doctor who has lived for a considerable time in the country and is much interested in birds—informs the writer that there is hardly any nesting; the birds wait until the rains come, when the grass springs up as if by magic, insects abound and the birds work double tides, as it were, bringing up several broods one after the other. We can now understand how it is that Gouldian Finches often nest in this country in December: it is the time of their nesting season at home. We can also understand why many Australian species will nest here at almost any time of the year; they have learned in their own country how to adapt themselves to an uncertain climate and to wait for a suitable opportunity.

Mr. H Willford who has bred the Painted Finch in England.

Bird-catching is an interesting art in itself, and some curiosity was aroused a year or two since with regard to the methods of capture of the species in question by the following statement which appeared in the Price-list of a well-known London dealer, published July, 1910. "Gouldian, Painted and other mixed Finches, can be purchased at Port Darwin at an all-round price of 6d. each; they are brought into the town by the Japanese, who are the bird trappers of N.W. Australia; it is quite unnecessary for the so-called white trapper to go into the bush for them. We have, it seems, our De Rougemonts in the Australian bird trade, their fairy tales of stopping waterholes being most amusing."

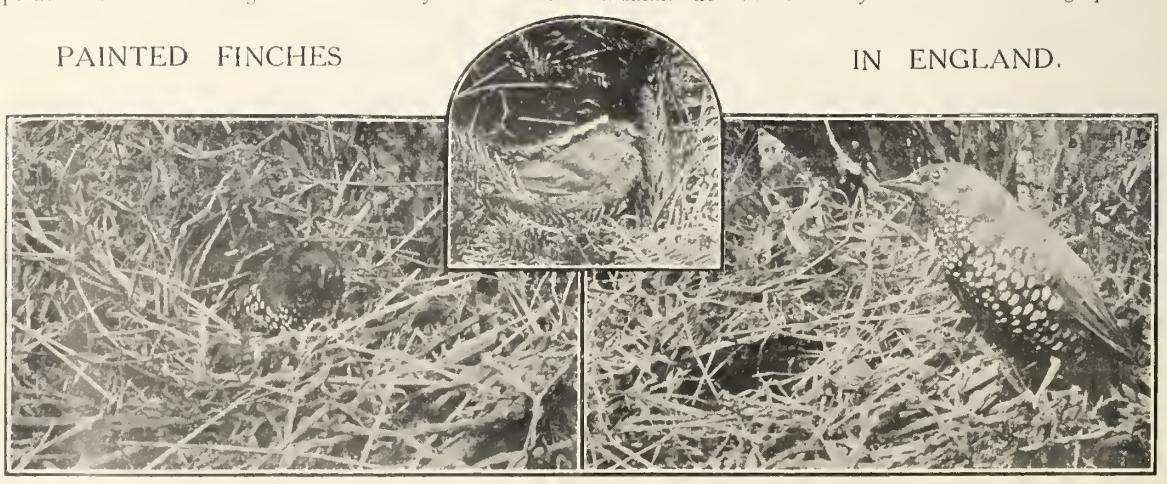
The writer has nothing to say with regard to the above statement, which, indeed, does not interest him personally, but it may be interesting to compare it with the following narrative which was sent to the writer by a trapper and collector of rare birds.

TRAPPING THE PAINTED FINCHES.

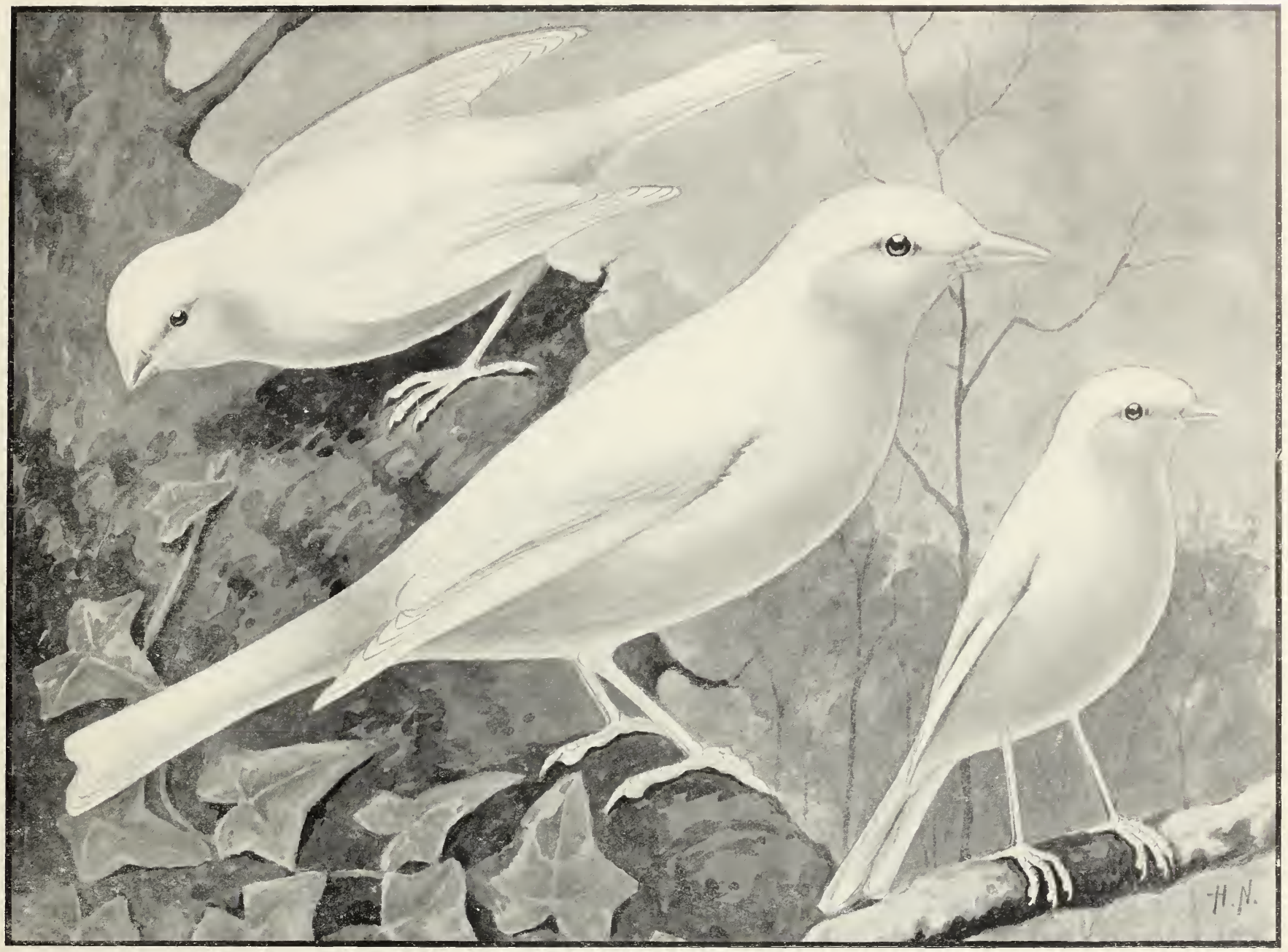
"Early in May, 1909, Mr. Wallace and I agreed to go up to Hall's Creek, Kimberley Goldfields. Our intentions were, in the first place, to prospect a gold-bearing reef Mr. Wallace had worked many years ago; if this failed, we were then to try for the Painted Finches, which were fairly numerous in this locality. In Wyndham we loaded a large waggonette with mining tools, bird-seed, nets, rations, etc., and started on our long trip of 300 miles. For the first 200 miles the country was level, the road following the valley of the Ord River; for the remaining 100 miles the track was very rough. Fortunately Mr. Wallace is a good driver and took his four-in-hand team through safely without a single capsize. At times the waggonette was on two wheels, but, fortunatey, always righted itself. On reaching the mine we worked very hard for eight weeks and drew a blank. We then hunted round for isolated water-holes and found one—an old worked-out gully, which had been worked by the gold-diggers many years ago, some four miles from our camp, where numbers of Painted Finches came to drink every day.

"After a deal of trouble a suitable place was cleared and levelled for the nets (12 yards by 3½ yards.) The method of capture was as follows: The water-hole—a small one—was carefully covered with a large piece of

PAINTED FINCHES IN ENGLAND.



In this picture are seen the hen just leaving her nest, the cock standing on the side of the nest, and the young bird which won the Foreign Bird Club Medal for Mr. Willford.



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IN GARB OF SPOTLESS WHITE.

Albino British Birds Exhibited
——at this Season's Shows.——

WHITE BULLFINCH, Mr. R. Pinnell (Warminster). WHITE BLACKBIRD, Mr. W. R. Temple (Datchet). WHITE ROBIN, Mr. J. C. Schluter (Norbury, S.W.)

netting in such a manner that the birds could not get a drink. In the nets, which were the ordinary clap pattern, a trough was made by digging a small hole and lining it with canvas; this was filled with water. In two days' catch at this water-hole we secured 50 pairs of birds. As it was late in the season, and we had a long return trip to make, we decided to leave at once for Wyndham. On the way back we stopped for three days at a large spring, and here we secured another 50 pairs of birds. At this place we had great difficulty in putting down the nets; the only available place was a large flat rock, into which holes had to be drilled to take the necessary pegs for rigging the nets.

"After leaving this place all went well until we reached our next catching place—Hick's Creek, 80 miles out from Wyndham. Here I went down with a severe attack of malarial fever; this left Mr. Wallace with his hands full; he had to catch the birds, look after those already caught, watch the horses, and cook. Forfortunately, the fever did not last long, and by the time we reached Wyndham I was fit to work again.

THE SPOT CALLED HOME.

"The habits of *Emblema picta* differ from those of other northern Finches. My experience is that they are always found in rocky ranges or stony plains, which in Kimberley are always covered with Spinifex—a coarse grass which grows in large tussocks. In most species the blades have a hard point of needle-like sharpness. All the nests I have found were built in these bunches of Spinifex. I have never seen a nest fastened to the bark of a tree as you suggest. I have never seen these birds in large flocks, twenty being the most I have ever seen in one flock, and five or six is the usual number, even where the birds are plentiful. I have never seen this species near the coast, sixty miles inland being the nearest point inland at which I know it to be resident, though at times stragglers have been caught at Derby, King's Sound.

"In Kimberley I look upon the Hall's Creek district as being the home of this bird. This district is on the Divide between the Ord River and Fitzroy River. The country is high, 1,400 feet above the sea, and is cold in winter, bitter easterly winds blowing for several months. This bird's principal food is the seed of the Spinifex. Regarding the birds you saw at Bath, they were caught by me in the Hall's Creek district. On that occasion I made a trip from Derby, King's Sound, to Wyndham on Cambridge Gulf *via* Hall's Creek, a distance of 600 miles, and my experience was much the same as in the trip I have given you particulars of, except that I had no companion until I met Mr. Wallace at Turkey Creek, 160 miles from Wyndham.—J.P.R."

The above very interesting narrative gives us some idea of the difficulties and dangers which often have to be faced by those who explore the interior of a tropical country in quest of rare birds. When we see them on the show-bench we call them "feathered gems,"; we might also, in the words of a fine old Scotch song ("Caller Herring,") sometimes "call them lives of men."

SEEN AT A CYCLISTS' PARADE.

A choice design by Mr. H. Ingles, of the Bromley and West Kent F.A.

It is difficult to understand why the method of trapping above described should have caused any scepticism, seeing that working the water-holes is a recognised system of trapping (and shooting) birds in every part of the world where water is scarce; that Bechstein tells us that an exactly similar system of laying the nets was in use in Germany a century ago; and that, even in our own well-watered country, many bird-catchers think it well worth while to make an artificial puddle with clay in the centre of the clap-nets.

The arrival of the more recent consignments of Australian birds with which the names of Messrs. Payne and Wallace are associated will be fresh in the recollection of most of our readers. The writer will never forget his first impressions of the 1905 consignment which he had an opportunity of inspecting a few days after it reached the London Docks. In a large room, which formed part of a big and rather gloomy warehouse in the East End, was quartered an army of more than 5,000 birds, mostly Finches of brilliant colours. On tiers of perches in large travelling cages, their serried ranks were packed as tightly as herrings in a barrel.

HOW THEY ARRIVE IN THIS COUNTRY.

The cages were simply wooden boxes roughly put together, their fronts covered with wire netting, but, for all that, they were well and scientifically designed. Every cage had a false bottom of wire netting raised about a couple of inches above the wooden bottom, so that no birds could perch on the latter, and each cage could be thoroughly cleaned in a very few moments. All the seed and water tins were hung outside the cages, in such a position that they could not be soiled or contaminated in any way, and in addition to the seed and water tins each cage had receptacles for grit. Owing to these wise precautions the birds were uniformly in splendid condition. It was here that the writer first had the pleasure of making the acquaintance of Mr. J. H. Payne, a very good sort and possessing a wonderful knowledge of the birds of his country. Mr. Payne, by the way, is at present residing in this country, and to him the writer is indebted for the kind loan of an official handbook of Western Australia.

The writer also had the pleasure of inspecting the 1908 consignment and of meeting Mr. Wallace—tall,

(*Continued overleaf*)

om a painting *By Geo. Rankin.*

VISITORS FROM THE REALMS OF ETERNAL SNOW.

Snow Buntings (male and female), winter visitors to the British Isles, nesting in the Arctic regions.

THE PAINTED FINCH. (Continued.)

dark, sinewy, good-looking, with a quiet dignity and distinction of manner. This time the birds were located in a specially constructed glass house in a sunny garden in the fine old city of Bath. In addition to the usual Gouldian, Crimson, Ruficauda, Bicheno and other Finches, there were a couple of the very rare Black Cockatoos, many rare Parrakeet-, some Doves and

This ideal haunt of rare British birds is described by Mr. A. W. Fulwood in our c rrespondence columns this week.

Emus, and lastly, and by no means leastly, about a score of Painted Finches.

At last—at long last—we were face to face with this rarely imported Australian species about which we had read so much, and for whose coming we had so long and eagerly looked in vain. We had been told that, once seen it could never be forgotten; and we had been told the truth. It is a very small bird (the photo of the male bird on the nest represents it about half life size), but a most distinctive one. Its back is a warm brown; the wings and tail blackish; the face and centre of breast and the rump a bright scarlet; the throat and underparts deep black; the sides and flanks most conspicuously and tastefully picked out with round white spots. Its long, pointed, slender beak at once catches the eye, and in virtue of this feature Messrs. Lucas and Le Souef, in their recent work, place it in a genus by itself. The striking contrasts and design of its colour areas seem to have impressed the author of its classical name (whoever he may have been), for *Emblema* (pronounced "emblcema") *picta* means "painted inlay-work," which is, for a scientific name, fairly appropriate. Very frequently the efforts of the museum naturalist to devise a name for a new species are absolutely ludicrous. What, for instance, shall be said of the artistic perception of the genius (whoever he may have been), who called the beautiful little Black-headed Siskin a "jaundiced goldcap," or the equally charming and brilliant Arkansas Siskin a "sad-coloured blackthorn?"

(To be continued.)

HOW CANARIES MAY BE TAUGHT LITTLE TRICKS.

By E. Hampden.

SOME POSSIBILITIES OF ONE'S TINY PET.

The Canary is one of the most difficult birds to tame to the extent of making it come to call and perch on the hand, so there is all the more credit to be gained by accomplishing this. As for tricks, Bullfinches, Linnets, Goldfinches and Siskins bred in captivity learn them very quickly. A Mule, a bird which has one of the wild Finches for a parent, will be found more docile than the ordinary little yellow Canary. But still, the latter may be trained into a most clever and interesting pet.

First of all accustom it to taking seeds from off the finger, then from between finger and thumb, next from the lips; it will soon learn to enter into the fun. To starve the bird beforehand is cruel and foolish. Just as a healthy, well-nourished person works best, so does a bird; all that is necessary is to feed it only on canary and rape seed, not one of the mixtures, and then offer it tit-bits—these only by the hand or mouth—hemp-seed is generally most appreciated, or maw-seed scattered on the moistened finger. If there is great shyness, accustom the little creature first to pecking at a piece of lettuce-leaf, groundsel, or watercress, while this is held.

COMING TO THE CALL.

When the lip-feeding is fully learnt, allow the bird to fly about the room (chimney, windows, and door being shut); feed it with dainties, calling to it by some special whistle or cry that must never be altered. Gradually all its ideas of its owner will be pleasant ones; it may be several weeks before it flutters down eagerly to perch on the shoulder or wrist, but the time will come, unless impatient gestures, or shouts, have lessened its confidence.

An author of renown possesses a Canary that will not let him write while it is loose until it has been bribed by some dainty morsel. It simply flies at the pen that travels over the paper, pecking and flapping its wings—the very personification of anger.

Another little Crested Canary accompanies its master into the garden; it wears brace-harness round its neck and body to which a long cord is attached, and secured by this to a seat-rail it can take pleasing flights, investigate the lawn and gravel, and thoroughly enjoy itself, in fact.

SOME SPECIAL CAGES.

Cages can be bought fitted with a drawbridge, and a small cart that has to be pulled up by a cord before the bird can eat out of it: these are generally for Siskins and Goldfinches, but Canaries will learn the trick. There must be a constant supply of daily food given elsewhere in such cages, and the cart should contain only some kind of dainty—millet-spray, green-meat, or mixed seed.

One Canary-lover keeps his pet in a home-made extra tall cage, which has a quaint rope ladder inside, it leading to a platform just under the roof. He has taught his bird to mount there when whistled to, and its cleverness is, of course, rewarded by a treat—a morsel of cake soaked in milk and sherry in this particular case.

It is more difficult to persuade a Canary to sing to order than to teach it tricks. However, something can be done by perseverance in whistling to it ringing bells, or playing high notes on the piano or some other musical instrument, and never failing to pay the songster in the coin that he loves best. When the lesson has been mastered, it is amusing to order the song at night and note what a sleepy, sotto-voce melody will result! But birdie's slumbers ought not to be disturbed too often.

EVEN A CITY BACKYARD MAY BE BEAUTIFIED.

In this aviary, belonging to Mr. G. Bailey, of Stepney, E., a pair of Song Thrushes built a nest and hatched their young.

GOLDFINCH HYBRIDS.

GOLDFINCH-LINNET. GOLDFINCH-GREENFINCH. GOLDFINCH-SISKIN. GOLDFINCH-BULLFINCH.

INDIAN JEWELS.

SHORT-BILLED MINIVET.

GREATER HILL MYNAH.

WHITE-CAPPED REDSTART.

AMETHYST-RUMPED SUNBIRD.

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THE CAMERA IN THE CAGE-BIRD FANCY.

1. A gathering of the Glasshoughton (Rock Inn) Linnet Club at a singing contest. 2. Mr. R Armstrong, of Tynedock, breeder of the celebrated Crest "King of Kings," with some of the trophies won by this magnificent bird. 3. A strange nest built largely of string, described in the correspondence columns by Mr. J. T. Brewin. 4 A Rustic Aviary owned by Mr. W. Hulett, of Northampton. 5. Happy Pals; Mr. T. Kennedy (Wishaw), Mr. J. Allison (Paisley), and a friend admiring a noted Scotch Fancy Canary. 6. Mr. J. Starling and some of his birdie friends. 7. Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Restall (Birmingham) and their two talking Grey Parrots, "Polly" and "Joe." 8. Two Groups of White Canaries bred by Mrs. Maud S. Martin, of Wairarapa, New Zealand. 9. Mr. R. H. Livingstone, a well-known Scottish Fancier, of Rutherglen. 10. One of the fine aviaries (the foreign bird corner) belonging to Mr. H. Lewis, of Handsworth, Birmingham. 11. A peep at Blackburn Show.

THE THRILLING HOBBY OF HYBRID BREEDING.

By D. E. Alexander, (Bangor).

WHEN a boy in rural Scotland my mother's kitchen was seldom without one or two British birds, but in subsequent years after I had drifted into the city I had no opportunity to develop the hobby, although I always managed to keep a feathered pet even in lodgings. Fifteen years ago I found myself in a country town in the heart of Ireland, where I put up a Goldfinch and a Canary, and successfully reared two nests of mules. One of them is, to my knowledge, still alive in Falkirk. Business developments and speculations prevented any further opportunities in a birdy way till with growing success, more leisure, and two Goldfinches sent by my old Irish landlord, I found myself in the autumn of 1907 in an Ulster town and in a mood to pursue my hobby with greater zest than ever. I lost one of the Finches in the moult, but filled his vacant cage with a Linnet which I caught about the end of September. In February I took a Greenfinch cock out of a hedge with the aid of a lamp and a limed stick. These, with two field-moulted Bullie hens, a house-moulted Linnet, and four Canary hens, constituted my stock at the beginning of 1908.

The Bullfinches were not caught till February, and although I had procured them to house-moult for the following season, I put the more steady one into a Thrush's cage with my house-moulted Goldfinch. The latter was very tame, and with attention and frequent baths both he and his cage chum came into grand condition. I attribute a good deal of my success to that cage. It was roomy, measuring 24 in. by 10 in. and 21 in. high, with two perches above and two below, so placed that the droppings from above did not mess the perches beneath.

My method of feeding was: hemp as a stock food, with changes of various seeds daily. For instance, I would one day put a heaped teaspoonful of soaked teazle seed into the saucer that was placed in the centre of the cage, and the next day a spoonful of inga or maw. Of these seeds they never got more than they could clear up, and poor Master Goldie had generally to switch his tail on the perch until such time as his lady-love had supped to repletion. For green food, I gave sweet apple until the April sun caused the larch buds to swell sufficiently to attract the Bullfinches to them in hundreds. My experience has been that where larch buds are procurable Bullies eat nothing else during the early spring days. Although my Bullie hens were both English ladies they did not by any means object to the food of their Irish sisters, but instead preferred the larch to white—thorn or any other budding twigs. I gave my Britishers the seed heads of the dandelion as soon as procurable, and with plenty of wild seeds they ate very little hemp. I never gave them canary seed, as the Goldfinch would not touch it.

One afternoon in May my delight was great when I observed Master Goldfinch, with every feather bristling out, salaaming to his sweetheart, while she sailed through the cage with a twig in her mouth. By this time both birds were very tame, and although they sat on a low shelf in the scullery they paid no attention to the continual passing and re-passing of either the ladies of the house or the children. However, now that Miss Bullie had apparently serious intention of becoming Mrs. Goldfinch, I thought it would be well to allow her all the privacy possible in the circumstances. I therefore put cardboard over the back of the cage, left hand end, and one third of the front. The end to the window remained unenclosed, and also three-parts of the front, so as not to interfere with the opening of the one and only door in the centre of the cage.

I had always kept at least half an inch of sea sand in the bottom, but from this stage onward I only removed the top layer before strewing clean sand, so as to disturb the birds as little as possible. I had an ordinary earthenware nest pan hung up in the hidden corner, and it was not many hours before her ladyship was turning round in it. I supplied twigs and horse-hair, but she did not build much, although she conscientiously laid every one of her first clutch in the nest pan. Every morning I was up betimes, and immediately she left the nest I substituted a Canary egg for the more precious one. I had to lift it out with my fingers, as the nest arrangement forbade any more careful treatment, but fortunately I had no mishaps.

From a painting *By H. Goodchild.*

THE BANKSIAN, OR BLACK, COCKATOO.

This handsome, strikingly-plumaged bird, is a native of Australia, and but rarely seen here in captivity.

A TRIUMPH OVER DIFFICULTIES.

A Lovely Aviary built in a narrow backyard by Mr. C. Barker, Swindon.

"In front of my kitchen window," writes Mr. Barker, "in the narrow passage-way, is a strip of ground, 21 ft. long by 2 ft. wide. I tried to grow flowers there, but failed. Being a bird fancier, I decided to build an aviary. This aviary may appear very narrow, I admit, but what it lacks in width it makes up for in length. The birds have a long flight, and there is an absence of fighting; in fact, I don't think there is a "boss" in the aviary—a very rare thing.

The photograph is taken from the dining-room. Anyone handy with tools can make a similar aviary at a very little cost. The frame is made of 2in by 1in. strips, halved in, and screwed together. The frame, sides, top, and front are covered with half-inch mesh wire, the house with half-inch beaded match-boarding, 7 ins. wide; the top of the house with tar paper, and the top of flights with removable galvanised iron. The right-hand flight is glazed in front of wire with 21-oz. glass, which is removable. The glass acts as a protection against wind, and is also handy in winter time. The front and sides are covered at night with a waterproof curtain—a precaution against cats, etc.; it is also used for an awning in daytime—a protection from the sun.

The birds in the aviary (which will accommodate some forty or more) consist of 3 cock Canaries, and 13 hens, and 6 Goldfinches, 2 Linnets, 2 Bullfinches, 1 Redpoll, 1 Siskin, 1 Twite, 1 Brambling, 1 Chaffinch, 1 Greenfinch, 1 Thrush, all cocks. I feed them on the following seeds, all in self-supplying hoppers: Canary, rape, hemp, inga, white millet, linseed, teazle, and groats. I give some soft-food, too, of course. The birds I may add, are in the best of health. I built the aviary in February and turned the birds in at the end of March.

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A STRIKING NATURE STUDY.

Meadow Pipit Feeding a Young Cuckoo.

After she had laid her full clutch of five eggs I temporarily divorced Mr. Goldfinch, and married him to a yellow Norwich, by whom he had four fine healthy youngsters. Although I had never observed the act of pairing during the first nesting, one of the five Bullie eggs hatched out on the 3rd of June.

The Linnet Mule, which the young hybrid had as a nest fellow, was a dark, plump, woolly chap, but the hybrid was to all appearances only a diminutive red wriggling worm, very feeble, and unable to gape, unless when stirred up. I watched the hen Canary from behind a screen, and saw that while she fed the Mule readily, the hybrid was entirely neglected. It was clear that if my precious morsel were to be saved I must act promptly. Therefore, with the advice of an experienced birdy friend, who had once reared a Linnet-Bullfinch, I crushed up a morsel of arrowroot biscuit with an equal part of the yolk of a hard boiled egg, and, adding milk to this, I warmed the mixture in a teaspoon over the gas. I then with a burned match flattened at the point, administered a pick of the preparation. This I did every hour for the next few days, during which the bird grew, but not at all in proportion to its nest companion. But, strange to relate, immediately it was sufficiently old to give tongue, the hen Canary transferred her affections, and from that time onward it thrived wonderfully. She did not, of course, forsake the Mule, but the hybrid was always her first consideration. I fed her mostly on mouse-ear and dandelion heads.

I don't think there is any seed more satisfactory for rearing hybrids than mouse-ear, as it is plentiful in July when the dandelion heads are scarce, and it has the advantage over chickweed that it keeps a long time

fresh, while mouse-ear is eaten quite as freely by the hen Canary. Of course I gave fresh egg food daily, as well as plenty of crushed hemp.

I have that Goldie-Bullie yet, and it was in the cards the only time shown. Although so very difficult to start in life, the bird when once on the perches never turned back. It has never been an hour sick, and takes colour-feed freely.

SO NEAR AND YET SO FAR.

Of the second clutch, there were two fertile eggs and one hatched out, but I did not rear the bird. At the third nesting the Bullie sickened, and I almost lost her. Up to this time she had laid every egg in the nest pan, although she never sat more than four days on the eggs substituted for her own. However, something went wrong with her ovary, and one morning I found the hen Bullie all puffed up in the bottom of the cage, with a soft shelled egg beside her. I at once brought the cage to the bird-room, which was more airy and bright, and with open windows and the aid of some late dandelion heads I managed to find—and which I had given over using as sorrel and thistle were now plentiful—she pulled through. In this connection I should mention a little incident about Master Goldie.

Thinking it better to have him removed in the sad circumstances, I was transferring him to a separate cage when he escaped from my hand. As it was a Sunday morning, and breakfast waiting, I left him at liberty, there being no danger of losing him owing to the fine wire mesh across the open window. What was my surprise when I returned to find him back in the cage with his sick wife. He had gone in through the wide wires of the Thrush cage, although he never tried to come out.

About a fortnight later this Bullfinch hen laid her fourth and last clutch, from which two young were hatched, but only one reared. It lived till after the moult, but unfortunately subsequently developed cataract on botheyes and died. By the one Goldfinch I that year

The tangle of brushwood wherein (A) Mr. Alexander's hen Bullie successfully hatched out Hybrids.

had ten mules and two hybrids, not counting the Hybrids that perished before they reached the perch. None of the Mules died.

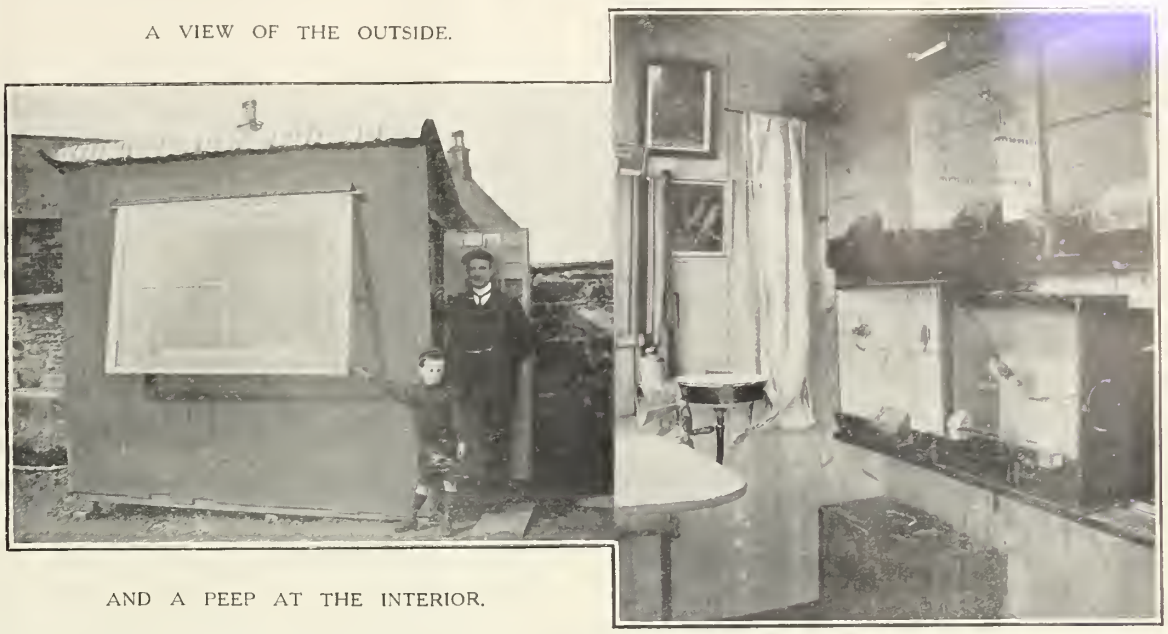
But now I must hie me back to No. 2 Bullfinch, and relate her history. Both Bullfinches came to me straight from the catcher—they cost only 9d. each, plus 6d. carriage from Essex. They were not seeded off when they arrived in a blacking box with plenty of privet berries. They were both very wild, but No. 1, whose domestic history I have related, soon steadied down, while No. 2 was untamable—in fact, is by no means exceptionally steady in a cage to this day. All the same it occurred to me, when I saw her more docile sister making offers to nest, that there might be some hope even of this most intractable specimen if she were removed further away from the ways of men. I therefore cleared out a lumber room upstairs, and erected in the centre a freshly-cut hawthorn branch—almost a tree—which I stayed with ropes after the manner of tent-pegging, only I had supporting cords from above as well as from the floor. I then put bushes in three corners of the room, and across the fourth corner I drew a curtain from behind which the door opened, and I could view the inmates through a rent—I made it with my penknife—without their being any the wiser. I then turned into this room my wild Bullie and the field-moulted Linnet.

THE LADY IS VISIBLY PLEASED.

I never saw a bird more delighted than she was when she flew into the hawthorn bush. She piped with joy, and was soon gorging herself with the fresh buds. I placed tin saucers containing the various seeds of commerce on the floor, and also a big plate of water for them to bathe in, while there was a patch about 4 ft. square spread with coarse sea sand. Into this room I also turned the recently-caught Greenfinch already referred to, and a hen Canary. In less than a fortnight the Canary had gone to nest on eggs fertilised by the Greenfinch. She successfully reared one mule, and two young Greenfinches, which I transferred from a wild nest when I saw that only one mule was to hatch out. I never saw the Greenfinch cock feed either the foster-brood or his own chick—that was done entirely by the Canary—but subsequently he practically reared a Linnet-Bullfinch hybrid, but of that more anon. Probably his shyness at the outset was due to the fact that he was a freshly-caught bird.

I had fitted up the room with wicker carrying cages, as well as various boxes and nest pans. They had been about six weeks in their new abode, and the Canary had her family nearly reared, when one morning my heart was made glad by seeing the Linnet carrying some fluffy material into a wicker box which I had placed in the heart of a whin bush. It was clear that Bullie had some interest in this performance, as she was stirring about in great excitement, and I even saw her sidling along the

A VIEW OF THE OUTSIDE.



AND A PEEP AT THE INTERIOR.

AN UNPRETENTIOUS YET PRACTICAL OUTDOOR BIRDROOM.

(See letter in this issue from Mr. W. Liddell Tonkin).

branch with a jaunty twist of her glossy tail when approached by Master Linnet.

From that onward this pair became very much attached to each other, and the Linnet was continually dancing attendance on his mistress; all the same he could not persuade her to start housekeeping in his favourite furze. She was difficult to please, but at length decided in favour of a tangle of birch twigs which I had brought home with me from a country ramble, and nailed above a Hartz Canary cage, hung at the edge of the window frame. I had also fastened a long perch close beside it, which, being a useful place on which to alight, had, I think, much to do with the selection of the site. The location of the bunch of birch will be clearly seen in the illustration.

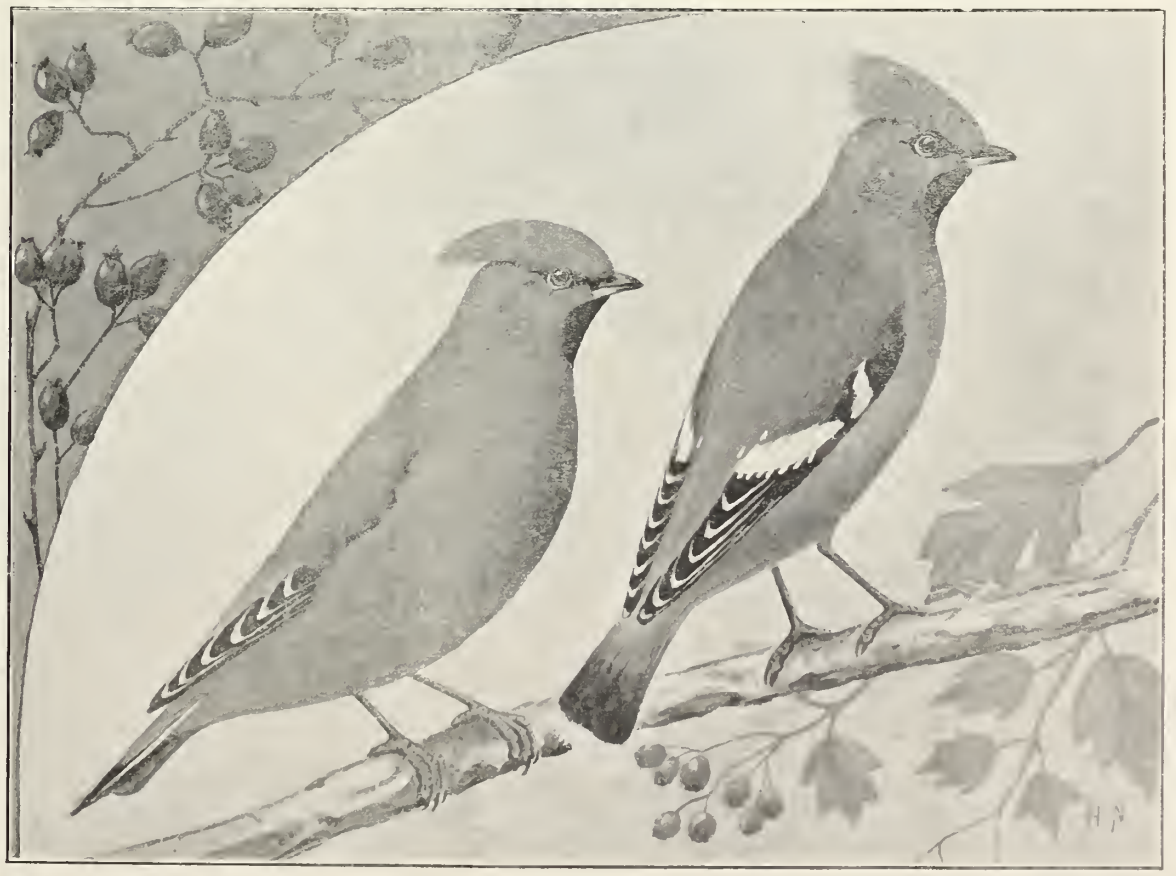
At first I thought she had selected the small wicker cage, but afterwards I found that her nest was on the top of it with scarcely any head room, and packed right up amongst the birch twigs. She built a perfect nest quite equal to the best specimens to be found in the wilds, but strange to relate the Linnet took no part in it. Instead he continued to build his bachelor nest. In due course five eggs were laid, and I never once fingered them. Only one hatched, and this I removed to the Canary's second nest, where it met with disaster in being dragged out. The nest was built in the open bush in the centre of the room, and as the hen always flew upwards when leaving it, I saw the foolishness, after it was too late, of entrusting the young hybrid to such a receptacle.

The Bullie was nesting again within a week, and this time she surrendered to her partner in so far that she consented to build very near to the place he had at first selected. It was right away in the corner, and in a poor situation on the top of some whitethorn behind the whin. Notwithstanding the comparatively exposed position, she sat closely and hatched two of three fertile eggs. I observed that she was feeding well, and so I determined to try her with one nestling, while I removed the other to the Canary, which had this time built in a safe position inside a Hartz cage.

The young Hybrid did not thrive with the Canary, while its brother in their own mother's nest was fat and plump. I determined to change them instead of giving both to the Bullie as I might have been expected to do in the circumstances, but I feared the small one would have little chance in a nest with such a robust relative, and also because I wished to keep the Canary on duty in case the Bullie ultimately failed me. It was all to no purpose, however, as the delicate morsel did not last long. On going into the room a few hours later I found it hanging across a branch dead. The other was reared without any difficulty by the Canary and her Greenfinch mate. The latter was most attentive, and the young hybrid very soon learned to respond to his call. Unfortunately this hybrid turned out to be a hen.

For the third time the Bullie started building, and, on this occasion she returned to the ideal site in the heart of the birch tangle. I now determined to leave all, for better or worse, to the entire charge of the Bullie and her mate. She laid regularly, and in due course hatched four out of five eggs. From behind the curtain I saw her, or rather heard her, feed regularly after I had put in a fresh lot of sow thistle heads or a bunch of sorrel.

(To be continued).



From a painting *By H. Norman.*

A BEAU BRUMMEL AMONGST BRITISH BIRDS.

The Waxwing is one of the most beautiful of the feathered tribe, especially the male, with his lovely wing and tail markings of yellow and white, finished off with red wax-like appendages.

From a drawing. [*By H. Norman.*

A CATCH OF THE SEASON

From the Yorkshire and Norwich Plainhead Canaries.

Upper row: clear buff Norwich 1st and cup at the Scottish National Show for Mr. W. Grewar (Forfar); Ticked buff Norwich hen 1st Plymouth for Mr. W. Collings (Devonport); Unflighted buff Yorkshire 1st Horticultural Hall for Mr. H. H. Towers (Crosshills, Keighley); Yellow Yorkshire hen 1st Windsor for Mr. L. Bousfield (Bournemouth); Ticked Yorkshire, 1st Southend for Mr. W. Penton (London); Yellow Norwich 1st Llanelly for Mr. W. Davies (Aberaman).

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Birds which Take Part in Prize Fights.

By THOS. AITKEN,

In England we are familiar with the matching of bird against bird for beauty of plumage or of song, but in India, as this article tells us, the natives train them to engage in single combat.

In India a certain section of the natives keep their birds purely for the sake of indulging in fighting with them. Having lived in the North of India for several years, I have been witness of many bird fighting competitions at various places. The species usually utilised for fighting are: The common Grey Partridge, the Quail, a bird called the "Chikor," the Bulbul (red-vented variety), and the Baya-bird (Weaver). The two latter birds are braced and carried about perched on the forefinger.

Clever at Learning Tricks.

The Weaver birds are very clever and are taught a number of remarkable tricks, such

A NATIVE "BIRD FIGHTER."

as letting off miniature cannon, jumping through hoops, etc. Of the fighting birds mentioned, the Quail is the easiest to train, and having kept them myself, and gone into the details of how they are taught to fight, I shall endeavour to describe to readers the methods adopted. In Simla, a pretty hill station where I was located for some time, the market place at a certain time of the year is almost overcrowded with box-loads of Quails which are sent up for eating purposes. They are sold by the dozen and the score, and are kept in boxes divided into tiers, not unlike the low stock cages in which bird-dealers in England keep their newly-caught birds.

Suffragettes Not Encouraged.

For fighting purposes the males are selected, and for the price of two annas (twopence) or four annas (four pence) each one is given the privilege of selecting from the whole stock. Birds with clearly defined throat markings are generally chosen, and a good fighter may be readily distinguished by his persistent quarrelling with his mates over the seed box.

The bird having been chosen, it is taken home and carried about in the hand (see sketch) everywhere, amongst all sorts of surroundings. Whenever it is thought the bird requires food some seed is put into the palm of the hand not engaged in holding the bird, and it is encouraged to eat. The bird will readily take its fill in this manner if at all hungry. The staple food is millet seed. During the night, and when not in the hand, the bird is kept in a bag, the bottom of which is meshed with cotton thread (see sketch).

A Little Deception.

After three days of being carried about, during which period it must not have been given the opportunity of seeing another Quail, it is made to take a short fast—say, till midday. A looking glass is then placed perpendicularly upon the floor or table. About eight or ten inches away, and opposite the glass, the Quail is placed. Some seed is now strewn midway between bird and glass. Being hungry, the Quail will immediately attempt to tackle the seed, whereupon he is prevented by the palm of the hand being placed in front of it.

Tantalising Tommy!

The hand is, however, removed almost immediately, and the bird is again shown the seed. He makes another attempt to get at it, but is prevented as before; and so on, again and again, until he is worked up into a "temper." Then he sees his own reflection in the glass, mistakes it for an opponent who is the cause of his not being able to get any seed, and makes a dash at it.

Directly the bird does this, and "calls," he is shown the seed, and allowed to partake of a few grains, after which he is again encouraged to "call," and make for the image in the glass. Having repeated this two or three times, the glass is taken away and he is allowed to finish his meal. The Quail is not allowed to come into contact with the glass. The next day the same procedure is gone through, and within the week from the day this prospective fighting machine was bought in the market place, the looking glass is replaced by a trained Quail, and a match is proceeded with. The fight itself is not much of a battle. The birds call vigorously and rush at each other, and the one which receives a few extra hard knocks on the head from its opponent generally beats a hasty retreat from the scene. The method of fighting the birds is shown in the sketch. The winner's "prize" is a meal more replete than usual in dainties.

On an Empty Stomach!

To get the Quails into good fighting condition, a little garlic chopped fine is rubbed into their seed. This has a wonderful effect in fattening the birds. They are generally fought on an empty stomach. A dust bath is given every day, which they look forward to and enjoy; for this they may be taken out into the open, but must be shielded with the palms of the hands, so as to prevent them from flying away, which they readily do when given the opportunity. A good feed of seed twice a day is sufficient for them.

Partridges are carried about in cages, in pairs. The male bird is usually let out of its compartment—the cage being a double one—and follows its master wherever he goes. The latter, however, has always to carry with him the cage containing the female. The hen bird is never let out of the cage. The staple food is a seed known as "bajara," also white ants, of which they are very fond, and moist "pills" made of "atah" (fine wheat-meal) and ghee (a kind of butter).

Some Savage Tribes.

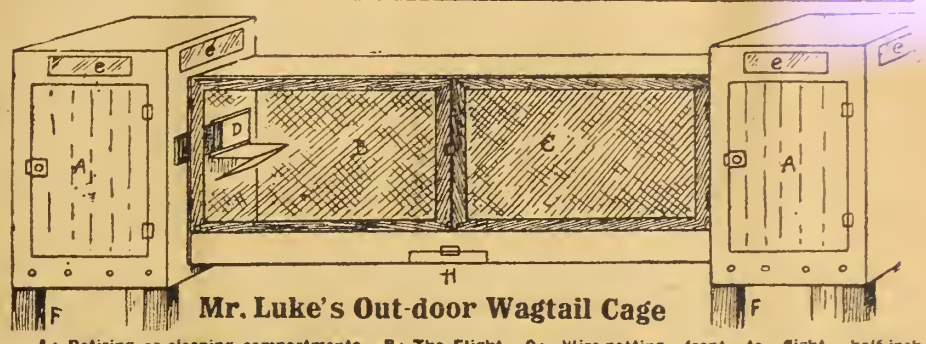
When fighting—the male birds only are utilised—they keep up a continuous loud calling. The females encourage their husbands in the fight from within their cages, which are placed on the fighting ground, with

METHOD OF HOLDING THE QUAIL.

a loud, shrill whistle uttered every few seconds. The spurs of the cock birds are as sharp as needles, and bunches of feathers are knocked out when either of the birds receives a kick from his opponent. They fight savagely.

The Bulbuls also are keen fighters. These birds utter angry notes, flap their wings, raise their topknots and roll over each other in a helpless mass. The Bulbuls are fed on a mixture made of gram, which is parched and ground and mixed with ghee, also raisins and other fruits. The Weaver Birds, with their strong bills, grip on to each other like bulldogs. These birds are fed on millet seed, and, quite apart from any question of fighting, make very interesting and knowing pets.

An illustration of the method of Quail fighting will be found on page 31.



Mr. Luke's Out-door Wagtail Cage

A: Retiring or sleeping compartments. B: The Flight. C: Wire-netting front to flight, half-inch mesh. D: Sliding panel, to close at night, or as desired. E: Glass panels, either ground-glass or whitewashed over. F: Supports. H: Hinged panel for cleaning purposes.

Some Neglected English Beauties.

By L. P. LUKE

(Brighouse).

Our contributor considers that many charming species are overlooked by the average bird-keeper, and champions the cause of the Wagtails.

With the advent of CAGE BIRDS, bringing in its wake a retinue of practical treatises upon the cult of birds, we as a nation have made such rapid strides that to-day almost everyone takes a delight in ministering to and caring for our feathered friends. But though to-day the sprightly Goldie or the ruddy-breasted Bullie is to be found thoroughly domesticated in every town, is it not a fact that many of our commoner field birds have really not been given an opportunity to become widely popular as pets, though combining exquisite colouration with a charming and adaptable disposition?

What, for instance, has been done with regard to that common, yet most lovely, family, the Wagtails? Few are kept in confinement, yet they are exceedingly plentiful in our fields, and I myself always think of the Wagtails as the "gentlemen" of the birdy tribe—they always appear so extremely well groomed and smart. And so, to get away from the ruts, to strike out in a new direction, I propose to treat briefly on a method of keeping the Wagtail in captivity.

Worthy Objects of Regard.

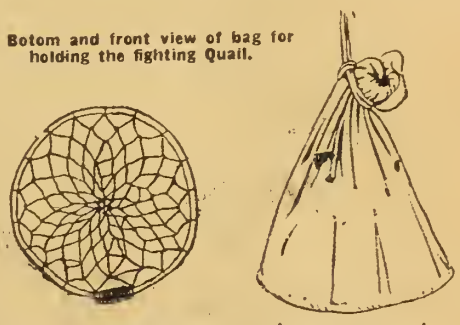
The accompanying sketch depicts a small Wagtail aviary, and I believe this diagram is self-explanatory. Being made from egg-boxes and packing-cases, its cost is trivial—it may truly be styled a "working-man's cage." Its actual cost in my own case was slightly under three shillings. I may add I have, besides the contrivance itself, a detachable sloping roof for use in wet weather. The six foot flight allows our friends a fair run and a turn, whilst the "dormitories" give protection and afford seclusion. Such a cage (it is hardly an "aviary") is easily portable, and when one has two or three of them, to accommodate as many different families of birds, this is a useful factor.

Details to be Studied.

The floor I strew with a thick carpet of sawdust, and, as the excreta of Wagtails is copious and of rather a watery nature, frequent renewal is a necessity. I also supply a fair sized piece of turf, and one or two large stones for the birds to perch upon. Facilities for bathing must be provided, for the members of this family are of a very cleanly nature. Sand, and sometimes black earth, are taken by our friends as aids to digestion, and these should at all times be accessible.

As to the birds themselves, the three species most commonly and easily kept are the Pied, Grey, and Yellow. Procure your specimens from a reliable dealer, or, better still, snare them yourself by placing horse-

Botom and front view of bag for holding the fighting Quail.



hair nooses, or even a spring net trap, in a place the birds are known to frequent, using mealworms as bait.

Having procured your birds they must be fed at first on ant eggs and mealworms, and gradually weaned on to the preparations sold by many firms for the feeding of Nightingales and the smaller softbills. Any kind of insect life our friends will greedily devour, and it should be offered whenever possible. As their feet are particularly tender all perches (if you think fit to have any) should be covered with thick cloth, and should be of a rather flattened section.

To watch your birds frolic in their bath, or stalk passing flies with the stealth of a cat, all the time "wagging" their beautiful tails with that charming motion characteristic of the family, will repay you a thousandfold for your trivial outlay

Our 1912 Calendar

Every copy of this issue should contain a Coloured Calendar.

We venture the hope that CAGE BIRDS Calendar for 1912, issued with this week's Birthday Number, may be found an acceptable ornament of the walls of the bird-keeper's house, either for the living-room, or for the bird-room.

In choosing the Goldfinch to represent the British bird section, our artist has made a happy "hit," portraying one of the most popular and beautiful of the many birds of our fields and woods. Master Goldspink is depicted amongst his favourite food—the thistles of waste places and the country road-side. Most of our Finches are fond of the seeds of the thistle, but none are quite so eager to obtain them as the Goldie, or Thistle-finch, as he is sometimes called.

Many of the sights of birdland are both pleasing and beautiful, but none has quite the same charm and fascination for the observer as the attention paid by the mother bird to her young. In the open fields and in the hedgerows the latter is a picture quite commonly to be seen during the early summer months when the dog roses are in bloom and thickening foliage assists to hide the homes of the busy birds. In Canary-land we have the same picture, although in quite a different setting. The flowers and foliage of the woods are absent, but the love of the mother-bird is at times quite as strong, and many a fancier has whiled away happy hours watching the assiduous attentions paid by the parents to their young, and the resulting growth of the "wee birdies."

Among the hundreds of foreign birds that from time to time reach these shores, our artist might easily have chosen a representative which excels in magnificence of plumage the one depicted here—the Diamond Sparrow—but this Australian bird possesses a quaint beauty of its own, and is very popular with bird-keepers. Years ago it was quite common in England, but of late comparatively few specimens have come into the English market.

In conclusion, we may say that we present CAGE BIRDS Calendar for 1912 to our readers in the hope that this happy effort of our artist, Mr. H. Norman, will be given a prominent place in the home. Further, we shall be pleased to send a small supply carriage paid to readers who will kindly help along their paper, CAGE BIRDS, by getting them displayed in suitable places such as hair-dressers' shops, the headquarters of societies, etc.

Questions and Answers.

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Queries will be answered under the following conditions:—

(1)—*All questions must be clearly written in ink (or typewritten) on one side of paper, and must conclude with either the correct name of querist, or a pseudonym, or initials.*

(2)—*The proper name and address in full of querist must always be written on a separate sheet of paper, and enclosed with the query. In no case must the address appear on the query.*

(3)—*Queries intended for different specialists must not be written on the same sheet of paper.*

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(5)—*The department to which the queries refer must be stated in bold letters on the left-hand corner of the query.*

(6)—*If an answer in the same week's issue is desired, queries must be posted to reach us by* **Monday's first post** *at latest. Queries will be dealt with in the order in which they are received, and only as space permits. The earlier queries are received the better attention they are likely to have.*

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Canaries.—**Claude St. John.** British Birds, Mules and Hybrids—**G. E. Weston.** Foreign Birds—**Wesley T. Page,** F.Z.S., M.B.N.H.S., &c., Wild Bird Life—**H. Norman.**

NOTE.—If an answer is required concerning the proper mating, etc., of Norwich, Yorkshires, Crests, Cinnamons, Greens, Borders, Lizards, Scotch or any other variety of the Canary family, we shall, should the querist desire us to do so, be pleased to submit his questions for answer to some leading specialist of the day on the variety concerned.

CANARY QUERIES.

Answered by CLAUDE ST. JOHN.

Fits, and Hen for Muling.

A Real Bird Fancier.—(1) I certainly do not advise you to use the bird that is subject to fits for breeding. It would doubtless breed successfully, and perhaps few, if any, of its progeny would be similarly affected, but, again, there is a chance that the trouble may be inherited in an aggravated form. Fanciers owe it to themselves no less than to the well-being of their birds, to take no such risks by breeding from none but physically sound birds. Feed the bird on a staple of plain canary only. Give separately every second day half a teaspoonful of summer rape, twice a week on the alternating days a similar quantity of mixed seed, and once a week a little egg-food sprinkled with maw seed. Keep the bowels regular with green food, or an occasional dose of sulphate of soda. When a fit occurs give as much bromide of potassium as will lie on a threepenny-piece in the water for three or four days. If you can tell when a fit is impending begin to give the bromide at once. (2) Yes, a yellow Yorkshire hen would do very well for muling with either Linnet or Guldfinch, but it mated with a cock Lizard the progeny would be crossbred Canaries—not Mules, as you appear to surmise.

Doubting Thomas.

Ada.—I can only repeat what I said in my last reply, viz., that the stringy substance most certainly was no worm at all. Sorry your are inclined to think otherwise, but I cannot help your doing so. My suggestion that it might probably be (not that I did not say decidedly it was) a fibre from some green stuff, was, I admit, obviously wrong, seeing that none was supplied, but that does not affect the main fact in any way. You say you know she could not possibly have got such a stringy substance from food or elsewhere evidently, unaware of the fact that they are readily formed when the voidings are of a sticky mucous-like nature as in certain unhealthy conditions of the bowels, simply through the glairy discharge adhearing to the vent and the thread like portion hardening on exposure to the air. My theory as to the sluggish action of bowels is amply confirmed by what you say in your last letter, and the treatment previously advised should set matters right. Examine the kernel of your hemp, by the way. Now, as regards your questions, the only test I put the substance to was examination under a strong magnifier. This was merely a matter of form, as naked eye appearances was sufficient to convince me it was not a worm of any kind. Secondly: Cage birds do have worms sometimes, though it is uncommon, but none of them are anything like what you send, and as for tapeworm, that is quite out of the question. Hope this will set your mind at rest on the matter.

Seven in One.

A Constant Reader.—(1) Sorry I do not know the address of the maker of Queck organs. It is a German product. I think that any of the large firms dealing in fanciers' specialities would be able to obtain you one. Why not write one or two of them asking for their prices? (2) The Queck organ seems to be most popular, and is probably found the best for general purposes. (3) Yes, if one's breeding operations are on at least a moderate scale, so as to justify the outlay on an organ, I would certainly advise the use of one as an aid to tutoring the young cocks. The organ should be supplementary to good "schoolmasters," and not quite a substitute for them. (4) As regards price of a good organ, I have not a list by me at the moment, but if my memory is correct the Queck organ is something between £3 and £4. You could discover this by looking through our advertisement columns for last autumn, or any large Canary dealer's price list. (5) The rape you refer to at 5d. per lb. is supposed to be the particular kind favoured by the best German breeders, and should be the very best for the birds. But for general purposes a really good and mellow summer rape is practically as good. For high-class songsters, where price is no object, I would certainly advise you to get the superior kind. (6) Your dietary is very good, with the exception that twice a week would be sufficient to give the mixed seeds, and also for the egg bread, and on each of the remaining days you may give a scrap of green stuff, or fruit of some kind. Keep the proportion of hemp in the seed mixture fairly low, and the linseed at quite a minimum. (7) House's "Manual," 1s. 2d., contains an excellent chapter on the Roller; the Nutshell booklet on "The Roller," 2½d.; and "Profitable Canary Breeding," by Rettich, 9d., are the best. Our manager will send them all post free at prices named.

Building Aviary.

Flying Loose.—You seem to have formed a pretty good idea of the first principles of construction, and I take it you want only measurements of the minimum size required. You omit to say whether you intend building a span roof structure, or a lean-to, taking advantage of some existing wall for the back. Types of both structures are dealt with and illustrated in "Our Canaries," Part II. Unless space is really at a premium, which I do not judge is the case from your letter, it is scarcely wise to aim at building the smallest sized house that will suit your immediate requirements. Rather aim at making a place which is quite convenient and comfortable for yourself to move about in and attend to the stock with comfort, as well as providing for the convenient storage of all necessary foods and appliances. For the number of birds you propose running, say, 12 hens and four cocks, I would advise you to make the house 9ft. by 6ft. and, if it is a lean-to type, 7ft. 6ins. high at the back, descending to 6ft. 6in. at the front. A span roof should be about the same at the eaves, with a fair pitch up to the ridge to throw off wet quickly. Make it to face south east with a window made to open, 3ft. 6in. long and 2ft. high in front, a small fast window—i.e., not to open—18in. square in the north-east end, and door in the south-west end. This amount of window space would give plenty of light, without making the place too cold. The cages for nesting would be placed mostly on the back, facing north-west, but may be scattered in any nice bright place. Be careful not to place one or two considerably higher than the others, or all the hens will quarrel for possession of them. If I have missed any point you want to know, please write again.

Strain Wanted (V.W.).—I am sorry, but yours is just such a pery as I cannot deal with here. To recommend any particular strain or dealer in these columns would be obviously unfair to all the rest. Look up CAGE BIRDS' advertisement columns, and put yourself in the hands of a breeder or dealer of good standing who has a reputation to maintain. Tell him clearly what you want, or what your object is, and the amount you are prepared to spend, and you will doubtless be dealt with fairly—or you may ask for a quotation of price.

Best Staple (Burr).—A staple of plain Canary seed only, or at most a mixture of three parts Canary to one part rape, is far more conducive to general health and condition than an elaborate mixture given as staple all the year round. With the latter the birds have practically no change at all, and feed much too freely on just those seeds which are the least wholesome for them. By all means give the plain staple, and the various extras often named here separately from time to time, as and when required.

Colour of Young and Loss of Claws (Nero).—(1) If the buff cock is quite free from Cinnamon blood, the young from your proposed mating will be Greens, self and broken, and possibly some heavily green variegated. The difference that the Cinnamon blood makes in such a case is to cause, in a manner of speaking, almost complete reversion to the original green colour. (2) The loss of two claws would very seriously handicap the bird, and in good competition would probably destroy its chance of winning.

Looks Unmoulted (Anxious).—You ought to have said more definitely how the bird was than that it seems to be in a bad way, which might mean anything from the quite trivial to the most serious matter. If you are expert at washing, or have a friend who would do it for you, give the bird a wash, using water rather on the warm side. Do not attempt this if you have no experience. For the rest, treat the bird for a month the same as advised to "D.J.R.R.," except that you will not need to anoint it, and after the first week add to its water twice a week 20 drops of whiskey and as much chlorate of potash as will cover a threepenny-piece.

Going Bald (Anxious, Manchester).—See reply to "H.G." in this issue for treatment of baldness, which will do also for your bird. With your frequent cleansing operations I should say mites are quite at a premium with you. Do not forcibly spray the bird weekly during the winter. If she will not bathe voluntarily let her go unwashed. Above all do not spray her liberally with borax, etc., solutions. How would you like it? When you see her trying to bathe in the drinker remove it, give her just a puff or two from a spray to whet her desire for more, and then put a bath in the cage for an hour or so. A scrap of green stuff, or pinch of hemp, may be dropped in at the first few times. She will then probably take to the bath freely enough in a short time.

Building Aviary (Plymouth).—The site seems to be very well enclosed, so that if it is dry and gets a little sun, you should be able to breed exhibition Norwich quite successfully in it. But you should raise the back to 7 ft., or lower the front to 6 ft., to get a good pitch on the roof to throw off wet quickly. Also use not less than ¾in. boards for the outside walls, line inside with ½in., and pack the space between. It would be most unwise to skimp the job at the start, and neglect these essentials for the sake of a trifling saving of cost. Do not forget to provide efficient ventilation. Get the building ready, but do not put in the birds before the beginning of April. The number of birds it will accommodate depends upon whether you keep them in cages or flying house. When the house is ready write again, giving these particulars, and also repeat particulars of house, and I will advise you on the point.

Crest Wheezy (Novice, Brum).—See that he is kept in a cosy and equable place, not necessarily overheated, but quite free from draughts. Stop the staple diet of mixed seeds and give plain canary only, with a little rape every other day, and mixed seeds occasionally as frequently advised here. For a fortnight give every second day half a teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake with four drops of sherry and two of cod liver oil emulsion well mixed in it and sprinkled with maw seed. In the drinking water give six drops of syrup of rhubarb and a pinch of Epsom salts daily for three days, and afterwards 20 drops of whisky, six each of oxymel of squills and ipecacuanha wine, and two of eucalyptus oil, well shaken together, every second day for a fortnight. I cannot advise you to breed with the bird if it does not recover from the wheezing, but I think it very likely will recover under above treatment.

Hen with Bald Head (D.J.R.R.).—I do not care for your method of feeding the bird. Keep her in a fairly warm and equable place, quite free from draughts and the fumes of burning lights in the evening, and treat as follows for a month at least. Staple diet, plain Canary seed only. Every second day give separately half a teaspoonful of summer rape, and twice a week on the alternate days a similar quantity of mixed seed, and on each of the remaining days give a small teaspoonful of egg-food or crushed sponge cake slightly dusted with flowers of sulphur and sprinkled with maw seed. Give a morsel of green food or fruit three times a week. In the drinking water give twenty drops of whisky, ten of lemon juice, and as much sulphate of soda as will cover a sixpence every second day for a week. Slightly anoint the bare place with Lanocyllin twice a week for a month.

Abnormal Feathers (Novice).—If only a single feather is affected like the one you sent, the cause is most likely to be some local abnormality at the root, or the quill being injured accidentally. Keep the bird in a fairly warm and equable place whilst the new feather is growing. Give a little egg-food slightly dusted with flowers of sulphur and sprinkled with maw seed every second day for a week, and twice a week afterwards for another three weeks. When the new feather appears, if it retains the quill after it gets beyond the length when the quill usually peels off, catch the bird every few days, warm the quill at some little distance from the fire—be careful; a foot distant will be quite near enough—and then rub off with the tips of the thumb and forefinger as much of the quill as will come away quite easily. In this way you may gradually release the whole feather from the quill. The feather may not be perfect, but I would not advise you to pluck it again this season. Thanks for good wishes, which we heartily reciprocate.

Baldhead (H.G.).—You do not mention the age of the bird. If it is getting old the chances of quite curing this trouble are not very great. Give the following treatment a month's trial, and if not successful write again and report any progress made, referring also to this reply. Keep bird in a cosy place, fairly equable, and free from draughts and fumes of burning lights. Feed as frequently advised in these replies, and in addition to the staple seed diet give half a teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake or egg food every second day for a month, sprinkling it each time with maw seed, and twice each week slightly dust it with flowers of sulphur. Twice a week give also a similar quantity of mixed seeds. In the drinking water give 20 drops of whisky, 10 of lemon juice, and as much chlorate of potash as will cover a threepenny-piece twice a week for a month. Well mix together 20 drops of glacial acetic acid and a teaspoonful of glycerine, and slightly moisten the bare skin with this by means of a small feather or camel-hair pencil twice a week for a month. Do not use it too freely, nor allow it to go near the eyes.

Sleeps and Eats (Paddy).—Satisfy yourself that the bird is not in a position where it gets chilled now and again either from occasional draughts or extreme variations of temperature. If so, these things must be remedied and the bird kept in a more equable, but not heated, place. Also see that all your seeds are sound and good. Having attended to these points put the bird on a staple diet of plain canary seed only. Every second day give half a teaspoonful of summer rape (mellow nutty kind), and a morsel of banana. On the alternate days give a similar quantity of crushed sponge cake with two drops of cod liver oil emulsion mixed in it and sprinkled with maw, and also a pinch of hemp, sweet and sound in kernel. Limit the diet to this for a fortnight. In the water give six drops of syrup of rhubarb and a pinch of Epsom salts daily for three days, and afterwards in each ounce of drinking water dissolve a crystal of sulphate of soda the size of a pea, a crystal of sulphate of iron about half as big, and add six drops of dilute sulphuric acid. Give this every second day for the remainder of the fortnight.

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should consult St. John's "Canary Breeding for Beginners" (7d.); House's "Canary Manual" (1/2); Battye's "Yorkshire Canaries" (1/1); House's "Norwich Canaries" (1/1); Weston's "Stock Book" (7d.); Dr. Clarke's "Septic or Bird Fever" (7d.); Dr. Creswell's "Hygiene of Bird-keeping (1/1); Norman's "Aviaries, Bird-rooms, and Cages" (2/3); Ramsden's "Colour-feeding" (3½d.); "Seeds and Foods for Cage Birds" (1/2); or the "Nutshell" booklets (2½d. each): No. 5 "The Pet Canary," No. 6 "Ailing Birds and How to Cure them," No. 9 "The Disinfection of Cages, Bird-rooms, etc.," No. 10 "The Roller," No. 23 "The Border Fancy," No. 24 "Green Canaries." All thoroughly practical and instructive. Prices quoted are post free, from "Cage Birds," 154, Fleet Street, London, E.C.

BRITISH BIRDS, MULES AND HYBRIDS.

Answered by G. E. WESTON.

Three Items.

Beginner (Herts).—As regards feeding the Linnet for song, note the reply given "J.A.T." last week, and follow the advice therein. You cannot better a yellow hen of Norwich type as a mate for your cock Goldfinch. Get a young hen (1911) for choice. I dealt with the feeding of the Chaffinch only a short time ago. Here you are again, however: Use the following stock mixture: Canary and teazle, two pints each; summer rape, charlock, and linseed half a pint each. To this a half-pint of sunflower could be added; or, better still, give the sunflower in a separate dish, say a heaped-up teaspoonful daily. Wild seed mixture and some good maker's special packet Finch mixture can be occasionally offered for a change, while sunflower heads, full of seeds (gathered from the garden), thistle, and hardheads, seeding chickweed, groundsel, and shepherd's purse should be freely given as in season. An occasional mealworm, flies, etc., are relished by most Chaffinches, and are very good for them. My own birds, too, are fond of a teaspoonful of insectile mixture (such as I prepare for my small soft-billed birds) now and again. This is specially good during the moult (and particularly so if a few live ants' eggs are mixed with it), helping to bring them out in fine condition and "bloom."

"Feeding Up" a Goldfinch.

Midlothian.—It is very early yet to talk of "feeding up" a Goldfinch. Feed your bird on the following lines. This is the seed mixture I am using for my own Goldies: Teazle four parts, canary and hemp three parts each, linseed one part, sunflower, safflower, summer rape, half-part each. The sunflower and safflower I crack lightly by passing them through a seed-crushing machine, and mix them with the others only when about to feed, but this, of course, is not convenient to everybody. In addition I have two other mixtures, of which I give a small teaspoonful daily—one, one day, the other the next day, and so on. They are (1) millet three parts, and maw one part; (2) thistle three ounces, dandelion and sesame two ounces each, lettuce, gold of pleasure, plantain, and cornflower one ounce each. All the others are mixed by measure. These seeds are those I have found by long experience the Goldfinch is particularly partial to, and as "tit-bits" they help to bring them into song and condition quicker than anything else I know. Plenty of dandelion, young tender leaves, and flowering and seeding heads are essential in the spring, and help greatly to bring Finches into breeding condition.

Operations in an Aviary.

Miss Thomas.—The person who told you that British birds would not breed in an aviary unless "living shrubs and plants" were therein, is entirely wrong. As a matter of fact, it is not at all necessary to put a shrub (a living plant) into an aviary for hen British birds to nest in. As likely as not they would ignore it, though quite possibly they might use it. They do some strange things. I myself have fixed up the most secret and snug corners for them to build their homes in, but they only "turned up their noses" at my contriving, and planted their nests right out in the open, within a very few inches of the wire-netting front. Fix up as many likely spots as possible (one cannot do more), and then leave the birds to go their own sweet way, keeping an eye open, however, for fear two couples should fancy the same site, for a pitched battle is almost certain to result should this happen, and unless one or the other gives way it may become necessary to interfere. Hang up nest-boxes in likely corners (or place them on shelves, etc.), and arrange bundles of pea-sticks, or suitable dead branches, here and there about the place. It is a very good plan to get a few old, yet not dilapidated, Blackbird and Thrush nests out of the hedgerows, and stick these about. Many Bullfinch and other hens will gladly re-line and use them. It is possible to get disused "first-round" nests of the above species in the season in plenty of time for use in one's aviaries and cages.

A Linnet Mule (Lin-Mule).—Your bird's liver is out of order and not working properly. Stop giving hemp and linseed. Let the staple food be best canary two parts, teazle one part, and summer rape half part, by measure. For two or three days stir half a teaspoonful of syrup of buckthorn into two tablespoonfuls of drinking water (fresh daily). This should make the bowels act freely; but the excreta does not want to become too watery, and if you find this coming to pass, stop the medicine for a day. When the bowels have been thoroughly cleared out, give some soft food as a change of diet—try a teaspoonful of very stale Madeira cake moistened with a few drops of new milk. Also allow a small teaspoonful of maw seed daily. If the bird seems to be thin (or "going light") mix 4 or 5 drops of cod liver oil emulsion with the Madeira cake for two or three days and on alternate days afterwards. The bird must eat this all up; remove its seed if necessary.

The Case of a Thrush (E. H. Brown).—It seems quite obvious that your bird must have been a fresh-caught one. I should consider 3s. an extremely low price for a Thrush "finger-tame and in full song"; in fact I should hardly expect to get such a bird at such a figure. If you want it to become very steady you will have to keep it indoors in a room wherein people are constantly moving about, and pay it little attentions, such as offering mealworms direct from the finger. Your idea of buying a box cage is admirable: the best thing you could do. You should use equal parts of the crushed puppy meal and the packet food you mention, giving ants' eggs, dried flies and yolk of egg now and again by way of a treat. The packet is very good considering its price, but I prefer to make it a little more "generous" so to speak. Note the reply given to "Arthur Jayes" last week.

A Stock Mixture (Old Drury).—I have very often said that I consider a stock mixture a mistake for any aviary, leading to great waste and unnecessary expense. The chief seeds should be supplied in separate vessels—say canary, summer rape, teazle, hemp, millet and sunflower. The other seeds (maw, linseed, niger, wild-seeds, etc.) can be given occasionally, as may be necessary, in another dish. Anyway, if you want a "stock mixture" I can't give a suitable one until you tell me the kinds of birds contained in your aviary and its size.

An Early Marriage (Young Fancier).—No doubt being kept in a warm room is responsible for the hen Canary wanting to build. But I don't see the slightest use in pairing her to the Goldfinch—you'll only get clear eggs. Why not run her for a nest with the cock Yorkshire, if he is in full song and vigorous condition? If she had any young, it would be quite early enough for the Goldfinch after she had reared them. Sorry to hear your last attempt at muling was a failure owing to the Goldie turning out to be a hen. It is a shame that hens should be palmed off on to beginners as cocks.

Ought They to Mule? (G. and L. Mules).—Judging by your letter both Goldfinch and Linnet are very promising as mule breeders. They will "come into condition" alright, in due course, when their natural breeding season approaches. They must be very fit now, or they would not be singing so stoutly. Give the Linnet the seeds advised "J.A.T." in our last issue. As regards the Goldie, feed as recommended "Midlothian" this week. If this is your first try at muling, keep each Finch to one hen: it is the simplest way and most conducive to

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should consult Houlton's great work, "Cage-Bird Hybrids" (7/6); Norman's "British Bird Manual" (2/3); or Part 1 "Hardbills" (1/1), Part 2 "Softbills" (1/1); "Aviaries, Bird-rooms, and Cages" (2/3); "Seeds, Foods, and Wild Plants" (1/2); "Secrets of Hybrid Breeding" (1/2); Dr. Creswell's "Hygiene of Bird-keeping" (1/1); Dr. Clarke's "Septic or Bird Fever" (7d.); "Colour-feeding" (3½d.); or the "Nutshell" booklets (2½d. each): No. 1 "Goldfinch," No. 2 "Linnet," No. 3 "Skylark," No. 4 "Song Thrush and Blackbird," No. 11 "Bullfinch," No. 13 "Chaffinch," No. 15 "Greenfinch," No. 22 "Siskin, Redpoll, and Twite," No. 25 "Small Insectivorous Birds," No. 26 "Large Insectivorous Birds," No. 6 "Ailing Birds and How to Cure Them," No. 9 "Disinfection of Cages, Birdrooms, etc.," No. 12 "How to Moult British Birds." All thoroughly practical and instructive. Prices quoted are post free from "Cage Birds," 154, Fleet Street, London, E.C.

success. You can run the couples together frequently now, for a few days at a time, until towards the end of February. It is impossible for me to say exactly when they will be ready for mating; this depends on their condition, and I could only tell this, of course, by seeing them. Broadly speaking, the Linnet should be fit in the early part of March, and the Goldie at the end of March.

Two Items (Mavis).—I am sorry to have to say it, but your bird is a hen for sure. Unless it is good from the show point of view, give it its liberty in the fields. Pair the Goldie with the Norwich hen, and the Linnet with the Yorkshire.

Greenfinch and Siskin Mules (Novice).—You can easily sex these birds by their colour. The hen Greenie Mule is very little better in colour than a hen Greenfinch (greyish, with traces of yellowish-green), whereas the cock is a rich green tinged with yellow. The same applies in the case of the Siskin; the cock is a lovely greenish-yellow colour, the hen quite pale and grey. I am referring to the ground colour, of course; the cock Siskin Mule is more jet-black in his markings than the hen. If you get a cock and hen together (adults) the difference is unmistakable in practically every case.

Linnets Dying (Kay).—It is hard to understand why you should lose your Linnets; my own mortality is very, very limited. Do you give them a mild dose of sulphate of soda occasionally (weekly or fortnightly)? Are you sure your seed is as good as it ought to be? It would seem as though kidneys and liver were both affected. If the losses are many, it will be best to send a body to our Mr. Yates for post-mortem examination; he would tell you the precise cause of death, and if it were due to any irritant (ptomaine poisoning).

FOREIGN BIRDS.

Answered by WESLEY T. PAGE, F.Z.S., etc.

Aviary and Birds.

T. G. S.—Your aviary is well sheltered, but the shelter accommodation is rather limited. During the prevalence of westerly gales it would be well to partially cover up the west front. A large sized bush in a tub each of spruce, fir, euonymus and privet would be an improvement. I rather advise you to get a pair of Grey-winged Ouzels; these are very hardy, and would breed, and the cock is a good songster. (1) Thirty to forty, not more, owing to limited shelter accommodation. (2) If you exclude Chaffinch, Bramblefinch, Greenfinch, and Yellow Bunting, you can keep the following in single pairs, in addition to those you have: Common and Green Avadavats, Grey and St. Helena Waxbills, Grey and Green Singing Finches, Bronze and Magpie Mannikins, Rufous-tailed and Long-tailed Grassfinches, Madagascar and Red-billed Weavers, Java Sparrows, Diamond Doves, Chinese Painted Quails, Pekin Robins, Red-crested and Green Cardinals, Silverbills, Paradise Whydahs, Bib Finches, Cape Canaries. You must not put newly imported birds out of doors till spring.

Grey Parrot Out of Condition.

J.C.N.—On receipt of this reply give a dose of Dinneford's Magnesia—one of magnesia to two of water—the bird's only drinkables to consist of the above prepared water for one day. After an interval of two days repeat the dose; on other days put one teaspoonful of Byno-phosphates in the daily supply of drinking water, only repeating the magnesia (after the second dose) as required to keep the bowels moving freely, but not watery-loose. While it continues as at present, supply the stale moistened bread exactly as you are at present preparing it. It can have what it cares to take of this till its appetite for seed, etc., returns, but keep seed in its cage. Supply the following mixture: One quart each of canary and white millet, one pint of white oats, half pint each of paddy rice, hemp and sunflower seeds; add one tablespoonful each of grit (not sand) and crushed cuttlebone (size of millet seed); well mix and keep a supply in the cage. The first moult of young birds in this country often lasts a year. You are quite right; keep it warm, and cage very clean—till it improves keep a cover round three sides of the cage continually, drawing the cover over the fourth side at night only; do not cover up top of cage at all. If there is any change in the symptoms (other than improvement) write again at once with full details.

Change of Plumage (E. Bradley).—While it is quite possible that a slight weakness at time of moult may have partially accounted for the increased areas of yellow, and in such case probably it will largely revert back again at next moult, on the other hand, Amazon Parrots (yours is a Blue-front) mature slowly, and it is probably now only coming into full adult plumage. They are very variable as to extent of colour areas, and also the disposition of them, and I have seen many Blue-fronts with more yellow in their plumage than you describe. Bathe or spray the nostrils with diluted glyco-thymoline daily till relief is given. The Amazon is a hardy species, but must not be subjected to draught.

Books, etc., on Parrots and Parrakeets (E. Godry).—Part II. (6s. 6d.) of the book just sent you will cover the ground as much as any popular work does. There is also Seth Smith's Parrakeets (40s.), with coloured plates, another good one, and there are the late Dr. Carl Russ's works in German. Leadbeatter's Cockatoos, and many Parrots, Parrakeets, Lorikeets, and Lories have been bred in this country, the records of which are mostly to be found in the Fancy and Avicultural Press.

Grey Parrot with Sore (F.C.M.).—You must continue the treatment advised in our previous reply in every particular, but, without altering the dietary advised. At such periods it will be well to supply as much ripe fruit and green food as it will eat. I should give the Dinneford's Magnesia as often as possible (say every third or fourth day) without continually scouring the bird. At other times it would be well to put chemical food in the drinking water. The trouble is in the bird's system, and there will probably be further recurrences before the trouble is finally got rid of, but the length of period between the attacks should increase and the trouble finally cease. Keep the bird under constant surveillance, and treat the sores directly they appear; do not wait for them to partially develop. I certainly think the bird will be eventually cured.

Breeding in Aviary (Old Drury).—Yes, most certainly there should be breeding results, providing you do not put in the too aggressive British species (such as Greenfinch, Bramblefinch, Yellow Bunting and Chaffinch). You could keep with Bullfinches, Goldfinches, Twites, Linnets, Redpolls and Siskins (only one pair of each) the following, which are all probable breeders, but it seldom follows that all breed in any one year: Ribbon and Zebra Finches, Grey and Green Singing Finches, Bronze and Magpie Mannikins, Common and Green Avadavats, Gold-breasted and St. Helena Waxbills, Rufous and Long-tailed Grass Finches. You must not include more than 15 pair if you hope to breed. Put a couple of common laurel bushes among the privet, they make good cover for wet weather.

What Bird, etc. (Brutus).—Your bird, most probably not yet in full adult plumage, is an Alexandrine Parrakeet, some individuals of which make really talented talkers, but they take much more teaching than a Grey Parrot. In good feather and health about 25s., and then upwards, according to talking capacity. Exhibit it in an ordinary parrot cage. Diet: Seed mixture: One quart each canary and white millet, one pint white oats, half pint each hemp, maize, paddy rice and sunflower seeds, one gill each crushed cuttle and grit (not sand); well mix and keep a supply in the cage. Also supply ripe fruit, nuts, plain biscuit, green food, and keep a piece of cuttlebone hanging in the cage, also water for drinking and bathing. Do not give tea, coffee or milk sops, table scraps, or any kind of animal food whatever.

Ribbon Finches (H. C. B.).—I expect your birds were newly imported specimens and the cock never recovered from the hardships of importation. No, do not get another pair, get a cock only. The cock has a ruby collar, which is entirely lacking on the hen. Canary, white and spray millet will suffice for them, but they should have green food (at their season fresh lettuce or apple if they'll eat it), cuttlebone, grit and water. A few ants' eggs given dry, as bought, will be a help, and most Ribbon Finches are very greedy after them. "Foreign Birds for Beginners, 1s. 1½d. post free, from our Manager would help you.

Paradise Whydah (Whydah).—The Whydahs only wear their long caudal plumes during the breeding season, when these are shed, only feathers as in the hen's tails are reproduced till the next breeding season comes round. In June or July next the long tail plumes will be reproduced. Get a bottle of Dinneford's Magnesia, take one teaspoonful of this, add it to two tablespoonfuls of water, and give this in lieu of the drinking water for one day, and after a week's interval repeat the dose. These birds do well on canary, white and spray millet seed, green food, grit, cuttlebone, and a couple of mealworms per diem. Also try it with a few dry ants' eggs, given as purchased.

POST MORTEMS.

Mr. G. Yates, M.R.C.V.S., 2, College Road, Harrow, Middlesex, will examine and report upon dead cage birds for a fee of 1s. 6d. each bird; for reply direct, 2s. 6d.; analysis, 21s. Subjects for post mortem examination must be sent packed in a box direct to Mr. Yates, with the fee, this and any accompanying letter being kept from contact with the dead bird. Send by letter-post; it is cheaper and quicker than parcel post. Any bodies sent to the office of this paper will be thrown away, and if a fee is enclosed the loss will be the sender's.

GENERAL.

Answered by THE EDITOR.

Wire-work of Aviary (No Nom-de-Plume).—If you are using galvanised wire, nothing need be done to protect it against the weather; if ordinary wire, use a good quality, quick-drying Brunswick black—it is not expensive.

An Aviary (F. A. Mascall). Many thanks; will utilise this contribution in our next issue.

Cuttings (G. Grant, B. Norris, G.E.T., and others).—We are exceedingly obliged to you for the newspaper cuttings sent us.

Identity of Bird (L. Morris).—We have sent your letter to our foreign bird expert, Mr. Page; look in his columns next week for an answer.

Members Shows.

Sheriffhill F.F.S.: Held Jan. 6. St. John's Mission Rooms. Judge, Mr. J. Grey (Low Fell). Principal winners: Yorks., Messrs. Burrell, Smith; British, Messrs. Stockton, Rowlands; For., Mr. Stockton.—W. Stockton, Sec.

Birkenhead C.F.A.: Held Dec. 19. Ablett's Cafe Room, Market St., for unfligbted birds. Mr. Young judged. Principal winners: Yorks., Messrs. Jones, Corbett, Bird; Nor., Messrs. Stott, Mealor, Howlett, Burns. Our season's specials runners-up are very close: Messrs. Young, Jones, Morton, Cooper, Edwards, Darlington, Lloyd and Burns.—A. E. Lloyd, Secretary.

Holmfirth C.B.S.: Held Jan. 5. Headquarters. This was the first show at which points will be scored for the new cup. Mr. A. Lawford (Huddersfield) judged. Principal winners, Messrs. Bray, Hellawell, Lee, Charlesworth, Beaumont, Sandford.—T. Smith, Sec.

Glasgow (Queen's Park) C.B.S.: Held Dec. 29. Mr. R. Heggie judged. Principal winners: Nor., Messrs. Naismith, Fulton, Steel; Crests, Messrs. Thomson, Steel; Yorks, Mr. Ross; A.O.V., Mr. Wilson.—R. Heggie, Sec.

Sheffield C.B.S.: Held Jan. 4, Wentworth Cafe, Pinstone St., 19 pairs Yorks. staged, and 13 pairs Nor. Principal winners: Yorks, Messrs. Furniss, Thorpe, Woolhouse, Hemming; spl. for best novice, E. Sissons. Judge, Mr. Browning (Rotherham).—J. Woolhouse, Assistant Sec.

Spen Valley C.B.S.: Held Commercial Hotel, Dec. 26th. Mr. J. Bailey judged. Close on 100 birds staged. Winners for season's competition, 1, F. Allen, 90; 2, Greig and Pearson, 81; 3, S. Binns, 77; 4, B. Wood, 67. British birds, 1, A. Sheard, 18; 2, S. Binns, 8; 3, H. E. Parkin, 7.—J. Lewis, hon sec.

Great Horton O.S.: Held Dec. 26, 74 birds staged. Mr. T. Bennett judged. Principal winners: Yorks., Messrs. Ormonroyd, Fred Self, Gaunt, Lister; novice Yorks, Messrs. Hainsworth, C. H. Self, Shackleton, Morley, Ellis Self. Cup for most points throughout season, Mr. Fred Self; most points in novice section, Mr. B. Hainsworth; special winners, Messrs. A. Lister, R. Gaunt, W. Ormonroyd, Shackleton, C. H. Self, J. H. Fieldhouse and T. Hudson.—J. Holroyd, Sec.

CLUB & SOCIETY NOTICES

ONE notice of any forthcoming Society meeting inserted free. It should reach us not later than Tuesday morning's post. Specially printed Club Notice Postcards may be had free on application to our Manager. Secretaries should always use them.

Altrincham C.B.S.—Jan. 15, Victoria Cafe, 8. Table show; judges, W. Besson, J. Critchley, A. Taylor, W. Wilkinson, and C. C. Blackshaw.—C. C. Blackshaw.

Ardwick C.B.S.—Jan. 16, Onward Hall, 8. Election of officers; balance sheet.—J. Spencer.

Ashwick-le-Street C.B.S.—Jan. 13, Foresters' Arms, 6. Arrangements for next members' show, to consider triangular scheme.—G. H. Robinson.

Bath F.A.—Jan. 18, Foresters' Hall, 8. Special general meeting; radius, increasing the committee; members turn up in force and give us a good start for the new year.—E. Cotterell.

Bankfoot C.B.S.—Jan. 16, Red Lion Hotel, 7.30. Supper and concert; prize distribution; supper on tables at 8; concert to commence 9 p.m., until 12 o'c. Supper 1s.; concert free; fanciers, their wives and friends, invited.—F. Gelder.

Beamish C.B.S.—Jan. 13, Bird Inn, High Hold, 7. Election of officers, etc.—W. Knowles.

Bermondsey and Rotherhithe F.A.—Jan. 18, 8. Please return all cash and unsold tickets before meeting; payment of prize money; and election of officers.—J. Clark.

Birkenhead C.F.A.—Jan. 16, Ablett's Cafe Room, Market Street, 8. Election of officers and night show; all birds to be staged by 7.45. Points to count at this show. Mr. Moss will judge clears and greens; Mr. Hadwin, Nor. and Border, and A.O.C.—A. E. Lloyd.

Boldon Colliery C.B.S.—Jan. 13, Co-operative Hall, 7. Table show; judge, Mr. J. Tracey (Boldon); fanciers invited.—A. Widdowfield.

Bolton Woods C.B.S.—Jan. 13, Victoria Hotel, 8. General meeting; annual prize distribution arrangements; Yorks. Union nominations; new rules.—M. Skirrow.

Bournemouth C.B.A.—Jan. 25, Railway Hotel, 8. Annual general meeting; pass balance sheet; election of officers and committee, and general business.—W. O. Brooke.

Burton-on-Trent C.B.S.—Jan. 16, Staffordshire Knot, 8. Special meeting; table show for yell. hens, etc.—W. Elliott.

Bradford West C.B.A.—Jan. 13, Shoulder of Mutton, 8 o'c. Annual balance sheets, and election of officers.—T. Western.

Cardiff C.B.S.—Jan. 18, Maskell's, 8. Judging competition and table show of Nor. judge, Mr. E. J. Davies.—W. Sampson.

Chester C.B.S.—Jan. 17, Nags Head Cocoa Rooms, 8.30. Special meeting; elect officers for ensuing year; fanciers and friends welcomed.—E. Richards.

City of Bradford O.S.—Jan. 13, Flying Dutchman, 8. Balance sheet for 1911; election of officers; open show business (subs. now due); entries for open show January 16th.—F. Rhodes.

Coventry O.S.—Jan. 17, Sydenham Palace, 8.30. Balance sheet; choice of judge for open show.—A. J. Barratt.

Dubmire Workmen's Club C.B.S.—Sunday, Jan. 14, Dubmire Workmen's Club, 10.30. Arrangements for table show to be held January 20.—B. Robineon.

Edinburgh C.B.S.—Jan. 16, Cairn's Memorial Hall, Gorgie Road, 8. Syllabus for season 1912; new members welcomed; smoking concert, 27th January; don't miss a "guid" thing.—J. I. Mackie.

Garston B.B.A.—Jan. 18, Baptist School Rooms, 8. Annual general meeting.—A. Wilkinson.

Gateshead C.B.S.—Jan. 17, Lockhart's Cafe, 7.30. General business, etc.—A. Holden.

Gt. Horton (Good Intent) O.S.—Jan. 13, Church Schools, Southfield Lane, 7.30. Report and balance sheet for 1911; election of officers; general business; prize distribution postponed.—H. Gornall.

Great Horton O.S.—Jan. 13, Butchers' Arms, 8. Classification and judges for members' shows.—J. Holroyd.

Haltwhistle C.B.S.—Jan. 15, Mr. [illegible] Balance sheet and general business. [illegible] Tallantyre.

Hetton-le-Hole C.B.S.—Jan. 13, Crown Inn, 7. Election of officers, etc.—A. J. Notley.

Hyde C.B.S.—Jan. 15, St. George's School, 8. Important: arrangement of rule cards.—T. Allsopp.

Leicester Hand-in-Hand C.B.S.—Jan. 16, White Swan, 8.30.—Stock pairs and yell. unflig., ditto novice balance sheets.—A. Freestone.

Leigh C.B.S.—Jan. 17, Railway Hotel, 7.45. Arranging for pair show and giving in names for annual feed.—R. Charleson.

Llanelly C.B.S.—Jan. 13, Greyhound Hotel, 7. Arrangement for members' and local show: and to receive all outstanding subs. and ticket money from late show.—D. John.

Manchester and N.C.O.S.—Jan. 15, Deansgate Hotel, 7.45. Confirmation of new rules; discussion on social etc.—H. Boothman.

Manningham C.B.A.—Jan. 15, Headquarters, 8. General business.—H. Grange.

Middlesbrough and Tees-side C.B.S.—Jan. 17, Crown Hotel, 7.30. General meeting; election of officers.—A. Wake.

Morley C.B.S.—Jan. 13th, Sycamore Hotel, 7.30. Election of officers.—D. Holliday.

Northern Border and S.F. C.C.—Jan. 15, 65, Grainger Street, 8. Pair show; judge, Mr. Johnston.—J. N. F. Scott.

Northern Yorks. C.C.—Jan. 17, 65, Grainger St., 8. Meeting and table show; usual classes; judges, Messrs. T. C. Crawhall and C. Cattell.—R. Tindale.

North London C.B.A.—Jan. 17, Headquarters, 8. Annual general meeting.—R. P. Harper.

Nottingham Permanent O.S.—Jan. 13, 1912, Grapes Inn, Platt St., 8. Balance sheet for 1911; very important business.—J. Bunn.

Pudsey Stanningley C.B.S.—Jan. 15, Fleece Hotel, 8. To arrange date of presentation of prizes, etc.—H. Raistrick.

Queen's Park C.B.S.—Jan. 18, Marie Stuart Hall, Crosshills, 8 o'c. Meeting, and table show for matched pairs.—R. Heggie.

Radcliffe C.B.S.—Jan. 16, Wareing's Dining Rooms, near Ram's Head, 8.—W. Pickup.

Runcorn B.B.A.—Jan. 17, Headquarters, 7.30. Arrangements for pair show.—J. Fearnett.

Selston F.S.—Jan. 16, National Schools, 7. General meeting; election of officers, etc.—C. H. Bacon.

Sheffield O.S.—Jan. 16, Rose and Crown Hotel, 8. Syllabus for 1912, etc.—Bishop and Colton.

Shipley O.S.—Jan. 16, Prince of Wales. Members' show; judge, Mr. W. Johnson. Birds staged 2 o'c. Ent. Monday night.—A. Tillotson.

Sowerby Bridge C.B.S.—Jan. 13, Wharfe Hotel, 3 Show of hens only; judge, Mr. H. W. Walsh (Halifax).—Sutcliffe and Walker.

Spen Valley C.B.S.—Jan. 15, Commercial Hotel, 8.—J. Lewis.

Stockbridge C.B.S.—Jan. 13, Headquarters, 8. Annual meeting; balance sheet for 1911; payment of special prizes and arrangements for 1912. New members invited, 20 miles radius; subs. 4d. per mouth.—G. L. Sampson.

Sunderland C.B.A.—Jan. 20, Faweett St. Cafe, 7.30. Show business.—J. Jeffrey.

Torbay O.S. (Paignton).—Jan. 15, Pope's Railway Temperance Hotel, 8. To pass balance-sheet; elect officers, etc.—J. N. Jeffery.

Walkden C.B.S.—Jan. 16, Institute, 7.30. Business important.—H. Howard.

Walsall C.B.S.—Jan. 15, White Hart Hotel, Caldmore, 8. Election of officers; final arrangements for inter-club show.—F. Price.

Wandsworth F.S.—Jan. 18, Red Lion, 8. Auditors' report and reading yearly balance sheet; election of officers and programme for 1912 arranged.—W. Lightfoot.

West Bromwich C.B.S.—Jan. 16, Headquarters, 8 Paying out prize money; arrangements for pair show; balance sheet, 1911.—W. G. Andrews.

West of Scotland O.S.—Jan. 13, Nelson's Temperance, 7.30. Annual general meeting; financial statement; election office bearers; proposed alterations of rules.—W. Hutchison.

Keighley C.B.S.: Held Dec. 26, Black Horse Hotel, where 77 birds faced Mr. L. Varley. Winners of season's specials: Open classes, J. Middleton, 69 points; E. Middleton, 53; S. Smith, 44; F. Miles, 42; H. Spencer, 36; novice classes, N. Jeffrey, 58 pts.; J. Bowen, 56; E. Ackroyd, 44; A. Naylor, 41; R. Scaife, 38. Principal winners, Messrs. Miles, Smith, Spencer, J. Middleton, E. Middleton, J. Mitchell; novices, Messrs. A. Naylor, Scaife, Jeffrey, Bowen.—J. Binns, Sec.

Grimsby C.B.S.: Held Dec. 30th, Slatter's Rooms. Judge, Mr. T. Perkins (Hull); 85 birds staged. Principal winners: Novices, Canaries, Messrs. Ridley, Wood, Harding, Metcalfe; Mules, Mr. Yearing; British, Messrs. Metcalfe, Towl Bros., Sadler, Yearing, Cartwright; Foreign, Messrs. Cartwright, Towl. Altman Cup: Towl Bros., 153 points; 2, W. Pepper, 49. Ball Cup, Novice: G. Wood, 79 points; 2, E. R. Ridley, 78; 3, W. Bridge, 62. After a most exciting finish Mr. Wood won by 1 point. Winners of specials: Messrs. E. R. Ridley, F. Yearing, W. Metcalfe, D. Sadler, Towl Bros. A vote of thanks was accorded Mr. Perkins for judging.—Towl and Smith, Hon. Secs.

Bradford West C.B.A.: Held "Shoulder of Mutton," Girlington, Dec. 26th. Judge, Mr. L. Ogden. Winners of Champion Competition: W. Crabtree 110 pts., 2 A. Whitley 63, 3, Cowgill and Son 47, 4, G. Wellock 22; Novice Section, 1, T. Tidswell 81 pts; 2, T. Smith 62, 3 A. Bennett 63, 4 Craven 37; Sealed Competition, Messrs. W. Crabtree 63 pts., 2 A. Whitley 44, 3 Cowgill and Son 13; and Novice Section, 1 T. Tidswell 47 pts., 2 T. Smith 28, 3 A. Craven 22. Principal winners: Yorks, Messrs. Smith, Bennett, Wilson, Crabtree, Craven, Tidswell, Cowgill and Son, Longbottom.—F. Western, Sec.

Windhill, Shipley O.S.: Held Dec. 26th, when 83 birds were staged. Judge, Mr. J. Wilman. Winners in champions: J. A. Taylor 101 pts., H. Drake 49, Sutcliffe and Son 48, J. Chippendale 41, Jesse Halliday 35, R. Garnett 28; Novices, W. Rushworth 83, J. Cook 43, W. B. Atkinson 29, A. Spencer 28, P. Gunn 22, J. Harvey 16. Principal winners: Messrs. Drake, Halliday, Sutcliffe and Son, Taylor, Mason, in the champions; and Messrs. W. Rushworth, W. B. Atkinson, A. Spencer, and P. Gunn in the novices.—J. Cook, Sec.

Pudsey, Stanningley, C.B.S.: Held Dec. 26th, Fleece Hotel; 80 birds staged. W. Richmond winner of 1st prize with 181 pts, Oddy and Galloway 2nd 139, E. Marsh 3rd 113, Towler and Hargreaves 4th 76, Butler Bros. 5th 60, W. Ackroyd 44, J. Bracewell 39, W. Maltby 31. E. Marsh special for hottest fed Yorks. and Nor.; Towler and Hargreaves, cinnamon-mkd. spl.; Butler Bros., consolation prize. Judge, M. H. Hudson. Principal winners: Yorks, Messrs. Richmond, Oddy and Galloway, Marsh, Towler and Hargreaves; Nor., Messrs. Richmond, Marsh; Gift, Messrs. Marsh, Ackroyd.—H. Ralstrick, Sec.

ENTRIES CLOSED.

Jan. 15.—**P.R.C.C.**—A. Percival, Smithy Bridge, Rochdale.

Jan. 15.—**Arniston and Gorebridge.**—J. Lambie, 5, Old Hunterfield, Gorebridge.

Jan. 16.—**City of Bradford.**—F. Rhodes, 32, Barlow Street, Barkerend Road.

Jan. 17 (1st post).—**Northallerton.**—C. F. Webb, Brompton.

Jan. 17 (postmark).—**Milford Haven.**—J. Fisher Gibbs, The Docks.

Jan. 17.—**Bathgate.**—A. Nicol, 46, High Street.

Jan. 20.—**Parkstone, Dorset.**—Fair and Percy.

Jan. 20.—**Yeovil.**—S. Priddle, 70, St. Michael's Road.

Jan. 20.—**Crystal Palace.**—J. W. Ramsden, 11, Josephine Avenue, Brixton, London, S.W.

Jan. 22.—**Folkestone.**—J. W. Gambrill, 56, Cheriton Road.

ENTRIES EXTENDED.

Jan. 15 (postmark).—**Burton-on-Trent.**—F. Cameron, 51, Bearwood Hill Road.

Jan. 17.—**Larkhall.**—J. W. Clelland, Central Barr.

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Dunfermline and West of Fife; Glasgow C.B.A.; Matlock; Sandy Lane; L.C.B.A.

REVIEW OF SCHEDULES.

City of Bradford.—Jan. 20, Faversham Council Schools, Leeds Road. Judges, J. Robson and W. A. Cowgill. 36 open classes: Yorks. 15, Yorks. Novice 8, Yorks. Sell. 2, Nor. 6, Nor. Novice 2, Brit. 2, Mule 1. Prizes, 10s., 6s., 4s., 2s. 6d., 2s., and spe. Fee, 1/6. Ent. close Jan. 16, to F. Rhodes, 32, Barlow Street, Barkerend Rd., Bradford.

Larkhall, N.B.—Jan. 20, Public Hall. Judge, Mr. Allan Chalmers. 14 open classes: Brit. 7, Bord. 2, Common 1, Mule 1, Hen for Hybrid breeding 1, For 2. Prizes, 10s., 5s., 2s. 6d. Fee, 1s. 6d. Ent. close (extended to) Jan. 17, to J. W. Clelland, Central Bar, Larkhall.

Folkestone (£3 Limit).—Jan. 31 and Feb. 1, Town Hall. Judge, Mr. F. J. Gibbs. 16 open classes: Nor. 3, Yorks. 4, A.O.V. 1, Mule 1, Brit. 5, For. 1, Sell. 1. Prizes, 10s., 5s., 2s. 6d. (over 15 entries extra prize 2s.). Fee, 1s. 9d. Ent. close Jan. 22, to J. W. Gambrill, 56, Cheriton Road.

Bathgate (B.F.C.C., S.B.B., and M.C.).—Jan. 20, Corn Exchange. 58 open classes: Crest 4, Nor. 10, Bord. 7, A.O.V. 1, Yorks. 2, Mule 4, Brit. 20, For. 3, Sell. 7. Prizes, 10s., 5s., 3s., 2s., and many spls. Fee, 1s. 6d. Ent. close (extended to) Jan. 17, to A. Nicol 46, High Street.

Northallerton.—Jan. 24, Town Hall. Judge, Mr. W. Gilbank. 10 open classes: Yorks. 2, Nor. 2, Brit. 3, Mule 1, Sell. 2. Prizes, 8/-, 4/-, 2/-. Fee, 1/-. Ent. close Jan. 18 (1st post), to C. F. Webb, Brompton, Northallerton.

FOREIGN BIRD QUERISTS

should consult Page's "Foreign Birds for Beginners" (1/1½); Arthur's "Budgerigars and Cockatiels" (6d.); Arthur's "Parrots for Pleasure and Profit" (7d.); "Aviaries, Bird-rooms, and Cages" (2/8); "Seeds, Foods, and Wild Plants" (1/2); Dr. Clarke's "Septic or Bird Fever" (7d.); Dr. Creswell's "Hygiene of Bird-keeping" (1/1); "Colour-feeding" (3½d.); or the "Nutshell" booklets (2½d. each); No. 6 "Ailing Birds and How to Cure them," No. 9 "The Disinfection of Cages, Bird-rooms, etc.," No. 14 "Gouldian Finches," No. 16 "Avadavats," No. 17 "The Grey Parrot," No. 18 "Budgerigars," No. 19 "The Pekin Robin," No. 20 "Waxbills." All thoroughly practical and instructive. Prices quoted are post free from "Cage Birds," 154, Fleet Street, London, E.C.

Correspondence.

Pity the Poor Show Secretaries!

Sir,—Allow me to thank Mr. Dazeley for admitting that he is to blame for not receiving a schedule from me. The latter part of his letter is uot worth troubling about. I think he has a bad case as to what in his opinion causes short entries. He seems to have altogether departed from the subject of his first letter.

W. STEVENS.

Secretary, Derby C.B.S.

Boldon Colliery C.B.S. Suggests a Federated Show.

Sir,—The members of the Boldon Colliery C.B.S. are willing to combine with the following societies to have a federated show: Hetton-le-Hole, Houghton-le-Spring, Dubmire Workmen's Club C.B.S., Sheriffhill, and South Shields. If these societies are agreeable will the secretaries kindly correspond with me, and I will try to arrange time and place for a meeting to draw up the conditions of the show.

A. WINDOWFIELD.

95, Charles Street, Boldon Colliery.

The Imitative Powers of a Green Bulbul.

Sir,—I am a constant reader of CAGE BIRDS, and was particularly pleased with a portrait published in your columns of a Green Bulbul that might pass for a picture of the one I possess myself. With utmost interest I read the description of this lovely, delightful little fellow in your columns, but I was grieved to see no mention of one of his greatest attractions, viz., his imitative powers, which are simply marvellous. I cannot tell his note from that of the Canary or any other bird he fancies to copy! I have a dear old friend, a Blossom-headed Parrakeet ("Plumy" by name); he has been backwards and forwards to India with me on a tiny chain attached to my dress. I have owned him some fourteen years, and his intelligence is wonderful. But it was not of him I was going to write, though this would fill a column, but of the extraordinary way in which "Greenie," the Bulbul, imitates the Parrakeet's notes. The notes are manifold—one the softest little joyful song (all his own invention, for I have other Blossomheads, and they only have their usual notes) that might be likened to the same feelings expressed by a kitten's purr. This cheerful gleesong "Greenie" imitates to such a degree that I cannot tell it myself from "Plumy's."

(Mrs.) A. MCLAREN MORRISON.

A Plea for Novice Classes.

Sir,—It is only waste of time and space for Mr Downing to fight for novices in British classes, as it seems that 90 per cent. of them are "last ditchers." What of the poor show managers and secretaries, who do all the work for "honour," not filthy lucre? If the novices want these classes, why don't they show a fighting front and demand them. It is quite evident "Whiskers" doesn't know Mr. Downing as well as he professes; or has he never handled one of Mr. Downing's specials yet? May his whiskers tickle his gape so that he will have to open his mouth at next question night; then wo shall all have an enjoyable meeting. I am waiting a reply from Mr. A. Wellings re my query, how to obtain colour other than by colour feeding. As the breeding season will soon be here, he would assist not only myself, but the rest of the Fancy.

A. E. LONG.

Sir,—I was very much amused to read Mr. Booth's eulogy of Friend Downing's powerful plea for those pampered pets, the novices. Mr. Booth is rather unfortunate in his illustration. The show in question was something of a fiasco. I understand that the late secretary left in the midst of the arrangements, and that the present secretary was somewhat in a fog as regards what had and what had not been done in the matter. I think I shall be safe in blaming this for the poor show of champion birds. A better illustration of the difference between open and novice entries would have been the Manchester All-England Show at Belle Vue. There most of the champion classes filled very well, and the birds were certainly better worth looking at than the birds in the novice classes. There seems to be an idea amongst a certain section of novices that the champion exhibitors spend most of their time going about to shows, and visiting the rooms of novices picking up their best birds, for an old song and winning with them in the open. I may say that I know two or three champion exhibitors who occasionally breed a bird fit to show and win in the open classes. I also know that they sometimes sell them to the novice, and they (the birds) never win again. Why? Echo answers "Why?" Now, you novices, get up on your hind legs and start caling. Do not expect to be spoon fed all your lives. Remember that the champions have had to go through just what you are going through now. Why should you want to deny them the fruits of their labour? The novice has a better chance to-day than ever he had before. Does he want to buy a good bird? There are plenty to sell. Would he rather breed them? There is the Fancy Press, and plenty of books to guide his feet over the quagmires that the champions had to wallow through as best they could. There are not so many "secrets" in the Fancy now as there were twenty years since. Thanks to CAGE BIRDS, you can now breed high-class birds with more certainty than you could even ten years since. Novices should keep their mind's eye fixed on the ultimate goal of every good fancier, namely, championship honours. If you novices expect to make your fortunes by showing birds in novice classes, I am afraid you will be disappointed. Further, we cannot all get to the top of the tree; besides, we could not all stick there if we got there.

WHISKERS.

Sir,—In reply to "Whiskers," I think he would have looked more of a sport and more of a man if he had written his letter over his own name. Probably he was ashamed of the fruits of his handiwork. I must say it looks bad to throw stones and hide behind a wall. I should just like to ask him if he will be good enough to tell me when Mr. Downing did show his British among the novices? As regards his other question, I think the uovices of Ardwick C.B.S. will answer this for him if he will undisguise and be bold enough to get up and ask the question at the next meeting. This "pet fad" was passed without a single dissentient. His other question, about allowing a member to show Yorkshires in the open without it affecting his standing in the Norwich, is silly, and needs no answer.

R. BOOTH.

Sir,—I will try to answer the questions "Whiskers" asks me, if he will first let us know who is in concealment behind those whiskers. Surely if he numbers me among his friends, I am entitled to know his name? Then we can begin to discuss things in a friendly spirit. Noms de plume are useful to anyone writing to CAGE BIRDS experts for advice, but in controversial matters I think everyone ought to use their own name if they are anxious for their opinion to have any weight. Under a nom de plume their word carries about as much weight as would the following letter:—"We have a door-mat and a boot which are continually meeting each other. If we pair them up, are they likely to breed us a pair of carpet slippers with swansdown linings?" No offence meant, of course.

W. DOWNING.

A Curious Nest of String.

(*See Photograph on page* 21).

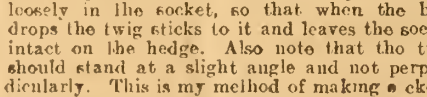
Sir,—I am sorry I cannot tell you correctly the name of the bird which built this curious nest. It was composed chiefly of string, it being woven in and through and fastened to the branch as if by an expert hand. It was slightly smaller than a Chaffinch's nest, and more open at the top, with a mixture of hay and down (apparently off thistle or dandelion). Seeing that it was found in a damson tree, probably it was built by a Goldfinch with a highly developed bump for architectural security. I thought it to be something out of the ordinary way of nest-building, so of interest to the readers of "C.B." It is lined with hair. The branch was cut off and set up for the purposes of the photograph, which was taken by a friend of mine.

J. T. BREWIN.

Heanor.

Making Sockets for Bird-catching with Lime.

Sir,—In an issue of recent date, "Linnet" asked for information on making the above. I have been waiting for a handier pen than mine to reply, but as no reply comes I will try to oblige. Sockets for holding limed twigs are made of willow, and are about ¾in. diameter and 2½in. long. They should be bored about an inch down one end with a ¼in. bit



A: Hole bored at end to take the limed twig.
B: The binding wire.

or a small gimlet, and afterwards cleaned in the hole with a piece of hot iron about 3-16in. round. The bottom end is split up after the manner of a clothes-peg, and fine wire is wrapped round about twice in the centre of the socket to prevent it splitting all its length. It is important that the limed twig should fit loosely in the socket, so that when the bird drops the twig sticks to it and leaves the socket intact on the hedge. Also note that the twig should stand at a slight angle and not perpendicularly. This is my method of making sockets, and I send a rough sketch, which I hope will be of some service to "Linnet." I also take this opportunity of thanking such writers as "Netter" and "Catcher" and many others for the good advice contained in their useful letters.

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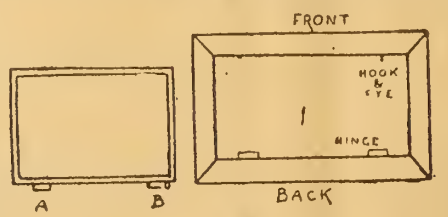
To Avoid Disturbing Sitting Hens.

A Novel Method of Fixing Cage-Bottoms.

Sir,—The majority of books written on Canary breeding greatly emphasise the fact that hens, particularly nervous hens, when sitting, must not be disturbed more than is absolutely essential. When removing eggs and cleaning cages, however, it is impossible to avoid disturbing the birds to a slight extent. Many effective devices have been brought forward for removing eggs with the minimum of disturbance, such as the swing door introduced



by Mr. Rudd, of Norwich; but I have never yet seen advocated by anyone else an idea of my own for facilitating the cleaning of cage bottoms, during the breeding season in particular. When the sand tray has been withdrawn there is always found a collection of sand, husks, etc., in the space between the turned-up edge of the tray and the sides of the cage. To remove this it is necessary to either place your hand in the door and remove by a stiff brush or insert a scraper through the tray opening. To avoid doing this I hinge my cage bottoms as seen in sketch given of section. A is a hinge placed about one inch from each end of the bottom at the back. B is a hook and eye to correspond to each hinge. When the tray has been withdrawn I unfasten the hook from the eye and gently lower the front portion of the cage bottom on its hinges at B. The majority of the husks, etc., will readily slide off and can be far more easily removed than by inserting a hand in the cage. This construction is, of course, only possible when cages are hung with their backs to a wall. If a rack is used, the bottom could be constructed as sketch of plan of bottom, with cage resting on its back. The cross hatched portion could be nailed on and could rest on the horizontal members of the rack. To the open space remaining could be hinged a bottom as before described, which could be lowered between the horizontal struts of the rack. To those who make their own cages the facility in cleaning is well worth the additional labour in construction.

H. PROTHERO HOBBS.

Early Hybrid Breeding.

An Extraordinary Instance.

Sir,—It may be of interest to your many readers to know that I have a hen Bullie which is at present hatching her first clutch of four eggs. I received her along with a few more at the beginning of the catching season, and I selected her as a breeder, and mated her off with a cock Greenie, the result being as stated above. The eggs are due to hatch out on Jan. 11. But I observe that there is only one fertile egg in the lot. However, we will wait and see the result.

W. SHARP.

A Social and Prize Distribution for Newcastle and District.

Sir,—Some time back the Northern Specialist Clubs decided to hold an annual social and tea, at which the presentation of the prizes of the various clubs could take place. Some little while ago a meeting of these deputed by the different clubs to make the necessary arrangements was held. It was decided that we have a substantial tea. The prices to be 1s 6d. single and 2s. 6d. double ticket, in some suitable hall in Newcastle. It fell to my lot to make the final arrangements, so I have fixed up for it to be held on March 27 (Wednesday) at Crosby's Cafe, 51, Northumberland Street, Newcastle, tea to be on the tables at 7 p.m. Tickets can be had from the secretaries of the various specialist clubs. Some good artistes having promised their services, we anticipate an enjoyable evening. I hope there will be a good muster to show how we appreciate their services. As this is not confined to members of specialist clubs only, I hope the Fancy will avail themselves of the opportunity.

J. G. HUTCHINSON.

Hon. Secretary of Northern Crest Club

A Visit to Some Continental Zoo's.

Where English Cities Lag Behind.

Sir,—At the opening of the recent Bradford National Show one of the prominent officials of the committee gave a little hint to the City fathers present concerning the provision (or, I ought to say, non-provision) of aviaries in the public parks, Bradford being a long way behind some other towns in this respect. The country as a whole, in fact, is far behind the Continent for things of this description, that tend to educate the rising generatiou. During the last summer I had the pleasure of visiting several Continental towns, and was struck by the number of Zoological Gardens to be found; if they cannot have one on a large scale, they have at least a large aviary or a deer park. The principal and most interesting place I saw was the great affair of Messrs. Hagenbecks, at Stillington, near Hamburg, whose travelling circus is even well-known here in England, having visited Halifax (for one place) some years ago. The eight hours I had to spare were not anywhere near sufficient to even glance round—eight days would have been much better, so great are its dimensions and so great is its interest. To see the lions in the open air, without any iron bars between them and you, is a little bit startling at first. But there is no danger, the narrow ditch of water between shelving rocks is quite enough to keep them from tearing you to pieces; whilst at the back the rocks rise to a great height and are unclimbable. It is very like seeing them in their native fastnesses. Any amount of other animals were there, but they are out of the latitude of this paper. Birds are to be found in very large numbers, from the tiniest Humming Birds to the Eagles, the latter being perched in many cases on the high summits of rocks above the homes of the lions and other animals, giving a wild and grand appearance to the scene. In the aviaries the birds were far too numerous to mention—splendid specimens, of all sorts of curious shapes and sizes. In the grounds, bordering a lake, are plaster models of the largest prehistoric animals and birds and insects, really marvellous to look upon. In Hamburg, too, they have a Zoological Garden belonging to the City, and it is of very great interest, supplied with good aviaries containing rare and expensive birds. Were it over here it would be considered the finest in the kingdom. Then there is a good botanical garden that would prove very interesting to bird fanciers here, as so many seeds and plants useful for the keeping of birds are in evidence. But of special interest is the museum of natural history. Here some British bird fanciers could spend a full week; there are thousands upon thousands of stuffed specimens from all parts of the world. And the eggs—what a number, case after case, row after row, all indexed and named. To return to Hagenbecks, we must not forget to mention the Ostrich farm, where you can see these birds right away from the incubator to the fully adult specimens. At the time of my visit, one was nearly out of the shell, and I watched this bird until it succeeded in freeing itself. What a pickle it looked to be in! Others were in various stages of growth. The feathers could also be seen, just as they had been taken away from the bird, and others dyed and got up ready for sale and use in ladies' hats. The Zoo at Cologne I found to be another fine place. I was very much struck with the large Vulture and Eagle aviary, with imitatiou mountains and cascades of water, very realistic. During my visit I saw, of course, a few bird shops, and could not forego a call, though unfortunately I did not get a peep into a breeder's room, but hope to do so at some future time.

"STRAIGHT 'UN."

A Cup Competition at Edinburgh Open Show.

Sir,—With reference to "Scotch Fancier's" letter in your issue of Dec. 30, it is evident that great dissatisfaction exists with one of the cup winners in December. Might I ask a query? Suppose "A" had eggs from a pair of birds which he handed to "B" (another fancier) to hatch, and "B" hands over the young when hatched to "C" (another fancier) to rear—according to the cup rule, was it "A," "B," or "C" who bred the birds? Previous winners of the coveted honour have always produced the eggs and hatched, reared, and moulted the birds, a tradition I should like to have seen upheld, as a fancier who cannot rear his own birds does not deserve a cup honour for having bred them.

A LOVER OF THE SCOTCH FANCY.

Fishing for Gulls.

A Youthful Occupation Which Should Be Sternly Discouraged.

Sir,—The following incident may be interesting to some readers of CAGE BIRDS. At 11 a.m. on New Year's Day we were steaming past Start Point Lighthouse, bound from Rotterdam to Liverpool, when I saw a Gull that was flying across the ship suddenly arrested by fouling the forestay and hanging by the neck. I sent a sailor up to get it adrift and bring it to me. I found it had a fish hook right through its neck, to which were attached about four feet of twine and a small piece of wood where the twine had broken off. To get the hook out without further pain to the bird I cut it clean off at the shank with a pair of wire cutters, and drew the hook part out. We then let the bird go, and it flew away quite unconcerned. I expect that a boy on some sailing vessel had been "fishing" for Gulls flying about the stern for food, and the bird had been caught by the neck and the line had smashed. When I was a boy serving my time on a sailing ship, we used to catch Albatrosses off Cape Horn, but we used a strong sail hook with a piece of pork fat lashed to it, and a very strong line.

T. F. SMITH.

Chief Officer "S.S. Dotterel."

To Banish Mice from Bird-rooms.

Sir,—I noticed a correspondent asking how to get rid of mice in the bird room, and I send the following, which I cut out of the Dundee "Weekly News":—"Mice have, as a rule, a rooted aversion to any strong scent foreign to themselves, and will consequcutly avoid it. Essence of peppermint sprinkled in their holes, or chloride of lime, or a little coal tar, generally have the effect of making them seek pastures new. The objectionable point is that the residents of the house are annoyed by the aroma, so that the cure cuts both ways. To avoid this, here is a plan which is certain to succeed. When you have a raid of mice in a place, where you cannot introduce a cat, where strong scents are harmful, and poison is out of the question, set a trap and catch one alive. This mouse liberally spray with eau-de-Cologne and then liberate him. It will act like a charm, and the mice will take a 'moonlight' flitting. The aversion of mice to this perfume is shared by their common enemy, the cat. If your back garden is the centre of a 'gathering of the clans,' don't hurl stones at them; cultivate their acquaintance until you can get a hold of them. Give a dose of eau-de-Cologne with a spray, and they will, after that, shun your garden."

NOVICE.

Birds and the Bicycle.

A Charming Design for a Cyclists' Parade.

(See photograph on page 19).

Sir,—My cycle was decorated as a bird aviary. It was very good, and I won first prize out of thirteen entries. I had many kinds of birds on the outside of it—Thrushes, Blackbirds, Goldfinches, Canaries, etc., several big winners of mine, which had died and which I had had stuffed, viz., Bullfinches, Redpolls, Siskins, Hawfinches, and Chaffinches; and in front was Polly with a label on her: "Hallo, pretty Polly." At the back was an aviary of live foreign birds, twenty different kinds, and, of course, my Norwich under that (which the picture of your paper has covered up).—four Norwich in each cage, one each side of the machiue. A stuffed Sparrow Hawk is sitting each side wanting the birds to settle in order to do to them what he would do to the Sparrows if he were alive and free; this took the people's eye very much indeed. The machine was done with grass and moss, which looked very well. The wheels were doue with grass. The flowers were red and pink rose climbers or ramblers, as some call them. The judge said it was a new idea, and was glad to see I advertised a good paper and a good club. So evidently he liked it very much indeed. He is the president of our club, so that went a long way.

H. INGLES

A Cure for Colds and Asthma.

Sir,—Replying to C. K. E.'s letter in CAGE BIRDS, I advise him to try the following:—1oz. oxymel of squills, 1oz. glycerine, 1oz. ipecacuanha wine. Take one teaspoonful of the above and add it to 2oz. of drinking water, and I think he will find this what he requires. If C. K. E. takes my advice, he will spend sixpence and buy a copy of CAGE BIRDS ANNUAL—from which the above is taken—and he will, like me, "thank his lucky stars" that we can purchase such a volume of information for sixpence. I can assure him it has been the means of saving for me some very dear favourites. Just hang a copy up in the bird room and—there you are!

PERCY JOHN JAMISON.

Sir,—I notice a brother fancier making an appeal for the above cure. I have pleasure in forwarding him the following recipe, which calls for only the small outlay of 6½d., and will make a bottle large enough to cure his birds and his brother fanciers' as well. Take 1lb. of best golden syrup and dissolve iu one pint of boiling water. When this is cold add the following four drugs, one pennyworth of each: Laudanum, paregoric, peppermint, and aniseed. The best way, I have found out, to use this is to mix it with a little egg food (or a teaspoonful of Spratt's or Hyde's or other good Canary food which you may have by you); damp the food with the mixture instead of using water, and you will find the birds take it freely.

LOVER OF FEATHERED PETS.

Sir,—In answer to "C. K. E.," asking for a remedy for colds and asthma, for colds let him go to a chemist and get the following:—2d. of paregoric, 2d. sweet spirits of nitre, 2d. of glycerine. Let him also get a little of the best Scotch whiskey. He must mix these four together in equal parts. Give in very severe cases five drops in the drinking glass, using water that has been boiled. He must be sure to have his bird covered up with a fine muslin cloth. Give from two to five drops every other day for a week. He will then find that all the cold has left the bird. I have used this for the last ten years, and it has never failed me. Aconite pilules are very good but dangerous if people do not know how to use them. For asthma, if "C. K. E." cares to write me, I will give him a recipe that has never failed me yet. I would like him to try it and then let the readers of CAGE BIRDS know, as I would like other people to test it before it appears in print. I trust that these few words on curing a cold will save many of our pets from an untimely end. I may in the near future write a few lines on constipation, inflammation, consumption, and diarrhœa. (Owing to my eyes being affected through an accident, I am unable to read or write much at present). W. LLOYD.

4, Pott Street, Pendlebury, Manchester.

[We are sure our readers will be very pleased to hear further from Mr. Lloyd, whom we wish a speedy recovery from the eye trouble.—Editor.]

Sir,—The following will, I feel sure, give C. K. E.'s birds relief: Syrup of squills, tincture of lobelia, syrup of tolu, a pennyworth of each; shake up well; stir 12 drops in the drinking water every day.

H. MATTHEW.

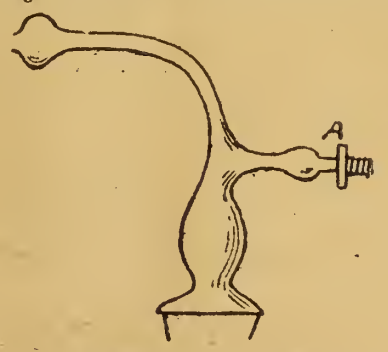
Do Fanciers Feed Goldfinches Correctly?

Sir,—I would like to give to all lovers of this particular species, and readers generally, the results of an experiment I recently tried with success. Having several Goldfinches on hand, I meated two off (separately), and fed them on the usual seed diet, viz. canary, 1 part; niger, ½ part; teazle, ½ part; linseed, ¼ part; rape, ¼ part; hemp seed, crushed, occasionally. I gradually reduced the mixture until I had got to white seed only, which took me seven weeks to accomplish. Having attained this end, I kept them on this diet for over thirteen months, and also moulted them on same without any additional tit-bits, and I must say that they looked the picture of health, their plumage being as tight as wax. I may add that I used no flight whatever, as a matter of fact, they were never removed from their respective cages during the whole time, and after keeping them for the time as stated I disposed of them both for a good price, and can vouch for the accuracy of the statement that both birds are living to-day, being fed on white seed only. So I would strongly advise Mr. C. E. A. Gatehill and other readers to give this method a fair trial, as I feel confident their labours will not be in vain, but success will attend them. Now the subject has been opened I would like to see others give their opinions of the methods adopted, and tell of their results in your valuable paper for the benefit of fanciers generally. I am strongly of the opinion that once Goldfinches are got on to good white seed, they will thrive better and live much longer. I have hundreds of fresh-caught Greypates and Goldfinches pass through my hands in the course of a season, and it is very rarely I lose one.

SAM HOWARTH.

An Ingenious Fitting for a Bird Spray.

Sir,—Here is an idea for a spray which I have found very useful, as the rubber balls often used crack when dry, and do not last very long. The end of a bicycle pump con-



nection, "A," is soldered on to a metal spray. This is then connected by a pump connection to a bicycle pump. If only a medium-sized bottle is used, it is quite easy to hold it in the hand together with the pump. This, I find, makes an effectual spray.

D. CURWEN.

A New Society for Runcorn and District.

Sir,—With the object of forming a new cage bird society, a meeting was held in the Primitive Methodist Schoolroom, Runcorn, on Jan. 3, there being a good attendance, including several prominent breeders of the district. Those present showed great enthusiasm, and after a lengthy discussion it was decided to form a new society, which is to be styled "The Runcorn Bird Breeders' Association." It is open to all England. Twenty-two members have been enrolled, and a great increase of membership is expected at the next meeting, to be held on Jan. 17. A table show for breeding pairs at which Mr. Barker has kindly consented to judge, will be held in February. In March a lecture will he given on the subject, "Pairs for Breeding," to be followed by a discussion. The following officers were elected:—Chairman, Mr. Jos. W. Guy; vice-chairman, Mr. J. Sutton; treasurer, Mr. C. Boote; hon. secretary, Mr. John Fearnett, 51, Victoria Road, Runcorn, Cheshire.

JOHN FEARNETT.

A superb Calendar in colours is given *gratis* with this week's issue of 'THE POULTRY WORLD.' All lovers of poultry should secure a copy, price one penny, of all newsagents and bookstalls.

Club Shows in Belfast.

Sir,—Under the above heading in last week's issue, and over the signature "Progress," was a suggestion that I certainly would support. I would like to know what has become of the Norwich Plainhead Club of Ireland; they seem to be out of existence now altogether. Would it not be to their advantage also to amalgamate with the B.N.C. and Y.C.C.? "Progress," I quite agree with what you suggest, only I cannot fall in with your remarks re the harmony among fanciers in Belfast, as the Norwich fanciers are at present at logger-heads re the Norwich hen that won the medal at a certain show, as it is alleged the hen that won it was not eligible. The Yorkshire fanciers are also on bad terms re the Yorkshire cock that won the cup, as was quite evident on the day of the show.

"BELFASTMAN."

A Practical Yet Inexpensive Birdroom.

(See photograph on page 23).

Sir,—Having no room in our present house in which to keep my Yorkshire Canaries, I decided to build an aviary for them, and the enclosed photos show the finished article. The building is constructed in four sections, bolted together at the corners. The flooring boards rest on the stout bottom woodwork, and the roof is screwed into position after the sides are bolted together First of all I built a framework of wood 2in. by 2in. the shape required; this is covered with ⅛in. tongued and grooved match boarding outside and ⅛in. ditto inside; for the floor I used 1in. flooring boards resting from side to side on the bottom rail of the framework; but if the building does not rest flat on the ground it is better to have wood 4in. by 3in. along the bottom of the frame work to make the building stiff. A piece of 4in. by 3in. down the middle of the house will also stiffen the floor. I made a framework for the roof, and when this was screwed into position I covered the inside with ⅛in. boards, making a door in the wood which can be opened for air. The size of this house is 8ft. by 6ft. inside, 6ft high at back, and 8ft. high in front; this gives better top light and more head room inside than a house built the other way. The window, as will be seen, is hinged on the top and opens out with long hooks and eyes; it gives plenty of air without any draught; also if rain comes it cannot beat into the room. Two shelves to hold the cages are fitted along the back, and a shelf is put along the top of the window for pots and pans, etc., while a folding table is erected in front of the window to work on. A wire netting frame is fitted into the window inside, so that if a bird gets out of the cage it cannot get out of the room. I have a lot of framed CAGE BIRDS plates hung on the walls inside, which gives a good finish to the whole building.

W. LIDDELL TONKIN.

(Several letters unavoidably held over.)

The Young Naturalist.

Prizes of 1s. and two of 6d. each will be given weekly for the best three anecdotes about birds written on postcards. Competitors must be under sixteen years of age, and state whence stories are taken. Two stars indicate the Winning Contribution, one star the runners-up.

*One for Poll.

An old lady once owned a Parrot, which was very talkative. When the clergyman called (which was every Saturday), Poll was covered up and left to his own thoughts. One Wednesday, however, the minister paid an unexpected visit, and before Poll could be covered up the bird exclaimed: "It's a gey short week, ain't it, cockie?" (From "Bon-Accord.")—David Duguid, 121, Leslie Terrace, Aberdeen.

*A Crystal Palace Story.

In the 'sixties or early 'seventies an exhibition of Parrots was held in the Crystal Palace, one feature of which was an award offered for the bird which should make the most spontaneous and original remark. Every exhibit was covered with a dark cloth until the judge was ready to decide the point of merit. Upon all the covers being removed simultaneously, one Parrot immediately exclaimed: "Oh, my! what a lot of Parrots!" That Parrot succeeded not only in greatly amusing the onlookers, but also in easily securing the coveted prize.—Willie Allen, 26, Mount Street, Cleckheaton (age 12).

**A Singing Sparrow.

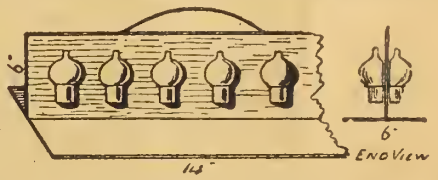
I should like to tell you of our singing Sparrow, "Billy." We found him lying on a roadside newly fledged, and took him into the house where we were spending our summer holidays. I fed him on bread and milk, and soon he took seed and green stuff. The Sparrow was allowed his liberty, but he would not go away. Very soon he began to whistle quite nicely, even through his first moult. I think it was partly owing to his being brought up with a Linnet which we had that taught him to whistle. The Sparrow is greatly attached to the Linnet, whose song he has partly learnt. He takes both sand and water baths, and feeds on ordinary stock mixture, with sometimes a little sunflower seed, and is particularly fond of hemp. He is six months old.—Alex. Kirkland (age 15), 8, Saudyford Place, Glasgow.

Illustrated Ideas

Every "Illustrated Idea" used in this column will entitle the sender thereof to a postal order for two shillings and sixpence.

No. 561.
A Carrier for Drinking Vessels.

Here is a sketch of a carrier for holding drinkers when same need to be taken away to be cleaned and filled:—Get two pieces of wood 14 inches long, 6 inches broad and ½-inch thick, and nail one piece long ways in the centre of the other. Then bore holes on each side of



the upright piece for wire holders to fit in One this size will carry ten glass drinkers.—[Will the sender, whose name and address have inadverteutly beeu mislaid, kindly communicate with us.—Editor.]

No. 562.
To Prevent Nest-pulling.

Sent by John H. Harrison, 17, Regent Street, Hebden Bridge.

I send you an idea for preventing hens from pulling pads from their nests. Wrap a piece of wire round a 2lb. jam jar and when you

have made it round leave an opening about 1½in. wide. It will bury itself in the pad when you put it in the nest pot or tin.—J. H. Harrison.

In the Courts.

Travelling Gipsy Fined.

At Honiton Petty Sessions on Jan. 3 Joe Orchard, travelling gipsy, pleaded not guilty to a breach of the Wild Birds' Protection Order, 1906. Inspector Lale, R.S.P.C.A., prosecuted, and said the offence was committed in the parish of Farway. The trapping of Goldfinches had become very prevalent among gipsies of late, and as this was a bird protected in Devon throughout the whole of the year the present proceedings were taken.

P.C. Winsor stated that there were some gipsies encamped near Blannicombe Lane. Seeing a lot of cages containing Goldfinches around the caravan and furze, witness kept observation. He also noticed some live birds which were braced, and which were used as a decoy, while on a twig was some bird-lime. Defendant and a companion, seeing they were observed, started to pick up the cages, but witness succeeded in getting hold of two store cages, each of which contained a number of Goldfinches.—P.C. Isaac also gave evidence and a fine of 5s. and costs was imposed.—"Devon and Exeter Gazette."

Dealer Fined for Cruelty.

Charles Archer, bird dealer, of Drury Hill, was charged in the Nottingham Summons Court on Jan. 3 with cruelty to two Larks.

On December 20, Inspector Geddie, of the R.S.P.C.A., visited Drury Hill, and in defendant's window saw a cage containing two Larks There was no food, but a small tin of water was placed in such a position that it was impossible for the birds to get at it. He went again the following morning, this time with a police officer, and when he held out some canary seed in the palm of his hand, the Larks fought with each other as to which should have it. Shortly afterwards the defendant came in, and on being asked when he had last fed the birds, said he had done so the previous morning, but eventually he said he was not sure whether he had fed them at all.—A fine of 5s was imposed.

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(Presented with this Birthday Issue).

"Indian Jewels."

Readers will agree we think that Mr. Goodchild's contribution to this Birthday issue, "Indian Jewels," is one of the most beautiful plates ever produced by his accomplished brush. The lovely birds chosen as his subjects have evidently acted as an inspiration.

The SHORT-BILLED MINIVET (*Pericrocotus brevirostris*) is a dainty, fascinating handsome bird. It seems strange, from its appearance, that it should be a member of the Shrike family, yet such is the case, though its prey consists solely of insects. This species is not at all an easy one to keep in confinement, and we do not remember to have seen one upon the show bench, even in these days of beautiful rarities. A number, however, have been brought over to England, Mr. Brook, of Hoddam Castle (a great aviculturist, and a patron of CAGE BIRDS LEAGUE) receiving several examples during the past summer. Its natural haunts are the slopes of the Himalayan mountains, and the adjacent plains. According to Mr. Douglas Dewar, Minivets are regular "Wandering Jews," seldom remaining for many hours in any one locality, except during the breeding season.

The COPPERSMITH BARBET (*Xantholaema haematocephala* is met with practically all over India, and the note of this bird, which is said to resemble the striking of a hammer upon metail, is at times persistently uttered. Specimens have been exhibited at our shows, a very fine one appearing at the last L.C.B.A. exhibition, staged by Mr. Townsend. The Coppersmith feeds upon "slops" (bread and milk being a favourite dish), fruit, etc., and is not a very cleanly inhabitant of a cage. Its curious shape and remarkable colonration, however, make it a very desirable bird to own.

The HIMALAYAN GOLDFINCH (*Carduelis caniceps*) is very like our own British Finch, but lighter (more grey) in colonr, and lacking entirely the black band on head and neck. It is not often seen on the English market, and when imported has been found somewhat difficult to keep in heaith for any length of time, which is curions, seeing that its native habitat is the cool heights of the Himalayas. It would be an interesting bird, surely, to pair with a hen Canary.

The AMETHYST-RUMPED SUNBIRD (*Arachnechthra zeylonica*) is a radiant little creature, marvellously beautiful in garb, its brilliant colonrs being enhanced by the wonderful metallic sheen of the plumage. As is only to be expected, this species is a very difficult subject for aviculturists, feeding largely upon the nectar of flowers and tiny insects. Yet a fair number of them reached our shores safely last summer, and several were exhibited in first-rate condition at certain of our shows, notably Mr. Ezra's little gem seen at the Horticultural Hall. Mr. Frank Finn brought a specimen to England in 1900, the first, we believe, to land here alive.

The WHITE-CAPPED REDSTART (*Chimarrhornis leucocephala*) is another very handsome species, greatly resembling our own Chats (or our Robin) in size, shape and demeanonr. It is rare, so far as English aviculture is concerned, but is a very suitable bird for cage or aviary, particularly the latter. It quickly becomes steady, being of a more or less fearless nature. Its diet is the usnal mixture given to softbills, such as the Nightingale, with, of course, live insects as procurable, while a little suitable ripe fruit also seems relished now and again.

THE SHAMA (*Cittocincla macrura*) represents the absolute ideal in cage pets. Although it has no particular gorgeousness of plumage, yet in its coloration of glossy black and ruddy chestnut, and set off by the brilliant white of its tail coverts and edging of its tail feathers, and its graceful shape and sprightly carriage, it is a beautiful bird indeed. As for song, not any bird, foreign or British, fruit-eating, insectivorous, or seed eating, excels the Shama in delightful music. In a room filled with feathered songsters the Shama will sing any and all of their songs, and every song better than its rightful possessor. It is long-lived in captivity and its proper feeding does not entail any particular trouble, all that it needs being some generously mixed stock food, say a portion each of dried flies or silkworm pupæ, desiccated yolk of egg, and best ants' cocoons mixed with three portions of powdered biscuit. This will keep indefinitely, and sufficient for a day's supply may be mixed with boiled potato, chopped greenstuff, grated carrot or even plain water, enough only of the moistening material being used to make the whole of a "crumbly" consistency. Mealworms, smooth caterpillars, gentles, or any kind of live insects are of course a necessity, as with any other insectivorous bird, and it needs a large cage in which to show off its grace of shape and beauty of plumage.

It is not always that a Shama is purchasable in the ordinary way of trade. Sometimes for quite a long while they seem to be unobtainable at the bird-shops, and then suddenly they are imported in considerable numbers and may be bought at about thirty shillings each. The hens are for some reason very rarely sent to this country, and, consequently, are quite as expensive to buy as the male birds. Attempts, therefore, to breed these beautiful birds in captivity are not of frequent occurence, but the successful breeding of the species has been accomplished, Mr. Reginald Phillipps having effected this in his aviaries at South Kensington. In an aviary of mixed birds the Shama is not generally dangerous to the smaller occupants, although there are exceptions to this rule, but two cock Shamas may not be kept together any more than may two Robins.

THE GREATER HILL MYNAH (*Eulabes intermedia*) is a bird of which as a cage pet one can only write with somewhat mixed feelings. Intelligent in the extreme, capable of being trained into a more or less eloqnent talker and a most docile pet, possessing a plumage which, while it is generally termed black, is resplendent with a metallic sheen—purple, blue, green, all shades of these colours according to the light, yet when we have given it this much praise we have said all that may be urged in its favour. Its "song" has in it about as much music as that of an old gander, and as food it requires a considerable quantity of ripe fruit—bananas, pears, grapes etc., with mealworms by the dozen. It may be got partially on to an insectile diet, but fruit is a desideratum if the bird is to be kept at its best, and the cleaning out of the large cage in which it must be housed is a task which detracts very considerably from its merits as a household pet. Once a day cleaning is an absolute minimum. The bottom of the sand-drawer for such a bird should be of zinc; a wood bottom would soon smell offensively however often the cage be cleaned out. If due attention to scrupulous cleanliness be observed the Mynah is one of the most amusing birds that may be kept.

"Goldfinch Hybrids."

Mr. Norman's exquisite plate of Goldfinch Hybrids should make many converts to this fascinating branch of the cage-bird hobby, excelled by none for excitement and interest. The beauty of the birds themselves and the glow of satisfaction that ensues when one's efforts result in the production of an exceptionally good specimen must be experienced to be adequately appreciated.

Our plate depicts, as only the eye of an artist who is at the same time a fancier can hope to catch them, the characteristic colouring and markings of the parents blended and modified in the Hybrid.

The Goldfinch-Greenfinch is one of the easiest crosses for the beginner to attempt, the hen Greenie being usually very ready to nest in a cage, while the Hybrid itself is bold, hardy, and handsome, a first-class specimen, too, standing an excellent chance of winning on the show bench.

The Goldfinch-Siskin Hybrid is particularly pleasing in colouration, a first-rate songster, and full of quaint, perky mannerisms such as one would expect from this combination of parents. It is not one of the easiest of Hybrids to produce, but has been bred in fair numbers, the Siskin being the generally-chosen representative of the fair sex in the mating.

The Goldfinch-Linnet is another pretty Hybrid, a little sombre in plumage, perhaps, but relieved by beautiful "peeps" of the markings and bright colours of the Goldie. It is, too, an exceptionally nice songster, and not difficult to obtain. The hen Linnet is generally utilised, better coloured youngsters coming when the male parent is the Goldfinch.

The Goldfinch-Bullfinch is perhaps the first favourite amongst the whole tribe of Hybrids. Its chubby form and beautiful colouring captivate everyone. Further, it becomes exceptionally tame, and has most fascinating little ways with it. Neither is it very difficult to produce; but it is not as a rule very long-lived, though we must say that we know of a specimen alive at the present day which is close upon ten years old! This hybrid is mainly tried for with Siberian parents, in order to get size (so important an exhibition point) in the young. Several wonderfully fine, large examples have been produced in this way.

Full particulars as to the breeding of the above crosses will be found in Mr. Houlton's standard work "Cage Bird Hybrids," published by CAGE BIRDS, which should be in the possession of every hybrid enthusiast; Mr. Alexander's article in this issue, too, will be found replete with useful hints.

CAGE BIRDS LEAGUE

LOOK OUT FOR OUR FIRST MEETING.

A FLYING START FOR THE NEW YEAR.

NOTES BY THE SECRETARY.

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New Year Members—A Good Beginning

The year has indeed begun in promising fashion for CAGE BIRDS LEAGUE, and the roll of membership has been strengthened following ladies and gentlemen. There is room for thousands more, and I hope that our number will be very materially increased before our first great gathering at the Crystal Palace.

Madame Feist Madenell, Dulwich; Mrs. Parker, Hailsham; Mrs. Trevor, South Kensington; Mrs. Jenkins, Llangollen; Messrs. Holden, Belper; Lockwood, Southend; Jacklin, Hull; Best, Clapham; Wilson, Edinburgh; Fromant, Woolwich; Grimshaw, Hale; Brighton, Newmarket; Buck, Richmond; Swindells, Everton; Pippet, Beckenham; Pippet, Godalming; Haldenby, Scunthorpe; Popplewell, Leeds; Beetham, and Senior, Ossett; Hopkins, Preston; Napier, Arbroath; Beaton, Glasgow; Gilbert, Thornton Heath; Martin, and Beet, Rugby; Oldham, Worcester; Walker, Hull; Stevenson, Glasgow; Hartley, Seaham Harbour; Lawson, Douglas; Jenkins, Llangollen.

More Local Hon. Secs.

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This week I have the pleasure of announcing the following additions to our list of Hon. Secs.

Arbroath.—Mr. J. S. Napier, 52, St. Vigeans Rd.

Liverpool.—Mr. F. E. Hawkes, 39, Lloyd St., Everton Rd.

Oatlands, Glasgow.—Mr. Jas. Stevenson, 720, Ruthergien Rd.

Reduced Admission to Shows.

The date of Bathgate Show was incorrectly given last week. The show is to be held on the 20th inst. at the Corn Exchange, and the admission to League Members will be ninepence during judging and fourpence afterwards (two p.m. until close).

A Member's Suggestion.

I have received from a member of the LEAGUE a letter as below. Of course our LEAGUE Badges are in themselves certificates of membership, but certificates such as those suggested by Mr. Bibb would have the extra recommendation of being signed and dated, and I should like to hear what members generally think of the proposition. If anything approaching a general wish in favour of such certificates be expressed by members I shall be pleased to take steps to have the idea materialised.

Sir,—Just a few lines to wish CAGE BIRDS and the LEAGUE a prosperous New Year. Would it be possible for the LEAGUE to have printed a coloured certificate of membership, signed by you, for a small sum of 6d. or 1s.? Do you think this would help the LEAGUE? Trusting I am not trespassing on your business.

W. BIBB.

Our Scheme to Protect Humane Bird-dealers.

The reception given to our certificate scheme is most gratifying, a large number of bird-shop keepers having voluntarily written inviting a call at any time from a representative of CAGE BIRDS LEAGUE. The following is a sample of the letters which are being received from our local hon. secs. I hope that every local hon. sec. to our LEAGUE will bring this matter to the notice of bird-dealers in his district, and get them to co-operate in our endeavours in defence of properly and humanely conducted bird-shops.

SIR,—In answer to your letter of Dec. 20th about visiting the bird-shop of the local dealer named, I went down unexpectedly on Dec. 27th, and again on Jan. 5th. I found a large number of birds of all kinds; all had plenty of cage room, with fine sand in all the cages, clean water, and plenty of seed. What pleased me more than anything else was the seed the dealer gives his birds. I might say he is a seed merchant as well as a dealer, and all birds get the best of seed as supplied by our leading importers. All the large cages and flights are done out with lime, which keeps them nice and white and clean, and healthy; in fact, everything was as it should be—in nice clean order. The dealer tells me any one is welcome at any time to go through his shop (faddists preferred).

Sheriffhill. W. STOCKTON.

Our Photographic Group.

Owing to the fact that there is not now any official firm of photographers at the Palace I have not been able to make definite arrangements in time for publication this week, but negotiations are in hand, and there is no doubt that this memorable photograph will be taken on the Saturday, and a proof will be shown as quickly as possible at the stall of CAGE BIRDS, where orders for copies may be booked. Further particulars next week.

Our First Great Meeting.

I am pleased to gather from a mass of correspondence received that members are looking forward pleasurably to meeting each other at our first reunion. This will be held at the Crystal Palace at 4.30, for 5.0, on the Saturday of the show (3rd Feb.). A tea will be provided, free of charge, and after tea a statement of the progress of the League, and of the work it has done and purposes doing will be submitted to the members present. After this, the views of everyone will be invited. Note will be taken of any suggestions that may be made, and everything that is at all practicable will be carried out. I hope that all London members will make a point of attending whether or not it was their intention to visit the show for itself. Country members will be making their usual visit to the great annual event, and the date and time of meeting have been especially arranged to meet their convenience, Saturday afternoon being the time when most of them would in the ordinary course be at the Palace. The matter is now in the hands of members, and the success of the meeting depends upon their attendance. Don't forget; tea will be provided at 4.30, free of all charge, and all members are particularly requested to make an effort to be present. Those who have delayed joining the LEAGUE should hurry up to be in time for the great meeting.

"An Admirable Movement."

A new member, Mrs. Parker, writes as follows:—

SIR,—Kindly enrol me as a member of CAGE BIRDS LEAGUE. I have been a constant reader of your paper ever since I first came across it—about two or more years ago, I think, and I have found it very helpful and the coloured plates excellent. The plate entitled "A Group of Breeds." I consider most artistic, and have had it framed. It has been much admired. I bought two copies at the same time, and recommended it to others who also procured a copy, as much for the information it gave as for the beauty of the grouping. I think CAGE BIRDS LEAGUE an admirable movement, and much needed, and I hope you will be successful in gaining a great number of new members this year. I certainly wish that the cruel little hop cages could be heartily denounced and done away with. Apart from that, I have noticed a great improvement lately in the general care and management of birds in dealers' hands.

Hailsham. (Mrs.) M. J. PARKER.

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BRIGHTON AND HOVE C.B.A.

Annual general meeting held January 3rd, headquarters, when a goodly number of members were present. The chairman, in reading the annual report, called attention to the record open show held in November, when entries exceeded 500, beating all past records. The balance-sheet was submitted and showed the club to be on a sound footing. Several new members were added to the roll, after which the officers and committee for the year were elected. An instructive season is expected, as dates have been booked in each month for a meeting, show, or lecture. The annual members' show is fixed for January 31st, at which Mr. W. R. Miles (Chichester) will judge. Messrs. Cadman Bros. have kindly presented a silver cup, for which there is sure to be strong competition.—Will H. Gibb, Hon. Sec.

The Song of the Roller Canary.

Translated by G. B. LECLAIR.

A contribution to "Kanaria" by W. Kluhs (Landberg).

In this remarkable article, a German band-master and Roller Canary devotee discusses the tours of his favourite bird, and reproduces them in musical notation.

The beautiful song of the Roller Canary is a genuine German achievement; it has been created by German tenacity and perseverance. Whilst other nations bred the Canary for colour and form, the German directed his attention solely to the ennoblement of its song. Our Roller song of the present day is absolutely an art production.

A generation ago the Gluck birds dominated everywhere, even in Andreasberg, the principal centre in those days of high-class Canary song. When, however, it became recognised that it was chiefly the Gluck tours which most easily deteriorated, an endeavour to eliminate these set in, and the pure roller song, as we know it now, came into being. The gluck tours were not supplanted by the "roller soug" because this latter was thought more beautiful, as that is a matter of taste, which must naturally differ, but for the sole reason that it was more difficult to breed pure gluck birds, for the majority of the progeny deteriorated in song. The custom to cultivate pure roller song was started in Andreasberg, and as in those days the leading establishments for the production of high-quality song were carried on there, the fate of the gluck song was sealed. In fact, no one who possessed even a particle of musical instinct could withstand the charm exerted by the song of pure Rollers.

Looking Backwards for Half-a-Century.

Brandner says in the second edition of his book "The Hartz Canary":—"Those who possess a good musical ear will soon understand how to judge the song of a 'hartzer.' On the other hand, however, those who feel bored by a Mozart overture or a Haydn symphony should cease to boast further of his knowledge of the Roller's song. Without the gift of a musical ear, a correct judgment is impossible—it cannot be acquired; at least only after experience of 20 to 30 years' standing."

My own recollections of the Canary's song extend back to my earliest childhood, for my father also bred singing Canaries, and from what he related to me I know that even as a child a good conception of song was peculiar to me. In my youth I was acquainted, it is true, only with the song of the so-called gluck birds, which I learned to know perfectly in all its modifications. The Roller's song, which at that time was called "Hartz Canary Song," I became familiar with later (1874). Fine songsters I have always had with me since the days of my childhood. They have remained my constant companions through all vicissitudes, and I have experienced all the changes of fashion in their song. During the 37 years in which I myself have been a fancier, I have specially bred Trute, Erntges, and now Seifert, songsters, and trained them vocally to valuable birds. For this reason, and in consequence of my scientific musical knowledge (as band-master) I consider myself competent to give the following descriptions of Roller song; may they afford to old fanciers and breeders fresh pleasure in their cherished songsters, and facilitate the acquisition of knowledge of the song by the novices in our hobby.

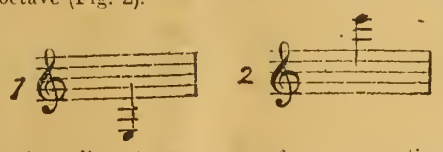
Recently a reader of "Kanaria" asked the following three questions:—

1. What are the limits of the various measures?
2. How many notes does a "measure" consist of?
3. What compass (in octaves) does the Canary's voice possess, and what are the upper and lower limits?

I give the following explanation:—The tours of the Canary's song are not bound to certain notes (intervals of the staff). I could only fix their limits from top to bottom (high and low). If, for instance, a hollow-roll drops in bends, it mostly takes place by degrees; that is, it temporarily rests on certain single notes before it bends further down. In music this is indicated by a pause ⌒ over the note concerned. The term "measure" is quite intelligible to me, but used in this connection it is confusing; actually we can only speak of high, medium and low notes, so it is more comprehensible if we say a tour drops three, four or five times.

"Measure," therefore, does not exist in the sense conveyed by the question. With regard to the octaves covered by the Canary's song I have succeeded in settling this question from valuable songsters of the Seifert strain, by careful measure of the high notes (according to concert pitch). There are exactly three octaves.

The deepest knorre (Fig. 1) lies on "e" of the lower octave, whilst the highest tours (bell and pipes) occur on "e" of the higher octave (Fig. 2).



According to my own former assertions (1887) on the Trute song, there were "three octaves and a trifle"; the extremes lay higher, indeed in the case of the knorre on "g" of the lower, and with the bell and pipes, on "a" of the higher octaves. Therefore the Roller's song of the Seifert strain has become on the highest note limit about a fourth lower, and in depth about a third, compared with the Trute song.

As early as the year 1887, when I gave a description of the Roller's song in the "Gefiederte Welt" doubt existed in my mind whether all the tours of the Canary's song which we describe as "rolls"—especially the water-roll—rightly bore this designation. After mature reflection, however, in which I took into consideration the fact that the description "rolls" had already become so general that it were difficult to introduce other nomenclature, I allowed the appellations hitherto adopted to remain.

We understand by the term "rolls," a rustling such as is caused by a ball set in motion. One cannot very well say water "rolls," but we say thunder "rolls" and waves "roll," When an unevenly-shaped ball is set in motion one perceives, besides the rolling noise, a simultaneous "jumping" sound, to which, as in the case of rolling waves, a water-gluck (gurgle) or even a water-roll and the koller, can reasonably be compared. Anyway, the joy we experience in our birds is obviously not dependent on the nomenclature of the tours of their song; therefore I desist from suggesting another name for the hollow-bell.

Strictly speaking there only exists one bell, with the text "li" or "il," and one "bell-roll" with the text "ir" or "ur" ("ri" or "rü"). In both these tours the vowel in the text ("i" and "ü") and the consonant "l" (in the bell) or "r" (in the bell-roll) are closely connected throughout the whole tour, and the comparison with a ringing noise is therefore pertinent. When the bell-roll appears deeper on the text "ür" or "rü," it is erroneously called hollow-roll by many, yet we know that there are actually bells of deep sound ("ür" or "rü"), and consequently the appellation "bell-roll" in the Canary's song is logically the correct one in this tour.

All really "hollow" trills have pure vowels for their text, which at most are preceded by the consonants "h," "b," or "d." If in the course of the tour, however, only pure vowels vibrate, then we invariably have the hollow-bell or the hollow-roll.

(To be continued.)

AN INDIAN METHOD OF FIGHTING WITH QUAILS.

(See article on page 25.)

ROBERT KEEPS HIS EYE ON 'EM!

Scene in the principal thoroughfare on the occasion of Bradford National Show. The constable, evidently unused to this kind of thing, was observed to make a note of the proceedings! The sketch was sent us by Mr. S. Dean.

A Yorkshireman on the Yorkshire Canary.

By F. GELDER (Little Horton).

The Secretary of the Bankfoot and Dist. C.B.S. advances some decided opinions and gives some useful hints.

Every fancier has his own opinion concerning the cages, but I prefer the single breeders. This kind is far and away the best during the breeding season, because, when a hen has reared her young you can move them into a clean cage, take the dirty one into the yard and there give it a good scouring, returning it to the birdroom in a nice, clean, sweet condition.

Here I might say that I would rather have the wood left bare, or else well enamelled, as the cages are then much easier washed out than when whitewashed. Besides, when cages are whitewashed it makes both work and dirt, for the process has to be gone through each time they are cleaned, if the cages are to be returned to the room in a nice-looking condition. Also, cages that are whitewashed are apt to be shirked; the dirt that is on them just gets covered over with new white wash. As regards the wire fronts, these should always be made loose (removable) so that the inside of your cages can be easily got at.

No More Selective Breeding.

In the selection of his stock, the fancier will have to be ruled by his pocket; but be sure to get the best you can afford. One pair of good birds are worth fifty "wasters," as from the former you will be likely to produce a few youngsters that will be more than value for all the fifty put together; besides, there are plenty of "wasters" without anyone troubling to breed more. (I am not without a few myself!)

They say you have to pay for experience. I have paid for mine. I have given good prices for birds out of one room, and then off I have gone to another room, seeking birds suitable to mate to those bought previously. Mind you, they have all been good birds individually, and I give credit to the breeders who produced them. This method is what is called breeding by selection. I myself intend to have no more of it.

The best plan by far is to go to a man who keeps "touching the prizes" at our shows; he is sure to have the birds required for breeding the exhibition Yorkshire. Mind you, I mean a man who breeds his own winners—not one who buys them. Place yourself in his hands. This, I consider, the best plan for getting your breeding stock together.

Should Cock-birds Feed the Young?

Some fanciers run two hens with one cock bird. Others do not believe in such a method. I favour it myself, for the simple reason that not so much cage room is required during breeding time, as is the case when you run one cock with one hen. Besides, if you run one cock with one hen, and let him assist the hen in feeding the young, the hen comes on to lay again much sooner than she would with the cock away and the young being reared by herself. I consider that when a cock assists the hen in rearing the young it does him more harm than does the running of him with two hens, for when he is not feeding the young he is feeding his mate, and probably is the means of turning a good feeding hen into a lazy one.

Preparing for Breeding.

In preparing the birds for the breeding season at the beginning of February I give the cocks a little extra good food (mixed seed and egg-food) every other day for about three weeks; then I start giving this every day up to the time of commencing breeding. As regards the hens, I let them have as much wing-room as possible all the winter. At the beginning of March I give them egg-food; also plenty of finely ground egg-shells. The shell is better if paced in a small glass vessel in one corner of the cage. I give this, along with ordinary seed, until the time I decide to mate them up. Then I place them in the breeding cages, and in two or three days I introduce their husbands.

I next place some nesting material (I like charpie) between the wires for them to "play with"; I don't put the nest pans in just yet, as a hen not ready to lay will build her nest and then turn it out over the cage floor. Besides, some hens have a habit of "calling" to the cock-bird when in the nest pan, and the result is, generally, a few clear eggs.

I use earthenware nest-pans, and have no desire to change. I always use a lining of thick soft material, which I sew into the pan, letting the birds make the nest itself of charpie.

Humour the Young Hen.

If the hen is a young one, I leave her to sit the full fourteen days without disturbing her, as some young hens are very nervous. On the evening of the thirteenth day I place some prepared egg and biscuit-food in the cage. Should there be any young the following morning (note the broken shells on cage floor) I also give her a little crushed hemp; but very little, as I don't believe in a free use of this seed for Yorkshires.

When the young are three days old I put in a little green food. At the end of three weeks I remove them to a clean cage, taking the dirty one out to give it a good scrub, using carbolic soap; I return it to the room while it smells of carbolic. By doing this it helps to keep the air of the room nice and sweet.

I then give the young ones cracked seed along with their egg-food, until they are seven or eight weeks old. When they are this age I slightly colour their egg-food with tasteless pepper. By this time you will be able to tell what kind of birds they are likely to be, and if they are not satisfactory you should be able to decide how to remedy the fault.

A Trying Time for Both.

The moult is regarded as one of the most trying times in a bird's life, and probably it is the most trying time for the fancier. For one thing, unless he keeps up regular attention, he may as well never start the process of colour-feeding. And even if he has no exhibition birds amongst his lot, he will have to colour-feed or else risk getting a reduced reward for his season's labour. A bird badly colour-fed, too, is an eyesore.

When my birds begin to drop feathers I place a thin covering in front of their cages until such times as I have all the birds in moult, when I remove these small curtains and place a large one over the window. Butter muslin is about as fine a thing as you can get, and it stops very little light from entering your room; it is also quite sufficient to kill the direct rays of the sun, the main thing we want to keep out.

I always give the birds a little saffron in their drinking-water, until such times as they begin to throw their head feathers.

Through a Birdroom Window

New Series by this popular Author.

By the Rev. C. D. FARRAR

(Continued from page 513).

This contribution, No. 18 of the series, happily describes the hand-rearing of some Woodpeckers and their amusingly destructive propensities.

In writing, as I am about to do, an article on my Woodpeckers, I must first of all tell you how it all came about that I came to own Woodpeckers at all. The evening before, nothing was further from my thoughts than Woodpeckers; in fact, I don't believe I had ever seen one save in books of natural history. But we have a gamekeeper here, and the story has got abroad that the Vicar likes all sorts of odd beasts and birds, and that he can't refuse the offer of anything out of the common.

Up in the Morning Early!

I was out in the garden one June evening when I was told the gamekeeper wanted to see me. He told me in a confidential tone that he knew of a biggish hole in a tree where he had seen some strange birds about, and he thought they had some young ones. Would I like them, if he could get them out? In a sense I thought I should, but then I knew from past experience what a nuisance young birds are to bring up. I had no visionary ideas about it. It means rising at four o'clock in the morning sharp, and it means keeping awake for the next fourteen hours and feeding these hungry little beggars regularly. Looked at how you like, it is, as a certain politician said of politics, "a beastly career." The only thing that sweetens the toil is when success crowns your efforts, and the youngsters live and grow delightfully tame and familiar. It is not every man that can rear a nest of Woodpeckers, but then there is no harm in trying. We can't all be Prime Ministers, but we can all aspire to a seat on the Parish Council, and so in a moment of weakness I said "yes."

I firmly believe now that the Woodpeckers had already been taken, and that the story about being able to get at the nest was all a fable. It seemed to me afterwards that a task of such colossal difficulty could not have been accomplished so quickly, for in less than an hour after the offer had been made, the young Woodpeckers were in my hands, and the keeper was richer by half-a-crown. I had better have kept the half-crown, and let him have kept the Woodpeckers, as you will see if you read on. I ought to have remembered Wolsey's advice to that particularly offensive sorvant of his—Thomas Cromwell :—

"Cromwell, I charge thee, fling away ambition."

Ambition has again and again been the cause of my undoing.

To be numbered among the household gods of one's countrymen—to be well and kindly thought of by countless unknown readers: that has ever been my longing. Would not the world hang on the tale of how I reared a nest of Woodpeckers alone and unaided? One of the first duties of a writer is to please his public; his second duty is to earn his living. I felt that in this case I could do both. I could point a moral to adorn a tale, and incidentally earn a few shillings.

An Acquired Taste.

My first sight of the Woodpeckers was not inspiring. They were wrapped up in a blue spotted handkerchief, and when I undid a corner, all I could see was a lot of long necks and fearsome gaping mouths, from which proceeded a hissing as if from a nest of vipers. Incidentally I asked what I should feed them on. The answer was not re-assuring: "White grubs." "Where am I to get them?" I asked feebly. "Well," was the reply, "you must get hold of some reet rotten logs, and mebbe you sall fin a many." I did not at all care for this suggestion, as I fancied those Woodpeckers would eat more white grubs than I was ever likely to find, and I fancied that their airy gaping mouths seemed to suggest that white grubs were a rather scarce commodity at Micklefield. Indeed, in my past experience I seemed to remember that the rate of white grubs was about one per good-sized log, and a lot of labour thrown in. I felt then that the keeper's advice as to feeding was merely "a counsel of perfection," and that I must discover some more prosaic form of diet. I knew that whatever I gave these Woodpeckers meant a good deal of labour; but then I thought of S. Paul's words to the Thessalonians, that if any will not work, neither shall he eat, and so I made up my mind that I would be one of the workers.

I thought I would try my own soft food mixture; as, if they would eat this, it would be one step in the right direction. If those young Woodpeckers remained in the handkerchief they would perish, and if I gave them my soft-food they could but die. I accordingly gave them a feed and left them snugly covered up, and retired, and, like the sister of Moses, waited to see what would happen.

Bonny Babies.

When I came back in an hour's time I was delighted to find that nothing serious had happened, but that my babies were evidently quite satisfied with my diet, and, like the children fed on Mellin's food, were going to do me credit. For a week or ten days the laborious process went on. I rose punctually at four a.m., but the Woodpeckers were always up a little before. I believe if I had risen at 1 a.m. they would have opened their eyes at 12.55. At first, as long as they could not move about they were not much bother; it was only the question of a steady hand and eye; but as the days passed and they began to feel their legs, trouble began.

It is not so easy to feed a young Woodpecker that goes dodging about all over the place. I put them in a good sized Canary breeding cage, upside down, and for obvious reasons. Woodpeckers, as my readers may not know, are not perchers like other birds, but rather creepers and crawlers, and if placed in an ordinary wire cage, right side up, would quickly smash their tails all to pieces, as they progress up the trunks of trees with their tails pressed against the bowl. This is all very well on bark, but bark is not the same as wire. One morning I was delighted to see one of the youngsters picking up bits I had dropped on the floor of the cage, and my readers may be sure I was not long in dropping some more bits, like the reapers of Boaz, on purpose. My advice to rearers of young birds is much the same as Tony Weller's about education. You will remember that he said to Pickwick about his son Sam: "I took a deal of pains with his eddication, sir. I let him run in the streets when he were very young and shift for his self." That was just what I did with the baby Woodpeckers, as soon as ever I dared I let them shift for themselves, and then for a few mornings "I rejoiced in my bed."

Gymnastics for Young Birds.

The youngsters soon became wonderfully active and amusing, and were always climbing about the invested wires of their prison, looking, I presume, like Alexander, for new worlds to conquer. I was rather troubled to know where to put them, as whenever I let them out for a few minutes, they went with such a dreadful bang against the aviary wires that I quite expected to have to collect them in pieces. They had no idea of perching, their one thought seemed to be to get on the wire and then run frantically up and down. I knew that no tail could long stand that sort of thing, so I had to catch them and cage them once more. I remember enough of my Plato to recall the fact that he strongly advised gymnastics for the young. A happy inspiration seized me, and I got a lot of big rough fir poles with the bark on, and rigged them up in an aviary and housed the Woodpeckers therein. They were happy and at ease in a moment and were never tired of running up and down the poles, always contriving, like a squirrel, to keep the pole between me and them.

My one anxiety now was about their feeding. Woodpeckers are unsuited for hopping or walking, and so an ordinary feeding pot is no good. My inventive brain got over the difficulty, for I fastened up pots of food and water on the poles, and my small friends soon discovered them, and helped themselves as they felt disposed.

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There was only one "fly in my pot of ointment." These Woodpeckers were so abominably destructive. They could demolish a good fir pole at the rate of about one a day. A good strong vigorous fir pole in the morning was by night a poor tottering worm-eaten wreck. I felt that to be daily putting up fresh fir poles was something beyond my time and my patience. There was only one thing to be done. The Woodpeckers and I must part company. But to tell of their misdoings would be fatal. They would not leave my hands. I must dissemble. In this world, although deceptions are welcomed everywhere, it is only on conditions, one of which is that they must be carried through with a high hand.

Making use of Your Friends.

I believe in giving testimonials. The great thing to remember is to dwell on the good points and to be very blind to the failings. I determined that this must be my wisdom in the present case. A friend came to see me, and I could tell that he was "badly struck" with my friends. He timidly asked if they were for sale. After deep reflection I said I might be prevailed upon to part with them, but they were very dear to me, and it would cause me a pang to part with them, still, to a dear friend ——. I carefully said nothing about their destructive capabilities. It is no good hunting for trouble, and I knew that enlightenment would come soon enough.

About a fortnight later I went to see my old friends, and I found them thoroughly happy. They had wrecked a good size aviary, and were still going strong; but as my friend is very rich and has plenty of fir poles, I was not troubled, especially as he did not seem to mind. Indeed, he was quite taken up with the excitement his strange pets caused to visitors; and I listened, careless as Adam in his first state. To me, there seemed to be something intensely humorous in the evident enjoyment these birds put into wrecking their prison home; my friend took it all quite stolidly; "it was their nature to!" but then some men are sadly wanting in humour. It was said of the late Mr. Gladstone, by one of his friends, "He will talk about a bit of cheese as if he were standing before the judgment seat of God."

The Disease That Gives Bird-keepers Most Trouble

By T. UTTLEY.

How asthma may be cured if treated in time.

Were I to be asked which disease caused the most trouble to bird fanciers I should say that which we call "Asthma." How many valuable birds die annually from this disease, and how many it renders unfit for show and breeding purposes, it would be difficult to say. Could we but stamp it out once and for all, what a lot of trouble and disappointment we should save ourselves.

A peculiar feature of asthma is that birds of an otherwise robust nature seem to live on in spite of the disease, though every breath taken seems as if it will prove the last.

A bird suffering from asthma presents a pitiable appearance. The feathers are often ruffled, the breath is taken with considerable effort; whilst the expulsion of air by the lungs is accompanied by a wheezing sound. Personally, I have never known a bird to die during one of the paroxysms; however painful these appear, and are, the birds always seem to survive them, and by gasping, wheezing, and expectorating the mucous, manages to inhale enough air to keep life in their frail bodies.

What is Asthma?

Now, what is asthma? Asthma is a term that has been applied to nearly all cases of difficulty of breathing in birds, but there can be only one true asthma. Canaries, like other birds and animals, are subject to various diseases of the respiratory organs, and we must not class them all as "asthma." Let me explain.

There is no doubt whatever that asthma is the result of a nervous contraction of the bronchial tubes. These tubes are really a continuation of the wind-pipe, and are lined with mucous membrane. Now, the inflammation of this lining membrane is known as bronchitis. It will be found in seventy cases out of every hundred birds suffering from asthma that they will also suffer more or less from bronchitis. It is practically a complication of the disease.

The difficulty we experience in the cure of this disease will be seen when I describe its progress. The continual irritation of coughing causes the mucous membrane to become very much inflamed, which brings about a further contraction of the bronchial tubes, till at last the nervous action becomes almost destroyed, the mucous membrane loses its elasticity, and a chronic inflammation sets in that becomes better or worse according to the temperature and amount of irritation given to the mucous lining. Therefore, true asthma is a nervous disease of the bronchial tubes.

Back to the Causes.

But what causes asthma? it will be asked. Well, there is no doubt that keeping a bird in a close, stuffy room, or above the level of the gas, or overfeeding it on stimulating food will cause it. Or it may follow an attack of acute bronchitis, or (I firmly believe this) it may be communicated from one bird to another.

If you have any suspicious cases, immediately completely separate them from your other birds. Never use an asthmatical bird to breed with; you will surely find traces of the disease in the progeny, for a bird that is pre-disposed to this disease will sooner or later show symptoms of it.

Symptoms of asthma often seem to show themselves in hens in breeding condition, especially when about to lay. This is caused by the limited breathing space when the hen is weighted with eggs. I should not discard a hen that showed traces of heavy breathing, or huskiness during this period. But remember that any undue drain on the vital forces—overmating, causing the hen to rear too many nests of young in a season, etc.—may cause an otherwise fine bird to become an asthmatical wreck.

The Easiest Victims.

All Canaries seem to fall easy victims to this disease. Our British birds can resist it for a long time, even it kept amongst a lot of Canaries suffering from it, but that they will eventually contract the disease I have proved conclusively, just as they will suffer from chronic bronchitis if kept in a warm, stuffy kitchen, or a draughty room.

Asthma is a difficult disease to cure; of this there is no doubt whatever. But that it can be cured is, I make bold to say, a certainty. I do not say that in neglected cases, where the nervous action has been destroyed, or where the mucous membrane has become irreparably damaged, a cure can be effected, but I do say that if taken in time the disease can be cured.

When treating a bird, first of all put your patient into a box cage sufficiently large to ensure that in hopping from one perch to another it will have to use its wings. This will cause it to breathe more deeply, and the lungs to expand. The bird should be kept in a room at an even temperature, free from draught and gas fumes. In cold, frosty days I should certainly recommend that there be heat both night and day in the room. Keep the cage scrupulously clean, and supplied with plenty of sand and grit.

The Cure Described.

Begin your treatment by giving your birds a dose of Dinneford's magnesia, a teaspoonful in two tablespoonfuls of drinking water. The next day let fall ten drops of pure Stockholm tar (not coal tar be it noted) on to about two teaspoonfuls of very fine icing sugar. Mix well, in a breakfast-cup, and pour on some boiling water, stirring it all the time (see that you well mix). Then fill the cup three-quarters full with cold water, afterwards giving it to your birds in their water-vessels to drink. Be sure and carefully follow out these directions, or the tar will not mix with the water. Whilst drinking this the fumes from the tar will set about the cure.

Once a week leave off the tar, and give magnesia in water. Give plenty of green food, or ripe apple, etc. If the bird is very weak give three or four times weekly egg-food with a drop or two of cod liver oil emulsion mixed amongst it.

Sometimes a chlorate of potash lozenge dissolved in half-a-teacupful of water will help in a case where the voice is very husky; this also seems to prevent a slight attack of catarrh from spreading.

I repeat that asthma is a troublesome disease to deal with. Therefore, fanciers, take warning: do your best to cure your birds on the first symptoms showing themselves. After the cure, give Parrish's chemical food in the drinking-water. This must be continued for at least three weeks to a month. Iron tonics are useless unless continued until the blood has had time to become richer.

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Thirty-Three Years of the Norwich Plainhead.

A paper by Mr. H. Bell, given before the members of the London and Counties A.C.B. on December 9th, 1911.

I have been asked to give a few hints upon the breeding of Norwich Plainheads. What I have to say is entirely from my own experience and not from what I have read. As near as I can remember I have had some thirty-three years' experience in Norwich Plainhead breeding. Nottingham was where I made my first start, and at the present time Nottingham can hold their own with any other town. I have been in London over 20 years, so I have seen the different methods of both places. I have had a few good birds in my time, but have not what you might call reached the top of the tree, so what I am about to say is more for anyone starting in the Fancy, or for a Novice.

Always the Lecturer's Fancy.

The Norwich Plainhead has always been my fancy. I like a short, thick-set bird. But you must have plenty of size with it or you cannot win now, as judges seem to go for the big birds. Type and colour have always been my aim, and to get it I always keep plenty of variegated birds in stock. I think a good yellow variegated is the most useful bird for breeding with, as you seem to get plenty of buffs where you do not get so many yellows. Before now I have bred a good show bird from two variegated birds, but as a rule I pair a yellow and a buff together.

I do not think it matters much whether the cock or the hen is yellow, but I like to have the hen as near the Norwich type as I can get it, and I like the cock to be of a good size and colour. But whether it be a buff or yellow it must be of a good colour.

Years gone by, when there were plenty of yellow Crests about, I liked to get a yellow Crestbred cock of the Norwich type to breed with: this brought me both size and colour. But a bird like that is hard to find now, as the Crestbred birds of to-day are too long and coarse in feather for the purpose named. Years ago you used to see birds more of an equal size in a class where you could hardly tell one from the other; that was the time when they wanted a bit of judging. I do not like to see great big birds and little birds in the same class, as that is disheartening to an exhibitor. A man has got a few fair-sized birds at home, and he thinks he stands a good chance of winning, which his birds would do if they had birds to compete against of their own size; but when they are put on the show bench by the side of the big ones they are down at once, looking more like Borders by comparison with them.

When Buying Birds.

As regards buying birds I like to get a few fresh ones each year. I go to a fancier who, I know, has some good birds and pick one or two out which I think will suit me. But I have it in my mind that I want some birds as good as I have myself or they are of no use to me. I ask him the price, and if we can come to terms I buy them. If you go to look a man's birds over, and pick some of his best out you must expect to pay for them, as a good bird is worth a good price. Don't think you are going to breed all winners from it, because nine times out of ten you will not. I have a few good birds together and think I am all right if I can but get some from them; then either one or the other goes wrong and my best birds come from a pair which I never expected to get good ones from!

Double-buffing I have not done much of, but if a man has plenty of birds and would like to try it, I should suggest that he takes two birds of good colour, close-feathered and of the Norwich type as near as he can get them. My idea is, if you do much double-buffing you will lose colour. For myself I should prefer to double yellow if I have the right sort to do it with; what I mean is, it is no use pairing together two Yellows about as thick as your finger. I should not mind if they were clear or variegated, so long as they had some size in them.

Three Compartments and their Uses.

I like the cage with three compartments about the size of an ordinary breeding cage; it must have two sliding partitions, one with a little wire in about the size of a cage door and about two inches from the bottom. If you have a partition all wire, the young ones fly on it and the old birds pull their tails out.

As a rule I take my young ones away before they get out of the nest or as soon as I think the hen wants to go to nest again. Out come the young, nest and all, and I stand them on the bottom of the middle compartment. I find that, as a rule, the old birds feed the young ones better away from them than if the latter are left with them too long. I have a pair of birds in each compartment, and leave the middle one empty till I get some young ones. I always like to feed inside the cages; I have no fountain holes to my cages. I stand a water-pot inside just in front of the door, and when the weather is wet or damp I put a handful of sawdust each week when I clean the cages out where I stand the water, and I find that that keeps the cage bottom from getting very wet. Seed I put in a little pot inside, about as much as I think will last the day as I am troubled with mice, and what is left I usually throw away.

If these few remarks, made in a rather crude way, are of any advantage to those who are beginners and novices I shall feel that my evening with you has not been spent in vain.

Wild-Bird Life.

New Year Notes.

The dull winter mornings are made cheerful by the song of the Thrush, especially in the early part, for the birds may be heard singing before it is actually daylight. To sing must be their first occupation, even before that of hunting for their breakfasts. For several weeks now they have been "recording," and are now carolling as loud and as clear as they do in the early Spring. It is rather unusual for the Blackbird to sing much in the Winter, but this year very many may be heard, and not a few of them are in fine voice—loud and clear, and flute-like. In some Blackbirds' songs there are passages that are almost human. Unlike the Song Thrush, he sings with no regularity, and does not appear to know which will be the next passage, or even what turn his note will take. He is a careless, happy performer. His notes are wild and free, and, like the flowers of the fields, are lacking in order.

All birds appear to be affected by the mild weather. Insect life must be plentiful, so that the wild birds are revelling in luxury. The berries on the privet, hawthorn and dog-rose bushes are left untouched, they are a store for the future, and will be drawn upon when frost and snow enclose the earth's surface, and grub and worm bury themselves deeper into the soil.

In the elms near the writer's garden a pair of precocious Wood Pigeons are cooing and love-making the greater part of the day. They are notoriously free breeders, and young ones have been found in almost every month of the year. The Starlings have also been cajoled by the atmospheric conditions. A pair are busily carrying straw and other rubbish to last year's nesting site in an old walnut tree. We have a chance, now that the trees are somewhat bare, of seeing the lovely little Golden-crested Wren. So small and light is he that a single leaf at the end of a branch is strong enough to sustain his weight, and a small twig is not depressed by him. During the winter one may find them at any time, and in almost any place—among a few straggling pines by the side of the roadside, in the thick thorn hedges, in the very centre of a wood, and even on the edge where the timber is somewhat open. But, like all other species, they have their favourite localities, and if one is conversant with the district, he knows where to look for them during th winter months, or in leafy summer.

Thrushes' Nests Unlined.

During the past summer one frequently found nests of the Song Thrush minus the usual mud lining. This was easily accounted for by the hot dry weather, the birds having a difficulty in procuring the wet mud necessary to line the structure in the usual manner. In some districts, where decayed wood is difficult to obtain, they will dispense with it entirely.

The Pigeon's Crop.

The crop of a bird is capable of a good deal of distension. This is demonstrated very clearly in the Woodpigeon, especially when the acorns are ripe. From twenty to forty acorns have been taken from a single bird, and so distended has the bag appeared that contained them that one wondered how the last few were forced into it. It is a question if the bird eat all these itself, or shares them with others—possibly half-grown young ones.

The Tuneful Tree Pipit.

The song of the Tree Pipit is, in some ways, very like that of the Canary. He is a very energetic songster. When perching, his song is short, generally commencing with some Lark-like notes. He sings longest while flying from one position to another. This is a very graceful performance; he glides through the air in a kind of half-circle with outstretched wings, his legs dangling, and his tail expanded, singing lustily all the time.

SOUTH SHIELDS C.B.S.

The [illegible] was held Boxing Day, in the [illegible] Hotel. Entries came up well, [illegible] and the quality throughout was exceedingly good. The large room of the hotel [illegible] is a good place for holding a bird show, having any amount of space, and with a bit more light would be practically ideal. The hon. secretary, Mr. James Barrass, had everything in tip-top order, and judging was completed and cards up in good time. He was ably assisted in his secretarial duties by Mr. Wm. Duke; and with two such good fanciers at the head of affairs it is little wonder that everything passed off without the slightest hitch. The society is favoured with a grand list of officers with the genial chairman, Mr Wm. Thompson at the head. He in turn is well backed up by Messrs. W. L. Smith (Vice-Chairman), Matt Coltman (Treasurer), Joe Richardson, T. Winter, A. Addison, R. Addison, R. Blore, W. Dixon, and A. Widdowfield. Fine weather favoured the event, and the committee are confidently anticipating a satisfactory balance-sheet. The principal special winner was Mr. J Richardson, who received special for best in show with a nice yell. Norwich. Mr. J. Riseborough (Sunderland) judged, and his awards were well received.

The Critique.

NOR. YELL. CL., ETC. (5): 1, 3, Richardson, leader cl., rare size, grand shape, thick head and neck, hot col., well carried wings and tail, 3rd another good one for size and shape, neat head and neck; 2, Mather, grand shape, hot col., neat head and neck, well cut away; 4, Watson, red-hot col, nice shape and wing carriage; vhc, Addison. BUFF (6): 1, Winter, rare size, grand shape, full head and neck, nice col. and quality; 2, 4, Richardson, a trifle longer in body than leader, grand size, good col. and quality, 4th fine shape and size, neat head; 3, Watson, nice shape, good col. and quality, neat head and neck; vhc, Watson; hc, Duke. HEN (7): 1, Winter, yell. tkd. left wing, grand type, rich col. and quality, neat head, well cut away; 2, 3, Richardson, cl. buff, fine shape, short and chubby, nice col., 3rd cl. yell., grand col. and quality, well carried wings and tail; 4, Watson, wing mkd buff, very typical; vhc, Duke; hc, Addison; c, Howden. YORKS., CL., ETC. YELL. (8): 1, 2, 4, Addison, leader cl., fine length and position, well drawn, nice col. best of quality, well braced wings and tail, 2nd neck tkd. buff, nice length and position, good col. and quality, 4th varieg. yell., good one, nice wings and tail; 3, Thompson, varieg. yell. grand length, nice position; vhc, Addison. BUFF (5): 1, 3, Addison, cl. buff leading, grandly drawn, smooth as a bottle, neat head, good wings and tail, 3rd a trifle heavier in build, nice head, good quality, well braced wings; 2, Thompson, cl. buff, fine length and position, nice col., slimly built; 4, Hutler, tkd. left wing, bit stouter, nice col. and quality, neat head, wings and tail; vhc, Hutler. HEN (9): 1, Hutler, cl. yell, slimly built, fine length and position, good col. and quality, neat head, wings and tail; 2, 4, Addison, cl. buff, similar build, nice length, neat head and neck, 4th cl. yell., nice length and position, nice col., neat wings and tail; 3, Thompson, cl. yell., shorter, good col.; vhc, Thompson; hc, Addison. BORD. YELL. CL ETC. (4): 1, 2, 3, Parker, grand team, wing and eye mkd. leading, fine shape and col., neat quality, well carried wings and tail, 2nd yell. green, fine shape, grand col., very level all through, neat head, wings and tail, 3rd yell. cinn., good one, grand shape, true cinn. col., fine shape, neat wings; 4, Mather, neck tkd., nice shape, good col. and quality. BUFF (3): 1, 2, 3, Parker, another grand team, worthy of more competition, leader grand buff cinn. fine shape and carriage, neat head and wings, 2nd cl. buff green, nice col. and quality, neat head, wing and tail. HEN (3): 1, 2, 3, Parker, yell. green leading, one of the right sort, nice type, grand col., very level all through, neat head, 2nd yell. cinn., a little gem, rich col., neat head, fine shape, beautiful wings and tail, 3rd neck tkd. yell., fine shape, good col. and quality. CINN. CK (7): 1, Richardson, rare size, good shape, grand col., very level in tone; 2, Coltman, a shade smaller than leader, better col., nice shape and col., neat head; 3, Blore, nice one for shape, neat head, not quite so rich in col. as leader; 4, Winter, best col. in class, very shapely; vhc, Watson; hc, Duke; c, Barrass. HEN (4): 1, Richardson, yell., grand cinny. tone of col., very level, nice shape, in good condition; 2, Winter, buff, larger than leader, nice shape and finish; 3, Blore, buff, nice size and shape, level col., not quite so rich in tone; 4, Duke, yell., nice shape, good size, nice condition. CREST (4): 1, Winter, cl. body, grizzle crest, very neat and shapely, nice size, good droop and centre; 2, Widdowfield, varieg. D.C., larger than leader, nice shape, droop and centre; 3, 4, Duke, bit smaller, but nice shape, good centre, 4th foul tail green, very shapely, neat droop. C.-B. (3): 1, 2, Widdowfield, brace of beauties, leader varieg., rare size, wonderful skull, heavily clothed, grand leafy feather, 2nd yell. green, good one, fine skull, rare entrance, good rise, wonderful lash for a yell.; 3, Winter, varieg., good substance, not quite so massive in skull, yet not far behind. A.O.V. (2): 1, Richardson, foul tail yell. cinn., fine size and shape, good col. and quality, nice polish; 2, Duke, foul tail cinn., nat. col., nice shape and size, good quality of col. MULE, ETC. (5): 1, Widdowfield, Greenie-Can. Mule, rare size, grand shape, rich col., neck and chest; 2, Woodhouse, dk. yell. Goldie-Can-Mule, nice size, grand col., nice face and wings; 3, Coltman, dk. buff Linnet-Can. Mule, fine size and shape, good col. and condition; 4, Woodhouse, Siskin-Can. Mule, rare size, grand shape; vhc, Murrell. GOLDIE (8): 1, 2, Woodhouse, two beauties, leader grand size and shape, fine rich col. blaze, good body col., 2nd bit smaller, nice blaze, good body col., nice wing, grand condition; 3, Thompson, best headed bird in class, grand expansive blaze, very rich in col., grand tans; 4, Addison, plenty of size, nice square-cut blaze, good tans; vhc, Murrell; hc, Addison; c, Murrell. BULLIE (5): 1, Woodhouse, mouse-moulted, grand size and shape, rich breast col, grand cap, back and bars; 2, Coltman, F.M., fine size and shape, grand col., nice cap and bars; 3, 4, Addison, leader nice size, good shape, nice col., 4th again fine size and shape; vhc, Addison; hc, Woodhouse. GREENFINCH (8): 1, Woodhouse, copper for size, grand col., rich and level, rare head, neck and chest; 2, Thompson, better shape than leader, grand col., nice bold head; 3, Parker, good shape and size, nice head, good wings; 4, Addison, good one for size and shape, nice col.; vhc, c, Addison; hc, Woodhouse. LINNET (8): 1, vhc, Smith, leader grand one for size and shape, beautiful pencilling, clear and distinct, very profuse, neat head; 2, Thompson, better col. than 1st, nice size and shape, good pencilling; 3, Woodhouse, grand rich col., rare polish, nice size and shape; 4, Coltman, grand shape; hc, Watson; c, Addison. REDPOLL. (4): 1, Blore, hen Twite, grand one for shape and size, good rich col., well pencilled, grand condition; 2, Blore, Siskin,: nice size and shape, nice cap and lacing, grand condition; 3, Addison, Mealy Redpoll, nice size, in good condition. A.O.V. FINCH ETC. (5): 1, Watson, Chaffinch, nice size, grand col., rare head and wings bars, shown in fine condition; 2, Addison, Bramble, nice size, good breast col., carried well down, nice lacing; 3, Addison, Yellowhammer, good size, rich col., nice head markings; 4, Smith, Chaffie, nice size, fine condition. SOFTBILL, LARGE (3): 1, Murrell, Blackbird, not a big one, but grand plumage, very sleek, nice polish; 2, 3, Woodhouse, 2nd Missel Thrush, nice size, well spotted, good col. and condition, steady; 3rd Blackbird, better bill and eye ceres than leader, nice col., not quite the same condition. SMALL (1): 1, Barrass, Lark, nice size, good col. and markings. FOR. (1): 1, Woodhouse.

PORT GLASGOW, GREENOCK, Etc., C.B.S.

Seventh annual show held Boilermakers' Hall, Cathcart Street, Greenock, a very suitable place for the purpose, being well lighted and free from draughts. Entries were in advance of last year's, 200 in all, which were well arranged all round the hall. The management was all that could be desired. Secretary Forrester makes a very capable and obliging official, and was ably assisted by President Mackay, Vice-president Stewart, and Treasurer Molloy, and a willing committee, all working harmoniously together. Mr. P. Pettigrew (Glasgow) judged, and his awards were well received.

The Critique.

OLD BIRDS, SCOT. FCY. CK.: 1, George, cl. yell., grand size, neat head, fine depth through; 2, Gemmell, buff picbald, nice size, gets head well down, very nervy. YOUNG CK.: 1, George, good size, fine depth through, nice position. HEN: 1, George, cl. yell., fine size, nice head, good depth through, gets tail well under; 2, Gemmell, cl. bull, neat head, beaten in size only. YORKS. OLD.: 1, Boyle, good length, nice quality, in grand order; 2, Boyle, cl. buff cock, bigger, very rich colour; 3, M'Dougall, nice Yorkie. YORKS. YOUNG: 1, Hemphill, cl. yell. cock, rich col. and quality, in A1 order; 2, Hemphill, buff cock, good length. BORD.: 1, Maltman, yell. cock, marked on wing, nice shape and quality, good wings and tail, wins; 2, Molloy, cl. yell. cock, good type, wing and tail carriage; 3rd, Molloy, buff cock, nice Border; 4, Service; 5, Maltman; 6, Patterson; very good class. YOUNG 1, Gemmell, varieg. yell cock, neat Border; 2, Gemmell, cl. buff hen. CREST CK. (5): 1, Loudan, almost green, grand size, wonderful top piece, well radiated, good centre, wins; 2, vhc, Coss, varieg., another good one, grand crest; 3, Loudan, green, not quite so dense in feather as leaders; hc, Knox. HEN: 1, 4, Boyle, varieg., good size and substance, nice droop and centre; 2, 3, 5, Loudan; 2nd, green, a little disarranged on crest or might have won. C.B. CK.: 1, c, Loudan, varieg., well up in size, good quality, nice lashing; 2, McKay, green, better size and substance, not quite so good in lashing; 3, hc, Coss, another good Crestbred; vhc, Patterson. HEN:1, 4, Knox, green, grand size and sub., splendid lashing, wins; 2, 3, Loudan; 2, varieg., good feather; 3rd, nice Crestbred; 5, Coss; 6, Patterson. CREST (YOUNG): 1, 3, Loudan, green, good youngster, lovely drooping Crest, nice centre; 2, 4, Coss, lightly varieg., good crest. YOUNG C.B.: 1, Coss, good size and substance, splendid lashing, nice quality; 2, 3, Loudan; 2nd, another good one, fails only a little in head; 4, Boyle. NOR. (OLD) CK.: 1, Forrester, cl. buff cock, nice type and quality, close feather; 2, 5, Knox, cl. yell., nice shape and quality, open in feather; 3, Boyle, nice short, typical buff; 4, Stewart; 6, Service. HEN: 1, Knox, buff, nice size and substance, good quality and wing carriage; 2, Loudan, non fed yell., good quality, size and shape; 3, Service, C.F. yell., lovely type and quality, good wings; 4, 6, Boyle; 5, Hemphill. YOUNG CK.: 1, Stewart, yell., fine size, good head and neck, nice quality; 2, Hemphill, yellow; 3, Service, varieg. buff, nice quality, well shown; 4, Molloy. HENS: 1, Service, marked on wing, nice type and quality; 2, Knox, cl., fails only in wings; 3, Hemphill, very neat. LIGHT MULE OR HYB.: 1, Ralston, very nice Twite and Linnet hybrid, in good order. DARK: 1, 4, Roulston, Goldfinch cross, lovely face, well up in size, wins; 2, Molloy, Linnet Mule, fine size, in good order; 3, Service, lovely Siskin cross, good col.; 5, George. BRIT. GOLDFINCH, H.M.: 1, sp, Molloy, enormous face of the right hue, equally well tauned, in good condition; 2, McGregor, equal face, well tanned body, very pure in whites, of doubtful nationality; 3, Molloy, true Britisher; 4, George. FIELD MOULTED: 1, Mackay; 2, George; 3, Knox; 4, Molloy; 5, Collins; 6, Brown. BULLFINCH, H.M.: 1, three spls., also cup for best Brit., Mackay, good size and shape, lovely col., sheen, and condition; 2, McDermid, another nice one, fails in col. only to winner; 3, McGregor. F.M.: 1, Brown, Hamilton winner; 2, McGregor; 3, McDermid; 4, Molloy. LINNET, H.M.: 1, 2, Brown, good size, shape and col., full of breast work, in good order; 2nd, another nice one, fails only on breast; 3, 4, Ralston, lighter tone of col.; 5, Collins; 6, Mackay. F.M.: 1, sp, Molloy, City of Glasgow 3rd; 2, 3, Brown; 2nd, Paisley 3rd; 4, Knot; 5, Mackay; 6, McDougal. GREENFINCH: 1, McDermid, lovely yell., good size and shape, in fine order; 2, Mackay, yell., in nice condition; 3, Boyle, buff, good Greenie; 4, Robertson; 5, Molloy; 6, Maltman. SISKIN: 1, Maltman, yell., nice shape, lovely cap, well marked on flanks; 2, Mackay, nice one, narrower a trifle in cap; 3, McDermid; 4, Molloy; 5, Ralston; 6, Forrester. LESSER REDPOLL: 1, McDermid, good shape, lovely tone of col., well up in size; 2, Maltman, loses in col. only, nice one; 3, Molloy, nice 'Poll; 4, MacGregor. TWITE: 1, Robertson, good size, shape and colour, well marked crest, wins; 2, McDermid, nice shape, better col.; 3, Molloy, nice col.; 4, Forrester; 5, Ralston; 6, Collins. FINCH, ETC.: 1, Molloy, nice Bramble; 2, Patterson, Yellow Bunting, good one. [illegible] BRIT.: 1, Molloy, good hen Bullie, nice shape, lovely cap and wing bars; 2, Maltman, good sized hen Greenie; 3, McDermid, another Bullie; 4, Collins; 5, Ralston; 6, Gemmel. SOFTBILL: McDermid, Waxwing, w.c. FOR. GOLDFINCH: 1, Molloy, good Siberian. GIFT: 1, Stewart; 2, Forrester; 3, Gemmel; 4, Loudan; 5, Mackay; 6, McDermid.

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GUISBOROUGH.

Fourth annual show of the Guisborough Priory C.B.S. held in the Chaloner Hall, Jan. 6th. This hall, which is a splendid building in which to hold a show, being lofty, well lighted, and ventilated, without any draught, is very kindly lent free of charge by Colonel Chaloner, whose wife is president of the society, and takes a very active and helpful interest in it. The Chaloner cup was won outright by Mr. J. Maddison with a beautiful clear Goldfinch Mule. Mrs. Chaloner during the afternoon presented the cup and other specials to the fortunate winners. Mr. S. H. Lambert, the secretary, had everything in order, and was ever looking after the interests of the birds and exhibitors. He was ably backed up by Mr. J. Cook (chairman), Messrs. H. Hood, F. Jones, Allison, Barker, Blackburn, Dixon, Jobling, Jackson, Wesson, Wilson, Atkinson, Hardy and Mays. These fanciers are to be congratulated upon an interesting and well-managed exhibition. Mr. H. W. Battye judged.

The Critique.

YORKS., CL. YELL. (10): 1, Halliday, sweet shape, lovely quality, nice style, well up on leg; 2, Rood, close up, longer, rare quality of feather, nice position, good wings, neat tail, not quite so stylish; 3, Paterson, good quality, nice shape, fine legs and wings; 4, hc, Towers, slim and stylish, good quality; vhc, Woodhead and Son; c, Cook and Hood. BUFF (7): 1, Shaw Bros., nice shape, slim, rare quality feather, good length and position; 2, Dixon, nice quality and shape, good head and legs; 3, c, Cook and Hood, good feather, nice carriage and shape; 4, Barker, hot col., rare quality; vhc, Walker; hc, Miss Bennett. TKD., ETC. (12): 1, Towers, head and wing mkd. yell., lengthy and slim, good quality, red-hot col.; 2, Halliday, buff, slim and stylish, good position, rare quality; 3, Worton, neck tkd. buff, lovely quality, tight as wax, grand back and wings; 4, Barker, yell., pale col., A1 feather, good shape, nice position; vhc, c, Cook and Hood; hc, Chesworth and Mason. UNFLIG. (20): 1, 2, Norton, buff leading, gem for shape, good style, nice col., tight feather, neat wings and tail; 2nd, yell., grizzled neck, rare quality feather, good length, grand shape, tight in feather; 3, vhc, Pyman, wing mkd. yell., good quality and length, nice position; 4, Holliday, fine quality, good shape and style; hc, Shaw Bros.; c, Towers. HEN (14): 1, Cook and Hood, buff, rare shape, grand condition, fine quality feather and position, neat head and wings, well up; 2, 4, Pyman, buffs, leader rich salmon col., lovely quality, nice position; 4th, longer, grand quality, well drawn, good back, neat head, some thought might have changed places with 2nd; 3, vhc, G. R. Barker, buff, fine quality and shape, well up on leg, good wings; hc, Towers; c, Metcalfe. NOR., CL. YELL. (6): 1, 2, Wilson, nice pair, good cobby shape, fine level col., rare quality, grand head, short wings and tail; 2nd, good col. and shape, rich quality; 3, Freeman, good col. and size, neat head; 4, Thompson, not quite so shapely, but good size and col.; vhc, G. R. Barker; hc, Dixon. BUFF (6): 1, Freeman, good size, nice quality; 2, Jeffries and Husband, good shape and chest, rich col., neat head and wings; 3, H. Dixon, good col., well mealed, nice substance and style; 4, G. R. Barker, good size and shape, neat head; vhc, Lambert; hc, Howe. TKD. (9): 1, 3, 4, Cowling, fine trio, good size and shape, A1 quality, leader excels in style and substance; 2, J. Cuthbertson, buff, rare shape, good chest, neat head, tight in feather; vhc, Swinsco; hc, Howe; c, Wake. UNFLIG. (12): 1, Watson, yell., tkd. head, rare size and col., grand quality; 2, Furness, varieg. buff, rare size, good shape and quality; 3, Howe, cl. yell., nice cobby shape, A1 quality feather, nice level col.; 4, Cowling, good size, shapely, neat head and chest; vhc, Miss Bennett; hc, Freeman; c, Jeffries and Husband. HEN (13): 1, 2, Wilson, good pair, grand shape, short body, good rich col.; 3, Popple, wing mkd. buff, nice cobby thick-set bird, A1 quality, good head and chest; 4, H. Dixon, mkd. yell., good body, nice col.; vhc, Wake; hc, Cowling; c, Thompson. CREST, ETC. (4): 1, Yeates, C.B., plenty of size, good shaped head, rare length of head feather; 2, 3, 4, Jeffries and Husband, Green Crest, neat centre, good quality crest, nice shape; 3rd, C.B. A.O.V. (11): 1, G. R. Barker, Scotch Fancy, nice size and condition, good shape; 2, c, Riseborough, good gold cap Lizard, nice cl. cap, body well spangled; 3, Barrett, Belg., well shown, nice style; 4, Cook and Hood, Green Yorks., good rich col., fine quality; vhc, Yeates; hc, Miss Bennett. LIGHT MULE, ETC. (12): 1, c, Maddison, gem of a buff cl. Goldfinch Mule, rare size, A1 quality and shape, well put down, will take some beating; 2, 3, Dr. Wilson, Goldfinch-Bullfinch, rich col., good size, in grand order; 3rd, fine Linnet-Bullie, lovely rich col., fine size, in perfect order; 4, Granger Bros., Goldie-Bullie, rare size, good breast col.; vhc, Todd and Son; hc, Taylor. DARK (14): 1, Dr. Wilson, grand Canary-Bullfinch, in fine order, good size and col., fine exhibit, many thought ought to have competed in previous class, and the schedule should be worded to this effect; 2, Milburn, Greenie-Can., nice shape, good col. and size; 3, D. G. Jones, Linnet-Can., A1 condition, a wee shade, small, looks as if bred from a Yorks., good col. and markings; 4, Howe, Greenfinch-Can., good size, nice quality and col.; vhc, Nicholson and Son; hc, Mays and Allison; c, Parnaby. LINNET (28): 1, 4, Davidson, leader a gem, grand size, rich nutty-brown col., good shape, well pencilled, beautiful feather, in rare bloom; 4th, good size and shape, fine feather, nice markings; 2, Maddison, well mkd., rich col., good size, nice polish; 3, Cowie, not quite the rich col. of winner, rare shape and size, well pencilled; vhc, Todd and Son; hc, G. R. Barker; c, Mays and Allinson. GOLDFINCH (21): 1, Mays and Allinson, fine big Finch, rare body col., expansive well cut blaze of rich col., good bars and moons; 2, Stamp, fine bold bird, rich blaze, not quite so deep in col. as 1st, good bars; 3, Williams, close up, rich coloured, well cut blaze, good wings, fine shape and size; 4, Miss Dooley, nice size and shape, good col., fine blaze; vhc, c, Nicholson and Son; hc, Calam. BULLFINCH (15): 1, Lee, grand shape, good size, well defined cap, rich breast col., going well under, good wings, not a feather out of place; 2, Rutherford, fine size, good rich breast col., nice cap; 3, no name, grand hen, rare size, grand shape and col.; 4, Williams, good cap, fine col. and size; vhc, Wood and Bannister; hc, Cook and Hood; c, Dawson. GREENFINCH (13): 1, Lee, grand Finch, rare size, nice tone of col., in perfect trim; 2, Milburn, nice big one, fine col., shape and condition; 3, Waters, rare bloom, rich col., good shape; 4, Nicholson and Son, one of the biggest; vhc, Firth; hc, Howe; c, Robinson. SISKIN, ETC. (11): 1, Dr. Wilson, Twite, rich col., nicely pencilled, good size, in lovely order; 2, Nicholson and Son, Redpoll, good col. and size, nice markings, in grand trim; 3, Milburn, Mealy Redpoll, grand col. and size, very steady, rare bloom; 4, Mays and Allinson, Mealy Redpoll; vhc, Walker; hc, Maxwell; c, Hutchinson. HAWFINCH (6): 1, Williams, beautifully mkd., large dense bib, good body col., in perfect feather; 2, J. Cuthbertson, fine bird, good shaped, dense coloured bib, rare feather, in grand order; 3, Waters, good big bird, bib not quite so well cut, nice body col.; 4, Stamp, rare size, good col., neatly cut bib; vhc, Wilson; hc, c, Jackson. A.O.S. SEEDEATER (9): 1, Nicholson and Son, well known Corn Bunting, very steady, grand col. and markings; 2, Dr. Wilson, fine coloured Chaffinch, plenty of the rich blue tone characteristic of this bird, steady as a rock, good size; 3, Thornton, Yellow Bunting, well mkd. head, good size and col.; 4, Dr. Wilson, Bramblefinch, well spangled, good rich col. and size; vhc, c, Lewcock, very nice Snow Bunting; hc, Lafbury; c, Cook and Hood. SOFTBILL (10): 1, Davidson, lovely Waxwing, great size, wonderful polish, wax tips, very distinct and rich col., in splendid condition; 2, Lewcock, rare good Starling, beautifully spangled, steady, grand bloom; 3, Parnaby, Waxwing, good size and bloom; vhc, Nicholson and Son, well known Treecreeper, in grand trim; 4, Nicholson and Son, Redstart, in fine bloom, good col. and size; hc, Foster; c, Dr. Wilson. FOR. (6): 1, 2, 3, 4, Nicholson and Son, a clean sweep, 1st well-known old warrior, a Glossy Starling, 13 years old, in perfect feather, wonderful col., greatly admired; 2nd, lovely Superb Tanager, in grand trim; 3rd, fine pair of Parson Finches; 4th, equally good pair of Black-headed Gouldians, all perfectly staged; vhc, hc, c, Jackson.

ANNFIELD PLAIN AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

Fourth annual show, held in the Co-operative Hall. There was a capital entry, and the quality was decidedly good. Nor., Borders and British were the varieties best catered for, and some nice specimens were staged. The Co-operative Hall is a grand place, being very lofty, and having a splendid light. Mr. T. Robinson carried out the secretarial duties in a most capable manner, and his efforts were well seconded by a good working committee, Messrs. G. Lanc, S. Foster, J. Williams, R. Peart, E. Atkinson, W. Davison, J. George, W. Davison, everything passing off in grand style. Mr. J. Hands judged in a careful manner, and his awards were well received.

The Critique.

NOR. CK.: 1, Atkinson, cl. yell., grand size and shape, rare head and neck, lovely col. and feather; 2, Foster, cobby, grand quality and col., not quite substance of winner; 3, Glister, tkd. buff., lovely feather; vhc, Williams; hc, Humphrey. HEN: 1, Humphrey, tkd. buff, grand shape and size, nice head and neck, lovely col. and feather; 3, Glister, cl. yell., rare quality and col., very close up; 3, Atkinson, cl. buff, nice size, not quite so good in shape; vhc, hc, Humphrey; c, Elliott. YELL. CL., ETC., UNFLIGH.: 1, Humphrey, cl. yell., rare size and shape, grand neck and wings, fine carriage; 2, Williams, grand shape, not quite the substance of winner; 3, Elliot, grand col. and feather; vhc, c, Atkinson; hc, Armstrong. BUFF: 1, Williams, tkd. head, grand head and neck, short and well packed wings and tail, lovely feather and col.; 2, Atkinson, mkd. wing, nice shape, lovely feather; 3, Humphrey, rare size; vhc, Elliot; hc, Armstrong; c, Glister. HEN, UNFLIG.: 1 Armstrong, cl. buff, nice shape and size, lovely col. and feather; 2, c, Williams, fine size and shape, not quite the quality; 3, Lane, cl., nice size, lovely col. and feather; vhc, Humphrey; hc, Atkinson. NAT. COL.: 1, Armstrong, cl. buff, fine shape and size, good wings and col.; 2, Atkinson, cl. yell., nice shape and size; 3, Collings and Turnbull, cl. buff, nice quality; vhc, Foster; hc, Atkinson; c, Glister. YORKS.: 1, vhc, Lanc, cl. yell., grand length, well up on good legs, neat head, fine back and tail, lovely feather; 2, Collings, not quite the length, grand position and style and col.; 3, George, grand position and style; hc, J. Bentick. HEN: 1, Robinson, cl. buff, rare length and feather, of lovely quality, good wings and tail, well braced; 2, 3, Lane, 2 yell., stylish, nice length and stand, 3 varieg., nice shape, grand col. and size; vhc, Bentick; hc George. UNFLIG.: 1, c, Bentick, yell., rare length, well up on good legs, lovely feather, quality and col.; 2, Foster, cl. buff, not quite the length of winner; 3, Lane, lovely feather; vhc, Collings; hc, Robinson; c, Bentinck. UNFLIGH. HEN: 1, Robinson, cl. yell., stylish, nice length and stand; 2, 3, Bentick, 2 cl. buff, nice length, a little across perch, 3 yell., good col. and feather, crosses wings at times; vhc, hc, G. Lane. NAT. COL.: 1, vhc, Robinson, cl. yell., nice length and col. neat head, wings and tail, wins; 2, hc, Foster, good quality feather and length, inclined to be rough; 3, Williams, yell., nice feather and length. CREST OR C.B.: 1, Foster, D.C., wings nice size, good front, inclined to lift at back of crest, wins; 2, Foster, almost green C.B., bold head, nice length of head feather; 3, Armstrong, varieg., nice one; vhc, Foster; hc, Bentick. A.O.V. CAN.: 1, 3, Collings and Turnbull, green Yorks., grand position and style lovely feather, wins well; 2, vhc, Lane, cinn. Yorks., nice feather and col., good position. MULE OR HYB.: 1, Humphrey, yell. Goldfinch and Can., medium size, good shape and col.; 2, Dr. Gemmell, buff Goldfinch and Can., splendid size and shape, loses in col. only to winner; 3, Lane, buff Greenfinch and Can., nice size and col., vhc, Armstrong. BRIT. GOLDFINCH: 1, r, Peart, very nice Goldfinch, good size, shape, clean-cut blaze of excellent col.; 2, Beadle, another grand bird, not quite the col. of blaze of winner; 3, Humphrey; vhc, Armstrong; hc, Williams; c, Peart. BRIT BULLFINCH: 1, vhc, Dr. Gemmell, nice shape and cap excellent crest and col.; 2, W. Elliott, nice shape, excellent cap, not quite the rich crest col.; 3, Davison, good cap and col.; hc, Williams; c, Collings. BRIT. FINCH, A.O.S.: 1, Peart, Greenfinch, good size and shape, excellent col.; 2, vhc, Humphrey, Bramblefinch, beautiful col., well marked flanks, nice spangling; 3, W. Elliott, Chaffinch, excellent col. and condition; hc, Dr. Gemmell; c, Elliott. LINNET, FIELD MOULTED: 1, Peart, good size and shape, excellent col.; 2, Beadle, equal shape, col. and marking not quite the size; 3, vhc, c, Worrell, good shape not quite as rich col.; hc, Bentick. HOUSE-MOULTED: 1, Beadle, nice size, shape and col., good crest; 2, Armstrong, another nice one; 3, Humphrey, lighter, fine markings and condition; vhc, Peart; hc, Foster. BRIT., A.O.S.: 1, c, Humphrey, Yellowhammer, nice shape and col., good cheek and head marks; 2, 3, Elliott, 2 Song Thrush, good col. and shape, well marked, 3 Wagtail, a little out of condition otherwise very good; vhc, Elliott; hc, Beadle. FOR.: 1, Dr. Gemmell, Siberian Goldfinch, good size and col., 2, 3, Elliott, 2 Parrakeet, lovely col. and condition, 3 Parrot Finch; vhc Elliott; hc, W. Elliott. BORD. FCY., YELL.: 1, 2, J. H. Elliott, great for shape and in the pink of condition, 2 another good one, rich col., capital head; 3, vhc, Peart, very nice yell., good body and head; hc, Glister; c, Davison. BUFF: 1, Peart, very nice shape, style and size, in perfect order; 2, vhc, J. H. Elliott, very nice stamp good head; 3, c, Glister, good col., inclined to be thin in neck; hc, W. Davison. YELL. HEN: 1, Peart, a gem for shape, smart carriage and finish; 2, 3, Davison, similar shape, smart carriage and finish, 3 good shape, not quite so jaunty; vhc, hc, J. H. Elliott; c, Glister. BUFF: 1, Peart, Cinn. tkd. buff, very shapely, jaunty carriage and col.; 2, 3, J. H. Elliot, nice close feather, not quite so prim, 3 good feather, vhc, Davison; hc, Glister.

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The Norwich and Crests.

Judges: Messrs. W. B. Mackie and C. Campbell.

NOft. YELL. CK.: 1, Cameron, deep even col., cobby built exhibit, neat head, fine wing carriage, grandly filled in, a topper; 2, Mitchell, another real beauty of the right sort, hard to find fault with; 3, Gentle, very neat, not just so cobby as leaders, capital head and front; 4, Barron, nice quality, fine head, not quite so close in feather as those in front; 5, Martin, quite a nice one, carrying wings loosely when we saw it; 6, Watson; 7, Shearer; 8, Hutchison. BUFF: 1, Grewar, capital size, tick, fine head and body, grand quality, in lovely condition; 2, Calderwood, a beauty, real cobby body, short and clean cut away, nice head and neck, best of carriage; 3, Braidwood, quite a neat one, just scarcely so massive in build as leaders; 4, Aitchison, good one for size and quality, fine head and neck; 5, spl, Gentle, very nice one for size and quality, well filled in right through; 6, Thom; 7, Barron; 8, Maxwell.. VAR., ETC., CK.: 1, spl, Smeaton, even wing mark, dark cap, massive exhibit, capital quality feather, plenty of substance, nice full head and neck; 2, Watson, very fine one for size and quality, not quite so chubby or so good in carriage as leader; 3, spl, Anderton, very similar in build to 2nd, and hard up for that position; 4, Anderton, grand quality, lightly mkd. yell. variegs., fine deep hot and even col., nice top; 5, Martin, nice one for quality; 6, Harper; 7, Thom; 8, Barron. CL., ETC., YELL. HEN: 1, 3, Cook, leader lovely upstanding exhibit, grand quality throughout, well filled in, bold head and neck, grand wings and tail; 3rd, good one, hard to find fault, perhaps not quite so hot in col. as winners; 2, Martin, another topper, hot and even in col., grand quality, not quite so full in front as winner; 4, Smeaton, fine size, hot col., good quality feather; 5, Taylor, nice one for size and quality; 6, McLaggan; 7, Watson; 8, Hardie. BUFF: 1, spl, Watson, grand lady, tip-top quality, grand cobby build, neat throughout, a perfect beauty; 2, Smeaton, real nice short and cobby bodied bird, well filled in, inclined to cross wings at times, otherwise a beauty; 3, spl, 4, Aitchison, 3rd fine size and feather, good type and quality, hard in the chase for higher honours; 4th, nice one for size and quality, massive head, nice style; 5, Maxwell, fine feathered one; 6, Maxwell; 7, Hutchison; 8, Braidwood. VARIEG., ETC.: 1, Patterson, grand light varieg. yell., capital size, grand quality, fine Bukie type, neat head and wiugs, real good one; 2, Martin, real nice varieg. buff, fine head and neck, good type and quality, just a wee bit open in feather; 3, Henderson, varieg. buff, nice quality, good head and neck, some thought just a trifle lucky; 4, Young, another varieg. buff, grand type and quality, fine carriage, neat wings and tail; 5, spl, Maxwell, almost green-yell., fine substance; 6, McLaggan; 7, 8, Jeffrey. NON-FED YELL. CK.: 1, spl, Grewar, nice quality, broken green, fine head, short thick-set body, cobby and clean cut away behind, a good one; 2, Henderson, grand quality cl., lovely feather and condition, well up for size and type; 3, spl, 4, Anderton, 3rd real good light varieg., capital col. and quality, good from head to tail, broad expansive front; 4th, fine size and quality, nice head, short thick-set neck, good carriage; 5, Roberts, grand size, good colour; 6, Skinner; 7, spl, Naismith; 8, Moffat. BUFF: 1, Martin, grizzle cap, not one of the largest but all there for quality, fine and cobby in build all through; 2, Naismith, fine fronted cl., nice bold head and thick-set neck, inclined to be a wee bit on the long side behind; 3, 5, spl, Cant, 3rd fine self green, grand top end, broad, deep, well filled in front, clean cut away; 5th, another green, good type and quality; 4, Roberts, fine massive cl., capital quality and condition, nice bold well filled in top end; 6, Grewar; 7, Hardie; 8, Fraser. YELL. HEN: 1, Armour, real sweet taking cl., fine head and neck, sweetly moulded front, nice quality exhibit; 2, Cook, another grand cl., similar to leader, must have given the judge trouble to decide; 3, Taylor, fine quality specimen, nice size, good type and carriage, pressing hard on leaders; 4, Martin, fine size and quality, grand top end, inclined to carry wings a trifle loose to-day; 5, Houston, neat and good. BUFF: 1, Dempster, varieg., nice quality, not the largest but neat and nicely staged, a wee bit nervous; 2, 7, Naismith, cl., nice size and quality, fine head and neck, neat shape, clean cut away, must have pressed hard for premier position; 3, Maxwell, nice one for size and type, good top, sweet front; 4, Fraser, nice cl., fails a trifle at top end; 5, Houston, good size and quality, fine condition; 6, McLay; 8, Cant. UNFLIG. YELL. CK.: 1, spl, Smeaton, topping exhibit, hot even col., well in front of perch, grand build, best of carriage, a real clinker; 2, Mitchell, A1 size and col., capital head, wings and tail, extremely little to choose between these; 3, spl, Maxwell, real nice one, well up in size, scarcely just so full in front, but one of the right kind; 4, Aitchison, real sweet and taking exhibit, well balanced throughout; 5, spl, Roberts, fine close feathered exhibit; 6, McLeod; 7, Harper; 8, Martin. BUFF: 1, Harper, nice size and quality, neat and typical throughout, finely staged, in good trim; 2, McLeod, well up in size, col., and quality of feather, but not quite so sweet in head and neck as might be; 3, Braidwood, lovely quality feather, grand shape, fine size, close up; 4, Aitchison, nice hot col., varieg., fine type and quality; 5, 7, Martin, 5th nice one for size and type; 6, Cameron; 8, Candlish. YELL. HEN: 1, spl, Grewar, fine size, good quality, shape and col., a little wet when we saw it; 2, Smeaton, lovely hot and even col., nice size, good type and carriage, pressing; 3, Smart, large shapely broken green, nice style, lose a trifle in wing carriage; 4, Maxwell, fine size, col. and quality; 5, Hutchison, real good one for type and quality; 6, Chalmers; 7, Aitchison; 8, Barron. BUFF: 1, McLeod, beauty for type and quality feather, well up in size, shows just a little brow; 2, Miller, varieg., fine size and quality, all front clean cut away, best of carriage, Broxburn winner, some thought would have been a nice 1st; 3, spl, Thom, good size, nice type, fine wing carriage; 4, Cameron, nice one for Nor. properties, just a wee shade smaller than leaders; 5, spl, Aitchison, nice one for quality and feather; 6, Barr; 7, Mitchell; 8, Roberts. NOVICE CK.: 1, spl, 3, spl, Munro, leader grizzle cap, nice size, good quality, neat shape and carriage, well put down; 3rd, fine size, rare shape, nice type, good carriage; 2, Fulton, a shade finer in build than leader but of nice hot col. and good quality; 4, 6, Devoy, 4th nice one for type and quality, good front and top; 5, spl, Picken, fine size and shape; 7, Fraser; 8, McCall. HEN: 1, Hannah, smallish broken green, fine front, nice type and carriage, could do with just a wee bit more on top end; 2, Melville, lightly mkd., stylish exhibit, fine head, neat front, nice carriage, well up in the class; 3, 6, Crawford, 3rd nice wing mark, could do with just a trifle more substance; 4, Wood, a shade more massive than 3rd, equal in type and quality; 5, Davidson, nice quality wing mkd. dark cap, good size; 7, Dickie; 8, Edwards. MATCHED PAIRS, SELL., £2: 1, G. McLay, cl. yell. ck. and varieg. buff hen, should produce good youngsters; 2, Hutchison, very similar to 1st pair; 3, Donaghy; 4, 6, Strank; 5, Jeffrey; 7, Campbell; 8, Reid. SELL., 15s.: 1, McLeod; 2, Young; 3, Grewar; 4, 7, Crawford; 5, Donaghy; 6, Houston; 8, Barr. CREST CK.: 1, T. Taylor, massive body, even wing D.C., lovely headpiece, grand even droop and radiation, put down in spanking fine order; 2, Noble, clinking fine grizzle Crest, massive body, densely clad head, nice quality; 3, spl, 5, 8, Burnett, 3rd large, massive built green, thick well laid top, fine leafy feather, beaten only in crest frontal; 5th, fine body even wing D.C., grand leafy feather; 4, McLay, cl. body D.C., lovely quality, in grand condition; 6, Adamson; 7, Summerhill. HEN: 1, Adamson, nice leafy green, good headgear, in grand condition, well staged; 2, Noble, green, nice headpiece, fine shape, good droop, lovely quality feather; 3, spl, McLay, grand green, light tail, plenty of feather, right quality; 4, Summerhill, lightly, mkd. D.C., capital top piece, plenty of feather; 5, Burnett, fine quantity, leafy feather, nice size, good condition; 6, Steel. C.B. CK.: 1, 5, Noble, 1st a noble green (no pun meant), capital skull, broad entrance, massive body, grand feather, well known winner, often described; 2, McLay, grand varieg., immense substance, plenty of feather, good skull, fine lash, beaten only at entrance; 3, spl, 4, T. Taylor, 3rd large bodied, close feathered broken green, good quality and similar to 3rd, and well up; 6, Adamson; 7, Hamilton; 8, Summerhill. HEN: 1, spl, McLay, nice quality green, in spanking good condition, fine size, close feather, neat cushioned skull; 2, Thomson, massive bodied, leafy feathered, good quality exhibit, nice head, good lash, hard in the run for 1st place; 3, Noble, massive light varieg., plenty of substance and feather, fine lofty skull, nice lash; 4, Summerhill, another lightly mkd. specimen, real good quality feather, not just so massive in body, but well up on heels of 3rd; 5, Dempster, quite a nice one. SELL., CREST OR C.B., £2: 1, McLay; 2, 7, Whitelaw; 3, Noble; 4, Thomson; 5, Adamson; 6, Thomson; 8, Taylor.

The Border Fancies.

Judge: Mr. J. Craig.

BORD. FCY. YELL CK.: 1, sp, B.F.C. medal, Patterson, junr., good one for col. and qual. of feather, neat shape, grand carriage, not a popular winner of the medal, some asserting that it was lucky even to win its own class; 2, 8, Munroe, 2nd not quite so bot in col. as leader, but quite its equal in every other way; 3, Auld, slightly smaller, but neat and typical, nice carriage, a worthy 3rd; 4, Lappin, fine deep even col., neat head, well filled in neck; 5, sp, Crone, very good for feather and carriage; 6, Connochie; 7, Lunn. BUFF 1, G. Bennet, topper, rare quality and type, well filled in, neatly balanced, hot favourite for medal; 2, Thomson, very nice one for feather and style, good head, neat wings; 3, Patterson, junr., very sweet, fine quality, style, inclined to carry wings a trifle loose when we saw it; 4, Auld, quite nice one, good carriage and build; 5, Henderson, good one, hard on some in front; 6, Harper; 7, sp, Munroe; 8, Ayre. YELL. HEN: 1, Laidlaw, real hot and even col., a little lady, grand type, A1 quality; 2, Patterson, junr., very good exhibit, not just so deep in col. as leader, but very good one in all other respects; 3, G. Bennet, nice one for col. and feather; 4, Hamilton, good one for quality and type; 5, Dods, nice silky quality feather; 6, Thomson; 7, Munroe; 8, Molloy. BUFF: 1, Auld, fine little girl, neat shape, fine quality throughout, nice top end, A1 type; 2, Walker, well up for type and quality, neat head, wings and tail; 3, sp, Connochie, real sweet and taking exhibit, grand quality, nicely staged, hard up in the race; 4, Henderson, nice one for type and feather; 5, Lappin, very sweet and taking exhibit; 6, Whitelaw; 7, Munroe; 8, G. Bennet. EVEN MARK: 1, sp, Brownlie, good buff, grandly marked wings, fine quality feather, neat carriage, wings and tail, takes a curious position on perch; 2, Gentleman, real soft, even col. yell., good one for type and quality, must have been a hot chase; 3, Thomson, buff, grand type, nice boxy feather, just a wee trifle faulty in throat, still a good one. VAR. YELL.: 1, Steel, fine typical exhibit, good feather, put down in the pink of condition; 2, Ayre, grand hot and even col. cap and wing mark, real good quality feather, fine type, neatly folded wings, pipe tail; 3, Patterson, jun., good one for col. and quality, neat carriage and style; 4, Lunn, real nice one, fine quality; 5, Auld, nice one for type, quality and style. BUFF: 1, Patterson, junr., looks a lady, real good quality any type, neat carriage throughout, gets home nicely; 2, Ayre, well up in col. and quality, fine head and neck, neatly carried wings and tail, put down in spanking order; 3, sp, Miller, nice qual. hen, fine feather, just inclined to be on the wires too much; 4, G. Bennet, fine quality, good silky feather, neatly balanced exhibit; 5, sp, Hamilton, very nice for qual. of feather and carriage; 6, Walker; 7, J. Hutchison; 8, Maxwell. GREEN OR CINN. YELL.: 1, 2, Wilson, leader lovely green, fine grassy col., capital type and quality, one of the right stamp; 2nd, nice typical Cinn., fine shape, good col. and quality, stylish and good; 3, 7, Murray, 3rd, good stamp green; 4, Corner, nice typical green, fine ground colour, nicely pencilled; 5, Lambie, Cinn., good type and col., just losing points in wing carriage; 6, Johnston; 8, Young. BUFF: 1, sp, Young, real sweet taking Cinn., neatly filled-in, feather like glass, capital quality; 2, 4, Johnston, nice qual. green, fine carriage, looking just a wee bit thick when we saw it; 4, nice typical green, good quality, not quite so distinct in pencilling, still worth its position; 3, sp, Hamilton, fine quality, good col. Cinn., neatly filled in, sweetly tapered away; 5, Laurie, Cinn. of capital quality feather; 6, Harper; 7, 8, Wilson.

GUISLEY YEADON C.B.S.

Held Boxing Day, Regent Hotel, Guiseley. Mr. T. Ogden judged; 97 birds staged. Specials for best hird and best hen, Mr. F. Myers; best novice, Mr. W. Long, and Mr. W. H. Dibb. The arrangements were admirably carried out by the sec., Mr. Hardaker.

CL. YELL. CK.: 1, hc, c, Myers; 2, Boulton; 3, Brown and Son; vhc, Bearpark. BUFF: 1, Brown and Son; 2, Dibb; 3, Bearpark; vhc, Boulton; hc, Myers; c, Cawood. TKD. YELL. CK.: 1, Long; 2, 3, Myers; vhc, Hardaker; hc, Cawood; c, Wheatley. BUFF: 1, hc, Myers; 2, Wheatley; 3, Dibb; vhc, Long; c, Wheatley. UNEVEN MKD.: 1, hc, Brown and Son; 2, Myers; 3, Dibb; vhc, Claughton; c, Hardaker. UNFLIG CK.: 1, 2, Myers; 3, Bearpark; vhc, Boulton; hc, c, Brown and Son. CL. ETC. YELL. HEN: 1, 2, Myers; 3, Hardaker; vhc, c, Dibb; hc, Bearpark. BUFF: 1, hc, Brown and Son; 2, Wood; 3, Cawood; vhc, Myers; c, Boulton. UNEVEN MKD.: 1, Brown and Son; 2, 3, vhc, Myers; hc, Dibb; c, Bearpark. CINN. TKD., ETC.: 1, 2, Brown and Son; 3, Boulton; vhc, Myers; hc, Hardaker; c, Wheatley. HEN: 1, Claughton; 2, 3, Brown and Son; vhc, hc, Wheatley; c, Hardaker. STOCK CK.: 1, Cawood. FOUL MKD. CK.: 1, Long; 2, Boulton; 3, Hardaker. HEN: 1, Bearpark.

Dunfermline's "Happy New Year" Show.

Remarkable Juvenile Classes; Grant from the Carnegie Trust Fund.

Dunfermline and West of Fife O.S. show held Jan. 2 and 3, in the Drill Hall, Bruce Street. The hall is a good one, being large, well lighted from the roof. The cage birds were well sheltered from all draughts by a partition running through the hall. The management are to be complimented on their long list of distinguished patronage of nobility, including Lord Bruce; from what we saw of this gentleman he is a true fancier, genial and kind to all he met. A few more real live lords of his kind would make our "puir auld" country a very much pleasanter place to reside in. Through him the society receives a grant from the Carnegie Trust, to defray all expenses in two classes for juveniles —one for the best Canary and the other for best British birds, the judges being requested to make their awards on condition, and to give prize to the bird which had received the greatest care and attention. These classes were strong, and the quality all over was very good, and judging from the keen attention paid to the awards by the young exhibitors, Dunfermline ought to turn out many good fanciers very soon. In the Canary class the entry was 26, and 12 were awarded prizes. The winner was a very nice yellow Border cock, owned by Miss Maggie Kennoway. In the British bird class the entry was 21, and the winner, Master Andrew Birrell, must indeed have felt proud. The judge awarded ten prizes for merit. The secretary, Mr. A. Hynd, is the right man in the right place. He had everything well in hand, being ably assisted by Mr. A. Burt, Mr. Buchanan, and a hard working committee. The entry all over was much the same as last year, leaving out the Scotch Fancy section, which had to be cancelled owing to want of entries. We heard that this section had not been paying for a number of years, and the executive had decided to reduce the classes one half; seemingly this did not meet with the approval of exhibitors, with the result no entries. This, to our mind, seems very foolish of the Scotch Fancy breeders; they must either hold a show of their own, or support the shows better which give them classification. The Norwich section was well handled by Mr. J. Young (secretary of the Scottish Crest Club), and contained many noted winners. Crests came out strongly, and competition was very keen. Borders all over were of a high-class order. Mr. J. Craig (Brechin) won the medal with one of the finest buff cocks seen out this year, Mr. A. Gilchrist (Coldstream) being the runner-up with his Bradford winner. Mr. J. Patterson (Chirnside) made the awards. The remaining classes were well handled by Mr. G. Marlin (Hamilton). Mention might be made of Mr. Gardiner's pair of Hawfinches, two gems. The show was well patronised.

Mr. Young's Classes.

PLAINHEAD YELL. CK. (11): 1, Spence, large, good head, fine position, bold front, good col. and quality; 2, 4, sp, hc, Bishop, 2nd just a wee shade more feather at thighs, fine body, head, front, and wing, 4th good head, fine model; 3, Godfrey, varieg., good head; vhc, Wildbridge; c, Gardiner. HEN (9): 1, Bishop, grand size, fine col. and feather, of nice quality, sweetly made; 2, Burnett, grand size, good head, bold front, nice col. and quality; 3, Gardiner, grand shape, takes a lovely position, sweet hen; 4, Kirk, varieg., nice col., good head fine wing; vhc, Johnston; hc, Wildbridge; c, Spence. BUFF CK. (15): 1, sp, Moffat; 2, Bishop, two beauties, well put down, leader tkd. eye and wing, latter varieg., both well modelled heads, fine back and front, takes a rare position on perch, former excels in finish; 3 4, Gardiner, cl., grand size, fine head, good body, well laid wings, 4th cl., large body, fine col. and quality, pinched in head; vhc, Dewar; hc, Hunter; c, Wildbridge. HEN (14): 1, 2, 4, Gardiner, 1st grand cl. leading, lovely head, bold front, nice cobby shape, fine col. and quality, 2nd head and wing mkd., again good head, nice position, lovely feather, condition, and col.; 3, Bishop, tkd. back of head, rare sound col., fine texture of feather; vhc, hc, McConvill; c, Beaton. BRED 1911 (8): 1, Convill, yell. ck., good head, fine bold front, lovely col., style, and quality; 2, 4, vhc, Gardiner, fine size, good head, back, front, and wing, fails just a wee shade in neck, 4th yell., good one, fine position, nice shape; 3, c, Moffat, buff, good size, head, and front, nice position, col., and quality; hc, Dickson. CREST CK. (10): 1, Howie, D.C., wing mkd., lovely head, rare shape, crest, nice centre, frontal, and drop; 2, Paul, well-known green, grand crest, fine frontal, centre, and radiation; 3, 4, sp, Veitch, D.C., fine feather, nice size, and frontal, 4th heavy varieg., good size; vhc, M'Donald; vhc, c, Burt. HEN (8): 1, 3, Sharp, heavy varieg., lovely crest, well radiated, and well groomed, nice entrance, centre, and drop, 3rd green, a wee shade smaller, nice size crest, grand centre; 2, 4, c, Paul, rare size, fine shape, lovely frontal, fails only in centre; 4, D.C., wing marked., nice size, good head; vhc, Cram; hc, Howie; c, Paul. BRED 1911 (6): 1, sp, Cram, well put down, lovely crest, nice width, good frontal, centre, and radiation, wins well; 2, Gray, D.C., good head, nice centre, fails only in width and length of feather; 3, Veitch, D.C., nice size, good veiny feather; 4, Williamson and M'Adam, varieg., fair size; vhc, Beaton; c, Howie. C.B. CK. (7): 1, Veitch, foul tailed, gem, lovely head, well lashed, beautiful turnover; 2, 4, sp, Buchanan, grand head, fine entrance, good lashing green; 3, Paul, varieg., nice size. head, well put down; vhc, Howie; hc, Williamson and M'Adam; c, Sharp. HEN (10): 1, 3, Paul, heavy varieg., nice size, splendid head, good browing and entrance, 3rd similarly built, lovely lashing; 2 (name missed), varieg., nice width, fine entrance, good feather and condition; 4, sp, Cram, head and wing mkd., fine feather; vhc, hc, Howie; c, Boyle. BRED 1911 (8): 1, sp, Cram, grand size, great width of head, feather of nice texture, good turn and lashing; 2, c, Paul, green, rare good frontal, drop, and length of feather; 3, Angus, green, good body, long feather; 4, Veitch, varieg., good body, fine quality; vbc, Burt; hc, M'Donald.

Mr. J. Patterson's Classes.

BORD. FCY. YELL. CK. (6): 1, Craig, a gem for shape, lovely col., feather, and quality, in the pink of condition; 2, Gilchrist, similar in col., fine quality, good shape; 3, Hutchison, well-known winner, feeling stress of showing; 4, Burt, nice shape, fine col., and symmetry; vhc, Hamilton; hc, Drummond. HEN (9): 1, Gilchrist, cap mkd., a little beauty, fine feather, lovely quality, style, and shape; 2, Hutchison, another good one, fine head, good front, back, and side; 3, McKenzie, tkd., good shape, fine col. and quality; 4, Hamilton, stylish lady, fine quality; vhc, Craig; hc, Jamieson; c, Burt. BUFF CK. (9): 1, medal for best Bord., Craig, a gem of the first water, one of the best out this year, lovely type, splendid head and front, well put down; 2, McKenzie, cap and wing mkd., another stylish chap, well put down, lovely type; 3, Gilchrist, nice level cl., feather of good quality, fine shape; 4, Burt, good col., fine quality; vhc, Duncan; hc, Thomson, c, Lowe. HEN (5): 1, McKenzie, well known, eye tkd., fine type, lovely finish, good col. and quality, well staged; 2, Hutchison, grand hen, fine type, lovely taper; 3, Carmichael, tkd. head, fine col. and quality; 4, Craig, grand cl., lovely col. and quality; vhc, Burt. UNEVEN (6): 1, sp, Gilchrist, head, eyes, and wing mkd., lovely model all over, rare good head, fine back, wing, and tail carriage, splendid col. and quality; 2, Hamilton, National winning hen, fine markings and shape, beaten only in condition; 3, Jamieson, good one, fine type, good col. and quality; 4, Craig, lovely col. and quality; vhc, Duncan; hc, Kilpatrick. GREEN (5): 1, Lambie, good shape, nice head, fine position and style, good in pencilling and under col.; 2, Murray, looks like his old one, fine head, good back; 3, Jamieson, nice size, lovely shape, rare markings and under col.; 4, vhc, Thomson.

Mr. G. Marlin's Classes.

LIGHT MULE (7): 1, Purves, Greenie-Can., mkd. head and wings, fine size, good shape, in splendid condition; 2, Bell, Gouldie-Bullie, fine size, good col., nice markings; 3, sp, McLaren, large varieg., rare size, fine face; 4, Jamieson, buff, good shape, col., and quality; vhc, Jamieson; hc, Arnott; c, no name. DARK (9): 1, Gilchrist, "Border King," well known, needs no further comments; 2, vhc, Johnston, yell. Greenie, fine size, good col. and style; 3, Jamieson, yell. Linnet, fine size, splendid col. and feather; 4, Goldie, fine size, col., and shape; hc, McLaren; c, Rankine. GOLDFINCH, BRIT. (9): 1, McLaren, rare size, good head, full face, rich button and bars; 2, hc, Arnott, a wee shade smaller, nice face, good back and breast col.; 3, M'Call and Henderson, fails only in condition, fine size, good shape; 4, sp, Jamieson, nice face, good markings; vhc, Hunter and Boughhead; c, Hill. BULLFINCH (10): 1, Shillinglaw, rare col., fine cap and bib, lovely col., good feather; 2, hc, Hogg, grand size, fine cap, good breast col.; 3, Dewar, nice cap and big; 4, c, McLaren, good col.; vhc, Arnott. GREENFINCH (7): 1, McLaren, rare size, lovely shape, good sound col., condition, and quality; 2, McLaren, similar in shape, fine head, good col.; 3, 4, Baird Bros., fine one, a wee shade down in condition; vhc, Arnott; hc, Steward; c, McIntosh. LINNET (14): 1, M'Culloch, sweet one, a clear win, lovely col., quality, and pencilling; 2, Rolland, a wee shade lighter in front, fine markings; 3, McLaren, similar in build, fine head; 4, c, Kennoway, nice size; vhc, Godfrey; hc, Anderson. REDPOLL (6): 1, Love, large one, fine quality, good head, bib, and markings; 2, Godfrey, wee shade smaller, fine shape, nice position, shooty 3, sp, Bell, good col., fine quality; 4, Morris; 4, sp, Morris lovely col. and quality, fails only in flanks; vhc, Campbell; hc, McIntosh. SISKIN, ETC. (8): 1, Whitbrook and Allen, Siskin, fine col., good cap, bib, and markings; 2, Bell, a wee shade smaller, fine col., steady; 3, Rolland, unfed, good size, fine shape, good head mark; 4, McLaren, rare head, fine col.; vhc, no name; c, Arnott. GOLDFINCH, FOR. (8): 1, Johnston, lovely cut face, good col., moons, and bars; 2, 3, Howes, a grand pair, leader larger and best in face; 4, hc, Hogg, large, fine head, good face; vhc, McLaren; c, Rolland. FOR., A.O.V. (10): 1, 2, 3, vhc, hc, c, Arnott, rare team, splendidly put down; 2, Honeysucker, would have won if wing had not been damaged; 4, Robertson, yell. Budgerigars, nice pair, fine col. BRIT., SMALL (11): 1, Cordery, Grey Wagtail, fine col., in good condition and well staged; 2, Whitbrook and Allan, Yellowhammer, nice one, lovely head col.; 3, c, Arnott, Black Cap, fine col., good quality, grand condition; 4, Baird Bros., Bramble, fine col., qual., and condition; hc, McLay. BRIT., LARGE (5): 1, 2, Gardiner, noted pair of Hawfinches, little to choose between them; 3, sp, McDiarmid, Jay, fine cap, good size, in lovely condition; 4, Arnott, Waxwing, fails only in condition, good marks; vhc, Brennet. HARDBILL, HEN (14): 1, Low, Bullie, hen, fine cap and bib, large one; 2, M'Call and Henderson, Yellowhammer, good col., fine shape; 3, Mellar, Corn Bunting, nice one, lovely col., we liked; 4, sp, 5, c, McLaren; hc, Hill. GIFT (12): 1, Paul; 2, Johnston; 3, Kilpatrick; 4, McLaren; vhc, Veitch; hc, no name; c, Angus. JUVENILE CLASSES: CAN. (25): 1, Maggie Kennoway; 2, George Sneddon; 3, no name; 4, Andrew Anderson; 5, Isa Anderson; vhc, Anna Anderson, Alex. Watt; hc, John Manclark, Tom Spence; c, Hunter, jun. BRIT. (21): 1, Andrew Binch; 2, Andrew Anderson; 2, Andrew Berry; 3, James Murray; 4, David Morris; 5, Isa Anderson; 6, Norman Campbell; 7, Abs. Malcolm; 8, Robert Ball; 9, Jas. Mulligan.

LEICESTER C.B.S.

Annual members' show held Saracen's Head Hotel Market Place. Mr. Noakes judged Canaries, and Mr. Judd British. The show was well up to the average, there being about 170 exhibits, all well staged. Mr. Stevens won Sandiford's medal with a very hot yellow, and Mr. Gamble Ramsden's for hottest bird; Mr. Groocock won spl. for best unflig. yellow, and Mr. Moore spl. for best unflig. Buff.

NAT. COL. CK. (3): 1, Heighton; 2, Moore; 3, Claypole. HEN (2): 1, Moore; 2, Heighton. CL., ETC., YELL. (5): 1, 3, Stevens; 2, Harrison; vhc, Groocock; hc, Claypole. BUFF (9): 1, Moore; 2, hc, Stevens; 3, Adams; vhc, Tyler; c, Heighton. HVY. VARIEG. (5): 1, 3, Tyler; 2, Groocock; vhc, Stevens; hc, Harrison. YELL. HEN (3): 1, Harrison; 2, 3, Heighton. BUFF (7): 1, 3, Stevens; 2, Adams; vhc, Moore; hc, Groocock; c, Gamble. YELL. CK. UNFLIG. (6): 1, 3, Groocock; 2, Stevens; vhc, Heighton; hc, Adams; c, Gamble. BUFF (8): 1, Moore; 2, Heighton; 3, c, Groocock; vhc, Adams; hc, Tyler. HEN (7): 1, Adams, 2, Tyler; 3, vhc, Heighton; hc, Groocock; c, Gamble. BORD. CK. (7): 1, vhc, Tyler; 2, Bate; 3, hc, c, Gamble. HEN (5): 1, hc, Tyler; 2, 3, vhc, Gamble. CINN. (4): 1, 2, Tyler; 3, Heighton. MULE OR HYB. (5): 1, Tyler; 2, Groocock; 3, Wortley; vhc, Hayes; hc, Adams. NAT. COL. CK., NOVICE (3): 1, Yates; 2, Bell; 3, Smith. HEN (1): Bell. CL., ETC., YELL. CK. (4): 1, Brooks; 2, 3, Smith; vhc, Wortley. BUFF (8): 1, c, Bell; 2, Brooks; 3, Smith; vhc, Leaversley. HVY. VARIEG., ETC. (2): 1, Bate; 2, Toone. YELL. HEN (3): 1, Wortley; 2, Bate; 3, Bell. BUFF (3): 1, Yates; 2, 3, Smith. YELL. UNFLIG. (2): 1, Bell; 2, Smith. BUFF (3): 1, Yates; 2, Smith; 3, Wortley. HEN (5): 1, Bell; 2, Smith; 3, Bate; vhc, hc, Leaversley. GOLDFIE (9): 1, 3, Brooks; 2, Hawthorn; vhc, Spencer; hc, Crane; c, Charles. BULLIE (4): 1, 3, Ride; 2, Toone; vhc, Brooks. LINNETS (6): 1, Moore; 2, hc, Brooks; 3, Turner; vhc, Hawthorn; c, Wortley. GREENIE, ETC. (9): 1, 2, Hawthorn; 3, hc, Ride; vhc, Hayes; c, Brooks. SISKIN, ETC. (10): 1, Adams; 2, Hawthorn; 3, Groocock; vhc, hc, Wortley; c, Brooks. A.O.S. (6): 1, 2, Ride; 3, Heighton; vhc, Hayes; hc, c, Turner. BRIT. HEN (3): 1, Hayes; 2, Spicer; 3, Ride. BRIT., FIELD-MOULTED (6): 1, Brooks; 2, 3, Ride; vhc, Hawthorn; hc, Groocock; c, Spencer.—W. R. Adams, Sec.

CRIEFF.

Crieff and Dis. C.B., etc., Association's first annual show was held in the Porteous Hall 6th January. This society has just started, and very few of their members have had any experience in running a cage bird show. The birds were staged along one side of the hall, poultry, etc., occupying the rest of the floor space. The hall, which is fairly well lighted, was free from draughts, but the staging itself was of a primitive order, the birds being crowded together so that the different classes could not easily be picked out. It would pay the society to have some expert advice on staging, etc., by the time their next show comes round. The entry unfortunately was a poor one; there was not a single full class in the section. Mr. W. C. Smith (Balguhidder) won special for best in Norwich, while Messrs. Smith and Jas. Kerr (Dundee) tied for special for most points over section. Mr. Munro won special in Borders with his National and Glasgow, etc., winning Yellow cock. Mr. J. G. Halley won special for best member's bird with a nice young Crest. The President, Mr. A. P. Barrie, and vice-president, Mr. Hodgton, were in evidence nearly the whole day, and were very courteous and obliging, while the hon. secs., Messrs. Cameron and Watt, had their arrangements in very good order, and worked hard for the success of the show. The show was visited by a large number of people during the day, and we hope it will turn out a success financially. With a revised classification, and reduced entry fee, we have no doubt this will turn out a popular fixture. Messrs. D. Low (Dundee), and McLay (Kirkintilloch) judged, and their awards were well received.

The Critique.

SCOT., FCY. CK.: 1, sp., 2 sps., 3, 5, 6, Maxwell. 1st, good cl. buff, nice head and neck, fine depth of rib, 2, buff pied, good reach, nice shoulder and sire, well up, 3rd, another buff pied, similar, decided drive; 4, sp., Keltie, yellow pied, fine type, stands well on perch. HEN: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, Maxwell, good team first 3 clears, typical birds, well put down. CREST: 1, sp., Cochrane, cl. body, D.C. ck., grand size, good quality, fine crest, well centred. C.B. CK.: 1, sp., Cochrane, good cl., of great size, fine broad skull, fine entrance, lovely lashing, well staged. CREST, CL., ETC.: 1, Halley, cl. body, D.C., in good order, nice leafy crest, well centred, on the small side. CREST, BRED 1911: 1, sp., Gray, Dundee, etc., winner, often described, in grand order to-day; 2, 2 sps., Halley. C.B., BRED 1911: 1, sp. Halley. NOR. CL. YELL. CK.: 1, Kerr, fine quality and substance, nice head and wings, good col.; 2, Smith, good size, rare quality, well laid on wings. BUFF: 1, Thomson, fine size, good quality, nice level col., stands well on perch; 2, Parker, nice size and type, good head, well put down; 3, W. C. Smith, good head, lovely quality, neat wing carriage, well up; 4, Gardiner, good one, in nice order; 5, Kerr; 6, Mitchell. VAR. YELL.: 1, sp., best in section, W. C. Smith, well-known winner, looking at his best, clear win; 2, Kerr, not the size or quality of winner, still, good one; 3, Gardiner, nice exhibit, very fine col., lovely type; 4, Thomason, good size, fine quality. BUFF: 1, 2 sps., Stewart, good one, well put down. CL. YELL. HEN: 1, 2, Kerr, leader good one, big winner wins, 2nd, of a different stamp, nice one; 3, J. Kerr, good size, nice quality, grand folded wings; 4, Gardiner, good type, nice head and front, takes perch well. BUFF: 1, Jas. Kerr, very typical hen, well up in size, good head and front, nice silky feather; 2, Thomson, fine type, good size, nice level col.; 3, W. C. Smith, good one, in fine bloom, presses hard; 4, Gardiner, fine size and quality, in good order. VAR. YELL.: 1, Smith, another old winner, still going strong. BUFF: 1, Smith, good size, rare colour, fine head und wings, grand quality; 2, Mitchell, good quality, nice size, good head and front; 3, Kerr, nice type and quality; 4, Gardiner, nice size, good wings, sweet quality. NON-FED CK.: 1, Kerr, good one for size, fine head, good wings and tail, nice front. HEN: 1, Parker, good type, fine head and wings, rare thickness of chest, nice quality; 2, Kerr, another good one, grand front, splendid wings and tail; 3, Gardiner, very typical, good front, nice wings and back, in fine condition; 4, Kerr, typical and nice. UNFLIG. CK.: 1, Gardiner, good size and substance, fine head and wings, will come up yet; 2, W. C. Smith, good type, nice quality, grand wing carriage; 3, Kerr, typical, well placed; 4, Edgar, nice quality and condition good size; 5, Mitchell. HEN: 1, W. C. Smith, sweet quality, good head and neck, nice type wins; 2, Gardiner, good one for size, in grand condition, well carried wings and tail; 3, Mitchell, good type, nice quality, could do with more size; 4, Parker, larger, good substance; 5, Stewart. BORD., YELL. CK.: 1, sp., Munro, well known winner, still looking well, one of the best out this season; 2, 3, Drummond, leader typical bird, good size, fine colour, nicely folded wings; 3, similar, nice pair. BUFF: 1, sp., Munro, another good one, grand quality, good head and neck nice wings, clean cut, in faultless condition. HEN: 1, sp., 2, Drummond, dandy pair in grand order, either might have won, a credit to exhibitor. BRIT. GOLDFINCH: 1, sp., Arnott, good Finch, fine size, grand square blaze, nice col., in lovely condition; 2, Smith, nice bouncing bird, good wings, nice col., fine blaze. BULLFINCH: 1, sp., 3, Black and Lumsden, leader grand size, good breast col., nice clean cut cap, good wings and whites, 3, similar, not quite the size of winner; 2, Munro, grand cap, good breast col.; fine size, in shining condition. GREENFINCH (FED): 1, sp., Parker, grand size, good level col., big bold head, nice silky feather. NON-FED: 1, sp., 2, Black and Lumsden, 1st, line size, good col., grand wings, well carried, full of bloom, 2, another good one for size, rare grassy col., good bold head; 3, Kemp, fine size and col., well staged. SISKIN: 1, sp., W. C. Smith, dandy wee chap, nice cap, clean cut, good cheek markings, nicely marked wings; 2, Cairns, nice one, good size and col., not quite polish of winner; 3, Gorrie, beautiful col., fine quality. LINNET: 1, sp., McMaster, good size, a trifle long, and some preferred 2, Smith, nice cobby one, nicely pencilled, grand col. A.O.V. BRITISH: 1, sp., 2, Gardiner, good Hawfinch leading, in grand order, both good birds. LIGHT MULE: 1, sp., Clapperton, well-known Goldie, grand size, very nice col., easy win; 2, Arnott, nice one, in grand order. DARK: 1, Roy, grand Goldie, good size, fine col., grand quality feather, wins; 2, Parker, another Goldie, in nice order; 3, Halley, nice Greenie, grand quality, well put down; 4, McArthur, good type, fine quality. FOR.: 1, sp., Arnott, nice Pintniled Nonpariel, in grand order, well put down. FOR., LARGE: 1, Arnott, grand exhibit, a credit to exhibitor. LOCAL CLASSES: A.V., CK.: 1, sp., Cameron; 2, 5, Boswell; 3, 6, West; 4, Halley. HEN: 1, 2, Cameron; 3, West; 4, Edgar; 5, Stewart. BULLFINCH: 1, sp., Halley; 2, McArthur; 3, 6, Boswell; 4, 5, Campbell. SISKIN: 1 sp., McArthur; 2, 5, Boswell; 3, Halley; 4, Christie. GOLDFINCH: 1, sp., Christie; 2, Campbell; 3, 5, McArthur; 4, Cameron. LINNET: 1, sp., McArthur; 2, D. Cameron; 3, Boswell; 4, Halley; 5, Christie. A.O.S.: 1, sp., 2, McArthur.

ALNMOUTH.

Show held Town Hall, Dec. 30th, when entries came up well. The fanciers of this district only made up their mind to hold an open show a month ago, and the show would have been an even greater success if it had been advertised. We advise the committee to advertise in CAGE BIRDS next year. The Rev. Linton Bogle is president; vice-presidents, Messrs. Cooke, Kitchen, Hudson, and Dixon, and there is a hard working committee composed of Messrs. Jowsey (chairman), Moffitt, Hudson, Donaldson, Scott, Rutherford, Smith, and Bodie. Mr. E. Geggie (sec.) is the right man in the right place; everything passed off without a hitch, and the show was a grand success. The show was well patronised by visitors. Mr. H. Seely (Choppington) judged, and his awards were well received.

NOR. YELL. CK.: 1, 2, vhc, Cowling; 3, Dixon; hc, c, Thompson. HEN: 1, 2, vhc, Cowling; 3, Miller; hc, no name. BORD. CK.: 1, 2, 3, vhc, Purvis; hc, Wakenshaw; c, Hudson. HEN: 1, Aston; 2, 3, Purvis; vhc, Miller; hc, Wakenshaw. YORKS.: 1, 3, hc, Moffitt; 2, Geggie; vhc, Smith; c, Smith. CONFINED, A.V.: 1, 3, vhc, Moffitt; 2, Geggie; hc, Donaldson; c, Smith. LINNET: 1, 2, Archbold; 3, Wilcox; vhc, Donaldson; hc, Wilcox; c, Tweedy. A.O.V.: 1, T. Dixon; 2, hc, Johnston; 3, Geggie; vhc, Grey; c, Purvis.

NEWTOWNARDS.

First annual show of Newtownards and Dist. C.B.S. held in the spacious Town Hall, Dec. 16th. Judging from the manner in which the arrangements were carried out it is certain the show is a forerunner of many to come. The entries themselves were of such a class and number that it not only came as a surprise, but gave great encouragement to the promoters. Special mention must be made of the birds in the Scotch Fancy classes exhibited by Messrs. Trimble and Neill. The judging was ably carried out by Mr. Isaac Reid, who gave entire satisfaction to all.

SCOT. FCY. CK. (7): 1, 2, Trimble; 3, vhc, Neill; hc, Ronaldson. HEN (7): 1, 2, Neill; 3, vhc, Trimble. CREST (4): 1, 3, vhc, Kincaid. C.B. (3): 1, Kincaid; 2, Creighton; 3, Harris. NOR., CL., ETC., YELL. CK. (5): 1, Lavery; 2, Thompson; 3, Gilmore; vhc, Neill; hc, Trueman. BUFF (3): 1, Thompson; 2, Lavery; 3, Trueman. VARIEG. CK. (8): 1, Thompson; 2, Scott; 3, Donnan; vhc, Lavery; hc, Gilmore. YELL. HEN (8): 1, Thompson; 2, Carson; 3, Teasey; vhc, T. Scott; hc, S. Scott. BUFF (10): 1, Dunwoody; 2, S. Scott; 3, Connell; vhc, Teasey; hc, Gilmore. VARIEG. HEN (6): 1, Lavery; 2, Carleton; 3, vhc, Teasey; hc, Neill. YORKS., CL. YELL. CK. (4): 1, Devins; 2, Dunwoody; 3, Tansey; vhc, Fleming. BUFF (5): 1, Fleming; 2, Devins; 3, Duuwoody; vhc, Tansey; hc, Harris. TKD., ETC. (4): 1, Fleming; 2, Tansey; 3, Dunwoody; vhc, Montgomery. CL. YELL. HEN (5): 1, Fleming; 2, Tansey; 3, Dunwoody; vhc, Devins; hc, Montgomery. BUFF (3): 1, Devins; 2, Tansey; 3, Fleming. TKD., ETC. (8): 1, Devins; 2, Tansey; 3, Fleming; vhc, Montgomery; hc, Dunwoody. CAN. MULE, LIGHT (2): 1, Stewart; 2, Kincaid. DARK (8): 1, Creighton; 2, 3, Alexander; vhc, Walker; hc, Nicholson. GOLDIE (4): 1, Barclay; 2, Creighton; 3, Wylie; vhc, Devins. LINNET (4): 1, 2, vhc, Barclay; 3, Morrow. GREENIE (4): 1, Scott; 2, Barclay; 3, Harris; vhc, Carleton. A.O.S. BRIT., SMALL (9): 1, Barclay; 2, Devins; 3, Alexander; vhc, Montgomery; hc, Scott. FOR., SMALL (3): 1, Walker; 2, 3, Robinson. MEMBERS' CLASSES—NOR., CL., ETC. (10): 1, 2, vhc, Finlay; 3, Montgomery; hc, Jamison. VARIEG.: 1, Montgomery. CL., ETC., HEN (7): 1, 2, Finlay; 3, Montgomery; 4, McCullough. VARIEG. (4): 1, 2, Finlay; 3, Jamison. YORKS. CK. (8): 1, 3, vhc, M'Donald; hc, Doggart. HEN: 1, Montgomery. OPEN TO MEMBERS AND RESIDENTS—A.V. CAN. (6): 1, Stevenson; 2, McKee; 3, vhc, Morrow. LINNET (10): 1, Doggart; 2, Heron; 3, Rohinson; vhc, hc, Milling. GOLDFINCH (2): 1, Doggart; 2, Cahoon. SCOT. FCY. (4): 1, 3, M'Donald; 2, vhc, M'Elroy. CREST OR C.B., CK. OR HEN (2): 1, Plunkett; 2, Lawson Morrow.

ANFIELD, EVERTON, C.B.S.

Members' show held Dec. 26th, Mission Hall, Burleigh Road South, Anfield, Liverpool. There was a very good response, especially so, considering the majority of the members are only now commencing to interest themselves in show specimens. The show (the first venture of this new society) was held in a very fine room, the only drawback being the wretched day, rain coming down in torrents. The committee and stewards worked very energetically to make everything a success. Mr. W. Bell (chairman) and Messrs. Southward, Williams, Frankham, Rumsby, Holden, Hawkes, Crow and Weston, together with Mr. R. B. Wright, hon. sec., carried out their duties in a very efficient manner. We understand that 19 new members were enrolled on the day of the show, while the attendance totalled over 400. Judging by the enthusiasm, this go-ahead society will be very strong 'ere the next annual show comes round, when there are to be over 20 open champion and novice classes in addition to the classes for members, for which a valuable cup is provided, to be won outright. Mr. Rawsthorne (Seaforth) has presented the society with a valuable special for the next show. Mr. J. Thornton (Liscard) judged, under very trying circumstances, and his awards were well received by all. Mr. R. B. Wright deserves all the support the members can give him. It would be difficult to find a harder worker or a more intelligent hon. sec. Mr. Knight won special for best Yorks.; special for best Nor, Mr Crow

YORKS., CL., ETC., YELL.: 1, Crow; 2, Whiteside; 3, Williams; vhc, Draper; c, Parsons. BUFF: 1, Whiteside; 2, Rumsby; 3, Draper; vhc, Holden; c, Rawsthorne. YELL. HEN: 1, Knight; 2, Crow; 3, vhc, Wright; c, Malone. BUFF: 1, Rawsthorne; 2, Adams; 3, Whiteside; vhc, Hawkes. YORKS. GREEN CK.: 1, 2, Bell; 3, Drury; vhc, Adams. BUFF: 1, Bell; 2, Drury; 3, Frankham; vhc, Whiteside. YELL. HEN: 1, Rawsthorne; 2, Dreaper; 3, Whiteside; vhc, Bell; hc, Rumsby. BUFF: 1, 2, Adams; 3, Wright; vhc, Frankham; hc, Parsons. YORKS. YELL. CK., NON-FED: 1, 3, Jackson; 2, Drury. NOR., NON-FED, HEN: 1, 2, Rumsby. UNFLIG., YELL. YORKS. CK.: 1, spl, Knight; 2, Adams; 3, vhc, Wright; c, Crow. HEN: 1, Knight; 2, Adams; 3, Williams; vhc, Malone; hc, Rumsby. YELL. GREEN CK., UNFLIG.: 1, 3, Adams; 2, Holden; vhc, Rawsthorne; he, Parsons. BUFF: 1, Hawkes; 2, Mullen; 3, Bell; vhe, Parsons; c, Rawsthorne. NOR., UNFLIG. CK.: 1, spl, 3, Crow; 2, Hawkes; vhc, Rumsby. GOLDFINCH: 1, F. Rumsby; 2, Jackson; 3, Drury; vhc, Parsons. HARDBILL: 1, Frankham; 2, 3, vhc, F. Rumsby. LINNET: 1, 2, Drury; 3, F. Rumsby.

KINDLY SHOW THIS BIRTHDAY NUMBER TO ALL YOUR FRIENDS.

LEADGATE (Co. Durham.)

Third annual show, held January 6th. The venue was again the Church Square Hall, which is nicely adapted for the purpose, being entirely free from draughts, and with a little more light would be a really grand hall. Entries came up well, totalling 216, against 197 last year, and the quality in all sections was up to a high standard. The society is well favoured in the matter of officials, with the genial chairman, Mr. C. Westthorp, at the head of affairs. He in turn is well backed up by a fine body of fanciers, viz., Messrs. J. Rowell (vice-chairman), T. J. Collins (treasurer), and Messrs. T. Collins, Walton, Reed, Owens, Wilson and Ouigley, everyone doing his best for the good of the show. Mr. J. A. Turnbull makes a grand secretary, with a thorough knowledge of his duties, and he gets through his work in A1 style. We always found him most courteous and obliging to everybody, and we think the society is very fortunate in having so capable a fancier holding the secretarial reins. He was well supported by Mr. J. Walton, and the assistance of this gentleman in the clerical work was highly appreciated. Special for best British went to Mr. J. W. Rowell, with a very shapely good coloured Greenfinch, the runner-up being Mr. T. Rice, with a fine Bullie. Medal for best Border was won by Mr. J. Walton, with a nice yellow varieg. The weather during the afternoon and evening was wretched, yet despite this the show was grandly patronised, the hall being simply packed with visitors, and there is no doubt the show will be a financial success. Mr. W. Reid (Sunderland) judged.

The Critique.

YORKS., YELL., CK. (7): 1, sp., Foster, good, lengthy cl., fine position, hot col., neat head and shoulders; 2, Wilson Bros., cl., plenty of length, slim, upstanding bird, neat head, wings and tail; 3, Reed and Collins, cl., not quite so well finished as leaders, nice length, neat shoulders; 4, Westthorp, varieg., very slim and lengthy, nice position; vhc, Rice; hc, Lane. HEN (6): 1, sp., 2, vhc, Wilson Bros., both clears, nice length and position, neat heads, well braced wings and tail; 3, Foster, fine, lengthy bird, gets well up, neat head and shoulders; 4, Lane, nice length, neat head, good quality. BUFF CK. (6): 1, Foster, cl., grand length, very stylish, neat head, good shoulders and waist, well drawn, well braced wings and tail; 2, 4, Westthorp, plenty of length, nice position, neat head, good wing carriage, 4, varieg., extra length, gets well up, neat head; 3, Wilson Bros., tkd. wing, good length and position, neat head, good shoulders. HEN (8): 1, sp., Lane, varieg., grand length, nice position, well rounded back, neat head, grandly braced wings and tail; 2, 3, Wilson Bros., tkd., nice length and style, well up, neat head, shoulders, and waist, good wing carriage, 3, cl., shorter, nice position, neat head good wings and tail; 4, vhc, Reed and Collins, cl., slimly built, grandly tapered, neat head; hc, Turnbull; c, Westthorp. 1911 (9): 1, sp., Reed and Collins, cl., grand length, fine position, neat shoulders, well drawn, good col. and quality, well braced wings and tail; 2, Lane, tkd. left wing, nice length and position, grand wings and tail, neat head and shoulders; 3, c, Wilson Bros., foul green, fine, lengthy bird, good position, well drawn; 4, Foster, another nice one for length, well up; vhc, hc, Turnbull. NAT. COL. (6): 1, sp., 4, Wilson Bros., yell.-green leading, nice length, slim built, neat head, good col. and quality, grand wings and tail, 4, another green, nice length, good position; 2, Turnbull, green, similar to leader for length and position, neat head, wings and tail, not quite so well finished; 3, Lane, cl., plenty of length, neat head, good wings and tail; vhc, Thompson. NOR. YELL. CK. (8): 1, sp., G. Barkas, cl., grand type, rich, hot col., nice size, neat head and neck, full chest, short wings and tail; 2, Blythe, another good one for shape, grand quality, neat head, not quite so rich in col.; 3, Mosley, varieg., grand shape, nice head and neck, hot col.; 4, Glendenning, nice size and shape, neat head; vhc, Walton; hc, Reed and Collins; c, Williams. BUFF HEN (10): 1, Hetherington, cl., grand shape, fine size, neat head and neck, nice col. and quality, grand wings and tail; 2, Humphery, fine size and shape, grand feather, neat head, well carried wings and tail; 3, Mosley, another nice hen for shape and size, a wee bit paler, neat head, nice carriage; 4, Williams, nice size and shape, neat head; vhc, Glendinning; hc, Blythe; c, Reed and Collins. YELL. HEN (7): 1, sp., G. Barkas, fine size, true Nor. shape, neat head and neck, good chest; 2, Humphery, nice size, good shape, nice col. and quality, neat head; 3, Walton, neat hen, nice col. and quality, scarcely so shapely as leaders; 4, Hetherington, bit longer, nice shape, nice carriage, vhc, Lane hc, Wilson and Collins; c, Williams. BUFF CK. (3): 1, Walton big one, nice shape, good chest, neat head and neck, well carried wings and tail; 2, Williams, cap marked, longer than leader, nice head and neck, good col., neat wings and tail; 3, Lane, nice size and shape, neat head, not quite as cobby. 1911 (12): 1, sp., G. Barkas, cl. yell., grand shape, red hot col., neat head and neck, grand carriage, short wings and tail, clean under; 2, Williams, lightly mkd. buff, fine size, nice shape, nice col. and quality, neat head, wings and tail; 3, Hetherington, nice size and shape, good head, nice carriage, loses a wee bit in col.; 4, Lane; vhc, Mosley; hc, Glendinning; c, Blythe. NAT. COL. (6): 1, sp., Ouigley, buff green, nice size, good shape and col., neat head, good wings and tail; 2, Turnbull, cap marked yell., nice type, good col. and quality; 3, Wilson Bros., cl. yell., nice shape and size, beaten only in quality; 4, Reed and Collins, cl. buff, nice size, neat head and chest. CREST OR G.B., CK. (2): 1, sp., 2, Turnbull, two nice crests, nice size and droop, neat centre, worthy of more competition. HEN (1): 1, Turnbull, nice size, good broad skull, well clothed with nice feather, good entrance. BORD. YELL. CK. (6): 1, sp., 2, Walton, leader sweetly moulded, very typical, sweet head, grandly rounded back, rich col. and quality, 2, foul tail green, grand col., nice shape, neat head, well carried wings and tail; 3, vhc, Rowell, varieg., trifle thicker build than leader, grand shape, neat head, nice wings and tail; 4, Ouigley, cl., nice, shape, not quite so well rounded on back as leader; hc, Westthorp. BUFF (6): 1, sp., Blythe, grand shape, well rounded back, sweet head, nice col. and quality, grandly carried wings and tail; 2, 3, Ouigley, two good ones for type, neat heads, good col. and quality, nice carriage; 4, Owen and Humble, nice shape, neat head and wing carriage; vhc, Rowell; hc, Turnbull. YELL. HEN (4): 1, Lane, cl., sweet shape, well rounded, neat head and neck, good col., close, tight feather and tail; 2, 3, Rowell, leader, grand shape, neat head, nice col., well braced wings and tail, 3, a wee bit slacker in feather, nice shape and col., good head, wings and tail; 4, Owens and Humble, not quite so good in condition as leaders, nice shape. BUFF (7): 1, Walton, topper for style and finish, grand feather, neat head, nice col. and quality; 2, 3, Rowell, two beauties, nice shape, sweet heads, well carried wings and tails; 4, Westthorp, not quite so good in condition as leader, yet nice shape, vhc, hc, Ouigley; c, Walton, a good one, yell. 1911 (6): 1, sp., medal best Border, Walton, varieg. yell., grand shape, sweet round head, grand col. and quality, grandly carried wings and tail; 2, Rowell, varieg., a wee bit heavier in build than leader, nice shape, good col. and quality, neat head and neck; 3, Lane, cl., nice shape, good col. and quality; 4, Rowell, wing marked, nice shape and carriage, neat head, wings and tail; vhc, Turnbull; hc, Ouigley. MULE (3): 1, sp., 2, Rowell, leader dark Goldie Can., fine size and shape, good col., nice face and wings, good col. and condition; 2, buff Greenie Mule, nice shape, good size; 3, Humphery, Goldie Can., bit smaller than leader, nice shape, good polish and condition. GOLDFINCH (11): 1, sp., 2, G. Barkas, leader grand size and shape, big rich col. blaze, nicely tanned col., clear and distinct, nice wings, 2, not so massive in blaze, yet good grand col., well tanned, nice condition and feather; 3, Reed and Collins, nice clean cut blaze, not quite so rich in col. as leaders, fine tans, good wings; 4, Owen and Humble, nice size, blaze, col. not quite so pure, good moons; vhc, Mosley; hc, Williams; c, Lane. BULLFINCH (10): 1, sp., Rice, grand cobby shape, good breast col., level all through, dense col. cap, of good shape, nice back and wings; 2, Blythe, perhaps a wee shade larger than leader, nice breast col., good cap and wings; 3, Irwin, another shapely Bullie, breast col. scarcely so pure in col., nice shaped cap, level back col. good wing bars; 4, Dobson, nice size and shape, fine cap and bars; vhc, Barkas; hc, Owens and Humble; c, Reed and Collins. GREENFINCH (14): 1, sp., best Brit., Rowell, not a big one, but grand shape, rich col., grand wings, shown in the pink; 2, Ouigley, non-fed, larger than leader, short cobby bird, loses to leader only in col. and condition; 3, Humphery, nice size and col., scarcely so shapely as leaders, nice wings, in good condition; 4, Wilson Bros., another nice Greenie, nice shape; vhc, Rice; hc, Blythe; c, Irwin (a good class). BRAMBLE, ETC. (3): 1, sp., 4, Rowell, Bramhle leading, topper for size, rare shape, well spangled, nice breast col., very level, shown in the pink of condition, 4, Chaffie, nice size and shape, nice col., steady; 2, Dobson, Chaffie, larger than 4th, and better defined whites, nice col. cap, good shape; 3, Humphery, Bramble, not quite so large as leader, nicely spangled, good col., very level; vhc, Barkas; hc, Dobson; c, Turnbull. LINNET (11): 1, Glendinning, fine size and shape, grandly pencilled, very profuse, clear and distinct, grand col. and condition; 2, Humphery, not quite so large, yet fine shape, nice pencilling, good col., shown in splendid form; 3, Wilson Bros., nice size and shape, pencilling, all there for clearness, nice col. and polish; 4, Humphery, another good one, fine size and shape, shows plenty of whites; vhc, Lane; hc, Barkas; c, Blythe. SISKIN, ETC. (7): 1, sp., Humphery, Siskin, nice size and shape, good col., nice cap, well laced, grand condition and feather; 2, Rice, bonny little Lesser Redpoll, nice shape, rare polish and condition, ran leader close; 3, 4, Thompson, leader F.M., mealy Redpoll, grand col., well laced, very steady, in nice condition; 4, Twite, plenty of size, nice shape and col., nicely pencilled; vhc, Irwin; hc, Barkas; c, Owens and Humble. GIFT (7): 1, Barkas; 2, Ouigley; 3, Williams; 4, Westthorp; vhc, Blythe; hc, Rowell; c, Walton.

BIRKENHEAD.

Annual old bird show, held Dec. 9th, Co-operative Hall. No wonder it was a record show, considering the amount of specials the committee had got together. The society are blessed with a secretary second to none, who never seems to tire in his duties. The show was opened by Miss Proudman, daughter of the Mayor of Birkenhead, who arrived at the show late in the afternoon, but was not too late to render financial assistance. The chairman, Mr. Burns, was busy looking after the wants of the birds. He was well backed up by Messrs. Moston, Bird, Jones, and the committee. Mr. Shaw won Hyde's special; best bird in show, W. Young; most points Yorks., W. Jones; Yorks. Greens, W. Young; Norwich, J. Burns; Borders, W. Young; British, A. E. Lloyd; Sandiford's medal, W. Bird; season's specials leaders:—1, Young; 2, Jones. It was acknowledged to be the finest show ever seen in Birkenhead, the quality being extraordinary. Mr. J. W. Metcalfe judged, and his awards were well received.

The Awards.

YORKS. CL. YELL.: 1, vhc, Jones; 2, Morton; 3, Young; hc, Edwards; c, Radcliffe. BUFF: 1, Edwards; 2, Jones; 3, Greatrix; vhc, Morton; hc, Radcliffe; c, Cooper. TKD., YELL.: 1, Jones 2, Radcliffe; 3, Greatrix. BUFF: 1, Morton; 2, Young; 3, Bird. YELL. HEN: 1, 3, Jones; 2, Morton; vhc, Greatrix; hc, Edwards; c, Radcliffe. BUFF: 1, 2, Young; 3, Jones; vhc, Caine; hc, Edwards; c, Morton. UNFLIG. YELL.: 1, Jones; 2, Radcliffe; 3, Miller; vhc, Young hc, Morton. BUFF: 1, Young; 2, 3, Jones; vhc, Radcliffe; hc, c, Stott. CINN., TKD. YELL.: 1, Young; 2, Radcliffe; 3, Stott. BUFF HEN: 1, Greatrix; 2, Shaw; 3, Percival; vhc, Young; hc, Hill; c, Bird. VARIEG.: 1, Jones; 2, Shaw; 3, Miller; vhc, McElroy. YORKS. GREEN, SELF YELL.: 1, 2, Young; 3, Edwards; vhc, Moss; hc, Hughes. BUFF: 1, 3, Young; 2, Bird; vhc, Hughes; hc, Cooper; c, Edwards. FOUL YELL.: 1, Moss; 2, Jones; 3, Young; vhc, Cooper; hc, Darlington; c, Hawkes. BUFF: 1, Shaw; 2, Jones; 3, Young; vhc, Greatrix. YELL. HEN: 1, hc, Young; 2, Hughes; 3, Moss; vhc, Edwards; c, Gardner. BUFF: 1, 2, Young; 3, Greatrix; vhc, Hughes; hc, Cooper; c, Morton. UNFLIG. YELL.: 1, Jones; 2, 3, Gardner. BUFF: 1, 3, Young; 2, Jones; vhc, Darlington. NON-FED YORKS. YELL.: 1, Jones; 2, Edwards; 3, Shaw; vhc, Gardner; hc, Darlington. BUFF: 1, 3, Jones; 2, Miller; vhc, Shaw; hc, Caine; c, McElroy. HEN: 1, Jones; 2, 3, Morton; vhc, Darlington; hc, Miller; c, Shaw. NOR. YELL.: 1, Stott; 2, Burns. BUFF: 1, Stott; 2, Bird. YELL. HEN: 1, 2, Burns; 3, Mealor. BUFF: 1, Hawkes; 2, Burns; 3, Corbett. UNFLIG. YELL.: 1, 2, Burns; 3, wrong class. BUFF 1, 2, Burns; 2, Hawkes. BORD. YELL. CK.: 1, 2, Cooper; 3, Young; vhc, Edwards. BUFF: 1, Young; 2, 3, Cooper. YELL. HEN: 1, vhc, Young; 2, Cooper; 3, Edwards. BUFF: 1, 2, Young; 3, Cooper. CREST: 1, 3, vhc, Darlington; 2, Shaw; hc, McElroy. C.B.: 1, Darlington; 2, McElroy; 3, Shaw. NOVICE YORKS.: 1, Percival; 2, Rixom. NOR.: 1, Stott; 2, Bird; 3, Rixom; vhc, Mealor. MULES: 1, hc, Darlington; 2, 3, Morton; vhc, Lloyd. GOLDFINCH: 1, Morton; 2, Burns; 3, Jones; vhc, Cooper; hc, Lloyd; c, Edwards. H.M. LINNET: 1, Stott; 2, Percival; 3, Greatrix; vhc, Jones; hc, Lloyd. F.M.: 1, 3, Lloyd; 2, Jones; vhc, hc, Cooper; c, Edwards. GREENFINCH: 1, Burns; 2, Edwards; 3, hc, Jones; vhc, c, Cooper. BRAMBLE ETC.: 1, Cooper; 2, Young; 3, Edwards. REDPOLL, ETC.: 1, Lloyd; 2, Burns.

Nests of Birds, Poultry, etc., should be regularly sprinkled with KEATING'S POWDER, especially when hens are sitting. Don't forget to do this previous to the eggs hatching, to destroy the Mite. Kills all insects. Harmless to everything else.

SANDY LANE.

Sandy Lane and Dis. C.B.A. annual exhibition was held Jan. 6th, in the Baptist School. There were 23 classes, 10 of them for novices. Messrs. Ratcliffe and Shaw as joint secs., had everything well in hand, being ably assisted by a band of well-known fanciers, including the President (Mr. J. A. Whitwham), vice-presidents (Messrs. J. Edmondson and A. Shaw), and Messrs. Moore, Drake, Hanson, Wilson, and J. Watmuff as general workers. Mr. E. W. Walsh (Halifax) judged, his awards meeting with general approval. The room is a nice one, being well adapted for a show. The "gate" was very meagre, it being very bad travelling, snow falling almost continually the whole day, and by the time the birds were on their way home, the snow was several inches deep, and still falling.

The Critique.

CL., ETC., YELL. YORKS. (11): 1, Cruise, noted cheek tick, rare length and shape, straight as a rush, good wing carriage; 2, 4, Ogden Bros., ticked wing and cheek, rattling fine quality, neat shape, stands well up, 4th, extra well up in position, nice shape; 3, Bailey, great length, good shape, wonderful wings and tail; vhc, Thomas; hc, Shackleton; c, Brown and Son. BUFF (13): 1, Shackleton, grand shape and style, slim, rattling fine position, smart all through; 2, Bailey, good shape, very straight, nice wings, lovely quality; 3, Dykes, ticked head, plenty of size, nice shape; 4, Thornton and Bower, nice shape, full of colour and quality; vhc, hc, Ogden Bros.; c, Shaw Bros. UNFLIG. (15): 1, hc, Bailey, yell., great length, nice shape and style, rattling fine col. and quality, tkd. head; 2, Towers, buff, marvellous type and style, full of quality, grand wings and tail; 2, c, Chippendale, buff, good shape, extra fine col., nice head and back; 4, Dykes, yell., good shape, very stylish, leggy; vhc, Ogden Bros. CL., ETC., YELL. HEN (7): 1, Thomas, grand shape and slim, leggy, nice position, lovely quality; 2, Bailey, fine position leggy, rattling fine quality; 3, Townsend, cap mkd., nice length and shape, straigbt, good wings; 4, vhc, Ogden Bros., slim, neat type and stylish, lovely qual.; hc, Dykes; c, Edmondson and Son. BUFF (15): 1, Whitwham, plenty of size nice head, good quality and col.; 2, Shackleton, good shape and position, grand feather; 3, hc, Ogden Bros., tick wing and head, grand shape, extra good position, we liked; 4, Townsend, slim and straight, good type, neat feather; vhc, Bailey; c, Chippendale. GREEN MKD. YELL. (14): 1, Brown and Son, mkd. wings, eyes and head, rattling fine type and style, nice legs, extra good quality and colour; 2, Bailey, mkd. wings, eyes and head, bonny type, shows well, marvellous col.; 3, Townsend, mkd. wings, eyes and breast, good shape, well cut away, nice quality; 4, Towers, foul mkd., neat type, full of style; vhc, Ogden Bros.; hc, Sutcliffe and Son; c, Morrison. BUFF (9): 1, Shackleton, mkd. wings, eyes and head, grand length, nice shape, good wing carriage; 2, Bailey, mkd. wings, eyes and head, good shape, nice round back; 3, Dykes, mkd. wings, eyes and breast, grand shape, nicely cut away; 4, Towers, four-pointed, splendid shape and position, rich col., nice feather; vhc, Morrison; hc, Ogden Bros.; c, Priestley. YELL HEN (10): 1, Shackleton, mkd. wing, eyes and cheek, grand shape, grandly drawn out behind, fine back, wings and tail, lovely col. and quality; 2, 3, Ogden Bros., both smart, good shape, leggy, nice quality and col.; 4, Sutcliffe and Son, mkd. wings, eyes and cheeks, neat, rattling fine quality; vhc, Wilson; hc, Thornton and Bower; c, Priestley. BUFF (10): 1, Priestley, mkd. wings, eyes and cheek, grand col. and quality, smooth as glass; 2, Brown and Son, three-pointed, nice shape, good back and wings, full of quality; 3, hc, Dykes, three-pointed, fine shape, straight, good head and wings; 4, Chippendale, four-pointed, neat and typical, stylish; vhc, Towers; c, Townsend. CINN. TKD., ETC., YELL. (8): 1, Bailey, noted winner, grand length and shape, leggy, marvellous col. and quality; 2, Towers, mkd. wings, eyes and head, rare length and shape, fine position, good quality; 3, Thomas, mkd. wings, eye, nice shape, well filled throughout; 4, Morrison, good shape and length, nicely cut away; vhc, Ogden Bros.; hc, Brown and Son; c, Priestley. BUFF (9): 1, Morrison, mkd. wings, cheek, good col. and quality, nice one; 2, Bailey, mkd. wings, eyes and cheek, splendid shape and position, leggy, lovely feather; 3, Towers, mkd. wings, eyes and head, good length and shape, nice quality; 4, Cooper, mkd. wings and cheeks, slim, extra good shape; vhc, Brown and Son; hc, Casey; c, Ogden Bros. YELL. HEN (7): 1, Brown and Son, good shape and position, nice quality; 2, 3, Allen, 2nd, mkd. wings, eyes and head, grand shape and position, leggy, good back and wings, 3rd mkd. cheek and saddle, slim, extra, nice shape, lovely feather; 4, Ogden Bros., mkd. wings, eyes and head, slim, neat shape, leggy, nice position; vhc, Towers; hc, Thomas; c, Cooper. BUFF (9): 1 Allen, extra long, good shape, extra nice back and wings; 2, vhc, Morrison, mkd. wings, eyes, breast, good quality and col.; 3 Towers, mkd. wings, cheeks, head, nice shape; 4, Ogden Bros., mkd. wings, eyes, grand shape; hc, Smith; c, Priestley. NOV. CLASSES: CL., ETC., YELL. (12): 1, Harney, slim, nice position, good wings, carriage, fine quality; 2, Denby, nice shape, very round, leggy, neat wings, lovely quality; 3, Brook and Oldfield, slim, beautifully drawn out, good head, back and wings; 4, Grayshon, ticked eye, nice shape, good feather; vhc c, Ratcliffe; hc, Hird. BUFF (18): 1, Cawtheray and Son, ticked wing, grand shape, straight, well cut away; 2, Simpson and Son, good shape, nice quality and col.; 3, Grayshon, ticked wing, good type and style, nice quality; 4, Wade, breedy, good type, nicely drawn out; vhc, Ratcliffe; hc, Helliwell; c, Jowett. GREEN MKD. YELL. (6): 1, Denby, grand length and shape, four-pointed, good back and wings, lovely quality and col.; 2, Kirkbright, very neat and typical, grand quality; 3, Moore, mkd. wings, eyes, good shape, nice back, smart feathered; 4, Sutcliffe, foul, good type and style; vhc, Hainsworth; hc, Grange. BUFF (7): 1, Fergusson, mkd. wings, eyes and head, good length and shape, nice back, good quality; 2, Kirkbright, mkd. wings, head, rattling fine col. and quality; 3, Grange, good shape, nice head; 4, Helliwell, very neat and typical, showy; vhc, c, Tyas; hc, Moore. CINN. TKD., ETC., CK.: Cancelled. HEN (7): 1, Grayshon, yell., very smart shape, good head and wings, rare quality; 2, Moore, yell., nice type, leggy, rattling fine quality; 3, Fergusson, buff, good size and shape, nice round back; 4, Grange, buff, smart type, nice position, good quality; vhc, hc, Simonett; c, Grange. YELL. HEN (11): 1, Pearson, grand shape and style, lovely back, wings and tail, good head, rattling fine quality; 2, Pearson, neat type and position, good back and wings; 3, Craven, good shape and leg, plenty of col., nice quality; 4, Sutcliffe, good shape, very leggy, neat all through; vhc, Brook and Oldfield; hc, Hainsworth; c, Cooper. BUFF (7): 1, Moore, mkd., grand shape and position, good head and back, smart; 2, Livesey, eye tick, fine position, rare shape, good quality; 3, Moore, neat and typical, lovely quality, nice head and back; 4, Nichols, nice shape, straight, good cut; vhc, Hird; hc, Craven; c, Cooper. NOR. CK. (11): 1, Roe, mkd. yell., good shape and size, nice substance, full of col. and quality; 2, Guffick, mkd. yell., grand col. and quality, nice shape; 3, Clegg, cap buff, good head and substance, shapely, rare quality and col.; 4, c, Birbeck, yell., good head, nice substance, good feather; vhc, Simonett; hc, Denby. HEN (14): 1, Clegg, yell., grand shape and size, cheaty, cobby, nice quality; 2, Denby, yell., rattling fine quality, nice col., good shape, cobby, and neat; 3, Pearson, yell., good head, nice col. and quality; 4, Rhodes, mkd. buff, good shape, nice feather; vhc, hc, Roe; c, Simonett.

GRANITE CITY C.B.S. (Aberdeen).

Nineteenth annual show held 1st and 2nd January, E.W. Hall, John Street, a good hall for such a purpose. Entries numbered 830, a decrease on last year's. The arrangements were nicely carried out, by a strong committee, with Mr. W. Rae, as president, Mr. A. Cruickshank as vice-president, and Mr. J. Duguid, secretary and treasurer; and they deserve great praise for the able manner in which they carried out their respective duties. The challenge cup for best bird was won by Mr. W. Rae, he being also runner-up and winner of the Ramsden medal. Mr. W. Hampton (Brechin) judged Norwich, and Mr. F. A. Watt (Banff) British, etc., and their awards gave every satisfaction.

The Critique.

NOR. CL. YELL. CK. (4): 1, Grieve, nice cl., grand head and neck, good type; 2, 3, Cruickshank, 2nd good one, not quite so thick set, 3rd good type, A1 quality; 4, Silver. HEN (4): 1, Noble, good quality and condition, inclined to cross wings at times; 2, McKenzie, good wings and tail; 3, J. Fraser, 4, Cruickshank. BUFF CK. (11): 1, Craighead, well up in size, lovely quality, good one; 2, Davie, nice bird, fails only in substance to winner; 3, Fyfe, very short and typical, sweet exhibit; 4, 5, Silver; 6, Baxter. HEN (7): 1, Stewart, nice one, good all-round hen; 2, Silver, smaller, sweet in quality; 3, Allan, rare quality and condition; 4, McRae; 5, Cruickshank; 6, McKenzie. VAR., ETC., YELL. CK. (6): 1, Allan, a gem, mkd. wing and head, best of quality and condition; 2, 3, 6, Wood, 2nd cap mkd., grand quality, good type, 3rd also good one; 4, Kynoch; 5, Noble. HEN (5): 1, Noble, good type and quality; 2, Simpson, variegated, fine size, nice head, best of wing carriage; 3, Aberdeen, also of good type and quality; 4, McKenzie; 5, McRae. TICKED, ETC., BUFF CK. (9): 1, Aberdeen, grand substance, tip-top quality; 2, Simpson, cap and wing marked, very typical, well staged; 3, Kynock, marked wing and cap, grand col., typical; 4, 5, Wood; 6, Gordon. HEN (14): 1, Mutch, a gem for type and quality, wins; 2, Noble, good wash, will improve; 3, Simpson, good body and type; 4, Davie; 5, Wood; 6, Stewart. OLD BIRD SECTION.—CREST. (6): 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, Gordon, nice team; 5, Ross. C.B. CK. (4): 1, 2, 3, 4, Gordon, wins with a cl., 2nd Green of good C.B. qualities. HEN (4): 1, 2, 3, 4, Gordon, 1st grand hen, rare skull and well lashed, great length of feather. CL. YELL. CK. (7): 1, Fyfe, grand size, fine quality and col.; 2, W. Rae, good head and neck, nice rounded body, sweet exhibit; 3, Grieve; 4, Baxter; 5, Noble; 6, Simpson. HEN (4): 1, Mutch, wins, very typical, short, and well set, nicely staged; 2, Gordon, good size and col.; 3, J. Fraser; 4, Duguid. BUFF CK. (7): 1, Stewart, well up in size and condition; 2, Gordon, typical, good head and neck; 3, Baxter, staged to perfection; 4, Noble; 5, W. Rae; 6, Anderson. HEN (7): 1, W. Rae, grand hen, full of type and quality; 2, Cumming, best of type; 3, Ross, good head and neck, fine col. and quality; 4, Fyfe; 5, Simpson; 6, McKenzie, TICKED, ETC., YELL. CK. (8): 1, Stewart, bold exhibit of good type and quality; 2, Duguid, fails only in wings to winner; 3, Cumming, longer in body, rich quality; 4, Gordon; 5, Anderson; 6, McKenzie. HEN (8): 1, Grieve, nice short, cobby one; 2, Mathieson, not quite so short as winner; 3, 4, Noble, 3rd looked just a little soft while we were taking notes; 5, Cummings; 6, Craigmyle. BUFF CK. (7): 1, 2, Noble, two typical Nor. of good quality; 3, McKeuzie; 4, J. C. McKenzie; 5, Cumming; 6, Craigmyle. HEN (10): 1, Noble, very sweet, rare quality and condition; 2, Law, varieg., good size, grand quality; 3, Duguid; 4, Cumming; 5, Mutch; 6, Stewart. GREEN, ETC., CK. (10): 1, Duguid, A1 size, yell., best of col. and quality; 2, W. Rae, foul green buff, very typical, well up in size; 3, McKenzie, good all-round hird; 4, Ross; 5, McRae; 6, McKenzie. HEN (7): 1, Allan, grand col. and type; 2, Duguid, true Nor. properties; 3, 4, A. Ross; 5, Bowie; 6, McRoss. CINN. (6): 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, Gordon, clean sweep and some good ones; 4, Aberdein. FED. CLASSES.—TICK, ETC., YELL. CK. (9): 1, Law, very chubby one, great col.; 2, Collie, another good one, teeming with quality; 3, McRae; 4, Craighead; 5, Wm. Rae; 6, Craigmyle. HEN (6): 1, 3, Wm. Rae, two very smart exhibits, 1st excels in type; 2, Ross, also a gem of the first water; 4, McKenzie; 5, Law; 6, Fyfe. BUFF CK. (14): 1, 5, W. Rae, 1st wins on size and col., very chubby, good wings and tail; 2, Law, well turned out, teeming with quality; 3, Craighead, typical exhibit; 4, Cumming; 6, Craigmyle. HEN (4): 1, 2, Robertson, both varieg., good type and quality; 3, 4, Craighead, nicely staged, looking well. CINN CK.: 1, Grieve; 2, 3, Baxter. HEN: 1, 2, Baxter, both good size and best of col. UNFLIG. YELL. CK. (12): 1, W. Rae, grand one and no mistake, plenty of substance and col.: 2, Simpson, grizz. on back, very sweet in quality and condition; 3, Grieve, well set down; 4, Fyfe; 5, Cumming; 6, Collie. HEN (13): 1, 2, W. Rae, two gems, rare type and quality, fine col.; 3, Craighead, nicely staged; 4, Cumming; 5, Robertson; 6, McRae. BUFF CK. (16): 1, 5, W. Rae, best of type, good head and neck; 2, 3, 4, Craighead, a good team; 6, Simpson. HEN (13): 1, 2, 6, W. Rae, 1st best of col., rare size, good body and neck; 3, Craighead, nice type and quality; 4, 5, McRae. CINN. CK.: 1, 2, W. Rae, well known. HEN (3): 1, 2, W. Rae; 3, Cumming. PAIRS (10): 1, 2, 4, W. Rae, three well matched pairs; 3, Bowie; 5, Craighead; 6, Baxter. A.O.V. CAN.: 1, Grieve. MULE (3): 1, Anderson, good size and col.; 2, Ross; 3, Johnston. GOLDFINCH (3): 1, Stewart, good size and col.: 2, Anderson, fails polish; 3, Johnston. GREENFINCH (5): 1, 5, 6, Johnston, 1st excels in size and col.; 2, Stewart, nice and steady; 3, Baxter, good size and rich col. LINNET (10): 1, 2, Anderson, both very steady, finely pencilled, put down in good condition; 3, 6, Johnston, 3rd best of col.: 4, Stewart; 5, Mutch. SISKIN, ETC. (9): 1, 4, Johnston, 1st nice Redpoll, 4th Siskin; 2, 5, Stewart, 2nd wee gem of a Siskin, nice cap and col; 3, Cruickshanks, Twite, good size and col.; 6, Anderson. BULLFINCH: 1, Stewart: 2, Johnston. HEN: 1, Anderson; 2, Johnston. BRIT. ETC.: 1, 3, Johnston, wins with a nice Bramblefinch, good size, colour, markings; 2, Anderson, also a good Bramble. GIFT (5): 1, Gordon; 2, Aberdein; 3, Allison; 4, Cumming; 5, Wm. Rae.

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IRVINE COMMENCES WITH A SUCCESS

Irvine and Dis. O.C.B.S. first annual show held Jan. 6th, in the Masonic Hall. As an initial venture this must be voted a fair success. All are good young enthusiastic fanciers, and at their next show we hope to see a much bigger entry, as they are worthy of it. The hall is upstairs, but is a grand one for staging birds; it is also well lighted, and is kept at the proper heat. The society started with a good capital, and all specials competed for were in hand before the show, and each was given to the successful exhibitor before leaving the hall. Mr. Clark (president) is a well-known exhibitor and judge of Border Fancies, and under his supervision and sterling advice all arrangements were well made in advance. Mr. Edwards won the handsome cup outright for most points in any one class, and Mr. Watson special for most points in Nor. The secretary, Mr. Young, is the right man in the right place, and was well supported by a hard-working committee and capable stewards. The committee comprise Messrs. H. McColl, W. Savage, T. Cowan, J. Young, J. Alexander, W. Murray, J. McGee, H. Bowman, and H. Fergusson. Judges: Messrs. D. Smart (Grangemouth) for Canaries, and A. W. Watson (Edinburgh) the remainder, and their awards met with general approval. The Scotch Fancies and Crests were cancelled.

The Critique.

NOR. CK., YELL., CL., ETC. (8): 1, A. Watson, cl. yell., hot col., grand quality, excellent type, nice size, well cut away; 2, Paling, another cl., very shapely, nice substance, good wing carriage, not quite so warm in col.; 3, Webster, big bouncing specimen, A1 col. and quality; 4, Chalmers, good type, rare size; 5, Edwards; 6, Devoy. HEN (4): 1, Watson, cl., grizzled cap, A1 feather, good colour, grand type, nice size, a bonnie damsel; 2, Chalmers, cl., short and thick-set, good col., quality, and wing carriage; 3, Steele, cl., showing nice substance, col., and quality; 4, Devoy. BUFF (7): 1, 2, 3, Devoy, all clears, a grand team, put down in good order; 4, Chalmers; 5, Stevenson, jun.; 6, Nutt. HEN (7): 1, 2, Watson, both clears, former a real gem, round as a ball, well up in size, rare col.; 2nd, grand quality, good carriage of flights; 3, Paling, excellent col., nice type, good size and carriage; 4, Steele; 5, Muir; 6, Nutt. VARIEG., YELL.: Cancelled. BUFF (4): 1, Morgan, green varieg., wonderful col., teeming with quality, grand head, nice short wings and tail; 2, Webster, varieg. green, good shape, well across perches, nice size,, col. and quality; 3, Watson, varieg., well up in size, best of shape; 4, Scott. NON-FED CK. (4): 1, McFadzean, neck mkd. buff, very shapely, grand head and chest; 2, Paling, cl. yell., short and thick-set, good col. and quality; 3, Tannock, cl. buff, nice col., good quality of feather; 4, Master Clark. HEN (5): 1, Scott, cl. yell., rich col., clean cut, good all through, staged in A1 bloom; 2, Cant, buff, slightly grizzled tail, good type, rare size, A1 quality; 3, Steele, self green buff, good all over, presses for higher honours; 4, Lawson; 5, Martin. YORKS. CK. (14): 1, McRobbie, cl. buff, superior col., rare quality, slim, well up in condition; 2, 3, Hyndford, 2nd cl. yell., straight as a rush, good length, showing thighs well; 3rd, tick necked buff, A1 quality, lovely well filled back, grand flights and tail; 4, Heggie; 5, no name; 6, Moyles. HEN (6): 1, 4, 5, 6, Heggie, 1st rump mkd. buff, rattling fine quality, smooth as glass, beautifully frosted, grand length; 2, Webster, cap mkd. buff, magnificent quality, rare length and stand; 3, Moyles, yell., cinn. mkd., lovely feather, fine length. BORD. FCY. CK., YELL., CL., ETC. (6): 1, Craig, very lovely clear, neat head, rare wings and tail; 2, Frazer, splendid carriage, beautiful quality feather, not quite so slim in body; 3, 4, Mossie, two lovely clears, former beautiful body, neat head, grand style; 5, Crone; 6, Clark. HEN (5): 1, Craig, cl., sweet head and neck, capital back, wings and tail; 2, Alexander, rare shape and carriage, nice tight silky fether; 3, Mossie, grand little cl., neat and stylish, lovely staging; 4, Briggs, jun.; 5, Elliot. BUFF (12): 1, 3, 5, 6, Mossie, one of his well known teams, 1st a little gem, very compact throughout, carries himself splendidly, grand type and quality; 3rd, equally good, very neat, put down in grand form; 2, Craig, neat head, very compact wings, just a trifle open in front; 4, Gillies. HEN (6): 1, Craig, neat little charmer, tight as wax and as showy as one could possibly wish; 2, Mossie, cl., very fine shape, fine silky feather; 3, Nairn, very stylish, in nice feather; 4, Clark; 5, Rohertson; 6, Young. EVEN MKD.: Cancelled. VARIEG. YELL. (3): 1, Clark, almost even mkd., of grand shape, fine feather, staged in lovely bloom; 2, Craig, two-pointed, beautiful shape and position, grand feather; 3, Steele, varieg., wonderful quality and style, neat head. BUFF (4): 1, Craig, varieg., grand feather and style, very shapely; 2, Cunningham, almost eve mkd., really good buff, nicely balanced, grand qualit feather, plenty of style; 3, Gibson, heavy mkd., fou pointed, neat body, good wing and tail; 4, Garven YELL., GREEN, ETC. (3): 1, McGhee, yell. green rare col., very shapely, grand feather, and full o style; 2, Murray, yell. green, rare shape and ca riage, very neat feather; 3, Cunningham, buff green rare shape and col., capital carriage. BUFF (3): Murray, yell. green, very typical, grand feather an carriage; 2, McCall, buff cinn., rare col., very shapely LIGHT MULE OR HYB. (16): 1, 2, 3, 5, Edwards 1st Greenie-Bullie, 2nd almost cl. Goldie Mule ben just a tick on one wing; 3rd, Goldie-Bullie, a gran team, and won cup outright; 4, Cowan; 6, Tannock DARK (7): 1, Lyall, dark Linnet, grand size, lovel pencilling, staged in bonnie bloom; 2, McQuiston well know buff Greenfinch Mule, staged in fin bloom; 3, Elliot, jonque Linnet Mule, grand col. an size, staged in A1 bloom; 4, Edwards, jonque Goldf Mule, grand face; 5, Bald; 6, McNairn and Heron BRIT. GOLDFINCH (6): 1, McQuiston, well-know winner, looking fit to-day; 2, Elliot, grand litt Finch, fine col. and polish, just loses in quality o blaze; 3, Crosbie, fine wide face, very tight feathe good body and moons; 4, Myles; 5, Irvine; 6, Mc Fadzean. BULLFINCH (5): 1, spl for best Britishe McQuiston, well-known Bullfinch, still in great form 2, Dale, lovely f.m. bird, grand size, lovely breas col., rare head and wing bars, well staged; 3, Wi liamson, f.m., grand breast col., very steady; Morton; 5, McLean. GREENFINCH, FED. (7): Allan, even rich col., very tight and glossy in plum age, carries plenty of yell. in flights and tail; Edwards, large buff, slightly fed, nice shape an quality, grand big head, rare style; 3, Bald, gran size, massive head; 4, Morton; 5, Dale; 6, McLean NON-FED (10): 1, Wason, yell., best of size an shape, splendid condition, wins easy; 2, 3, 4, Bald grand team from this well-known exhibitor, all thre staged in lovely form; 5, Irvine; 6, no name LINNET, H.M. (6): 1, 3, McQuiston, two well-know winners, staged as usual in great form; 2, Edward grand one for col. and pencilling, fine shape an size; 4, Morton; 5, Cowan; 6, Crosbie. F.M. (9): spl, McQuiston, Kilsyth and Paisley winner, gran size, lovely pencilling, very steady; 2, 5, Henry, 2n grand col., size and pencilling; 3, Morton, lovel shape and quality, beautiful condition; 4, Cairney 6, Seath. SISKIN, ETC. (9): 1, Bald, well-know Siskin, grand size, well laced, fine cap and bib; Webster, Twite, good size, very rich col., Scottis National winner, in new hands; 3, 5, McQuiston, 3r big Mealy Redpoll, grandly laced, rare big head an bib; 4, Morton; 6, Crosbie. LESSER REDPOLL H.M. (4): 1, Morton, grand chubby type, good lacin and col., staged in lovely bloom; 2, McQuiston larger, fails in breastwork a bit to winner; 3, Wi liams, grand size, nice lacing and bib; 4, Seatl F.M. (11): 1, Williamson, fine 'Poll, nice bib an cap, neatly pencilled, in grand condition; 2, Wi liams, fine size, feather and condition, just beate in head, grandly laced on sides; 3, Hopkins, fine on well up in col. and quality, well staged; 4, Seath 5, Lyall; 6, Graham. A.O.S. FINCH, ETC. (5): Morrison, Hawfinch, fine size, very hot col., we staged, very steady; 2, 3, McQuiston, Corn Buntin and Bramblefinch, both staged in rare condition; Lawson; 5, Johnston. HEN (6): 1, Bald, Bullfinc well-known winner, needs no comments; 2, Alla Greenfinch, very large buff, pale in colour; 3, M Quiston, grand size, very steady; 4, Dale; 5, Mo ton; 6, Morrison. SOFTBILL, SMALL (4): 1, Taylor, two well-known Redstarts, the Black Re start being placed 3rd; 2, McQuiston, equally wel known Bearded Tit, staged in faultless condition; Morrison, lovely Waxwing, steady. FOR. GOL FINCH, ETC. (6): 1, Graham, real gem of a Gold fine, expansive, deep-coloured, square cut blaze, di tinct well cut markings, fine wings and buttons; McGavin, Goldfinch, larger, grand big head, love whites and tannings; 3, 5, Guthrie and Son, al Goldfinches, 3rd quite a good one, but not just th depth of blaze of others; 4, McQuiston; 6, Dunca FOR. (6): 1, Allan, Red-faced Gouldian, staged lovely bloom, as tight as wax; 2, Morrison, Adelai Parrakeet, looking as well as ever, grandly staged 3, 4, Duncan, 3rd Rosella Parrakeet, grand col. an condition, if shown in a box cage would be to i advantage; 5, Rankin; , McInnes. GIFT: 1, Irvin 2, Miss Nairn; 3, Cowan. NOR. CK. (confined) (3 1, spl, J. Nairn; 2, Master Clark; 3, Cowan. HE (3): 1, 3, Cowan; 2, Master Clark. BORD. FCY. C (members') (16): 1, 2, 6, Clark; 3, Bremner; Murray; 5, McCall. HEN (14): 1, Alexander; Young; 3, 6, Nairn; 4, Murray; 5, McGhee. BRI (members') (5): 1, 2, Cowan, Goldfinch and Bu finch; 3, Murray, Greenfinch; 4, Fergusson; 5, Henr

HULL C.B.S.

One of the most successful shows, confined to members, held during the last seventeen years, took place on Dec. 20, 239 entries being received. Mr. H. E. Stubbs (Grimsby), whom we were all very pleased to see restored to health and looking as well as of yore, judged all the Norwich classes, Mr. Chas. Stephenson (Hull) all Yorkshires, and Mr. T. Perkins (Hull) the A.O.V. Canary, Mules, and British. The fate of the society's points' cups was decided at this show, and competition has been very keen in both the champion and novice sections all through the year. In the champion section Mr. H. Stamford was winner with 202 points, Mr. J. Precious being second with 157, the following also having been in competition:—138, J. Calam (deceased); 64, Harland; 76, Prentice; 38, Barwick; 38, Mason; 32, Walker; 30, Suddaby; 24, Stone; 16, Brumby (winner last year); 17, Oliff. In the novice section, Mr. F. F. Potter was winner, with 144 points; this being Mr. Potter's 3rd win, the cup now becomes his own property. Mr. H. Frith was a good second with 138 points; the following also made the competition interesting, finishing in the order named:—23, Clayton, A.; 80, Riley; 78, Douse; 55, Sowden, W. E.; 55, Briggs; 55, McKay; 51, Ridley, E. R.; 48, Bray; 38, Hogg; 37, Calvard; 36, Ware, C. W.; 36, Lightfoot; 25, Howe; 24, Sowden, H.; 24, Girling; 21, Hope, L.; 16, Clayton, R. M.; 15, Hinson; 14, Potter, P.; 13, Longhorn; 10, Beckett; 8, Heseltine; 8, Parkes; 8, Lambert; 7, Jackson; 7, Thirsk; 6, Kemp; 6, Cook; 5, Gresham; 5, Oakes; 5, Oliver; 4, Murrey; 4, Smith; 4, Clark; 3, Cross; 2, Howes; 2, Fox.

The Awards.

CHAMP. CLASSES: NOR. CL., ETC., YELL.: 1, Prentice. BUFF: 1, Stamford. UNFLIG.: 1, Prentice; 2, Stamford. HEN. CL., ETC., YELL.: 1, Stamford. UNFLIG.: 1, Stamford. YORKS. CL., ETC., YELL.: 1, Walker; 2, Precious; 3, Prentice; vhc, hc, c, Stamford. BUFF: 1, Walker; 2, c, Precious; 3, Prentice; vhc, hc, Stamford. UNFLIG.: 1, c, Walker; 2, 3, Precious; vhc, Girling; hc, Prentice. HEN, YELL.: 1, 3, c, Stamford; 2, Walker; vhc, Precious; hc, Prentice. BUFF: vhc, Stamford; 2, Walker; 3, hc, Precious; c, Prentice. UNFLIG.: 1, vhc, Precious; 2, 3, Walker; hc, Stamford. NOVICE CLASSES: NOR. CL., ETC YELL.: 1, Potter, F. F.; 2, Briggs; 3, c, Ridley vhc, hc, Douse. BUFF: 1, McKay; 2, Ridley; 3, Douse; vhc, Potter, F. F.; hc, Briggs. UNFLIG: Douse; 2, Riley; 3, Calvard; vhc, McKay; Potter, F. F.; c, Briggs. YELL. HEN: 1, hc, Douse; 2, Briggs; 3, Ridley; vhc, Cross. BUFF: Briggs; 2, hc, Douse; 3, Ridley; vhc, Calvard; Potter, F. F. UNFLIG.: 1, Ware; 2, Potter, F. F 3 Douse; vhc, Ridley; hc, Riley; c, McKa YORKS. CL., ETC., YELL.: 1, vhc, Clayton, A.; Potter, F. F.; 3, c, Frith; hc, Sowden, W. E. BUF 1, 3, Clayton, A.; 2, Frith; vhc, Lambert; h Sowden, H.; c, Sowden, W. E. UNFLIG.: 1, So den, H.; 2, Lightfoot; 3, vhc, Frith; hc, Clayto A.; c, Girling. HEN, YELL.: 1, Clayton, A.; 2, Ligh foot; 3, Frith; vhc, Murrey; hc, Sowden, W. E.; Potter, F. F. BUFF: 1, Sowden, H.; 2, vhc, So den, W. E.; 3, Clayton, A.; hc, c, Frith. U FLIG.: 1, Ware, C. W.; 2, Lambert; 3, vhc, Frit hc, Potter, F. F.; c, Clayton, A. A.O.V.: 1, Ligh foot; 2, vhc, Sowden, W. E.; 3, Frith. CAN. MUL 1, 2, Stamford; 3, Hogg; vhc, Heseltine. HYB 1, Riley; 2, Stamford. GOLDFINCH, ETC.: Beckett; 2, Stamford; 3, Potter, F. F.; vhc, Brigg hc, Thirsk; c, Riley. LINNET, ETC.: 1, Precious 2, Riley; 3, vhc, hc, Stamford. CHAFFINCH, ETC 1, Riley; 2, Stamford; 3, Thirsk; vhc, Precious; h c, Potter. A.O.S. HARDBILL: 1, Potter, F. F 2, Riley; 3, Stamford; vhc, McKay; hc, c, Precious SOFTBILL: 1, Riley; 2, Frith. Mr. W. E. Sowd is winner of special for most points in the A.O. classes at all shows held January to Decembe with 19 points. Section medals won as follows (ex winners barred): Champion Canary Section, Mr. Precious 79 points, and Mr. G. Harland 53; Novic Mr. H. Frith 123 points, and Mr. A. Clayton 9 Mule, Hybrid, British, and Foreign, Mr. J. Precio 60 points, and Mr. Riley 40. The 1st medal in ea section is of gold, given by the society, and t 2nd, silver medals, kindly presented by Mr. F. Howe.—E. Ridley, Hon. Sec.

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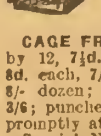

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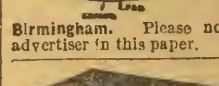

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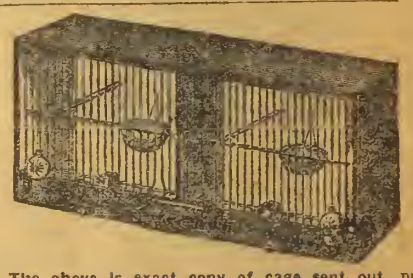

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TWENTY-EIGHT years a catcher. Exhibitors, private bird buyers. The first time of advertising Linnets this season. I have selected from season's catching 500 exhibition and breeding specimens, full chests, Norwich type, birds beautifully pencilled, etc., bills slatey blue, every bird caged off and in full song, 1/- each, three 2/6; week's approval willingly, cash or deposit: Fearby, Bird Catcher, Murray-rd., Bedminster.

BULLFINCHES, GOLDFINCHES,
Snowbuntings and Bullfinches, 2/3 pair; Goldfinches 3/- pair; odd birds cheap; few selected ones cheap: Broxup, Pendle-st., Burnley.

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Large double compartment trap and 2 call Finches, 1/6; Goldfinch or Bullfinch and trap, 1/9; net traps 9d. each: Broxup, Practical catcher, Whittlefield, Burnley.

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I have just received another magnificent consignment of genuine Siberian cock Goldfinches in perfect health and condition; as this will most probably be the last lot this season it behoves all intending purchasers to apply as early as possible to avoid disappointment; prices, cocks in full song 5/- and 6/- each, seven for 29/9; real exhibition specimens, with full complement of show points, 7/6 and 10/- each; the winning Siberian Goldfinch at last Scottish National was supplied by me; this bird has also won all over England, and has never yet been beaten, so if you want a similar deck-sweeper send to the direct importer, who allows no other dealer to get first pick; all on approval, as usual.

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English, Welsh or Irish Cock Goldfinches, Bullfinches, Linnets, Larks, Siskins, Greenfinches, etc. £100 Reward if anyone can prove us to send out Hens for Cocks or unhealthy birds.

Some real English 1911 cock Goldfinches, sex guaranteed, and healthy, and on seed, price 1/6, three 4/-, six 6/6; extra picked for singing, showing, muling, 2/-, 2/6, 3/-, three 5/-, six 8/-; hens, 8d. and 10d.; cock Bullfinches, beauties, 1/6, 2/-, and 2/6, three 4/-; hens, 1/-, three 2/6; Redpolls, six 1/6. Grand cock Linnets, price 8d., 10d., 1/- each, 3 1/6, six 2/6; grand upstanding cock Larks, caged off, singing, 6d., 9d., 1/- each, three 1/6, 2/-, twelve 3/-; cock Siskins, 2/-, 2/6 each, three 5/-; all guaranteed. Note: Every bird above I guarantee in every way. It does not pay me to supply rubbish. Wire cages for any of above, 1/-, 1/3, 1/6, 1/9, 2/-. Shutter Lark cages, beauties, 2/-; beautiful box cages, 2/-. Seed grinding mills, worked in three grades, 1/6. Patronised by all leading judges, exhibitors, etc., including 1911 Crystal Palace. Judges Vardy, Benson, Battye, Payne, Roe, Barnes, Irons, etc., all noted Crystal Palace judges. See last week's advertisement for testimonials. Send for catalogue. Est. 1879. Tel. 440. **SANDIFORD, Bird Specialist and Judge, Preston, Lancs.**

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I have thousands of Goldfinches, Bullfinches, Linuets weekly, and can pick likely exhibition specimens. Cock Goldfinches and Bullfinches, 3/-, 4/-, 5/- each; cock Linnets, 1/-, 1/6, and 2/-. Cock Greenfinches, Chaffinches, Redpolls, 1/-, 1/6, 2/-. Large hen Bullfinches, for showing, muling, 2/- and 2/6. Mr. Hedges, Eastbourne, writes, September 13th: "Send me special selected cock Goldfinch, Linnet, Greenfinch, and hen Bullfinch, for enclosed 10/-; Goldfinch I got from you two years ago won six 1sts and specials." See last week's advt. for further testimonials; or send for catalogue, hundreds. Esthd. 1879. Telephone, 440: Sandiford, Bird Specialist and Judge, Preston, Lancs.

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Softbills.

COCK Larks, 2/6 per dozen: Wright Bullver, 75, Lytham-rd., Marshside, Southport.

WRENS 5 - pair, list 30 British species free: Miss Rosey, Rosemary-house, Eastbourne.

GRAND cock Larks, 4/- dozen; same old address: E. Rowe, West-st., Chatteris, Cambs.

LARKS, have splendid lot of cock Larks, 4/- doz., warranted: Perkins, Aviary, Chatteris.

TO exhibitors. Thrush, prize winner, and show cage, 15/-, or nearest offer: J. Scott, 39, Westminster-st., Gateshead.

COCK Thrushes, 6d. each: Starlings for show, 1/-; pick from hundreds: S. Wright, 106a, Shellfield-rd., Southport.

HAND-REARED singing cock Skylark, 1911, bird now coming in full song, 1/6: Miss Paterson, Rifleman, Dunstable.

A few selected cock Thrushes, 1/- each; a Mistlethrush, 2/-, on food: William Wright, 54, Shellfield-road, Marshside, Southport.

COCK Larks, 2/6 dozen, cock Blackbirds, Starlings, 1/- each, well on food: Wright Pen, 108, Shellfield-rd., Marshside, Southport.

HAND-REARED singing cock Thrush, when whistling can be heard 200 yards, 4/-; approval: Miss Paterson, Rifleman, Dunstable.

WHITE Blackbird for sale. A cock White Blackbird for sale, the property of Patrick Moran, junr., Cappawhite, Co. Tipperary, Ireland.

COCK Blackbird, variegated, a beauty, with new cage, splendid attraction, price 25/-: G. Anderson, Templepatrick, Co. Antrim, Ireland.

GENUINE Dunstable cock Skylark, singing incessantly as if in its wild state, 2/6: seven days' approval: Gale, 117, West-st., Dunstable.

THREE pairs Reed Buntings, 3/6 lot; cock, 2 hens, Cirl Buntings, 5/-; pair Yellow Buntings, 1/6, lot 8/6, bargain; approval: E. Older, 64, Kingsland-rd., Bristol.

EXHIBITION cock Treecreeper, 30/-; Thrush, winner, 20/-; Yellow Wagtail, 20/-; Blackbird, 2nd Palace, etc., 45/-: Mays, Kingscliffe, Wansford, Northants.

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BLACKBIRDS, Song Thrushes, selected songsters, 1/- each; 18 mixed aviary birds, 1/3; six for 6d.; Robins, Bluetits, 1/- pair; mixed British cocks, 2/6 dozen: George Fenn, East End, Isleham, Cambs.

EXTRAORDINARY upstanding cock Skylark, beautifully pencilled, excellent condition, wonderful loud songster, including cage, sacrifice 3/-; exceptional bargain; approval, cash or deposit: Wilcox, 8, Charles-st., Walsall.

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ON receipt of 1/6 I will send securely packed, with food and moisture, the largest and loudest singing cock Skylark ever seen or heard, like a Thrush, splendid shop attraction and show specimen; or with his new joiner-made cage, 4/6; approval willingly, including free my valuable feeding secret, which keeps them in full song ten months out of twelve: Wood, Cross-st., Dunstable.

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TO Lark fanciers: special select singing cock Skylark, splendid shop attraction, can be heard 200 yards; I will match him to sing any Lark in this country; he is a real loud contest bird, and been trained for that purpose; steady and a fine specimen of a real Dunstable Lark; 1/6; approval anywhere. Hear, and see, what you are buying; no fresh-caught rubbish; secret of feeding free. Hundreds of testimonials unsolicited: George Holt, Dunstable.

Miscellaneous.

GOLDFINCHES, Bullfinches, Linnets, Larks, Canaries and Buntings: Jinks, 2, Bramall-lane, Sheffield.

GRAND Red-breasted cock Linnets, 4/- dozen; upstanding cock Skylarks, 3/- dozen: Bartholomew, Dunstable.

COCK Thrushes, Blackbirds, Larks, 1/- each; old, caught in song, 1/6: Haynes Bros., Selly Oak, Worcestershire.

BRITISH for sale, fine assortment, list free; also fine cock Canary, Yorkshire-Norwich: Burns-Conly, Lench View, Pershore.

SPECIALS, Linnets 1/6, others 6/- doz.: extra large Larks, 1/-, lit showing, Goldfinches 2/-: R. Taylor, Bird Dealer, Chatteris.

PIED Blackbird 4/6, cock Goldfinch, good blaze, bars and buttons, 4/6; cock Linnet, 1/-: Charles Lewis, Highbridge, Somerset.

TWO Goldfinch cocks, 5/-; 2 Greenfinch cocks, 2/- each; 6 Canaries (hens) 2/6 each, 14/- lot: J. Jacobs, 199, Shorthands-rd., Sittingbourne.

DEVONSHIRE Woodlarks, warranted cocks, 2/6 each, in song, 3/6 each; hens 7/- dozen; Bullfinches, 2/- pair: Marles, 4, Park-st., Crediton.

LARKS 4/-, Linnets 7½, Greenfinch 1/6, warranted cocks; specials, cock Goldfinches, 2/6, 3/6, 5/- 7/6 each: Roughton and Son, Bird Stores, Chatteris.

FINGER tame cock Thrush, a gem, in grand song, only 3/6; also giant cock Skylark, in nice song, 1/6; approval; cash or deposit: Fred Allen, 156, Porter-st., Hull.

NOTICE, cocks, Larks, Linnets, singing loud, 1/- each; lovely green Linnet and Chaffinches, singing, 6d. each; hen Canaries, 2/-: Brain, Aviaries, Aston, Birmingham.

LINNETS, Linnets, Linnets, Larks, Larks, Larks, Warranted cock Linnets, 4/6 dozen, hen Linnets 1/6 dozen; cock Larks 3/6 dozen; cock Chaffinches 4/6 dozen; cock Greenfinches 1/6 dozen; good Linnet Mules, 5/6 each: John Bonar, 5, Lavender-street, Brighton

COCK Yellowhammers, Corn Buntings, Amber-beaked Blackbirds, 6d. each, 3 for 1/3; 5s. doz.; genuine cock Larks, 3/6 doz.: Williams, New-street Aviaries, Chatteris, Cambs.

COCK Linnets, 9d., three 2/-; cock Greenfinches 1/- dozen; Larks 2/6 dozen; selected cocks, Chaffinches, yellow Buntings, Larks, Greenfinches, 6d. each; hen Bullfinches, 1/-: Hobden, Ivy Cottage, Winchelsea-rd., Norway, Eastbourne.

NOTICE, cock Goldfinches, Bullfinches, 1/6, selected 2/-, hens 1/-, 1/6; splendid red-breasted Linnets, Chaffinches, Redpolls, Bramblefinches, Yellowhammers, Skylarks, Starlings, cocks 6d. each, hens 3d.; Greenfinches, pair 4d.; four pair 1/-; cock Thrushes, Blackbirds, 1/-, 1/6 each; note, all birds selected by me, rest sold to dealers; any of above singing nicely, 6d. extra; trap cages, 6d.; spring-net traps, 1/-; approval, deposit: Gould, Birdcatcher, Holdford-rd., Witton, Birmingham.

FIFTY Skylarks and fifty red-breasted cock Linnets, singing loud, 1/- each, or three for 2/6, six for 4/6; large Redpolls, 1/- pair, one large red-breasted, fit for show, 2/-; large Greenfinches, fit to show, 1/- each; two twice house moulted Linnets, sure contest singers and winners, 5- each; hand reared hen Bullie, 1/-; house moulted cock Goldfinch, sure mule, 4/-. I have the largest cock Skylark in England for show, just as large as a Thrush, can show and win through England, sell 5/-, polished Lark cages, 1- each; cock Bullie, piping 2 tunes, 2/6: W. Darby, 59, New-st., West Bromwich.

WHOLESALE AND RETAIL.

Guaranteed cocks, Goldfinches, Bullfinches, Woodlarks, 1/6, 2/6, 14/- doz.; Skylarks, Linnets, 8d., 1/-, 5/- doz.; Greenfinches, Redpolls, 4d., 2/- dozen; Mules, Canarics, 5/-, 7/6, 48/- dozen; exhibition cock Siskin, Bullfinch, Goldfinch, 5/- each; Hybrids 50/-; traps 1/-; birdlime, 4d.: Irwin's Aviaries, Lurgan.

W. FENN, BECK ROW.

Cock Linnets, picked birds, well on seed, 6/- dozen; Larks, 2/6; 20 mixed birds, 1/6; one dozen better mixed, 1/-; cock Goldfinches, 3/- each: W. Fenn, Beck Row, Mildenhall, Suffolk.

LINNETS, SINGING LINNETS.
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I have the finest stock of cock Linnets in Yorkshire, big fine well pencilled cocks, 1/-, 1/6, 2/- each; cocks for singing, will make champions, 1/-, 1/6, a few gems, 2/6, 3/-; cock Larks in full song, 3/-, 4/- each; one champion, 5/-; approval; cash or deposit: Edwin North, 477, Manchester-rd., Bradford.

GOLDFINCHES, BULLFINCHES, LINNETS,

Beautiful coloured cock Goldfinches, 2/-, 2/6, three 5/-, six 9/-; large, specially selected for showing, muling, singing, 3/-, 4/-, three 6/-, six 11/-; hens, 1/-, three 2/-, 7/- doz.; cock Bullfinches, 1/6, 2/-, three 4/-; hens, 1/-, three 2/6; large Lancashire cock Linnet, 1/-, three 2/-, six 3/-, 5/- doz.; specially selected for showing or muling, 1/6, 2/- each; cock Larks, 6d., three 1/-, six 1/6, 2/6 doz.; Redpoll, six 1/6, 2/6 doz.; large selected Bullfinch hens, 1/6, 2/- each; large selected real Siberian cock Goldfinches, in the pink of condition, 4/6, 5/6 each; Linnet cages, 9d., 1/3 each; Goldfinch cages, 1/4; British show cages, 1/9: Matt Hopkins, Bird Specialist and cage maker, 11, Fylde-st., Preston, Lancashire. Est. 1895.

J. FENN, ISLEHAM.

Exhibitors, best selected of my catching cocks, Snowbunts, 2/6; Reedbunts, Yellowbunts, Greenfiinches, Chaffinches, Bramblefinches, Linnets, Larks, 1/- each; pairs of above for aviary, 1/- pair; Cornbunts, 1/6 pair; cocks, Yellowbunts, Bramblefinches, 3/- dozen; Greenfinches, 1/- dozen; 20 mixed scedeaters, 1/6; 12 brighter mixed, 1/-; show condition, well on food; exchange breeding cages: J. Fenu, Bird Specialist, Pleasant Terrace, Isleham, Cambs.

CANARIES.

Belgians.

BELGIANS for sale, young, healthy, 3 yellows, 2 buff cocks, 2 buff hens: White, 52, Parnie-st., Glasgow.

FOR sale, 20 high-class Belgians, same strain as my winners: Lady Verhees, Grens 56 Mortsel, Antwerp, Belgium.

HIGH shouldered yellow Belgian cock, very healthy, 20/-; great bargain: Simmonds, High-st., Newport, Mon. Approval.

YELLOW Yorkshire and Belgian crossed hen, 8/6; buff cock, 12/6; buff hen, 10/-; approval, deposit: Comben, Outfitter, Portland.

TWENTY first-class (1911) Belgians, disposal, few extra good yellows, reasonable prices; approval: George Baker, Reform-st., Barnstaple.

CHAMPION Belgians, grand birds, sale, same strain as my winners Belgian challenge trophy; approval: Baker, George's-ave., Barnstaple.

Border Fancy.

PRIZE bred Borders, all colours, from 6/- pair: Bell, 35, Clementina-terr., Carlisle.

BORDER hens, clears, marked and variegated, 2/6 and 3/6 each: Linggood, 28, Milton-rd., Westcliff.

WANTED, Border Fancy Canaries for aviary, state particulars and price: T. Mills, 21, Kingsway, Cleethorpes.

PRIZE bred Borders, cocks from 5/-, hens from 2/6, pairs from 7/-; approval: Davidson, 10, King's-rd., Portobello.

FEW pairs of high-class, well matched Borders, and single birds, cheap: Norman, Eyrie, Salisbury-rd., Carshalton, Surrey.

FOR sale, three pair Borders, 10/6 pair to clear; also a few odd hens; approval: McWatt, Bonnybridge, Stirlingshire.

WANTED, buff Border cock, hen, in exchange for 4 variegated Norwich hens, 1911: Neville, jun., 30, Castle-st., Luton, Beds.

GIVING up Borders, six cocks from 4/6; six hens from 2/6 each, or what offers the lot: Curwen, Stainburn, Workington.

ROBERT YOUNG, Heaton, Newcastle-on-Tyne, has Border greens, cinnamons, marks, cheap to clear. See recent show reports.

BORDER Fancy, winning strain, single and matched pairs (see Sunderland show): Ross, 24, New Road, Seaton Hirst, Ashington.

SEVERAL prize bred buff marked Border hens, 2/6 each to clear; approval, deposit: Wood, 54, Southgate-st., Gloucester.

CLEAR yellows and buffs, Border cocks and hens, also Greens and Cinnamons, pairs, 7/6: Poole, 37, Frostom's-rd., Workington.

THIRTY typical Borders, grand type and quality, cocks 10/-, hens 5/-; four good Norwich cocks, 12/- each; approval: Nairn, Vennel, Irvine.

ROBERT LAMBIE, The Aviaries, Whitburn, Linlithgowshire, can spare a few clears, marks, and Cinnamons; approval before payment; stamp.

SPLENDID prize-bred Borders cocks and hens, clears, cinnamon, marks; reasonable; see report L.C.B.A.: Blair, Postman, Kippen, Stirlingshire.

WILL exchange pair of my winning Norwich for pair of high-class 1911 Borders; no rubbish; Borders first, clears: J. B. Cole, 10, Levington-rd., Ipswich.

WINNING Borders, a few left, clears, marks and greens, also a 1910 yellow variegated cock, 1st Newmills, 15/-; approval: David Cunningham, 6, Barclay-st., Paisley.

FINISHED showing my Borders, won this season over 100 prizes, seven medals, two cups, 30 specials, can now supply all varieties very reasonable; stamp: Craig, High-st., Brechin.

PRIZE Borders, clears, marks, smart unrelated pairs from 10/-; also few cinnamons, Palace winning strain; see reports L.C.B.A., Gateshead; approval: Roberts, Gwyddfor, Penygroes, Carnarvonshire.

EXHIBITION Borders, clears and greens, pairs from 10/-; odd birds from 5/-; cold-room bred; approval; see Frome show report, 1st, 2nd and vhc, 3 entries first time out: Brain, Glastonbury.

BUFF var. hen, 2nd Brechin, 7/6; yellow cock, yellow tick cock, buff var. cock, 6/- each; yellow hen, yellow tick hen, buff var. and yellow var. hens from 3/-: approval: D. Irons, 16, Park-rd., Brechin.

W. BAYLEY, has a few of his well-known winners for sale, clears, marks, and greens, no buff cocks or hens nor yellow hens except in Greens; prices reasonable and on approval: Fire Station, Altrincham.

FEW pairs Borders for sale, same strain as my winners Queen's Park, Glasgow, Hamilton, Kilsyth, etc., from 10/- pair; also 4 odd hens, feeders, 2/- each: Thomson, Grocer, 441, Albert-rd., Langside, Glasgow.

OWING to going abroad am compelled to dispose of my stock of winning Borders, including winners at Glasgow, Hamilton, Sanquhar, etc.; no reasonable offer refused; stamp reply: Ed. Johnston, Wellwood-villa, Maxwelltown, Dumfries.

SUPERIOR lot of typical show and stock Borders, many of them prize winners, clears of both sexes, even and uneven marks, yellow and buff cinnamon hens; prices reasonable; approval: Jas. B. Richardson, 22, English-st., Dumfries.

G. S. ELLWOOD, Blaydon, can now spare these well known Borders: yellow cock, 1910, £3; ticked yellow, £2; cl. buff, 1911, 30/-; grand 1910 yellow hen, 50/-; uneven yellow, 50/-; winners of over 20 1sts; good reliable stock pairs, 15/- to 30/-; approval to known fanciers.

THIS is the strain to breed your winners; all on approval and cheap to clear; a few of my winners for sale; also some champion stock pairs, from 12/6 to 30/- pair; also a few good stock cocks, yells, greens and cinnamons, from 7/- each: Patterson, Grocer, Chirnside, Berwickshire.

PRIZE Borders. With Cinnamons and Greens alone at eight principal shows, including Scottish National, Glasgow, and elsewhere, have won eight 1sts, five 2nds, five 3rds, medal, and numerous specials, all with birds bred by me alone; exceptional value offered, pairs or single birds, in Cinnamons, Greens, clears and marks, all colours; stock pairs for beginners a speciality; state wants; stamp for particulars: Walter S. Wilson, "Glendyne," South Park road, Hamilton.

GILCHRIST'S BORDERS.

My exhibits are still to the front on the show bench. Having paired up for the season, have some good all-round birds for sale, no greens; price cheap to clear: Gilchrist (the Border Fancy Specialist), Coldstream.

EVEN-MARKS, GREENS,

and their production are fully described in **"The Border Fancy Canary,"** which also defines the standard. You will find fullest hints in our "Nutshell" booklet No. 23, concerning the keeping of your birds in health and song. **Post free, 2½d., from the Publisher, CAGE BIRDS, 154, Fleet-st., London. E.C.**

Cinnamons.

MUST be cleared, 3 buff and 4 yellow cocks, 10/- each; the lot £2 10/-: Miller, 88, Greengate, Barrow-in-Furness.

TWO large 1911 buff Cinnamons, cocks; see show reports Birmingham, Coventry, 15/6, 20/-: Silver, Peel-st., Birmingham.

LARGE unflighted buff cinnamons, cocks and hens, Norwich type, good colour and feather, lron 7/6, cheap; approval, stamp reply: Fernie, Sandy-rd., Renfrew.

CINNAMON CRESTS.—Breeder, William Tatman, 111, Midland Road, Wellingborough.

Crests and Crestbreds.

BREEDER'S CARD.

WILLIAM TATMAN, 111, Midland Road, Wellingborough, has for disposal few good Crests and Crest-breds, yellows and buffs, cocks and hens.

YELLOW Cinnamon Crest hen, 3/6: Semple, Millerfield, Hamilton.

A FEW cheap stock birds left for disposal: W. H. Kilmister, 10, Priory-ter., Cheltenham.

J. BROTHERTON, Rylstone, Park-st., Bolton, has a grand lot of hens for sale; bred same as his winners.

CREST and Crestbred; few breeding cages for sale, cheap: Boulter, 32, Palmerston-rd., West Hampstead, N.W.

HEAVY 1911 crested cocks, 7/6, 8/6; Crestbred cocks, 6/6; approval, deposit: Comben, Outfitter, Portland.

LARGE young Crested cock and Crestbred cock, 20/- each, good birds: Young, 76, Newbury-rd., Bromley, Kent.

HAVING no hens, must sell two extra large crested cocks, 25/- 30/- each; stamp reply: Calam, Baxtergate, Whitby.

CHAMPION large massive Crests and Crestbreds, from 7/6 to 15/6 each, ten days' approval: W. Powick, Dewsbury.

GOOD Crests 17/6 a pair; odd hens 7/6, cocks 12/-; approval; deposit: J. W. Ford, 76, College-rd., Bromley, Kent.

HAMMETT, Victoria Lawn, Barnstaple, has Crest and Crestbred hens for sale; same as winners at Derby; approval.

1911 Crest and Crestbred Norwich Canaries, full song, cocks £1, hens 10/-; private (lady): 66, Birdhurst-rd., Croydon.

CAN spare three large Crestbred and two Crested cocks; good useful stock birds; price 12/6 to 20/6; approval: J. Miller, 43, Sandy-lane, Mansfield, Notts.

A FEW Crests and Crest-bred for sale reasonable, approval willingly: B. Woolley, Kille's-lane, Kilbourne, Derbyshire.

FEW Crests and Crestbreds for sale; cocks 5/6, hens 4/-; healthy, hardy birds: Portholme, Hawthorn-rd., Sutton, Surrey.

CREST and Crestbreds, few pairs or singles for sale; price reasonable; deposit: H. Mais, 63, Northumberland-st., Nottingham.

A FEW high-class Crest and Crest-bred for sale, winners; approval; note address: H. Cowpertwait, 11, Trevitt-st., Nottingham.

GRAND wing marked dark Crest cock, 1910, show bird, 50/-: Geo. Moore, 39, Club-st., Sheffield. Winner of Challenge Cup 1911.

APPROVAL; beginner's champion blood; 1911 yell. cock, clear body, neat dark crest, dark wings, 10/6: Laidlaw, Painter, Langholm.

CRESTS, Crestbreds, 1910-1911 birds, cocks from 10/6, hens from 7/6; stamp reply: Fortnum, Delrow Gardens, near Watford, Herts.

SYMONS Bros., Brisbane-terr., Liskeard, Cornwall, have few good Crests and Crestbreds for sale; pairs 25/-, 40/-, 45/-; singles from 10/- upwards.

GRAND Crest cocks, from 10/6 each; cold room bred; also few pairs of good Norwich; approval: A. Armistead, Second-st., Elton, Bury, Lancs.

LARGE variegated Crest-bred cock, well lashed, dense, leafy head feather, 35/6; grand 1911 broken green, broad skull, 27/6: Colledge, Kilburn, Derby

CRESTS and Crestbreds for disposal, yellows and buffs, cocks and hens, cold room, closely related to winners, from 10/-: Thomas Morley, Baldock, Herts.

CRESTS and Crestbreds for sale, cocks and hens cheap to clear, also 4 Border hens, good feeders, 2/- each: Richard Thomson, 441, Albert-rd., Langside, Glasgow.

CRESTS and Crestbreds, best blood, can spare a few pairs and cocks, from 60/- and 30/-; state price prepared to give; stamp: Rev. G. W. Joyce, Wellington, Somerset.

E.M. DARK Crest Cock, winner of cup and many prizes, 40/-; also a yellow grizzle Crest cock, 35/-, related to my winners Scotch National: McNaughton, Dunipace, Larbert

TWO heavy dark Crested even wing marked cocks, one heavy Crested variegated hen, one grizzled Crested clear bodied hen, 20/- lot; worth double: Brant, Scropton-lane, Foston, Derby.

WILLIAM PAUL, Co-operative Buildings, Uphall, has a few good Crests and Crestbred cocks, 1911, for sale from 20/- to 30/-, clear grizzle Crested cock, 1911, 50/-, one 1910, 40/-. Inspection invited.

GENUINE bargains: Buff Crestbred cock, immense size, show bird, 42/-; ditto 10/-, worth 30/-; Green Crested cock, 10/-; great bargain; bred from show birds: Simmonds, High-st., Newport, Mon.

CHAMPION Crests, Crestbreds, grand birds, cocks or hens; one of the first Crest breeders; have sold as many winners as any fancier; reasonable approval: T. Billington, Hambleton, Poulton-le-Fylde.

LATEST success, first and special for best bird in show, and two championship diplomas, Sunderland; few to part with, same strain, from 10/- to £8: Bewick, 7, Newfield, S.O., Newcastle-on-Tyne.

A. LISTER, 106, Rectory-rd., Gateshead, breeder and exhibitor, can spare big dark Crested and Crest-bred cocks or hens at 7/6, 8/6, 10/-, 12/6, 15/-, 20/-, 25/-, 30/-, 40/-, 50/-, 60/-, 70/- each; approval.

WANTED good Crest hens, also good Crest-bred hen; exchange two clear bright buff Crest-bred cocks, or sell £4 each; no rubbish offered or wanted: Gutteridge, Haliburton-rd., St. Margarets-on-Thames.

HIGH-class Crests, 10 pairs, also few Crested cocks, large healthy birds, with great length of feather no rubbish, from 30/- pair; useful exchange entertained; no cards: Pennington, Thornton Lodge, Goxhill, Lincolnshire.

BARGAINS. Nearly green Crestbred cock, winner, 25/-; dark crested cock, winner, 20/-; wing-marked dark crested hen, winner, 35/-; approval willingly; cash or deposit: P. Muscott, 1, Boundary Terrace, Llandrindod Wells.

H. HORTON, 18 years' Crest breeder, winner of hundreds of prizes with birds of my own breeding, surplus good healthy young birds from 10/-; approval: 18, The Avenue, St. John's Park-rd., Blackheath, London, S.E.

BARNETT'S strain direct, Crests and C.B.'s to suit all pockets; a few Yorkshires and Siberian Goldfinch; state requirements and price by letter only; approval, deposit: Rev. Moss, Ladywood Vicarage, Birmingham.

RADMORE has for disposal a few Crests and Crestbreds, grand stock birds, large, with plenty of feather; this strain has been carefully selected for 30 years, and has produced many winners; stamp: 17, Chaddlewood-avenue, Plymouth.

NEARLY clear body cock, good head and crest, £3; another, green Crest cock, £2; also Crestbred cock, with good head feather to end of beak, 25/-; also others cheaper, from 10/-: A. Fiddament, Postman, 105, Trinity-st., Norwich.

F. G. BALE, 66, Victoria-st., Barnstaple, having won at all the leading shows, has a few to spare, cocks and hens, 40/- upwards; 1911 wing-marked Crested hen, 40/-; clear buff Crestbred hen, 1911, 40/-; some blood as my winners; approval.

C. ROBERTS, Stannah Hey, Newton Drive, Blackpool, breeder, exhibitor, and exporter of champion Crests and Crestbreds, winner all leading shows, can offer matched pairs to breed winners from 30/- to £10, single birds from 12/6; approval.

CHEAP; heavily feathered, heavily variegated 1910 Crest hen, good feeder, cost 30/-, sell for 15/-; also dark Crest, wing marked 1910 hen, with clear bodied Crest-bred cock, a good pair, price 30/-: J. Danson, 5, Gt. Clowes-st., Broughton, Manchester.

HAVING had a successful breeding time, I must reduce my stock of Crest and Crest-bred, no better blood can be bought at double price; pairs from 15/-, single birds from 7/6, on approval; deposit with Editor: Tetin, 124, Chestnut-ave., Forest Gate, Essex.

THOSE requiring healthy stock pairs should give me a trial; testimonials and repeat orders from delighted purchasers; Crest-bred hens from 4/-; Crestbred cocks from 6/6; Crest hens from 6/-; Crest cocks from 8/6; properly matched breeding pairs, 11/-, 12/6, 15/-, 20/-, to £5; all cold-room bred, and approval willingly: H. Amiss, Ashby-st., Norwich.

MAGNIFICENT 1911 exhibition dark Crested cock, large neat drooping, only 15/-; massive feathery 1911 Crestbred hen, rare size and quality of feather, only 10/6; monster feathery 1911 Crestbred cock, large head and neck smothered in feather, only 12/6; real choice dark Crested hen, large neat drooping crest and grand quality of feather, only 12/6; Palace winning strain; rare chance for beginners; all cold room bred; genuine bargains; approval: Cooper, 29, Junction-rd., Norwich.

W. GUTTERIDGE, Halihurton-rd., St. Margarets-on-Thames, offers the following matched pairs: Dark Crest cock, clear Crest-bred hen, 25/-; grey Crest cock, clear Crest-bred hen, 21/-; dark Crest cock, green Crest-bred hen, 17/6; clear yellow Crest-bred cock, dark Crest hen, 21/-; yellow variegated Crest-bred cock, grey Crest, clear hen, 21/-; yellow green Crest-bred cock, dark Crest hen, 17/6; all closely related and bred from my winners; bargains; approval; cash or deposit.

CRESTED hens, Crested hens. I have for disposal some of the finest Crest and Crest-bred hens in the Fancy: W. Neame, 13, Durnford-st., Stonehouse, Devon. Stamp reply.

JOHN TYSON

offers remaining surplus, perfectly healthy, cold room from 1911, three 1910 grizzle crested cocks, variegated C.B. hen, 12/6; variegated C.B. cock, green crested hen, 25/-; nearly green C.B. cock, wing-marked dark crested hen, 25/-; variegated C.B. cock, grizzle crest hen, 15/-; cash returned if not approved: 169, Sloane-st., London.

Greens.

YORKSHIRE Greens, self and foul; reasonable; approval: Sabbener, 22, Greta-st., off High Park-st., Liverpool.

YORKSHIRE Greens, 1911 bred cocks from 6/6; hens 4/6; approval willingly: Gibson, Vernon-avenue, Nottingham.

TWO very smart yellow self Green Yorkshire cocks, 1910 bred, 10/- and 15/-; approval: James Thomas, Bugle, Cornwall.

YORKSHIRE greens; can spare a few good birds bred from my winners; approval: McDermott, 9, Maple-grove, Liverpool.

VARIEGATED yellow cock, self buff hen, Norwich type, mated to produce winners, bargain 30/-; approval: Metcalfe, 68, Brunswick-rd., Liverpool.

HIGH-CLASS Norwich and Border Greens, few birds still left; prices reasonable; approval: Walker, 197, Great Homer-st., Liverpool.

YORKSHIRE greens, rare colour and condition, some of the best, cocks 12/6, 15/-, hens 5/6, 7/6, 10/6: Sherlock, 134, Liverpool-rd., St. Helens.

FIFTY Green Yorkshires, self and fouls, singles, pairs, or in one lot my whole stock; approval, deposit, stamp: H. Hughes, 6, Argyle-st. South, Birkenhead.

NORWICH, best blood obtainable, right type and colour, having purchased entire stock of Mr. Deacon's noted strain, winning with same Preston L.C.B.A., etc.; state wants: Harding, 29a, Market-st., Wellingboro'.

Lancashires.

TWO clear yellow Plainhead cocks, one 1910, one 1911, 12/- each: James Newell, 12, Carlisle-st., Rochdale.

LANCASHIRES, large massive Plainheads, cock or hen, 10/6 each, ten days' approval: W. Powick, Dewsbury.

MASSIVE ticked yellow Plainhead cock, 2nd Rochdale, grand bird, 45/-; buff coppy hen, 20/-; very large yellow Plainhead cock, buff coppy hen, 45/- pair; buff Plainhead cock, yellow coppy hen, 35/- pair; ticked yellow coppy cocks, 20/-; ditto, 15/6; buff coppy cocks, 20/-; ditto, 15/6; pure bred; finest strain living; approval: Inspector Green, Loughborough.

Lizards.

MATCHED pairs of Lizards, also cages, etc., exchange for semi-billiard table or anything useful: Lord, 351, Oldham-rd., Rochdale.

CHAMPION Lizards: Have all my winners and most my stock birds for sale, best strain living: John Dewsnap, 68, Princess-st., Glossop.

CLEAR gold capped 1911 Lizard hen (vhc Hampstead and Highgate show), 5/-; 1910 clear silver cap Lizard hen, good breeder, 3/-; approval, deposit Editor: Liman, 2, Evangelist-rd., Kentish Town.

YOU can obtain some of the best blood in the Lizard Fancy from 10/- per pair, or 6/-, each, from E. Ollerenshaw, 37, Freetown, Glossop, Derbyshire.

HECTOR OLIVER can spare some really good Lizards bred from his well-known winning strain; strong and healthy, cold room; approval: Hadfield-st., Glossop.

W. P. BARNES, Grantham, latest testimonial, birds sent 10th, reply 13th; seven days' approval:— "Briary, Cowes.— Dear Sir.— The birds arrived on Thursday afternoon, and well; I am very well satisfied with pair sent, and have decided to keep them.—Yours truly, S. Mumford."

W. P. BARNES.

Cage Bird Judge, breeder of champion Lizards; properly matched pairs from 17/6, hens from 6/-; every bird from my champion strain; no better obtainable; every bird in perfect health and condition; approval 23a, London-rd., Grantham.

Norwich.

BREEDERS' CARD.

E. BAKER, 14, High Street, Cowes, I.W., Breeder and Exhibitor High-class Norwich Plainheads, winner at most big shows. Write for prices.

J. HODDER, Breeder of Champion Norwich, winner of championships; some nice birds cheap; approval: 6, Banner-st., St. Luke's, London, E.C.

MORE, 62, Drive, Gt. Yarmouth, good Norwich Plainheads for sale, own breeding, related many this year's prize winners.

W. READ, Chellowdene, York-road, Guildford, breeder and exhibitor of high-class Norwich; surplus stock only for sale; over 100 to select from; seen any time; from 15/6 pair; approval.

EXHIBITION yellow Norwich cock, full song, 10/-: A. Fitz-John, Star-st., Ware.

THREE Norwich, three small Crest hens, 9/- the lot: Brant, Scropton-lane, Foston, Derby.

FEW good birds for disposal; cocks 4/6, hens 2/-; cold room bred: Martin, 34, Oban-st., Leicester.

E. GODLEY has few grand Norwich for disposal, single or pairs, also Cinnamons: Rishton, Blackburn.

WINNERS and bred from winners, a few to dispose of; approval, stamp: Milne, Signalman, Newtyle Station.

T. H. DENT, 4, Langton-st., Preston, can still spare a few for show or stock; approval; known fanciers.

THIRTY Norwich from my winners, cheap, seen any time: Hollands, 7, Kingswood-place, Dacre-pk., Lee, S.E.

TYPICAL buff hens 7/6 each, matched pairs 15/-; over 50 awards this season: Devoy, 23, George-st., Stranraer.

SIXTY Norwich, 7/- pair; cocks, 5/-; hens 2/6; Crested hens, any colour, 3/-: Bolton, 105, Blackman-lane, Leeds.

NORWICH cocks, from 6/6; hens from 3/-; clear, variegated, green: Shewan, 21, Oakley-pl., Old Kent-rd., London.

PRIZE strain, cold-room Norwich cocks and hens, colour-fed, all prices: 5, Arundel Place, Barnsbury. Not Sunday.

F. PEBERDY has few good Norwich for disposal, bred from winners; prices reasonable: 39, Twycross-st., Leicester

NORWICH Canaries, buff hens, 4/6; yellow, 5/6; good size: Mrs. Martin, 93, Cowcaddens-st., Glasgow (only address).

UNFLIGHTED Norwich yellow cock, 25/-, buff cock 20/-; two buff hens 15/- each: Thom, 69, Oxford Drive, Glasgow.

REAL Bullfinch type cocks, from 5/-, hens from 4/-, cash, approval: Twine, 38, Carlingford-rd., Hucknall Torkard, Notts.

PRIZE winning Norwich cocks from 8/-; hens from 5/-; seen any time: Chamberlain, 12, Beyer-st., Gorton, Manchester.

HAVE a few good Norwich to dispose of cheap to clear; all on approval: Groom, Longnor Hall, Longnor, Shrewsbury.

TO BREED Norwich winners, three good clear Crestbred cocks, nice quality, 10/- each: Moore, 39, Club-st., Sheffield.

NORWICH yellow cock, 8/6, buff marked cock 6/6, both bred from good stock: Grant, East Back-st., Bishopmill, Elgin.

T. IRONS, breeder of high-class Norwich, singles, pairs, 15/-, 20/-, 30/-, 40/-; approval, stamp: Ivy-rd., Northampton.

BUFF cocks, yellow hens, 10/- pair; yellow Border hen, 3 1sts, 5/-, approval: Holt, Holland House, Hawick, Scotland.

EXCEPTIONAL bargains. Big skulled cocks and hens, yellow and buff, 7/6 to 15/-: Tomsett, 34, Endwell-rd., Brockley.

SEVERAL well bred Norwich cocks, buffs, one yellow, cold room, 7/6 to clear, overstocked: Bowler, New-st., Aylesbury.

UNFLIGHTED Norwich cocks, colour fed, good strain, 5/- to 10/-; hens 2/- to 6/-: Mrs. Williams, Yetminster, Dorset.

GOOD cobby hens from 7/6; also pair cheap from my winners; see Queen's Park: Roberts, 39, Ossington-st., Bayswater.

BIG massive clear yellow cock, enormous substance and head, 30/-; approval; deposit: C. Cubby, 62, London-rd., Carlisle.

NORWICH cocks and hens, clear buff, buff var., one good yell. var., cock, 15/-; particulars: Myles, Queen-st., Arbroath.

NORWICH: Two buff cocks, four buff hens, 1911 bred, 25/- for lot; on approval: Hart, 3, Adelaide-ter., Larne Harbour.

GRAND 1910 clear yellow hen, monster, 8/6; ditto ticked, 7/-; few typical buffs, from 5/-: Litchfield, Tennyson-rd., Luton.

NORWICH; cold-room, prize-bred, cheap, cages, etc.; giving up Fancy; stamp reply: Hunt, 55, Richmond-st., Gateshead.

BROAD chested chubby buff wing-ticked Norwich hen, ditto buff green, 10/6 each: Eastoe, 88, Yorkrd., Southend-on-Sea.

FRED BARRACLOUGH has a few choice Norwich Plainheads, both sexes, for sale, inspection invited: 25, Railway-st., Hyde.

TWO Norwich cocks, grand stock birds, cheap, one clear buff 10/-, one buff variegated 7/6: Mitchell, Station, Bridge of Allan.

REDUCING stock; yellow and buff cocks and hens, all good strain; approval, deposit: Bryson, Secretary, 8, Broomhill, Aberdeen.

TWO Norwich hen Canaries, proved breeders, healthy, good feeders, 2/3 each, 4/- the two, cash: Watts, Bledlow, Bucks.

YELLOW cock 1911, 7/6; Buff 1910 hen 10/-; marked 1911 7/6; large birds; approval: Elrick, 7, Caroline-place, Fraserburgh.

A FEW surplus single or pairs from winner; cheap to clear; approval: Ward, 21, Warwick-st., Pimlico, nr., Victoria-station.

FINE Norwich cocks 6/6 and 7/6, hens 4/-; no rubbish; cold room bred: Theobalds, Decorator, Bancroft, Hitchin, Herts.

WELL-BRED Norwich colour-fed cocks from 6/6; hens from 5/6; pairs supplied: Fred E. Brewer, 11, Landerdale-st., Preston.

McCLEMENT, Queen-st., Kirkintilloch, four pairs good Norwich, Martin and Chalmers' strain, cheap, approval, inspection invited.

TYPICAL Norwich cocks, same strain of winners as supplied for twenty years; prices from 7/6: Williams, Pharmacy, Ashbourne.

FEW really good Norwich, from good stock, cocks from 6/-, hens from 3/-; approval: J. Day, Fornham-road, Bury St. Edmunds.

FOUR Norwich hens, 11/-; two variegated cocks, 15/-, or separate; healthy; approval, deposit: Blower, 202, Victoria-rd., Old Charlton.

COBBY buff hens, colour-fed, grand quality, 5/-, 7/6 each; cocks from 10/6; approval; deposit: S. Jones, Lydgates, Lynton, Devon.

OVERSTOCKED: Thirty 1911 cold-room Norwich hens, 3/- each, ten for 25/-; seen any time: Terry, 200, Lordship-lane, London, S.E.

COBBY Bullfinch type, clear buff and variegated, cocks 6/6, 6/-, hens 4/-, 3/6; approval, deposit: Witt, Barton St. Mary, East Grinstead.

NOTICE. Graud lot Norwich, many winners, prices low; easy payments taken; approval: McKeand, Seabright Villa, Castle Douglas.

MONSTER stock Buff cock, 1910, 21/-, a bargain; unflighted Yellow cock, 20/-, sure winner; approval: Taylor, 65, Bowden-rd., Smethwick.

LARGE Norwich hen Canary, prize bred; also jointer made breeding cage, bargain 7/6: Jones, 6, St. Michaels-place, Aberystwyth.

GRAND pair typical Norwich, 1910 Buff cock, unflighted Yellow hen, 25/-; hens from 7/6; approval: Taylor, 65, Bowden-rd., Smethwick.

NORWICH cocks, typical birds for exhibition, stock and songsters, moderate prices, inspection invited: Scrutton, 42, Gaylurst rd., Dalston.

TWO Norwich songsters, 6/6 each; 3 buff hens, 3/ each; all 1911 bred from high-class stock; stamp: Miss Edwards, 51, Reigate-hill, Reigate.

HIGH CLASS Norwich, two unflighted yellow hens 3/6 and 4/6: matched pair 10/6, colour-fed: Timbrell Bros., Bootmakers, Chipping, Lancs.

ALL my winners, matched pairs or single, from 15/- upwards; giving up the Fancy; approval: John S. Harris, Victoria Bar, Dysart, Fifeshire.

JNO. ALLEN must clear grand stock cocks, own breeding, from tho best, from 10/6, worth double; approval, stamp: 4, Bonsall-st., Leicester.

TWO pairs of good Norwich Canaries 10/6 a pair; four compartment trap-cage and cock Bullie call-bird 4/-: C. May, St Johns-rd., Mortimer.

LARGE healthy Norwich hens bred from winners, buff 3/-, 4/-, 5/-, yellow 4/-, 5/-, 6/-; approval, deposit: Brown, 44, Waterloo-rd., Norwich.

HIGH CLASS Norwich, pairs from 15/6; see show reports Birmingham, Wolverhampton, West Bromwich and Coventry: Silver, Peel-st., Birmingham.

NORWICH cocks, yellow and buff variegated, large, bred from winners, 10/- to 15/-; hens, 5/- to 10/-; approval: Ramsey, 36, Brechin-rd., Arbroath.

NORWICH Plainheads, 6/6 pair, cocks 5/-, hens 3/-, 1911 bred; have sent all parts England; approval: Mark Bennett, Broughton, Astley, Leicester.

PRIZE-bred Norwich, cocks, in full song, 4/-, 5/- each; hens, same strain, 1/9, 2/6 each; satisfaction guaranteed: Heathcote's Aviaries, Leicester.

FEW good Norwich cocks, 5/6 to 7/6, full song; hens, 2/6, 3/6; cold room; approval; seen any time: F. Leyman, 1, Woodland-terr., Senghenydd.

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NORWICH Plainheads: 4 pairs left, to clear 7/6 pair, worth double; approval; post-dated remittance; cold room bred: Cann, Station-rd., Plympton.

NORWICH unflighted cocks, 10/-, upwards; see last week's report Hand-in-Hand Show; state wants, stamp: G. Ette, 49, Wycliffe-rd., Northampton.

SEVERAL good cl. yell. Nor. cocks, full song, 8/6 each; large clear hens 4/-; 1911 birds, ready to nest, approval: Roper, 134, Chester, Seven Kings, Essex.

GRAND buff cock, 1st at Wishaw, 4th Nov., 12/6; another buff cock, 10/6; yellow variegated hen, 7/6; all well bred: Hugh McKenna, Craigneuk, Wishaw.

SALE: 4 Norwich cocks, 1911 birds, 6/6 each, and 7 hens, clears, 1911 birds, 2/6 each, or sell lot, £1 18/-: H. Hicks, 5, Rosedale-villas, Priory-rd., Hampton.

GRAND unflighted hens, clear yellow and buffs, winning strain, 4/6, 6/6, 8/6; also few cocks colour-fed, cold room; approval; deposit: Bailey, Mill-st., Barwell.

J. R. HOUGHTON, 21, Hatfield-rd., Gloucester, breeder and exhibitor of high-class Norwich Plainheads; some grand stock pairs from 20s. upwards; approval.

NORWICH, well-bred yellows and buffs, cocks from 6/-, hens 4/-, pairs from 7/6; cold room bred, 1911; approval: Chas. Makins, 18, Palace Green, Berwick-on-Tweed.

FIVE good unflighted buff Norwich cocks, off winners, 7/6 each; also four good buff hens, 3/- each: Wm. Thompson, 31, Newby-terr., Port Clarence, Middlesbro'.

OWING to removal must effect speedy clearance: pairs from 20/-; some fit to win; odd buff cocks and hens; stamp reply: Calderwood, 34, West Shaw-st., Kilmarnock.

NORWICH for sale, yellow variegated cocks, yellow hen, yellow variegated hens, buff variegated hen, buff variegated cock, cheap; approval: Taylor, 113, Highst., Brechin.

THOMAS PROCTOR has a few high-class Norwich and Cinnamons for sale, bred from winners; some good stock birds to dispose of; state wants: 80, Oswald-st., Blackburn.

MRS. RICHARDSON-GRIFFITHS has two yellow hens 5/- each, and four cocks, yellows and buffs, 7/6 and 10/6; all 1911; very good type; approval, deposit: Oak Cottage, Horsham.

PRIZE-bred Norwich Canaries, cocks, warranted in full song, 4/6, 5/6, 6/6 each; hens, same strain, 2/-, 3/-, 4/- each; satisfaction guaranteed: Fred Jobuson, 22, Goswell-st., Leicester.

UNFLIGHTED Buff and Yellow cocks 10/6 to 25/-; a few 1910 cocks from 15/- to 40/-; some of them winners; all own breeding; cold room; approval: Brown, Jeweller, Catrine, Ayrshire.

THREE large Norwich cocks; one yellow, two variegated, full song, 6/- each; one large self green, 8/-; one cock Bullfinch, fit for show, 2/-: Satchell, Middleton, Market Harboro'.

PRIZE winning Norwich, clear yellow cock 20/-, yellow hen 9/-, clear buff hen 10/6, 2 marked buff hens 7/6 each; 7 days' approval; cash or deposit: Parkes, Anderson-st., Sandal, Wakefield.

SEVENTEEN prize bred Norwich, 11 double breeders, 6 single, 2 large flights, drying cage, show cages, nest pans, and fittings; offer wanted for the lot: Spinner, Leslie Park rd., Croydon.

L. F. HARDING has variegated buff cock, commended Sheffield, 15/-; clear buff hen, 20/-; clear yellow hen, 25/-; five buff one yellow hens, 30/-, the six: 29a, Market-st., Wellingboro'.

C. HILLMEN has several high-class Norwich for disposal, single or pairs, very reasonable, for quick sale; also unflighted buff, greens, cocks and hens, 10/- each: 12, Ellel-grove, Liverpool.

FOUR unflighted yellow cocks 15/-, 20/-, 30/-, 40/-, hens 7/6, 20/-, 25/-; two 1910 buff cocks 15/-, 20/-, one yellow 15/-, bred from or related to my winners: H. J. Banbury, Preston-rd., Yeovil.

C. ROBERTS' noted Norwich, Bullfinch type, highly colour-fed, some can win, matched pairs from 20/- to £5, single birds from 10/6; state wants; approval: Stannah Hey, Newton Drive, Blackpool.

I HAVE a few good cocks to spare; yellows and buffs from 10/- to 15/-; also three pairs 15/- pair, all my own breeding and very cheap to clear; approval: W. Whetstone, 3, Parker-st., Leek, Staffs.

LARGE unflighted wing marked buff cock, good head, neck, quality and type, 15/-; grandfather won Coventry, Northampton, Bedford, Leicester; approval: George Notley, King's-place, Bedford.

A. L. HAWKES has some massive framed, short, thick-set, cobby colour-fed Norwich hens, exhibition or stock specimens, 7/6, 10/-, 12/6, 15/- each; seven days' approval: 390, Grove Green-rd., Leytonstone.

PRIZE Norwich, outdoor, unheated, champion yellows and buffs, unfed, in breeding condition, from 12/6 pair; clears and ticked; honest dealings; approval, deposit: Nash, 462, Gladstone-st., Peterboro'.

WINNING Norwich, 2 clear yellows, won 1st, 25/- and 10/-; 2 unflighted, yellow and buff, 27/6 2; 3 Yorkshires, buff and yellow, cock and hen, 24/-; a bargain: J. P. Andrew, Whitemoor- near St. Austell, Cornwall.

1910 AND 1911 Norwich cocks, 7/6; yellow and buff pairs, 10/-, cold room; also white enamel drawing-room cage, 18ins. high, 20ins. long; perfect condition; £1 approval: Miss Fooks, Brentwood, Essex.

J. TRISTEM, winner of over 600 prizes, cups and specials, can spare some grand yellow and buff cocks at reasonable prices; inspection invited; stamp for particulars: 82, Winchester-rd., Brislington, Bristol.

MONSTER winning buff cocks, 1910, 21/- to 35/-; typical yellow and buffs from 8/-; hens from 5/-; perfect quality, very short; own breeding only; approval: Miss Gwyn, Somerville, N. Avenue, Ramsgate.

ROBERT JOHNSON, Longton, Pieston, Lancs., owing to wanting room, must dispose of 7 yellow hens, 9 buff hens, same blood as my winners at all the leading shows, including Palace, National, Manchester, etc.; 7/6 each.

CHAMPION Norwich, few grand birds, Bullfinch type, large heads, fine silky feather; 35 years breeder; one of the very best strains in England; reasonable; approval: T. Billington, Hambleton, Poulton-le-Fylde.

THE Wrigley strain, winners at leading shows, see reports Great Harwood, Derby, Runcorn, etc.; few birds for sale cheap to clear; all my own breeding; approval, stamp: Wm. Wrigley, 143, Back-lane, Hyde, Cheshire.

GEORGE SANDERS has few typical Plainheads for sale, including winners; also winning Goldfinch, proved mutter; and winning colour-fed Greenfinch; state wants; stamp for particulars: 36, East Smeaton-st., Kirkcaldy.

TICKED yellow Norwich cock, first in unflighted class of 12 at Cleator Moor, 17/6; buff marked cock, 2nd at Whitehaven, 3rd Cleator Moor, 15/-; clear buff cocks from 5/- to 10/-; approval: Stephenson, Flimby, Cumberland.

I AM compelled by recent bereavement to part with most of my stock of prize-bred birds (about 70); pairs from 12/6, cocks from 7/6, hens from 5/-; approval, deposit; stamp: F. Tesseyman, Church Hill, Camp-rd., Leeds.

EXCEPTIONAL offer, 1910 yellow Norwich cock, winner many prizes, latest win, 1st Gerrards Cross last week; short thick-set, clubby specimen, gem for type, style and size, accept 30/-: Hawkes, 390, Grove Green Road, Leytonstone.

THREE unflighted yellow hens, 15/-, 12/6, 10/- each; four buff hens, 10/-, 7/6 each: unflighted yellow cock, 12/6; six buff cocks, 17/6, 15/-, 12/6, 10/- each; all bred from winners Leicester, Coventry, etc.—W. Growdridge, Clarendon-rd., Hinckley.

EXCEPTIONAL bargain, grand matched pair colour-fed Norwich, 2nd Woolwich last week, and winner of several other prizes recently; buff cock, yellow hen, for type and style cannot be excelled, accept 30/-: Hawkes, 390, Grove Green, Leytonstone.

1st WOOLWICH last week, and winners many others recently, very large, massive framed ticked headed buff Norwich cock, short, thick-set, clubby specimen, real gem for shape and style, accept 35/-, cheap at £3: Hawkes, 390, Grove Green-rd., Leytonstone.

MR. ECKERSLEY offers grand large stock buff cock, £2; large Bullfinch-shaped, yellow, 20/-; very typical clear buff, 30/-; charming buff hen, 30/-; shapely yellow hen, 15/-; three others, 10/- each; few grandly bred pairs, 20/- each: 51, Francis-rd., Edgbaston, Birmingham.

FEW good unflighted cocks and hens bred from and related to my winners at Morpeth, Newcastle, Blaydon, Cramlington, Alnwick; singles or pairs; prices moderate; state wants; three days approval: J. W. Richardson, 8, Plessey-rd., New Delaval, Newsham, Northumberland.

GEORGE MITCHELL has still a large stock of well-bred birds to sell; can supply beginners with matched pairs fit to breed winners, from 15/- pair, single birds from 5/-; no better strain in the Fancy; see show reports; all outdoor bred: Broadway Boot Stores, Topsham, nr. Exeter.

HENS, yellows and buffs, from 5/-, satisfaction guaranteed; read the following testimonial: "Jan. 6/12. Birds arrived safely. I am perfectly satisfied with them. Thanking you for your fair dealing.—G. Cherry." Have about 20 to spare, state wants: J. C. Wilmot, 17, Sandhurst-rd., Bedford.

EXHIBITOR over 40 years of high-class Norwich, and the man that breeds his own winners; no doubt more winners have been sold out of my rooms than any man living; can spare show and stock birds reasonable from one of the oldest and most reliable strains in Fancy; approval: Wm. Bowyer, Gladstone-st., Leek.

CHAMPION pair correctly matched high-class exhibition Norwich Plainheads, rare size, type, colour and quality, winners and certain to breed winners in keenest competition, only 27/6, honestly worth £3 for stock alone, rare chance for beginner, genuine bargain; approval: Warminger, 28, Guernsey-rd., Norwich.

I STILL have few high-class Norwich for disposal, all 1911 bred, and in sound condition; a large typical clear buff cock, 12/-; another not quite so large, 10/-; also cap and wing marked yellow cock, very deep colour, 12/-; light variegated buff hen, 5/-; and nice clear rich yellow hen, 5/-; approval, deposit: Mr. Colling, 5, Mariners-terrace, Filey, Yorkshire.

TYPICAL Norwich hens; two unflighted ticked yellow hens, short and thick, short flights and tails, 30/- each; unflighted, ticked buff hen, true type, good quality, 20/-; unflighted bouncing variegated buff hen, good stock bird, 20/-; these are not rubbish, but bred from birds that cost big money; approval with pleasure: James Andrew, Tongland, Kirkcudbright.

ALL requiring healthy typical stock pairs should give me a trial; testimonials and repeat orders from delighted purchasers; yellow hens from 3/6; buff hens from 3/-; yellow cocks from 6/-; buff from 5/6; properly matched breeding pairs from 8/-, 10/-, 12/6, 30/- upwards; cold-room bred, and approval willingly: H. Amiss, Ashby-st., Norwich.

I HAVE 20 pair of Norwich Plainheads, prize bred, for sale; birds I have bred and sold have won at Paisley, Berwick, Alnwich, Morpeth, Cranlington, Newcastle, Blaydon, Gateshead, Haltwistle, Darlington, Sunderland, Shields Shows; proof, the man that bought them; the strain is Iron's, Grey's, Dobinson, Cowling; prices reasonable: John Hagan, 39, Doublerow, Scaton Dalavel, Northumberland.

J. C. BARNES, 113, Northfield-rd., Walkley, Sheffield; well-known strain, of 20 years standing; Sheffield Challenge Cup winner (3 years in succession); having selected own breeders, can now spare few choice specimens, true to type, and full of quality and colour; cocks from 20/-, hens 10/- upwards; inspection cordially invited; approval with every pleasure; matched pairs a speciality.

Monster 1911 exhibition yellow hen, immense size, perfect type and quality, grand colour, and rare depth of chest, sure winner in keenest competition, perfect gem, only 35/-, honestly worth double; also extra choice 1911 exhibition buff hen, real model for type and quality, grand size and colour, feathered like silk, win anywhere, only 30/-, cheap at £3; also monster 1910 exhibition yellow and buff hens, both of rare size, grand type, and quality, and depth of chest, winners many prizes, only 21/- each, recently cost treble; genuine bargains; satisfaction guaranteed; approval: Warminger, 28, Guernsey-rd., Norwich.

B. BENNETT
has a few good Norwich for disposal; prices reasonable; state wants; approval willingly: 26, Hampden-rd., Wrexham.

W. RICHINSON
has a few good Norwich for disposal, yellows or buffs; inspection invited: 2, Ct., 1 Hse., Brackley-st., Pitsmoor, Sheffield.

POWICK'S CHAMPION NORWICH.
The same strain as the winners at all the leading shows, large typical cocks, in full song, 7/6, 10/6; hens, 5/6, 7/6 each; sure winners, 15/6 each; ten days' approval at my risk: W. Powick, Dewsbury.

IS THIS WHAT YOU ARE LOOKING FOR?
I can spare a few extra good buff cocks and hens, 1911, related to my cup winners at Falkirk and W. of Scotland, from 20/-: McNaughton, Dunipace, Larbert.

NORWICH CANARIES.—14 days' trial our risk. Splendid Types. Cocks, 5/-, 6/-, 7/6, and 10/- each. Hens, 2/6, 3/6, and 5/-. Well-matched pairs, 7/6, 10/6, and 15/- per pair. Cages and all appliances, cheapest and best in Kingdom. Catalogue free. Patronised by Royalty, Experts, and Judges.—**Northern Aviaries, Ormskirk Road, Preston.**

F. MITCHELL
has a few prize winning birds for sale; buff cock, 2nd L.C.B.A., 3rd (Y.B.S.), 25/-; yellow cock, 4th L.C.B.A., 1st (Y.B.S.), 20/-; buff cock, 2nd L.C.B.A., 22/6; buff cock, 3rd L.C.B.A., 18/-; buff hen, 4th L.C.B.A., 4th Plumstead, £1; write offers; Regency-st., Westminster, London.

FRANK F. LAWSON, 14, Pugin-street, Carlisle, has still a few good birds to dispose of, including unflighted clear yellow cock, 4th Carlisle, 20/-; unflighted clear buff cock, short, stout, grand wings and tail, lovely quality, 20/-; two 1910 yellow hens, 12/6 each; several grand, typical, unflighted buff hens, ideal stock hens, 10/-, 12/6, 15/- each.
SEE CARLISLE SHOW REPORT, JAN. 6th

SILK'S CUPS.
During next show season I am giving 10 cups valued at 21/- each, to purchasers of my champion Norwich at shows held in Scotland, England and Wales. Six will be given for unflighted birds bred from my champion strain. The four remaining to birds other than unflighted which has been purchased after the date of this advertisement, January 12th, 1912. Particulars of shows where these cups will be competed for will appear in "Cage Birds" at a later date. This will give fanciers in various district a chance to view the really high-class Norwich bred from this strain.—Judge Silk, Whitstable.

CHAMPION NORWICH.

Horace Dixon, winner silver cup best unflighted Norwich; also runner-up for best Canary Wimbledon show, and winners at Federation, L.C.B.A., Yarm, Guisboro', see report last week; with birds bred in my own room; have more birds than can use; pairs from 15/-, cocks 10/-; several buff hens 5/-; several of my best birds at reasonable prices; apply early: 14, Claremont-avenue, New Malden.

CLEARING OUT

the whole of my stock. Every bird for sale. Exhibition or stock birds; 3 yellow hens 10/- each; 4 buff hens and one buff green hen, 8/- each; buff and yellow cocks 10/-, 15/- and 20/- each. Several choice unflighted pairs left, 30/-, 35/- and 40/- pair. These birds, all my own breeding, have held their own on the show bench this season, and are offered at prices greatly below their value, as I am removing, and must make a speedy clearance: Strank, 16, Huntly-terrace, Springboig, Shettleston, Glasgow.

A STRAIN THAT WINS

Having finished showing for this season, I have for sale some first-class birds, also many useful stock birds, single or pairs, bred by myself from my winners. Many winners this season bred and supplied by me, or bred from birds I supplied last season. Two really good clear buff 1911 cocks, 40/- each; clear buff 1911 cock, 20/-; clear yellow 1911 hen 40/-; ditto, 30/-; tick 1911 yellow hen 20/-; clear yellow 1911 cocks, three beauties, 25/-, 30/-, 35/- each. I have nearly fifty unflighted birds for sale. Two good big clear buff cocks, 20/- and 25/-; three ticked yellow hens, 15/-, 20/-, 25/- each; several buff hens, any var., 5/-, 7/6, 10/- to 20/- each; yellow unflig. cocks, 10/-, 15/-, 20/- each. See wins at Bolton, Rochdale, Manchester, Sheffield, Great Harwood, Preston, Derby, in open champion classes. Most points every show held in Bolton in 1911; winner of Whitehead Challenge Cup, 1910 and 1911; any on approval, or can be seen any day by appointment: R. Allen, 196, Blackburn-rd., Bolton. —

145 PEDIGREE

Norwich. All my own breeding. I have sold the few wasters bred to a dealer, and can now spare good pairs, matched to breed winners, at 17/6, 20/-, 25/-, 30/-; single birds, 12/6 to 30/-. Some specially good buff cocks. First comers have best chance, as I do not buy birds to sell again. Wins 1911: Three specials best bird, 21 firsts, 29 seconds: Robert Hall, Rudyard, Staffordshire.

LEADING QUALITY.

Reliable high-class Norwich at low prices, cocks 5/6, 6/6, 7/6, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6; hens, 2/6, 3/-, 3/6, 4/-, 4/6; all on 7 days' approval at my risk; illustrated list post free: Miss Storey, Crowle, Doncaster.

J. HODDER.

From amongst my stock of champion Norwich I can spare a few nice stock pairs at 15/-, 20/-, 30/- upwards per pair; my birds have won several trophies outright; satisfaction guaranteed; approval: 6, Banner-st., St. Luke's, London.

R. HANFORD, DERBY,

offers splendid collection Norwich cocks, full song, 6/6, 7/6, 8/6, 10/6; lovely hens, 4/-, 5/-, 6/-, 7/- (these hens will be worth double shortly); correctly matched pairs, lovely type and quality, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, 17/6; cages, 3d.; champion Yorkshires, same prices; state your requirements; absolute satisfaction guaranteed; approval.

MAZZONI.

Two big buff Norwich cocks, 20/- each; 4 big buff hens, 17/6 each; 1 yellow hen, 20/-; the "blue blood" of the Fancy; money returned if not satisfied; these are the last of my prize winners lately advertised: 4, Rye-villas, St. Aidan's-rd., E. Dulwich.

A. FIDDAMENT, POSTMAN

asks those who want to improve their stock to give him a trial, as he has in stock some grand Norwich cocks, 6/-, 8/-, 10/-, 12/-, 15/-, £1; hens 4/-, 5/-, 6/-, 7/6; pairs matched, 8/6, 10/-, 12/-, 15/-, £1 upwards; week's approval; deposit; apply: 105, Trinity-st., Norwich.

Palace Winners Cheap

Having just purchased a well-known breeder and exhibitor's entire stud of Norwich Plainheads, including Palace and Club Show winners, all of which are for sale at ridiculous low prices, as I wish to clear them quickly to make room for breeding. Twenty monster exhibition clear and marked yellow and buff cocks, price 17/6 each; 30 stock yellow and buff cocks, price 10/6 each; 30 monster exhibition clear and marked yellow and buff hens, price 12/6 each; also several large stock yellow and buff hens, 7/6 each: also correctly matched pairs, 12/6, 15/-, 21/-, and 25/- a pair; many of the above are winners at the leading shows, including Palace, Norwich Plainhead Club Show, and other winners; all these birds are of immense size, large heads, and full necks, and grand type and quality, and several are fit to win at the coming Palace Show. Four of the above birds cost £20 last season, and this is an exceptional opportunity for breeders to improve their stock, and a rare chance for beginners to reach the top of the exhibition world at a small outlay. All the above birds are strong, healthy, and in splendid condition; all cold room bred; genuine bargains; satisfaction guaranteed; approval, cash or deposit: Cooper, 29, Junction-rd., Norwich.

SPECIAL THIS WEEK!
20 Selected Pairs, 20/- Pair—approval.

Pure Norwich

direct from our noted strains and Mr. Midgley's noted Crystal Palace strain this last few years. Not exhibiting this season can offer some of the best blood in the Fancy. Won year 1902 38 1sts, etc., 1903 50 1sts, gold medal International Show, also N.P.C. Challenge Cup, 1904 42 1sts, also N.P.C. Challenge Cup, second year in succession, 1906 38 1sts, etc., 1907 33 1sts, etc., 1909 60 1sts, etc. What more proof? All in best and keenest competition. Have some grand yellow cocks and hens, 10/-, 12/-, 15/-, 20/-, 30/- each. Buff cock and hens, 8/-, 10/-, 12/- 15/-, 20/- each. Grand Matched Pairs, specially selected by myself, 15/-, 20/-, 25/-, 30/- pair. Any on approval with pleasure. Breeders 20 years.

SANDIFORD, Canary Breeder & Judge, PRESTON, LANCS.

GREAT REDUCTIONS

I am, as an advertisement, offering for a few weeks, the most wonderful value ever offered to the Norwich Plainhead fancier; my birds need no bounce. Most of the leading exhibitors have been supplied from my rooms. Grand pairs, which will do you some good. Don't waste valuable time and money on buying birds which have no pedigree. Silk's strain is unrivalled; champion, 30/-; pairs at 21/-; the best, 40/-; pairs at 30/6. The price is right and the quality wonderful; few pairs same blood, 15/-, not monsters. Don't hesitate, send now and secure something really high class; hens, yellow or buff, from 10/6 to 21/-; cocks, ditto, 8/6 to 21/-; every bird has a reputation, and all on 3 days' approval; satisfaction guaranteed: Judge Silk, The Norwich Specialist, Whitstable.

Rollers & Singing Canaries

BREEDERS' CARD.

ARTHUR CHILLCOTT, Breeder and Trainer, celebrated Water Glucke Rollers (pure Randall's), 151, South Avenue, Southend-on-Sea. Member B.R.C.C. Birds for sale, THE finest strain in England.

ALEXANDER PATTISON, Breeder and Exhibitor, Glücke, Water Glücke, Rollers (pure Randall's), 31, The Terrace, Gravesend. Member B.R.C.C.

T. W. WALTON, Breeder and Exhibitor of high-class Roller Canaries; write for prices: 20, Cecil Grove, Armley, Leeds.

WANTED, Rollers: Barnes, Aviaries, Merthyr.

ROLLER hens, Hartz, from 2/6: Laurence, Kimbolton, Leominster.

PURE Rollers, full song 7/6, 8/6, 10/-, hens 2/-: Bennett, 28, Enville-st., Stourbridge.

FOR sale, 2 neat Roller hen Canaries, 2/- each: C. Deane, 118, St. Asaph-rd., Brockley, S.E.

ROLLER cocks from 7/6; hens 3/-; all good healthy birds: Taylor, 54, Wellpark-rd., Saltcoats.

PAIR genuine Hartz Mountain Rollers in cage, complete, only 3/6: Broxup, Bird Importer, Burnley.

EIGHT Roller hens, 20/- lot, or exchange for two Roller cocks: J. Britton, Old Rectory, Radcliffe, Manchester.

HIGH class Rollers, cocks from 6/6 to 15/-, hens 2/6, 3/6; approval with pleasure: Alleu, 19, Albert-st., Wednesbury.

HIGH class Seifert and Glucke cocks 7/6, hens 2/6; 7 days' approval, cash or deposit: H. Nickless, 59, Mill-st., Crewe.

GENUINE Rollers, cold room bred, cocks 7/-, 8/6, 10/-, hens 2/6, 3/6: Sykes and Akers, Windmill Aviaries, Boroughbridge, Yorks.

CANARIES, Rollers, many changes, 8/-, 9/-, 10/-; hens, 2/6 each; approval; stamp reply: Miss Hughes, 7, Wembrook-rd., Wem, Salop.

1911 SEIFERTS (bred from 30/- parents) cocks 5/6, hens 3/6; approval; stamp: Bosworth, 265, Alcester-rd., Kings' Heath, Birmingham.

CHOICE Roller Schoolmasters, and hens to match, at working-men's prices, cheap; approval, deposit: Yearsley, 118, Revidge, Blackburn.

GENUINE 1911 Seifert hens, 4/-, 5/- each, bred from 1st, special, 2nd, 3rd prize winners: T. Pemberton, Rosefield-view, Brynteg, nr. Wrexham.

PAY the price, songster cock Canaries, 10/-, seven days' approval; no misleading statements: Henry Maynard, Canary Specialist, Bethnal Green.

YOUNG cocks, full song, bred from B.R.C.C. parents, 6/- each, hens, same strain, 2/- each; exchange good rose trees: White, 22, Farmilo-rd., Leyton.

SEIFERT Rollers, in full song, 5/6, 6/6 each; hens, in finest condition for breeding, hardy, cold room bred, 1/9; approval: Hitch, Stafford-st., Walsall.

HIGH-class Rollers, from cup winner (Provincial 1911), B.R.C.C. rung, 1911 cocks from 20/- upwards, hens 10/-: Hanbury, 13, Railway-terr., Llanelly.

HIGH-CLASS Seifert Rollers, healthy young cocks from 8/6, hens 2/6; good Schoolmaster 12/6; or useful exchange: Thwaites, 63, Pontefract-lane, Leeds.

HIGH-CLASS Rollers, own prize strain; before purchasing elsewhere call and hear them, cocks 10/6 upwards, hens 5/-: Best, 5, Alma-pl., Beckett-st., Leeds.

NOTICE. Extra good St. Andreasberg Roller cocks, day and night songsters, 15/-; approval; easy payments taken: McKeand, Seabright Villa, Castle Douglas.

SEIFERT Rollers, cold-room bred, beautiful songsters, cocks 7s. 6d.; hens 2s. 6d., 9s. 6d. pair; week's approval willingly: Comber, 65, Lumley-rd., Horley, Surrey.

HIGH-CLASS Rollers (Tweed's), cold-room bred, B.R.C.C. rung, splendid songsters; cocks from 7/6, hens 3/-; satisfaction guaranteed; approval: Bogue, Kirkby Stephen.

ROLLERS, B.R.C.C. rung, bred from my cup and prize winners, 20/- to 60/- each; hens sold: Randall's strain direct: Tomlinson, Welcome Hotel, Marton, Blackpool.

ROLLERS; Glucke hens for sale, same strain as won two 1sts at Bolton last week, P.R.C.C. rung, cold-room bred, 5/-, 7/6 each: Turner, Plumber, Openshaw, Manchester.

HIGH-CLASS Rollers, Randall's and Fould's strain, cold room bred, cocks 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, hens 4/-, 5/-; approval; cash or deposit: Morris, 36, Dale-st., Wrexham. Member B.R.C.C.

JAS. LYONS' Rollers; birds of this noted strain for sale, all rung birds, same blood as my very best, cocks 10/- to 20/-, hens 5/- to 7/6 each: 4, Church-st., Gt. Harwood, nr. Blackburn.

ROLLER hens, Chillcott, Roehl, Corkindale, Foulds, Glucke strains, B.R.C.C. rung, cold room bred, better impossible to get, 5/-, 7/-, 10/- each: Leigh, 57, Bold-st., Altrincham, Cheshire.

1911 Seifert cocks, 4/6 and 6/-; hens, 1/6; 1910 cocks, 8/6; hens, excellent feeders, 2/- and 2/6; schoolmaster, 10/-; finger tame hen Siskin, 1/6: Hoyle, Kitchen-terrace, Grimsargh, Preston, Lancs.

CHAMPION Rollers, superior quality, far away above the ordinary run of Rollers in song, plenty of variation 12/6 and 15/-, hens 4/-; splendid condition; these are the birds to breed with: Taylor, Chanters-rd., Bideford.

HIGH-CLASS Seifert Rollers, noted prize winning strain, 1911 rung birds, cocks 12/6 to 15/6, hens, same strain, 7/; 7 days' approval; money returned if not satisfied: J. C. Banks, 49, St. Hubert's-rd., Great Harwood, Blackburn.

HARTZ Mountain Rollers, splendid singers, and prime breeding hens from the best strains of Joh. Gunkel, wholesale breeder and exporter: Braunschweig, Germany, Schoppenstedterstr., 32. Telephone 2,297. Price list free.

WATER Glucke Rollers, in full song, B.R.C.C. rung, free from any faulty notes, and in the pink of condition; cocks 12/6 to 30/- each, hens 5/- and 7/6; three days' approval, deposit: Harrison, Fruiterer, Bradmore, Wolverhampton.

WINS this season: Champion classes, 2 1sts, 4th, hc, c,; specials, Cup, bass, hollow roll, Leeds 2nd, 4th, 6th, vhc, c,; Club Show, London, 2nd, 4th, vhc, hc: specials, 2 for bass, 1 water glucke: few Rollers related to above, cocks 20/- upwards; hens, 7/6 and 10/- each; approval: Willows, Draper, Wednesbury.

CLEARING out stock of Seifert Rollers, some Walton's direct, consisting of nine cocks 7/6, three hens 2/6, four double breeders 2/-; cold room bred and kept in full song; would take £3 10/- for the lot: Binks, 5, Cowper-st., Claremont, Halifax.

NOTICE.—I won a special (Class 2, Novice) for Glucke at Wolverhampton in November; some very good cocks and hens for sale, cocks 12/6 upwards, hens 5/-; Glucke and Water-Glucke strains: Harry Dimmock, 49, Providence-st., Cradley Heath.

CANARIES.

Any quantity Canaries, Hartz Roller cocks and hens; price list free: J. Corten, Pomp-st., 35, Antwerp, Belgium.

J. KING, CAMBRIDGE.

High-class Rollers from noted strain, 1911 B.R.C.C. rung cocks 10/- upwards; hens 4/-; approval: 89,, York-st.,

SATISFACTION

guaranteed, high class Seifert Roller cocks, full song, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6, hens 3/6, week's approval, deposit: John Wyre, Colley-lane, Cradley, Staffs.

FOULD'S ROLLERS.

of the highest excellence, bred from my silver cup winners, schoolmasters, and contest singers, 40/- to 60/- each; hens, 10/- each; every bird guaranteed bred by myself in cold rooms, and wearing closed club ring. Also for sale two and three-compartment breeding and flight cages, show cages, travelling baskets, etc.: A. Foulds, 7, Kings-parade, Fallowfield, Manchester.

REAL ST. ANDREASBURG

Rollers trained to perfection, no chopping notes, under Nightingale, Woodlark, and water-bubble runs, in pink of condition, sure to please wherever they go, 7/6, 8/6 each; hens 2/-, two 3/6; Hartz Mountain Rollers, day-light and gas-light songsters, 5/6, 6/- each; hen 1/9, two 3/-; Roller cages 1/6, 2/6 each; singing box-cages 1/6; Norwich Canaries, cocks, 6/6, 7/6, 8/6, 10/6, hens, 2/6, 3/6, 4/6; matched pairs 8/6, 10/6, 12/6: Matt Hopkins, Bird Specialist and Cage Maker, 11, Fylde-st., Preston, Lancashire.

Roehl's Celebrated Rollers

Winning Rollers of the purest Seifert strain, which will please the most exacting critics. This strain of birds must not be compared with the cheap and inferior class of birds frequently advertised; birds bred from this strain by members of the B.R.C.C. have won the highest honours obtainable. I can supply these from 40/- to 80/- each, according to song; a grand stock of Hartz Mountain Rollers, without any objectionable sharp or false tours, from 10s. to 25s. each; inspection invited and advice willingly given. Mrs. E. T. Williams, 16, Chesham Buildings, Grosvenor Square, W., writes: "The bird I had from you is a real little beauty. I showed him at Grimsby in the open novice class in a strong competition, and won the highest honour; also I am pleased to let you know he won 1st in open champion class at Llanelly in a red hot competition, in addition to winning the special for best water glucke": 400, Edgware Road, London, W.

LOVELY HARTZ

Mountain Roller Canaries, real schoolmasters, incessant sweet song day and gaslight, a rare bargain, 10/6; worth treble. Testimonials from delighted clients: W. Goodbourn, 8, Walgrave-st., Hull.

WAR DECLARED.

War is declared against high prices and poor quality. It is high time they were things of the past. The pride of songsters is rightly claimed by the Rollers as imported by me direct from their native land, and every bird properly tested and proved to be a first-class songster of the quality sold for before being sent out. Every customer guaranteed fullest satisfaction. Read a few of the letters received this month: Barnsley, January 2, 1912. Roller arrived in splendid condition. I am more than satisfied with it. —C. Brocklesbank. Ilford, 6/1/12. Bird arrived none the worse for his journey. Am well suited.—M. Gooch. Manchester, 1/1/12. I am very well satisfied with the two birds you sent me. They are grand value.—J. Benson. Hoylake, 6/1/12. Bird arrived safe. Quite satisfied. He sang grand on arrival. Thanking you for promptitude.—W. Anthony. Llanelly, 3/1/12. Received Norwich safe. Well satisfied. Will recommend your straightforward dealings to all my friends. —D. Thomas. Llandudno, 2/1/12. The birds purchased from you please me very much. I shall give you more orders.—G. Jones. Addlestone, 1/1/12. Bird reached me safe. Am quite pleased with same.—A. Langridge. Reepham, 1/1/12. Received Canary on Wednesday. Thank you very much for sending such a splendid bird for the money. I have thousands of similar letters open for your inspection. Call and see them, and look at my stock; you will be delighted. My genuine trained St. Andreasburg Rollers are real musical boxes; every bird well trained, in full song by day and artificial light. Cocks 7/6, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6 each; hens 2/6, 3/-, 3/6 each. My Hartz cocks are a marvel of cheapness, genuine loud free songsters by day and gaslight. Cocks, 4/9, 5/3, 5/9, 6/3 each; matched pairs for breeding songsters, 7/-, 7/6, 8/6 pair. Neat travelling cages 3d. each. All birds sent to your address on seven days' approval at my risk. Illustrated price list post free: E. L. Storey, Practical Bird Specialist, Crowle, Doncaster.

REAL ROLLERS

Arrived, the real Seifert Rollers, direct from Germany, specially trained under Nightingale, Woodlark, and bell notes with those long, wonderful trills, fit for any mansion, price 6/6, 7/6, 8/6; real Schoolmasters, 10/6 and 12/-; hens, 2/6.

Mr. J. E. Davies, Stockport, the largest and most successful Canary exhibitor in the world (see big show reports), writes:—"Nov., 1911.—Sir,—I enclose cheque, £5, for the 8 German Rollers, which arrived safe, and commenced singing immediately on being uncovered. The gentlemen I got them for are delighted, and say they are singing all day and night."

HARTZ MOUNTAIN ROLLERS,

not common Belgian, guaranteed pure Hartz, 6/- each; hens, 2/-. These are imported direct from the Hartz Mountains, and properly trained. Note: We have thousands of testimonials and are patronised by all the Crystal Palace Judges, including Judges Bexson, Payne, Battye, Roe, Barnes, Vardy, etc., etc. Send for new catalogue and testimonials for proof. See last week's advt. for illustration of box cage.

Beautiful Box Cages, enamelled inside and out, sand drawers, etc., 2/-; with shutters, 2/9. Established 1879.

SANDIFORD, Bird Specialist and Judge. Preston. Lancs

PURE SEIFERT ROLLERS.

Just arrived, another large consignment of these matchless songsters. Come and make your own selection. They are in full rolling song, and sure to please anyone. The following is a sample of hundreds of letters received from clients who have purchased Rollers from me:—"Court Street, Woodville, nr. Burton, Jan. 9, 1912.—The Seifert Rollers I had from you 12 months ago have bred well. The cock is a marvellous songster. He sings all hours, daylight or gaslight, even when covered up.—H. Roulston to Joe Thomas." I guarantee equal satisfaction to you. Cocks, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, 17/6, 20/- each; hens, same strain, 3/6, 5/-, 6/-, 7/6, 10/- each. A few real contest singers at 25/-, 30/-, 40/-, and 50/- each. Just let me send one on for your approval. Send a P.C. for my free illustrated catalogue.—**JOE THOMAS, Breeder, Exhibitor, and Exporter, Ambler Thorn, Halifax.**

R. KREMNER,

The Pioneer of Roller Canaries

Has just arrived from Germany after an absence of 3 weeks, with the largest stock of high-class Rollers in the North of England. **Hartz Mountain Rollers, cocks, 7/6 each,** hens 2/- each; **high-class Seifert Rollers, in full song, 10/6, 12/6, and 15/- each.** Hens of the same strain, 2/6, 3/6, and 5/- each. **Real Contest birds, Glucke and Water Glucke strain, from 20/-** upwards, according to quality. **Just to hand.**—Dear Sir, I am pleased to inform you that I have just been successful in winning 1st prize in the Champion Class at Bolton, Jan. 1st, 1912, with the bird you supplied me with, also won 1st in open novice, with bird bred off the pair of birds you supplied me with last season.—Yours truly, T. Turner.—**Note address—104, Tib Street, Manchester.**

Telephone No. 1251 City.

PRIDE OF PLACE

in the Roller world is rightly taken by the Leipzig Rollers as imported by me. You might be able to get a Roller as good at double the price, but why should you pay more than you need? When you've read the remarkable number of testimonials I have published (of which a few are given below), you will know why I so emphatically say that no Roller on the market at anything like the price can equal a Leipzig Roller. I have an enormous stock of thoroughly acclimatised Leipzig Rollers on hand; all cocks are guaranteed in full song day and gaslight, with long hollow and double rolls, sweet, silvery trills, water-bubble runs, soft, roulades, piccolo trills, bell, harp and gong notes, and jug-jug of Nightingale, etc.; warranted entirely free from any harsh or objectionable notes whatever; price 7s. 6d. and 8s. 6d. each. Special Bandmasters, which excel in the deep bass and hollow bell rolls, 10/- and 12/6 each. Hens, guaranteed same strain, 2/3 each, 4/- couple. I also have a magnificent stock of real contest Rollers, fit for immediate contesting, price 15/- and 20/- each. These contest birds are of purest race extant, and song is exceptionally soft and mellow. Roller cabinet cages with loose fronts and folding doors, 2/6 and 3/6 each. To those who like a loud, merry, short songster, I have a splendid lot of Hartz cocks, all in full vigorous song, real ceiling lifters, price 5/6 each. See following few letters: "Little Longstone, Bakewell, Jan. 2, 1912. Sir,—I have spent 'Xmas with a friend who has recently purchased one of your Leipzig Rollers, and after hearing it I must have one. I have been a breeder of Rollers for some time, and have a good strain, but nothing like that. I particularly admire the bass rolls. Please send me one on. Yours, J. Barnes."—"25 Enbrook Street, Queen's Park Estate, London; Dec. 27. Sir,—Roller I had from you two years ago is still a good healthy bird and in good song; please send another. Yours, J. Fletcher."—"Moor Place, Hayle, Cornwall, Dec. 27. Sir,—Roller received last week is singing well and gives satisfaction. Yours, T. Jordan."—"5, Davison's Yard, Kirkby-in-Ashfield: Dec. 27. Sir,—The Leipzig Roller you sent is a beauty; he sings well and has many changes, and very cheap at price. Yours, R. Hooton."—"5, Greyfriars Place, Edinburgh; Dec. 12. Sir,—I had one of your renowned Rollers over 4 years, and it sang constantly; its notes were long and sweet, with many variations, as you describe. Please send another. Yours, D. Dawson."—"Steilston School House, Holywood by Dumfries; Dec. 18. Sir,—Leipzig Roller you sent has come up to expectations; he is everything you advertise. Please send following. Yours, A. Kennedy."—"Merthyr Tydvil, Dec. 15. Sir,—I have decided to keep Roller you sent. Thanking you for such a beautiful songster, and also for way he was packed. Yours, G. Arnold."—"New North Road, Honiton; Dec. 15. Sir, —Birds arrived in splendid condition. The cock is a beauty, sings incessantly day and night. They are both very strong and healthy, and I am more than pleased with such a beautiful pair of birds. Yours, J. Hussey."—"17, Holmes Street, Bristol; Dec. 15. Sir,—Roller I had from you two years ago is a champion. He sang as soon as unpacked, but glad to say he sings even better now. Yours, R. Brooks."—"70, Radnor Street, Kilbowie, Scotland. Dec. 16. Sir,—Please send Leipzig Roller cock. Thanking you for the two I had last year, which gave entire satisfaction. Many people who have heard them have been delighted with their tours in melody, and are marvels at price paid. Yours, J. McLean."—"48, Normacott Road, Longton; Dec. 6. Sir,—Thanks for prompt dispatch and safe arrival of Leipzig Roller. Thanking you again for such a splendid songster and straightforward dealing with strangers. Yours, A. Tudor." Please note, I am the only importer of Weber's Leipzig Rollers, and all genuine cocks are stamped on wing, "Hans Weber, Leipzig." All are safely and warmly packed in special travelling cages and sent on full week's trial entirely at my own risk immediately on receipt of cash, or if same is deposited with Editor; and money instantly refunded in full if entire satisfaction not given. Try a Leipzig Roller against one of any other breed, you will then know why I can always fill a column with letters written specially about them.

W. GORE, GOOCH STREET, BIRMINGHAM

Scotch Fancies.

IF you want value in Scotch Fancies, see my list Rudd, The Bird Specialist, Norwich.

FOR sale, buff green hen, 35/-; clean buff hen, 25/-; young: approval: R. Thoms, 60, Watson-st., Dundee.

SCOTCH Fancies, buff hen, young, 25/-, year bred hen 30/-; approval: Gardiner, Trindhillgreen, Duns.

FOR sale, Scotch Fancies, good stock birds, large size, moderate prices: J. B. Kerr, 9, Myrtle-ter., Edinburgh.

Celebrated Preston Contest Rollers,

which have won so many prizes all over the Kingdom and for which we get wonderful testimonials daily. **These Rollers are a strain which we can thoroughly recommend and send on 14 days' trial at our risk,** and you cannot beat them for length of song, number of changes and perfect musical notes, no matter what price you pay elsewhere. **The price of these marvellous Rollers is 15/- only, on 14 days' trial at our risk.** Deposit with Editor. Send for one of these on trial, and also send for one from any other dealer at any price up to 40/- and judge for yourself. Hens, 3/6 and 4/6 each, same well-known strain. St. Andrewsburg Rollers, in full rolling song, 5/6, 6/6, and 7/6 each. Catalogue free. Patronised by Royalty, Experts, and Judges.
NORTHERN AVIARIES, Ormskirk Rd., Preston

SCOTCH FANCIES—Continued.

SCOTCH Fancy for sale, young birds, cocks, hens, all colours, cheap to clear: McQueen, 336, Garscube-rd., Glasgow.

FOR sale, Scotch Fancies, young birds, good strain, prices moderate: James Little, 130, Cross Arthurlie-st., Barrhead.

BUFF hen, £2; buff pied hen, £2; yellow cock 25/-; young birds; grand value: John Melville, Sunny bank, Tayport.

SPLENDID pair matched for breeding; three Yellow cocks; two Yellow hens; Buff pied hen: Nisbet, Blair-st., Galston.

TWO yellow hens, 1 buff hen, 1 buff pied hen, and 1 yellow pied cock, cheap to clear: F. Siddons, 8, Hannay-st., Paisley.

SCOTCH Fancies; I have still a few good young birds, prices reasonable; approval: Cliff Bell, 26, Campbell-st., Maryhill, Glasgow.

SCOTCH Fancies, one yellow green and three buff green hens, young, excellent strain: Robt. Neil, 141, Cross Arthurlie-st., Barrhead.

SCOTCH Fancy, 1911 yellow cock, large, heavy shouldered, upstanding bird, price £8; approval; apply: James McGregor, 34, Queen-st., Tayport.

SCOTCH Fancies, 4 yellow and yellow pied cocks, 4 buff and buff pied cocks, 1911, from best winning strains, 15/- to £2: J. Newbigging, Clothier, Duns.

WANTED immediately young clean yellow or yellow pied Scotch Fancy hen, good all round; price and approval to Ferguson, 76, Hill-st., Garnethill, Glasgow.

YELLOW, yellow-pied and clear Buff cocks, two Buff pied hens, mostly young, good birds; giving up; 15/- each; cost much more: R. Steel, 1, Melgrund-pl., Hawick.

NOTICE. Grand lot Scotch Fancies, many winners, at leading shows, prices reasonable, easy payments taken; approval: McKeand, Seabright Villa, Castle Douglas.

EXCHANGE Scotch Fancy buff pied cock and buff yellow hen, four yellow or buff Scotch hens, or sell £2; on approval: Ross Livingston, Bleom Cottage, Ballydougan, Portadown.

BUFF cock and Yellow Belgian hen, one year bred, 35/-; or exchange for large buff hen suitable for crossing; also young Buff pied cock, first cross, 12/6: Muir, 39, Duff-st., Edinburgh.

SCOTCH Fancies: 2 yellow cocks, 2 buff cocks, 2 green cocks, 4 buff pied cocks, 1 buff hen, 2 foul hens, 2 buff green hens, 2 buff pied hens; good stock birds: Hugh Moore, 21, Kelburn-st., Barrhead.

FOR sale by auction on Jan. 27th., Andrew Muirs, Saltmarket, Glasgow, 12 Scotch Fancies, cocks and hens, some good birds amongst them and of high-class stock; the property of a Glasgow breeder.

Yorkshires.

BREEDERS' CARDS.

Messrs. AMBLERS (late of Bradford), Langton Lodge, Scotton, Knaresborough, Yorkshire, the champion Yorkshire breeders. Fountain head for winners or stud birds; 30 years' strain. See winnings at big shows.

J. BAILEY, Breeder and Exhibitor of high-class Yorkshire Canaries.—8, South View-terrace, Sandy-lane, Allerton, Bradford, Yorks.

L. C. CASEY, breeder and exhibitor of high class Yorkshires, and can supply a few pairs from 10/- upwards: 7, Plimsoll-st., East Bowling, Bradford.

SAMUEL DEAN, Breeder of high-class Yorkshires, in clear, ticked, variegated, or green; prices to suit all.—6, Ash Mount, Gt. Horton, Bradford.

JONAS KNIGHT, over 20 years' breeder high-class Yorkshire Canaries in all varieties; home and shipping orders for show and stock birds a speciality: Allerton, Bradford, Yorkshire.

J. TAYLOR, 36, Aireville-rd., Frizinghall, Bradford. Exporter of high-class Yorkshires, Crests, Norwich, etc. Price list post free.

A SMART lot of typical pedigree hens very cheap, 5/- each; worth 10/-: French, 702, Fulham-rd., S.W.

FOR sale few pairs of Yorkshires and Norwich 10/6 a pair: Hill, 78, Wilford-crescent, East Nottingham.

YELLOW marked cocks, 12/6 each, worth 15/-, 20/-; and others, 7/6: Miss M. Walker, 56, Queen's-rd., Wimbledon.

BARGAIN; pair prize bred Yorkshires, new double breeding cage, 10/6 lot: Miller, 14, Craven-st., Barnoldswick, Yorks.

YORKSHIRES for sale, cocks from 7/6, hens from 5/-; bred from winners; approval: King, 49, Inworth-st., Battersea.

LEGGY Yorkshire cock, two hens, lot 12/6; leggy Cinnamon marked cock only 8/6: Eastoe, 88, York-rd., Southend-on-Sea.

HIGH-CLASS Yorkshire and Belgian crosses, some over 7 inches, from 7/6; stamp reply: Fletcher, Home House, Whitby, Yorks.

BARGAINS; 1911 Yorkshires; clear yellow 7/-, ditto buff 6/-, tkd., buff 10/-: J. Williamson, Mount Pleasant, Riddings, Alfreton.

NOTICE. Grand lot Yorkshires, many winners; prices low; easy payments taken; approval: McKeand, Castle Douglas.

J. BURTON has some high-class Yorkshires, stock or show, reasonable for sale; seen Sundays: Flat 6, 87, Gt. Titchfield-st., W.

CHAMPION strain Yorkshires, cocks 7/6, hens 4/-, upwards; matched pairs from 10/6: 65, St. Quinton's-avenue, North Kensington.

TRUE Yorkshires; Reducing stock, quick clearance, will sell cocks 5/6, 7/6, hens 3/-: Haynes, 108, Beaufort-rd., St. George, Bristol.

GRAND Yorkshire Canaries for sale, cocks from 6/-, hens from 3/-; approval: G. Smart, 42, Woodlands-st., Smethwick, Birmingham.

F. BEARD, Llandrindod Wells, winner over 80 prizes this season, will exchange pair Silver Dragoons (winners) for pair Yorkshires.

GENUINE bargain; unflighted buff cock, 2nd open class, Jonas Knight strain direct, 15/-; approval: J. Rogers, Afonwen, Flintshire.

YORKSHIRE cock Canaries 6/-, hens 3/- each; Bullfinch hen 3/-; twice house-moulted; stamp reply: Hicks, Station, Boroughbridge.

YORKSHIRE cocks, in full song, 4/-, 5/-, 6/- each; hens, 2/-, 3/-, 4/-, each; satisfaction guaranteed: Heathcote's Aviaries, Leicester.

YORKSHIRE green cock, 7/6; cinnamon and yellow hens, 2/6 each, all standard length, 1910 birds: Robinson, 33, Avenham-rd., Preston.

HIGH class Yorkshires, singles or matched pairs, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, 18/-, 21/-; approval: Ernest Cheshire, 26, Crawford-st., Bradford.

YORKSHIRE hens, clears, also Cinnamon, and green marked, grand length and quality; approval: Knight, Beech Holt, Shelford, Cambridge.

HAVING selected my breeding stock can spare few pairs at 12/6, 15/-, 17/6 and 20/- pair; approval anywhere: Metcalfe, 68, Brunswick-rd., Liverpool.

TWO buff green cocks, both winners, and one yellow green hen, all Palace strain, 35/- the three; approval, deposit: Wood, Saddler, Cleckheaton.

MY thirty selected stock and prize Yorkshires for immediate disposal, 45 cages, 5 racks; state wants: Lucas, Bedford-avenue, Whalley Range, Manchester.

HIGH quality Yorkshire cocks, cold room, cinnamon-bred clears, 10/-; buffs, like wax, few matched pairs, from 13/6: Clegg, 178, Bentley-rd., Doncaster.

STOCK Yorkshires, buff, yellows, related winners Newcastle, Hartlepool, Gateshead, Sunderland, Whitehaven, Carlisle; reasonable: Tweedie, High-st., Maryport.

HIGH-CLASS Yorkshire, grand quality; mateb pairs from 12/6; every bird standard length; approval anywhere: C. Raker, 6, Bright-st., Cross-lane, Salford.

GRAND Yorkshires, related to winners, cocks 7/6, hens 5/- upwards; lot cheap; satisfaction guaranteed; approval; deposit: O'Reilly, Nunthorpe-avenue, York.

JAMES THOMAS, Bugle, Cornwall, for classical Yorkshires; nearly all bis winners for sale, reasonable; cocks from 7/6 to £1 10s.; hens 4/- to £1; approval.

YORKSHIRES, bred from champion bred parents, stock pairs from 15/-; all cocks from 5/-, hens from 3/-; no purer blood: Range, 30, Mildmay-grove, North London.

TWO champion Yorkshire hens, clear, yellow, 4/- each; variegated buff, 3/6; clear prize bred cock, 6/6; all colour-fed; genuine: Greenwood, Heath-villas, Halifax.

FOR sale, few clear and green marked Yorkshire cock Canaries, Cinnamon bred, 1911, good strain, cheap, cold room: 49, Banstead-grove, Roundhay-rd., Leeds.

THREE high class Yorkshire cock Canaries, 1911, Ambler's; 2 yellow, 1 buff, 7/6 each; cash or deposit; approval: Phillips, Donnington, Moreton in Marsh, Glos.

I HAVE some grand long upstanding hens from my winners, feathered like pot, from 10/- upwards; approval: M. Peel, 8, Sunnyside-cott., Skelmanthorpe, Huddersfield, Yorkshire.

YORKSHIRE winning strain, nearly green yellow cock, two variegated yellows, three buffs, 6/- each; few hens 5/- each, 1911 bred; approval: Jebson, Wood-st., Skelmanthorpe.

JUDSON'S high-class Yorkshires, colour-fed, splendid type and quality, carriage paid; approval; cocks 5/- upwards, hens 3/- upwards: Tobacconist, Market-st., Hebden Bridge, Yorkshire.

YORKSHIRES for sale, yellows, buffs, and marked cocks, 10/6, hens 5/-; all well bred birds, in the best of condition, 1910, 1911: W. Vale, 91, Park-st., Grosvenor Square, London.

GEO. BUTLER, breeder and exhibitor, has high-class Yorkshires for sale, cocks from 7/6, hens from 3/6 and upwards; cold-room; approval: 26, Burrow-lee-rd., Owlerton, Sheffield.

GRAND lot of colour-fed unflighted Yorkshires, cocks from 5/-, hens from 3/6, bred from winners in good company; approval: Tom Harriman, Barley-thorpe, Oakham, Rutland.

HIGH-CLASS Yorkshires, 50 pairs, splendid length, type and quality, cocks 5/-, hens 3/-, inspection invited; approval; satisfaction guaranteed: Priestley, 121, Gaythorne-rd., Bradford.

HIGH-class Yorkshires, own breeding, several fit to show, cocks 8/-, 10/-, 12/-; hens 3/-, 4/-, 5/-; inspection invited; approval: Whiting, Ravensbury, Morden-rd., Mitcham, Surrey.

THE old Yorkshire breeder can spare 40 pairs, 7/6, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6 pair; cocks, full song, 5/-, 7/6, 10/6; hens, 3/-, 4/-, 5/-; approval, cash or deposit: Berry, Coal Merchant, Ingrow, Keighley.

1910 YELLOW cock and buff hen, parents of my 3rd Tunbridge Wells last week, 30/-; others equally as good, reasonable, related to my winners: Foxen, 8, Aberdeen-bldgs., Bromley, Kent.

CHAMPION Yorkshires, bred from my winners; see reports, Clapham, Southend, L.C.B.A., Wimbledon, etc.; matched pairs from 12/6; odd cocks, 7/6: Penton, 1, Commercial-st., London, E.

HIGH-CLASS typical Yorkshires for sale, cold room bred for exhibition or stock, cocks from 12/6, hens from 6/-; satisfaction guaranteed; approval: W. Mullin, 76, Albany-rd., Balby, Doncaster.

HIGH-CLASS Yorkshires, splendid length, type, and quality, cocks from 5/-, hens from 3/-; matched pairs, 8/- upwards; approval; satisfaction guaranteed: Greenwood, Colne-rd., Crosshills, Keighley.

MESSRS. PARKES, Anderson-st., Sandal, Wakefield, winners outright City of Wakefield cup, can spare 4 pairs high-class Yorkshires, 15/6 pair; odd hens from 4/- to 7/6; 4 days' approval, cash or deposit.

GREAT sacrifice, must effect immediate sale, room sadly wanted; few buff and yellow Yorkshires, cocks, fit for small shows; almost equal to all my winners, 7/6 each; approval: Hawkes, 390, Grove Green, Leytonstone.

GOOD pair Yorkshires, yellow cock and buff hen, 1910 birds, 30/-; also 3 buff hens, 2 clear, 1 slightly ticked, off the above pair, 7/6 each, £2 10s. the lot; a bargain: J. Dawson, 5, Gt. Clowes-st., Broughton, Manchester.

60 YORKSHIRES, my well-known winning strain, some grand variegated yellow cocks and splendid buff hens from 15/- pair; approval; inspection invited; stamp: Rorke, 50, Ringmer-avenue, Munster-rd., Fulham.

G. T. WALL has a few good class Yorkshire cocks to spare, cheap to clear; buffs 5/- to 10/6; one special yellow cock 12/6; approval; cash returned if not satisfied; cheaper for two or more: Cleveland-avenue, Draycott.

WINNING yellow ticked-wing Yorkshire cock, latest win Chalfont, Gerrard's Cross, last week, rare long-legged, upstanding bird, gem for length, style, and type, accept 20/-; approval: Hawkes, 390, Grove Green, Leytonstone.

BARGAINS: Yorkshire cocks, two buff ticked monsters 5/6 each; one yellow 4/6; buff Belgian-Yorkshire 7/6; hens, Cinnamon yellow 3/6; clear 3/-; three buffs, one yellow 2/6 each; four-pointed buff 3/-; buff Crestbred 3/6: Simpson, Ironmonger, Otley.

FIVE smart, typical, leggy Yorkshire cocks, 1911 birds, in full song, bred from prize stock, 6/6 to 10/- each, 35/- the lot; also good feeding hens, 2/- each, four 6/-, approval, deposit: King, 1, Kimberley-road, Leytonstone.

YORKSHIRES, best blood obtainable, cocks 5/- upwards, hens 3/- upwards, pairs, properly mated, for breeding winners, 7/6 upwards, full of quality, carriage paid, approval: Edgar King, Fairfield, Hebden Bridge, Yorkshire.

CHAMPION Yorkshires, bred from my winners, Bolton, Sale, Sheffield, etc., grand birds cheap; matched pairs 12/-, cocks 7/6, hens 5/-; inspection invited; approval: Radford, 114, Second-avenue, Trafford Park, Manchester.

WHY pay fancy prices when you can get real good Yorkshires cocks full song 5/6, 6/6, 7/6, 8/6, 10/6, hens 3/6, 4/6, 5/6, 6/6, 7/6; pairs 8/6 upwards; approval; cash or deposit: J. Middleton, Croft House, Thwaites, Keighley.

GRAND buff cock, 1st Haltwhistle, 3rd Gateshead, etc., well known, £4; another £2; some topping 1911 cocks, yellow or buff, from 10/- each; every bird my own breeding, from best blood; approval willingly; Ellwood, Blaydon.

A. L. HAWKES has few exceptional fine colour-fed Yorkshire hens, in all colours, feathered to perfection, length, type, and quality, cannot be excelled, 5/-, 7/6, 10/-, 12/6, and 15/-, each; 7 days' approval: 390 Grove Green-rd. Leytonstone.

SELL following up-to-date Yorkshires: 4 yellow cocks, 10/6 and 12/6 each; 6 buffs, 8/6 and 10/6; eight clinking hens, buffs, 5/-; yellows, 6/- each; no better strain obtainable: Mr. Dodgson, 40, Priestman-terrace, Bradford, Yorkshire.

C. CATTELL, winner Northern Yorkshire C.C. gold medal, pairs from 12/6 upwards, bred from winners at Chopwell, Newcastle, Hartlepool, Blaydon, Gateshead, Sunderland, etc.; approval, cash or deposit: 81, Wingrove-rd., Newcastle-on-Tyne.

SELL buff Cinnamon mark Yorkshire hen, winner 2nd prize Doncaster, etc., 60/-, also two young Cinnamon mark cocks from the above, one yellow and one buff, 20/- each; cash or deposit: Spencer, 17, Wood End, Hebden Bridge, Yorkshire.

KING'S celebrated Yorkshires, splendid length, type, and quality, bred from my cup winners; cocks from 5/-; hens from 3/-; perfectly matched pairs, 8/6 upwards; approval, deposit, carriage paid: Sydney B. King, Mytholm, Hebden Bridge.

OWING to removal, and not now having the accommodation, I am compelled to dispose of my stock of high-class Yorkshires; cocks, 7/6, 10/-, to 60/-; hens, 5/-, 7/6, to 50/-; satisfaction guaranteed: Yates, Spurgeon-rd., Pokesdown, Bournemouth.

GIVING up Yorkshires, have some grand typical yellow and buff cocks including winners for disposal from 8/6; ditto hens from 3/6; pairs from 10/6; none reserved; state wants; stamp reply; deposit; approval: Drew, 7, Belmont-st., Old Trafford, Manchester.

CHAMPION Yorkshires for sale, having finished showing for this season we have all our birds for sale, none reserved; cocks from 7/-, hens from 5/-; state wants, and we will oblige; approval, cash or deposit; inspection invited: Shaw Bros., Sandy-lane, Allerton, Bradford

A. L. HAWKES, 390, Grove Green-rd., Leytoustone, has a grand lot of colour-fed Yorkshires, in all colours, including all bis winners, none reserved, cocks or hens, from 5/- each, pairs, 10/-; these long, leggy birds for length, type, and quality, cannot be excelled. See reports.

CHAMPION Yorkshires, long leggy upstanding birds, just the sort to breed winners, 6/6, 7/6, 8/6, 10/6, upwards; hens, 5/6, 6/6, 7/6, 10/6; pairs, properly mated, bred winners, 12/6, 15/-, 20/-; approval, 4 days; 26 years' breeder, exhibitor: Frank Stevens, Great Ayton, Yorkshire.

YORKSHIRES! Winner 12 firsts, 6 specials, 6 seconds, 34 cards this seasou; Abertillery, Tredegar, West Bromwich, Cardiff, Newport, Reading, Ludlow, Nantymoel, Felinfoel, Swansea; beautiful bargains; £1; nice hens 5/-, 7/6, 10/-; state wants; approval; stamp: Newell, 62, Princess-st., Abertillery.

J. C. BARNES, 113, Northfield-rd., Walkley, Sheffield; Sheffield Challenge Cup winner (3 years in succession); few grand lengthy specimens of correct position, and well on leg, to spare; cocks, 20/- up; hens, 10/- up; matched pairs a speciality; approval with every pleasure; inspection earnestly requested; no better blood obtainable.

YORKSHIRES for sale; two clear yellow cocks, fed, 1911 bred; two buff cocks, one 1911, one 1910; nine yellow Yorkshire hens; one buff, non-fed, 1910 bred; two yellow hens, 1911; two yellow variegated hens, 1911 (fed); healthy, cheap to clear, room wanted at once; will take £2 6/- for the lot; approval; cash or deposit with Editor of this paper: J. Skinner, 4, Alma-rd., Millfield, Peterboro'.

ALMOST GIVEN

PRIZE-BRED Yorkshires, 7/6 to 10/- pair; odd birds cheap; trade supplied: Broxup, Naturalist, Burnley.

TYPICAL YORKSHIRES 7s. PER PAIR

also winners at Yorkshire Union Shows (Novice Section); own breeding; approval: Packer, 59, Curzon-rd., Bradford.

FAULKNER'S

high-class Yorkshires bred from my winners Burnley, Bolton, Rochdale, etc., including 2 buff cocks, sure winners, £1 each; also a few matched pairs from 12/6 pair; approval, cash or deposit: 82, Park-rd., Rochdale.

CHARLES MARTIN.

WINNER of Scottish Yorkshire rose bowl this season, also gold medal for best young Yorkshire at Glasgow Dis., has a few good birds, yellows and buffs, for sale; cocks from 10/-, hens from 7/6; on approval.—19, McIntosh-st., Dennistown, Glasgow.

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has a few splendid Yorkshires, all in champion condition, just the birds for members' shows; must be cleared; inspection invited; cocks, 10/- to 30/-, hens, 7/6; satisfaction guaranteed or money returned; approval: Neiley, Honley, Huddersfield.

WALSH'S CHAMPION YORKS.

Now ready, long stylish cocks, from 6/-; hens, feathered like wax, real gems, from 5/-; in clears, ticked, or marked, yellow or buff, all cold-room bred; all on approval; satisfaction guaranteed; several show specimens for sale: 12, Angel-st., Baildon, Yorks.

EXCEPTIONAL OPPORTUNITY

of procuring Yorkshires of the highest possible breeding, direct from Palace winners, purchased regardless of cost; can spare limited number of splendid length, full of style, type, quality and position; many noted winners supplied from this strain; clear yellow cock, 1910, winner, grand bird, 25/-; ditto buff, winner, 20/-; smart unflighted buff cock, winner, 15/-; marked yellow ditto, splendid type, 15/-; several exceptionally choice hens, both colours, 15/- to 25/- each: approval; stamp reply: Arthur Brotherhood, Newport, Salop.

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Yorkshires now ready; good feather, length, and in the pink of condition; watch show results; birds fit to win at reasonable prices; a few matched pairs from 12/6 upwards. Write at once and avail yourself of a splendid opportunity. All on approval and satisfaction guaranteed; cash or deposit: 8, Colne-rd., Glusburn, nr. Keighley.

HIRST'S

High-class Yorkshires, guaranteed same breed as my winners, 1st Burnley, Bolton, Manchester, from 7/6; few special birds 20/- to 70/-, including 2nd Great Harwood, 4th Bradford National, fit for Palace, 4th Bolton; approval; inspection invited: Ramsbottom-st., Accrington.

YORKSHIRE CANARIES.—14 days' trial, our risk. Very typical Cocks, 5/-, 6/-, 7/6, and 10/- each. Hens, 2/6, 3/6, and 5/- each. Well-matched pairs, 7/6, 10/6, and 15/- per pair. Breeding cages and all appliances. Catalogue free. Patronised by Royalty, Experts, and Judges.—**Northern Aviaries, Ormskirk Road, Preston.**

A. BAXTER

has still some grand Yorkshire cocks and hens, bred from his winners at following shows: Oldham, Rochdale, Wolverhampton, Tunstall, Sale, etc.; prices reasonable; approval; stamp reply: Wadelock, Uppermill, nr. Oldham.

POWICK'S CHAMPION YORKSHIRES.

The same strain as the winners at all the leading shows; length, type and quality; cocks in full song, 7/6, 10/6; hens, 5/6, 7/6 each; sure winners, 15/6 each; ten days' approval at my risk: W. Powick, Dewsbury, Yorkshire.

CHAMPION YORKSHIRES

E. W. Rogers, winner Canary Cup two years running, see reports, Portsmouth, Tonbridge, Wandsworth, Brighton etc., can spare several pairs, grandly bred, possessing the best of type and quality, direct Ambler's and Frost strain; prices most reasonable; write stating wants: 155, Queen's Park-rd., Brighton.

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I have two big fine buff cocks 7½ ins. long, fine feathered, grand position, no better in Bradford, 15/- each; two clear yellow stock hens to match 10/-; these pairs are sure to breed winners; others from the same strain, cocks 5/6 each, hens 3/6 each; particulars stamp; seven days approval; cash or deposit: E. North, Breeder and Exhibitor, 477, Manchester-rd., Bradford.

W. H. SHACKLETON

can now supply some splendid stock birds, bred from his noted champions. The honours awarded to my birds during the last 10 years is conclusive proof that this is the purest and most reliable strain of the present day. Cocks, 7/6, 10/6, 15/6, 20/-, to 40/-; hens, 7/6, 10/6, 15/6, 20/-, 30/- each; pairs, 15/6 to 60/-; approval, cash or deposit; stamped address for reply: Melrose Aviaries, Lytton-rd., Girlington, Bradford.

KNIGHT'S YORKSHIRE AVIARIES

50 pairs high-class Yorkshires, in all varieties, unrelated and suitably matched pairs, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, 20/-, to 30/-; single cocks, 6/-, 8/-, 10/-, 12/6, 15/-, to 20/-; single hens, 5/-, 7/6, 10/-, 12/6, to 15/-; also few specially selected exhibition specimens, from 20/- upwards, suitable for novices, amateurs, at forthcoming Palace and other shows; by comparison these prices are probably not more than half charged by exhibiting dealers for birds of equal quality and furnishings; all cold-room bred, reared, and kept; all approval, cash, or deposit; full season's price list free from Jonas Knight, Allerton, Bradford, Yorkshire.

OGDEN BROS.

Have a few winners to spare, also matched paire to breed winners, from 15/6; watch show reports, and write for them straight off the show bench; inspection invited: Dudley Hill, Bradford.

J. BROOKS

has some splendid Yorkshires for sale, including show and stock birds, pairs from 12/6 upwards, single 5/- upwards; satisfaction guaranteed; on approval; inspection iuvited: 320, Ainsworth-lane, Long Moor, Bolton.

HAWES BROS.

the Southern champions, having won the S.Y.C.C., Champion Challenge Cup, Champion Trophy, Easterling Challenge Cup, Ayer's Points Cup and eight Champion Diplomas this season; latest wins, Tunbridge Wells and Woolwich; pairs from 10/6; also winners; inspection invited; stamp reply: 73, Fermoy-rd., Paddington or Oakley, Brill, Bucks.

LEADING QUALITY.

Reliable high-class Yorkshires at low prices; cocks, 5/6, 6/6, 7/6, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6; hens, 2/6, 3/-, 3/6, 4/-, 4/6; all on 7 days' approval at my risk; illustrated list post free: Miss Storey, Crowle, Doncaster.

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Has about 40 matched pairs of good Yorkshires for sale; fit to win; all been bred off my winners; from 8/6 a pair; satisfaction guaranteed; stamp reply: Clifton-rd., Brighouse.

R. TINDALE,

WINNER N.Y.C.C. CHAMPIONSHIP.

trophy 1911 and 1912. N.Y.C.C. Challenge Cup, Newcastle C.B.S., N.F. Cup, and other valuable cups and specials, has about 60 birds to dispose of, all related to above winners and bred from the strains of Messrs. Crawhall, Bailey, and Towers. A few exhibition birds at reasonable prices. Stock birds, cocks 10/- to 25/-; hens 7/6 to 20/-; approval, deposit: 14, Affleck-st., Gateshead.

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Our winnings in cinnamon marked Yorkshires and green marks, exceed those of any other fancier; also winning the £10 10s., cup for green marks, for 1910 and 1911, and special for best in show with clear birds; matched pairs same strain as above from 15/- a pair; also a few exhibition birds that will repay you on the show-bench; inspection invited; stamp for reply; three days' approval: 1, Back Kitson-st., Windhill, Shipley, Yorks.

BARGAINS IN YORKS.

About 70; must clear at once; healthy birds; from prize strains; breeding condition; cocks from 7/6, hens from 3/-, pairs from 12/6; only want seeing; write, or call after 12: H. Smith, 115, Merton-rd., Wimbledon.

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Do you want the right birds to breed your own winners? If so give me a trial; all my own breeding and bred from my own prize winners, guaranteed. Not having much time to show my birds, I have a grand lot of extra good birds for sale: Fountain Inn, Eccleshill, nr. Bradford, Yorkshire.

Purchased Mr. S. Drake (Halifax) noted strain of Yorkshires.

Winners of hundreds of prizes, gold and silver medals cups, etc. Some real beauties on approval; also strains which won at Crystal Palace these last 20 years, including Mr. Bates', Mr. Binn's, Mr. Blackhurst's, all big winners I have supplied scores of winners and can do so yet, not exhibiting this variety myself; some grand yellows and buff cocks, 6/-, 7/-, 8/-, 10/-, 12/-, 15/-, 20/- each; hens yellows or buffs, 4/-, 5/-, 6/-, 7/-, 8/-, 10/-; matched pairs to breed winners, 12/-, 15/-, 16/-, 16/-, 20/-'25/- pair; any on approval; full guarantee given; breeder 30 years this address: **SANDIFORD, Canary Breeder, PRESTON, LANCS.**

AMBLER'S CHAMPION YORKSHIRES

need no puff or bounce, there are none better in the Fancy; during these last 30 years our birds have won thousands of prizes, cups, bowls, medals, etc., both for us and our customers, at all the leading shows, three times winning special for best in show, Crystal Palace; as we are not exhibiting this season, we have for disposal winners that can win in keenest competition, including some sensational birds that can win Palace, also magnificent lot of stock birds, cocks and hens, wonderful length, type, style, and feathered like wax, pairs 15/- to 60/-, single birds proportionate, all cold-room bred, and on approval, cash or deposit; note our new address: Messrs. Ambler, Langton Lodge, Scotton, Knaresborough, Yorkshire.

THE YORKSHIRE BREEDERS'

Society are genuine breeders, who have previously supplied birds to all the leading exhibitors and dealers of Bradford and district. Our object is to deal fairly and honestly direct with other breeders, thereby saving the middlemen's profits, which means better value for money; also information as to how the birds are bred, which is a vital point in pairing to breed winners. Our honest dealings are already widely known, and our reputation stands unrivalled. Don't be misled by exaggerated statements, but apply direct to bona fide and reliable breeders, who can supply breeding sets (cock and 2 hens) from 12/6, 15/-, 20/-, upwards; pairs from 8/6 upwards; cocks from 6/-; hens from 4/-; exhibition birds reasonable. Cages, 3d. extra. Approval, cash or deposit. Address: "Secretary," 40, Springcliffe, Manningham, Bradford, Yorkshire.

Various Canaries.

McCULLY, 169, Windleshaw-rd., St. Helens, Lancs.; 20 good Norwich and Yorkshires, cocks from 7/-, or cheap taking lot.

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GRAND lot Norwich, Yorkshires, Borders, Rollers, cocks 4/6, 5/6, 6/6; pairs, ready for breeding, 6/6, 8/-, 10/-; hens, 2/-, 2/6, 3/6; approval; travelling cages, 3d.: B. Soanes, 92, Bevan-st., Liverpool.

SOME very good stock hens for sale, 2 buff Borders 3/- each, 2 buff Rollers, 3/-, 5/- each, yellow Norwich 3/6, typical buff Norwich 5/-; all clears, any on approval: Thomson, Academy-st., Larkhall, Scotland.

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TO CLEAR—FINAL LOT.

Five Canaries, lot 15/-; two cocks, 1911, 3 hens, 1910: Windsor, The Crofts, Nantwich.

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Several show or stock birds for sale, tip-top specimens; workingmen's prices; satisfaction guaranteed; state wants; inspection invited: Bradley Quarmby, 24, Bridge-st., Slaithwaite, nr. Huddersfield.

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on my easy purchase system. Birds forwarded on receipt 1st payment, on approval. No such terms offered elsewhere. Largest breeder in the West. Enormous stocks Plainheads, Norwich, Yorkshires, and Crest; having some of the finest birds in England, defy contradiction; stamp reply: Neame, Exporter and Exhibitor, The Aviaries, 13, Durnford-st., Stonehouse, Devon.

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years of practical experience in the Canary World, and winners of over 2,000 prizes, should be a splendid record to enable us to place our incomparable price list before you. Yorkshire cocks, clear, ticked, or marked, yellows and buffs, 6/6, 8/6, 12/6, 15/-, 20/- each; hens, yellows and buffs, 3/6, 5/6, 7/6, 10/6, 12/6 each; Norwich cocks, clear, ticked, or marked, yellows and buffs, 7/6, 10/6, 15/-, 20/-, 25/- each; hens, yellows and buffs, 4/6, 7/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/- each; pairs, Yorkshires or Norwich, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, 20/-, 25/- a pair. The combination of price and quality of our stock cannot be excelled anywhere. We are sure to please you, as we hold the finest stock of birds in the North; approval, cash or deposit.

MALLINSON AND SON,
Victoria Street, Huddersfield.

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I will match you Norwich, Yorkshires, Border Fancies, Hartz Mountain Rollers, or Lizards in the correct way; i.e., **NOT** two buffs, as the majority do when supplying the novice at a low price. All the pairs I am offering here shall have cocks that are on song, and shall be selected as strong, hardy birds, likely to do all that you require of them, at **10/6 pair.** I will also fit you up with a **double breeding cage,** with everything complete for use, for **3/6** extra: or a better cage, with sand drawers, sanitary fittings, etc., for 5/- extra; this latter recommended. With the utmost confidence I offer these bargains. ☞ It is a well-known fact that the name of William Rudd stands for the hall mark of quality.

Travelling cages, 3d. extra in all cases.

Easy payments if desired by joining my Original Bird Club, particulars free.

W. RUDD The Bird Specialist. **NORWICH.**

3 FIRSTS. 4 SECONDS. 2 THIRDS.

The above is the record of my birds for Saturday, January 13th, 1912 (See reports in this issue). You have only to watch the reports of all the leading championship shows to see with what consistency my birds keep to the front. I have secured over 260 prizes this season, including firsts and specials at all the leading shows. My birds are shown at open shows only, and in hottest competition.

My customers are also winning every week with birds supplied by me or with birds bred from my stock. Every post brings in a number of testimonials from satisfied customers. These are filed for the inspection of all.

I am now in a position to supply marvellous value in **Yorkshires, Norwich, Borders, Yorkshire Greens, Mules, Siberian Goldfinches, Rollers, Lancashires, Cinnamons, Crests, etc.** All I ask is a trial order to convince you of this.

The following are a few prices:—**YORKSHIRE COCKS** (In full song), any colour, **5/6, 6/6, 7/6, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, 20/-, 25/-, 30/-** each. Grand racy Hens, 3/-, 4/-, 5/-, 6/-, 7/6, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/- each. Matched Pairs, personally matched by me with a view to breeding winners, **6/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, 20/-, 25/-, 30/-** per pair upwards.

GRAND LARGE COBBY NORWICH, with good fronts and plenty of substance, at same price as Yorkshires. **Seifert Rollers,** in full rolling song, **10/-, 12/6, 15/-, 17/6, 20/-** each. Every bird on seven days' approval with pleasure. Travelling cages, **3d.** extra.

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Remember this, please. I have the largest stock in Great Britain to-day. **I invite you** to come and see my birds for yourself. My rooms are open every day except Sunday. You don't need to make an appointment. Just come and you will be welcome.

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Established over 32 years.

PAY NOTHING.

You have no necessity to pay for fancy false names; such things do not improve the quality of the birds, but you are most certainly expected to pay for them. My birds are wonderful value for money. Just you have one on approval, and compare it with another at a higher price. Then keep the one that fully meets with your approval. My birds are genuine high-class true-bred specimens, and the prices are so cheap. Every one of my numerous customers speak highly of my birds. Come and look at my large stock of birds. You will be pleased. My famous German songsters, the working man's friend: cocks that will sing by day and by gaslight, loud, free, continuous songsters; every bird tested before sending out. Cocks, 4/6, 5/-, 5/6, 6/- each; matched pairs for breeding songsters, 6/-, 6/6, 7/6, 8/-. Genuine trained St. Andreasburg Rollers, with full change of song by day and artificial light, bred and trained by leading contest winners in their home land, with full volume of song, free from harsh or choppy notes, cocks, 7/6, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6 each; hens, 2/-, 2/6, 3/- each. High-class long slim typical Yorkshires, in all colours, clean moulted, cocks 5/-, 5/6, 6/-, 6/6, 7/6, 8/6; a few extra good specimens for exhibition, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-; accurately matched pairs for breeding, 7/6, 8/6, 9/6, 10/6, 12/6; superior quality, lengthy hens, 2/-, 2/6, 3/-, 3/6, 4/6. Plainhead Norwich, Dutch-cut, cobby, stylish Norwich, in all colours, quality that will astound you, especially at the prices; clean moulted cocks, in song, 5/-, 5/6, 6/-, 6/6, 7/6, 8/6 each; grand quality hens, 2/-, 2/6, 3/-, 3/6, 4/- each; matched breeding pairs, 6/6, 7/6, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6; neat travelling cages, 3d. each. You really must see these birds to be convinced of their value, for it is utterly impossible for small breeders or dealers to sell such quality at the prices; all birds on seven days' approval at my risk, and I pay carriage back if you should not be satisfied: E. L. Storey, Practical Bird Specialist, Crowle, Doncaster.

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OF BRADFORD.

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Bird Specialist,
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Extra Bargains for Keen Buyers.

NORWICH

Cocks, 5/6, 6/6, 7/6, 8/6, 10/6; hens, 2/6 and 3/6 each; pairs, 7/6, 8/6, 10/6. Note.—Some real good cocks, with plenty of size and substance, fed, and for show, 12/6, 15/-, 20/-; hens, with size and substance, to match, 4/6, 5/6, 7/6. Worth treble; guaranteed.

YORKSHIRES

Cocks, 5/6, 6/6, 7/6, 8/6, 10/6, 15/-, 20/-, 30/-; hens, 2/6, 3/6, 4/6, 5/6, 7/6, 10/6, 15/-; pairs matched for breeding, 7/6, 8/6, 9/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, 20/- upwards. Some good Greens, 10/6, 15/-, 20/- pair; cocks, 8/6, 10/6; hens, 3/6, 5/6 upwards.

ROLLERS

Genuine Hartz Mountains. Cocks, 5/6, 6/6, 7/6, 8/6. Hens, 2/-, 2/6. Pairs matched for breeding, 7/6, 8/6, 10/- upwards. Grand Seifert Cocks, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, 20/- each. Hens, 3/6 and 5/-; cages, 3d. extra. Do not be deluded into paying high prices for "bogus" and meaningless names, when I will sell you, not as good, but better at half the price.

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I offer specially selected songsters, every bird proved and tested, of extra good singing power, either in Norwich, Yorkshire, Border, or Lizard, 7/6, 8/6, 10/6.

Cages in all cases 3d. extra, easiest of payments by joining my bird club: distance no object. For all other varieties, see my detailed price list.

W. RUDD. The Bird Specialist, **NORWICH.**

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Yorkshires and Norwich, cocks, all colours, 6/-, 7/6, 10/-; buff hens, 2/6, 3/-; yellows, 5/-; Matched Pairs, 10/-, 12/6; Border Fancies, cocks, 5/-, hens 2/6; St. Andreasburg Rollers, cocks 10/-, hens 2/6; Lizards, Pairs 10/-; Yorkshire Greens, Pairs 10/-, 12/6. For cash, or by deferred payment system of half-crown with order, and balance as arranged.—**EDGAR BROADBENT, Decorator and Canary Exporter, The Millhouse, Lime Street, SHEFFIELD.**

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Read following testimonials for proof of quality, value, and where to obtain the best Yorkshires from:—Bridgeness, Bo'ness, Scotland, January 13th, 1912; Received bird in the pink of condition and am very pleased with it; it is a far superior bird, and half the price I paid another advertiser for one, which was not as good:—J. McIntosh to J. Taylor.—Another from: Lavister, Near Wrexham, January 13th, 1912.—I am extra well pleased with the pair you sent me, and the cock was singing the place down on Friday. Will send for another pair soon.—J. Gibson to J. Taylor.—Another from 76, Victoria Street, Belfast, January 12th, 1912.—Birds to hand safe, and please me in every respect. Thanks for prompt despatch and careful packing. Will recommend you to all I know.—W. Sands to J. Taylor.—Scores similar to these received during last week.

High-class, lengthy, yellow and buff Yorkshire cocks on full song, at **6/-, 7/-, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-** each. Properly and carefully matched pairs for breeding winners at **8/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, 20/-, 25/-, 30/-,** per pair. In clears, ticked, marked, cinnamon marked, and clear pink-eyed, colour-fed or natural colour, and all in the best of health and feather; grand stylish yellow and buff hens at **3/-, 4/-, 5/-, 6/-, 7/-, 8/6, 10/6** each. All cold-room bred and kept. Also some grand show cocks and hens, including several winners this season, at very reasonable prices; state wants. New illustrated price list, with numerous winning testimonials, post free. All birds on seven days' approval at my risk. Travelling cages, **3d.** extra.

NORWICH, CRESTS, ETC.

Large cobby Norwich Cocks, at **6/-, 7/-, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6** each. Hens, **3/6, 4/6, 5/6, 7/-, 8/6, 10/6** each. All colours in stock. Pairs at **8/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, 20/-** per pair. Massive Crested Cocks and Hens, at **8/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, 20/-** each. Crestbred Cocks and Hens, **7/-, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, 20/-** each. Pairs for Crest breeding, **12/6, 15/-, 20/-, 25/-, 30/-.** "Barnett's" and "Joyce's" strains. Also Sib. hens, songsters, etc., in stock. Please state wants.

EASY PAYMENT SYSTEM.—Birds sent off at once on receiving first payment. Send for terms, particulars, and Price List post free. Only and old address:—

J. TAYLOR,

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Frizinghall, Bradford.

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MUST sell for want of room, three Siskin Mules, and Chaffinch, 4/- lot: James Duncan, Citadel, Inverness.

H.M. Siskin, yellow hen Canary, 6/6; Siskin mule, in full song, 7/6: Simpson, 27, Cawdor-st., Bentley, Doncaster.

LIGHT Goldie mule cock, 12/6; dark Goldie mule cock, 8/6; both Finch song: Hughes, 7, Pool side, Carnarvon.

TWO high coloured Goldfinch Mules, one a good calling bird, 6/- each, or 11/- the two: Philp, Marazion, Cornwall.

"MORE WINNERS."

See reports, Staveley, Sunderland, Skelmanthorpe etc., in this issue. My winnings this season again exceed those of any other exhibitor. For further proof of what I can supply you with, read following, which are only a sample of the many I have received recently:—"Greenwich House, Old Colwyn, Jan. 14.—I beg to tender my heartiest thanks for sending me such beautiful songsters as I received a few weeks ago. I am more than delighted with them, and would not accept double the money for either of them. Please send me another for a friend, and shall always recommend you.—L. T. Jones to L. Dykes." Another from "23, Shields Road, Glasgow, Jan. 14.—I received the two birds safe; am highly pleased with them. They are in the pink of condition. Please send a matched pair of Yorkshires for enclosed amount.—D. Gilmour to L. Dykes." Another from—"Crown and Anchor, Walsall, Jan. 13.—I received the Yorkshire hen quite safe, and I think she is a real beauty, far better than I thought it would be for the price.—S. Sanders to L. Dykes." If you want stock birds to breed winners, or a winner in keen competition, or a good songster, I ask you to deposit your money and allow me to send on approval against any other, and judge for yourself. This is all I ask—a fair trial.

Champion, long, stylish, yellow or buff Yorkshire Cocks, on full song, at **5/6, 6/6, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, 20/-** each; unrelated, properly matched pairs, at **8/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, 20/-, 25/-, 30/-** per pair; fine racy hens, feathered like wax, any colour, at **3/6, 4/6, 6/6, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6** each. A few good exhibition cocks and hens, can soon win their own cost on the show bench, at **12/6, 15/-, 20/-, 30/-, 40/-** each; colour-fed to perfection, and in best of health. All on seven days' approval at my risk. Travelling cages, **3d.** extra.

Choice lot of large cobby Norwich, Cocks, Yellows or Buffs, at **6/-, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-** each; Hens, **4/-, 6/6, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6** each. **Easy payments** to reliable fanciers and birds sent off at once. Illustrated price list post free. Place your orders with the old reliable breeder and exhibitor, who **breeds his own winners,** that have won thousands of prizes, cups, bowls, gold and silver medals, at all leading shows during the past 20 years. Note address:—

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MULES AND HYBRIDS—Continued.

GENUINE light muling Sibs., grand young yellow cocks, from 5s. each; approval: Waldock, 18, Lake field-rd., Wood Green.

VARIEGATED cock Goldfinch Mule, grand songster, 2nd only time shown, 10/-: A. Wearmouth, 4 Westcroft, Stanhope.

COCK Goldfinch Mules, pure Finch song, 5/- each; prize Norwich and Yorkshires, full song, 5/-: Jackson's Aviaries, Guisbro'.

WINNERS, dark yellow cock Goldfinch Mule, 7/6; Siskin-Greenie Hybrid, 5/-; red Greenfinch, 1/-: Douglas, Bridge-st., Brechin.

VERY large cock Greenfinch-Canary Mule, 1911 bred, 5/6; approval; sire, Greenfinch cock, 2/6: James Thomas, Bugle, Cornwall.

WANTED, a good light mule, exchange first-class poultry, Minorcas or Black Leghorns, laying: Andrews, Weston, Olney, Bucks.

DARK Goldfinch Mule, dark Linnet Mule (cocks), exchange for Goldfinches or Linnets: Leonard, 2, Ivydene Cottage, Cranford, Middlesex.

DARK Linnet Mule cock, he, Hartlepool: vhc. Yarm; bargain; accept 14/-; show cage included: T. Meadley, 40, Watson-st., Hartlepool.

LARGE Sib. hens, guaranteed light muling strain, 2/6, 3/-, 3/6 each, yellows or buffs; satisfaction guaranteed: Heathcote's Aviaries, Leicester.

LARGE pink-eyed Sib-bred hens, sure Light Mule breeders, 5/6; cocks, in full song, 7/6 each; 10 days' approval; no rubbish: W. Powick, Dewsbury.

WHITE Sparrow, caged 8 weeks, large bird, 12/6: Goldie Mule, wild notes, 5/-: approval, deposit: Pringle, 66, Buchanan-st., Stockton-on-Tees.

COCK Light Mule and show cage, 15/6; also another dark, 8/6: both with Finch notes; no rubbish; deposit: David E. Williams, Vron Shop, Denbigh.

WANTED, 1911 Goldfinch or Linnet mule, good songster, give lady's silver watch, in splendid order, value 20/-: Garth, 35, Station-rd., Nostell, Wakefield.

THREE twice moulted muling cock Linnets, 5/- each: Canary-reared cock Goldfinch, father 12 Mules last season, 7/6: Johnson, junr., Wavendon, Bucks.

CHAMPION house-moulted cock Goldfinch, 6/-; yellow green Norwich hen, breed for colour, 3/6; offers wanted: Purser, 15, St. Saviour's-rd., Leicester.

HENS! Hens! Hens! The right sort for light Mule breeding, warranted inbred, clear buffs, 2/6, 3/- each; clear yellows, 3/6, 4/- each: Fred Johnson, 22, Goswell-st., Leicester.

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GOLDIE-Bullie, Greenie Bullie, Linnet-Bullie, Goldie-Greenie, Linnet-Greenie, Siskin-Greenie, all grand young birds, all cheap; price and full particulars, stamp: Andrews, Weston, Olney.

DARK exhibition Linnet Mule, pure Goldfinch song, 15/-; another large dark Linnet Mule, 7/6; Goldfinch Mule, 6/-; or exchange anything useful; letters only: F. Gunn, 36, Pageant-rd., St. Albans.

EXHIBITORS; Goldie-Greenie hybrid, also Scotch Fancy cock (buff), 1909 birds; both well-known winners of numerous firsts, 35/- each, with show cage; approval willingly: E. G. Roberts, South Brent, Devon.

THREE-year-old Linnet, white feathers on breast, and hen Bullfinch, been together 3 months, 7/-; square Parrot's cage, indestructible, cost 19/6 few weeks ago, 10/-: Young, Seed Shop, Newfoundland-rd., Bristol.

EXCEPTIONAL offer; warranted 3 hand-reared 1911 cock Goldfinches, large, healthy birds, been kept and fed with 1911 yellow Norwich Canaries, sure mulers, Goldfinches 6/6, hen Canaries 3/-: Green, 96, Almard., Winton, Bournemouth.

TO mule breeders. Selected hen Bullfinches, been in aviary 3 months, 2/- each: muling cock Goldfinch, 7/6: muling cock Siskin, 7/6; muling cock Greenfinch, 7/6; approval, also a few good mules. List free on application: Walsh, Bird Specialist, Blackburn.

HIGH-class Sibs, few grand hens also cocks, for light muling, 4/- years inbred, warranted, 10/- each. Breeder, Mr. Jones's champion light mule Kitchener, winner 57 firsts and special prizes; bred 1910; tour-pointed buff, ticked yellow, ticked buff and lightly marked, bred 1911, ticked yellow, ticked buff, lightly marked mules: approval: Samuel Sperry, 133, Curzon-st., Leicester.

GRAND 1911 cock Goldfinch-Canary mule, beautiful songster, Finch note, bargain, 10/6; approval; deposit; and one pair of Goldfinches, large birds, 3/-; two hen Goldfinches, 9d. and 1/- each; two cock Greenfinches, 1/6: Mr. A. Whistler, Trafalgar-house, Basing-rd., Basingstoke, Hants.

GENUINE bargains, sing anywhere; variegated Goldfinch Mule, 7/-; brown Linnet Mule, 7/-, two toppers, wild song only; house moulted Linnet, also Goldfinch, both bred Mules, full song, 5/6 each, 10/- two; approval, deposit "Cage Birds": Lambert, Beverston, Doris-rd., Sparkhill, Birmingham.

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WHITE Java Dove, bred 1911, thought a hen, 2/-: Miss Williams, Dransfield, Romsey, Hants.

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WANTED, 3 hen blossom-head Parakeets: Hon. and Rev. Canon Dutton, Bibury Vicarage, Fairford, Gloucestershire.

AVIARY, 20 varieties acclimatised foreign birds, 2/6 pair; cock Pekin Nightingale, 3/-: Mrs. George, 103, Kenlor-rd., Tooting.

TWO pairs Bloodrumps, excellent condition, outdoor aviary bred, 26/- pair; cocks, 12/-; hens, 15/-: Foley, Auburn Villas, Limerick.

VERY fine young blackcheek Lovebirds, 12/6 each, sex uncertain, 5 months old: Miss Peddie Waddell, 4, Gt. Stuart-st., Edinburgh.

ON sale, blue-fronted Amazon Parrot and cage, young and healthy, say few words, 40/-; deposit: Boardman, Bath-st., Lytham.

TWO breeding pairs of Budgerigars, their 2 young ones, and large mahogany aviary, 24/- lot; bargain: K. Older, 64, Kingsland-rd., Bristol.

BLUE-FRONTED Amazon, good bird, new cage, just starting to mimic; exchange Canaries, or sell; offers: Simpson, 7, Prince George-st., Oldham.

GREEN Budgerigars for sale, from outdoor aviary, September hatched, 4/- pair; adult hens 2/6 each: Mrs. Bayly Ransom, Sudbury, Suffolk.

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BRAZILIAN Hanguest, in show condition, 25/-; and red-eared Bulbul, 4/6; both from unheated aviary: Montague, Osborne Lodge, Croxted-rd., W. Dulwich.

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BEAUTIFUL pairs aviary bred Budgerigars, 6/6; pair Javas, 3-; young Ring-neck Parrakeets, 4/6; German cock Goldfinches and Bullfinches, 5/6; state wants: Mander, 28, Lowerhouse-road, Rose Grove, Lancashire.

"THE PEKIN NIGHTINGALE."—Its feeding and management in captivity, with hints on caging, sexing, moulting, breeding, and exhibiting; see Nutshell booklet No. 19, price 2½d., post free, from The Publisher, CAGE BIRDS, 154, Fleet-st., London, E.C.

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WANTED, all kinds Canaries: Barnes, Aviaries, Merthyr.

WANTED old golf balls and disc records: Ross, Aviaries, Forres, N.B.

WANTED all varieties Canaries; state lowest prices: B. Soanes, 92, Bevan-st., Lowestoft.

WANTED, two good 1911 Cinnamon hens, exchange Norwich cocks to value, Mainprize, Witham.

WANTED two hen Canaries; exchange two singing cock Skylarks, worth 10/-: Dutton, Dunstable.

DEALERS supplied with clean healthy colour-fed Yorkshires: Cheshire, 26, Crawford-st., Bradford.

WANTED old golf balls, best prices given, or exchange birds, cages: Phimister, Golf House, Forres, N.B.

WANTED, cock Goldfinches, state price per dozen; apply, letters: G. Martin, 275, Murchison-rd., Leyton.

WANTED, new double breeding cages for prize-bred Norwich in song: M. Scholes, Woodcote, Ottery St. Mary.

WANTED, offers in Budgerigars, for 3 African Owl pigeons: Arthur Turner, High-st., Astwood Bank, nr. Redditch.

WANTED, Linnets, also hen Canaries, for cash, on approval: Martyn, 157, Gilfachcynon, Merthyr Tydvil, South Wales

WANTED cash offers for pair Nuthatches; moulted Siskin, 3/-, good cock Bullfinch, 2/-: Slater, Springrd., Abingdon.

WANTED, Budgerigars in exchange for good Norwich Canaries, or sell cheap: A. J. Buxcey, Park-st., Heanor, Notts.

WANTED hen Goldfinch Mules and hen Canaries, 1/- each given: Henderson, 19, King and Queen-st., Walworth, London.

WANTED, 27/6 for 5 good Yorkshire cocks, or nearest offers, cash or deposit: Dean, 147, Westlane, Keighley.

WANTED, money, or anything useful, for Yorkshire hens, 4/- each; fed: Scaife, 26, Prior-street, Keighley, Yorks.

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CANARIES and Mules, cocks and hens, wanted for cash, state lowest prices: Cole, 71, Montpelier-rd., Peckham, London.

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CODNOR PARK AND EASTWOOD C.B.S.

General meeting, held Jan. 13th, Queen's Head Hotel, Riddings. Balance sheet for 1911 read and found satisfactory; it had been audited by Messrs. J. Driver and L. Parsons, and found correct. Mr. L. Parsons, in moving the adoption of the balance sheet and report of secretary, said he was sure all would agree that the secretary had shown much business ability. In the secretary they had the right man in the right place. Mr. J. Driver seconded by saying that if the secretary did not withdraw his resignation the society might as well close its hooks, and he was going to ask the secretary to withdraw and take the office over again for another year. The secretary responded by stating that if there was no other member who would try his hand at the secretaryship, he would take it over for another twelve months, but stated that he had not the time to attend to it that he would like. Mr. J. Taylor was elected president again. Election of committee left over till another meeting. We have arranged to hold another members' show at Eastwood Jan. 27th, when a grand lot of specials will be given. Schedules will be sent out in the course of the week. This show will be open to members of the Ilkeston C.B.S., so please support.—J. H. Mitchell, Sec.

DARLINGTON C. AND B.B.F.A.

Annual meeting, held Jan. 10th, George Hotel, Mr. W. Cartwright in chair. Secretary read balance sheet, which showed a balance in hand. It was arranged to hold a prize draw, several members having obtained some good and useful prizes. Four delegates appointed to attend Federation meeting at Stockton, Jan. 17th. Following officers elected: Chairman, H. C. Carter; vice-chairman, W. Cartwright; treasurer, J. Wildsmith; auditors, Black and Stevenson; secretary, A. Walker.—A. Walker, Sec.

SOUTHEND & S. COUNTIES O.S.

Annual general meeting held at Alexandra Hotel, January 10th. We missed a few old faces whose presence would have added more zest to our deliberations, and we regret to hear that several members are laid aside by illness. All last year's officers were re-elected with one addition—Mr. E. Hutson, who promises to make an ideal assistant secretary. The financial report showed a small deficit, but it is hoped to reduce this by a members' show, which we propose holding January 24th. The rules were revised, the one important alteration being Rule 8, to read as follows: "All birds exhibited at shows to be the absolute property of exhibitor fourteen days before show." Members are reminded that subs. are now due and that regular attendance at meetings encourages.—W. C. Lockwood, Hon. Sec.

PARTICK AND DISTRICT C.B.C.

Thirteenth annual general meeting, held Jan. 11, with a large attendance. A large amount of business was got through, Mr. R. Anderson presiding. Balance sheet for 1911 read and found satisfactory. Office bearers elected: President, Mr. J. Park; vice-president, Mr. R. Anderson; secretary, Mr. J. Henderson; treasurer, Mr. D. Aitkenhead; Committee, Messrs. Fairweather, Walker, Maxwell, Whitelaw, Henry and McRobbie. Agreed, to hold show of breeding pairs Feb. 2, 6 classes: Crests, Plainheads, Borders, Yorks., A.O.V. and Hybrids. New members: Messrs. E. and A. Steel (Ibrox). Arrangements were made to have "a night with Burns," to be held in McCondach's Rooms, 68, Cranston Street, Jan. 24th, 7.30 p.m. Tickets from members, 1s. 6d. each. A hearty vote of thanks to Messrs. Anderson and Park brought a splendid meeting to a close.—J. Henderson, Sec.

ATTERCLIFFE AND DIST. C.B.S.

Social Evening to be Held.

Annual general meeting, held Horse and Jockey Hotel, Attercliffe Road. Mr. Havenhand presiding. Balance sheet for 1911 submitted showing a splendid balance in hand, notwithstanding heavier expenditure. We enrolled six new members. The presentation of specials won at annual show and table shows was made by Mr. Havenhand. Decided, that a diploma be given with the cup, and a suitably inscribed silver medal in future be presented to retiring cup holder by society. The first silver medal, given by Mr. Hibberson, was presented to Mr. Havenhand. We are to have a supper and social evening on January 25th, 8 o'clock; tickets 2s. each. Supper provided by our worthy treasurer, Mr. Justice, at "Horse and Jockey." Will members desiring tickets kindly let me know on or before Jan. 23rd? A hearty invitation is given to all. Our old friend, Mr. Browning, gave us a champion lecture on the Yorkshire. At the close, questions were invited, and were ably answered by lecturer.—W. A. Hailstone, Hon. Sec.

KENT COUNTY C.B.A.

Meeting held Barton Road School, Dover, Jan. 10th, Mr. E. C. Rayner in chair. Letters read from Messrs. Burton Bros., Lee Green, asking for copy of rules, with a view to membership. Proposed by Rev. H. A. Soames (Bromley) that members may enter as many birds for challenge cup competition as they like (now restricted to two birds per section), each of which must have K.C.C.B.A. stated on entry form and catalogue. This being an alteration to rules, can only be dealt with at annual general meeting. Proposed by Mr. Lockett, seconded by Mr. Abbott, that members be debarred from nominating birds for cup competition in selling classes. This rule, if carried, not to be retrospective. Protest received from Mr. Brett (Folkestone) as to action of committee in awarding British cup to Mr. Wickham, as he (Mr. Brett) gained five points in 15s. selling British class, No. 123, at Canterbury show. The committee, acting under rule No. 24, decided, and maintain, that no points should count for awards in any selling class whatever. Members have an opportunity of voting on the foregoing subjects on election forms, which will accompany balance sheets. Proposed by Mr. Abbott, and seconded by Mr. Reeve, that balance sheets and voting papers be put in hands of printers at once.—A. Hendry, Hon. Sec.

OLDHAM AND DISTRICT C.B.A.

Annual general meeting held January 9th, headquarters. Our annual party is to be held January 27th, when we are hoping to have a good crowd. Three new members were elected. Agreed, that cup rules stand. Balance-sheet for 1911 presented; although showing a slight loss on the previous year's we have a balance in hand of £10 6s. 0½d. Auditor's report was given by Mr. Martin. Election of officers: President, Mr. Hampshire (in place of Mr. Sharples, retired); Vice-Presidents, Messrs. Steeple, Dalzell, and G. Fittom. Mr. Hardy was once again elected treasurer, and Mr. J. Cope secretary. Moved and seconded that the general body of members form committee, five to form a quorum. Messrs. Sims and E. Downes were elected auditors in place of Messrs. Hampshire and Martin. Also agreed that secretary be allowed to take subs. monthly. In regard to our annual party I shall be pleased if all who intend being there will give in their names on or before January 23rd, when we shall be holding our table show of Yorks and British; our friend Mr. G. Fitton will judge. We have decided to purchase two dozen "Cage Birds Annuals"; so will fanciers requiring one please give me their names? On behalf of all our members I thank the retiring officers for their services during 1911. I shall be glad if you will announce our next meeting as a table show of Yorks and British, as I did not put British on the postcard I sent you.—Jas. Cope, Hon. Sec.

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BURY AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

Meeting held Jan. 9th, having removed back again to the Textile Hall as our headquarters. Balance sheet for 1911 was read, and passed unanimously, showing a credit balance of £6 10s. Decided to hold pair show at March 5th meeting. All members please note our next meeting is at Seven Stars, Bolton Street, at 7.30 p.m. Intending members can be enrolled at any meeting on payment of 1s. entrance fee and 6d. per month afterwards.—H. Jameson, Sec.

PAISLEY, TANNAHILL O.S.

Meeting held January 13th, in Lockies, 2, St. James' Street, the President (Mr. R. Neil) in chair. Treas. submitted balance-sheet for 1911; Mr. A. M. McDonald, auditor, also gave a report on same, which was considered most satisfactory. Mr. T. Slater was elected a new member. Two new members were also proposed for next meeting. Secretary intimated the four following judges had agreed to adjudicate at next annual show: Messrs. J. Higgens (Hamilton), A. Nisbet (Galston), P. McAdam (Jamestown), and W. Thornton (Edinburgh). Songs from various members concluded the meeting.—J. Stewart, Sec.

BOLTON AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

First meeting of the year was held headquarters, January 7th. The new officers commenced their duties. Officers: President, Mr. J. Gostling; Vice-President, J. Brooks; Auditors, Messrs. Simms and Taylor; Treas. and Assist. Sec., T. H. Cooper; Sec., James Gerrard, 86, Lonsdale Road, Bolton. The balance sheet shows a loss of £1 6s. on the year, but as we had a loss on our open show of over £9, it was considered quite satisfactory. We decided to have a social at headquarters on February 14th, gents 1s., lady and gent 1s. 6d. Passed, that we have a pair show February 7th (entries 7d.). Judge, Mr. F. Proctor. Also that we have two nest feather shows on June 20th and July 22nd. It is most desirous that we make the social a financial success, and the secretary would be much obliged for any offer of refreshments.—J. Gerrard, Sec.

STOKE-ON-TRENT C.B.A.

First annual meeting held headquarters, January 3rd. There was an excellent attendance. Secretary's report on the work of the past year was listened to very attentively. The statement of accounts showed a balance in treasurer's hands of 15s. 7d., which was considered very satisfactory. A vote of thanks to the retiring officers was unanimously carried. Much regret was expressed when Mr. T. Hawley declined to take office as chairman again. Following officers were elected: Chairman, Mr. H. George; Vice-Chairman, Mr. G. Lea; Treasurer, Mr. W. Roberts; Secretary, J. Pitchford; Auditors, C. Clay and T. Walker. Dr. List was elected a Vice-President. Two new members were elected, Messrs. A. Peake (Stoke) and R. Parker (Chesterton). Mr. Pitchford then presented a nice cup to the society, which was accepted with thanks. As time was getting short, members will decide at a future meeting how it will be competed for. It was decided to have a table show of matched pairs for breeding, for novice only, at our next meeting, February 5th, five classes: Nor. yell. cock and buff hen, buff cock and yell. hen., Yorks. ditto, and pairs for muling. Messrs Roberts, Lea and Davis will judge. Now, novices, this is your night; take advantage of it.—J. Pitchford, Sec.

CHELTENHAM C.B.S.

Annual general meeting held January 10th, the President (Mr. W. Theobald) in chair. There was a good attendance. The Secretary in his report stated that the year has been a very satisfactory one. They had enrolled a number of new members, who more than filled the places of those who had dropped out. The interest in the various shows, lectures and competitions had been well maintained, and the open show had proved a record. Everything in fact had passed off without a hitch, and no complaint had been received. Unfortunately there was an adverse balance of £4 10s. The President set a splendid example by giving £2 towards covering the loss, the remainder will be made up by the members, so that we can start the year free from debt. Mr. Grant, the popular chairman, resigned that office owing to pressure of business, and was heartily thanked for his past services. The Secretary thanked all members for the help given, and paid special tribute to his co-Secretary, without whom it would be impossible to run the show, and who, they would all be sorry to know, was unable to be present, owing to his wife's illness. Following officers appointed: President, Mr. W. Theobald; Chairman, Mr. D. Lewis; Vice-Chairman, Mr. J. Hand; Auditors, Messrs. Lewis and Hands; Hon. Auctioneer, Mr. J. H. Boulter; Assistant Hon. Secretary and Show Manager, Mr. Pounsett; Hon. Secretary and Treasurer, A. S. Treasure.—A. S. Treasure, Hon. Secretary.

BRADFORD EAST O.S.

Fifth annual tea, concert and prize distribution held at Park Chapel Schools, January 9th, when an excellent tea was provided by the members' wives and friends. Over 100 persons sat down, and the tea proved a decided success. Unfortunately, our respected President, Mr. E. Suddards and his wife were prevented from attending, business reasons having called them away to London on the Monday, and thus we were obliged to find substitutes as chairman and a lady to present the prizes. This is the only function in connection with the Society that the President has missed. Mr. G. White, Vice-President, officiated as chairman, and a splendid programme of music, etc., was well maintained by the following popular artistes, each of whom was deservedly encored: Miss A. Hudson (soprano), Miss D. Cruise (elocutionist), Messrs. E. Ludlam (bass), W. Thornton (humorist), Jack Major (humorous elocutionist), along with Miss A. M. Cruise as accompanist. The society feel it would not be like an annual concert if Miss Cruise were not officiating at the piano, for she has obliged us on every occasion that her services have been required, and we appreciate her great kindness. During the interval in the programme, Mrs. G. White kindly presented the prizes to each successful competitor in the members' shows, and the following received valuable prizes: Messrs. F. Allen, W. Stables, C. E. Walker, H. Hill, W. Laycock, G. White, J. Northrop, and Riley Bros. In the champion section. Messrs. Cowell and Calloway, E. Riley, S. Midgley, J. Wroe, G. R. Rushworth, J. Rhodes, W. Turner, and S. B. Grayston in the Novice section, and Mr. J. Gregson and Mr. W. Gornall in the Extra Novice section, Mr. J. Farrar and G. R. Rushworth in the Selling Class section. Some splendid prizes were on view, and no doubt will encourage many who were present and had not obtained one, to be up and doing this year, when another lot of valuable prizes will be given for competition. Mr. H. Hill (the Secretary) gave a brief resume of the year's work, and complimented the members on the progress made throughout the last year, when in membership alone the society had advanced from 65 to 79 members, enabling us to take second place in numerical strength of the societies affiliated with the Yorkshire Union. Remarks were also made in his address with regard to the part the society had taken in the recent National Show for Cinderella Club funds, and it was a matter of congratulation to them to know that the magnificent sum of £62 4s. 10d. had been handed over to this deserving charity, thereby benefiting many poor children in the city, and providing them with food and clothing. Mr. Hill thanked all who had taken part in the annual tea and concert, thereby making it a success, and well up to the standard of previous annual events. The programme was then continued, the meeting terminating with the National Anthem. —H. Hill, Sec.

HULL C.B.S.

Annual meeting held January 1st, 34 members present. Secretary reported the club would have a good balance in band, and that the audited balance sheet would be presented at next meeting. The Chairman, Mr. Geo. W. Oliver, not being present (being at the Scottish National Show) and having intimated he did not seek re-election, Mr. F. H. Stamford was elected chairman, along with the following: Vice-chairman, Mr. A. Clayton; hon. treasurer, Mr. F. S. Howe; hon. secretary, Mr. Ernest R. Ridley; auditors, Messrs. Cross and Lambert; hon. solicitor, B. Suddaby, Esq.; hon auctioneer, W. Clark, Esq.; Committee, Messrs. Barwick, Bray, Frith, Harland, Longborn, Mason, M'Kay, Parkes, Pepper, W. T. Prentice, H. Sowden. After the election the open show was fixed for Nov. 15 and 16, and secretary was instructed to write Messrs. J. Robson and Battye re judging same. Points cups and medals won during 1911 were presented, Mr. F. H. Stamford being declared winner of the cup in the champion section; Mr. J. Precious, gold medal; Mr. Geo. Harland, silver medal; Mr. F. F. Potter received the novice cup, which now becomes his own property, he having won it twice previously; Mr. H. Frith, gold medal; Mr. A. Clayton, silver medal; Mr. J. Precious, most points Mule and British section, gold medal.—E. R. Ridley, Sec.

SHEFFIELD C.B.S.

Meeting held Jan. 4th, Wentworth Cafe, Penstone Street, Mr. F. Jones (president) in chair, supported by the vice-presidents, Messrs. J. Thorpe and T. Hemming. After a good deal of discussion it was decided we adopt the Yorks. Union definition of a tick; and also ask Mr. J. C. Barnes to come and explain the Union's rule. Several members promised to bring birds to illustrate same. Also decided, that February meeting be a table show of matched pairs for novices; one class each Yorks. and Nor.; fixed prize money, 2s. 6d. special for best pair, and no entry fee. Any member joining same night is eligible to compete. A great amount of work is in hand for the committee; instructions to discuss the subject of point specials, cups, and shows; and many excellent recommendations for the programme of present year are down for their consideration. Several specials are already promised for a washing competition for novices; others to follow. Annual open show date fixed for Dec. 14th, and our leading judges were named and voted upon, the two highest in votes we hope to secure. After the election of new members (Messrs. W. Blunt, F. W. Barnes, and F. Daniels), the judge, Mr. Browning, gave an interesting talk on the four winning pairs. He dealt with the various points, and at the close a very hearty vote of thanks was accorded him.—J. Woolhouse, Assistant Sec.

LEEDS C.B.S.

Annual general meeting, held Jan. 6, Lockhart's Cafe, Briggate, Mr. H. J. Mennard in chair. Balance sheet for 1911 showed a cash balance in band of £9 10s.; this was considered satisfactory, and brought forth eloquent remarks from the chairman, and the members kindly presented secretary with £3 3s. as a token of appreciation. Sec. replied, thanking the members for their kindness. Result of ballot for Committee and officers: President, F. Somers, Esq., M.R.C.V.S.; Vice-presidents, W. Turton, Esq., W. Greenwood, Esq., and M. Kitchin, Esq.; chairman of committee, Mr. C. E. Hall; vice-chairman, Mr. H. J. Mennard; committee, Messrs. J. Chambers, A. G. Rhodes, W. Johnson, J. Owen, F. Farrar, W. H. Norton, W. Bristow, H. Smith, J. R. Beckwith, and T. Baldwinson; hon. treasurer, Mr. E. Norton; assistant hon. sec., Mr. J. P. Moir; hon. sec., Mr. W. A. Wilson. Decided that Leeds open show date be fixed for 12th Oct. Will societies in close proximity kindly note to avoid clashing? Judges' names to be advertised in a week or so. Two new members elected: Messrs. R. Cliffe and W. Milner. As we are again including members' names and addresses along with the variety they keep in 1912 Year Book, I invite all intending members to join us at Feb. 3 meeting, and so be in time to have their names printed and also be eligible to exhibit at March 2 pair show. Winning number for bird and cage (given in connection with last Boxing Day show) is 45; kindly apply to sec. for same. Do not forget, members; come in full force to Feb. meeting.—W. A. Wilson, Hon. Sec.

BORDER CITY (Carlisle) O.S.

Annual general meeting held Headquarters, Jan. 3rd, under the chairmanship of Mr. G. Davidson. A large number of members were present; in fact, it was our largest and most enthusiastic meeting. Balance sheet adopted unanimously, showing a balance in hand. Officers elected:—President, E. J. Brook, Esq.; sec., J. C. Bell; treasurer, G. Davidson; show manager, T. J. Robson; the old committee practically elected en bloc with following additions: Messrs. Higgins, Cubby, Holmes, Palfrey, and Frank Bell. A slight addition was made to rules. Date of open show practically fixed for same date as last year. That enthusiastic fancier, T. Holmes, had on exhibition two solid silver cups which he is presenting the society for competition at our open show, the one he presented before having been won outright by Mr. F. F. Lawson, and the thanks of the society were extended to Mr. Holmes for his kindness. Mr. Wilson brought before the meeting a suggestion to have a small confined show, to be held at Stanwix, radius to be fixed at twelve miles from Carlisle. After discussion this matter was left over to find out what expenses would be incurred, and if it would do the society any good. A special meeting was decided on for Jan. 8th to go fully into the matter. Votes of thanks were passed for services rendered by officials, etc.—Meeting held Jan. 8th, re Stanwix show. After discussion it was thought inadvisable, owing to the expense and as the show season is practically over, we should not go on further with this scheme, but leave it until another year. In its place a members' pair show will be held, February 8th; at same time to hold a judging competition for members, and prizes of 5/-, 2/6, and 1/6. Classes arranged: Bord., Nor., Yorks., and Hyb. Pairs most suitable for breeding with British and foreign, singly or in pairs; prize money on sliding scale.—J. C. Bell, Sec.

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Northallerton

Fanciers' Society's Annual Show, Wednesday, Jan. 24, in the Town Hall. Cage Birds (open). First prize 8/-; second prize 4/-; third prize 2/-; entry fee 1/-.—Judge, Mr. W. Gilbank. Classes:—32, Yorks Cock; 33, Yorks. Hen; 34, Norwich Cock; 35, Norwich Hen; 36, British Goldfinch; 37, British Bullfinch; 38, British Linnet; 39, A.V., Mule or Hybrid; 40, Selling Class, pairs, price 20/-; 41, Selling Class, single, price 10/-. Friday's post just in time. Entry small.—C. F. Webb, Hon. Sec., Brompton, Northallerton.

Manchester

And Northern Counties O.S., 14th Annual Members' Show, Saturday, Jan. 20th, 1912, in the Chorlton Town Hall, All Saints' (Manchester). The Norwich Plainhead Club's Cup and other Specials will be on view during the Show. Show Opens at 12 noon Admission 3d. H. BOOTHMAN, Hon. Sec.

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REVIEW OF SCHEDULES.

Parkstone.—Jan. 24, Skating Rink. Judge, Mr Martin Cook. 17 open classes: Nor. 4, Crest 1, Yorks. 4, Mule 2, Brit. 3, For. 2, Sell. 1. Prizes: 10s., 5s, 2s. 6d.; fee 1s. 6d. Ent. close Jan. 20, to Fair and Percy, 3, North Road Villas, Parkstone, Dorset.

Hemsworth.—January 27th, King's Head Hotel. Judge, Mr. J. C. Barnes. 14 open classes: Yorks 5, Yorks Novice 2, Nor. 2, Brit. 3, Mule 1, Sell. 1. Prizes 8/-, 4/-, 2/-. Fee 1/-. Ent. close Jan. 24 to J. W. Gillings, 52, Victoria-st., Hemsworth, Wakefield.

Nantwich.—Feb. 2 and 3. Town Hall. Judge, Mr. H. Tams. 12 open classes: Nor. 1, Yorks 1, A.O.V. 1, Mule 1, Brit. 3, For. 2, Sell. 2, Gift 1. Prizes 10/-, 5/-, 2/6. Fee 1/6. Ent. close Jan. 22 to F. Powell, 38, Welsh Row.

Milford Haven.—Jan. 25, Masonic Hall. Judge Mr. J. M. Lewis. 17 open classes: Nor. 3, Yorks 3, Crest 1, A.O.V. 1, Brit. 5, Mule 2, Sell. 2. Prizes 8/-, 4/-, 2/-. Fee 1/-. Ent. close (extended to) Jan 20 to J. Fisher Gibbs, The Docks, Milford Haven.

ENTRIES CLOSE.

Jan. 19.—Northallerton.—A. Webb, Brompton.
Jan. 22.—Folkestone.—J. W. Gambrill, 56, Cherit Road.
Jan. 24.—Nantwich.—F. Powell, 38, Welsh Row.
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Twitterings.

Kindly note that I have resigned the hon. treasurership of the Codnor Park and Eastwood C.B.S., writes Mr. J. H. Williamson.

Will secretaries please note that I have been elected sec. to the Wakefield O.S., writes Mr. J. Isherwood, 3, Peterson Road, Wakefield.

We hear that Mr. J. W. Metcalfe (Liverpool) is judging the Aintree and Dis. Show on Feb. 5, and Hawarden on Jan. 27.

Mr. J. C. Barnes (Sheffield) has, we hear, been appointed judge for Sheffield O.S. Nest Feather Show, July 6, and Rotherham Open Show Dec. 7.

Kindly note that I have been appointed sec. of the South London Col. F.A., writes Mr. Geo. F. Crawford, of 217, Rotherhithe New Road, South Bermondsey, S.E.

Palace Show.—Exhibitors of Green Canaries please note that Classes 43 and 44 are for hens. Classification should read same as for both Norwich and Border Greens.—Advt.

The date of our show is printed as Oct. 13; it should be Oct. 23 and 24, and Mr. H. Norman will judge, writes Mr. A. T. Bellinger, hon. sec. of the Bromley and West Kent F.A.

Entries are extended in the cage bird section until next Saturday (Jan. 20) post mark, as up to the present entries are very small, writes Mr. J. Fisher Gibbs, the sec. of Milford Haven Show, Jan. 25.

A table show of Yorkshires and British birds will be held at our next meeting, writes Mr. Jas. Cope, sec. of the Oldham and Dis. C.B.S., and I trust all members and as many friends as possible will attend.

Palace Show.—Post your entries to-day. Exhibitors competing for Traders' or Club Specials must mark their entries as directed in the schedule. Points will only be counted to entries so marked.—Advt.

We learn that that old-time and much-respected cage bird judge, Mr. J. Bastock (Moseley, Birmingham), whose principal hobby is horticulture has succeeded in raising five new violas, the best in cultivation.

Entries are coming in very badly for the open Linnet classes, writes Mr. J. Hall, hon. sec. to the Eccles and Dist. C.B.S.; anyone wishing to enter may do so by bringing their birds with them on Jan. 24.

The Littleborough C.B.S. have elected me as hon. sec., and all correspondence is in future to be sent to me, writes Mr. H. Woodhead, 6, Jerrold Street, Littleborough. We have fixed our first feather show for June 29.

A well-known Irish fancier, Mr. E. J. Tighe, of Sligo, has been recently taking a holiday, with his wife, in London, and we hear has had a very pleasant time, including one most enjoyable day at the Zoological Gardens.

The Newport and Dis. C.B.S. is now open to the whole of Monmouthshire for membership, writes Mr. John Hammett, the sec. We are holding our matched pair show at the London Restaurant on Feb. 1 for members only.

Palace Show.—Post your entries to-day. Exhibitors are earnestly desired to price their exhibits at the lowest price they will accept for same. Hundreds of sales can be effected if birds are entered at reasonable prices.—Advt.

In our article of last week accompanying Mr. Goodchild's plate of foreign birds, by a slip we attributed the ownership of the very fine Coppersmith Barbet seen at the L.C.B.A. Show to Mr. Townsend; this should have been Mr. C. T. Maxwell.

I have been re-elected secretary of the Doncaster and Dis. C.B.S., and have changed my address to 1, Pavilion Street, writes Mr. G. Bescoby. Our subscription is now 2s. 6d. and 1s. on nomination, and our radius is extended to twelve miles.

A pair show will be held by the London and Counties A.C.B. this Saturday, Jan. 20, at the "Earl Cathcart," Osnaburgh Street, N.W., two minutes' walk from Portland Road Station, writes Mr. R. J. Pretty, the hon. sec. Mr. G. Gardner will judge.

Members of the Sunderland C.B.S. must return tickets unsold by Saturday, Jan. 20, writes Mr. J. Jeffrey, the sec. We beg to thank all the exhibitors for their support, and hope their birds reached home safely. The hall was cleared before 7.30 p.m.

The Manchester and N.C.O.S. are having a tea and social on Jan. 27 at their headquarters, the Deansgate Hotel, Deansgate, Manchester, writes Mr. H. Boothman, the sec. (8, Kettering Road, Levenshulme). Tea on the table at six o'clock. Price of tickets: Gents., 1s. 9d.; ladies, 1s. 6d. Fanciers and friends are cordially invited, and I shall be pleased to send tickets to anyone wishing to come; or they can be had at our show being held on Saturday, Jan. 20 (see advertisement).

Palace Show.—Post your entries to-day. In reply to many correspondents, claims by letter can only be dealt with after first sales at office window. See rules in schedule, which will be strictly adhered to.—Advt.

The Provincial Roller Canary Singing Contest, which takes place at the Old Boar's Head Hotel, Corporation Street, Manchester, on Jan. 20, has every prospect of being a big success, writes Mr. Andrew Percival, the hon. sec. At the time of writing I have received over 280 entries for same.

Will fellow-fanciers please note that the protest against Mr. F. Potten could not be upheld by our committee? We therefore congratulate Mr. Potten on winning our novice teapot for most points throughout the year 1911, writes Mr. Wm. C. Lockwood, hon. sec. of the Southend and Southern Counties O.S.

Mrs. Parker, of Hailsham, writes: With reference to the insertion of my letter in the League columns of your valuable paper, I noticed that inadvertently the sentence "A group of breeds" was printed. This should read "a group of weeds." It has an exceptionally pretty and unique plate.

Will the members of the Yorkshire C.B.S. of Ireland please note that subscriptions for 1912 are due, and should be paid by Jan. 30 to entitle members to utilise their votes at the annual general meeting, writes Mr. C. Holley, hon. sec.? Also that any proposed new rules or amendments to present rules must be posted by registered letter, to reach me not later than Feb. 1.

We have received from Messrs. Evans Sons, Lescher, and Webb, Ltd. (56, Hanover Street, Liverpool), an exceptionally fine "Agents and Factors' Blotting Pad and Diary for 1912," a very useful item indeed for the desk of any business man. This firm own the celebrated "Liverpool Virus," which has earned such a deserved reputation as an exterminator of rats and mice.

OBITUARY.

MR. A. WHITWORTH (Rochdale.)

I am sorry to have to inform you of the death of Mr. A. Whitworth, of 7, Clement Royds Street, who was one of the founders of the Rochdale O.S., writes Mr. R. Blincoe, the sec. Mr. Whitworth was 72 years of age, and has been connected with us for over 27 years; he has probably bred more birds than anyone in this district, and was an acknowledged expert in all matters relating to them, many of our most successful fanciers of Lancashires getting their first birds from him. He has done an enormous amount of work for the benefit of this society, and much of its success has been due to his efforts and those of Mrs. Whitworth, who has ably assisted him in every undertaking. His loss will be greatly felt

Palace Show.—A class, No. 92a, has been added to schedule in the Novice Section for Cinnamons. A special room has been engaged in which the Rollers are to be judged. Labels will be posted to exhibitors on Saturday, Jan. 27.—Advt.

I was very pleased to see the sketch of my unflighted yellow Yorkshire hen in this week's number of Cage Birds. It is a good likeness, and a great credit to the artist.—L. Bousfield (Bournemouth).

All prize-money won at the Scottish National C.B.S. Show, writes Mr. A. W. Watson, the hon. sec., was paid out by Jan. 11. Will anyone overlooked kindly write me? Specials are now being sent out as received from donors.

We have been notified of the following corrections in show reports:—Tunbridge Wells, yell. Yorks, 3rd, Mr. C. Lockett; Irvine, 3rd in hen and cock Common Canarics, Mr. Liles (not Moyles), and vhc in Britsih Goldies, Mr. Liles (not Myles).

Palace Show.—Friends intending to be present at the Judges' Lunch on the Friday, at 1.45 p.m., should intimate the fact to the Show Manager, in order that the caterers may know how many to provide for. Ladies are specially invited. Seats reserved on application to J. W. Ramsden, Show Manager.—Advt.

Mr. H. Hill, secretary of the Bradford National Cage Bird Show, writes:—I shall esteem it a favour if secretaries of the various specialist clubs, and especially those whose patronage was obtained for the last show, will kindly bear in mind that all specialist clubs' patronage will be applied for for the second annual show, to be held Dec. 6 and 7. Will secretaries please make a note of this?

Allow me to say how we appreciate the management of Sunderland Show, write Messrs. Martin and Archer (Huddersfield). Our birds were home by eight o'clock last Saturday evening, none the worse for the long journey. This is indee encouraging, and if other shows would only follow in the steps of our friends at Sunderland the short entry cry would be at an end We wish them every success. They deserve to prosper for the kindness we have received at their hands.

An Astounding Production.

A mammoth issue of "The Poultry World" is on sale to-day at all newsagents and bookstalls. It marks the first number of the enlarged edition of this popular periodical, and although containing numerous additional photographs and articles, with a sensational Coloured Plate (illustrating some fifty birds), and a beautiful Art Plate, it is on sale at the popular price of one penny. Readers interested in utility and exhibition poultry should not miss this astounding production.

Cinnamon C.C. Annual Meeting.

A meeting of the Cinnamon C.C. will be held at Crystal Palace Show on Feb. 3, at 4.30 p.m., place of meeting to be notified on winning yellow cock's cage, writes Mr. J. M. Metcalfe, the hon. sec.

Peterhead Fanciers, Please Note!

In reply to my advertisement in last week's Cage Birds, writes Mr. Robt. Jeffrey (Govanhill, Glasgow), I had a reply-paid telegram sent me from Peterhead, but neither name or address was given. I went to the post office here, but they said I could do nothing. Will the sender please write me?

Young Starlings in December.

A pair of Starlings were to be seen at Penrhyn busily feeding a brood of fully-fledged young, hatched two days before Christmas. A similar case happened about the same time last year, and some people think that it is the same pair of birds.

A White Hedge Sparrow.

I have in my possession a pure white Hedge Accentor (or Sparrow, as some call it), writes Mr. Cundell (Doncaster). It is a male bird, and I caught it about a month ago. I may say he is giving his little song as I pen these few lines.

A Correction.

Your reporter at Glasgow Show says that the first yellow cock was not a popular winner of the Border Fancy Club's medal, writes Mr. J. Craig, the judge, but I beg to point out that the bird he mentions as the favourite (the buff cock) did not compete, as it had won its complement of medals before. [We much regret our reporter's error.—Editor.)

L.C.B.A. Annual Dinner,

The annual dinner of the L.C.B.A. will be held in the Sheraton Hall, Popular Cafe, near Piccadilly Circus (Jermyn Street entrance), on Monday, Feb. 5, when an excellent repast and a specially selected light entertainment will be provided, with the object of surpassing previous successes; tickets 4s., which may be obtained of Mr. John Tyson, 169, Sloane Street, London.

Will Things be Lively?

We hear that the agenda for the Crested Canary Club's annual meeting, which will be held at the Crystal Palace, in the Board Room, on Saturday, Feb. 3, at 3 p.m., is likely to provide plenty of debatable matter. For instance, the adoption of closed rings is moved, to prevent over-year birds competing in current year classes; the adoption of a uniform show cage; the withholding of support to all shows extending over Sunday; the extension of the novice time limit; etc.

Southern N P.C. Annual Meeting.

The annual general meeting of the Southern Norwich Plainhead Club will be held at the Crystal Palace, in the Board Room, at four o'clock, on Saturday, Feb. 3, 1912, and a most hearty welcome is given to all Norwich fanciers to attend whether members or not. If any person wishing to join communicates with the secretary, he will be pleased to nominate them, on receipt of 1s. entrance fee.—F. S. Matthes, 34, Rotherhithe New Road, S.E.

Zational Green-marked Y.C.C.

The following are the lists of points gained by the members of the National Green Marked Yorkshire C.C. at patronage shows up to date; Open Competition, Shackleton Trophy—Messrs. L. Dykes, 101; W. H. Shackleton, 94; R. Sutcliffe and Son, 84; Ogden Bros., 73; J. E. Priestley, 59; H. H. Towers, 56; F. Townsend, 51; Thornton and Bowers, 47; J. Chippendale, 10; J. Wilson, 10; L. C. Casey, 9; H. Ramsden, 8. Open Novice Competition: Messrs. A. Brown and Son, 41; C. Morrison, 30. Breeders' Competition: The results of this competiton will be published later, when the same have been checked by entry forms. Ramsden Competition: The result of this competition will be published with the aforesaid competition. Junior Novice Competition: Messrs. S. Moore, 45; T. Tidswell, 35; S. Smith, 25; A. Sutcliffe, 13; F. Packer, 19; G. N. Snead, 10; J. Firth, 3; H. Lord, 3; and A. Gledhill, 3. Will all competitors please verify the above, and should there be any discrepancy kindly notify me on or before Jan. 26?—F. Armstrong, hon. sec.

Lucky Members of the S.Y.C.C.

Results of the various competitions are as follows:—Champion Section—Challenge Cup, Messrs. Hawes Bros.; runners-up, Messrs. Easterling and Carson. Trophies: Messrs. Hawes Bros., 105; Mr. R. Rorke, 89; Messrs. Easterling and Carson, 80; J. W. Rennie, 62; Mr. H. Knight, 40. Mr. Easterling's Cup: Messrs. Hawes Bros.; runners-up, Messrs. Easterling and Carson. Diplomas—Clapham, Messrs. Easterling and Carson and Messrs. Hawes Bros. Plymouth, Mr. R. Rorke and Mr. E. G. Atkins. Cheltenham, Mr. C. W. Mabey and Hawes Bros. Southend, Mr. H. Knight and J. W. Rennie. Wimbledon, Messrs. Easterling and Carson and Mr. W. Foxen. L.C.B.A., Mr. R. L. Crisp and Messrs. Hawes Bros. Swansea, Messrs. Hawes Bros. (2). Cardiff, Mr. Holliday and Hawes Bros. Best V.H.C.'s—Plymouth, Mr. J. Lashbrooke; Cheltenham, Mr. J. Mock; Southend, Mr. G. T. Green; L.C.B.A., Mr. Rorke; Wimbledon, Swansea, and Cardiff, Messrs. Hawes Bros. Novice Section—Teapots: Clapham, Mr. Montgomery; Southend, Mr. S. Rinner; Wimbledon, Mr. Tebbs; L.C.B.A., Mr. Lloyd. Medals—Clapham, Mr. Tebbs; Southend, Messrs. Cundy and Skinner tie; Wimbledon, Mr. Skinner; L.C.B.A., Mr. Skinner. Mr. Easterling's Medals—Clapham, Mr. Tebbs; Southend, Mr. Skinner; Wimbledon, Mr. Rogers.—J. W. Rennie, sec.

SHOW DATES FIXED.

England.

1912.
Feb. 2, 3, 5, 6.—**Great National** (Crystal Palace). (J. W. Ramsden, 11, Josephine Ave., Brixton, S.W.)
Oct. 9 & 10.—**Clapham.**—(A. L. Priest, 28, Kyrle Rd.). J.R., C.A.H., H.J.F., H.N.
Oct. 30 & 31.—**Cheltenham.**—(A. S. Treasure, Idalhoe, Oakland Ave.).
Oct. 23 & 24.—**London and P.O.S.**—(C. W. Law, Brimley House, Woodhouse Rd., N. Finchley, N.).
Oct. 30.—**Torbay O.S.** (J. N. Jeffery, "Sartor House," Winner Street, Paignton.)
Nov. 1 & 2.—**Sheffield O.S.**—(T. Bishop, 60, Alexandra Road.) W.M., C.H., W.V.
Nov. 1 & 2.—**Wolverhampton.**—(J. Gibbons, 64, Napier Rd.). J.R.
Nov. 2 & 4.—**Leicester Hand-in-Hand.**—(A. Freestone, 79, Clarendon Street). J.H.P.
Nov. 8 & 9.—**Old Shildon.**—(J. H. Elwell, 35, Church Street, Shildon).
Nov. 15 & 16.—**Hull.**—(E. R. Ridley, 19, Lambton Street.) J.R., H.W.B.
Nov. 30.—**Coventry Godiva.**—(R. Symonds, 29, Melbourne Rd., Earlsdon). H.W.B.
Dec. 6 & 7.—**Bradford National.**—(H. Hill, 15, Settle Terr., Thornton Lane.)
Dec. 7.—**Rotherham.**—(B. Bailey, 47, Craven Street, Parkgate, nr. Rotherham.) J.C.B.

Scotland.

1912.
Oct. 12.—**Lochgelly.**—(W. Whiteford, 81, Hall St.)
Oct. 19.—**Kelty and Blairadam.**—(A. Dickson, 37, Adams Terrace.)
Dec. 31 and Jan. 1, 1913.—**Scottish National.** (A. W. Watson, 58, Colinton Road, Edinburgh.)

Ireland.

Dec. 12 & 13.—**Larne.**—(T. Mayne, 35, Barnhill.)

Your Birthday Number is most magnificent. G. J. Swannell (Levenshulme).

I congratulate you upon Cage Birds Birthday Number. I think it is splendid.—L. Bousfield (Bournemouth).

Allow me to compliment you on your fine production of the Birthday Number of Cage Birds.—C. Holley (Dublin).

I think the calendar issued with the Birthday Number of Cage Birds is just beautiful.—Lce.-Corpl. T. A. Webster (Cork).

Cage Birds Birthday Number and its plates are excellent; may there be many more Birthday Numbers.—W. Schofield (Ipswich).

Thanks for the magnificent Birthday Number, which I think surpasses anything you have ever put before us.—R. Booth (Ardwick).

The Birthday Number was grand. I wish Cage Birds and its staff still greater success.—J. Heatherington (Greenhead, Northwich).

What a fine Birthday Number! It is worth double the money. I cannot speak too highly of Cage Birds.—A. Goodall (Rotherhithe).

Heartiest congratulations upon your superb Birthday Number. Many happy returns of the day to Cage Birds.—John B. Waterman (East Dulwich).

The Birthday Number of Cage Birds is grand. Everything in it is most beautiful. Many happy returns of the day.—H. Rees (Clapham, S.W.).

The Birthday Number of Cage Birds was marvellous. The two plates were beautiful, and I am having them framed.—Geo. Parker (Newcastle-on-Tyne).

I think it would be impossible to obtain better value anywhere than the Birthday Issue this week A grand number, and I am sure congratulations will pour in.—A. J. Dazeley (Aylsham).

Your Birthday Number is marvellous. We wonder how many pounds you lost in giving such a treat to Cage Birds readers. You surely cannot publish it to pay you at 3d.—Fred Kings and Co. (Birmingham).

Hearty congratulations on the splendid Birthday Number of Cage Birds. The plates (especially the one of foreigners) are A1, and the articles are very interesting.—Edward T. Metford (Hendon).

Allow me to congratulate you on the grand Birthday number of Cage Birds. The production of such a number reflects great credit on all concerned. I wish "C.B." many happy returns of the day.—F. J. Whibley (Maidstone).

I congratulate you heartily for bringing out such a grand Birthday Number, with its beautiful plates, attractive almanac, and interesting reading to all fanciers. I wish Cage Birds every success.—D. Thomas (Portmadoe).

The two coloured plates and the calendar issued with the Birthday Number of Cage Birds were very good indeed. I have been a reader of your paper now for a long time, and have found that it is the best paper for fanciers.—B. Radford (Leicester).

I wish to congratulate you on your splendid calendar and coloured plates, which I think are a perfect treat. I have been a reader of Cage Birds for ten years, and have found it very beneficial and instructive.—John Henderson, secretary, Partick and Dis. C.B.S.

I think the latest Birthday Issue of Cage Birds the finest production of art I have ever seen. The calendar will be cherished by all fanciers, and I am sure the artist deserves the highest praise that can be given him. The other plates of the foreign birds and hybrids are also magnificent.—G. Grant (Dartmouth).

We cordially thank the senders of the many congratulatory letters which have reached us, and regret that space does not permit the publication of all of them this week.—Ed.

Nests of Birds, Poultry, etc., should be regularly sprinkled with KEATING'S POWDER, especially when hens are sitting. Don't forget to do this just previous to the eggs hatching, to destroy the Red Mite. Kills all insects. Harmless to everything else.

THE PAINTED FINCH AT HOME.

By W. E. TESCHEMAKER, B.A.

(Concluded from page 18).

An Account of a lovely Australian Bird when in its native wilds.

Long years ago (1869) the late Mr. Aug. Wiener, who at one time, owned the finest private collection of foreign birds in the country, purchased from a wire-worker who was doing a job in his aviaries a pair of small birds of which the former owner did not even know the name. They proved to be Painted Finches, and were probably the first ever brought alive to Europe. The same fancier succeeded in obtaining another pair in 1873 from a hairdresser in Liverpool, and saw the dead body of one in a London bird-shop a few years later. From that date to the year 1907 it is believed that there was no recorded instance of the importation of these rare little Finches into England, which is very remarkable if, as we have been told, they can be bought in Port Darwin for 6d. each, and shows great want of enterprise on the part of the British sailor-man. In this connection it may be worth while to mention that throughout Australia "Painted Finch" is the popular name for the Gouldian Finch, which may possibly have led to some confusion of ideas.

A Good Aviarist of the "Old School."

We have now had a peep at Painted Finches in their own country; we have seen how they are caught and in what manner they have in recent years been imported, and we have got a general idea of what they look like. Let us follow the fortunes of a few of those imported in 1910, which found their way into certain English aviaries, and for the first time in avicultural history succeeded in rearing a family under the trying conditions of an exceptionally wet and cold English summer.

Of all English aviarists there is probably not one who has had anything like the same length of experience as Mr. Reginald Phillipps. One of the writer's most pleasant recollections is of a warm September afternoon a few years since when he was privileged to pay a visit to a sunny garden in West Kensington, which was completely wired in from end to end. Though small for a garden, it made, as may well be imagined, an immense cage, with immense facilities for outdoor exercise for its fortunate inmates, more especially as Mr. Phillipps is one of those wise people who like to study only a few species at a time, and those few under as natural conditions as possible.

One room had been turned into a bird-room, and through the open window of this room the birds passed freely into one-half of the aviary; the further half being divided off for breeding purposes and containing growing trees and grass. In this way Mr. and Mrs. Phillipps and their birds may be said to form one united family living under the same roof, and we can readily understand that one secret of the former's great success in breeding rare species is that he *lives with his birds*: the other secrets are probably unique experience and that peculiar sympathy and aptitude for understanding the requirements of birds which are a natural gift and can never be acquired.

In one season, only a few months before our visit, Mr. Phillipps bred no less than three species for the first time in this country (the Pied Rock-thrush, Blue-breasted Waxbill and Quail Finch), and had reared to the age of nine days a brood of Siberian Waxwings—surely a most remarkable record, especially when we reflect that it was achieved in an aviary on the roof of which that arch-enemy of the suburban aviarist, the London cat, holds frequent and noisy political meetings. We saw quite a little flock of the beautiful and delicate Blue-breasted Waxbills and they were so extraordinarily tame that they actually perched on the writer's head and shoulders, though he was a complete stranger to them. Mr. Phillipps' successes have been too numerous to mention, but perhaps the greatest of them was the breeding of the Regent Bower Bird.

This Kensington aviary has been standing for more than a quarter of a century, but its owner's experience goes back very many years before that date, as may be inferred from the following extract from a private letter: "I commenced bird-keeping when a country kid, fully sixty years ago—Jackdaws, Magpies, Crows, Jays, Cuckoos, also Kestrels, Hobbies and Sparrow-hawks—all taken by myself, many of them flying loose and following me about the gardens and fields. I knew much about our British Birds, but very little about forcigners (except from books) in those days."

It is with great pleasure that we present to our readers (see last issue) a portrait of Mr. Phillipps (with a tame Cuckoo), permission to use which was only obtained with great difficulty. One of Mr. Phillipps' objections was that the only photo available was taken many years ago and represents him in the prime of life; but we quite fail to see the force of this objection. Though Time "with effacing fingers" can and does efface much of a man's personality, it cannot efface a strong individuality, and that individuality we think the portrait successfully reproduces.

One of the "Modern School."

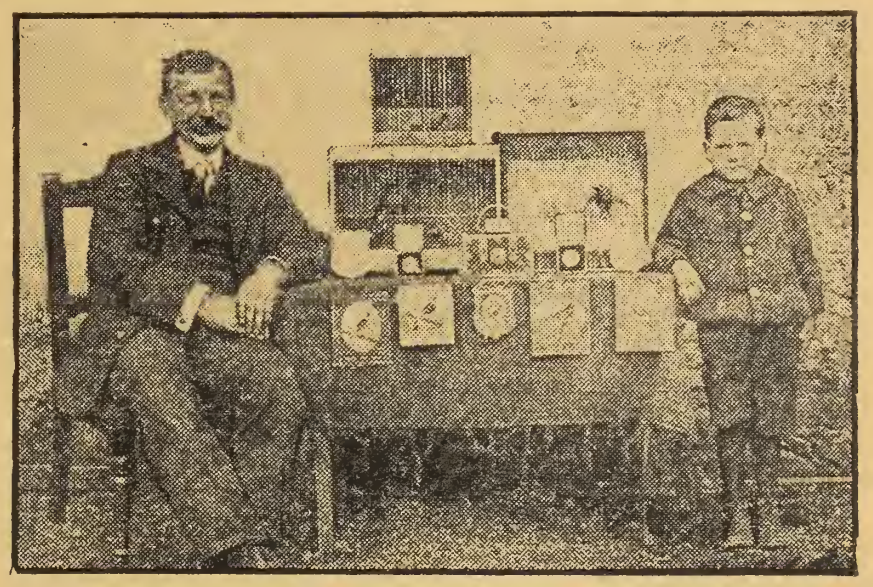
To speak of an "Old School" and a "Modern School" of aviculture is perhaps to draw a purely imaginary and non-existent line; nevertheless, if there be such a thing as a Modern School, we could hardly find a better or more popular representative than Mr. H. Willford. In this hustling century we like to do things quickly and on a large scale. In a very few years Mr. Willford has erected near Ryde, in the Isle of Wight, the most extensive private aviaries in the country (not including under this description, of course, Pheasantries and enclosures for Wildfowl), and has brought together a wonderful collection of foreign and indigenous birds. Here may be seen wired enclosures up to 70ft. square, mostly of the "wilderness" type, and altogether there is fully an acre under wire. Centrally situated and above the level of the aviaries is a large studio-lounge, with a flight of steps leading down into the aviaries and another flight leading up to a roomy look-out platform on the roof.

A Close Race and a Popular Winner.

For some reason or another quite a number of aviarists had set their hearts on breeding the Painted Finch, in 1910. Perhaps the fact that this handsome little species, though long known to exist in the far interior of Australia, had been so very rarely imported, lent a halo of romance to its name; perhaps the fact that two well-known societies were ready to award a medal for the first young Painted Finch fully reared, added a little stimulus to the competition; be this as it may, the result was a race, and as there was plenty of raw material to draw upon (nearly sixty pairs having been imported that year), and as all the competitors obtained their birds from the same consignment, and so got a fairly level start, the race was keenly contested. Some of the competitors made a big effort to pull off the event. Mr. Willford had quite six pairs to breed from. Mr. W. R. Temple, of Datchet, had about the same number and gave up an entire aviary to the experiment.

Many and varied were the experiences of the competitors. In a pleasantly written letter Mr. Temple told us that he had a persistent run of bad luck, losing no less than seven hens one after the other from egg-binding; he also found the cocks very pugnacious, as was only to be expected perhaps seeing that all birds which have scarlet in the plumage are born fighters, and he concluded by saying that he thought that the medal for this species ought to be of "gold, set with diamonds," the true inwardness of which remark we can better grasp when we recollect that Painted Finches sold at that time for not less than £3 a pair!

The result of this sporting event was that Mr. Willford romped in an easy winner, the writer was a bad second, and Mr. Phillipps a good third, no other competitors as far as could be ascertained succeeding in producing a young *Emblema*. Mr. Phillipps, however, had his revenge in the following season, for, starting with two pairs, he finished up with a little flock of fourteen, and can thus probably claim to have bred more Painted Finches than any other aviarist, and to be the only one to establish a breeding strain.



THE OLD SCHOOL AND THE NEW.

Mr. J. E. Clarke, of Rothesay, and his son, with some of his winning British birds, also medals, etc., 2nd at the Palace, Scottish National, and Rothesay Shows. Mr. Clarke is a member of "Cage Birds League," and the son, too, is a keen fancier.

The Thrilling Hobby of Hybrid Breeding.

By D. E. ALEXANDER (Bangor).

(Concluded from page 22).

Canaries do not care for these seeds, but most British Finches are very partial to them, particularly to the sorrel, which, where it grew, was stripped so quickly as it ripened that I often, in my frequent tours through the fields, almost felt annoyed with the big batches of Redpolls dangling from its slender stems with a boldness that permitted one to approach within a few feet of them before they flew off with a chitter chatter, only to return in a few seconds. These two seeds, and what I could spare of mouse-ear and ripe chicken-weed from my caged Canaries, constituted at this period the staple food of my Hybridising pairs, with, of course, as much hemp, etc., as they would eat.

I never saw either the Bullie or Linnet touching the egg-food, and to this fact I attribute the robustness and vivacity of the young Hybrid reared by its own parents, as compared with the sickly "worm" which the Canaries fed on egg. After they are once well started they thrive under the Canary all right, but somehow the domesticated species cannot or will not trouble with the newly-hatched Bullie Hybrid.

An Attentive Hen Bullie.

A better and more attentive mother than my English Bullfinch hen could nowhere be found, but still circumstances for which she was not responsible prevented her from altogether rearing her own brood. I had seen the Linnet visit the nest frequently when she was foraging on the floor, and by the commotion in the nest I concluded he was doing a father's duty.

When the young were about a week old I thought I heard less stir than usual proceeding from the nest, which I had so far only looked at once. I therefore dared to push my hand through the bush, and what was my horror to find only one youngster. On looking around I found three dead ones at the far corner from where the nest was situated. Their toes were eaten off, and I at once concluded that this was the work of an unnatural father. Fortunately the best one was left—probably he was too heavy to carry out—and I had him at once removed to a Canary's nest.

However, I was so pleased with the way the Bullfinch had done her maternal duties, that I dropped into her nest two grey mules some two or three days older than her own offspring. These she successfully reared, and one of them proved the biggest Linnet mule I got that season. I should mention that the Linnet seldom or never fed the mules, and never attempted to pull them out of the nest.

As for the Hybrid it never looked back, even when transferred to the Canary. It turned out a splendid cock, but just as the beautiful crimson was breaking out upon its breast it met with an accident, and died. I was in Scotland at the time, and had left the birds in charge of my wife. It was a terrible blow to her as well as to the writer. I felt sick at heart for many days after I got her letter telling me of the unexpected disaster to one of my very best Bullie Hybrids. So that after all, I had only saved to me one Linnet and one very fine cock Goldie Hybrid, both of which I still have in my possession.

The Next Best Thing.

During the past season I had but little success with Hybrid breeding, although I gained experience that will stand me in good stead during the ensuing season. I foolishly flew together three hen Bullies—one Siberian and two Britishers—in the room with the Greenfinch and a new Siberian Goldfinch. You see I was aiming at bigger game. One of the British hens persisted in trying to mate with the Siberian of her own sex, and I had to remove her. But it was the Goldfinch that really spoiled my chances. The foreign Bullfinch was backward in comparison with her Goldie mate, who was bubbling over with condition. The Greenfinch was in like fettle, with the result that immediately the English hen showed indications of calling, the Greenfinch would break into a flood of song, while the jealous Goldfinch on every occasion dashed down when the mates were in the act of pairing and spoiled my chances of Greenie-Bullie Hybrids. Moral: Don't put two exceptionally game Finches in one aviary, nor two hen Bullies, if you want young Hybrids.

This was the same hen Bullie that reared the mules, and with the benefit of last year's experience I hope to be more successful with her during the coming season. The Siberian hen ultimately laid five eggs in an ordinary nest-pan, and sat a few days. This was in September, and too late for her Goldie mate, who had by that time dropped into the moult. However, both birds promise better things for next year.

Wild-Bird Life.

Downs and Uplands.

It is good to get away out upon the downs and uplands far from "the busy haunts of men" in the mild, almost spring-like weather. The one-time brown fields have taken on more than a touch of green, for the sown corn, like the grass, has been growing all the winter. The Skylarks are numerous, flying here and there, calling and twittering in silvery tones, very pleasant to listen to in this usually dreary month of January. The birds are bright and cheerful, full of life and spirits. Occasionally, one more forward than the others extends his flight, mounting for a few minutes in the air, warbling a pleasant, cheerful melody. The song has not the force and power of that of the mated birds, but is perhaps quite as welcome, coming now, as when the hedgerows and woods are full of fine songsters, who sing from dawn until sundown, when the Nightingale breaks the stillness of the night with his glorious melody; and so we frequently get birdy music as long as we care to listen to it.

Although there are plenty of birds about, they are more or less scattered, not in the vast flocks and companies usually seen in most winters, although the Finches are naturally more or less gregarious, and if not in huge flocks, are met with in small parties. One seldom comes upon a single bird quite by himself out in the open. The Greenfinches haunting the gardens appear to be quite happy in the company of the Sparrows, and one often gets a glimpse of golden wings fluttering among the dingy ones belonging to the domestic Sparrow. These latter birds have not been quite so persistent with their attention among the poultry and round the aviaries, as usual; food is still plentiful in the open, and until real wintry weather comes they are content with foraging further afield.

The Hedge Sparrow or Dunnock is a common object along every hedgerow, and his shrill notes can frequently be heard out on the open downs, where, perched upon a spray or bramble, he pipes his sbrillest. No doubt he is doing his best to entice some lady Dunnock to share his fortunes in the coming spring. These birds are among the earliest of our smaller birds to commence nesting operations.

Questions and Answers.

DOUBTS AND DIFFICULTIES SOLVED BY SPECIALISTS.

(For Rules, see page 26 last week.)

THE following gentlemen represent CAGE BIRDS staff of **ADVISORY EXPERTS.** Queries must in ou case be addressed to auy of them individually, but to the Editor.

Canaries.—**Claude St. John.** British Birds, Mule and Hybrids—**G. E. Weston.** Foreign Birds—**Wesley T. Page,** F.Z.S., M.B.N.H.S., &c., Wild Bird Life—**H. Norman.**

NOTE.—If an answer is required concerning tbe proper mating, etc., of Norwich, Yorkshires, Crests, Cinnamons, Greens, Borders, Lizards, Scotch or any other variety of the Canary family, we sball, should the querist desire us to do so, be pleased to submit his questions for answer to some leading specialist of the day on tbe variety coucerned.

CANARY QUERIES.

Answered by CLAUDE ST. JOHN.

Half-a-Dozen.

Dacre L. Flynn.—(1) Your feeding is not correct. For the next month or so give a staple of plain canary only. Every second day give half-a-teaspoonful of summer rape separately, and on tbe alternating days twice a week give a similar quantity of crushed sponge cage sprinkled with equal parts maw and gold of pleasure, and on one or two other days the same quantity of a mixture of equal parts hemp, inga, millet, teazle, and black rape. Give a spray of watereress three times a week if available. In the drinking water give the same course as advised to "nil desperandum." (2) The pride of Norwich hens depends solely upon their typical qualities, and, of course, the vendor. It ranges from 3s. each upwards, to 20s. or 30s., or even more for highly bred pedigree stock bens. Sorry I cannot name a dealer. Look in the advertisement columns, where you will find plenty. (3) Look through these replies this week, and you will find in one detailed instructions for exterminating red mites. (4) Yes, you may quite safely give Canaries such wild seeds as thistle and teazle, or, in fact, auy of the usual wild seeds you find they appreciate. You will soon discover which kind they reject, and it is waste of time to supply those kinds. Use these seeds the same as you do a special mixture. (5) The tasteless pepper—so-called—which you will see prominently advertised in our columns at the proper season—about August to October—is the best thing to colour feed on. You should get the book on "Colour Feeding," which our Manager would send you for 3½d. post free. (6) Probably five or six years is the average age Canaries reach—not the limit, mind you. I have myself had one die at the ripe age of a little over 20 years.

Show Cages (Cages).—The usual size of show cages is 12ins. or 13ins. long, 12ins. high, and 5ins. or 5½ins. deep. You should adbere to these measurements as closely as possible.

Bare on Back (Yorkshire).—You probably allowed this hen to go on breeding too long last year. See reply to "D. J. R. R." for hen with bald head in last week's issue, and treat your bird the same, but discontinue anointing any part wheu the quills are pushing through well. The bird will probably get all right when the spring gets a little advanced.

Fears of Starving (J. M.—There is not the slightest reason for your anxiety about starving the bird. The dietary I prescribed for him is amply sufficient to keep him very far off starvation. The fact that he has made such a fine improvement in health and condition ought to convince you that the diet was plenty good enough. Now, instead of increasing it, I am going to advise you to still further reduce it, so please don't think I am aiding and abetting starvation. Continue the same general dietary, but give the banana twice only each week, and, when available, substitute a spray of watercress for it. Also drop the sponge cake to twice each week, and omit the oil and sherry altogether. It would do no harm to repeat the previous treatment for a fortnight in a fortnight hence, though if the bird still keeps quite well such treatment is superfluous.

Sits Like a Ball (nil desperandum).—The hen is in a generally congested condition. For the next month give a staple diet of plain canary only. Every third day give half-a-teaspoonful of egg food or crushed sponge cake well sprinkled with a mixture of equal parts maw and gold of pleasure, and on the alternating days give one day a fair sized spray of watercress and next day half-a-teaspoonful of a mixture of equal parts inga, black rape, teazle and linseed. If available, chop up two nice fat mealworms, and mix in the sponge cake each time for the first week, and also break open a grape and fix it on the end of a perch for bird to peek at. Add six drops of syrup of rhubarb, and a crystal of sulphate of soda the size of a split pea to the drinking water every second day for a week, and in the next week four drops each of tincture of gentian, tincture of calumba, and dilute sulphuric acid every second day.

Stopped Singing (Mrs. Corben).—You should have said how you feed and where you keep the birds, which would have made the case more clear. See that he is kept in a bright and cosy place. Give a staple of plain canary seed only. Every second day give half a teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake sprinkled with maw, and on the alternate days a similar quantity of summer rape. Twice a week give also a pinch of a mixture of equal parts hemp, inga, millet, and linseed, and two leaves of dandelion four times a week, if you can get the latter in good condition. In the water give 10 drops of syrup of buckthorn for two days, and afterwards 20 drops of whiskey, five each of oxymel of squills and ipecacuanha wine, and as much chlorate of potash as will cover a threepenny-piece every second day for a week.

A Trifle Vague (Colour-fed, Bacup).—To my mind your letter seems a little contradictory. You say the birds that have not been colour-fed are doing well, but that they "stand huddled up." As regards the three Yorkshires, if you mean would the fact of their not being colour-fed at this last moult after being so fed at previous moults, affect their health adversely, I must say certainly not. Indeed, if colour-feeding were injurious they ought certainly to have been all the better now for not being fed. As a matter of fact, I suspect your feeding generally is the cause of your trouble. Give a staple of plain Canary only. Every second day give separately a half teaspoonful of summer rape. On the alternate days give a similar quantity of crushed sponge cake with four drops of sherry and two of cod liver oil emulsion well mixed in it, and sprinkled with maw seed. Three times a week give a pinch of equal parts hemp, inga, millet, and teazle, and on each remaining day a scrap of green food or sweet fruit. Continue this feeding for two or three weeks, then go to the general dietary given in "Canary Breeding for Beginners." In the drinking water give the same course of aperients and tonics as advised to "G. Moore."

A Problem (Willie, Ireland).—I am afraid the hen in question is one of those abnormal creatures who never do any good. Both birds might, probably were, somewhat out of conditiou last season, but the hen was certainly the chief delinquent. It is just possible she may do better the coming season, but I would advise you not to build any hope upon her. Rather get another healthy young hen, suitable for the cock, and then run the cock alternately with both during the coming season, and thus avoid drawing another blauk season. Keep this hen out of hearing of the cock until the mating season arrives, and for the next month give a staple of plain canary seed, a small teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake once a week, and a scrap of green food or sweet fruit three times a week. In the water add a crystal of sulphate of soda, the size of a small pea three times a week for a fortnight. Limit diet solely to above. Keep one or two china nest eggs lying about cage floor for her to try issues with, and when nesting season arrives she may have learnt to leave such objects alone. Get CAGE BIRDS ANNUAL as soon as ready, and you will find these troubles solved more fully than it is possible to do here.

Bare and Irritable (F. Miller).—Examine cage well for red mites; probe crevices and hinges of door with a pin on to a sheet of white paper. If any mites are found thoroughly overhaul cage. Place bird in a temporary one, and give a bath daily, in which a few drops of essence of quassia have been mixed. Clean its usual cage, and wash out well with a solution of Jeyes' or Izal—a teaspoonful in half a pint of water—working it well into the crevices with a small paint brush. Repeat operation twice at intervals of a day, and after the third dressing run a drop of pure Jeyes' or Izal into every crack or hole. Repaint or distemper cage if

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should consult St. John's "Canary Breeding for Beginners" (7d.); House's "Canary Manual" (1/2); Battye's "Yorkshire Canaries" (1/1½); House's "Norwich Canaries" (1/1); Weston's "Stock Book" (7d.); Dr. Clarke's "Septic or Bird Fever" (7d.); Dr. Creswell's "Hygiene of Bird-keeping (1/1); Norman's "Aviaries, Bird-rooms, and Cages" (2/3); Ramsden's "Colour-feeding" (3½d.); "Seeds and Foods for Cage Birds" (1/2); or the "Nutshell" booklets (2½d. each): No. 5 "The Pet Canary," No. 6 "Ailing Birds and How to Cure them," No. 9 "The Disinfection of Cages, Bird-rooms, etc.," No. 10 "The Roller," No. 23 "The Border Fancy," No. 24 "Green Canaries." All thoroughly practical and instructive. Prices quoted are post free, from "Cage Birds," 154, Fleet Street, London, E.C.

necessary, and return bird when quite dry. Clean wall thoroughly where cage has been hanging. In addition, keep bird in a cosy place free from draughts, and give half a teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake slightly dusted with flowers of sulphur and sprinkled with maw seed every third day for a month, and during the same time add 20 drops of whisky and as much chlorate of potash as will cover a sixpence to its drinking water twice a week.

Large White Excreta (G. Moore).—It is the outcome of a sluggish and somewhat plethoric condition. The following treatment for two or three weeks will put things right. As a staple diet, give a mixture of two parts canary to one part summer rape. Twice a week give a small teaspoonful of a mixture of equal parts hemp, black rape, inga, and linseed, and two or three times a week a spray of watercress or any other green food that may be available in good condition. Limit the food to this. Keep cages clean, and the floors strewn with clean gritty sand. In the drinking water give six drops of syrup of rhubarb and a crystal of sulphate of soda, the size of a split pea, every second day for a week, and in the next week give four drops each of tincture of gentian, tincture of calumba, and aromatic sulphuric acid every second day. The sample of hemp sent is very poor quality. Try to get a better sample in which the kernel is nice and white. The rape appears a nice sample, but I did not test the flavour. It should have been packed quite separate.

Feathers Still Falling (Bruce).—First of all see that the birds are not exposed to great extremes of temperature or cold draughts. If they are, these causes must be removed before treatment will be of any avail. Until feathers cease dropping, give a staple diet composed of three parts canary to one part rape. Every second day for a fortnight give a half teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake with four drops of sherry and two of cod liver oil emulsion well mixed in it, and sprinkled with maw seed, and on the alternate days a similar quantity of a mixture of equal parts hemp, millet, and linseed. Give a pinch of Epsom salts in the water for one day. Then dissolve a dram of ammoniated citrate of iron and quinine in two ounces of sherry, add two teaspoonfuls of glycerine, and give 20 drops of this in the water two days in every three for a fortnight.

Goes "Click-Click" (Fairfield, Govan).—Probably a little more generosity in diet would do good, though you do not give any details of your dietary. Also, you must remove the exciting cause before any treatment will do any permanent good. In your case I suspect it is either cold draughts, or, perhaps, hanging the bird too high, and in such a position that it is affected by the fumes of burning lights in the evenings. In addition to the staple seed diet, give a small teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake, prepared as advised to "Bruce," every third day for a fortnight, next day give a pinch of maw and a morsel of banann, and the following day a pinch of mixed seeds. Add 12 drops of syrup of buckthorn to its water for one day, and afterwards 20 drops of whisky, five each of oxymel of squills and ipecacuanha wine, and two of eucalyptus oil, well shaken together, every second day for a fortnight.

Roller Hen Ill (Fred Underwood).—Your treatment is very faulty. First of all see that the bird is in a comfortable position, not overheated, but yet quite away from the cold side, and fairly equable, and free from draughts. Then put on a staple diet of plain canary seed only. Every second day give half a teaspoonful of summer rape separately and a morsel of banana, and on the alternate days a similar quantity of crushed sponge cake, well sprinkled with a mixture of equal parts maw and gold of pleasure. Break open a grape and fix it on the end of a perch for the bird to peck at. Limit the diet to this for a fortnight, and in the first week add six drops of syrup of rhubarb and a crystal of sulphate of soda the size of a split pea to the water daily for two days, and every second day for the remainder of the week, and in the second week give 20 drops of Chemical Food in the water every second day. See that all your seeds and food are sweet and sound.

Evil Communications (W. T. Blair).—If the three good singers you refer to are trained Rollers, I would not advise you to risk introducing the two cocks, with undesirable notes into the same room. The song of these two birds will now be fairly well fixed, and the probability of their dropping bad notes which are now fixed, or exchanging them for good ones, is very small, whilst the risk of corrupting the song of the other birds is great. The only way of getting the pure Canary song back would be to let the birds hear nothing but good Canaries singing, in which case you have to take the above risk, or keeping them in company of good singing Canaries all through next moult, whilst they are off song themselves. Then, they might improve, but the result is very doubtful. Much better get rid of them.

Roller Cock Too Forward (J. Booth).—Certainly the cock was wasting energy when he was in the condition you describe, but it would have been sheer folly to have mated the birds in your circumstances. You have done quite the right thing in moving the hen to another room, where you should keep her until ready for mating. Do not, by any means, remove the cock to the cold room from the warm kitchen until the weather gets fairly settled and mild. Meantime keep him well away from the fire or burning lights where the temperature is fairly equable, and quite free from draughts. If he is still very excitable, put on plain canary seed for a day or two, and, in any case, add a crystal of sulphate of soda, the size of a split pea, to his water for two days.

FOREIGN BIRDS.

Answered by WESLEY T. PAGE, F.Z.S., etc.

An Ailing Green Cardinal.

H. C. Banbury.—In the first place a kitchen is a very unsuitable place to keep birds; temperature too variable, especially between day and night, but after 18 months it ought to be fairly acclimatised to its surroundings. Diet: A mixture of four parts each of canary and white millet, and one part each of oats, hemp and sunflower seeds, well mix and use this as the staple diet; also supply ripe fruit, several mealworms or other insects (daily), green food, and keep a small tin of ants' eggs in the cage. The Green Cardinal is very fond of bathing, and should have one daily. Nothing unwholesome in your dietary, but it is not varied enough. I fear there is a draught through the cage between door and fireplace; a box cage (no smaller) would be far better. Give one teaspoonful of Dinneford's Magnesia in his drinking water for one day, repeat the dose after an interval of three days, and then as required to keep the bowels moving freely, but not really loose. On intervening days for a month put the same quantity of Byno-phosphates in its drinking water. Keep a piece of cuttlebone hangingi in the cage. While out of sorts a little milk sop (sloppy) will do good if it will take it.

Ornamental Finches Out of Tone.

Anxious.—These birds should be kept warm, yet not in an ill-ventilated corner of the room. I do not know how they are kept, but open wire cages are not at all suitable, and are frequently responsible for colds and chill, and again they must not be crowded too many in one cage. Give them a mixture of canary and white millet, hang up spray millet, give a little ripe fruit occasionally, a leaf of fresh lettuce when available. Get a small quantity of the following: Teazle, charlock, clover, plaintain, lettuce, mustard, cornflower, maw, grass and cabbage seeds. Well mix and give each pair of birds a pinch twice a week. Put six drops of Dinneford's Magnesia into two tablespoonfuls of water, serving to birds in this proportion in lieu of the ordinary drinking water every fourth day for a month. When not giving the magnesia put three drops of sherry (or two of whisky) into the ordinary small drinker of water. Give clear water occasionally, and of course when the birds perk up a little, stop supplying the stimulant. They must have a bath on sunny days and of course have access to cuttle bone and grit.

Waxbills and Parrots.

Dacre F. Flynn.—Your queries are too comprehensive to be answered fully here. Get our Nutshell Booklets, "Waxbills," and "The Grey Parrot," 2½d. post free, from our Manager. (1) Canary and white millet seeds, millet sprays, green food, grit, cuttlebone and water for drinking and bathing. (2) Yes. (3) A Grey Parrot or Blue-fronted Amazon. (4) Seed mixture, ripe fruit, nuts, green food, plain biscuit, grit, cuttlebone and water. A little boiled maize (it only keeps fresh one day) if you have an Amazon. The following is a good seed mixture: One quart each canary and millet seeds, and half-a-pint each of peanuts, oats, wheat, paddy rice, hemp and sunflower seeds. Well mix and keep a supply in the

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should consult Page's "Foreign Birds for Beginners" (1/1½); Arthur's "Budgerigars and Cockatiels" (6d.); Arthur's "Parrots for Pleasure and Profit" (7d.); "Aviaries, Bird-rooms, and Cages" (2/3); "Seeds, Foods, and Wild Plants" (1/2); Dr. Clarke's "Septic or Bird Fever" (7d.); Dr. Creswell's "Hygiene of Bird-keeping" (1/1); "Colour-feeding" (3½d.); or the "Nutshell" booklets (2½d. each): No. 6 "Ailing Birds and How to Cure them," No. 9 "The Disinfection of Cages, Bird-rooms, etc.," No. 14 "Gouldian Finches," No. 16 "Avadavats," No. 17 "The Grey Parrot," No. 18 "Budgerigars," No. 19 "The Pekin Robin," No. 20 "Waxbills." All thoroughly practical and instructive. Prices quoted are post free from "Cage Birds," 154, Fleet Street, London, E.C.

cage. Add half-a-pint of maize to the above for an Amazon Parrot. For either kind a pinch of grit (not sand) should be added to the daily supply of seeds. (5): Yes, but owing to it only being the fortunate few, who can give them breeding accommodation not frequently. (6) Keep bowels moving freely, but not really loose, by an occasional laxative. Keep out of draught, but in a well ventilated room. Do not give slops, messes, table scraps or animal food, and the bird should not get ill. In case of indisposition, seek advice at once.

Pulling its Feathers (C. Ussher).—Your bird, a Quaker Parrakeet, is not getting sufficient varied dietary. Diet:—Seed mixture: Four parts each canary and white millet and one part each hemp, grit (not sand), oats and sunflower seeds; well mix the whole. Also supply ripe fruit, green food (leaf of lettuce), few nuts, and plain biscuit. Keep a stick, with bark on, in its cage for it to cut up. So long as the voidings are not watery loose, put one teaspoonful of Dinneford's Magnesia in the daily supply of drinking water every fourth day, and on the intervening days the same quantity of Byno-phosphates. Spray it once a week with quassia solution; use a mist sprayer, and keep strictly out of draught till dry.

What Bird? (L. Morris).—Before I answer your query, will you kindly give me a rough idea of the shape of the bird's beak. Also the colour of its head and sides of face, and the colour also of its legs and feet. How are the toes arranged—two to front and two behind, or three to front and one behind? If you will kindly give me this information I shall hope to name it for you in next issue. I am keeping the query by me.

Birds for Box Cage (J. H.).—For breeding prospects, I should not put more than two pairs in the cage. Any of the following should do well: Gouldian Finches (40s. to 60s.), Parrot Finches (£5), Ruficauda Finches (30s.), Olive Finches (20s. to 25s.), Long-tailed Grasslinches (15s. to 25s.), Hooded Siskins (£5), Colombian Siskins (£3 or £4), Alario Finches (20s.), Cape Canaries (20s.). The above are all handsome species, and I have given approximate prices. Some of them are not easy to obtain even at these prices. If those named above are unsuitable, repeat query.

Washing a Cockatoo (H. R. Titswell).—Apart from the spraying, it all depends on how tame the bird is. If it will let you handle it, then you can wash it. Sponge it or use a mop camel hair brush, with warm soapy (carbolic) water weekly or fortnightly, and then give a final sponge with clear warm water and partially dry with a cloth. As soon as a tame bird gets used to the operation it rather seems to like it. There are no other courses, though in warm summer weather some fanciers use a fine rosed water can instead of a sprayer.

Breeding Zebra Finches (H. Y.).—(1) No, I do not think the young folk are likely to disturb the domestic arrangements of the Zebra Finches, unless they deliberately endeavoured to scare the birds, and that fairly frequently. Their play about the room and the mere noise of their presence would not, I think, harass this species. They are likely breeders. (2) A pair of either of the following would be better than Java Sparrows: Bengalese or Silverbills, or both; but do not put in more than 3 pairs. (3) They will probably breed this spring, or they might not do so till late summer. Individuals are variable, but they usually soon settle down. (4) Ants' eggs, dried flies, crushed Osborne biscuit, and crumbled sponge cake; equal parts by measure. The above keeps well; it must be made crumbly moist for use. "Foreign Birds for Beginners," 1/1½d. post free from our Manager would help you.

BRITISH BIRDS, MULES AND HYBRIDS.

Answered by G. E. WESTON.

A Suitable Hen (Angus).—There is no reason why you should not mate a Roller hen with either a Linnet or a Goldfinch. I should not, of course, call such a hen the most suitable wife you could find.

Ailing Skylark (E. Gaul).—You are not feeding the bird generously enough. Get the "Nutshell" booklet on the Skylark and follow the advice therein. Stir half-a-teaspoonful of Parrish's chemical food (obtainable from any good chemist) into its daily supply of soft food; keep this up for three weeks, at least.

In an Aviary (Prudo).—Your aviary is a fine big place, but if you want results from hybrid pairs, you must be careful not to overcrowd it. To the cock birds you mention I should add a Bramble-finch, a Reed Bunting, a Mealy Redpoll, two more Goldfinches (Siberian, for choice), one more Linnet, and one more Lesser Redpoll. To the hens add two Siberian Bullies, a Yellowhammer and two Siskins, adding a suitable number of good Canaries, of Norwich type for preference.

A Nightingale (Anxious).—1, Paint the joint morning and evening with a little tincture of iodine; a camel-hair brush is handy to do this with. See that the bird gets some vegetable ingredient in its food daily (grated raw carrot or minced lettuce, watercress, etc.), and an occasional mild dose of saline medicine, either sulphate of soda or fluid magnesia in the drinking water. 2, You would find "Nutshells" Nos. 25 and 26 of great value to you, as a keeper of insectivorous birds. 3, No; there has never been produced a hybrid between a Nightingale and a Canary, and there is never likely to be one.

My Idea (A. H. G.).—To my idea your place is too much like a sentry-box in shape; it would be vastly improved if the length were altered to six feet. It would hold six hens and two cocks comfortably enough. You will have to be careful that no birds pop out when you open the door; a kind of wire lobby at the entrance would be the safest. At any rate, do not have the door so high. Is the 1ft. 6ins. square shown at the sides all the light you intend to provide? If so, it is not sufficient; and this window is too low down. The ventilating holes at the back want to be low down—near the floor, not the roof.

Loss of Tail and Flight Feathers (J. R. Berwyn).—You are feeding the Skylark very well indeed, and the loss of the flights, etc., has nothing to do with the nature of its food. The bird must knock out the feathers in the night, while dashing about the cage. Are you sure he cannot be disturbed?—say, by mice getting into the cage after his food, or in some other way.

Food for Snow Bunting (Snow).—I gave this at some length about two weeks ago. The only seed the Snow Bunting cares for is canary seed, and it should be given the very finest quality (Spanish) obtainable. Give a little soft food, containing plenty of ants' eggs, occasionally with a few mealworms amongst it. A little coarse oatmeal should be sprinkled on top of the canary seed now and again.

A Song Thrush (C. H.).—I consider the food you describe is not suitable—it is of too solid and heating a nature—and probably at the root of the trouble. Some vegetable ingredient is, in my opinion, essential, and ripe fruit, too. Consult the "Nutshell" booklet on the Thrush. Don't change the food too suddenly, but do it gradually, or the bird will not take to the new kind, and go out of song.

Four Items (D. L. Flynn).—1, The best way is to put them into box cages (those known as "Finch stock cages") and keep these hanging about breast high in a room wherein people are constantly moving about. If a bird is of a reasonably steady disposition he then very quickly gets over his first nervousness and settles down. 2. You must get the "Nutshell" booklets dealing with Goldfinches, Chaffinches, Thrushes and Skylarks. You will find in them full and up-to-date information concerning the food and general management. I haven't sufficient space at my command to deal with such lengthy matters. They are only twopence each. 3. Some such form is used by many dealers, but generally for Canaries, which, for purposes of identification,

have a rubber-stamp mark imprinted on the under side of the wing. Dealers know very well whether a Goldfinch is a cock or a hen before they sell it; I should like to meet the man who will part with a cock at the price of a hen! 4. I should say eight to ten years. Cases exceeding this, however, have been frequently put on record.

Single or Married (Loxia).—Your cock Bullfinch will be better alone. If you introduce hens there will be fighting and blood-shed (or feather-shed, anyway). A Crystal Palace aviary would only hold one pair of Bullfinches in peace and comfort. If any of the cocks become aggressive in the spring, you will have to remove them.

The Redstart (F. Shore).—The Redstart makes a nice pet but requires good food and careful attention (see Nutshell booklet No. 25) as it is a delicate insectivorous species. The price runs from 5s. to 7s. 6d. when well on food (i.e., meated-off, and not just newly caught). The cock has a very pretty song.

Loss of Flights (Puzzled).—I have not the slightest doubt but that the loss is occasioned by the bird dashing about the cage, probably during the night. Note the reply given J. R. Berwyn this week. Can any light (from the moon, or a street lamp, etc.) shine into his cage? "Insects" would not cause it. It might be as well if you got him used to having a suitable cover thrown over his cage at night; at least, for so long as the show season is on.

A Rare Hybrid (Bob).—I presume by "Blackcap" you mean the Great Tit. It might be possible to get a hybrid by mating this bird to a Blue Tit. But a big, well-shrubbed aviary would be the only likely spot; not a cage, at any rate. I should be inclined to let the Blue Tit be the male. What food do you propose providing for them to rear

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the young (if any) upon? If by Blackcap you mean the Blackcap Warbler, then I have little hesitation in saying that you are wasting time in trying to get hybrids between it and a Blue Tit.

Tastes Differ (Campion).—I sometimes receive letters imploring me to tell writers how to prevent their birds from going on the cage bottom; now you balance matters by asking me how to compel your bird to descend to the floor. I could mention several methods calculated to keep him there (such as depositing a flat-iron on the small of his back), but I presume you would consider this kind of cure as worse than the disease. Candidly, I can't see why you want to interfere. I only wish some of my own birds would follow his example and stick to the perches. Most Goldies are very cleanly little persons, and will not go on the cage floor unless it happens to have been just newly sanded and they want to pick up some grit. It will not make the slightest difference to his chance of breeding; in fact, judging by your letter, I should think him a very likely bird indeed, and he must be in very excellent health and spirits. The signs you describe are very promising.

A Matter of Sex (J. Brown).—If your Blackbird has its body plumage, especially the breast, a deep, solid, jet black, then it is of a certainty a cock. Young cocks usually have the outer flight feathers rusty black in colour. If the breast seems perceptibly mottled in appearance (not a solid black), then may-be you have got hold of an old, good-coloured hen, and such a one usually shows traces of yellow in its bill. The Blackbird has a lovely song; you must have listened to its music, surely, seeing that you say you have so many in your neighbourhood. It is loud, and more flute-like in tone than the melody of the Thrush. Cock and hen Thrush are alike in plumage, and the only safe sex sign is the song.

Several Items (Gurney Grice).—In my opinion your Redpolls are not a true pair. If they sing very little, I should say that you have two hens; or, if the reverse, two cocks. You could have settled the matter last summer by examination of their vents. If you get a Redpoll showing red feathers on its breast you can be certain it is a cock. Enamel the breeding cage a very pale blue. The hen Canary ought to have nested, if in good health and condition; the difficulty, as a rule, is to prevent them doing so. I don't like hens inclined to be asthmatical. Try a young (1911) sound hen. Too much hemp is not good, but it does no harm in moderation. Half-a-crown to five shillings should buy you a real good house-moulted hen Greenfinch; look in the advertisement columns.

POST MORTEMS.

Mr. G. Yates, M.R.C.V.S., 2, College Road, Harrow, Middlesex, will examine and report upon dead cage birds for a fee of 1s. 6d. each bird; for reply direct, 2s. 6d.; analysis, 21s. Subjects for post mortem examination must be sent packed in a box direct to Mr. Yates, with the fee, this and any accompanying letter being kept from contact with the dead bird. Send by letter-post; it is cheaper and quicker than parcel post. Any bodies sent to the office of this paper will be thrown away, and if a fee is enclosed the loss will be the sender's.

O. E. B.—Death resulted from congestion of the lungs, following on a chill.

"Geistry Go."—There is nothing contagious; death occurred from pneumonia. It is surprising how quickly birds will succumb to this disease, ailing sometimes only a few hours. Yours is not an exceptional case, but is of daily occurrence.

W. Connolly.—Enteritis complicated with liver disease of some standing, probably due to the introduction with the food of some irritant matter.

GENERAL.

Answered by THE EDITOR.

Two Photographs (D. C. Williams).—Accept our thanks. We shall be pleased to find a corner for them in a future issue.

Yorkshire with Flights Drawn (W. D.).—You say that you have had to draw "about four" outer flight feathers from each wing of your young Yorkshire, owing to these having become frayed, and you ask whether this would render him incligible to compete at the Palace. In our opinion it most certainly would, as the class heading reads: "..unflighted, bred 1911." Your bird cannot now be called "unflighted" in the strict meaning of that term.

A Couple of Suggestions (T. W. Vickers).—We will give these careful consideration. It is doubtful whether we can carry out the first one, but we may be able to do something in the other matter.

Two Reports (R. Holt; A. Fancier).—These will probably be found published in this issue. Pressure on space has been very severe recently, and, though we always do our best, it is impossible to guarantee insertion of reports of members' shows immediately they are received.

Newspaper Cuttings (D. Thomas; W. Schofield; A. P.; T. W.; and others).—We are much obliged to you for sending the paragraphs from newspapers.

A Photograph (J. Robinson).—We will try to reproduce this in our next issue.

Size of Aviary (D. L. Flynn).—An aviary about 12 feet long by 4 feet wide would answer (5 feet wide would be better). The height is not so important; 7 feet at back would do, with a slope to the front. One square foot of floor space to each bird about the size of a Canary is sometimes taken as a rough guide as to the holding capacity of aviaries and flight cages.

Husks (F. H. Young).—Any of the large dealers in foreign birds will supply you with cocoa-nut husk nests for use with Budgerigars. They are advertised in our columns, especially in the spring.

Members Shows.

Bolden Colliery C.B.S.: Held Jan. 13, Co-operative Hall. Sixteen entries faced Mr. A. Widdowfield, the judge. Principal winners: Canaries, Messrs. Stephenson and Tracey; British, Messrs. Tucker and Hall.—A. Widdowfield, Sec.

Walkley C.B.S.: Held Jan. 5. Judge, Mr. F. Jones. Principal winners Yorks. pairs, Mr. Furniss; Nor. pairs, Mr. Woolhouse; novice Yorks. pairs, Mr. J. Smith.—C. Tomlinson, Sec.

Leicester C.B.S.: Held Saracen's Head Hotel. Judge, Mr. E. B. Hunt. Principal winners, Nor. open, Messrs. Adams, Groocock; novice Nor., Messrs. Bate, Smith, Bell; British, Messrs. Ride, Spence, Wortley.—W. R. Adams, Sec.

Leeds C.B.S: Held Dec. 26, St. George's Schools. Entries numbered 218. Judges, Messrs. H. E. Wilkinson (Stocksbridge) and F. King (Leeds). Special for best bird, Mr. E. Norton (unflighted buff Yorks.); Ramsden's special, Mr. C. E. Hall; Sandiford's, Mr. P. Marshall; the Leeds Cup, after a hard struggle, Mr. E. Norton, 38 points, thus receiving gold centre silver medal; closely followed by Mr. J. Owen with 37, who takes silver medal as runner-up; President's Cup, Mr. W. Johnson, 50 points; winners of section gold medals (competed for at the four members' shows and open, with six highest birds): Yorks., E. Norton, 124 points; Nor., Mr. D. McMillan, 97; and Brit., Mr. J. Owen, 145. Members' specials, Mr. J. Owen, 145 points; Mr. C. E. Hall, 134; Mr. E. Norton, 124; Mr. T. Flint, 124; Mr. W. Bristow, 105; Mr. D. McMillan, 97; Mr. E. Middleton, 95; Mr. A. Rhodes, 88, and Mr. J. McDade, 85. Novices, Mr. W. Bristow, 52 points, taking gold centre silver medal, kindly presented by Mrs. Maddan; Mr. J. W. Bushby, 2nd, with 23 points; 3rd, Mr. A. Robbins, 17 points. Principal winners: Yorks., Messrs. McDade, Hall, Rhodes, Dews, E. Norton, Baldwinson, W. H. Norton; Nor., Messrs. Hall, McMillan, Mennard, Johnson, McDade, Chambers; A.O.V., Messrs. Dews, Hornby; Novice Yorks, Messrs. Bushby, Bristow, Storey, Smith; Novice Nor., Messrs. Marshall, Searth, Robbins; British, Messrs. Owen, Lickley, Flint, Middleton, Chambers, Kay; Mules, Messrs. Middleton, Kay.—W. A. Wilson, sec.

Singing Contests.

NEWTOWN (Leeds).

Week-end contest, Prince Albert Inn, on Jan. 14. Large number of members and friends were present. 16 birds entered. Judges, Messrs. S. Nevins and C. Lorriman. 1, A. Binns; 2, 3, divided between J. Chippendale and J. Clark.—E. Wood, Hon. Sec.

CASTLEFORD.

Usual Linnet contest held January 13th, when 42 birds sang. Wiuners: 1, W. Nelson; 2, J. Brindley; 3, A. Towler. Also January 14, there being 21 birds. Winners: 1, 2, J. Brindley; 3, W. Ratcliffe. Singing is open to anyone. First bird up at 1 o'clock.—W. Dobson, Hon. Sec.

LEEDS.

Quality singing contest for Linnets held Skinner's Arms, January 13th, when 19 birds sang. 1, Sellars; 2, 3, Ward. Judges, Messrs. Lorriman and Turner. Also January 14th, when 24 birds sang. 1, 2, Sellars; 3, Chippindale. Judges, Messrs. Biss, Sissons and Turner. Also Canary contest. 1, Chippindale; 2, Binns; 3, Wood. Judges, Messrs. Sissons and Lorriman.—C. Clayton, Hon. Sec.

Linnet singing contest for quality held Old Bird House, King's Head, Shannon Street, January 14th, when 27 of the best picked birds in Leeds sang. 1, A. Butler; 2, 3, T. Stead; 4, McNicholas. Judges, Messrs. A. Jennings and Walt. Naylor.—T. C. Summers, Sec.

WIGAN.

Wigan C.B.S. Linnet club open-to-all England contest held January 13th, when 60 birds from all parts of Lancashires sang. First for quality, W. H. Topping; 2, R. Hayhurst; 3, M. Yates; 4, W. H. Jones. First for time, E. Peat; 2, R. Leyland; 3, G. Rendall; 4, J. Dobson. Judges for quality, G. Milligan and J. Dobson; timers, J. Peat, J. Woodward and T. Hurst; tappers, J. Hallwell and J. Macfarlane. After the contest there was 35s. to be spent in refreshments, which all enjoyed.—J. Ashurst, Sec.

SALFORD.

Lark sing held Boat House Hotel, Oldfield, Jan. 14, this being our first attempt at Lark singing. We were well supported by several fanciers. Ten minutes were allowed each bird, and J. Godson's (Gorton) bird sang 8min. 20sec.; it is a very good bird. Mr. G. is also a Linnet fancier. Timekeeper, J. Hyde. We are holding a Linnet contest (open to all fanciers in Manchester and Salford districts), Jan. 21, at 7.30 prompt, and we are expecting a good entry, as there will be two classes (field and house moulted birds). Prizes for each. Fanciers are specially invited. Open contest Jan. 27 (open to all England) for time and quality. Members requested to support the contest at Union Arms, Tyldesley, on Jan. 20. Several fanciers have decided to become members of CAGE BIRDS LEAGUE.—B. Wharton, Hon. Sec.

CLUB & SOCIETY NOTICES

ONE notice of any forthcoming Society meeting inserted free. It should reach us not later than Tuesday morning's post. Specially printed Club Notice Postcards may be had free on application to our Manager. Secretaries should always use them.

Annfield Plain F. and F.C.B.S.—Jan. 20, Smith Arms, Catchgate. Most important. Will those members who have not paid their subs. kindly favour Sec. with same? Final arrangements for show.—J. W. Christon.

Blaydon C.B.S.—Jan. 27, Co-op. Library, 7.30. very important.—G. Havver.

Bonnyrigg C.B.S.—Jan. 27, Forester's Arms, 7.30. Election of office-bearers, etc.—G. Harper.

Bradford East O.S.—Jan. 23, Park Chapel Schools, 8. Arrangements for members' shows for 1912. Yorkshire Union business; balance-sheet for anual tea and concert. Intending members please attend.—H. Hill.

Barrow C.B.S.—Jan. 24, usual club-room. Election of officers.—J. Currie.

Bramley O.S.—Jan. 22, Old Unicorn Hotel, 8. Election of officers, etc.—W. Maltby.

Chester-le-Street C.B.S.—Jan. 20, Butcher's Arms, 2. Annual members' show.—J. Hedley.

Cowdenbeath.—Jan. 20, Leitch's, 7. Club show business; syllabus for season.—J. R. Reid.

City and Suburban A.C.B.—Jan. 22, 59, Paddington Street, 8. Annual general meeting; election of officers; nomination of judges, etc.—A. W. Curtis.

Dulwich and Peckham C.B.S.—Jan. 23, Reindeer Hotel, Rye Lane, Peckham, S.E., 8. Annual general meeting and election officers for 1912.—W. Hodson.

Derby C.B.S.—Jan. 27, Derwent Hotel, 7. Election of officers; balance-sheet, etc.—W. Stevens.

East Ham F.S.—Jan. 22, "Earl of Wakefield," Wakefield Street, 8 p.m. Annual general meeting. Report and balance sheet, resignation of sec., election of officers, important proposed alteration of rules, presentation of cup.—H. Rutter.

Eccles C.B.S.—Jan. 24, Diamond Inn, 7. Members' table show. Will members bring their birds with them as soon as possible?—J. Hall.

Forfar C.B.S.—Feb. 10, Granite Bar, 7. Appointing of judges.—D. Kerr.

Grimsby O.S.—Jan. 25, Slatters' Rooms, 8. Syllabus for year.—Towl and Smith.

Halifax O.S.—Jan. 20, Plummet Line Hotel, 8. Special meeting to consider any alteration to Yorks Union rules, etc.; also social business.—J. J. Dunn.

Huddersfield O.S.—Jan. 22, Old Hat Hotel, 8.—F. J. Sykes.

Hebden Bridge C.B.F.A.—Jan. 23, Lello's Dining Rooms, 7.30. Entries for combined show.—A. Roberts.

Hebden Bridge and Calder Valley O.S.—Jan. 25, 8. Entries for inter-club show on Jan. 27.—A. Pickles.

Hetton-le-Hole C.B.S.—Jan. 21, Crown Inn, 6.30. Extra special meeting; business important.—A. J. Notley.

Heywood O.S.—Jan. 23, Rechabite Hall, Pine Street, 7.30. Annual meeting; balance-sheet; election of officers for 1912.—A. H. Meadowcroft.

Leicester C.B.S.—Jan. 24, Saracen's Head Hotel, Market Place, 8. Nor. Buff Cock (except unflig.) open and novice; Hen, ditto; Siskin; Redpoll.—W. R. Adams.

Leyton C.B.A.—Jan. 22, Grange Park Hall, Grange Park Road, 8. Annual general meeting.—Forse and Son.

Larkhall C.B.A.—Jan. 27, Miners' Hall, 6. Table show, class each; F.-M. Lesser Redpolls and Brit. Goldfinches.—J. Pollock.

Laisterdyke B.F.A.—Jan. 27, [illegible]. Annual knife and fork tea and presentation of prizes. Tickets may be had from members and secretary.—J. E. Hudson.

Llandudno C.B.S.—Feb. 6, general meeting. Feb. 7, members' table show, 18 classes; subs. to be paid before exhibiting.—F. S. Berry.

Morpeth C.B.S.—Jan. 20, "Earl Grey," 7.30. General.—E. Cowling.

Midland Roller C.C.—Jan. 25, Swan and Peacock, Wolverhampton, 8. Election of officers, etc.—T. J. Smith.

Mid-Rhondda C.B.S.—Jan. 25, White Hart Hotel, Tonypandy, 7. General business and report of auditors. We extend a hearty welcome to fanciers in the district to join.—A. H. C. Legg.

Musselburgh O.S.—Jan. 27, "Gray Horse," 7. Election Committee, etc.—W. Nisbet.

North Manchester C.B.S.—Jan. 23, St. Stephen's Schools, Conran Street, Harpurhey, 8. Amalgamated show business; nomination of officers.—J. Davey.

Northern Brit. B.M. and F.B.C.—Jan. 24, Lockhart's Cafe, 65, Grainger Street, Newcastle-on-Tyne, 8.15. General; table show, 3 classes (1 Linnet, 2 Greenfinch, 3 For., Cardinal or smaller); all exhibits except Foreign to be field-moulted.—G. Taylor.

National Brit. B. and M.C.—Jan. 25, "Feathers," Gt. Chapel Street, Westminster, 8. General.—Plumbridge and Carr.

Old Shildon Workmen's Club C.B.S.—Jan. 19, club, 8. Quarterly meeting; contributions taken.—J. H. Elwell.

Oldham C.B.A.—Jan. 23, Textile Dining Rooms, Shaw Road, 8. Table show of Yorks. Mr. G. Fitton judge; fanciers and friends invited.—J. Cope.

Pendleton and Salford O.S.—Jan. 22, Irwell Castle, Lwr. Broughton, 8. Balance-sheet; amalgamated show business.—J. Critchley.

Queen's Park C.B.A.—Jan. 25' Emmanuel Hall, Harrow Road, W., 8. Final arrangements for matched pairs show, etc.—J. C. Birch.

Rochdale O.C.—Jan. 22, club rooms, 8.30. Classification British bird show; judging competition matters, latter postponed till 27th.—R. Blincoe.

Stonehouse C.B. and F.H.S.—Jan. 27, Public Hall, 6. Table show: Border, A.O.V., Brit. Judge, Mr. T. Mather.—W. Melvin.

Sunderland C.B.A.—Jan. 20, Fawcett Street Cafe, 7.30. Show business; financial statement.—J. Jeffrey.

South Shields C.B.S.—Jan. 20, Lockhart's Cafe, 8. Annual meeting; election of officers, and resignation of Secretary.—J. Barrass.

Sowerby Bridge C.B.S.—Jan. 22, instead of Jan. 25, 8. Entries for combined show at Hebden Bridge.—Sutcliffe and Walker.

Stockport B.F.A.—Jan. 23, Boar's Head Hotel, 8. Syllabus for coming season.—W. Stafford.

South Manchester C.B.S.—Jan. 25, "Jolly Carter," 8. General; balance-sheet.—W. Knight.

Sale C.B.S.—Jan. 22, Volunteer Hotel, 8. Lecture on "Norwich," by Mr. A. Royle; fellow fanciers invited.—A. Royle.

Tong C.B.S.—Jan. 20, Hand and Shuttle Inn, Dudley Hill, 7. Members' show; birds to be staged 7. Judge, Mr. H. H. Towers.—W. Walker.

Warrington C.B.S.—Jan. 25, headquarters, 8. Members' show prize money; balance sheets; new members.—G. M. Nelson.

Wisbey C.B.S.—Jan. 20, Horse and Groom Inn, 8. Arrangements for annual tea, etc.—H. C. Crossley.

Yorkshire Union of C.B.S.—Jan. 20, Flying Dutchman, Leeds Road (Bradford City Show), 5.15. Novice medals; arrangements for annual ballot, etc.; all delegates please attend.—H. Hill.

ISLINGTON, N.

We are having singing contests at the Lord Wolsley, White Lion Street, on January 21st. There were some good scores with Linnets at our last sing, the winners being: 1, J. Cooper; 2, Lake; 3, W. Wigg. We are having several handicaps during the week for Linnets and Chaffinches. We are going to have a Linnet tournament next week (open to all comers), names to be taken on January 21st.—Pony Moore.

MONIAIVE.

Held Jan. 13th, in the Public Hall. The management was all that could be desired, and we were pleased to see the entry greatly increased this year. Some excellent birds were forward. Mr. J. Garrow judged, and his awards were well received. Border Fancies were the best of the Canary classes, the quality being very level. The winning uneven and the green were the Muirkirk winners. The Stranraer winning buff Plainhead Norwich were again at the head of affairs, whilst a good shouldered buff piebald won in Scotch Fancies and secured special for best in show. A very good dark Goldfinch Mule won in his class. Goldfinches were an exceptionally heavy class of fifteen. The winner, however, stood clear ahead, having a wonderful blaze and being shown in exceptional condition. In the variety British bird class an excellent Hawfinch won from a good Bearded Tit, whilst a massive Bullfinch came third. The following were the principal awards.

BORD. FCY., CL. YELL.: 1, McMillan and Jolly; 2, vhc, Welsh; 3, res, Davidson; hc, Gordon. BUFF: 1, 2, 3, Davidson. A.O.C.: 1, 2, c, Davidson; 3, Welsh; res, hc, McMillan and Jolly; vhc Kelly. SCOT. FCY.: 1, spl, Welsh; 2, Harper. NOR.: 1, 2, Devoy; 3, vhc, Landsburgh and Coltaart; res, Fergusson. DARK MULE: 1, Crosbie; 2, Rae; 3, Hume. GOLDFINCH: 1, c, McNeillie; 2, Welsh; 3, Cowan; res, Davidson; vhc, Kennedy; hc, McNaught, Gracie. A.O.S. BRIT.: 1, Morrison; 2, Stobbs Bros.; 3, Mills; res, McNeillie; vhc, Welsh.

GUILDFORD.

A very nice little collection of birds was got together by the Guildford F.A., at its show on January 16th. The quality was generally good, some capital Norwich, Yorkshires, and British being staged. Messrs. Stevens and Turner, the secretaries, were most energetic and obliging, and, being assisted by an enthusiastic lot of stewards, everything passed off well. Mr. T. J. Ambrose judged.

CAN., NOR., YELL. (4): 1, 2, Read, nice shape and size, good col. and feather, 2, longer and not so steady, capital col. and feather; 3, res., Miss Edwards, nice shape and feather, not so rich in col. BUFF (8): 1, 2, res., Read, capital shape and col., nice feather and style, well mealed; 3, Dale, shapely, not so much size; wrong class, Powell, Miss Edwards. YORKS., YELL. (6): 1, vhc, Avis, very smart and racy, nice col., good quality of feather; 2, 3, res., Stevens and Roser, very nice clear and wing tkd., capital shape and carriage, nice feather; wrong class, Powell. BUFF (5): 1, 3, Stevens and Roser, grand style and feather, nice col., rather stiff; 2, Avis, very pretty Cinn.-mkd., nice quality and style. CREST (5): 1, res., Arthurs, large, shapely body, best size and shape of crest; 2, Read, neat variegs., not so much feather; 3, Green, neat, nice quality green; vhc, Stevens and Roser. C.B. (5): 1, White, well feathered, good bodied green, capital shape and width of skull; 2, Arthurs, nice bodied green, neat feather, not so shapely in skull; 3, Green, a green with pied tail, not so much substance; vhc, Arthurs. FOR. (5): 1, Killick, grand feathered, good coloured, well mkd. Alexandrine Parrakeet; 2, 3, Yorke, well mkd., nicely feathered Budgerigars, nice col.; res., Read. MULES, and A.O.V. BRIT., AMAL. (5): 1, sp., vhc, Biles, very smart Can.-Bullie, in rare form, the Woking winner; 2, Stevens and Roser, dark jonque Goldie, lovely col. and feather; 3, Drowley, well mkd., nice coloured Siskin, should have been in the A.O.V. Finch class; res., Woods. BULL., ETC. (10): 1, Jupe, lovely little Goldie, grand shape and feather, splendid blaze and bars, capital body col.; 2, Woods, nice shaped, well feathered, good coloured Bullie; 3, Biles, smart, racy Goldie, nice shape, good face and bars, neat buttons; res., Dale; vhc, Woods; hc, Pope, Drowley. A.O.V. FINCH (6): 1, Drowley, large, shapely Linnet, capital col., very evenly and clearly marked, grand feather and style; 2, Woods, very stylish, neat feathered, good coloured Greenie; res., Stevens and Roser; vhc, White; c, Lymposs. SELL., 10s. 6d. (3): 1, Stevens and Roser; 2, Green; 3, Arthurs.

DAILLY (Ayrshire).

Sixth annual show held Working Men's Club Rooms, Jan. 6. Cage birds were nicely staged in one of the side rooms, an ideal place for a show of the kind, being well lighted and free from draughts. Unfortunately some of the staging was rather high, as the top row could not be seen to advantage. The entries were well up to those of former years, and quality was the best we have seen at Dailly. Mr. McKinley again scored heavily in the prize list, and won the sp. for best bird, with a fine Bullie hen. Mr. White, hon. sec., worked hard to ensure success, and was ably helped by an admirable committee. Mr. D. Holden (Muirkirk) judged, and his awards were well received.

The Critique.

BORD. CK.: 1, Campbell, yell., nice type, col., and condition; 2, McGill, nearly even marked yell., in rare form, fails only in head and beak; 3, McKinley, yell. HEN: 1, sp, M'Kinley, lovely yell., like wax, rare wings; 2, Campbell, buff, neat carriage, just lacks the bloom of winner; 3, M'Gill, variegs. buff, close up. NOR. CK.: 1, McKinley, marked yell., fine type and colour; 2, 3, M'Gill, both yell. variegs., must have pressed hard. HEN: 1, sp, McKinley, buff, best type, col., and condition; 3, 3, M'Gill, yell. A.O.V.: 1, McKinley; 2, M'Gill, both Yorks. GOLDFINCH, BRIT.: 1, Johnstone, lovely deep col., square blaze, good feather and buttons, well shown; 2, M'Gill, good col. and markings, not quite so well up in face. BULLFINCH: 1, 3, sp, McKinley, romping fine Bullie hen, very large good cap and bib, a gem; 2, M'Gill, fine cap and breast col.; 3, Johnstone, good col. and condition, steady as a rock. REDPOLL, ETC.: 1, 3, M'Kinley, 1st Lesser 'Poll, a gem, rare col. and marking, 3rd mealy, nice 'Poll, deep bib, very fit; 2, M'Gill, Siskin, rare col. and lacing. A.O.S.: 1, McKinley, Bramble, good breast and spangling; 2, M'Gill, Yellowhammer, fine size and cheek marking; 3, Johnstone. MULE OR HYB. 1, sp, McKinley, Siskin Mule, in rare bloom, steady as a rock; 2, 3, Gilmour; 2, Godfinch, nice face, 3rd variegs. CONFINED TO PARISH: 1, sp, M'Gill; 2, Boddie; 3, White.

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Correspondence.

A Novice Cinnamon Class at the Palace Show.

Sir,—Several novices have written me expressing regret that a class had not been provided for Cinnamons in the Novice Section at the Palace Show. To meet their wishes, and relying on their promise to fill same, a class has now been made, viz., No. 92a. I hope novice fanciers of the Cinnamon Canary will support this.

J. W. RAMSDEN, Show Manager.

Prize-money and Specials at Annan Show.

Sir,—Owing to our secretary being promoted to assistant superintendent in an assurance company, he has been called away to another district since the Monday after our show, and has been somewhat handicapped in getting prize-money and specials away. If exhibitors who have not yet received their prize-money will excuse him a little, he will send it as early as he can. I hope this will help to settle the minds of those who are getting anxious.

G. HIND.

Canary Breeding in the Winter.

Sir,—I thank you for inserting the letter I sent you a few weeks ago about early breeding. The four young birds that were hatched on Nov. 17, 18, and 19 are all doing well. I can go further now, for I have the same hen rearing three young ones. She had five eggs; one youngster was dead in the shell, and the other egg was clear. They were due to hatch on the 6th of this month. One youngster was hatched on the 5th and the other two on the 6th.

Johnston, N.B. H. BEECROFT.

A Cup Competition at Edinburgh Open Show.

Sir,—In answer to "A Lover of the Scotch Fancy Canary" in your last issue, "A," under whose roof the eggs were laid, hands them over to "B." "A" figures in the initial stage, but "B" has all the trouble in hatching the said eggs and rearing the young birds. In my opinion, however, neither has a claim to the cup, and I do not understand how the society parted with the cup. Surely the executive were not in possession of all the facts concerning the respective parts "A" and "B" played in the laying, hatching, and rearing? One point has not been touched upon in this correspondence, and that is: To whom does the bird belong? Is "B" having a share of the bird? In other words, what is his interest beyond the laying of the eggs? Cup competitions are exclusively confined to birds belonging in every sense to the competitor, namely, the egg or eggs must be laid in his "room" or "aviary," and the birds hatched, reared, and kept till after the competition. I am certain those officials who were in office when the rule was drawn up did not intend the cup to be competed for on the basis of "A.'s" and "B.'s" combined efforts, the original intention being individual effort. I think it would only be fair that the President or Secretary should argue the point; anything short of open explanation will not satisfy the members.

A SCOTCH FANCIER.

The Decline of the Cinnamon.

What is the Cause and the Cure?

Sir,—I have often wondered if something cannot be done to make the Cinnamon Canary one of the most popular varieties. I am a great lover of a good Cinnamon, but rarely do I get the chance to have a look at a good one. We seem to go on year after year with just about the same number of exhibitors, and there seems to be very little progress made. Certainly we have got nearer the type of a Norwich, but the exhibitors do not increase as they ought to. I have been in conversation with more than one fancier who admires the bird very much, and I have asked what they think is the cause of the bird not being shown more. One fancier said "If you breed Cinnamons you cannot command a fair price for them unless you have got tip-top stuff" meaning of course, the best. Another said, there are not many classes provided for Cinnamons. Another, "I cannot get anyone to supply me with good stock birds to breed good ones." I can quite understand the reasons given above. I have bred Cinnamons, and have had a job to dispose of the surplus stock. The simple reason is that there are not many Cinnamon fanciers about. I believe societies would only be too pleased to provide classes if there were enough exhibitors; then with more exhibitors, we should soon make the Cinnamons more popular and commanding a fair price. It seems to me the Cinnamon Fancy is being killed by just a few exhibitors, who rightly or wrongly are keeping them to themselves, and who if you try to buy a good stock pair, will part only with their "weeds," and then at tip-top prices. Some will say "I don't blame them for not letting them go out of their hands." No more do I, if they do not want the Cinnamon to become popular; for that is the way to keep the variety in the background. I trust something will be done to boom the Cinnamon during this next year, so that we shall see more on our show benches. I should like to hear Cinnamon fanciers' opinions respecting the above.

LOVER OF A CINNAMON.

An Early Start in Canary Breeding.

Sir,—I have three young Canaries which hatched out on Jan. 5. They are now penfeathered, and the hen is feeding splendidly. The same hen bred and reared me twelve young ones last year. She is of the Norwich type, and is two years old. She has never had the assistance of the cock bird to feed her young, and I always take him out when she goes to nest. You may think fit to publish this. I may say I have taken your valuable paper, CAGE BIRDS, for three years, and have gained much information from it. I should like to know if I am the first for the 1912 season to breed Canaries? H. A. M.

Scotch Fancies and the City of Glasgow

Sir,—Is it right to leave the selecting of the Scotch Fancy committee in the hands of the President? He will persist in holding the meetings on Saturday, an evening which is not convenient for Scotch Fancy men. The disposition to play into the other sections is evident. Members at meetings are not everything; there are fanciers who would be a great benefit on the committee. Beginners are to have no say in the management. They have to be nearly two years a member before they can even vote for a judge. Is it fair? I say no. The society needs all the new members it can get, and should encourage them.

A MEMBER.

A Cuckoo Which Has Been Nearly Four Years in Captivity.

This is a Record, We Think.

Sir,—I am sending you a photo of my old Cuckoo, taken January 7, 1912, out of doors. He is now nearing four years old. It was dull and cold weather, and this made him shiver a good deal. He is not quite through with the moult yet. He is having dinner

THE RECORD CAPTIVE CUCKOO.

from his patent dining table. The Cuckoo sends you his respects, and joins with me in best wishes to CAGE BIRDS for the New Year. His little sister, seven months old, was quite too ragged to take out of doors, but she hopes to be photographed with him in the spring, if all is well.

Worcester. MRS. E. M. SARGEANT.

An Amalgamated Show at Manchester.

Sir,—We beg to inform you that four of the Cage Bird Societies in the Manchester district are holding an amalgamated members' show on Feb. 3 next. The clubs joined are as follows: North Manchester, Ardwick, Pendleton and Salford, and South Manchester. It is suggested to make the show an annual one under the name of Manchester, Salford and District Amalgamated Societies' Show. We have engaged Mr. C. Houlton as one of the judges; another to be selected later. We hope that the members will try to make the show a success.

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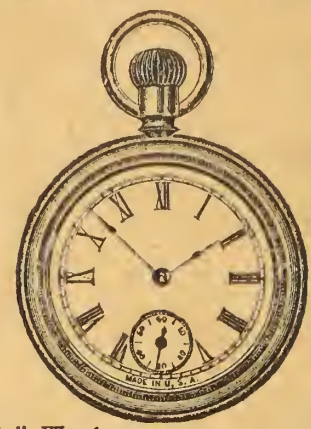

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The Food of a Nightingale.

Sir,—As one interested in Nightingales, I should like to thank Mr. Otto Puck for his letter in a recent number of CAGE BIRDS. It is far more interesting to read the experience of those who have the birds actually singing at the time of writing. My one regret is that I am so far distant as to be unable to avail myself of the opportunity afforded by Mr. Puck to call and hear his birds sing. I have kept six Nightingales at a time (purchased from different fanciers) in different cages, but have been unable to obtain any song, and, as my friends assured me from the first that I should not hear a single note, I was very annoyed when such proved the case. We all realise that it is far more difficult to get a 'Gale to sing in a cage than in an aviary, however tame he may be.

S. H. L.

Pity the Poor Secretaries.

Sir,—Mr. Stevens thinks I have a very bad case as to what causes short entries. As a matter of fact, I have no case at all, unless he refers to my upholding the 1s. entry fee. As he did not mention that in any of his letters, I let it drop. What I did, so far as concerns Mr. Stevens, was to pass an opinion that I was beginning to think that what caused short entries was secretaries not sending schedules when applied for. In Mr. Stevens' case I made a mistake and admitted it, and although in doing so I gave Mr. Stevens a little "chaff," I thought he would have accepted it gracefully. May I now ask a favour of him, viz., in order to save me making another mistake, will he kindly put my name on his list for a schedule next season? Of course, if he thinks my entries, like my letter, are not worth troubling about, then I will politely wish him "Good-day."

ARTHUR J. DAZELEY.

[This correspondence is now closed.—Editor.]

Club Shows in Belfast.

Sir,—I expect "Progress," in your issue of Jan. 6 has forgotten there are members in the Belfast C. and Y.C.C. that remember nine or ten years ago, when they were compelled to abandon "The Old Club," as it is called, because they did not breed Scotch Fancies or Belgians. Norwich and Yorkshires would not be tolerated by "The Old Club" members, and were looked upon as feeders; but since the origin of the Belfast N.C. and Y.C.C. they are greatly increased in numbers, and, seeing they have won a hard fight, they are justified in celebrating the victory. The Norwich and Yorkshire breeders will not amalgamate with "The Old Club," but there is one course open to the Scotch Fancy and Belgian breeders; that is to join the B.N.C. and Y.C.C. and appeal for classes to suit them. Re the letter from "Belfastman," he should learn, before writing, what is really the rumpus among the Norwich fanciers. The real cause of this unpleasantness is: a member of the B.N.C. and Y.C.C. exhibited a Norwich hen, and when he called at the hall after judging was over he alleges his hen was awarded first prize, and then when he called in the evening she was sixth. He accused the stewards of changing the tickets. So at their last meeting the secretary was instructed to write and ask him for an explanation, and the matter stands over to the next meeting, which I hope to see reported in CAGE BIRDS. "Belfastman" says there is some suspicion about a Yorkshire that won. He is not far wrong, but it is not an easy matter proving who bred it, and if a certain gentleman will not stand by his accusations made on the day of the show and prove them, he had better take his beating and "sing dumb."

A. MEMBER.

My Birdie Pets.

Sir,—I have kept Canaries and bred them for many years, and have been successful. My first pair, a yellow Norwich hen and a green half-Belgian cock, in their first nest had four eggs. They hatched all; and of two more nests of four and three, all the young were reared. I cleaned the cage daily, and gave only pure egg, and seed as usual. The largest number of pairs I had was four, and I was very successful with all. I bred from the same number for several years; then, through illness, I gave them up, and did not breed any more until two years ago, with a pair of Yorkshires, I bred sixteen young ones. Now, owing to another illness, I shall have to give up breeding birds, but shall keep birds as long as I possibly can, though my bad health prevents my enjoying them as I did. Though only an amateur, and though I do not sell any, I take great pleasure in my feathered friends. When I pair my birds I give egg food purely, and seed as usual daily; but when the young are hatched I give egg fresh four times a day and as often as they require more. I wash the trays of cages daily, and use camphor under the nest lining. I am not troubled with red mites, and I read somewhere in a book that camphor is good in every way. I have kept a number of foreign birds, but have never tried breeding them. I have now six Parrots, one Polly Grey being nearly eighteen years old, fourteen Canaries, a pair of Goldfinches, and a few small foreign birds. I also tame the wild birds as my father did before me, and get them to feed from my dish while I hold it. But now, having no garden, I have had to give up my dear wild birds. I take CAGE BIRDS in weekly, and consider it the best paper of all I have seen; I wish it every success.

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Crest Classes at Palace Show.

Sir,—Having insured the eight classes in the Crest Section with the Crested Canary Club, I copied last year's heading in schedule, stating that full prize-money was guaranteed by the Crested C.C., irrespective of the number of entries. Mr. John Tyson, Hon. Sec., C.C.C., has written me pointing ont that this is incorrect. This year the C.C.C. insurance scheme insures against loss, but full prize-money is only paid for over eight entries—eight entries and under receive half prize money. I hasten to make the correction, and trust exhibitors in Crest Section will note same.

J. W. RAMSDEN.

An Almost Clear Goldfinch Mule Goes Astray.

A Reward Offered.

Sir,—I had four birds sent from Edinburgh to Glasgow Show, held Jan. 2 and 3. On arrival home on Friday, Jan. 5, the lock of the case was broken off, and a Light Mule was absent from its cage. I have a letter from the secretary stating that the birds were packed by Mr. Muir, of Glasgow (under his supervision), and that the four birds were put in the case. I am making no complaint about anything, save the bird. I visited Edinburgh and Paisley, and was treated splendidly, both myself and birds. If any person should have got the bird in mistake, I would be glad if they would return it to me. It is an almost clear Mule, with light ticks on eyes and wings. I will give 10s. reward for any information regarding this bird. I wish CAGE BIRDS continued success.

J. LAVERY.

Infants' School, Lurgan.

A Plea for Novice British Bird Classes.

Sir,—"Whiskers" writes that "sometimes professional exhibitors breed birds that win for them, and sell them to novices, but the birds never win again. Why? Echo answers 'Why'" Well, that "why" makes me get upon my hind legs and echo back that probably the birds themselves are so disgusted at their drop from champion classes into those despised novice classes that they become in a week or two quite slovenly in appearance and develop open shirt-fronts, etc., and, also, sometimes change a little in colour. Is not this so, Mr. Whiskers? And the novice as a rule is not one who can reproduce those beautiful tight-fitting breasts like some professionals can. I am a novice, but do not belong to any bird society, but I am proud to be a member of CAGE BIRDS LEAGUE. I have a great fancy to join the Ardwick Society, as I think there is there a better chance for novices.

GEO. J. SWANNELL.

Sir,—I was rather surprised to read "Whiskers'" excuse for the poor entries in the open show, on which I had based my appeal for novice classes. What difference does it make to champions showing or even entering their birds because a secretary happens to go away and another one be elected in his place two or three weeks before the show? It was not the fault of the secretary, but of the champions that the classes were cancelled. How comes it the novices showed their birds? A much better excuse would have been that the "stakes" were larger elsewhere. He also asks me why not make an illustration of Manchester All-England Show. I have taken the trouble to work out the Norwich and Yorkshire classes for his consideration, and we find the open Yorkshire and Norwich classes averaging just over 19 per class and the novice Yorkshire and Norwich classes averaging 27 per class! What does he think of these figures? His version of the novice birds is that they are very bad, yet how often we find the judge's comment: "Could have won in the open." Many winning birds in the open have been bought from the novices, and I can prove cases where birds have been bought off novices for a mere song and sold at much larger figures. Also, do the champions sell most birds to the novices or to fellow competitors? We do not deny the champions what they have worked hard for in the past; we only want to be placed on an equal footing regarding our classes. Then we will fight our way through, and no doubt be as eager and willing to get to the top of the tree as ever the champions were. Do not let us stick to things as they were in the old days, but let us go with the times, improving our hobby, and then we will make fanciers, not turn them away, as no doubt we should if we kept to "Whiskers'" methods.

R. BOOTH.

Sir,—Mr. Long states I am wasting my time in fighting for the novice reform for British birds; but my opinion is very different. I feel assured that good has been done by ventilating the question. He is too eager to see results. Bide a wee, laddie; Rome was not built in a day. We have already made some little headway. What puzzles me is why societies have not years ago given facilities to the novice for showing his British, because if done in a proper manner it would certainly benefit the societies and also show the novice his welfare was being considered. Of course, if a society decides to make the change it ought to advise its novices that it will pay them best not to be in a hurry to exercise the privilege for a time, but to wait until an idea can be formed as to how many societies are willing to make the change, because if they put their British in the open classes there would be plenty waiting to have them made "professionals" with their Canaries. But if a few more societies will go in for the new rule and let us know through CAGE BIRDS that they have done so, then we can send the birds out with confidence, win or lose. If the rule became universal we would see a largely increased number of fanciers keeping high-class British birds and showing them; also it would materially increase the number of Hybrid breeders, and an increased number of these feathered beauties (Hybrids and British) would greatly help to solve the problem of a profitable gate.

W. DOWNING.

A Novel Decoration for a Room.

Sir,—One of our members, Mr. Jas. McVicar (Factory Road, Cowdenbeath), who is a hairdresser and bird fancier, in his hairdressing saloon, which is situated behind the bird shop, has had a border left two feet from the ceiling downward, painted white, and on this he has placed a glorious collection of birds cut from CAGE BIRDS Coloured Plates. There are over 300 birds altogether, so you will have some idea of the work it has entailed to cut these out. They have been artistically put up—a group of Mules in one corner, Yorkshires in another, filled in with all sorts and conditions of birds. Altogether it is one of the most pleasing displays it has been my good fortune to witness. Mr. McVicar is an enthusiastic Mule breeder and British bird exhibitor, and has had a fair measure of success as an exhibitor.

JOSEPH R. REID.

Secretary, Cowdenbeath C.B.S.

TROUBLE OVER A BRITISH BIRD CUP.

Should Points Gained in Selling Classes Count?

Sir,—In my endeavour to obtain justice at the hands of the members of the Kent County C.B.A., I feel it my duty to lay before them the plain facts of the case (published in this issue under "Club Reports"), which has arisen through the action of the Headquarters Committee in unjustly deducting five points from my aggregate in connection with the British Bird Cup Competition. The case has arisen through Mr. Wickham, of Chatham, writing to the secretary of the K.C.C.B.A. to the effect that an exhibit nominated by me at Canterbury Show was in a selling class confined to the British Bird Section, and in his opinion the points gained ought not to be allowed to count in the competition. The Headquarters Committee, without advising me of this letter, concurred with Mr. Wickham's opinion, and at their next meeting deducted the five points from my aggregate, thereby making me twenty points instead of twenty-five, as against Mr. Wickham's twenty-four, and awarded him the cup. I knew nothing of this till the report of the meeting was published in CAGE BIRDS the following week, and I at once communicated with the secretary, drawing his attention to the facts, saying I was under the impression that a mistake had occurred, and I asked him to look into the matter. Upon hearing from him, he advised me that the committee had deducted the points in question through the nomination being made in a selling class; but I pointed out to him that as far as I was concerned my exhibits had competed strictly in accordance with the rules laid down, as sent out with the schedules of each show to which patronage is given. I am enclosing you a printed copy as received with Canterbury schedule, by which you will notice that it distinctly states that "each competitor is to nominate not more than two birds in each section for cups and bowls, and the exhibitor making the highest number of points throughout the year at shows patronised by the K.C.C.B.A. to be adjudged the winner." You will see that there is no mention whatever about any particular class; all that the competitor has to do is to nominate two birds in each section, and even when this has been done he has to leave his chances of winning to the judge's decision. Now I maintain that, having carried out the details of the competition in their entirety, and won the cup in a fair and just manner, it is only right that the same should be awarded to me. I attended the meeting held on Wednesday last in support of my protest, and during the evening a second letter received from Mr. Wickham was read. In this he gives his answer to my statement that I have complied with the rules of the competition as "correct." Well, now, if Mr. Wickham is convinced on this point, why did he object to my nominations? Then, again, he finishes this same letter by saying that "next season it had better be printed in schedules that no points are to count in selling classes." This also shows that he is convinced that my nominations were quite in order. The result of the meeting was that the matter should be settled by a ballot of the members, and they should decide as to who is entitled to the cup. To this solution I am quite agreeable. I hope I have not trespassed too much on your space, and thank you for the insertion of this letter in your next issue.

L. A. BRETT.

CAGE BIRDS LEAGUE

Shall you be at the Annual Meeting?

Details of Proposed Tea and Photographic Group.

NOTES BY THE SECRETARY.

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The Week's Membership List.

The list of members made during the past week is published below. I hope next week to have to announce a still larger addition to our ranks, and that all members joining before the 3rd of February will attend the tea and meeting to be held at 4.30 on that day.

Miss Bass, Tunbridge Wells; Mrs. Jenkins, Llangollen; Messrs. Madewell, Dulwich; Lawson, Rigside; Smith, Barnsley; Broxup, Burnley; Palmer, Lavender Hill; Wesley, Wath-on-Dearne; Jenkins, Llangollen; Richards, Rhewl; Holden, Pembroke; Parker, Newcastle; Round, Thornaby-on-Tees; Smith, Battersea; Stevenson, Glasgow; Beake, Swanley Junction; Simmonds, Dartford; Goodall and Samuel, Rotherhithe.

Our Hon. Sec. List.

This week's addition is as follows:—
Pembroke, S. Wales: Mr. E. Holden, "Royal George," Pembroke.

Members willing to act as Local Hon. Secs. for towns not yet represented will oblige by letting me have their names immediately. CAGE BIRDS ANNUAL is now on the point of going to press, and names for inclusion in the list of LEAGUE HON. SECS., which will be therein published, must reach me not later than Tuesday next, the 23rd inst. I should like to make this list as representative as possible of the whole country, and I should be glad to have a name for every town in Great Britain and Ireland, but only those reaching me by next Tuesday will have a chance of being included in the published list.

Cage Birds League Membership Certificates: A Member's View of Last Week's Suggestion.

Last week there was published a suggestion from one of our members that we should provide coloured certificates of membership, to be renewed from year to year. I have received a considerable number of replies agreeing with the idea, and I should be glad to hear more generally what members think of it. Following is an example of letters received:—

> I quite agree with Mr. Bibbs' idea of a printed coloured Certificate of Membership. I think nothing would be nicer for a bird-room or living room than to see a neatly coloured Certificate of CAGE BIRDS LEAGUE framed and hung on the wall, so you may count me as one in favour of the proposition at whatever price you may issue the certificate.
>
> Oatlands. J. STEVENSON.

Cage Birds League First Meeting.—Post Cards Please.

The success of our first annual meeting, which will be held at the Palace on the Saturday of the show, is now entirely dependent upon the presence of every member who can possibly attend. Tea will be provided at 4.30 p.m., and there will be no charge whatever for this. After tea, then the meeting, and I hope there to make the acquaintance of many hundreds of members who are as yet only known to me by name. If those members who intend being present will kindly drop me a postcard, I shall be obliged, as an estimate of the approximate number will be of assistance in making the final arrangements with the caterers. No obligation will attach to the sending of the postcard.

Our Photographic Group of Members at the Palace.

Members will have been aware, from what has appeared previously in these notes, that arrangements were being made to have a photograph taken on the Saturday of Crystal Palace Show of all CAGE BIRDS LEAGUE members present. I am glad now to be able to say that these are completed. The photograph will be taken in the Palace by Messrs. Everitt, of Upper Norwood, at some convenient time on the Saturday afternoon, and a proof will be shown as quickly as possible at CAGE BIRDS stall, where orders may be booked. The photograph will be twelve inches by ten inches, and will be mounted on a plate-sunk mount. The price of finished copies will be half-a-crown each. The place and time of assembly will be announced at CAGE BIRDS Stall, and I hope that all members will make a point of being represented in this pictorial record of the first meeting of CAGE BIRDS LEAGUE.

Answers to Correspondents.

G. H. Peck.—It would, as you say, have been a matter of extra interest if at our first great meeting at the Palace the time had come for the distribution of prizes in our competitions for the introduction of recruits to CAGE BIRDS LEAGUE. This competition, however, remains open until March 11th next, and there is plenty of time for considerable alteration in the present state of the running. This is especially the case with the prizes for societies, as with the close of the show season they will have the opportunity of giving their attention to the question of becoming members of the LEAGUE. Several societies are members almost to a man, and I hope that before the closing date—March 11th—many more will join our ranks, and help us in the pursuit of our efforts to make the cage bird Fancy strong enough to repel any attacks levelled against it.

C. Round.—I am afraid that your idea of coloured dated seals to affix to the back of the pendant and brooch badges is an impracticable one. Members would scarcely care to stick a paper label at the back of a rolled gold badge; further, it would need a special gum to stick paper to metal.

Obituary.

I regret to hear from our enthusiastic member, Mr. Peck, of Bexley, of the death of Mr. F. E. Martin, late of Chelsfield, Kent. Mr. Peck writes: "Mr. Martin was a good old Yorkshire fancier, and he will be greatly missed as one of the first to help a brother fancier." On behalf of CAGE BIRDS LEAGUE members I tender our sympathies and condolences to the relatives left behind by our fellow fancier who has passed away.

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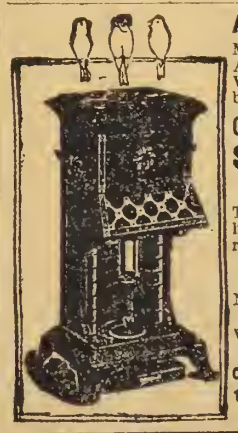

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NESTING BOXES AND FEEDING TROUGHS FOR WILD BIRDS.

Interesting Exhibition by the Selborne Society.

A very interesting exhibition opened on Saturday last, and remains open until Saturday this week, at the offices of the Selborne Society, at 42, Bloomsbury Square, London, W. Here are to be seen examples of the nesting boxes which have proved so attractive to the wild birds in the sanctuary established by the society in some twenty acres of the Brent Valley. Most of these have been specially devised for the accommodation of such birds as build in holes in trees, and the result of their provision has been that several species hitherto unknown as nesting residents in the neighbourhood are now regular inhabitants during the spring and summer of the woods held as sanctuary for them. Besides the nest-boxes, various receptacles for food, ranging from an upturned glass bottle containing seed which drops into a perforated zinc tray to cunningly devised adaptations of natural boughs made to hold a quantity of "soft-food" for insectivorous birds, are on show, and all of these are catalogued at reasonable prices for the use of those bird-lovers who take a pleasure in attracting the wild birds to their gardens.

For birds which like to breed under cover, but not in the dark, rustic boxes made of hazel boughs are shown. In actual practice it has been found that although Blackbirds freely make use of these partially enclosed nesting places, yet the hen Thrush does not care for them, presumably because of her habit of turning round and round in modelling the clay lining to her nest. For the special benefit of the Thrushes, therefore, shallow rustic trays are provided, these being sheltered by an overhead board.

Feeding tables fitted with a glass roof and carrying one or more trays have proved a great success both in the sanctuary and in private gardens. At first thought these would seem to be dangerous to the birds where cats are in the neighbourhood, but it is found in practice that the birds get out on the one side more quickly than the cats get up on the other. Further, cats are not particularly troublesome in the Brent valley sanctuary, as they rarely have any opportunity of introducing friends of their kind. There is a keeper who sees to this.

It goes without saying that the sanctuary is strictly preserved from trespassers, but we understand that the Hon. Sec., Mrs. Webb, of Odstock, Hanwell, W., is always glad to make arrangements for any intending visitors to be personally conducted over the grounds, and application should be made to Mrs. Webb by anyone who would like to visit the sanctuary.

The Young Naturalist.

Prizes of 1s. and two of 6d. each will be given weekly for the best three anecdotes about birds written on postcards. Competitors must be under sixteen years of age, and state whence stories are taken. Two stars indicate the Winning Contribution, one star the runners-up.

*Sharing the Food.

In our workshop we have two birds which belong to two of our boys; one is a Linnet, and the other a Redpoll. We placed the two cages together to see what would be the result. The next time I looked at them I found them passing their seed to each other, and ever since these two birds have shared their food every day. This shows us how two birds will make friends although they are not the same breed.—Fred Heath, 13, Cottage Homes, Shenley Fields, Northfield.

*A Greedy Thrush.

While feeding the birds during the recent winter, I saw a Thrush take possession of all the food and stand guard over it. Although there was plenty for a score of birds, yet the Thrush would not allow one of them to touch it. A Bluecap, a Hedge Sparrow, a Robin, and several Starlings were amongst those it stood against. When disturbed by a person it did not go far away, but always kept its sharp eyes upon the food, coming back when the line was clear.—Sent by L. Davey (age 12), 1, Henry Street, Plymouth.

**An Indian Bird Legend.

Years ago, when the world was new, the Great Spirit went about making everything beautiful. Wherever he walked lovely trees and flowers grew up. All through the long sunny days the leaves wore their bright green dresses. One day they were told they would fall to the ground and die. At last autumn came, and they fell to the ground. The Great Spirit was sad, and did not like to see them dull, so he gave them wings and called them birds. The yellow leaves became Canaries, the brown ones Linnets and Nightingales, the red-and-brown leaves Robins. That is why birds love the trees and build their nests among the branches.—(From "Little Folks.")—Beatrice Garner, Bannold, Waterbeach, Cambs.

Take Time by the Fore-lock.

SOME SEASONABLE HINTS.

MAKE EARLY PREPARATIONS FOR THE BREEDING SEASON.

By J. M. HICKMAN.

Having selected your birds for breeding (which is generally done between November and February) run them into large flight cages, or, better still, a small room, as the amount of exercise they now get is better for their health and well-being afterwards. I run cock and hens together, as I am fortunate in having a large, well lighted and well ventilated attic, light and fresh air being essentials in bird-keeping. If I find any to disagree I separate them and run them in large cages. Of course, it would not do to put exhibition birds together in this way, for fear they might injure their plumage.

Commence with the Cages.

Commence getting your breeding-cages ready. First scrape them thoroughly; then scald them both inside and out with boiling water. Let them dry, and coat them afterwards inside and out with spirits of turpentine, rubbing it well into the cracks and crevices where dust and red mite can harbour; for where these pests are there is a difficulty in rearing young, and I find the use of "Turps" a very effectual way of dealing with them.

After the cages have been exposed to the air for a day or so, give them two coats of what is termed "flatting," by coach-painters, that is, white lead mixed entirely with "turps." with the addition of a little gold size or terebine to bind it, and make it dry. Afterwards finish with a good coat of hard enamel which prevents the bird from pecking it off. Treating the cages in this way is better than using lime, as they can be scalded out, dried, and used again the same day, as water does not saturate the wood as in the case of limewashed cages. Of course, before starting to paint fill up all cracks with good oil putty, and your cages will look equal to new when finished.

Little Necessary Attentions.

The hens can be run into the cages at once after being looked over in order to see they have no dirty feet or long claws or beaks; if this is not done hens with long claws, etc., are liable to indent their eggs while turning them during incubation; and if a hole is made and it admits the air the egg is spoilt. To cut the claws, take a sharp pair of scissors and a pan of warm water; take hold of the bird gently but firmly to prevent it from escaping, and place the legs between your fingers. Cut the claw end off with one cut just clear of the small blood-vessel which can easily be seen; if you cut this blood-vessel it will bleed, and you will run the risk of laming the bird. Afterwards wash the feet in warm water and properly clean them.

Turn the bird into the cage, in which a good supply of sharp gritty sand has been scattered on the bottom, and a piece of cuttle fish bone put in the wires, as this will tend towards keeping the claws and beak short, besides helping to form the material from which the egg-shell is made.

If two hens are to be run with one cock, it is best to run them together for some time so that they can get on friendly terms with one another. Before the cock and hens are finally put together see that both sexes are in robust and vigorous health, for if they are not, disappointment will occur after they are paired. This is a matter that can be judged by their movements. If a bird bounds briskly from perch to perch in a lively and rapid manner and moves its wings in a semi-flapping motion, these are signs of good health and a sound and vigorous constitution, but if it sits dull and mopish this is a sign of some ailment; and I would advise all to discard such birds, as they are no use for breeding.

Forming the Attachment.

About the middle of March is the best time for putting the birds together, but before doing this I run them into a two-compartment cage—that is, a cage with a wire slide or division between them—for if the cock be placed beside the hen without this precaution it often happens that a severe quarrel is the result, especially if the cock is young and ardent; and this will be bad for the future of the pair. A lot more depends on this careful pairing than is usually supposed. After the birds are properly paired it is as well to separate them for a few days by closing the communicating slide between them, as this strengthens the attachment between them; but care must be taken to prevent them from seeing birds of the opposite sex, especially in the case of exhibition birds, as they are apt to select mates that are not intended for them, and it often happens that the hen frets and will not feed the young, or the cock breaks the eggs or destroys the young.

When the cock is run with two hens he might show a preference for one and persecute the other; in that case remove the one hen till the other has commenced to sit; then proceed as at first with the other hen.

Feeding the Newly-Mated Birds.

When you have got the birds together feed them well on hard-boiled egg and home-made bread, well mixed together; I generally rub them through an ordinary household grater. Then mix them well together with a fork and supply each pair with a heaped-up spoonful daily, with the addition of a little maw seed. Also give, every other day, a little hemp and niger seed, also green food. Keep a piece of fat bacon fastened to the wires of the cage, as it is a great preventative of egg-binding; and a piece of cuttle-fish bone, with plenty of grit, broken and crushed egg-shells, and mortar on the cage bottoms. You will never then be troubled with soft or "Wind" eggs, as they are called.

The birds, having been together for a few days, a nest must be given them. The kind I use are made of tin with hollowed perforated tin bottoms about 4in. diameter and 2in. deep, lined with felt, with a back to hang them up by. I give the nest a good dusting with Keatings powder. Then I give the birds nesting material, usually the penny nesting bags sold at all bird stores, which the hens make use of; but generally Canaries are bad architects, and some throw it out before they lay.

When you see a hen carrying nesting material about, you may conclude that she will not be long before she lays. Give her a little green food (lettuce and watercress are about the best), also groundsel, dandelion, etc.; but be sure it is not frosty, or else the consequences may be fatal; it is best to soak it in warm water over night, then shake it dry before giving it to the birds. I trust the above may be of use to fanciers who intend breeding Canaries this next spring.

Under the White Rose.

TO-DAY (Saturday) will see the close of the shows under the auspices of the Yorkshire Union, Bradford City having the doubtful honour of being the last on the list; and if they fare no better than the last two fixtures they will have a large financial loss to face, Sandy Lane and Skelmanthorpe both being, from the point of view of entries, failures. What is more, the Novice section has been the worst part of the shows, the entries from them coming up very badly indeed, several classes at each not having the required number for full prize money. If the novices want to keep up the number of classes, they will have to give better support to the tail-end shows. The champions are still going fairly strong, and they are not missing the chance to have a word or two in regard to the meagre support accorded the shows by the novice section.

BRADFORD National Show, held in aid of the Cinderella Fund, is now a proved success from all points of view. From a fanciers' standpoint, it was a great revelation as to what a bird show really is. And now we can pass the word along that from a financial point of view that it was a big success, the balance sheet showing a balance on the right side of about £62, and of this £50 has been handed over to the Bradford Cinderella Fund. This in all probability will even now have provided some poor children with necessary items for their well-being and comfort. The promoters of the show are well satisfied with the result of their labours, and it is hoped that their next venture will be even greater in all respects. The sum kept over out of the last show—£12—will pay the preliminary expenses, but one thing is still wanting. The past chairman, Mr. H. H. Towers, the past treasurer, Mr. F. Hammond, have both again accepted their offices; but the past secretary, Mr. H. Hill, has not yet definitely accepted office, although it is to be hoped he will. He has proved he can do it, and a thing is always easier the second time, and, besides, all those that exhibited or took any part in the last show have faith and confidence in Mr. Hill. All that can be done has been done to get him again to tackle the position, and the next show will be all the better if he accepts. The work has been well done, and great credit is due to all who took part in it.

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Sunderland held their 22nd annual show on Jan. 12th and 13th, and it proved about the most successful one they have ever held. The society have passed through strenuous times of late years, and last year the committee deemed it advisable to forego the annual open show, and hold a members' show only, in the hope of being able to resume the open shows this year with a few pounds in hand. That the action of the committee was a wise one, events have proved, for the open show this year was backed by a decent balance in hand, and, as we have said, was the best ever held by the society. A big curtailment of open classes was also decided upon, the number being reduced from 260 to 37, and here again the judgment of the committee was fully endorsed, as the amount received in entrance fees alone is sufficient to pay all prize money—a feature which is the exception, rather than the rule in connection with the cage bird shows. The show this year was held in the Miners' Hall, Roker Avenue, and although scarcely so commodious and well lighted as the Workmen's Hall (which is an exceptional place in these respects), it is much more comfortable, both for the birds and visitors, and better situated, being on a main thoroughfare.

Rarity versus Beauty.

Entries came up splendidly, totalling 585, and tip-top specimens were in every section, the big winners being present in strong force. This fine entry was grandly staged, a row down each side of the hall with two rows in the centre, all three tiers high, and the foreign and British Softbills staged by themselves at the end of the hall. Mules, British, and foreign birds were simply great, and were undoubtedly the feature of the show. It would be difficult to find a better collection outside of the two great National events. Several Scottish National winners were on view, and attracted a good deal of attention, the Greenfinch-Chaffinch Hybrid, exhibited by Messrs. Martin and Archer, coming in for a good share. We must confess that the general opinion of fanciers regarding this Hybrid was that excepting for its rarity, it is not a great exhibit, other hybrids being more beautiful. No one, however, questioned Mr. Maddison's judgment in placing it first, it being recognised that its rarity entitled it to that position, and that Mr. Maddison could not go past it. A little difficulty arose in allocating the special for best bird in show, Mr. Maddison bringing out the Greenie-Chaffie, and Mr. Stanger, the well-known Crest-bred hen "Duchess," belonging to Mr. Bewick. Neither judge would give way, and a deadlock ensued, the matter being finally settled after a good deal of argument by tossing a coin, which resulted in favour of "the Duchess." The Canary section was excellent, both in numbers and quality. Norwich, Yorkshires and Borders all came up well.

Some Real Good Workers.

The show management was excellent, and in Mr. Jeffrey the society possesses one of the best secretaries it has been our lot to meet. All his work is done with methodical precision, and he understands his business from end to end; and the manner in which he gets through his work is splendid—no worry or confusion, but everything done at the right time, and in the right place. We sincerely hope the Sunderland society may have the benefit of his services for many years to come, for a great deal of the success of this show is due to hard work on his part. He is ably supported by a grand body of fanciers, headed by the genial chairman, Mr. J. Farrar (who, by the way, does his work in fine style). Under him are the vice-chairman, Mr. W. F. Swan; treasurer, Mr. A. Walker, and the assistant secretary, Mr. F. Riseborough, whose assistance in the clerical work was highly appreciated. They were well backed up by a grand body of enthusiastic fanciers, viz., A. Elliott, G. Davidson, J. Machin, R. Newcombe, J. Riseborough, W. Reid, and C. Waters, and great help during the show was rendered by Mr. R. Tindale, the popular secretary of the Northern Yorkshire C.C., help which was greatly appreciated. A word of praise is also due to Messrs. McKenzie and Young, the well-known foreign bird enthusiasts, who both worked hard, helping to erect the staging. The following are the principal special prize-winners: Best in show, Mr. R. S. Bewick, with his well-known "Duchess." Skin rug for most entries in open show, Mr. J. Riseborough. Most points in Norwich, Mr. W. H. Butler; ditto Crests and Crestbreds, Mr. T. Taylor; ditto Borders, Mr. J. Ross; ditto, Yorks, Mr. H. H. Towers; ditto Mules and Hybrids, Messrs. Martin and Archer; ditto Britisb, Messrs. Nicholson and Son; ditto foreign, Mr. A. C. Young. The Hunter cup for most points gained by a member in the open classes was secured by Mr. T. Taylor, while the Hunter cup for best bird in members' classes went to Mr. W. F. Swan; Thompson's cup for most points in members' classes, Mr. J. Riseborough, and the competition for Davidson's cup, with 5 nominated birds, resulted in a tie between Mr. W. F. Swan and Mr. J. Riseborough. Diploma winners for best in sections were: Norwich, W. H. Butler; Crests and Crestbreds, R. S. Bewick; Yorks., H. Lyall; Borders, J. A. Purves; A.O.V., J. Riseborough; British, C. Waters: Mules and Hybrids, Martin and Archer; foreign, Mrs. T. Taylor; a show cage presented by Mr. R. Newcombe for best commended Border went to Mr. A. Gilchrist; Sandiford's medal was won by Mr. W. Reid, and Ramsden's special by Mr. J. Riseborough. Sales were quite up to the average, and the attendance was excellent, visitors being present from many parts of the country. Amongst the visitors were Miss Briggs, a keen local enthusiast, and Mr. Mark Sheridan, the well-known comedian. The judges were: Messrs. J. Stanger (Pelton Fell), and J. Maddison (Newcastle), the former taking Canaries, and the latter the British, Mules, foreign and selling classes.

Mr. Stanger's Classes.

NOR., CL., ETC., YELL. (9): 1, Wilson, cl., topper for size, grand, short, cobby body, thick head and neck, nice col., neat flights and tail; 2, Cameron, cl., a wee bit longer than leader, nice col., grand quality, neat head and neck, grand carriage; 3, Davison, cl., smaller, nice shape, neat head, good col. and carriage; 4, hc, Cowling, leader well-known variegated, grand cobby body, neat head, full chest, he some made this easily 3rd; vhc, Butler; c, Richardson. BUFF (8): 1, Richardson, cl., grand size and shape, thick, full head and neck, grand chest, good col. and quality; 2, Cowling, variegated, not quite so massive as leader, but grand shape, rich col. and quality, neat head and neck; 3, Dobinson, cl., rare size and shape, grand full chest, neat head and neck, nice carriage; 4, Wilson, cl., nice front, neat head and neck; vhc, Butler; hc, Machin; c, Davison. 1911 (16): 1, diploma best Nor.; 2, Butler, two beauties, leader variegated. yell., grand size, extra nice shape, rich col. and quality, fine carriage, grand wings and tail, 2nd variegated. buff, monster, deep chest, rare shape, thick head and neck, rich col. and quality; 3, Dobinson, cl. yell., not quite the size of leaders, but beautiful shape, grand rich col., fine feather, a wee shade weak in head; 4, Rowell, cl. buff, medium size, fine shape, beautiful boxy feather; vhc, McGinn; hc, Cowling; c, Riseborough. HEN (15): 1, 2, Wilson, leader, cl. yellow., nice size and shape, deep chest, good quality., neat head and neck, 2nd cl. buff, medium size, grand shape, neat head and neck, fine chest, good col. and quality; 3, Cameron, cl. yell., gem for shape, well rounded body, short and cobby, deep chest, sweet round head, some thought might have changed places with leader; 4, vhc, Butler, cl. buff, medium size, neat head and neck, grand wings and tail; hc, Cowling; c, McGinn. CREST, CK. (6): 1, 3, 4, vhc, Taylor, grand team, wing mkd., D.C. leading, grand crest of great size and density, beautiful droop, neat centre, fine shape and feather, 3rd wing mkd., D.C., good frontal, nice feather, very leafy and dense, 4th cl. yell., grizzle crest, rare size for a yell., fine shape and droop, would be improved with a wash; 2, Swan, cl. body, D.C., beautiful shape, crest, nice size, grand formation and droop, neat centre; hc, Gibson. C.B. (5): 1, 3, vhc, Taylor, leader foul tail green, grand skull, rare width, carries a wonderful amount of feather, fine rise and lash, a topper, 3rd foul tail green, rare body substance, grand head, good entrance and lash; 2, Bewick, variegated, grand size, well lashed, well covered behind, grand feather; 4, Swan, yell., grand headpiece, good entrance, nice rise and lash. CREST OR C.B., HEN (6): 1, diploma, 4, Bewick, leader, foul tail green, "Duchess," wonderful size, grand head, a topper all over, well known, takes special for best in show, 4th cl. body grizzle crest, very shapely and neat, dense feather, neat centre; 2, 3, hc, Taylor, another fine team, leader saddle mkd. D.C., neat, shapely crest, of good formation and droop, 3rd foul tail green C.B., fine substance, wonderful skull, rare flow of feather behind, grandly lashed; vhc, Gibson. CREST OR C.B., 1911 (13): 1, Hutchinson, foul tail green C.B., grand size, rare skull, carries a wonderful amount of feather, grand rise, entrance, and lash; 2, Swan, variegated. D.C., nice size, grand shape, fine droop and centre, nice quality feather; 3, 4, Bewick, foul tail green C.B. leading, scarcely so massive as 1st, yet carries a grand skull, rare rise and width, 4th foul tail green Crest, nice size and shape; vhc, hc c, Taylor. YORKS., CL., ETC., YELL. (12): 1, Towers, variegated, grandly drawn, a topper for finish, hot col., very slim, well tapered waist, nicely rounded back; 2, Tweedie, cl., grandly drawn, straight up, neat, narrow shoulders, A1 quality, beaten just a little in col.; 3, hc, Brown and Son, variegated, fine length and position, scarcely so well tapered as leaders, nice col., well braced wings and tail; 4, Hutler, cl., nice length, slimly built; vhc, Tindale; c, Ellwood. BUFF (15): 1, Towers, 4-pointed, straight as a rush, grand colour, neat head and neck, well rounded, lovely feather; 2, Stewart, cl., longer than 1st, grandly tapered, straight up on good legs, neat head and neck; 3, Tindale, tkd. back of neck, nice length, straight as a gun barrel, neat head, grandly drawn; 4, Ellwood, nice length, very stylish; vhc, Hutler; hc, Tweedie; c, Stewart. HEN (15): 1, Crawhall, cl., yell., fine length, very upstanding, grand quality, neat head, neat shoulders and waist, nicely tapered; 2, Cuthbertson, cl. buff, very slim, grand position, beautifully rounded, neat, narrow shoulders, finely drawn, A1 quality; 3, Tindale, bit shorter than leader, grandly drawn, well rounded back, good quality; 4, Brown and Son, tkd. back of head, fine length and position; vbc, hc, Stewart; c, Dykes. YELL., 1911 (16): 1, Dykes, cl., very slim, grand position, beautifully tapered, nice col. and quality, grandly braced wings and tail; 2, Towers, cl., another grand one for style, gets well up, nice length, well drawn, good quality; 3, Tindale, cl., bot col., fine length, straight as a rush, beautifully rounded, neat head and neck; 4, Brown and Son, cl., slimly built, beautifully drawn, nice col. and quality; vhc, Stewart; hc, Tweedie; c, Tindale. BUFF (14): 1, Tweedie, cl., grand stylish bird, very slim, beautifully drawn, nice col. and quality, grand position, neat head; 2, Norton, cl., fine length and position, very erect, neat head, grand shoulders and waist, beautifully braced wings and tail; 3, Tindale, cl., nice length, grand position, neat head and neck, well braced wings and tail; 4, Towers, scarcely so well drawn as leaders, grand quality, neat head; vhc, Dykes; hc, Ellwood; c, Wilkinson. NOVICE, YELL. (14): 1, diploma, 3, Lyall, cl., fine length, extra position, gets well up on fine legs, neat head and neck,, well braced wings and tail, 3rd cl., a gem for style, lovely col. and quality, nice position, beautifully drawn; 2, Ireland, saddle mkd., grand length, fine position, rare style and finish, well drawn, neat head, shoulders, and waist; 4, Cattell, longest and best positioned bird in class, bit pale in col.; vhc, Deighton; hc, Coomber; c, Gill. BUFF (13): 1, vhc, Coomber, cl., grand position, neat head, well drawn, beautiful col. and quality; 2, 4, Cattell, grizzle head and neck, nice length and position, neat head, well rounded back, 4th a trifle heavier in build, nice length and position; 3, hc, Wearmouth, tkd., nice length, very stylish, neat, narrow shoulders; c, Deighton. BORD. CL., ETC., YELL. (20): 1, Smith Bros., cl., grand col. and quality, beautiful shape, neat head, well rounded back, grand wings and tail; 2, Armstrong, tkd. over beak, fine shape, grand col. and quality, neat head, well braced wings and tail; 3, Johnston, cl., grand shape, nice col. and quality, well braced wings and tail, nice carriage; 4, vhc, Ellwood, cl., grand rich col. and quality, fine shape; hc, Nicholson; c, Elliot. BUFF (15): 1, diploma, Purves, cl., sweetly moulded, close, boxy feather of good col. and quality, neat head and neck, beautifully braced wings and tail; 2, hc, Elliot, bit thicker than leader, fine shape, good back and wings, nice col. and quality; 3, Smith Bros., tkd. back of head, scarcely so well rounded as leaders, grand col. and quality; 4, vhc, Ross, cl., fine shape, sweet head and neck, nice col. and quality; c, Nicholson. MKD. (8): 1, 3, Ross, leader yell., grizzled on back, nice shape, neat head, grand wings and tail, 3rd head and wing mkd. yell., good shape, nicely rounded, grandly braced wings and tail; 2, hc, Walker, buff, grizzled cap and wings, fine shape, good col. and quality, neat head, well rounded body, beautifully braced wings and tail; 4, Gilchrist, mkd. cap and both wings, buff, fine shape, sweet head and neck; vhc, Smith; c, Wilson. HEN (26): 1, c, Gilchrist, even mkd. buff, nice shape, sweet head and neck, magnificently rounded, grand wings and tail, capital eye and wing marks, nicely balanced; 2, Nicholson, uneven mkd. yell., grand col., rich quality, close boxy feather, beautifully rounded; 3, Ellwood, cl. buff, beautifully rounded body, fine shape, rich col. and quality, well packed tail; 4, Montgomery, cl. yell., sweet little lady, beauty for shape; vhc, Johnson; hc, Greenwell. GREEN OR CINN. (11): 1, Kirkpatrick, yell. green, nice shape, neat head, beautifully braced wings and tail, very level in col.; 2, vhc, Johnston, yell. cinn., grand type, rich level tone of col., sweet head and neck, grand wings and tail; 3, Parker, yell. green, best col. in class, pure grass green, very level all through, grand shape, beautifully braced wings, Newcastle winner; 4, Greenwell, yell. green, nice shape, good col., very level on body; hc, c, Montgomery. CINN. YELL. and BUFF cancelled. A.O.V. (8): 1, diploma, 3, vhc, c, Riseborough, fine team of Lizards, gold cl. cap, leading, fine size and ground col., 3rd cl. cap gold, grand size, good col., nice spangle; 2, Summers, even mkd. Nor., fine size, grand shape, rare head, neck, and chest, rich col., beautiful markings; 4, hc, Reed, Lizards, gold, cl. cap leading, nice col. and cap, good back work.

Mr. Maddison's Classes.

LIGHT MULE, ETC. (15): 1, diploma, 2, Martin and Archer, unique Greenie-Chaffie leading, shows cross distinctly, put down in grand feather and condition, 2nd lightly mkd., Greenie-Can., Nonpareil, a topper, grand size and shape, lovely col., grand bloom and finish, both Scottish National winners; 3, 4, hc, Bond, another grand team, leader, grand Can.-Bullie, rare size, lovely col. and shape, 4th lightly mkd. Siskin-Can., gem for size, grand shape and col., shown in the pink of condition, hc a lovely Linnet-Bullie; vhc, Dr. Wilson, Goldfinch-Bullfinch; c, Bruce; this class was worth going a long way to see. DARK (18): Another grand collection: 1, Brunskill, yell. Greenie-Can., beautiful shape, a stormer for col., rare polish and condition, Scottish National winner; 2, Gilchrist, yell. Goldie-Can., "Border King," rare size, fine shape, wonderful blaze, grand col., splendid condition; 3, Somerfield, yell. Greenie-Can., larger than leader, fine shape, in tip-top condition; 4, e, Martin and Archer, yell. Goldie-Can., "The Guardsman," fine shape, grand exhibit; vhc, Master Johnston; hc, Bell. BRIT. SISKIN, ETC. (14): 1, Nicholson and Son, Lesser Redpoll, a gem for size and shape, grand col., nice bib, grand polish and condition; 2, Bell, lovely Siskin, nice size and shape, rich col. and polish, grand cap and bib, beautifully laced, Scottish and National winner; 3, Dr. Wilson, Twite, grand one for size and col., beautifully mkd., grand feather and polish; 4, Waters, Mealy Redpoll, fine size, grandly laced; vhc, Nicholson, J.; hc, Walsh; c, Davidson. GOLDIE, ETC. (24): 1, Woods, Bullie, grand shape, short and cobby, rich breast col., very level and bright, grand dense col., cap of fine shape; 2, Nicholson and Son, Goldie, medium size, lovely blaze, rich and pure in col., grand body col., beautifully tanned; 3, Curry, Bullie, fine size and shape, good breast col., nice cap, level back col., nice bars; 4, Butler, Goldie, good one for size and shape, nice blaze, not quite so pure in col. as leaders; vhc, Rutherford; hc, Bowerbank and Yeoman; c, Swales. FINCH, A.O.S. (13): 1, diploma, best Brit., vhc, Waters, non-fed Greenie, a topper, grand size and shape, short, full fronted bird, grand col., Scottish National winner; 2, Nicholson and Son, Chaffie, a beauty, rare size, very rich col., grand head, splendid wing bars; 3, Lane, Yellowhammer, fine size and col., good head, markings, fine polish and condition, very steady; 4, hc, McVay, col.-fed Greenie, rich col., rare polish and condition; c, Dr. Wilson. LINNET, HOUSE-MOULTED (14): 1, 3, Davidson, two gems, leader one of the best out for size and shape, grand nutty brown col., lovely pencilling, clear and distinct, 3rd medium size, good col., pencilling clear and distinct; 2, Martin and Archer, not quite so big as leader, but a topper for pencilling, fine shape, lovely col. and condition; 4, Waters, medium size, lovely col., nice shape, well pencilled; vhc, Walsh; hc, Taylor; c, Tomlinson. FIELD MOULTED (15): 1, 4, G. Taylor, leader not a big one, but a stormer for pencilling, 4th grand shape, nicely pencilled, shows plenty of whites; 2, Davidson, another topper for shape and col., grandly pencilled, not quite so profuse on breast as leader; 3, Johnston, paler col., nice shape, well pencilled, good condition and feath[illegible] vhc, Jobbing; hc, Nicholson; c, Tucker. SOFTBILL, SMALL (7): 1, 2, Nicholson and Son, leader Tree Creeper, lovely exhibit, in perfect feather and condition, much admired by visitors, 2nd Redstart, topper for feather and condition, put down in grand bloom; 3, c, Dr. Wilson, Nightingale, shown in grand condition, not a feather out of place, c nice Wheatear; 4, Walsh, lovely yellow Wagtail, in splendid feather; vhc, Mackwell; hc, Johnston. LARGE (7): 1, Walsh, Chough, great size, grand feather and condition, lovely col., legs, and beak, Scottish National winner; 2, c, Davidson, Waxwing leading, a beauty, lovely bloom, not a feather out of place, c, nice Blackbird; 3, Scott, Magpie, nice feather and condition, good col.; 4, Hunter, lovely Missel Thrush, fine size and shape, well spotted; vhc, Dr. Wilson (Waxwing); hc, Riseborough (Great Grey Shrike). SEEDEATERS (15): 1, Young, Rufous-tailed Finch, in lovely feather and condition, very sweet; 2, Scott, King Parrot, in much better condition than when we saw him last, a popular attraction; 3, Almond, lovely Cuban Finch, put down in grand order; 4, Nicholson and Son, very nice pair of Parson Finches, in fine feather; vbc, MacKenzie; hc, Almond; c, Bruce. INSECTIV., ETC. (9): 1, Mrs. T. Taylor, well-known yellow wing Sugar Bird, a beautiful exhibit; 2, Young, Hardwicke's Fruit Sucker, a charming exhibit, shown in the best possible condition; 3, Walsh, lovely plumaged Wood Swallow, in grand condition, much admired; 4, McKenzie, Lory, in fine feather, making as much noise as the rest of the section put together; vhc, Nicholson and Son, well-known glossy Starling; hc, McKenzie; c, Young.

Members' Classes.

NOR., YELL., CL., ETC. (8): 1, 3, 4, sp, Riseborough; 2, Reid; vhc, Machin; hc, c, Snowball. BUFF (6): 1, sp, 2, 4, Riseborough; 3, vbc, Snowball; hc, Reid. VISIBLY TKD., ETC. (9): 1, c, Fenwick; 2, sp, 3, 4, Riseborough; vhc, Snowball; hc, Reid. PAIRS (4): 1, sp, 2, 3, Riseborough; 4, Reid. DARK CREST, BUFF MKD. (5): 1, vhc, Swan; 2, sp, 3, 4, hc, J. Walker. C.B. (6): 1, vhc, Swan; 2, sp, 3, 4, hc, J. Walker. CREST, A.O.V. (2): 1, sp, 2, Swan. PAIRS (3): 1, sp, 3, Swan; 2, J. Walker. CINN. YELL. (2): 1, sp, 2, Fenwick. BUFF (2): 1, sp, 2, Fenwick. BORD. FCY., CL., ETC. (6): 1, vhc, Swan; 2, T. Davison; 3, sp, 4, hc, A. Walker. BUFF (7): 1, sp, 3, vhc, A. Walker; 2, 4, T. Davison; hc, c, Swan. VISIBLY TKD., ETC. (6): 1, 3, 4, sp, A. Walker; 2, T. Davison; vhc, hc, Swan. PAIRS (4): 1 sp, 4, Swan; 2, A. Walker; 3, T. Davison. YORKS. YELL., CL., ETC. (6): 1, sp, 2, 3, Swan; 4, vhc, Gray. BUFF (6): 1, 2, hc, Swan; 3, 4, Gray; vhc, Riseborough. YORKS., A.O.V. (4): 1, 2, 3, 4, sp, Riseborough. PAIRS (2): 1, sp, Swan; 2, Gray. LIZ., GOLD., C.C. (2): 1, sp, Riseborough; 2, Reid. SILVER (2): 1, sp, Riseborough; 2, Reid. B.C. (2): 1, sp, 2, Reid. LINNET, H.M. (5): 1, sp, 2, 4, Waters; 3, Fenwick; vhc, Machin. FINCH, H.M. (8): 1, 2, 3, sp, Waters; 4, Machin; vhc, hc, c, Riseborough. SOFTBILL, H.M. (1): 1, sp, Reid. HARDBILL, A.O.S., cancelled. GOLDFINCH, ETC., MULE (1): 1, sp, Reid. A.O.V., MULE, ETC., cancelled. A.O.V., PAIRS (2): 1, sp, 2, Riseborough. CAN., A.O.V. (4): 1, sp, 2, Swan; 3, 4, Riseborough.

SCUNTHORPE F.S.

The best members' show of this society was held Boxing-day, in the Victoria Rooms. Mr. J. W. Moore (Grimsby) judged the cage bird section, in which were some birds of excellent merit. Much credit is due to the sec., Mr. S. Linge, who carried out everything in such capital style.

A.V., NAT. COL.: 1, sp, Haldenby; 2, Crosby; 3, Mawer; r, Lings. YORKS. CK.: 1, Haldenby; 2, 3, Brown; r, Lings. HEN: 1, Haldenby; 2, 3, Brown. YORKS. 1911: 1, Haldenby; 2, 3, Brown; r, Crosby. NOR.: 1, 2, Brown; 3, Haldenby; r, Crosby. NOR., 1911: 1, 2, Brown; 3, Mitchell; r, Crosby. LIZ.: 1, 2, 3, Crosby. LINNET, ETC.: 1, 2, 3, Robinson; r, Tugby. GOLDFINCH, ETC.: 1, 3, Ward; 2, Tugby; r, Clarke. MULE: 1, Brown; 2, Chamberlain; 3, Ward. GIFT: 1, Tugby. Cup for best Can. won by Mr. C. Brown; cup for best cage bird, Mr. E. Ward, and sp. for the worst bird in show was won by the secretary.

Novelties on the Continent.

German Canaries judged for beauty of plumage. Some good specimens of English varieties on view. Fine show at The Hague.

On January 12th, 13th, and 14th, was held, in the Zoological Gardens, at The Hague, the twenty-seventh show of the Dutch Aviculture Society (Nederlandsche Vereeniging Avicultura). The cage bird section, although not strong when compared with our English shows, was nevertheless very interesting, and several of the exhibits could have held their own at some of our shows on this side. Nicely staged, in a well-lighted and beautifully warm room opening out of the main hall, in which were the poultry, the cage birds presented an attractive and pleasing sight. Only 120 exhibits were staged in this section for beauty of plumage, but in another room opening out of one of the galleries were 80 German Canaries engaged in a singing competition, and very sweet indeed was their song. The schedule opened with Dutch Frills, and it will seem almost incredible to our readers that only two birds were shown, both from Mr. van Leeuwen. They were beautifully frilled, but were not very large. Next came the German, classes being provided for yellows (which included buffs), greens, cinnamons, variegated and crested, or, in the words of the catalogue, Gele, Groene, Feuilli morti, Bonte and Gekuifde. This is the first time we have seen Germans judged for beauty of plumage, and we must say that some of the birds were exceedingly smart little fellows of lovely colour and feather, whilst the wee little turncrowns of the crests looked very quaint. Mr. V. U. de Villeneuve won the special for the best collection, and also that for the best yellow, whilst Mr. J. G. Bloys van Treslong secured that for the best green. Other exhibitors were Messrs. J. van den Borden, W. Landman, W. A. van Leeuwen, and J. W. Schuurman. Lancashires only had two entries, both from Mr. van Leeuwen. Norwich had three classes, Gekuifde (crests), Gladkop (plainheads), and Cinnamons, here described as cinnamons, and not Feuilli morti as in the Germans. Mr. R. A. Wilson, the son of a Coventry gentleman settled in the Hague, won the special for the best collection, and also that for the best bird. Mr. Wilson, who exhibited 15 Norwich, was the winner in each class. The only other exhibitors were Messrs. W. A. van Leeuwen and V. W. de Villeneuve. The Yorksbires interested us greatly, and some remarkably nice birds were shown. Mr. Wilson again held a strong hand, and did well. He won the special for the best collection, and that for the best yellow, whilst Mr. W. A. van Leeuwen won that for the best cinnamon, and this bird we would like to say was a cinnamon Yorkshire indeed. Judged either as a cinnamon or as a Yorkshire, it deserved to win. It had type, style, colour and quality all in high degree. Another nice stylish bird was Mr. Wilson's heavily marked yellow. Mr. van Leeuwen was the only exhibitor of Lizards, and his birds were good coloured, nicely spangled golds, but they were not so well staged as the same gentleman's other exhibits. Borders had three classes, with Mr. Wilson as the largest exhibitor, and doing all the winning with clears, whilst Mr. Leeuwen won in the greens and cinnamons, and in each case the winners were nice, stylish birds. Mr. Wilson won the special for the best collection of Borders, and also that for the best clear. In Scots, Mr. Wilson had no opponent. Mules, described as "Bastards van Kanarie-en-Wilde Vogel, had only Mr. V. W. de Villeneuve as an exhibitor, and the winner was a variegated buff Goldfinch-Canary of nice shape and colour. In wild birds the winners were: Bullfinches (Gondvinken), Mr. Sutherland; Goldfinches (Putters), Mr. Schuurmann; and in Inlandsche Zaadeters Mr. Schuurmann won with a Green Crossbill. In the class for Albinos, Mr. W. J. M. de Bas won with a pied Robin, pied Blue Tit, and pied Chaffinches. The Foreign classes contained a nice lot of Cardinals, Parrakeets, Grey Parrots, Barbets, and an American Clock Bird, the winners being: Cardinals (Kardinalen), Mr. de Bas; Parrakeets (Parkieten), Mr. Sutherland, with Ringnecks and Rosellas; Parrots (Papageien), Messrs. Sutherland and Kaiser; Cockatoos (Ara or Kaketoe), Mr. W. Landman, with a Blue-and-Buff Macaw, which took the special over the section. In the Uitlandsche Vogels, Mr. de Bas won with a Red Barbet, a Green Barbet, and a Clock Bird. Mr. Wilson won the special for the best collection of Canaries in the show, and Mr. Sutherland that for the best collection of wild birds. These prizes were awarded on the number of points scored by the exhibitors. Points counting, 1st 3, 2nd 2, 3rd 1. The judges were Messrs. C. L. W. Noordwijn (Canaries) and J. N. Blaaw the remainder.

The German songster competition was judged by two German fanciers, Messrs. Wm. Hildebrand, of Hanover, and J. Schoonwater, of Nijmegen. There were ten entries in the class for single birds, and the winners were: 1, 3, van Leeuwen; 2, van Geffen; vhc, Mayen; hc (2) van de Berg and van de Boogaard. In the class for pairs there were 36 entries, and the awards were 1, 't Hart; 2, hc, Schaafsma; 3, Varhaegen; 4, de Grooth; vhc, van Leeuwen; hc, van Geffen. The third class was for quartets, and in this there were 44 entries, and the winners: 1, von Geffen; 2, de Grooth; 3, Lauerman; 4, von Leeuwen; 5, van de Berg, and van de Boogaard.

Plumstead and Woolwich C.B.S. Scores a Success.

Good Novice and British Bird Sections.

Plumstead and Woolwich C.B.S. open show, held at the Sussex Hall Jan. 11th and 12th, being the fifth venture of this progressive society. It proved a big success. The popular secretary, Mr. Meades, was again at the head of affairs, and he this time had the valuable assistance of Mr. G. Smith. Mr. Meades is well known for his tact and ability in show management and capacity for getting through the vast amount of work incidental to an open show; needless to say, everything was carried out in a very able and satisfactory manner, and all the exhibits were comfortably staged and well looked after. In attending to the wants of the specimens entrusted to them, we particularly noticed Messrs. Marley, Hazell, Weston, Hall, and Barton, a select band of willing workers. The number of exhibits was hardly so high as at the last show, the falling off being chiefly noticeable in the Canary and the members' sections. We understand the members are passing through a rather bad time, so many of their best birds falling into moult. Mr. Irons' Buff Norwich cock won special for best in show. Messrs. Hawes Bros.' yell. Yorkshire won special for best Yorkie. Here again quality and type were well in evidence. Special for best Border went to Mr. Bacon's yell., closely pressed by Mrs. Thynne's lovely buff. The novice Nor. and Yorks. classes filled well, and some capital specimens were staged. The British birds were really a good collection, most of the classes being well filled, the two classes alloted to the novices coming out quite "a bumper," 25 birds in the one and 16 good ones in the other. Mr. Marley won special for best champion British with his well-known Blackbird. There were also three very fine classes of Hybrids. The show was well patronised hy visitors and during the evening the company were favoured with music. The hall was beautifully warmed and lighted. Mr. Heath judged the Canaries, and Mr. Frostick the Hyhrids, British and foreign.

The Critique.

NOR., YELL. CK. (4): 1, Irons, bold full fronted bird, big head, wide shoulder, grand even colour and quality; 2, Richardson, another good one, lovely shape and quality, not quite so full as winner; 3, Miles, rare head and neck, good shoulders, grand col. and quality; 4, Thomas, very shapely, nice bold front. BUFF (6): 1, sp., Irons, lovely exhibit, wonderful type and quality, bold front, grand head and neck; 2, Golding, a beauty for quality, grand head, good chest and shoulders, capital wings; 3, Little, lovely type, nice head on a very short neck, bold front; 4, Miles, another nice one, capital quality; vhc, Thomas; hc, Silk. VARIEG. (2): 1, Silk, short, thickset bird, beautifully rounded, neat head, shows well; 2, Gunnell, hot col. yell., lovely type, good head, beaten in substance only. HEN (5): 1, Thomas, bonny bird, lovely type, good wedge-shape to a neat tail, capital wings; 2, Richardson, cap and eye mkd. hird, clubby shape, good head and neck; 3, Silk, good bird, not quite so cleanly cut as winners, grand quality; 4, Gooding, very smart, shapely bird, neat head; vhc, Miles. UNFLIG. YELL (5): 1, Irons, lovely neck ticked hird, capital head, well filled back, grand sweep from a bold front; 2, Hawkes, neat, shapely bird, nicely cut; 3, Wickham, bold fronted bird, grand shape, rare head, grand col. and condition; 4, Richardson, neat specimen, grand quality; vhc, Little. BUFF (6): 1, Irons, rare substance, grand head and back, capital, well-braced wings, good tail; 2, Gooding, capital exhibit, real Nor. type, neat head, fine quality; 3, Miles, lovely shapely specimen, grand, well filled head and neck, sound col.; 4, Richardson, bold hird, very fine, clean head, grand back and wings; vhc, Little; hc, Hawkes. YORKS CK. (7): 1, sp. 2, hc, Hawes Bros., long racy specimen, lovely type, clean cut on good legs, nicely braced wings; 2nd rare length and type, grand shoulders and hack, neat wings and tail; 3, Penton, fine length of hody and wings, good shoulders, neat head; 4, Dykes, smart specimen, grand shoulders, nicely braced wings, A1 quality; vhc, Pittes. VARIEG. CK.: 1, vhc, Hawes Bros., smart specimen, rare length and style, good legs, grand back and wings, neat tail, vhc, we liked immensely; 2, Franks, nice length, neat head, not quite the finish of winner; 3, Dykes, another good one, fine length of wing; 4, Hawkes, good length and style. HEN (7): 1, 2, vhc, Hawes Bros., 1, a beauty, grand length, good head, clean run, well up on legs, takes splendid position, 2, rare size and length, good straight, well-filled back, neat head; 3, Dykes, mkd. bird, grand shape, beautifully rounded, rare length of body; 4, c, Penton, smart, shapely specimen, stands well on good legs; hc, Hawkes. UNFLIG. (8): 1, 3, Hawes Bros., grand, upstanding specimen, good head and neck, A1 shoulders, clean run, well up on legs, 3, wing and eye marked huff, grand length, good shoulders, capital wings and tail; 2, Dykes, wonderful length, neat head, nice clean run; 4, Franks, smart yell., very shapely; vhc, Andrews; hc, Pittis; c, Hawkes. BORD.: 1, 3, hc, Bacon, 1, cap mkd. yell., lovely quality, shapely, neat specimen, nicely braced wings, good style, 3, smart yell., very shapely; 2, vhc, Mrs. Thynne, very fine huff, grand type and quality, nicely rounded, good wings and tail, good condition; 4, Ellwood, bonny green, nice type and col. CREST: 1, 2, Mrs. Thynne, 1, grand crest, wing marked dark, good, shapely headpiece, nicely drooped, 2, shoulder marked C.B., A1 size and quality, good length of feather. NOVICE: NOR., YELL. CK.: 1, Taylor, lovely cobby specimen, grand shaped head, good neck and shoulders, capital front and back; 2, Leech, shapely bird, good head, not quite the substance of winner, A1 col.; 3, Miss Edwards, good head, nice col. and quality; 4, King, hold fronted bird of good size; vhc, c, Page; hc, Williams. BUFF (13): 1, Wade, shapely, typical bird, nicely rounded, grand head and neck, full of quality and col.; 2, Miss Edwards, smart specimen, neat head, lovely quality; 3, Taylor, cobby buff, capital size, nice short wings and tail, grand quality; 4, Gregory, bold hird, neat head and neck; vhc, Evans; hc, Clarke; c, Kerr. HEN (12): 1, Shrivell, grand typical specimen, lovely Bullfinch shape, ice head, A1 wings and tail; 2, Leech, another good one same type, close up, neat head, short neck; 3, Kerr, big bird, grand quality, a wee shade long to winners; 4, Ingles, nice cobby specimen, neat head, good wings; vhc, Bartram; hc, Gregory; c, Elliott. UNFLIG. (11): 1, Perry, cobby specimen, grand head and neck, rare width of shoulders, nice clean cut, A1 wings; 2, 4, Campbell, bold specimen, nicely rounded, lovely head, well filled back, grand quality, 4, neck ticked bird, lovely type; 3, Taylor, lovely type, short and cobby, beautifully rounded, grand col.; vhc, Cheal; hc, Juby; c, Elliott. YORKS., YELL. CK. (12): 1, Stoakley, beautifully drawn, fine length, grand bit of shoulders, well braced wings and tail; 2, Andrews, another close up, very typical, on good legs, nicely braced wings; 3, Maidment, smart, upstanding bird, grand length, nicely rounded; 4, c, Cooper, neat yell., stands well; vhc, Tapper; hc, Mrs. Knights. BUFF (5): 1, Bullen, fine leugth, lovely head and neck, good shoulders, nice clean run, neat wings, in grand fettle; 2, 4, Cooper, grand varieg. bird, of fine length of body, good shoulders, 4, big hird, grand position, A1 quality; 3, Tapper, smart bird, nice size and shape, A1 position. HEN: 1, Inglis, smart, lengthy specimen, good length of wing, neat tail, good col.; 2, Frisby, neat, shapely bird, nice head and neck, good shoulders; 3, Maidment, smart yell., good shoulders, tight in feather, stands well; 4, vhc, Stoakley, rare length of body and wings; hc, Cooper; c, Bullen. BORD. CK. (6): 1, Hobden, grand shape and style, good head, well braced wings; 2, Ellwood, another neat one, good style, nice head, well rounded, in fine condition; 3, Johnson, neat type, stands well, hardly so nicely rounded; 4, vhc, Soames, grand shaped buff, good head, nice clean sweep. VAR. (6): 1, Hobden, smart, shapely, even marked specimen, neat head, well braced wings, good tail; 2, Soames, another even, good type, smart, stylish bird, in fine form; 3, Ellwood, eye marked specimen, neat type, grand wings and tail, A1 quality; 4, Ford, full size, wing ticked specimen; vhc, Lucas; hc, Joplin. HEN (8): 1, Ford, neat, smart bird, of good style and type, capital wings, nicely rounded front; 2, Johnson, another neat one, A1 type, good quality, well braced wings; 3, Ellwood, smart yell. Cinnamou, stands well, good wings, neat tail, grand tone of col.; 4, Soames, typical specimen, jaunty style; vhc, Joplin; hc, Mrs. Lucas; c, Culham. CREST AND C.B. (6): 1, 2, 3, 4, vhc, hc, Campbell, good team of Crest and C.B., capital Crest leading, fine size, nice even Crest. BRIT. GOLDIE (14): 1, Harris, grand Finch, fine hold, wide blaze, of good col. and depth, capital top, neat wings, good col.; 2, Yates, bold bird, very square blaze of bright col., wonderful width of face, well up in tanning; 3, Casemore, not quite size of winner, still, good all round bird; 4, Andrews, similar bird, nice width of face; vhc, Francis; hc, Smith; c, Lafbury. BULLIE (11): 1, Andrews, shapely bird, good cap, nice tone of col., capital silvery back; 2, Mrs. Bousfield, very richly coloured, quite as good cap, great density and polish; 3, Silk, smart hird, rare cap and wings; 4, Pope, similar bird, A1 cap, very deep col.; vhc, Marley; hc, Grahame; c, Ingles. LINNET (8): 1, 2, Marley, two very fine specimens, capital size and shape, leader heautifully pencilled, nice nutty col.; 3, Walsh, grand bird, fine size and shape, rare pencilling; 4, c, Francis, smart hird, not quite so shapely as winners; vhc, Deane; hc, Lafbury. REDPOLL (14): 1, 3, c, Marley, two lovely Lesser Redpolls, leader a heauty for shape and col., graudly laced, second, fine bold bird, A1 hib; 2, Andrews, very shapely Mealy, real good one for col. and pencilling, well shown; 4, Lafhury, another mealy, bigger hird, well laced; vhc, Francis; hc, Pankhurst. SISKIN (8): 1, vhc, Andrews, hot col. fed bird, a wee shade small, but nice shape, very dense in marking, good wings; 2, Francis, good Twite, nice size and shape, well pencilled; 3, Casemore, fine bold Siskin, bigger than winner, nice cap and bib, non-fed; 4, King, another neat Siskin, very shapely; hc, Grahame; c, Tyson. GREENIE (15): 1, Harris, good col. hird, neat shape and style, capital wings, good bars, fine quality; 2, Gunnell, bigger, bolder bird, short and cobby, good col. and feather; 3, c, Andrews, smart hirds, good size and style, well proportioned; 4, Marley, fine, shapely specimen, very fine wings; vhc, Walsh; hc, Offord. CHAFFIE, ETC. (9): 1, 4, Marley, 1, grand Chaffie, often described, in fine col., 4, neat Bramble, full of col. and quality, grand wings; 3, hc, Francis, lovely Chaffie, not quite so hig as winner, but still a honny hird, grand col. and condition; 2, Grahame, big Bramble, very fine, expansive hreast col., good head, richly spangled; vhc, Lafbury; c, Smith. A.O.S. (9): 1, Harris, fine bold Hawfinch, rare size and col., nicely proportioned, good, big and grand back and wings; 2, 4, Francis, leader real good Snow Bunting, very steady and perfect shape, good whites and chestnut, in fine condition, 4, good Hawfinch, rich col.; 3, Wickham, yet another Hawfinch, nice size and shape, sound col.; vhc, Grahame; hc, Andrews; c, Offord. HYB., LIGHT (9): 1, 2, Lawrence, leader a grand two-pointed Linnet-Can., very shapely, good size and quality, taking exhibit, 2, lightly marked Goldie, fine size and col., tight in feather; 3, Lamh, lightly marked Greenie, lovely bird, grand quality; 4, Lewis, fine bold four-pointed Goldie, sound col.; vhc, Andrews; hc, Pope; c, Walsh. DARK (13): 1, hc, Pope, wonderfully fine Linnet-Can., grand size and shape, often described; 2, 4, Lawrence, fine bold yell. Siskin leading, full of col. and quality, 4, hig Cinnamon Greenie, rare size, very shapely and lovely quality; 3, vhc, Andrews, big Redpoll Can., good size and lacing; c, Juby. A.O.V. (9): 1, hc, Lawrence, Can. Bullie leading, in grand col. and condition, well known; 2, 4, Lamb, Linnet Bullie, shapely bird, very sleek, capital tone of col., good cap and wings, 4, lovely Goldic-Redpoll, charming exhibit, well known; 3, Fysh, grand Goldie Bullie, fine size, A1 depth of col.; vhc, Walsh. FOR.: 1, Mrs. Thynne, lovely Maroon Tanager, in very fine condition, col. well shown; 2, Reed, lovely glossy Starling, grand size and col., in A1 condition; 3, Dover, big, bold Amazon, wonderful size, grand col.; 4, Lewcock; vhc, Smith. BRIT.: NOV., GOLDIE, ETC. (25): 1, Evans, really good Goldie, nicely proportioned, nice face, capital col.; 2, Jones, capital Bullie, fine tone of breast col., silvery back, good wings; 3, Mrs. Edwards, another Goldie, not far behind winners, good blaze; 4, vhc, Andrews, another fine Bullie, grand shape and col.; hc, Tapper; c, Lewis. A.O.S. (16): 1, Tanner, capital Hawfinch, good size and col., and neat bib; 2, Mrs. Edwards, good Yell. Bunting, very rich col., nicely laced, fine wings and breast, close up; 3, Lewcock, bold Snow Bunting, shapely hird, of good col. and quality; 4, hc, Wade, good Reed Bunting, nice size, shapely; vhc, Little; c, Reed. MEMBERS': NOR., YELL.: 1, Marshall. VARIEG.: 1, Marshall; 2, Richardson; 3, Worlh. 1911: 1, 2, Richardson. A.O.V.: 1, Maclellen; 2, Marshall; 3, McLean. YELL.: 1, Wood; 2, Smith. BUFF: 1, Williams; 2, Shrivell. VAR.: 1, King; 2, Williams; 3, Smith; 4, Hartland. HEN: 1, Williams; 2, Smith; 3, hc, G. Smith; 4, Wood; vhc, Weston. YELL.: 1, Williams. BUFF: 1, 3, Williams; 2, Hartland; 4, Smith; vhc, Bartin; hc, Weston. YORKS., YELL.: 1, Hartland. BUFF: 1, Barton; 2, Forse. HEN: 1, Forse; 2, Hartland; 3, Barton; 4, G. Barton. 1911: 1, G. Barton; 2, F. Barton. A.O.V.: 1, Juhy; 2, Smith. NON-FED: 1, Wood. MULES: 1, Richardson; 2, Marshall; 3, Maclellan. GOLDIE: 1, Knight; 2, McLellan. LINNET: 1, Maclellan; 2, 4, Barton; 3, Smith. REDPOLL: 1, 2, Barton; 3, Knights; 4, G. Barton. GREENIE: 1, Barton; 2, McLellan. A.O.V.: 1, Knight.

HAWICK.

An attractive show was held at Drumlanrig Hall on Dec. 20, when a nice lot of cage birds were staged.

SCOT. FCY. YELL.: 1, 3, Dodds; 2, Steel. BUFF: 1, 2, Dodds; 3, Steel. BORD. FCY. YELL., ETC.: 1, 3, Middlemass; 2, Paterson. BUFF: 1, Paterson; 2, 3, Middlemass. UNEVEN: 1, 2, 3, Middlemass. GREEN OR CINN.: 1, 3, Paterson; 2, Middlemass. NOR., CL., ETC., YELL.: 1, M'Cartney; 2, Hesketh; 3, Holt. BUFF: 1, R. Laidlaw; 2, 3, Holt. A.O.V. P.H.: 1, 3, Holt; 2, Brydon. A.O.V.: Holt. MULE: 1, 2, Hesketh; 3, R. Laidlaw. BRIT. GOLDFINCH: 1, Young; 2, J. Laidlaw; 3, R. Laidlaw. BRIT. BULL.: 1, J. Laidlaw; 2, Robson; 3, R. Laidlaw. LINNET: 1, R. Laidlaw; 2, Brydon; 3, Hesketh. GREENFINCH: 1, 2, Hesketh; 3, Bell. LESSER REDPOLL, ETC.: 1, Dryden; 2, Amos; 3, Hesketh. MEALY REDPOLL, ETC.: 1, Hesketh; 2, Dryden; 3, Robson. CHAFFINCH, ETC.: 1, Holt; 2, 3, M'Cartney. BUNTING: 1, M'Cartney; 2, Dryden; 3, R. Laidlaw. BRIT. HEN: 1, M'Cartney; 2, R. Laidlaw; 3, Brydon. FOR.: 1, Brydon; 2, Holt.

SOWERBY BRIDGE.

A combined show of the Hebden Bridge C.B.S., Heptonstall C.B.S., Hebden Bridge and Calder Valley O.S., and Sowerby Bridge C.B.S. was held at Wharfe Hotel, Sowerby Bridge, on December 30th, when 115 birds were judged by Mr. H. J. Chittenden (Manningham).

CLASS 1: 1, Barnes; 2, Collinge; 3, Wm. Spencer; vhc, Crossley; hc, Townsend; c, Riley. 2: 1, Walker; 2, Lye; 3, Lumb. 3: 1, Townsend; 2, Nutter; 3, Sunderland; vhc, Lye; hc, Wm. Spencer; c, Crossley. 4: 1, Simpson and Son; 2, Townsend; 3, Robertshaw; vhc, Stobart; hc, Barnes; c, Jackson. 5: 1, Walker; 2, Wm. Spencer. 6: 1, Highley; 2, 3, Townsend; vhc, Coad; hc, Jackson; c, Sutcliffe. 7: 1, 2, Roberts. 8: 1, Harrison; 2, W. H. Spencer; 3, J. Robertshaw; vhc, Wm. Spencer; hc, Judson; c, Howarth. 9: 1, Jackson; 2, Robertshaw; 3, Stobart; vhc, Barnes; hc, Lye; c, Harrison. 10: 1, Roberts; 2, W. H. Spencer; 3, Stobart; vhc, Smith Bros.; hc, Riley. 11: 1, Townsend; 2, Barnes; 3, Collinge; vhc, Highley; hc, Robertshaw; c, Lye. 12: 1, Townsend; 2, Stobart; 3, Robertshaw; vhc, hc, Barnes; c, W. H. Spencer. 14: 1, Greenwood and Pickles; 2, Coad; 3, Ingham; vhc, hc, Howarth. 15: 1, Greenwood and Pickles; 2, Ingham; 3, Howarth. 16: 1, 3, Greenwood and Pickles; 2, Harrison; vhc, Howarth; hc, c, Ingham. 17: 1, Harrison; 2, Wm. Spencer. 18: 1, vhc, Greenwood and Pickles; 2, W. H. Spencer; 3, Wm. Spencer; hc, Robertshaw; c, Ring. 19: 1, 3, hc, Pickles; 2, Wm. Spencer; vhc, c, Harrison.—Sutcliffe and Walker, Secs., Sowerby Bridge C.B.S.

HYSON GREEN (Notts) C.B.S.

Members' show held headquarters, Decemher 9th. The Hyson Green men are particularly strong in Norwich and Crests, and usually any hird good enough to win at their memhers' shows will hold its own in the open classes. This show was no exception to he rule, the quality in most classes heing excellent; and as there were three valuable silver cups up for competition the classes were well filled, and the interest very keen.—Mr. W. Twine judged.

NOR. YELL.: 1, Hill; 2, Sharp; 3, Mould; vhc, Drinkwater; hc, Royce. BUFF: 1, Birch; 2, Hill; 3, Drewery; vhc, Brewer; hc, Drinkwater; c, Sharp. HEAVILY MKD.: 1, Sharp; 2, Birch; 3, Bown; vhc, Willis; hc, Hill. HEN: 1, vhc, Hill; 2, Sharp; 3, Drinkwater; hc, Drewery; c, Bown. UNFLIG. YELL.: 1, Drewery; 2, Bown. BUFF: 1, Hill; 2, Royce; 3, Sharp; vhc, hc, Bown; c, Brewer. STOCK PAIRS: 1, vhc, Sharp; 2, Hill; 3, Barnes; hc, Brewer; c, Drewery. CREST, BUFF: 1, 2, Bowers; 3, White; vhc, Renshaw; hc, Wolfe. C.B., YELL.: 1, White; 2, Renshaw; 3, Wolfe. BUFF: 1, Renshaw; 2, White; 3, Taylor. STOCK PAIRS: 1, Wolfe; 2, White. CURRENT YEAR, CREST: 1, Bowers; 2, White; 3, Wolfe. C.B.: 1, 3, White; 2, Bowers; vhc, Taylor; hc, Renshaw; c, Wolfe. MULE: 1, 2, Hayter. HYB.: 1, Hayter. BRIT., GOLDFINCH, ETC.: 1, Drewery; 2, Wood. SISKIN, ETC.: 1, Lawrence; 2, Bowers; 3, Hayter; abs., Caunt. A.O.S SEEDEATER: 1, 3, Hayter; 2, Lawrence; abs., Caunt. BRIT., SOFTBILL: 1, Wood; 2, Lawrence. SONG BIRD: 1, c, Barnes; 2, 3, Lawrence; vhc, Brewer; hc, Wolfe. GIFT: 1, Birch; 2, Monlt; 3, Hayter; vhc, Wolfe; hc, Bown; c, Willis. Following are winners of silver cups for most points at three shows: Nor., Mr. G. Sharp; Crest, Mr. G. White; Brit. and For., Mr. T. H. V. Hayter. Novice medals: Nor., Mr. Royce; Brit., Mr. Wood.

POPLAR & DIS. C.B.S.

Fourth annual show held Dec. 15, and was a record one for this society, 190 exhibits being staged. The British bird section was exceptionally strong, with a class of 14 Goldfinches and 14 Linnets, the winners in each being very fine specimens, and capable of holding their own in open competition. The winning Goldfinch took cup for best bird in British. The Foreign bird section, although not large in numbers, was represented by some choice specimens, prominent amongst which was a very fine pair of Cordon Bleus. The Yorks, both novice and amateur, were fairly strong in numbers and of exceptional merit. The Norwich section was well supported, being the largest Canary section. The cup winner also took special for best hird, and the owner may consider himself very fortunate in the possession of such a very fine specimen. Altogether we feel they are to be congratulated on the success of the show, both numerically and (whilst it is rather too early to give a definite statement) we should say, financially. The "gate," we are inclined to think, suffered somewhat owing to having to change the show room at the last moment. The secretary was well supported by the committee and stewards. Mr. J. Robson judged.

NOR. CL. YELL. (4): 1, sp, Leech; 2, Francis; 3, Gedge; vhc, Lang. BUFF (5): 1, Francis; 2, Leech; 3, Perry; vhc, Barber; hc, Lang. TKD., HEN (4): 1, 2, Perry; 3, Woodcock; vhc, Joyce. BUFF (4): 1, Leech; 2, Barber; 3, Perry; vhc, Lang. UNFLIG. CL. ETC. YELL. (7): 1, two spls, 3, sp, Perry; 2, sp, vhc, Francis; hc, Leech; c, Gedge. BUFF (5): 1, Woodcock; 2, Leech; 3, Francis; vhc, hc, Braithwaite. TKD. ETC. BUFF CK. (4): 1, Francis; 2, 3, Leech; vhc, Braithwaite. CL. YELL. HEN (3): 1, Francis; 2, Woodcock; 3, Braithwaite. BUFF (4): 1, vhc, Leech; 2, Francis; 3, Gedge. NON-FED (8): 1, Francis; 2, Gedge; 3, Constable; vhc, Leech; hc, Taylor; c, Lang. NOVICE YORKS CL. ETC. (8): 1, 2, sp, c, Hunt; 3, Bloomfield; vhc, Stopher; hc, Kidman. HEN (7): 1, sp, 2, 3, Hunt; vhc, Bloomfield; hc, Stopher; c, Lang. UNFLIG. YELL. CK. (5): 1, sp for best novice Yorks, Woodcock; 2, 3, vhc, Hunt; hc, Lang. BUFF (5): 1, Kidman; 2, Hunt; 3, Braithwaite; vhc, Priseman; hc, Stopher. HEN (7): 1, 3, vhc, c, Hunt; 2, Woodcock; hc, Priseman. CREST (3): 1, 2, 3, Priseman. C.B. (3): 1, 2, 3, Thorley. AMAT. NOR. CL. ETC.: 1, 2, 3, vhc, hc, Hunt Bros. CLASSES 62, 63, 68 and 71 (11): 1, sp, 2, Hunt Bros.; 3, Wyatt; vhc, hc, c, Salter. CLASSES 73 and 75 (3): 1, 2, 3, Hunt Bros. MULE OR HYB. (6): 1, sp, c, Tourling; 2, sp, vhc, Hunt; 3, hc, Joyce. CLASSES 83 and 84 (4): 1, Thurling; 2, Kidman; 3, Leech. BRIT GOLDIE (14): 1, sp, 2, Hill; 3, vhc, Woodcock; hc, Price; c, Barber. BULLIE (4): 1, 2, vhc, Woodcock; 3, Snow. GREENIE (4): 1, Kidman; 2, 3, Snow; vhc, Woodcock. LINNET (13): 1, sp, Snow; 2, vhc, 3, Fry; hc, Hill. SISKIN, ETC. (8): 1, vhc, Woodcock; 2, Hill; 3, Kidman; hc, Constable; c, Priseman. A.O.S. FINCH, ETC. (7): 1, 3, Kidman; 2, vhc, Woodcock; hc, Snow; c, Barber. INSECTIV. (3): 1, 2, Woodcock; 3, Snow. FOR. SEEDEATER (8): 1, sp, vhc, hc, Woodcock; 2, Joyce; 3, Gedge; c, Snow.—H. W. Cook, Hon. Sec.

IPSWICH.

The Eastern Counties C.B.S. 19th annual show was held on Boxing Day at the Ipswich Social Settlement. The entries totalled 304 as against 186 last year. The management is an excellent one, and well deserving of the good results obtained. Mr. W. Barritt, the popular hon. sec., had arrangements well in hand, and was ably supported by Messrs. C. Mouser (Chairman), W. Schofield (Vice-Chairman), W. Gunn, T. Clarke, W. T. Baker, W. Cook, E. Gooderham and C. Carl (Committee). The quality of the birds staged was not short of magnificent, and the judge (Mr. C. Simpson) had no easy task to separate the winners. The show was opened by Mr. H. J. Lake in the absence of Sir Daniel F. Goddard, M.P. (the President), who, however, attended during the morning. A silver-gilt cream jug and sugar basin were handed to Mr. Simpson (the judge) as a mark of the society's appreciation of his services as judge at each of their 19 shows. Specials were won by Messrs. W. Cook (the President's silver challenge cup for best in show), W. Gunn, J. E. Cole, T. Clarke, A. Tydeman, E. Olle.

CL. YELL., NOR.: 1, 3, Schofield; 2, Cook; vhc, Olle; hc, Baker. BUFF: 1, Barham; 2, Olle; 3, vhc, Schofield; vhc, Cook, Gunn. TKD., ETC., YELL.: 1, Cole; 2, Olle; 3, Baker; hc, Schofield. BUFF: 1, Gunn; 2, Schofield; 3, Olle; vhc, Barham, Mouser; hc, Cook. GREEN, ETC.: 1, vhc, Cole; 2, Barham; 3, Cook; hc, Olle. HEN, YELL.: 1, Olle; 2, Clarke; 3, vhc, Schofield; vhc, hc, Cole; vhc, Cook, Mouser. BUFF: 1, vhc, Schofield; 2, Clarke; 3, vhc, Gunn; vhc, hc, Olle; hc, Mouser. NON-FED YELL.: 1, Clarke; 2, Schofield; 3, Olle; hc, Smith. BUFF: 1, Olle; 2, Lake; 3, Clarke; vhc, hc, Barham; hc, Powling. NON-FED HEN: 1, 2, Schofield; 3, hc, Mouser; hc, Baker. NON-FLIG. YELL.: 1, Cole; 2, Olle; 3, vhc, Schofield; vhc, Gunn, Barham. BUFF: 1, vhc, Cole; 2, 3, Schofield; vhc, Clarke, Cole; hc, Gunn, Olle. CINN. YELL. CK.: 1, 2, Cook; 3, vhc, hc, Bevan. BUFF CK.: 1, 3, vhc, Bevan; 2, hc, Cook. HEN: 1, 2, 3, Cook; vhc, hc, Bevan. CREST: 1, vhc, Gunn; 2, 3, vhc, hc, Roper. C.B.: 1, Gunn; 2, vhc, Roper; 3, Lake. A.O.V.: 1, 2, vhc, Gunn; 3, Schofield. NOVICE, NOR. YELL.: 1, 2, vhc, Tydeham; 3, vhc, Smith; hc, Lake. BUFF: 1, vhc, hc, Smith; 2, vhc, Tydeman; hc, Lake. YELL. HEN: 1, 3, Smith; 2, vhc, Tydeman; hc, Lake. BUFF: 1, hc, Smith; 2, Tydeman; 3, hc, Barnard. MULE OR HYB.: 1, Schofield; 2, 3, vhc, Cook; vhc, hc, Powling. BRIT., GOLDFINCH: 1, Cole; 2, Lake; 3, hc, Gooderham; vhc, hc, Cook; vhc, Smith; hc, Schofield. BULLFINCH: 1, Cole; 2, vhc, hc, Cook; 3, Gooderham; vhc, Andrews Bros. LINNET: 1, Barham; 2, vhc, hc, Cook; 3, Gooderham; hc, Holden. HARDBILL, A.O.S.: 1, 2, Cook; 3, Schofield; vhc, Mouser; hc, Gooderham. SOFTBILL: 1, 2, 3, vhc, Gooderham. FOR. SMALL: 1, 2, vhc, hc, Andrews Bros. (Saffron Finch, Bengalese, Parson Finch, Zebra Waxbills); 3, Dickerson (Ribbon Finches). A.O.S.: 1, 2, Andrews Bros., Mynah and Archbishop Tanager); 3, vhc, Gunn (Parrots).

NEW STEVENSTON HOLYTOWN C.B.S.

Fourth annual show held in the Masonic Hall, New Stevenson, Dec. 2. Over 300 hirds were staged. The entries in the unflighted classes exceeded last year's by one half, and the quality was even better than at many open shows. We had six classes for British and 28 classes for Canaries. Our radius is five miles, and I am sure there are many fanciers within that radius who would be willing to join us if they only knew. Mr. Allardice won both Scotch Fancy and Border cups with a magnificent specimen of each variety, while the Norwich cup went to Mr. Gallacher with a heautiful yellow cock; Mr. Alex. Harper was runner-up for Border cup. The secretary with a good working committee had everything in A1 order for the judges to commence at 10 o'clock. Judges: Norwich and British, Mr. A. Chalmers (Kirkintilloch); Scotch Fancy, Mr. Hunter (Wishaw); Borders, Mr. Lambie (Whithurn). We will be very happy to enrol new members up to the second Tuesday in May. Meetings notified monthly in CAGE BIRDS "Club Notices."

The Awards.

SCOT. FCY., CK. (8): 1, Allardice, sen.; 2, Buchan; 3, Douglas; vhc, Allardice, jun.; hc, Waugh; c, Rice. HEN (2): 1, 2, Douglas. UNFLIG. YELL. OR PIED, CK. (5): 1, Allardice, sen.; 2, Murdoch; 3, 4, Waugh; hc, Boyd. HEN (9): 1, Allardice, sen.; 2, c, Douglas; 3, hc, Boyd; vhc, Murdoch. BUFF OR PIED CK. (9): 1, Allardice, sen., and cup, 2, Boyd; 3, Buchan; vhc, Douglas; hc, Boyd; c, Murdoch. HEN (7): 1, Allardice, sen.; 2, 3, Douglas; vhc, Buchan; hc, c, Murdoch. GREEN (5): 1, Allardice, sen.; 2, Douglas; 3, Murdoch. NOR., OLD CK. (12): 1, Allardice, jun.; 2, 3, c, Millar; vhc, Gallacher; hc, Harper. HEN (9): 1, Harper; 2, Gallacher; 3, Allardice, jun.; vhc, Harper; hc, Gallacher; c, Hussy. UNFLIG. CK. (18): 1, cup, Gallacher; 2, hc, Millar; 3, Harper; vhc, Hussy; c, Reid. HEN (11): 1, Lamb; 2, 3, Reid; vhc, Harper; hc, c, Millar. BUFF CK. (6): 1, 3, Gallacher; 2, vhc, c, Reid; hc, Lamb. HEN (17): 1, 3, Gallacher; 2, Millar; vhc, Reid; hc, Clark; c, Lamh. CREST OLD (4): 1, 2, vhc, Clark; 3, Brown. C.B. (10): 1, Brown; 2, vhc, hc, Clark; 3, c, Page. YOUNG CREST, CK. (6): 1, 2, Page; 3, Brown; vhc, Reid; hc, Clark. HEN (3): 1, Darroch; 2, Page; 3, Reid. YOUNG C.B. CK. AND HEN (amalgamated) (4): 1, Darroch; 2, Page; 3, Brown. BORD. FCY., OLD CK. (13): 1, Allardice, sen.; 2, Millar; 3, Allardice, jun.; vhc, hc, c, Harper. HEN (11): 1, vhc, McVicar; 2, Robertson; 3, Harper; hc, Allardice, jun.; c, Rice. YOUNG YELL., ETC., CK. (17): 1, vhc, McVicar; 2, Harper; 3, Nimmo; hc, Waugh; c, Allardice, sen. HEN (10): 1, Allardice, sen.; 2, Millar; 3, McVicar; vhc, Harper; hc, Allardice, jun.; c, Robertson. BUFF, ETC., CK. (13): 1, Allardice, sen.; 2, hc, Allardice, jun.; 3, McVicar; vhc, Waugh; c, Harper. HEN (17): 1, vhc, Allardice, jun.; 2, hc, McVicar; 3, Allardice, sen.; c, Harper. GREEN, ETC. (2): 1, vhc, hc, c, Harper; 2, Allardice, jun.; 3, Darroch. YORKS. CK. (4): 1, 2, Rice; 3, Millar. HEN (4): 1, 2, Rice; 3, Millar. BRIT., GOLDFINCH (11): 1, 2, McVicar; 3, vhc, c, Millar; hc, Darroch. LINNET cancelled. LESSER REDPOLL (11): 1, sp, vhc, Millar; 2, Rice; hc, McVicar; c, Nimmo. GREENFINCH (9): 1, hc, Millar; 2, vhc, Rice; 3, Hussy; c, Nimmo. MEALY REDPOLL, ETC. (5): 1, 2, vhc, Millar; 3, c, Nimmo; hc, Rice. A.O.S. (18): 1, H. Nimmo; 2, 3, hc, c, Rice; vhc, Nimmo.—J. Lamb, sec.

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STAVELEY.

Third annual show held Jan. 13th, in the Speedwell Inn—a large room, which is light and absolutely free from draughts. The entry was a good one, being a matter of 50 more entries than last year, and by far the best as regards quality. The president is Mr. T. Kay, and the vice-president Mr. T. Bunting, a couple of energetic officials. The committee are a band of excellent workers, comprising Messrs. Smith, A. Dodd, G. Dodd, Weeks, Askew, W. Lancaster, J. Lancaster, Bradley, Holden, and Gregory. Mr. C. Bramall, the secretary, works magnificently; he is the right man in the right place, and he is a true fancier. The stewards were Messrs. H. Gregory and J. Lancham, who know their duties to a nicety. The society's challenge cup (to be won three times in succession) was captured by Mr. A. Dodd; he having done the trick on two previous occasions, he now becomes absolute winner of same. It is the intention of Mr. Dedd to present to the society another more valuable silver cup for competition amongst members, donor not to compete for same, providing there are three or more entries. Special for best Yorks., Messrs. Wilkinson and Elliott; that for best Nor. went to an unflighted cl. yell. hen, the property of Mr. A. Dodd; best Yorks. (members), W. Holmes; Nor., A. Dodd; best Brit. (open), J. Milne; members, J. Weeks. Other special winners were Messrs. E. Barker, J. Milne, and W. Baxby. Yorks. were a choice collection, many well-known all-England winners being present. Nor. were the best lot ever seen at this fixture. British birds captivated one. Runner up for challenge cup, Mr. W. Holmes. The management throughout was excellent, and no hitch occurred. The staging was A1, and every bird could be seen at a glance. Judging was over in good time, cards displayed promptly as each class was adjudicated upon. Mr. J. C. Barnes (Sheffield) judged, and his awards were well received.

The Critique.

YORKS. YELL. (11): 1, Dykes, cl., wonderful length, straight as a pencil, smooth as a bottle, clever legs, greatly admired; 2, Simpson, cl., lovely quality length and position, fine back, wings and tail, Worksop winner; 3, spl, Holmes, neck mkd., full of quality, good position and length; vhc, Burdett; hc, Thomas; c, Barber. BUFF (8): 1, Blackburn and Mitchell, cl., longest in class, stands like a guardsman, feathered to perfection, full of style; 2, Dykes, cl., wee bit shorter, but a true Yorkie and a treat to observe, capable of beating more than beats it; 3, Simpson, cl., smooth as glass, erect, good character, not quite so lengthy; vhc, Butler; hc, Waddington and Greenhalgh; c, Barber. MKD. (6): 1, Dykes, buff, mkd. wings and head, tight as a Java, straight as a pencil, rare length and quality, one of the best; 2, 3, Thomas, a brace of charmers, former yell. cinn. mkd. wings and eye, not a feather misplaced, very lengthy, capital stand; 3rd, yell., mkd. wings and eye, red-hot, stands nicely, lengthy, well on leg; vhc, Champion; hc, Kent; No. 4, Wragg, absent. HENS (11): A good class; 1, 2, spl, Wilkinson and Elliott, represented by a couple of bewitching damsels, former their noted cl. yell. winner, "top of the tree" on 12 occasions; 2nd, also well known cl. buff, looking a picture, finding many friends; 3, Dykes, yell., mkd. wing and head, again as sweet as a nut, beaten slightly in length; vhc, Wragg; hc, Thomas; c, Sharp. YELL. UNFLIG. (10): 1, Dykes, cl., lovely col. and feather, rare position and length, fine back and wing carriage, very promising; 2, Wilkinson and Elliott, cl., neat and narrow, full of quality, good length, very stylish; 3, Bacon, cl., capitally drawn, good length, A1 col. and feather, good; vhc, hc, Butler; c, Lancham. BUFF (9): 1, Wilkinson and Elliott, mkd. wing and neck, soft silky texture of feather, rattling fine stand and length; 2, Dykes, cap mkd., superb quality, slim and upstanding, full of nerve; 3, Cockerham, cl., very lengthy, grandly clothed, straight as a gun barrel; vhc, Sharp; hc, Holmes; c, Burdett. NOR. YELL. (6): 1, 2, Thomas, both cl., ablaze with col., grand shape, rich quality, well up in substance, little separates them; 3, Dodd, cl., even more size, good quality, not quite so bright in col.; vhc, Dallman and Son; hc, Holmes; c, Hoyle. BUFF (6): 1, Dodd, cl., short and thick-set, A1 col. and feather, nice substance and carriage, clean cut away; 2, Millward, cl., well feathered, nice col. and frosting, rare head and neck; 3, Hawkesley, cl., fine substance, capital quality and col., lovely head, neck, and chest; vhc, Holmes; hc, Hoyle; c, Weeks. MKD. (9): 1, Holmes, yell., mkd. wing, red-hot, wonderful shape, size and quality, slightly damaged toe, but could not be held back; 2, 3, Thomas, both buff mkd. wings and head, grand shape, col., and quality, well up in substance; 3rd, largest but not so good in wing carriage; vhc, Dodd; hc, Hawksley; c, Holmes. HEN (11): 1, 2, spl, Dodd, cl. yell. of marvellous shape and size, round as a ball, well dressed, sweet carriage, "Lady of the Lake"; 2nd, buff, mkd. wing and eyes, tight as a Java, rich quality and col., neatly mealed; 3, Broomfield, very massive cl. yell., good in col. and feather, nice shape; vhc, Holmes; hc, Hawkesley; c, Dallman and Sons. UNFLIG. (4): 1, Thomas, variegated, plenty of size, magnificent feather and col., very shapely, moves nicely; 2, Millward, cl., good type, A1 quality and col., clean cut away; 3, Holmes, mkd. wing, capital feather, neat shape; vhc, Dodd. BUFF (11): 1, c, Dodd, mkd. tail, hot as a stove, shone like a mirror, good size and shape, very promising; 2, Thomas, grizzled tail, well clothed, good size and carriage, not quite so good in shape; 3, Broomfield, lightly variegated, cobby and of A1 quality and col., richly frosted; vhc, hc Waddington and Greenhalgh. BORD. (4): 1, Holmes, yell. green, beautiful quality and shape, lovely col., capital action, gem; 2, 3, vhc, Weeks, buff, mkd. wings and eyes, nice shape and feather, shows well; 3rd, buff, eye mkd., shapely, far from a bad one. A.O.V. (9): 1, 2, Barker, former buff, almost green D.C., heaps of feather, crest large and as round as a hoop, beautiful droop and centre; 2nd, buff variegated, C.B., abundance of feather, well lashed; 3, hc, Shipley, cl. body, grizzled crest, very shapely and of good size, crest thick, and of neat formation, neat droop; vhc, Holmes; c, Dodd. LINNET, ETC. (15): 1, 2, spl, Milne, Linnet, magnificent col. and quality, fine size and shapely, delightfully pencilled steady as a top; 2nd, Redpoll, of rare size and shape, A1 col. and feather, well mkd., close up; 3, vhc, Pogmore, Linnet, superior quality, rich col gaudily mkd; hc, spl, Weeks; c, Wood. A.O.S. (13): 1, Fielding, Hawfinch, magnificent col fine shape, not a feather wrong, neatly cut bib; 2, c, Lee, yell. Greenie, unbeatable for shape, A1 quality, splendid col., in the pink of condition; 3, Milne, Bullie, rare size, very shapely, grand breast col., dense and richly polished cap, good 3rd; vhc, Burrows; hc, Burdett. SOFTBILL (5): 1, 2, 3, spl, Milne, fine team, lovely Gale, beautiful col., leading, closely followed by a magnificent Wheatear in A1 trim; 3rd, pretty Blackcap, in nice order; vhc, Jervis and Lewis; hc, Hawksley. FOR. (3): 1, 2, 3, Baxby, gem of a Crimson-wing heading the trio, King and Rosella following in the order named, both in full dress.

SKELMANTHORPE.

Skelmanthorpe C.B.S. open show, held Liberal Club, Commercial Road, on Jan. 13, when 223 birds from 59 exhibitors faced Mr. P. Mason, the judge, his awards being well received. Mr. J. Hird had charge of the secretarial duties and carried them out to everybody's satisfaction, and Mr. J. Helliwell (president), Mr. J. Hirst (vice-president), Mr. L. Dyson (treasurer), Messrs. A. Radley, F. Naylor, L. Jobson, M. Peel, Lodge and Shaw, gave valuable assistance in the general working of the show, all being carried out in exceptionally good order. Mr. J. Bailey secured specials for points, and Messrs. Ogden Bros. were runners-up, whilst in the novice section Mr. H. Simonett was returned as top scorer. Best bird shown by a member in novice section, Mr. P. Taylor, Mr. W. E. Hutchinson taking the members' tea urn.

CL. YELL. YKS. (11): 1, Ogden Bros., grand shape, straight, plenty of leg, lovely quality, smart; 2, Helliwell, splendid type and style, full of qual., rattling fine col.; 3, Morrison, nice shape, well filled in, good round back, nice feather; 4, Thomas, excellent type and position, full of col. and qual.; vbc, Shackleton; hc, Bailey; c, Radley. BUFF (11): 1, Shackleton, grand shape and style, perfect feather, well braced wings and tail; 2, Morrison, straight as a rush, good shape, rattling fine qual.; 3, Ogden Bros., good shape and style, feathered like silk; 4, Helliwell, good shape and position, splendid wings and tail; vhc, Radley; hc, Bailey; c, Hall. TICK., ETC., YELL. (11): 1, 2, Bailey, Cinn. mkd. leading, good length, leggy, good shape, rattling fine qual. and col.; 2nd, green mkd., very typical, shows well, full of col. and qual.; 3, Hall, nice shape and style, lovely qual., neat wings; 4, Morrison, nice shape, very leggy; vbc, Towers; hc, Burdekin Bros.; c, Dyson. BUFF (13): 1, Morrison, green mkd., nice shape, good back, lovely qual.; 2, 4, Bailey, 2nd, Cinn. mkd., grand shape and position, leggy, good wings and tail; 4th, rattling fine type and style, nice bit of shoulder; 3, Peel, lightly mkd., good shape, leggy, nice position; vhc, Dyson; hc, Wilkinson Bros.; c, Dykes. UNFLIG. YELL. (13): 1, Dykes, slim and great length, good shape, plenty of leg, good col. and qual.; 2, Peel, nice type, rattling fine position, good back; 3, Ellis, neat, narrow, straight in shape, good legs, nice qual.; 4, vbc, tick head, good length and shape, nice back and wings; hc, Hall; c, Morrison. BUFF (10): 1, Allen, tick wing, nice shape, excellent qual., stands well; 2, Ogden Bros., neat, full of nerve, grand position, good shape, feathered to perfection; 3, Charlesworth, good shape, very round, nice head, lovely feather; 4, Wilkinson Bros., good shape, well braced wings and tail; vhc, Towers; hc, Peel; c, Taylor. HEN (15): 1, Turton, grand lengthy yell., slim, nice shape and good position, smart feather; 2, Thornton and Bower, mkd. buff, good shape and position, perfect feather; 3, 4, Ogden Bros., yell. and buff respectively, former grizzled head, slim, neat type; buff, tick wing, extra good feather, good shape; vbc, Radley; hc, Peel; c, Allen. YELL. HEN (6): 1, Thomas, lovely shape and position, slim, leggy, fine qual., very smart; 2, Ogden Bros., another good one, rattling fine type and style, plenty of leg; 3, hc, Dyson, nice shape, good head, back and wings, nice col. and qual.; 4, Allen, very slim, neat type, good qual.; vhc, Radley. BUFF (13): 1, Towers, green mkd., good size, nice position, marvellous col. and qual.; 2, Ogden Bros., tick wing and head, rattling fine type and style, leggy, very showy, lovely qual., looking well; 3, Ross, nice shape and good position, grand qual., smart; 4, Radley, neat and slim, shows well; vhc, Thomas; hc, Thornton and Bower; c, Helliwell. NOVICE CLASSES. CL. YELL. YKS. (9): 1, Tyas, slim, nicely drawn out, neat wings and tail, lovely qual.; 2, Hird, splendid col. and qual, nice shape, stylish; 3, J. Smith, slim and leggy, nice shape and style, good feather; 4, Radley, extra qual., nice shape, leggy, clean made; vhc, S. Smith; hc, Boocock. BUFF (5): 1, Simonett, good shape, nice position, grand back, lovely qual.; 2, Sampson and Sons, good shape and position, nice col. and qual.; 3, S. Smith, nice shape, good size, very round back; 4, Hampshire, nice head, good shape, neat feather; vhc, Radley. TICK. ETC. YELL. (9): 1, Grayshon, neat type, very stylish, full of col., short feather; 2, Jebson, very slim, neat shape, nice wings and tail, good qual.; 3, Simonett, Cinn. mkd., nice length and shape, good wings and tail; 4, Bower, green mkd., neat type, stylish; vhc, Hird; hc, Morley; c, Lodge. BUFF (13): 1, Pell, grand shape, well cut away, leggy, lovely qual.; 2, Tyas, green mkd., good shape, fine position, all there for qual.; 3, Dyson and Shaw, slim, good legs, nice shape, good head; 4, Greenwood, lengthy, nice type, good qual.; vhc, Crowther; hc, Morley; c, Pearson. UNFLIG. YELL. (8): 1, Hutchinson, nice length and shape, good legs, nice position, fine qual.; 2, Pell, nice type, straight as a rush, good back and wings; 3, Hampshire, excellent col., rattling fine shape, nice qual.; 4, S. Smith, nice position, good shape; vhc, Crowther; hc, Bower; c, Morley. BUFF (9): 1, Taylor, very smart, slim, nice type, erect carriage, extra good qual; 2, Dyson and Shaw, nice length, good shape, fine qual.; 3, Jebson, marvellous style, grand shape, nice feather; 4, Grayshon, Cinn. mkd., nice shape, fine position; vhc, Pell; hc, Radley; c, Lodge. UNFLIG. HEN (14): 1, 2, Hutchinson, yell. leading, slim, neat type, extra leggy, good qual.; 2nd, buff, good shape, nice qual., grand head and back; 3, Radley, yell., tick wing, grand shape, good back and wings, leggy; 4, Hampshire, good shape and style; vhc, Jebson; hc, Pell; c, J. Smith. YELL. HEN (9): 1, 3, Pearson, leader grand shape and position, nice back, rattling fine qual.; 3rd, nice wedge shape, neat wings, good feather; 2, vhc, Morley, good long-sided bird, nice shape, fine qual.; 4, Lodge, nice type, good head and back, very smart qual.; hc, Simonett; c, Bower. BUFF (7): 1, Hutchinson, nice shape, straight, good qual.; 2, Lodge, very fine type, stylish, rattling nice feather; 3, S. Smith, grand shape, neat head, good back, wings and tail; 4, Cox, strong, rare qual., nice position; vhc, Dyson and Shaw; hc, Hird; c, Sutcliffe. NOR. CK. (10): 1, 3, Simonett, both buffs, leader tick wing and head, rattling fine shape, compact, brimful of qual. and col.; 3rd, uneven mkd., very massive, good type, chesty, nice qual.; 2, Guffick, mkd. yell., rattling fine col. and qual., nice shape and substance, good head; 4, Clegg, tick head buff, nice compact shape, nicely feathered; vhc, Rhodes; hc, Birbeck; c, Roe. HEN (8): 1, Clegg, yell., very cobby and compact, splendid shape, feathered to perfection, good head; 2, Rhodes, mkd. buff, good substance, nice shape, lovely qual.; 3, 4, Simonett, 3rd, yell., shapely, nice chest, good top end; 4th, buff, nice head and well filled up neck; vhc, Roe; hc, Pearson; c, Birbeck.

RAMSEY (I.O.M.).

Annual show held Jan. 11, in the Palace, Ramsey. This exhibition has justly earned its title of the Manx Palace. Being the last show in the Isle, it naturally loses a few entries, but all the cracks and cup winners meet here for a final bout before the breeding season commences. Norwich were not over strong, but every bird was of wonderful quality of feather, and very short and compact. Yorks. were very evenly balanced and hard to separate. The outstanding bird of the show was the tick yell. Yorks., owned by a novice, Mr. Karron. It won the cup after a tight tussle with Mr. Bodden's yell. Nor. cock, Mr. W. H. Gill taking 3rd spl. with a very nice six-pointed yellow Goldie Mule, followed by Mr. Caley's Yellowhammer. As usual in the Island, British and Mules were very hot, some very fine specimens being put down. The attendance was really marvellous; it might have been mid-summer by the crowd of visitors. The usual banquet was held afterwards at the Queen's Hotel, some 70 fanciers sitting down to a very good repast. My word! they do look after the judges here. The secretary, Mr. Ellison, is an ideal show manager, and the amount of work he got through was astonishing, seeing he had full control over the Dog, Poultry, Pigeon and Cage Bird sections. Mr. J. W. Metcalfe (Liverpool) judged, and his placings were well received.

The Critique.

NOR. CL. YELL.: 1, Bodden, short and thick set, good head and neck, nice quality of feather, put down in grand order; 2, G. Kerrnish, rare substance and feather, takes perches well; 3, Witherspoon, topper for style, lovely quality; res, F. Kerrnish. BUFF: 1, Wade, rare substance, grand bead and full neck, good front and splendid wing carriage; 2, 3, Christian; 2nd, topper for type, very compact, lovely meal all over; 3rd, very decent bird indeed; res, Cowell; vhc, Starkey; hc, c, Witherspoon. TKD. YELL.: 1, 2, Bodden, two very good birds, short and compact, fine head and neck, nice wing carriage; 2nd, varieg., a wee bit longer than 1st, bold head and eye; 3, Christian, wing mkd., lovely quality, good wings and tail. BUFF: 1, Bodden, head and cheek mkd., stormer for head and neck properties, bold front, compact throughout; 2, 3, Cowell, grand type and quality, broad back, short tail; 3rd, good substance, nice feather; res, Karron; vhc, hc, Starkey. YELL. HEN: 1, Karron, short and compact, exquisite feather, all front of perch, comfortable win; 2, Bodden, again a good hen; 3, Cowell, sweet lady, very typical throughout, splendid bloom; res, Christian. BUFF: 1, F. Kerrnish, charming little lady, as clean cut as could be, grand feather and general condition; 2, Bodden, splendid type and substance, grand head and neck; 3, Cowell, good wings and tail; res, vhc, Christian; hc, Carron; c, Miss Kerrnish. YORKS. CL. YELL.: 1, Caley, straight as a gun barrel, lovely type, well drawn, full neck, splendid wing carriage; 2, E. Wade, grand back and wings, full neck, sweet head; 3, res, Christian, nice quality, grand wings and tail; vhc, W. Wade; 600, Howland, absent. BUFF: 1, Corlett. TKD. YELL.: 1, cup and spl. best in show, Karron, wing mkd., straight as an arrow, position A1, grand feather, well drawn; 2, Qualtrough, variegated, grand sweep, good back and wings, pipe tail, not disgraced. BUFF: 1, Wade, a stormer for size, lovely back and position of the best, stands on good legs; 2, Mrs. Qualtrough, Cinn. marked, well up on leg, teeming with quality, in rare form; 3, Caley, full of swank, good one; res, Qualtrough; vhc, Cowell; hc, Corlett. YELL. HEN: 1, Qualtrough, variegated, grand type, round head and full neck, grandly drawn; 2, res, vbc, Caley, a trio of sweet hens, grand type; 3, c, Wade, neat head and neck, fair top end, good back; vhc, Horsland. BUFF: 1, 2, 3, Caley, a trio of charming birds, every one an ideal hen, lovely quality, covered with a nice meal, in excellent trim; res, Qualtrough; vbc, Mrs. Qualtrough. A.O.V.: 1, Gill, yell. Cinn. Nor., grand tone of col., well laced; 2, 3, Witherspoon; 2nd, yell. Lancs., grand size and substance, fair good skull, immense length; 3rd, green Crestbred, well lashed, abundance of feather, fine substance; res, Dugdale. BRIT. GOLD.: 1, Corteen, expansive blaze of a rare crimson colour, well tanned and buttoned, shows nice bars; 2, Gill, topping blaze, grand bars, splendid condition, beaten in size only; 3, E. Gale, neat Finch, lovely colour, good collar and tanning; res, Miss Clucas; vhc, Clucas; hc, Cowell. MULE: 1, 2, res, vbc, Gill, leader splendid six-pointed yell. Goldie Mule, champion colour, good size and splendid condition; 2nd, storming big dark Goldie Mule, well fed, a fine blaze; 3, E. Gale, Douglas cup winner, var. buff Goldie Mule, grand size, exquisite feather; hc, c, Wade, LINNET: 1, 3, E. Gale, two beauties, well marked through to vent, winner carries extra good col., well defined pencilling; 2, Miss Gale, topper for markings, full neck, cone shape, splendid condition; res, Mrs. Gale; vhc, Cannell; hc, Anderson. LINNET, FIELD MOULTED: 1, Lewis Gale, stormer for size, absolute perfect pencilling, good shape, steady as a rock; 2, Graham, fair size and markings, bit down when we were reporting; 3, Miss Gale, fair markings and size; res, Clarke; vhc, E. Gale; hc, Mrs. Kinnin. A.O.S.: 1, Caley, grand Yellow Bunting, splendid V markings, good golden colour; 2, Dr. Roe, fine bold Chough, in topping condition; 3, Miss Gale, yell. Greenfinch, good skull and size, fine wings and markings, in grand form; res, Kinrode; vhc, hc, E. Gale; c, Looney. FOR.: 1, Mrs. Brown; 2, Mrs. Jopson.

STRATFORD (London, E.).

The 24th annual show of the Stratford and East London F.A. was held in the Workman's Hall, Stratford, E., Jan. 10th. Cage birds numbered 83. The show was opened by the Mayor of West Ham (Alderman J. R. Harry), who spoke of the necessity of people having a hobby. It showed that they were not self-centred, and it had a tendency to uplift humanity. The show proved what a great deal of interest was taken in it. Mr. J. Robson judged cage birds. Mr. W. Smith won cup for best with a grand unflighted ticked yell., Mr. A. Skinner being second best with 2nd in same class. There were also some splendid Mules and Hybrids. Mr. Reed also exhibited a splendid collection of British and Foreign, among which were some fine birds.

NOR.: 1, 2, Leech; 3, Reed. UNFLIG.: 1, 2, Leech; 3, Priestman. YORKS., CL., ETC.: 1, 2, Skinner; 3, Parker; res, Reed; vhc, Emmott. MKD., ETC.: 1, Skinner; 2, Parker; 3, Smith. UNFLIG., CL., ETC., BUFF: 1, 2, Smith; 3, Skinner; res, Parker; vhc, Reed. MKD., ETC.: 1, 3, Skinner; 2, Parker. UNFLIG., CL., ETC., YELL.: 1, cup, vhc, c, Smith; 2, second best cage bird, Skinner; 3, hc, Reed; res, Parker. MKD., ETC.: 1, Parker; 3, Emmott. A.O.V.: 1, Priestman; 2, Reed; 3, Leech. UNFLIGHT.: 1, 2, 3, Parker. MULE: 1, Parker; 2, Terrill; 3, res, Reed; vhc, Emmott. HYB.: 1, 2, 3, Reed, Greenfinch-Goldfinch, Greenfinch-Linnet, and Chaffinch-Bramblefinch in order named. MULE OR HYB., UNFLIG.: 1, 2, 3, Parker. LIGHT GOLDFINCH MULES, GOLDFINCH, ETC.: 1, 3, res, Reed; 2, Skinner. GREENFINCH: 1, 2, 3, res, Reed. LINNET, ETC.: 1, 2, 3, res, Reed. REDPOLL: 1, 2, 3, res, Reed. A.O.S. BRIT.: 1, 2, 3, Reed. SOFTBILL: 1, 2, 3, Reed. FOR., LARGE: 1, 2, 3, Reed (Cardinals). SMALL: 1, 2, 3, Reed (Budgerigars).—W. Marcy, Hon. Sec.

STOCKSBRIDGE AND DISTRICT F.S.

Third annual members' show held January 6, in the National School. Mr. W. Richmond Rodley (Leeds) judged.

YELL. YORK., CL., ETC.: 1, 3, Sampson; 2, Eyre. BUFF: 1, Eyre; 2, Hoyle Bros.; 3, Oates. YELLOW: 1, Bainbridge; 2, Oates; 3, Sampson. BUFF: 1, 3, Eyre; 2, Sampson. YELL., UNFLIGH.: 1, 2, Sampson; 3, Wade. BUFF: 1, Sampson; 2, Oates; 3, Hoyle Bros. YELL., NOR., CL., ETC.: 1, Hoyle Bros.; 2, Howe and Senior; 3, Bainbridge. BUFF: 1, Hoyle Bros.; 2, 3, Bainbridge. BUFF HEN: 1, 3, Bainbridge; 2, Howe and Senior. YELL UNFLIGH: 1, 2, 3, Howe and Senior. BUFF: 1, 2, 3, Bainbridge NOR. (NAT. COL.): 1, Tattersall. BRIT.: 1, 2, 3, Howe and Senior. At the close the Rev. W. C. Edginton (President) presented the prizes. Most points in Yorks., G. L. Sampson; Nor., F. Bainbridge; throughout show, Mr. Bainbridge, 2nd G. L. Sampson, 3rd Hoyle Bros., 4th A. Oates, 5th R. Eyre, 6th Howe and Senior; best unflig. Yorks., G. L. Sampson; Nor., F. Bainbridge; most entries, Howe and Senior; consolation prize, W. Moore; most points British, Howe and Senior; most points vhc, F. Banbridge; most points on year's show, Nor., F. Bainbridge; Yorks., G. L. Sampson; silver medal, F. Bainbridge; silver medal (by society), G. L. Sampson.—G. L. Sampson, Sec.

S. MANCHESTER C.B.S.

Fourth annual show held Jolly Carter. Considering the small number of members a grand lot of birds were staged. Mr. T. Harrison (Altrincham) judged. Mr. Myers won cup for most points, Mr. Creathorn silver medal for runner-up.

YORKS. YELL.: 1, Gilbert; 2, Washbourne. BUFF: 1, 2, spl. best bird in show, Gilbert. TKD., ETC.: 1, Gilbert; 2, 4, Knight; 3, Siddall. UNFLIG. YELL.: 1, Siddall; 2, Gilbert. BUFF: 1, 2, Siddall; 3, Gilbert; 4, hc, Washbourne; vhc, Walton. YELL. HEN: 1, 2, Siddall. BUFF: 1, Gilbert; 2, vhc, Siddall; 3, 4, Washbourne. NAT. COL.: 1, Washbourne; 2, Knight. NOR. CL. YELL.: 1, 2, Creathorn. BUFF: 1, 2, c, Creathorn; 3, Cleton; 4, Eite; vhc, Knight; hc, Myers. TKD., ETC.: 1, 2, 3, spl., Creathorn; 4, vhc, Myers; hc, Chilton. UNFLIG. YELL.: 1, 2, Myers; 3, Day. BUFF: 1, 2, Myers; 3, Walton; 4, Day; vbc, Knight. YELL. HEN: 1, Myers; 2, Eite; 3, 4, Creathorn. BUFF: 1, 3, Myers; 2, 4, Creathorn; vhc, Day. NAT. COL.: 1, Day. STOCK PAIRS: 1, 2, Myers. GOLDIE: 1, 3, Washbourne; 2, Creathorn; 4, Knight. BULLFINCH: 1, spl., Washbourne; 2, Creathorn; 3, Siddall. LINNET: 1, Bury; 2, Creathorn; 3, Washbourne; 4, vhc, Myers. GREENFINCH: 1, Creathorne; 2, Bury; 3, Washbourne. BRIT. A.O.S.: 1, Creathorn; 2, Washbourne. DK. GOLDIE MULE, ETC., MULE: 1, 3, 4, Myers; 2, Creathorn. FORG.: 1, Myers; 2, Chilton. COTTAGE: 1, Miss Washbourne.—W. Knight, Hon. Sec.

DENTON AND DIS. C.B.S.

Annual show held Dec. 2nd in the Brotherhood Institute. Entries came up well; over 200 birds were staged. Mr. A. G. Davis (Manchester) placed the awards which gave satisfaction. The exhibits both in number and quality were a decided advance on last year. The show was opened at 3 p.m. by the president, Dr. Duigenan, Mr. T. Rowbotham in chair. With a good president and chairman and a list of generous supporters the society has made rapid strides and gives promise of further progress in the near future. Six new members were made at the show. Special prizes were won by Messrs. R. Gatley, Marlor Bros., J. Oliver, S. Marlor, T. Rowbotham, J. Harrison, W. Midgley, G. Edge, A. Darnley, Taylor Bros., and Gavin and Broadhurst. The points were as follows: S Marlor 57, Marlor Bros. 46, Gregory Bros. 45, T. Blease and Son 44, J. Holden 44, Gavin and Broadhurst 43, T. Rowhotham 37, A. Darnley 29, Taylor Bros. 26, G. Edge 25, Hopwood Bros. 23, W. Midgley 23, J. Oliver 22, J. Harrison 19, J. Stansfield 19, F. Summerton 17, R. Gatley 16, D. Hartley 14, H. Fairclough 11, W. Howard 10, W. Diggins 8, T. Duncan 5. Most points Champ. Nor. S. Marlor; Yorks. J. Holden; Amat. Nor. T. Rowbotham; Novice Nor. A. Darnley; Yorks. W. Howard; Sandiford's medal T. Blease and Son.

The Awards.

LIZ. (1): 1, Duncan. NOR. TKD. ETC. YELL. (9): 1, hc, Marlor; 2, 3, Blease and Son; 4, Gatley; vhc, Oliver; c, Marlor Bros. BUFF (6): 1, Oliver; 2, 3, Marlor; 4, Hopwood Bros.; vhc, hc, Blease and Son. YELL. HEN (6): 1, Marlor; 2, Blease and Son; 3, hc, Marlor Bros.; 4, vhc, Hopwood Bros. BUFF (8): 1, hc, Marlor Bros.; 2, vhc, Blease and Sons; 3, Hopwood Bros.; 4, Oliver; c, Marlor. 1911 CK. YELL. (7): 1, hc, Blease and Son; 2, c, Harrison; 3, vhc, Marlor Bros.; 4, Marlor. BUFF (6): 1, Blearec & Son; 2, 3, Marlor Bros.; 4, Marlor; vhc, Harrison; c, Oliver. HEN YELL. (11): 1, Marlor; 2, hc, Marlor Bros; 3, Hopwood Bros.; 4, Harrison; vhc, Oliver; c, Blease and Son. BUFF (10): 1, 2, Marlor; 3, Oliver; 4, Hopwood Bros.; vhc, Harrison; hc, Gatley; c, Marlor Bros. YORKS. CK. CL. YELL. (2): 1, Harrison; 2, Midgley. TKD. ETC. YELL. (6): 1, 2, 4, Holden; 3, Midgley; vhc, Gregory Bros. BUFF (3): 1, Midgley; 2, Gregory; 3, Harrison. HEN TKD. ETC. (1): 1, Midgley. BUFF (4): 1, Midgley; 2, 3, Holden; 4, Gregory Bros. 1911 YORKS. CL. YELL. (4): 1, 2, Holden; 3, 4, Gregory Bros. TKD. ETC. (1): 1, Midgley. CL. ETC. BUFF (4): 1, 2, Holden; 3, 4, Gregory Bros. NAT. COL. YORKS. (2): 1, Harrison; 2, Holden. NOR. (2): 1, Marlor; 2, Hopwood Bros. AMAT. NOR. TKD. ETC. CK. YELL. (2): 1, Fairclough; 2, Rowbotham. BUFF (3): 1, Rowbotham; 2, Fairclough; 3, Gregory Bros. HEN BUFF (6): 1, 2, Rowbotham; 3, Gregory Bros.; 4, Hartley; vhc, Fairclough. 1911 TKD. ETC. CK. YEL. (5): 1, Hartley; 2, 3, vhc, Gregory Bros; 4, Rowbotham. BUFF (5): 1, 2, Rowbotham; 4, Hartley; vhc, Gregory Bros.; hc, Fairclough. TKD. ETC., YELL. HEN (5): 1, Rowbotham; 2, 3, Gregory Bros.; 4, Hartley; vhc, Fairclough. BUFF (6): 1, hc, Rowhotham; 2, Fairclough; 3, 4, Holden; vhc, Gregory Bros. NOVICE YORKS., TKD. ETC. YELL. (1): 1, Edge. BUFF (1): 1, Howard. YORKS., 1911, TKD. YELL. (4): 1, Edge; 2, 3, 4, Howard. BUFF (3): 1, Edge; 2, 3, Howard. NOVICE NOR., TKD. ETC. YELL. CK. (5): 1, 4, Darnley; 2, Stansfield; 3, Summerton; vhc, Edge. BUFF (3): 1, Summerton; 2, Darnley; 3, Duncan. YELL. HEN (2): 1, Summerton. BUFF (4): 1, Summerton; 2, Darnley; 3, Stansfield; 4, Taylor Bros. 1911 TKD. ETC. YELL. CK. (4): 1, Taylor Bros.; 2, Summerton; 3, Stansfield; 4, Darnley. BUFF (6): 1, Darnley; 2, 3, Edge; 4, Stansfield; vhc, Taylor Bros.; hc, Duncan. YELL. HEN (5): 1, Stansfield; 2, 3, Edge; 4, Summerton; vhc, Duncan. BUFF (9): 1, vhc, Darnley; 2, 4, hc, Taylor Bros.; 3, c, Summerton. GOLDIE, ETC. (7): 1, 2, 3, vhc, c, Gavin and Broadhurst; 4, Diggins; hc, Taylor Bros. BROWN LINNET (5): 1, Midgley; 2, Diggins; 3, Stansfield; 4, vhc, Gavin and Broadhurst. SISKIN, ETC. (4): 1, 3, 4, Gavin and Broadhurst; 2, Midgley. A.O.S. (5): 1, 3, 4, vhc, Gavin and Broadhurst; 2, Taylor Bros. MULE OR HYB. (1): 1, Midgley.—W. Hopwood, Sec.

WANTED—continued.

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WANTED, offers in Canaries for all wool Scotch blankets, or sell 25/-: Wright, 16, Haggs-road, Pollokshaws, Glasgow.

WANTED, best cash offer two band-reared hen Bullies, also one black hen, perfect feather: Bowler, Fancier, Aylesbury.

WANTED, any quantity of Canaries, any breed, best prices given; state prices: H. Radbone, 10, Bakers-lane, Ealing.

WANTED, offers in Canaries for 15-carat gold gent's signet ring: Jones, Bod Jorwerth, Greenfield, Rhosddu, Wrexham.

WANTED cock Hawfineh, exchange dark Goldfinch Mule on song, sell 7/6: H. Cole, Clifford Villa, Foxhall-rd., Ipswich.

WILL give 3/6 Linnets, 16/- Goldies, 12/- Bullies, cocks; hen Goldies and Bullies, 6/-: Vanner, 6, Redheugh-rd., Gateshead.

SURPLUS Norwich Crest or Plainheads, also Scotch Fancy hens, cheap for cash, on approval: McNair, 152, George-st., Paisley.

WANTED, large colour-fed Yorkshires, cock and hens, state lowest price for cash: Emery, 266, Bramall Lane, Sheffield.

WANTED, Norwich cocks, exchange 5 x 4 hand camera, in good order; stamp reply: Horton, 53, Bird-st., Higher Ince, Wigan.

WANTED, pair good unflighted Norwich, exchange good violin and case; approval: Miss Heather, 56, Bolsover-st., London, W.

WANTED song Canaries, dog puppies, pigeons, or exchange all varieties livestock: Maynard, Bethnal Green. Phone 2523 Wall.

WANTED, offers in Canaries for Scotch blankets sell 25/-, or anything useful: Macdougall, 134, James-st., Bridgeton, Glasgow.

WANTED Yorkshire hen Canaries and weekly supply of Linnets from catcher: Blackett, 42, Hassard-st., Hackney-rd., London.

WANTED, Britishers, Foreigners, all varieties live-stock; cash or exchange; send offers; stamp reply: Maynard, Bethnal Green.

LARGE Norwich hens, give 16 plates ("Cage Birds"), also egg-bread mill, unused: Allan Doyle, Manches-street, Dumfries.

WANTED, very large yellow young Norwich hen, cash, or exchange Yorkshires or British: Montgomery, High-st., Staines.

WANTED, pair Norwich or Yorkshires, exchange piccolo, cost £1 5/-: William Moyle, Gribbis, Stithians, Pernanwell, Cornwall.

WANTED, offers in Canaries, Norwich and Borders, and cages, for old violin, value £2 10/-: Anderson, Croft, Polmont-st., Redding, Stirlingshire.

WANTED good pair Norwich; no rubbish; exchange violin, bow, and case; approval both ways: Wright, Bootmaker, Terrington, Lynn.

WANTED, good British fresh-caught, or house-moulted; exchange, high-class Yorkshires: Nortb, 477, Manchester-rd., Bradford.

WANTED, Bullfinches, Canaries, guinea pigs, tame mice, cheap; state lowest price: White, Bird Stores, 60a, Charlotte-st., Portsmouth.

WANTED, good cock Goldfinch with square blaze, give two young pure-bred Seifert Roller hens: Whalley, Lenardgate, Lancaster.

WANTED two yellow Yorkshire hens; exchange fine-toned guitar-zither value 15/-: R. Townsend, Heptonstall, Hebden Bridge, Yorkshire.

WANTED offers anything for six Yorks. cocks guaranteed, also Winchester repeater rifle, value 25/-: Binns, 23, Lustre-st., Keighley.

EXHIBITION Hawfinch cock, wanted, house or field-moulted, likely to moult, for keenest competition: Anderson, Balloch, Inverness.

WANTED, pair yellow Budgerigars; exchange tortoise, Dutch buck, and pair of tumblers; approval: Hudson, 32, Commercial-st., Skipton.

NORWICH, Yorkshire, and Sih. Canaries, good colour, also Siskins, Goldfinches, Bullfinches: Kensington Aviaries, Church-st., Kensington.

WANTED, 2 pairs Australian crimson-wing Parrakeets, 3 hen blue-winged Parrakeets, Gouldians: Miss Clare, 194, Coombe-lane, Wimbledon.

YELLOW Norwich Canaries, must be good, exchange first class hand sewn boots to measure: Roberts, 13, Broad-st., Northampton.

WANTED high-class Roller cock Canaries in exchange for winning Black Beards or Foreign Owls: West, 18, Hallsville-rd., Canning Town.

WANTED, good second-haud overcoat, chest 37 inches; exchange cock Canary, full song, value 10/6: Fancier, 229, Uxbridge-rd., West Ealing.

WANTED, exhibition Bullfinch cock, will exchange choice named herbaceous plants; state particulars: Barker, 29, Daventree-rd., Liscard, Ches.

WANTED, cock Goldfinches, Chaffinches, Linnets, Larks; state price per dozen, carriage paid: Fallows, 96, Benjonson-rd., Stepney, London.

WANTED for cash, Canaries, Yorkshires, Norwich, also Linnets, Goldfinches, Siskins; quote prices: P. Jackson, Clockface, St. Helens, Lancashire.

WANTED, for export, any quantity of hen Canaries, for cash, 1/2 Germans, 1/4 Norwich and Yorkshires: Manager, 104, Kirkgate, Wakefield.

WANTED, pair stout Norwich, first, exchange Goldfinch-Bullfinch hybrid, vhc, Glasgow Dist.: Andrew Dawson, Dunchatton-st., Glasgow.

WANTED, foreign cage birds, in exchange for gent's clothes, 3 suits, 2 overcoats, medium size, good condition: 103, Clarendon Park-rd., Leicester.

A GOOD Crestbred hen (green), 1911; exchange a young Grey Crest cock, 4th open show, sell 40/-: Moore, 39, Club-st., Sheffield. (See Crests.)

WANTED 5 common young cocks, exchange winning unflighted yellow Yorkshire hen, sell 25/-: Lucas Bedford-avenue, Manley Park, Manchester.

WANTED, large yellow Norwich cock, variegated preferred; will exchange Irish Terrier bitch, Pancras-Cimaroon Rarity: Roe, Flurrybridge, Newry.

WANTED pair of young Rollers, in exchange for a pair of opera glasses; what offers for two good Yorkshire hens: J. Smith, 1, Castle-st., Blackburn.

WANTED, Goldfinches, Bullfinches, Linnets, hen Canaries, any amount; please state lowest price: Haynes, 108, Market-pl., Bournbrook, Birmingham.

WANTED three large unflighted Norwich hens, in exchange for very large typical Buff Norwich cock; no rubbish wanted: Owens, Clynnog-rd., Llanllyfni.

WANTED cash offers for 2 Siskins, Siskin Mule (good yellows), Goldfinch, Budgerigar, all cocks, cage-moulted, full song: Elliott, Albion-terr., Faversham.

WANTED, surplus stock Canaries, all breeds, for spot cash; also Linnets, Goldfinches, and Bullfinches, from catchers: Gore, Gooch-st., Birmingham.

WANTED, Goldfinches, Bullfinches, etc., from catchers, also Canaries, cocks and hens, please state price: Thomas Hughes, 65, Saltley-rd., Birmingham.

WANTED, good pair yellow Norwich or Yorkshires, exchange 3 grand cocks, 2 hen Bullfinches; sell 15/-; approval: W. Hobba, Trewbiddle, St. Austell, Cornwall.

WANTED, yellow or variegated Yorkshire cock, exchange 18 parts "Canaries, Hybrids, British Birds," never been used: Porter, 14, Constitution-st., Peterhead.

WANTED, Norwich, Yorkshires, cheap, for cash, would also exchange winning fox terrier, value £5, and puppies: Advert., 59, Edward-st., Cacracca, Dowlais.

WANTED, Canaries, British or foreign birds, Parrots, dogs, monkeys, poultry, pigeons, rats, guinea pigs, purchase or exchange: Barlow's Aviaries, Greenwich.

WANTED, large house-moulted hen Bullfinch, that has laid fertile eggs in a cage; will pay 5s.; send particulars to: White, Seed Establishment, Park-st., East Cowes.

WANTED, two unflig., short, cobby, Norwich hens, with good heads; exchange pair gent's hand-sewn patent button boots, 9, sell 25/-: G. Bott, Holyoake, Long Buckby.

WANTED, exchange, cock Goldfinch, hen Canary, cock Siskin, hen Canary, bred mules last season, for Crest-bred hen or Yorkshire hen, 7ins: W. Lacy, 3, King-st., Deal.

WANTED, for roller skates, valued 18/-, ball-bearing, pair cock hen Goldfinches, pair cock hen Bullfinches, or offer: Kinnear, Shoemaker, Buckhaven, Fifeshire, Scotland.

WANTED, yellow variegated Norwich Plainhead hen, typical, 1911; exchange yellow green Crestbred hen, good mule breeder: Macarthur, 65, Tallcross-road, Parkhead, Glasgow.

WANTED, 1910 cock Roller, in full loud song; exchange yellow unflighted Norwich cock, fed, nice size, marked both eyes and wings: White, Seed Establishment, Park-st., East Cowes.

WANTED for cash, Mules, Goldfinches, etc., cocks and hens, state lowest price, prompt payment guaranteed: Nash, Bird Specialist, Chesham House, Deptford Broadway, London, S.E.

WILL give 6/- per pair for good colour-fed Norwich and Yorkshires; 10/- per pair, for good Crests, also wanted 10 pairs Scotch Fancy; reasonable: McKeand, Hamilton-place, Castle Douglas.

WANTED, a good long-sided, full-necked, straight yellow cock Yorkshire, will give buff cock, 3rd at Caterham, and two yellow hens, or sell 27/6; approval: Frisby, Church-st., Staines.

WANTED for cash, Mules and Canaries, cocks and hens, colour fed preferred, fair price given, cash same day as birds: Merrington, Bird Specialist, 40, Besson-st., New Cross, London, S.E.

WANTED from catchers, Goldfinches, Bullfinches, Linuets, Siskins, Redpolls, cocks; state price: J. Flower, 76, Sclater-st., Bethnal Green, and 4, Southampton Cottages, Hackney-rd., London.

WANTED, yellow Norwich cock or Crested hen, for two exhibition cock Bullies, cock Linnet, hen Bullie, Greenfinch, and Bullie, house moulted Redpoll and Bullie: H. Pinnell, Warminster.

WANTED, 5 or 6 compartment breeding cage, about 8ft. long, loose fronts and partitions, must be good condition. Particulars and price carriage paid to: Orange, 6, Stanley-rd., S. Woodford, Essex.

WANTED, offers for nearly pure white Blackbird, male, also two Yorkshire terrier dog pups, ten weeks; good German songsters or gramophone preferred, or cash offers: Butler, 131, The Avenue, Starbeck.

WANTED to exchange buff pied Scotch Fancy cock for yellow hen, clean, foul, pied or green, no rubbish offered or wanted, would sell, mutual approval: Cliff-Bell, 26, Camphell-st., Maryhill, Glasgow.

WANTED Roller Schoolmaster; exchange pair Black-red Game Bantams from same pen as 1st, spl Lockerbie, 1st, spl Nenthead, 1st Lancreost, etc.: Robt. Little, Jubilee Terrace, Longtown, Cumberland.

WANTED a good stock Crest hen; will give in exchange young Crest-bred cock off my winners; a grand Siskin, fit to win; also a muling Goldfinch and Redpoll; all h.m.; no rubbish wanted: Smith, Lochiel Arms, Inverness.

WANTED, offers two good variegated Yorkshires, cocks, 1911, buff cock yellow hen Yorks., breeders, 1910, two buff Border hens 1911, two buff Norwich hens, 1911, clean healthy birds: Kendrick, Coachman, Monument-hill, Weybridge.

WANTED, yellow Yorkshires or Norwich, winners, or able to, keenest competition; exchange Pathe phonograph, splendid order, walnut case, 20 records, box for 50, £3; gas fire, complete, ready for fixing, good as new, 15/-; approval: Gardner, York-house, Filey.

FOR EXPORT.

WANTED, 250 Norwich cocks and hens; state particulars: West of England Bird Exchange Company, 13, Durnford-st., Stonehouse, Devon.

NATURAL HISTORY

BUY your birds' eggs direct from the collector; list 1d.; trade supplied: E. F. Spicer, Suffolk-st., Birmingham.

BIRD and animal preserving done cheaply by practical hands; latest improvements: F. Livermore, Windley, Derby.

NATURALIST'S Diary, 1/-; egg drills, blowpipe, etc., 1/-; catalogue birds' eggs, naturalists' requisites, free: Messrs. Davis, Naturalists, Museum Works, Dartford.

SALE or EXCHANGE.

Mainly British.

HIGH-CLASS British, exchanged for Canaries: Fred Allen, 156, Porter-st., Hull.

PAIR silver English Owls, 1909 rung, 7/6; exchange 1911 cock Canay: Brown, Thornton-rd., Potters Bar.

EXCHANGE Linnet-Greenie hybrid cock, winner, for Roller songster, or offers: Hughes, 23, High-st., Carnarvon.

EXCHANGE 3 grand hen Goldfinches for good cock Canary: E. Cook, Sussex-rd., Hayward's Heath, Sussex.

EXCHANGE six pairs of British and foreign birds for good disc records, or sell: Lee, Oakwood, Street, Hassocks.

EXCHANGE 3 cocks, 1 hen, Bullies, for a cock Siskin, or anything useful: Sid Eaton, Red-row, Raunds, Wellingboro'.

EXCHANGE nice cock Chaffinch, also cock Greenfinch, for healthy hen Canary, no cards: Wm. E. Ellis, Welshpool.

1910 large white-legged cock Goldfinch, exchange good yellow Norwich hen, yours first: Jones, 72, Bethesda-st., Amlweh.

EXCHANGE good pair of Bullfinches for good muling cock Goldfinch, or sell 2/6: H. Ward, Bale, Melton Constable, Norfolk.

EXCHANGE grand cock Linnet mule for Norwich or Yorkshire cock; cock Bullfinch 1/6, hen 1/-: Hunt, 25, Swinegate, Grantham.

TWO large cock Bullfinches for Goldfinch cock or Siskin, or sell 4/-: Thomas E. Fawcitt, Ramshaw, Evenwood, Bishop Auckland.

MAGPIES and Jacobins from 5/- to 20/- each; or exchange, cage birds and Bantams: Howling, Plumber, Skelton-in-Cleveland.

WILL exchange high-class exhibition British in pairs for hybridising, or otherwise; no dealers: Owens, Clynnog-rd., Llanllyfni.

HOUSE moulted cock Goldfinch, 5/-, cock Linnet Mule, 7/6; pair Norwich Canaries, 10/-; exchange: Royce, Oundle-rd., Peterborough.

TWO splendid cock Goldfinches, Sib. hen; want 2 Roller hens; sell, or exchange anything useful; approval: Elliott, Sunnyside, Bideford.

CAGE-moulted cock Chaffinch and field-moulted cock Greenfinch, sell 4/-; exchange anything useful: B. Wilson, 53, Albert-st., Spalding, Lincs.

FEW grand colour cock Finches, also cocks and hens, Bullfinches; exchange young common Norwich hens: Saunders, Paperhanger, Tiverton.

EXCHANGE five pairs of Bullfinches for Gladstone bag, trouser press, revolver, or punchball: D. Parker, Edgware-terrace, Astwood Bank.

MONSTER English cock Bullfinch, 3/-; Siberian cock Goldfinch 6/-; wanted, large yellow hen Canaries: Frank Petherick, Chanters-rd., Bideford.

FIVE Goldfinch mules, in song, 6/- each; exchange one for Siberian Goldfinch or Norwich Roller hens: Edwards, 58, Durham-rd., Newport, Mon.

EXCHANGE tame Kestrel Hawk, for good singing cock Canary; also one pair Bullfinches. What offers?: Lendrem, Bank, Barnard Castle.

TWO grand cock Goldfinches, three cocks seven hen Bullfinches; exchange British show cages, Hawfinch: Hutton, 118, Slamhermill, Stourbridge.

EXCHANGE muling cock Greenfinch and Bullfinch, laid in cage, for good yellow Yorkshire hen; sell, 10/-: G. Stares, 28, Albert-rd., Romford, Essex.

EXCHANGE two good cock Goldfinches for real good yellow Yorkshire hen; Yorkshire first; approval both ways: Price, Glanbrydan, Manordilo, S. Wales.

HAND-REARED cock Bullfinch, twice moulted, sure muler, take £1 for it; exchange pair of Norwich Canaries or Rollers: A. Sleep, 2, Clarence-st., Gravesend.

EXCHANGE twice house moulted cock Greenfinch, large hen Bullfinch, for house moulted cock Linnet, full song: G. Wells, 11, Sepulchre-lane, Fellside, Kendal.

SPLENDID British field-moulted cock Goldfinch, grand colour, 6/-; exchange good singing Roller, two muling hens; potato offers: Vale, Wagon Works, Lydney, Glos.

EXCHANGE Song Thrush, winner three prizes only times shown, for Crested-bred cock or cinnamon cock, or offers: F. Martin, 10, Shelley-st., Kingsley, Northampton.

FANCIERS; selected cocks, 6 greenies, 6/-; 3 Linnets, 3/6; Twite, 3/-; Chaffinch, 2/-; Redpoll, 1/-; Lark, 2/-; exchange: Mitchell, South-st., Greenhill-lane, Alfreton.

EXCHANGE 2 cock Goldfinches, one winner, the other mule breeder, for 3 Norwich or Yorkshire singing cocks; approval; yours first: Tompkins, Crown-rd., Grays, Essex.

WILL exchange team winning British, almost new cycle, for two pairs of winning Norwich, value £7 10/-; mutual approval: Lloyd, 4, Pott-st., Pendlebury, Manchester.

FINE steady house moulted cock Goldfinch, splendid songster, 6/-; dark grey Army overcoat, perfect, 7/6; exchauge yellow singing Canaries: 2, Tidy-st., Brighton.

EXCHANGE, cocks, house-moulted 1 grand singing Blackbird, 2 Greenfinches, 4 Chaffinches, for Norwich cock or 2 hens; Norwich first: T. Lister, Beech Holm, Leven, Fife.

EXCHANGE four Bramhles, hen Bullfinch, cock Chaffinch, pair Grey Javas, aviary moulted, for small Foreign birds or Virginia Cardinal: H. Morris, Makenson Arcade, Wigan.

EXCHANGE 1911 Linnet Mule, pure Linnet notes, for yellow Norwich cock, or Lancashire, on approval, yours first: H. Steele, 201, Crompton-rd., Macclesfield, Cheshire.

MEALY Redpolls 1/-, cock Linnets 1/-, Bullfinches 1/6, 2/-, one extra mealy 4/-, Norwich cocks 5/-, hens 2/6; exchange anything: G. May, 64, Gosham-rd., Irthlinghoro', Wellinghoro'.

EXCHANGE three large house-moulted mealy Redpolls, for exhibition Hawfinch; or sale, 12/-; house-moulted cock Twite, a breeder, 4/-; approval: Stephenson, Flimby, Cumberland.

HOUSE moulted Goldfinches, 2 cocks, 4 hens, 2 cock Linnets, 2 whippet and lurcher dog pups, 30/- lot; exchange woollen cloth or shirting: Stephen Barber, Burringham, Doncaster.

SELECTED cock Bullfinches, 2/-, 3/6, 4/6 each; hens, 1/6; twice h.m. cock Linnet, sure muler, 2/6; or exchange Norwich cock, blue chequered working Homer cock: Tupholme, Union-rd., Bourne.

BIG yellow Greenfinch cock and Bullfinch hen, exchange for cock Goldfinch, or large hen Canary; sell 3/-; big yellow Greenfinch cocks for showing, 1/- each: Ottery, 18, Alfred-st., Swindon.

NOTICE to exhibitors, fanciers, I will exchange all kinds of British for any variety of Canaries; approval, both ways; state wants to: Newcombe, 2, Knowles Court, Bamford-st., Stockport.

COCK Cornish Chough, fine bird, 1st Birmingham, 1st Cheltenham; £5, or exchange good Skye Terriers or Dandie Dinmonts to value, mutual approval: W. B. Lloyd, Bridge-st., Kington, Herefordshire.

FOUR cock Linnet mules, with Linnet song, and one Goldfinch mule, Finch song, sell, 7/6 each; or exchange glazier's diamond, or anything useful: J. Forshaw, 4, Threlfalls-lane, Marshside, Southport.

BROWN Linnet, second prize winner class of 16, bred mules; Greenfinch mule, second prize winner, 7/6 each; exchange to Buff Yorkshire hens; approval: Hemmings and Brereton, 295, Delamere-st., Over Winsford.

EXCHANGE H.M. cock Goldfinch, full song, for cock Canary; large cock Greenfinch, bred mules last year, exchange 2 good hen Canaries; large Buff Orpington cockerel, 6/-; or exchange Canaries, or offers: Davison, Haddenham, Bucks.

ONE British Bullfinch, two Welsh Goldfinches, black leg, excellent condition, steady and good col., fit for show; exchange for large, cobby yellow clear Norwich hen, or best offers; approval, yours first: Taylor, 3, Mountain-st., Carnarvon, North Wales.

NOTICE! Two giant hand-reared, finger-tame, white-legged Russian hen Bullfinches, warranted to make sure Mulers, only 10/6 each; or exchange for Norwich and Yorkshire colour-fed Canaries (cocks or hens), or light Goldfinch Mules (cocks or hens): Powers and Russell, 10, Granby-pl., Bethnal Green, London.

Mainly Canaries.

PAIR Rollers, exchange mackintosh: Welch, Bengeo, Hertford.

THREE pairs Rollers, exchange good stablo suit: Welch, Bengeo, Hertford.

TWO good Yorkshire hens, 3/- each; exchange cross-bred pullets: Olivier, 185, Southwark Park-road, S.E.

SIX strong healthy 1911 hen Canaries, 10/-, useful exchange, approval: Hance, King-st., Tring, Herts.

TWO buff, 2 variegated Yorkshire hens, 8/- lot; or exchange for pullet: Brant, Scopton Lane, Foston, Derby.

THREE pair Canaries, extra good talking Grey Parrot, £5; wanted, governess car: Lakes, East Cliffe, Lytham.

NORWICH Canaries for sale, good strain, or exchange anything useful: R. Kenworthy, Foston, Grantham.

GRAND buff Yorks hen, 8/6, or exchange for gold nib fountain pen: Rennicks, Bassenthwaite Lake, Cumberland.

GOOD pair of stock Crests, 30/-, or exchange a good fishing outfit: Moore, 39, Club-st., Sheffield. (See Crests.)

EXCHANGE pair Norwich, cock Linnet, H.M. Linnet Mule hen, anything useful for home: Nairn, Vennel, Irvine.

HENS, two yellow Yorkshires, 3/6 each; buff Norwich, 4/- each; useful exchange: Salter, 34, Offord-rd., Barnsbury, N.

EXCHANGE a pair of Yorkshire Canaries, value 30/-, for a good top coat: T. Brown, Ivy-cott., Foxbouses, Whitehaven.

EXCHANGE good bred Norwich Canaries, cocks or hens, for good bred pullets: Upton and Button, 1, York-gdns., Hastings.

SIX pairs of Yorks. Canaries for sale, 7/6 pair; or exchange anything useful: Robinson, 15, Wheat-st., Ingrow, Keighley.

TWELVE Norwich hens, outdoor bred, sell 2/- each, or exchange fowls; offers: Bracey, 33, Oak-rd., Horfield, Bristol.

CHAMPION pair Norwich, Cowgill's strain, 9/6; exchange good left-off suit, or offers: Purser, 15, St. Saviour's-rd., Leicester.

EXCHANGE Roller cock and buff Norwich hen, for two yellow Norwich hens, sell 10/-: Peck, Ashmans Gardens, Beccles.

EXCHANGE two Crested hens, 1 Crestbred hen, 1911, for pair Yorkshires or good Crested hen: Barril, West Barns, Dunbar.

EXCHANGE four large Norwich hens, 1910, for Roller cock in song; Roller first: J. Brett, 41, Ock-st., Abingdon, Berks.

EXCHANGE Linnet mule for Siberian Goldfinch, Bullfinch, Roller, or pure pullets; sell 10/-: White, 49, Lumley-rd., Horley, Surrey.

SELL or exchange high-class Norwich, Yorkshires and Borders, Crests, Lizards, or Rollers wanted: Owens, Clynnog-rd., Llanllyfni.

CRESTS, Plainheads, few good birds, yellows, buffs, cocks, hens, 3/- to 30/-; approval: Campbell, 6, Haldon-avenue, Teignmouth.

PRIZE-BRED Norwich Canaries; exchange for scrap brass, copper, zinc, lead, pewter, or anything useful: 61, Havelock-st., Leicester.

WILL give two buff Yorks. hens, 1911, value 5/- each, for two inner tubes, 28 in. by 1¾ in., or offers: Miers, 14, Corkickle, Whitehaven.

EXCHANGE 5 small Yorks., 4 cocks, 1 hen, for pair of Yorkshire, or Norwich; no rubbish; yours first: Gray, Ocean-place, Filey, Yorks.

TYPICAL buff Yorkshire cock, 7/6, Roller cock 7/6 (1911 birds); exchange anything useful: 4, Stovell-avenue, Longsight, Manchester.

EXCHANGE two pairs Roller Canaries, for good cock Goldfinches, or anything useful: F. Lodge, Johnson's Yard, Whitby, Yorks.

EXCHANGE 1911 buff cinnamon Norwich cock, Dormer strain, for good-sized yellow cinnamon hen: Hope, 18, New Stock-st., Paisley.

THREE high-class yellow Border hens, accept 10/6 lot, or best offer; approval, deposit: Milburn, Alexandra-rd., Grangetown, Yorkshire.

NORWICH cocks, large buff, 10/-; two yellows, 7/6 each, colour-fed; exchange for good Roller cocks: Riley, 20, Buckingham-st., Aylesbury.

EXCHANGE two Scotch Fancy cocks, one clear buff, and one buff marked, for a good buff hen: Craig, 89, Frank-st., Newcastle-on-Tyne.

WHAT offers in pullets for two Yorkshire cocks, in full song, 15/-; or good curh silver albert: Henry Blamires, Little Royd-cotts., Earlshcaton.

SALE, cheap, or exchange, nine hen Yorks, ben mule, cock mule, and cock Greenie, pair with anything: Church, 8, Park-rd., Henley-on-Thames.

EXCHANGE two clear unflighted buff Yorkshire cocks for two large cinnamon Norwich unflighted hens; approval: Helliwell, Boothtown, Halifax.

FOR sale or exchange, a singing schoolmaster green cock, in full song; would exchange anything useful: Richards, 12, Little Carlton-st., Weston-s.-Mare.

TWO good variegated dark Crested hens, Norwich; exchange for dark Crested cock, yours first: F. Curry, 10, Rectory-grove, Clapham, London, S.W.

EXCHANGE clear yellow Lancashire Plainhead cock and good muling Greenfinch, for good exhibition 1911 Goldfinch: Coachman, Tynyrhos, Weston Rhyn, Oswestry.

FOUR Norwich cross cocks, 4 hens, 1911, large, sound, healthy birds, what offers cash, or exchange, no cards: Pennington, Thornton Lodge, Goxhill, Lincolnshire.

EXCHANGE eight prize bred Border Fancy hens, yellows and buffs, for pair of good plainheads, yours first: William McGreachan, 19, Low Craigends, Kilsyth, Scotland.

TWO splendid pairs Yorkshires, cost £5; also few young birds, able to win, cheap; or exchange good bicycle, gold watch, or offers: Berry, 99, Selborne Grove, Keighley.

EXCHANGE two dark Linnet Mules, cocks, full song, for two 1911 yellow Norwich Plainhead cocks, full song; yours first: Snelling, Westbourne-st., Sittingbourne, Kent.

EXCHANGE two crossbred cock Canaries, singing, healthy, for two big good-coloured cock Goldies, singing; yours first: Hussey, Baker, High-st., Kington, Herefordshire.

YORKSHIRES, best blood obtainable, bred from winners, cocks from 7/6, hens 4/6; exchange show British, or anything useful: E. H. Williams, 19, Copper Works-rd., Llanelly.

EXCHANGE three green Yorkshire cocks and one hen, all staudard length, for two yellow or buff cocks, standard length; approval both ways: Williams, 4, Stratford-rd., Salisbury.

TWO grand pairs Norwich, two grand pairs Yorkshires, 12/6 per pair; good pair Rollers, 10/-; exchange talking Parrot, Pom. hitch, crossbred fowls, or offers: Sheldon, Builder, Tideswell.

EXCHANGE two dark yellow Goldfinch Mules, one Linnet Mule, cocks, for dark Crested or Crest-bred cock or pair Yorkshires, sell £2; mutual approval; yours first: Pettit, 146, Moselle, Wood Green, London.

SALE or exchange, two Goldfinch Mules, cocks, 1911, 7/6 each; two exhibition buff Yorkshire hens, 10/6 each, exchange exhibition British large birds; approval: Morgan, 20, Henshaw-st., Stretford, Manchester.

WILL exchange good buff Norwich cock and two yellow Norwich hens, from winners, for yellow Norwich cock and buff hen for stock, and a little money given for a good pair: G. Slocombe, 115, Clive-rd., Canton, Cardiff.

SETS of Yorkshires, Norwich, Rollers, and Cinnamons, prize bred; also completely fitted breeding cages, sell or exchange for inlaid linoleum, or anything in umbrella business: Umbrella maker, 23, Union-st., Southport.

GOOD Yorkshire hen Canaries from 3/- each, cold room bred (approval); exchange cocks (songsters): Watson, Rose Cottage, Wrightington, near Wigan.

EXCHANGE 1 pair of Yorkshires for Siberian house-moulted Goldfinch, or sell 15/-; also 4 muling hens and Yorkshire cock for 2 good unflighted yellow green Norwich hens, or sell 25/-: Mays, Bolchow-st., Guisborough, Yorkshire.

TWENTY grand Canaries, clears, yellow, variegated, healthy, cold-room bred, 50/- the lot; sell separate; cocks, singing, 5/- each; exchange any or all for something useful; no rubbish wanted or offered: Measures, 79, Mill-st., Crewe.

HIGH-class Rollers, in full song, 7/6, 8/6, 10/6 upwards; hens 2/6; 4 large cock Goldfinches, 3/6 each; also Goldfinch mules and Linnet mules, cocks, 5/-, 6/-; hens, 1/-; exchange for common songsters, or any other birds: John Day, 77, Porter-st., Hull.

TWO Crestbred cocks, two Crested hens, 1910-1911, exchange good 1911 Crestbred hen, or Crested cock, or anything useful, or sell 15/- pair, on approval; worth much more; also three Border cocks, young, 3/6 each: William Brown, 2, Bothwell-st., Cambuslang.

Mainly Foreign.

EXCHANGE Budgerigars; black Persian kitten wanted, male, one-third grown; no rubbish wanted: T. Still, 180, Rodbourne-rd., Swindon.

EXCHANGE beautiful white Cockatoo, with cage, for Yorkshire or Norwich pair, birds first; or sell 25/-; no rubbish: A. Wiff, 3, Danesgate, Lincoln.

EXCHANGE Indian Green Parrot and Cage (perfect condition), for two pairs Norwich Canaries or small foreign seedeaters, or sell, £1: Andrews, Clifton Villas, Finedon, Northants.

Miscellaneous.

WHAT offers in Canaries for 18 electric light bulbs?: F. Moon, 4, Paradise-row, Maidstone.

FORTY good homers, 6/- per doz.; or exchange Canaries: G. Pope, Aston Hill, Tring.

WHAT offers for cage birds, No. 1, up to date: Samson, 209, York-rd., Battersea, London.

EXCHANGE good trout rod, reel and line, for Canaries or British, sell 7/6: Binks, Aiskew, Bedale.

WILL exchange 6 compartment breeding cage for pigeons: E. Taylor, 12, Sprotshoro'-terr., Nottingham.

PHONOGRAPH records, 2 dozen, 8/-; cock Bullfinch, twice house-moulted; offers: Robinson, Ketton, nr. Stamford.

CHAMPION pedigree Scotch bitch, 2 years, exchange Canaries, or offers: Thomas Gardiner, New-row, Edenwood.

SALE or exchange for pair good Canaries, three pure white prize-bred Fantail pigeons: 19, Lumley-rd., Redcar.

MASSIVE steel and copper curb, very heavy; exchange Rollers, or sell £1: Sturdy, 21, Branch Church-st., Hunslet.

NEW 7/6 pike rod, pike tackle, roach tackle, 10/-; exchange hen Canaries: Roper, 134, Chester, Seven Kings, Essex.

EXCHANGE perfect flute, 12/6; also 4 double breeding cages, 3/6 each; anything useful: P. H. Watson, Market Rasen.

BARGAINS in cage birds and all varieties of live stock, sell or exchange; stamp reply: Maynard, Bethnal Green.

GAS heating stove, as new, cost 25/-; exchange Parrot, foreign Finches, or offers: McDowall, Strathaven, N.B.

PAIR of Old English Game Bantams for sale, 6/6: Coombes, 26, Princess-st., Brimington, nr. Chesterfield, Derbyshire.

PHONOGRAPH and 37 records; what offers in Canaries and cages: H. James, 26, Silton-st., Moston, Manchester.

GRAND pair Old English rabbits, Neeve's strain; exchange Foreign, British, or Canaries: Miles, St. Andrew's, Norwich.

FOUR pigeon Magpies, sure winners; exchange clapnets, traps, or anything useful: A. Lawrence, Surrey House, Frinton-on-Sea.

EXCHANGE Wright's Poultry Book, 30 7d. parts complete, for Canaries, Goldies, anything: Evans, 76, Darwin-st., Walworth.

EXCHANGE chocolate Pom, 2 years, very small, for Rollers, offers; yours first: Cox, 22, Wolverhampton-st., Bilston, Staffs.

SALE or exchange; two prize bred Whippet pups, for gun, or anything useful: Todd, Oddfellows-st. Egremont, Cumberland.

SIX Linnet contest cages, wire tops, new, well-made; exchange cylinder records: Shuttleworth, 7 Derby-st., Leigh, Lancs.

VIOLIN, bow, case, 30/-, very good; quantity good violin strings; melodeon, 10/-; exchange, offers: 65, Ewart-rd., Nottingham.

WHITE pom. bitch, 2 years, in pup, 10lbs., 30/-, or exchange Yorkshires, stock birds: Kendall, Eshald-lane, Woodlesford, Leeds.

EXCHANGE new garden gun for cock Canary, Buff Orpington cockerel, or anything: Smith, 80, Madeline, Pontygwaith, South Wales.

WHAT offers in Canaries or Mules, singing, for Brindle and White Bull Terrier dog?: Goodale, Moorfields, Urmston, Manchester.

SPLENDID pair of Black Rosecomb Bantams, both winners, accept £1, or would exchange: T. Weedall, Fruiterer, Winsford, Cheshire.

GOOD gramophone and eight cylinder records, in working order, 15/-; or exchange Canaries: H. Meggeridge, Albion-terr., Horsham.

DUTCH buck Rabbit, winner and breeder, will sell £1, or exchange for good Yorkshire hens; no rubbish: 61, St. Dunatan's-rd., Wortling.

FLY fishing rod, little used, cost 35/-, sell 20/-; approval; exchange Canaries, or British; offers: S. Corley, 64, Benskin-rd., Watford.

NURSERY cage, good condition, cost 15/6; exchange Yorkshire cock and hen; approval willingly. Fred. Windle, Clayton-st., Barnoldswick.

TWELVE phonograph records, fair condition, 5/-; exchange good cock Goldfinch or Canary: Kimberley, High Park-rd., Merrow, Guildford.

CAGES, aviary, 1 gal. varnish, white enamel, gold size, black Japan, exchange anything useful: Bowman, 101, Kimberley-rd., Nunhead.

EXCHANGE, splendid copy Guarnerius violin, bargain, £3; wanted, Roller Canaries; must be good: Foster, 62, Ashbourne-st., Leicester.

EXCHANGE massive bull dog, make grand stud and pedigree dog, for African Grey Parrot, talking: W. Edwards, 7, Burton-st., Salford.

EXCHANGE 140 copies of "The Model Engineer and Electrician" for Canaries, Goldfinches, Foreigners: Ayers, 43, York-st., Jarrow.

EXCHANGE an English concertina for a gramophone and records; must be in good order: B. Broadbent, 10, Bowser-st., Stockton-on-Tees.

TWO bronze figures, 12in. high, each holding nickel midget clock on arm, new, 10/6; exchange; approval: Algon, 14, Howick at., Mk., Sunderland.

22. BORE Garden Rifle, shot or bullet, good condition, exchange Canaries or Goldfinches: Burgess, Water End, Hemel Hempstead, Herts.

LADY'S brown boots, size 4, new, exchange Canaries, Mules; pair clapnets, 10 yards, 6ft. deep: Tomson, 42, High-rd., Willesden Green.

BULL Terrier bitch, sale or exchange, pullets preferred, value £1; approval both ways: Armstrong Osborne-st., Annsley, Woodhouse, Notts.

"HOBBIES" combination turning and fret cutting lathe; exchange for song birds, any variety, value 20/-: Sammons, 58, Sutton-rd., Southend-on-Sea.

EXCHANGE gent's silver English lever watch, good timekeeper, value 25s.; what offers in Norwich Canaries: F. Spain, 23, Rippoth-rd., Bow.

TWELVE homing pigeons and training basket, 15/-; exchange hen Canaries or British, will separate: George Maxfield, 72, Pease-st., Darlington.

EXCHANGE splendid pair 1911 Golden-spangled Hamburgh Bantams for good Norwich cock, or sell 10/6: Glover, Beauworth Manor, Alresford.

FOR sale, pair of canvas cricket boots, good condition, size 6.7, cost 10/6, sell 5/6, or exchange any birds or cages: Loby, Chorlton-Cum-Hardy.

SIX Norwich show cages; exchange Bullfinches or Siberian cock Goldfinch; both sides; approval: Blackburn, 7, Grafton-st., Clitheroe, Lancashire.

BEAUTIFUL liver and white cocker spaniel bitch, 5 months, 12/6; round Parrot's cage, 5/-; exchange Seifert Rollers: Harrison, Graig, Treharris.

SILVER English lever watch, timekeeper, round Parrot cage, joiner made double breeder; exchange Canaries: Russon, 8, Colville-st., Burnley.

CLAP nets, small mesh, 8 yards, 4 ft. fly, poles, everything complete, 6/- lot; exchange anything: Coombes, Wensleydale-st., West Hartlepool.

LADY'S rolled gold wristlet watch, in case, new, correct timekeeper, 12/-; exchange 2 cock Canaries or British: Manning, 149, Eardley-rd., Streatham.

TWO Yorkshire Terriers, crossed with Pom., warranted sound, 5/- and 7/-, 5 months, very pretty, or exchange: Stewart, 5, Easton-sq., Portland.

GRAND Airedale Fox Terrier dog pup, 5 months old, 10/-, or exchange anything: Joseph Waterhouse, 29, Howarth-lane, Yeadon, near Leeds.

ONE buck, two does, Belgian hares, two Dutch does, bred from winners; sell or exchange Canaries: E. Hazeldine, Marshall's-rd., Raunds, Northants.

AIREDALE-IRISH Terriers, 9 weeks old, dog 20/-, bitch 15/-, champion parents, sell, or exchange Canaries, Mules: "Princess Mary," Kerbey-st., Poplar.

PAIR military field glasses, new, cost 30/-; exchange Canaries, Parrot, gramophone records, anything useful: Harris, 98, Nursery-rd., Birmingham.

BLACK and Tan Collie bitch, 8 months, in splendid condition, sell 30/-, or exchange exhibition British or Norwich: Grant, East High-st., Bishopmill, Elgin.

EXCHANGE for Canaries, Yorkshire preferred, a Bradbury and Co. sewing machine, cost £5 15s.; good as new: Christie, 33, High-st., Burntisland, Scotland.

HARMSWORTH'S Encyclopaedia, 40 parts, complete, good condition, in exchange for two good pair Norwich Canaries: Speakman, 13, Brandwood-st., Bolton.

TWELVE large cross pullets, laying, 3/- each pair; clap nets, as new, 12/-; exchange Canaries, Goldfinches, Bullfinches: Reudle, 21, Bridge-st., Homerton.

EXCHANGE 6 ivorine-handled knives and 6 teaspoons for 1 cock or 3 hen Canaries, or 3 Yorkshire show cages: Marsden, 175, St. Philips-rd., Sheffield.

HANDSOME Grey and Red Parrot, 15/-; make intelligent talker; pair splendid Yorkshire Canaries, 12/6; exchange live stock: Barlow's Aviaries, Greenwich.

HONEST bargain, exchange six pairs homers, rung, three Owls, one Pouter, for Canaries, common songsters, or bens, sell lot 20/-: W. Gray, Orchard-st., York.

EXCHANGE six table knives, ivorine handles, six table forks, six teaspoons, best nickel silver, for two cock Canaries, singing: Turton, 15, Bellefield-st., Sheffield.

A FIRST-class Whippet dog, true at rag, good killer, colour brindle, 19 inches, 18 months, sell 20/-; wanted, Canaries: Eccles, Green Head, Crook, co. Durham.

EXCHANGE 116 "Cage Birds" to date, and 18 coloured plates, in good order, for 2 Yorks. show cages: Brown, 25, Ramsden Dock-rd., Barrow-in-Furness.

GOLDFINCH net, 15ft. x 6ft., complete, 4/-; two net traps, call cage, 2/-; two trap cages, 1/6; exchange Canaries, anything: Harry Teat, Ancaster, Grantham.

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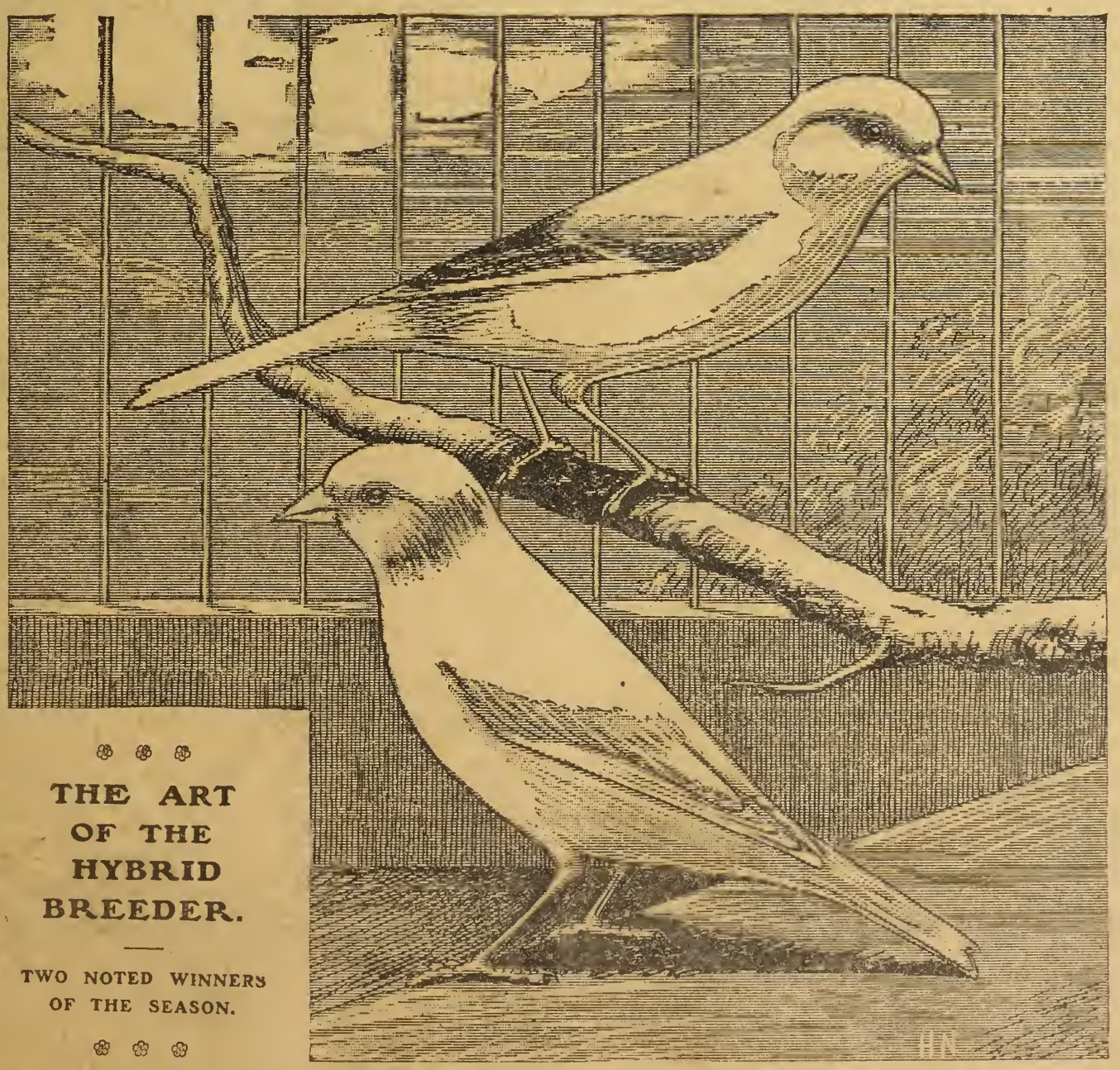

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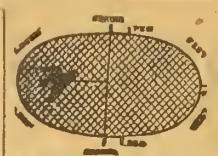

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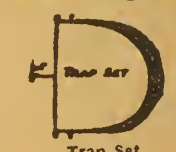

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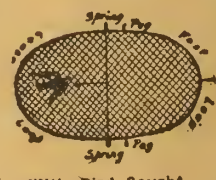

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EXHIBITORS. Cock Goldfinch, vhc Malton, strong class, 11/6; cock Greenfinch, vhc Leeds, 5/6; approval, cash or deposit: Ernest Watson, Kirbymoorside.

LINNETS. Picked exhibition purposes, 2/-; Goldfinches, cocks, 2/-; Greenfinches, 6d.; Twites 1/-; Muling Goldfinch, 5/-; Taylor, Aviary, Chatteris.

HAWFINCHES; exhibitors have few extra choice specimens for moulting; approval; stamp particular: Woodruff, Victoria-ter., Higher Walton, Preston.

EXHIBITION birds, cocks, Bullfinch, Bramblefinch, Greenfinch, each in new show cage, 5/6 each; approval: Westrope, Jeweller, Chesterton, Cambridge.

THREE large Welsh cock Linnets, correct shape, perfectly marked, for show or muling, 2/- each, (5/- the lot: Jones, 5, St. Michael's-place, Aberystwyth.

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YELLOW Siskin, 1st Stockton, 10/-; grand large Chaffinch, 10/-; fine Bramblefinch, 4/-; two Bullfinch cocks, 5/-; Twite, 2/6; Todd and Son, 19, Westmorcland St., Darlington.

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NOTICE; only 50 left; new double trap cage, including two monster cock Finches, trained call birds; while they last 1/6; send Postal Order: Mr. Copp, Wardrobe Stores, Dartford.

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NOTICE. Two Goldfinches, two years, songsters, sure mulers, 3/6 each; 2 pairs of Goldfinches, last year's, splendid colour, 3/6 pair; 4 cock Greenfinches, two hens, good colour; offers: Frank Cale, Ledbury, Herefordshire.

WARRANTED selected singing cock Linnets, 3 for 2/6; free-singing cock Chaffinches, 1/- each; handsome tame piping cock Bullfinches, 2/6 each; approval; deposit: Wm. Cook, 66, Kitchener-rd., Ipswich, Suffolk.

BARGAIN. Four house-moulted cock brown Linnets, with contest cages, all in full loud song, 2/6 each; six field-moulted, with cages, 1/6 each; all in loud fierce song, will make sure mulers; approval: James, 39, Pomfret-st., Nottingham.

NOTICE, no hens sent for cocks; healthy cock Linnets, 4/6 dozen, 2/6 half; hens 1/-; cock Greenfinches 1/- dozen; mixed aviary birds 1/- dozen; trap cage with call bird Finch 1/3: Reeve, 100, Highland-rd., Eastney, Portsmouth.

GOLDFINCHES, direct from Worcestershire, warranted cocks, 1/9, 2/- each, three 4/6, six 8/6; few specials, real gems, 3/-, 4/-, 5/- each; hens, 1/-, three 2/6; approval: Haynes Bros., Bird Catchers, Belly Oak, Worcestershire.

LINNETS, red-breasted cocks 3/-, 3/6 doz., carriage paid, genuine and healthy, satisfaction guaranteed; few picked for showing, well pencilled, beautiful type, good heads, 2/6 each: Smithurst, Newsagent, 25, Broad Marsh, Nottingham.

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LINNETS, Twites, large well-pencilled cock Linnets, full song, caged September, make sure mulers, 1/-, 1/6 each; handsome, well-coloured, large cock Twites, 1/- each; well coloured cock Bramblefinches, 1/- each: Rendle, 21, Bridge-st., Homerton.

GOLDFINCHES, seven cocks, full song, caged Greypates last August, selected for mule breeding, 3/6 each, 21/- the seven; worth double; two finger-tame, hand-reared hen Buffies, 3/- each; reason selling out of work: James, 5, Lombard-st., Bedminster.

GIANT Scotch Thorn Linnets, ideal birds for mule breeding, 2/6 each; giant mealy Redpolls, 2/6 each; cock Yellowhammers, 1/-, hens 6d.; cock Chaffinches 1/-; house-moulted hen Crossbill, 2/6; cock Great Tit, 2/6; approval: Walsh, Bird Specialist, Blackburn.

BEAUTIFUL twice house-moulted cock Goldfinch, incessant songster, 4/6; 1911 cock Goldfinch, extra deep blaze, 4/6; 2 Goldfinch hens, f.m., 1/9; nicely pencilled Welsh cock Linnet, 1/3; exhibition cock Green Linnet, 1/6: Richard Henry, Llanrharadrynmochnant.

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TWO house-moulted cock Redpolls, 2/- each; two house-moulted cock Greenfinches, 2/- each; grand cock Bramblefinch, 1/6; cock Siskin in full song, 5/-; cock Linnet, singing day and gaslight, 4/-; hen Goldfinch, 1/6; or exchange Canaries: Brown, 27, Retcar-st., Highgate.

SPECIAL British for exhibition and Mule breeding; Scotch Linnets, 1/6 and 2/-; Goldfinches, 2/6 and 3/-; Bullfinches, 2/6; Greenfinches, 1/-; Chaffinches, 1/-; Mealies, house-moulted, 2/-; Bullfinches, hens 1/6 and 2/-; satisfaction guaranteed: King, Bird Dealer, 164, Kelvinhaugh-st., Glasgow.

TO Exhibitors. Splendid hen Bullfinch, 1st Elgin, 7/6; good H.M. cock Mealy Redpoll, 1st Elgin, 7/6; also cock Bramblefinch, 3rd Forres, 5/-; cock Greenfinch, splendid colour, never shown, 3/-; show cages with above, free; very large cage, seed hopper, etc., accept 2/-; also new show case for 2 cages, 2/-: Mackay, Birchdale, Culduthel, Inverness.

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LINNETS: Cocks, brown Linnets, beautiful red breast, nut-brown backs, 2/6 dozen, picked 3/-; show birds, picked out of season's catches, 2/- each; sure to win, plenty in stock, no waiting; P.C. before birds; pair clap nets, 12 yards long, 7ft. deep, poles, irons, and all accessories, ready for use, 15/- lot; bargain: Marshall, 1, Platts-st., Nottingham.

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FOR sale, Siberian Goldfinch and Greenie hen, both house-moulted and breeders of winners 30/-; Greenie cock and Bullie hen, big birds to moult for show 10/-; two good yellow Siskin cocks and Sib hen Canary 10/-; two Greenies cocks, to moult big birds 5/-; one dozen of red Linnets, big selected for moulting, plenty of size and good markings 1/6 each; or three for 3/-; caged months: Alex. Gray, Garden Side, Dysart, Fife.

TWENTY-EIGHT years a catcher, exhibitor, private bird buyer; the first time of advertising Linnets this season; I have selected from season's catching 500 exhibition and breeding specimens, full chest Norwich type birds, beautifully pencilled, etc., bills slatey-blue, every bird caged off and in full song, 1/6 each, three 4/-, few extra specials, can win, 3/6 each; week's approval willingly; cash or deposit: Fearby, Bird Catcher, Murray-rd., Bedminster.

LINNETS, Linnets, Linnets, Greenfinches, Greenfinches, Red-breasted Lincolnshire cock Linnets, best in England, 9d. each; three, 1/6; six, 2/9; dozen, 5/-; three dozen, 14/3; five dozen, 22/6; hen Linnets, cock Greenfinches, any quantity, 1/- dozen; six 8d.; selected cocks for muling or exhibition, pick of thousands Linnets and Greenfinches, 1/6, 2/6, 3/6, 5/- each; hundreds testimonials from all over England, Scotland and Wales: Charlie Cubley, Gedney, Holbeach, Lincolnshire.

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I have just received another magnificent consignment of genuine Siberian cock Goldfinches in perfect health and condition; as this will most probably be the last lot this season it behoves all intending purchasers to apply as early as possible to avoid disappointment; prices, cocks in full song 5/- and 6/- each, seven for 29/9; real exhibition specimens, with full complement of show points, 7/6 and 10/- each; the winning Siberian Goldfinch at last Scottish National was supplied by me; this bird has also won all over England, and has never yet been beaten, so if you want a similar deck-sweeper send to the direct importer, who allows no other dealer to get first pick; all on approval, as usual.

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I have thousands of Goldfinches, Bullfinches, Linnets weekly, and can pick likely exhibition specimens. Cock Goldfinches and Bullfinches, 3/-, 4/-, 5/- each; cock Linnets, 1/-, 1/6, and 2/-. Cock Greenfinches, Chaffinches, Redpolls, 1/-, 1/6, 2/-. Large hen Bullfinches, for showing, muling, 2/- and 2/6. Mr. Hedges, Eastbourne, writes, September 13th: "Send me special selected cock Goldfinch, Linnet, Greenfinch, and hen Bullfinch, for enclosed 10/-; Goldfinch I got from you two years ago won six 1sts and specials." See last week's advt. for further testimonials; or send for catalogue, hundreds. Estbd. 1879. Telephone, 440: Sandiford, Bird Specialist and Judge, Preston, Lancs.

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W. GORE, Gooch Street, BIRMINGHAM.

Softbills.

WRENS, 3/6 pair; list 30 British species: Miss Rosey, Rosemary House, Eastbourne.

LARKS! Have grand stock genuine cock Larks, 4/- dozen: Perkins' Aviary, Chatteris, Cambs.

COCK Grey Wagtail in faultless condition, first and special Ipswich 10/6: Saunders, 6, High-st., Ipswich.

LARKS; Larks; Larks 3/- dozen; Snowbunting 5/- dozen: Thomas Rimmer, 73, Lytham-rd., Marshside, Southport.

1911 cage-moulted cock Skylark, now in full song day and gaslight, 2/-; approval: Mrs. Bartholomew, Dunstable.

SPLENDID Fieldfare 3/6; Dunlins, Knots, 3/6 pair; Heron 12/6; Godwits 5/6; Widgeon 3/6: Rectory, Nash, Stony Stratford.

TO DEALERS; warranted cock Larks 3/- dozen; no hens sent out; approval, deposit: Holland, St. Phillips-st., Cheltenham.

MAGPIE, 1911, hand-reared, runs loose, fearless, whistles, commenced to talk 15/-; ditto Jackdaw 3/-: Jupp, Stone-st., Maidstone.

CORN-BUNTING. J. Anderson, Grant-st., Inverness, has now disposed of above. All enquirers please note. With thanks.

GENUINE 1911 hand-reared Skylarks, coming nicely into song; trained under contest winners, with pure wild song, 5/- each; not rubbish; Heatherley, Rudgeley.

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NOTICE! Special cock Skylarks, singing loud, 1/6 2/-, 2/6 each; good shop attraction; cages 6d., 9d., 1/- each; copy free rearing and seeding each order: Brain, 288, Lichfield-road, Aston, Birmingham.

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ON receipt of 1/6 I will send securely packed, with food and moisture, the largest and loudest singing cock Skylark ever seen or heard, like a Thrush, splendid shop attraction and show specimen; or with his new joiner-made cage, 4/6; approval willingly, including free my valuable feeding secret, which keeps them in full song ten months out of twelve: Wood, Cross-st., Dunstable.

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Miscellaneous.

BRITISH for sale, fine assortment, list free; also fine cock Canary, Yorkshire-Norwich: Burns-Cox, Lench View, Pershore.

DEVONSHIRE Woodlarks, warranted cocks, in song 3/6 each; hens, 7/- dozen; Bullfinches, 2/- pair: Marles, 4, Park-st., Crediton.

LARKS, 4/-; Linnets, 7/-; Greenfinches, 1/6 dozen; Chaffinches, 1/-; Yellowhammers, 1/-, pairs: Rough and Son, Bird Stores, Chatteris.

GRAND cock Snow Buntings, white wings showing, 2/6, hens 6d.; Linnets, singing cock, 1/-, three for Johnson, Tudor House, Yarmouth.

NOTICE! All special picked cocks. Goldfinches 3/- each; red-breasted Linnets, 1/6; large Greenfinches, 1/- each: Bugg, Birdcatcher, Holbeach.

COCKS. Linnets, caged separate, 1/-; Goldfinches 3/-; Chaffinches. Greenfinches, 6d.; Bullfinch, Starlings, 9d.: Charles Lewis, Highbridge, Somer

NOTICE, cocks, Larks, Linnets, singing loud, each; lovely green Linnet and Chaffinches, singing 6d. each; hen Canaries, 2/-: Brain, Aviaries, Ast Birmingham.

HOUSE-MOULTED yellow cock Siskin, with beautiful brass cage, 15/-; Border Fancy yellow cock splendid songster, with ditto brass cage, 15/-; proval: James Gifford, Port Gordon, N.B.

THREE pairs Reed Buntings, 3/6 lot; cock, 2 hen Cirl Buntings, 5/-; Chevera hen Goldfinch, 3 genuine Mule-breeding cock Greenfinch, 2/-; proval: K. Older, 64, Kingsland-rd., Bristol.

HAVING bought contest singer's stock of Linnets and Larks, have for sale Linnets, 2/6, Larks also his recipe to make them sing mad; approv deposit: Commercial House, Ossett, Yorkshire.

GOLDFINCH, 5/-; Greenfinch, 2/6; Mealy Redpoll 2/6; Lesser, 2/-; Bullfinch, 3/6; Starling, 3/-; Chaffinch, 2/6; Corn Bunting, 5/-; all cocks; twice hou moulted; bred Mules: Dodd, Victoria, Southwold

WARRANTED cock Linnets 5/-, three 1/6; c Greenfinches 1/- dozen; cock Larks 3/6 dozen; c moulted cock Linnets, 2/6 each, six 2/-: Hobc Ivy Cottage, Winchelsea-rd., Norway, Eastbourn

SIX hens, 1 cock, Bullfinches, 4/6, warranted c Woodlarks, 1/6, song 2/6; 1 cock, 2 hens, Br Linnets, 1 Bramblefinch, 1 cock Skylark, 3 c Greenfinches, 3, lot to clear: W. Cleave, 6, Tolle Crediton.

LINNETS, Linnets, Linnets; Larks, Larks, Lar warranted cock Linnets, 4/6 dozen; hen Linnets, dozen; cock Larks, 3/6 dozen; cock Chaffinches, dozen; cock Greenfinches, 1/6 dozen; handsome Canaries, 5/- each; all in full song: John Boxall Lavender-st., Brighton.

WARRANTED cock Larks, 4/- dozen; a few la upstanding cocks (singing) 1/-, 1/6 each; exhibi Song Thrush, fit to win, 2/-, others 1/- each; 3 hou moulted cock Linnets, sure mulers, 2/6 each; moulted cocks, 1/-, 1/6 each; 1 large cock Gr finch, bred Mules last year, 5/-; Chaffinches, Bra blefinches, Greenfinches, 6d., 1/- each: Sam Richa son, City Terrace, Carlton, near Nottingham.

WARRANTED cock Bramblefinches 2/6, Gre finches 1/-, Larks 2/- dozen, 24 mixed seed birds 9 for 6d., Chaffinch cocks 4 1/-, picked birds show 1/- each: E. Fenn, Hives Drove, Isleha Cambs.

NOTICE! Cock Goldfinches, Bullfinches, selected 2/-, 2/6; hens, 1/6; splendid red-breas Linnets, Bramblefinches Chaffinches, Redpo Yellowhammers, Skylarks, Starlings, 6d. each; h 3d.; Greenfinches, 4d. pair, 4 pair 1/-: cock Thrush Blackbirds, 1/-; selected 1/6; any of above full s or for muling, showing; pick of hundreds, 6d. ext trapcages, 6d.; spring net traps, 1/-; approval, posit: Gould, birdcatcher, Holdford-rd., Witt Birmingham.

BRITISH. BRITISH.

Snowbuntings, splendid cocks 1/6 each; Greenfinc 6d. pair; Bullfinches 2/6 pair; Goldfinches 3/6 pa Linnets 9d. pair; write me for cheap birds and lik winners; aviaries stocked; Starlings 2/- dozen, 100; picked gems 1/- each: Broxup, Catcher, Whit field, Burnley.

WHOLESALE AND RETAIL.

Guaranteed cocks, Goldfinches, Bullfinches, Wo larks, 1/6, 2/6, 14/- doz.; Skylarks, Linnets, 8d., 5/- doz.; Greenfinches, Redpolls, 4d., 2/- doz Mules, Canaries, 5/-, 7/6, 48/- dozen; exhibition c Siskin, Bullfinch, Goldfinch, 5/- each; Hybrids 5 traps 1/-; birdlime, 4d.: Irwin's Aviaries, Lurgan.

MORRIS AND ADAMS.

Immediate clearance of the whole of our sto none reserved: Dartford Warbler, Lesser Wh throat, Song Thrush, Bearded Redwings, all winners; also Goldfinches, Linnets, Greenfinch Bramblefinches, few Hybrid pairs; all above hou moulted; also for sale, Norwich and Yorksh Canaries; prices upon receipt of post card: Addr 219, Henley-rd., Ilford.

J. FENN, ISLEHAM

Exhibitors: best selected of my catching co Snow Buntings 2/6, Reed Buntings, Yellow Bu ings, Greenfinches, Chaffinches, Linnets, Brami finches, Larks, 1/- each; Corn Buntings, Snow Bu ings, 1/6 pair; pairs of above for aviary 1/- p cocks; Yellow Buntings, Bramblefinches, 3/- doz Greenfinches, 1/- dozen; 20 mixed seedeaters, 1 12 brighter mixed, 1/-; Blackbirds, Thrushes, c ing in song, 1/- each; exchange Canaries: J. Fe Bird Specialist, Pleasant-ter., Isleham, Cambs.

LINNETS. GOLDFINCHES. LINNETS

Warranted cock Linnets, 1/- each; extra pic ones, 1/6; cock Giant Peartree Goldfinches, 2/6; w extra good blaze, 3/6 each, every bird on hard s and singing; also a few house-moulted Linnets, each, guaranteed Mulers; house-moulted Pear cock Goldfinches, 5 - each, in full song and guar teed breeders; cock Larks, 1/-; one or two in song, 4 - each; approval: cash or deposit: Ed North, Bird Specialist, 477, Manchester-rd., Bi ford.

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I have sold more winners this season than any three dealers put together: this is a bold statement, but I have proof. Over 300 testimonials are in my shop window, all received recently. I have supplied winners at Newcastle, Gateshead, Doncaster, Ainwick, Sunderland, etc. All my birds are guaranteed as described; moreover, they are sent on 7 days' approval, cash or deposit. I have the finest stock of British in England bar none; extra large cock Linnets, grand rich colour, in full loud song, 1/- and 1/6; gems, right for showing and guaranteed mulers, 2/- each; these gems have won all before them. Look! cock Linnet, taught under my undefeated Champion of England, 2/- each, with new contest cage and book of secrets, 3/6 lot. Now these are the best strain in the World; have not seen defeat yet. Cock Goldfinches, extra large, in full song, sure mulers, 2/- and 3/6 each; gems, to moult out winners, 4/- and 5/-; cock Twite, gem, 1/6; cock Yellow Bunting, good V marks, 1/6; also one of the best seen, a real gem, 3/6; cock Reed Bunting, can win, only 3/-; giant cock Chaffinch, a topper, 1/6; cock Greenfinch, gem, 1/-; cock Lark, will sing anywhere, 1/-; one, a gem, fit for show, in full song, 1/6; finger-tame cock Thrush, a gem, in very loud song, 3/6, bargain; all birds safely packed; post card before birds; no waiting; correspondence a pleasure: Fred Allen, Bird Specialist, 156, Porter-st., Hull.

I HAVE THE FINEST

and largest stock of British birds in the Midland Counties and bar no one, and I guarantee every bird to be exactly as described; and in order to prove this I am willing at all times to send my birds on approval on receipt of cash, or deposit system, on the understanding that the whole of your money is returned if not perfectly satisfied. I have hundreds of testimonials open any time for inspection, and could fill this column every week if I wished, but instead of going to that expense I give my customers better value for their money. Warranted Worcestershire cock Goldfinches, in song, 2/-, 2/6 each, three 4/6, six 8/6, specially selected larger cocks, full song, 3/- each, three 7/-, six 11/-; few extra large Goldfinches, with deep square cut blaze, full song, finger tame, fit to show at once, 4/-, 5/6 each; hen Goldfinches 1/-, 1/6 each. Large stock cock Linnets, nut brown wings, rose red breasts, 9d., three 2/-, six 3/6, 5/6 dozen. I have 50 specially selected large cock Linnets, all caged off in separate cages, in full song by day and gas-light, finger tame, fit for showing, muling, or contest singing, 1/6, 2/-, 2/6, 3/- each; impossible to get better. Large cock Bullfinches, 2/-, 2/6, 3/-, 4/- each; steady hen Bullfinches, aviary moulted, 1/6, 1/-, 2/6 each; field moulted Bullfinch hens, 1/- 1/6 each; muling hen Canaries, 2/-, 2/6, 3/- each; selected Greenfinches, Chaffinches, Redpolls, all cocks, 6d. each; exhibition specimens, 1/-, 1/6 each; large cock Larks, will sing anywhere by day or gas-light, 1/6, 2/-, 2/6 each; cages for above birds 6d., 9d., 1/- each; post card sent before birds: Thomas Hughes, 55, Saltley-rd., Birmingham.

CANARIES.

Belgians.

FOR sale, 20 high-class Belgians, same strain as my winners: Lady Verhees, Grens 56 Mortsel, Antwerp, Belgium.

SALE, two good pairs, 1911 bred, or sell singly, cheap; approval: W. Baker, 22, Portland-st., Newport, Barnstaple.

CHAMPION Belgians 2 buff, 2 yellow cocks, 2 buff hens left for sale; as my winners Barnstaple, Plymouth, Ediuburgh, L.C.B.A., Scottish National; prices reasonable; approval: Horrill, King Edward-st., Barnstaple.

Border Fancy.

GREEN cocks, 5/-; hens, 2/6: Sheldon, Holly House, Chingford, Essex.

FORTY good Borders for sale; cocks from 5/-; hens from 3/-: N. Levason, Mosswell-house, Whitelaver.

YELLOW green cock, 1st prize winner, 12/6; exchange yellow green hen: Hay, Main-road, Tweedmouth.

PRIZE-BRED Borders, cocks 5/-, hens 2/6; only few left: Binding, 4, Reece Place, East-st., Bedminster, Bristol.

PRIZE bred Borders, 1911, buff cocks, in full song, from 5/-; hens 3/- each: Robertson, 7, Albert-place, Brechin.

BORDERS, cocks 5/-, hens 2/6, all colours, matched pairs 7/6; Norwich hens 7/6: Douglas, 48, Bridge-st., Brechin.

PRIZE strain Borders; two cocks 5/- each; four hens 3/- each; offers lot: A. Short, 9, Dock-rd., Tweedmouth.

BORDERS, cocks from 4/6, hens from 2/6; seen Saturdays and Mondays: Cramond, 66, Kelvinhaugh-rd., Glasgow.

SIX pair Borders for sale from 10/-; also odd hens; approval, stamp: Miller, 3, Stephen terrace, Anniesland, Glasgow.

PRIZE bred Borders from 6/- pair; 3-point yellow cock and even buff hen, 7/6; Bell, 35, Clementina-terrace, Carlisle.

HIGH class Borders, cocks, from 5/-, hens from 2/6, pairs from 7/-; approval: Davidson, 10, Kings-rd., Portobello.

TYPICAL cocks, 10/-; hens, 3/6, 5/-; good Norwich cocks, 10/-, approval; wanted linoleum, offers: Hislop, Baker-st., Stirling.

BORDER Fancy, winning strain, single and matched pairs (see Sunderland show): Ross, 24, New Road, Seaton Hirst, Ashington.

BORDER cinnamons, 1st London, Newcastle, Carlisle, etc., few odd hens cheap: Chuster, 10, Mutna'-st., Wallsend-on-Tyne.

MATCHED pair 7/6; four pointed cocks from 7/6; yellow uneven cock 7/6; singing cocks 3/6: McVittie, 20, John-st., Langholm.

EXCHANGE prize-bred Norwich cock or hen for good even marked Border; approval both ways. Walker, Jeweller, Cockermouth.

ALEXANDER GRANT, Lodge-st., Haddington, has 20 pairs Borders for sale, greens and clears, 7/6 pair, cold room bred; approval.

PRIZE Borders, few smart buff and yellow cocks, from 7/-; all related to my winners; approval: Nicholson, Westgate, Haltwhistle.

A FEW pairs of prize bred Borders, from 10/6 pair; also odd buff hens, from 3/6 each: J. Hands, junr., Painswick Road Bakery, Cheltenham.

ROBERT LAMBIE, The Aviaries, Whitburn, Linlithgowshire, can spare a few clears, marks, and Cinnamons; approval before payment; stamp.

YOU can obtain some of the best strain in the Border Fancy from 10/- pair, or 6/- each; clears, cinnamons; approval: Roberts, Gwyddfor, Penygroes, North Wales.

BORDERS, buff cock and yellow hen, 7/6; 5 buff hens, 2 yellow hens, 2/6; 1911; 2 Linnets, 2/- each; lot 2/6; approval, deposit: Fairweather and Shore, Arbroath, Scotland.

HAVING selected my breeding stock, have a few baids of greens for sale from 12/6 a pair, also 4 buff cinnamon hens, 4/- each: A. Forrest, 51, East Main-st., Whitburn, N.B.

GIVING up Borders; only three left; even-marked buff hen 3/-; green buff hen 3/-; clear buff hen 1/6; 6/6 lot; healthy; deposit; approval: R. Mannion, 5, Wheat-st., Padiham, Lancs.

CHANCE for beginners; even-marked buff hen, 2nd Lochgelly, 2nd Hamilton, with yellow cock, 20/- pair; buff cock and yellow varieg. hen, 12/6: Houston, 2, Barrack st., Hamilton.

I have won the leading shows in Scotland with even marks and Cinnamons; have some good show and stock birds, all colours, for sale: W. Haddon, 100, Townhead-st., Hamilton.

1911 yellow cocks, 10/6; buff cocks, 7/6; hens, 5/-; Patterson's, Bennet's strains; gems, tip-top quality; all related to my winners; approval with pleasure: Rea, Embleton, Cockermouth.

THREE-pointed Cinnamon-marked buff cock, even marked bred, 7/6; 2 buff green cocks, 6/6; yellow and buff cinnamon hens, from 5/-; approval: C. Farrer, 169, Stanton Street, Newcastle-on-Tyne.

OWING to removing am compelled to reduce my stock at a great sacrifice; cocks 7/6, hens 4/-; yellow green cock, 10/-, or exchange good yellow green hen: Calderwood, 61, St. Michael-st., Dumfries.

FEW yellow cocks for sale, 7/6 each; buff and yellow green hens, 5/-; house-moulted Goldfinch and yellow Norwich hen, 10/- pair; approval; stamp: Wm. Kirkhope, Sanquhar, Dumfriesshire.

W. BAYLEY, has a few of his well-knowu winners for sale, clears, marks, and greens, no buff cocks or hens nor yellow hens except in Greens; prices reasonable and on approval: Fire Station, Altrincham.

CHAMPION Borders. Just a few left, exhibition or stock; no better blood obtainable, as the winning record of the last 25 years testifies. These are going cheap to clear; stamp reply: Wilson, 118, Harrington-rd., Workington.

AFTER selecting breeding pairs I have a number of good typical Borders for disposal, including both sexes, of clears, marks, greens and Cinnamons, cheap to clear; satisfaction guaranteed; approval: G. Scott, Mona Bank, Dumfries.

J. I. MACKIE, Gorgie P.O., Edinburgh.—I am reluctantly compelled to dispose of stock, having to vacate my present birdroom and aviaries; about 50 for immediate disposal, clears and marks only left; also 30 British and cages, cheap.

CHAMPION Borders; I have the following well-known winners for sale: Yell uneven. cock, 1st medal Gateshead (1910), buff uneven cock 20/-, yell. even cock 20/-, yell. green cock 10/-, also a few cinnamon and green and variegated cocks and hens; cheap to clear; approval: Patterson, junr., The Aviaries, Chirnside.

TWENTY champion Borders, 1911 bred, including some grand even marks, hens from 4/-, cocks 7/6 up; grand pairs 10/-; wins at Thurso, see reports, four strong classes, including Inverness winners, three firsts, a second, three thirds, three specials, including championship medal; also few winning Plainhead cocks, a bargain; approval: Shearer, Viewmount, Thurso.

HENRY BENNET, Border Fancy Aviaries, Kelso; offers high-class Borders, winners of above 50 firsts this season; clears, yellows, buffs, fouls, unevens, greens, clears, bred from cinnamons; cinnamon unevens, cocks 7/6 to 40/-; hens 5/- to 35/- each; matched pairs 10/6 to 45/-; approval; stamp; note, this is the original strain which has formed the foundation of the present day so called specialists in this breed.

PRIZE Borders. With Cinnamons and Greens alone at eight principal shows, including Scottish National, Glasgow, and elsewhere, have won eight 1sts, five 2nds, five 3rds, medal, and numerous specials, all with birds bred by me alone; exceptional value offered, pairs or single birds, in Cinnamons, Greens, clears and marks, all colours; stock pairs for beginners a speciality; state wants; stamp for particulars: Walter S. Wilson, "Glendyne," South Park road, Hamilton.

Cinnamons.

PAIR 1st prize winners, 12/6; odd cock, 6/-: Hay; see Norwich.

TWO large 1911 buff Cinnamons, cocks; see show reports Birmingham, Coventry, 15/6, 20/-: Silver, Peel-st., Birmingham.

LARGE 1910 buff cock, good head, colour, and quality, and bred from the best of Cinnamon blood, 20/-: Yates, London-rd., Chesterton, Staffs.

FOUR trios, one pair, odd buff cock, all I have left will be cleared; will take 20/- each, large and with good heads: T. J. King, Ingogo, Cheltenham.

LARGE unflighted buff cinnamons, cocks and hens, Norwich type; good colour and feather, from 7/6, cheap; approval, stamp reply: Fernie, Sandy-rd., Renfrew.

Cinnamon cocks from 7/6; buff hen and yellow cock 10/6; another pair 12/6; a few pairs unflighted large birds should win next season, cheap: Johnson, 40, Cobden-st., Leicester.

CINNAMON CRESTS.—Breeder, William Tatman, 111, Midland Road, Wellingborough.

Crests and Crestbreds.

BREEDER'S CARD.

WILLIAM TATMAN, 111, Midland Road, Wellingborough, has for disposal few good Crests and Crest-breds, yellows and buffs, cocks and hens.

HIGH-CLASS Crests, Crest-breds, cheap: 83, Fortress-rd., Tufnell Park.

EXCHANGE Game Bantams and Black Magpie pigeons, for pair Crests: Townsend, Port Talbot.

J. BROTHERTON, Rylstone, Park-st., Bolton, has a grand lot of hens for sale; bred same as his winners.

CREST and Crestbred; few breeding cages for sale, cheap: Boulter, 52, Palmerston-rd., West Hampstead, N.W.

CRESTS, Crestbreds, 1911, 1912 cocks from 3/6, hens 2/6, or lot cheap to clear: Payne, 29, Alma-st., Coventry.

HAVING no hens, must sell two extra large crested cocks, 25/-, 30/- each; stamp reply: Calam, Baxtergate, Whitby.

RABEY BROS., St. Issey, Cornwall, have 10 of their well known winning strain of Crest and Crestbreds for sale.

CRESTS and Crest-breds; good birds for sale, from 15/- each: D. F. Fuller, Cambridge House, Oulton Broad, Suffolk.

CHAMPION large massive Crests and Crestbreds, from 7/6 to 15/6 each, ten days' approval: W. Powlck, Dewsbury.

HAMMETT, Victoria Lawn, Barnstaple, has Crest and Crestbred hens for sale; same as winners at Derby; approval.

EVINS BROTHERS; few Crest and Crest bred cocks and hens for sale, cheap; stamp reply: 259, High-st., Exeter.

A FEW well-bred, heavily feathered Crest and Crest-bred hens for sale; cheap to clear: Hume, Ellenslea, Dunblane.

1911 Crest and Crestbred Norwich Canaries, full song, cocks £1, hens 10/-; private (lady): 66, Birdhurst-rd., Croydon.

TWO variegated Dark Crested hens, 7/6 each, bred from winners; approval, deposit: Quartermaine, 53, Gold-st., Wellingborough.

CREST and Crestbreds, few pairs or singles for sale; price reasonable; deposit: H. Mais, 63, Northumberland-st., Nottingham.

TWO large Crestbred hens, 15/- each, massive green Crestbred cock, 30/-, approval: Adams, Buddle Cottage, St. Thomas, Exeter.

NICE young green Crest-bred cock, bred from my winning Crest-bred cock, 10/- approval: E. Barker, Bonsall Cottages, Long Eaton.

CRESTS, Crestbreds, 1910-1911 birds, cocks from 10/6, hens from 7/6; stamp reply: Fortnum, Delrow Gardens, near Watford, Herts.

HIGH-CLASS Crests, Crest-breds, few pairs, from £5 to 20/- single birds; also few good Norwich; approval: Lewis, Pilling, Garstang.

LARGE green 1910 Crested cock, 40/6, worth 60/-, well bred Crestbred hens, 1910 and 1911, 15/6 each; approval: Colledge, Kilburn, Derby.

DARK variegated 1911 Crest hen, 8/6, another, ditto, 4/-, exchange for 1911 Crestbred hen: Wm. Danks, 14, Smith-terrace, Rutherglen.

GRAND Crest cocks, from 10/6 each; cold room bred; also few pairs of good Norwich; approval: A. Armistead, Second-st., Elton, Bury, Lancs.

G. F. ADAMSON, 23, West Netherton St., Kilmarnock, can spare the following: Crest hen, 25/-; Crest-bred hens, 20/-, 30/-, 40/-; all 1911 birds; approval.

EXCHANGE three good cock Goldfinches, one house-moulted, for good 1911 buff Crest-bred cock: Harvey, 3, Gordan Villas, St. John's, Woodbridge.

CAN spare several Crest and Crestbred cocks; large good useful stock birds; exchange good hens to value; approval both ways; J. Miller, 43, Sandylane, Mansfield.

GREEN Crestbred cock, grand big stock bird, 25/-, on approval, deposit, or will exchange for Crest hen to value; yours first: Thos. Flynn, 2, Ardlin Terrace, Saltcoats.

CRESTED hens, Crested hens. I have for disposal some of the finest Crest and Crestbred hens in the Fancy: W. Neame, 13, Durnford-st., Stonehouse, Devon; stamp reply.

CRESTS and Crestbreds, best blood, can spare a few pairs and cocks, from 60/- and 30/-; state price prepared to give; stamp: Rev. G. W. Joyce, Wellington, Somerset.

GREEN Crested cock, dark crest, wing marked cock, variegated Crestbred cock, 15/- each; Green Crest hen, 10/-; approval: Joseph Maddocks, Cowley Manor Gardens, Cheltenham.

MR. COMPTON offers high-class Crested stock pairs from 17/6 up to £5; single birds, cocks 8/- to 40/-, hens 7/6 to 30/-; approval: Waddesdon, W. Aylesbury. No cards, please.

I have just purchased a lot of good Crests and Crestbreds, which I can offer at 7/6, 10/6, 15/-, £1 upwards; week's approval, deposit: A. Fiddament, Postman, 105, Trinity-st., Norwich.

LATEST success, 1st and spl. for best bird in show, Sunderland, and two championship diplomas; few to part with, same strain, from 10/- upwards: Bewick, 7, Newfield, S.O., Newcastle-on-Tyne.

LARGE buff Crested cock, neat crest, 25/-; green Crested cock, 25/-; a few Crested hens from 25/- to 30/- each; the above are from my noted winning strain: W. Brown, Bargate, Holbrook, nr. Derby.

DARK crested hen, wing marked, winner, 32/6; dark crested cock, 20/-; nearly green Crestbred cock, winner, 25/-; approval willingly; cash or deposit: Muscott, Boundary-ter., Llandrindod Wells.

BREEDER of Crests for 30 years.—Having bred scores of winners and won hundreds of prizes, have some nice birds for sale, prices to suit everybody, on approval: G. Williams, 50, Lower Union St., Torquay.

ONE large buff dark Crest cock, 1910 bred, 30/-, one large buff dark Crest cock, 1911 bred, 25/-, one large green Crest-bred cock 1910 bred, 12/6; approval, deposit: J. Hands, 5, Salmon-st., South Shields.

A. LISTER, 106, Rectory-rd., Gateshead, Breeder and Exhibitor, can spare big dark Crested and Crestbred cocks or hens, at 7/6, 8/6, 10/-, 12/6, 15/-, 20/-, 25/-, 30/-, 40/-, 50/-, 60/-, 70/- each; approval.

VERY large green Crested 1910 cock, wing marked, plenty of feather, fit to win, sell £2, or exchange pullets to value; also medium Crested hen, 1911; giving up: Phillips, Newmarket Restaurant, Jamaica-row, Birmingham.

H. HORTON, 18 years' Crest breeder, winner of hundreds of prizes with birds of my own breeding, surplus good healthy young birds from 10/-; approval: 18, The Avenue, St. John's Park-rd., Blackheath, London, S.E.

BARNETT'S strain direct, Crests and C.B.'s to suit all pockets; a few Yorkshires and Siberian Goldfinch; state requirements and price by letter only; approval, deposit: Rev. Moss, Ladywood Vicarage, Birmingham.

RADMORE has for disposal a few Crests and Crestbreds, grand stock birds, large, with plenty of feather; this strain has been carefully selected for 30 years, and has produced many winners; stamp: 17, Chaddlewood-avenue, Plymouth.

C. ROBERTS, Stannah Hey, Newton Drive, Blackpool, breeder, exhibitor, and exporter of champion Crests and Crestbreds, winner all leading shows, can offer matched pairs to breed winners from 30/- to £10, single birds from 12/6; approval.

SIX large variegated Crested cocks, 1910 and 1911, 12/6 each; one large clear buff Crestbred hen; one variegated ditto 7/6 each; one variegated Crested hen 1910 7/6; good strains; cold room bred; approval, deposit: Payne, 3, Ormond-rd., Horncey-rise, London.

HAVING had a successful breeding time, I must reduce my stock of Crest and Crest-bred, no better blood can be bought at double price; pairs from 15/-, single birds from 7/6, on approval; deposit with Editor: Tetin, 124, Chestnut-ave., Forest Gate, Essex.

FEW massive heavy feathered Crests, Crest-breds, from strain winners of hundreds prizes, grand healthy stock, big skulls, grand crests; single birds, 10/- to 20/-; properly matched pairs, 15/- to 30/-; hargains; grand chance for beginners; approval willingly: Hatton, Windmill, Belper.

HIGH CLASS Crests, Crest-breds, grand birds for sale, cocks or hens, 35 years breeder, judge of 100 shows; I don't exhibit now; I breed for my customers to win; advertised 25 years; sold as many winners as any fancier anywhere; if I cannot sell good birds who can? Approval: T. Billington, Hambleton, Poulton-le-Fylde.

THOSE requiring healthy stock pairs should give me a trial; testimonials and repeat orders from delighted purchasers; Crest-bred hens from 4/-; Crest-bred cocks from 6/6; Crest hens from 6/-, Crest cocks from 8/6; properly matched breeding pairs, 11/-, 12/6, 15/-, 20/-, to £5; all cold room bred, and approval willingly: H. Annis, 4 Abby-st., Norwich.

ROOM wanted for breeding, must sell following high-class Crest, Crest-brede, Barnett's strain, half price to clear; mon ter variegated Crest-bred cock, grand head, 18/-; monster green Crest bred cock, splendid skull, 17/6; monster variegated dark Crest cock, perfect crest, 21/-; mon ter green ditto, grand shapely crest, 17/-; massive feathery wing marked dark Crest hen, lovely Crest, 10/6, heavy variegated ditto, 14/-; monster variegated Crest bred hen, 10/-; green ditto, 11/6; all grand stock birds; approval with pleasure: Miss Stone, The Fleet, Belper.

T. J. KING, Ingogo, Cheltenham, offer: green Crested hen, 20/6, dark Crested cock, heavy frontal, 50/6, yellow cock, large grizzle crest, 20/6, variegated yellow dark Crested hen, show bird, 60/6, dark crested yellow cock, one wing marked, 50/6; lovely clear buff cock, large grey crest, winner, 60/6; green crested cock, 25/6; variegated Crestbred cock, grand head, 50/6; clear body, dark Crest cock, immense crest, winner, £15; variegated buff Crestbred cock, sire sold for £16, 35/6; evenly marked dark Crest yellow hen, show bird, a gem, £5; immense grey Crest cock, 25/6; evenly marked dark Crest cock, immense crest, 80/6; yellow green cock, very large crest, £4; nearly green Crested cock, perfect, winner many firsts, £15; evenly marked dark Crest cock, 50/6; yellow green cock, immense crest, £6; variegated buff, dark Crest cock, 50/6; yellow grey Crest hen, one eye injured, 12/6, worth 40/6; lovely buff variegated dark Crest hen, large crest, £4; clear yellow grey Crest cock, show bird, £4; yellow green Crestbred cock, a marvel, £3; variegated dark Crest cock, 20/6; lightly variegated yellow Crestbred cock, vhe Cheltenahm, 40/6; large variegated Crested hen, 40/6; evenly marked dark Crested hen, 40/6; ditto cock, 40/6; ditto, hen 30/6; large green Crestbred cock, 30/6; variegated Crestbred cock, head feather covers half-crown, 35/6; 2 dark Crested cocks, 12/6; ditto, hen 12/6; ticked heavy feathered Crestbred cock, 35/6; clear body dark Crest cock, 3rd L.C.B.A., 60/6; yellow green Crested hen, the best living, £15; large buff green Crested hen, 60/6; variegated dark Crest cock, 40/6; variegated yellow dark Crest cock, 30/6; ditto, very heavy frontal, 60/6; green Crested cock, large Crest, Cinnamon bred, 40/6; three variegated Crested cocks 12/6, 15/6, 17/6 each; clear body dark Crested hen, a gem, £4; grey Crest cock, very neat, 40/6. The above bred from the best birds it is possible to procure; a winning strain for over 40 years; approval.

Greens.

YORKSHIRE greens; can spare a few good birds bred from my winners; approval; McDermott, 9, Maple-grove, Liverpool.

VARIEGATED yellow cock, self buff hen, Norwich type, mated to produce winners; bargain 30/-; approval: Metcalfe, 63, Brunswick-rd., Liverpool.

TWO buff green cocks, both winners, and one yellow green hen, all Palace strain, 35/- the three; approval, deposit: Wood, Saddler, Cleckheaton.

FIFTY Green Yorkshires, self and fouls, singles, pairs, or in one lot my whole stock; approval, deposit, stamp: H. Hughes, 6, Argyle-st. South, Birkenhead.

SPLENDID lot of best pedigree strain Yorkshire Greens in England, cocks 7/6, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6; hens 3/6, 5/6, 8/6; cages 3d.: W. Rudd, The Bird Specialist, Norwich.

NORWICH, best blood obtainable, right type and colour, having purchased entire stock of Mr. Deacon's noted strain; winnings with same: Preston, L.C.B.A., etc; state wants: Harding, 29a, Market-st., Wellingboro'.

Lancashires.

THREE pairs of Lancashires, cheap; apply J. Butterworth, 70, Entwistle-rd., Rochdale.

TWO clear yellow Plainhead cocks, one 1910, one 1911, 12/- each: James Newell, 12, Carlisle-st., Rochdale.

LANCASHIRES, large massive Plainheads, cock or hen, 10/6 each, ten days' approval: W. Powick, Dewsbury.

TWO good large stock birds, buff Plainhead cock, buff Coppy cock, no better breed, 10/6 each; approval: Fitton, 14, Vavasour-st., Rochdale.

Lizards.

SILVER hens, 3/-: Sheldon, Holly House, Chingford, Essex.

WHIPP, 483, Rochdale-rd., Crompton, Shaw, has all his stock of Lizards for sale, pairs 10/-, cocks 7/-; approval.

CHAMPION Lizards: Have all my winners and most my stock birds for sale, best strain living: John Dewsnap, 68, Princess-st., Glossop.

HECTOR OLIVER can spare some really good Lizards bred from his well-known winning strain; strong and healthy, cold room; approval: Hadfield-st., Glossop.

W. P. BARNES.

Cage Bird Judge, breeder of champion Lizards; properly matched pairs from 17/6, hens from 6/-; every bird from my champion strain; no better obtainable; every bird in perfect health and condition; approval: 23a, London-rd., Grantham.

Norwich.

BREEDERS' CARD.

E. BAKER, 14, High Street, Cowes, I.W., Breeder and Exhibitor High-class Norwich Plainheads, winner at most big shows. Write for prices.

J. HODDER, Breeder of Champion Norwich, winner of championships; some nice birds cheap; approval: 6, Banner-st., St. Luke's, Loudon, E.C.

MORE, 62, Drive, Gt. Yarmouth, good Norwich Plainheads for sale, own breeding, related many this year's prize winners.

W. READ, Chellowdene, York-road, Guildford, breeder and exhibitor of high-class Norwich; surplus stock only for sale; over 100 to select from; seen any time; from 15/6 pair; approval.

HIGH-CLASS Norwich Canaries, clear yellows, cheap: 83, Fortess-rd., Tufnell Park.

YELLOW and variegated, cocks 5/-, hens 2/6: Sheldon, Holly House, Chingford, Essex.

E. GODLEY has few grand Norwich for disposal, single or pairs, also Cinnamons: Rishton, Blackburn.

H. BAILEY, Tower Street, Launceston, has several Norwich cocks for disposal, also a few nice hens still left.

NORWICH, eight cocks, 3/6 each; eight hens, 1/6 each; lot £2: C. Newland, 79, Braunstone Gate, Leicester.

FOR SALE, two pairs Norwich Canaries, good birds, full song, 10/6 pair, or 20/- lot: Vickers, East Kirkby, Spilsby.

T. H. DENT, 4, Langton-st., Preston, can still spare a few for show or stock; approval; known fanciers.

THIRTY Norwich from my winners, cheap, seen any time: Hollands, 7, Kingswood-place, Dacre-pk., Lee, S.E.

THREE grand pairs of Norwich cheap to clear, 12/-, 15/-, 1/- pair; approval: Webb, 22, Frederic-st., Luton.

MORTARA, 2, South View, Winchester, has some high-class Norwich for sale; hens from 12/6, cocks from 10/6.

NORWICH, twenty young cocks (cold-room), yellows 6/6, buffs 5/6; grand birds: Millar, 40, Bristo-st., Edinburgh.

NORWICH; some large stock birds for sale, reasonable approval; stamp: W. Hampton, 25, Damacre-rd., Brechin.

NORWICH cocks, 10/-, hens 4/-; Chaffinch, won 3 firsts, 15/-; hen Linnet Mules, 9d: Osborne, North-rd., Woking.

J. PEBERDY has few good Norwich for disposal, bred from winners; prices reasonable: 39, Twycross-st., Leicester.

EXCEPTIONAL bargains in large buff hens, 7/6 to 15/-; also pairs from 15/-: Tomsett, 34, Endwell-rd., Brockley.

NORWICH Canaries, buff hens, 4/6; yellow, 5/6; good size: Mrs. Martin, 9½, Cowcaddens-st., Glasgow (only address).

SEVEN Norwich to dispose of at 5/-, 6/-; hens 3/6; to clear; approval: W. Baker, Upper Marehay, Ripley, Derbyshire.

REAL Bullfinch type cocks, from 5/-, hens from 4/-, cash, approval: Twine, 38, Carlingford-rd., Hucknall Torkard, Notts.

FEW nice colour-fed cocks, in song, 6/- each; hens, 3/6; Hedder's strain; approval: K. Older, 64, Kingsland-rd., Bristol.

VARIEGATED and foul buff cocks, both winners, 8/- each; approval, deposit: Hay, Main-rd., Tweedmouth, Berwick.

T. IRONS, breeder of high-class Norwich, singles, pairs, 15/-, 20/-, 30/-, 40/-; approval, stamp: Ivy-rd., Northampton.

I have a few good Norwich left, cheap, a chance for beginners; approval: J. Hayhurst, 217, Brunshow-rd., Burnley.

MASSIVE yellow cock, grand head and neck; several buffs, cocks and hens; approval: Kemp, Rose-row, Redruth, Cornwall.

SOME good typical buff Norwich cocks and hens for disposal at reasonable prices: Small, 67, Western-rd., Brighton.

NORWICH stock pair; 2nd last members' show 15/-; cocks from 6/-; hens from 3/-: Reeves, 94, St. Saviours-rd., Leicester.

GOOD cobby hens from 7/6; also pair cheap from my winners; see Queen's Park: Roberts, 39, Ossington-st., Bayswater.

GRAND yellow Norwich cock, 6/-; buff hen, 2/6; good cock Goldfinch 2/-: E. Smith, 76, Woodside-gardens, Tottenham.

TWENTY Norwich 1911 healthy good birds, pairs 10/-, single cocks 7/6, hens 2/6: Whitechurch, Fordham, Soham, Cambs.

TYPICAL, short, thick, unflighted buff hens, same strain as my winners, 7/6 each; approval: Devoy, George-st., Stanrear.

FRED BARRACLOUGH has a few choice Norwich Plainheads, both sexes, for sale, inspection invited: 25, Railway-st., Hyde.

VARIEGATED buff cock, 7/6; clear, 10/-; also 5 lovely buff hens, 5/- and 7/6; approval: Bonsall, 3, Barngate-st., Leek.

BUFF cock, 6/-; ditto, 5/-; natural colour; five double breeding cages, cheap: Brown, 19, Portland-rd., Hucknall Torkard.

TWELVE good quality yellow and buff Norwich hens, 5/- each, cash or deposit: W. Cayless, 237, Uppingham-rd., Leicester.

SOME really good stock birds, 1911, grand size and quality, chiefly buff; prices moderate: Barrows, 7, Abbey Crescent, Torquay.

SPLENDID Norwich cocks, 5/- to 10/-, hens 2/6 to 4/- each; satisfaction guaranteed; approval: Hudson, Matlock-rd., Belper.

LARGE yellow cock, good colour, 8/6; two yellow variegated hens, 5/- each, approval: Garden, 42, Esslemont-av., Aberdeen.

14 COCKS; six hens; Vardy and Cleminson blood; cocks 5/- and 6/-; hens 3/6; cold room: Marwood, Brompton, Northallerton.

A FEW surplus single or pairs from winner; cheap to clear; approval: Ward, 21, Warwick-st., Pimlico, m., Victoria-station.

GRAND pair Canaries, properly paired, cock grand songster, 1911 birds, perfectly healthy, outdoors, 6/-: Beech, Croft-st., Hornecastle.

PRIZE-BRED Norwich for sale, cocks from 5/-, hens 2/6, pairs 7/- to 15/-: Kelsall, 655, Oldham-rd., Bardsley, Ashton-under-Lyne.

BURTON-ON-TRENT 2nd winning pair, typical Norwich, accept 40/-: see report this issue: Hawkes, Grove Green-rd., Leytonstone.

W. CUNDIFF has a few typical Norwich for disposal, from 15/- per pair; no better blood in the Fancy: High St., Macclesfield.

GRAND unflighted yellow hen and buff hen, also buff cocks, good birds; stamp reply: James Mathieson, Whamond-st., Motherwell.

FEW 1911 buff cocks and yellow hens for sale, cocks 7/-, hens 6/-; inspection invited; approval: Ashcroft, Farnworth-st., Widnes.

THIRTY Norwich hens, ready to nest: yellows, buffs, 3/- each; large birds, 4/-; approval: Roper, 134, Chester, Seven Kings, Essex.

A FEW prize bred Norwich for sale: must reduce stock owing to pressure of business; approval: J. Cook, 6, Charlotte-st., Blackburn.

HIGH-CLASS Norwich, colour-fed, buff cocks, 8/-, 10/- each; 2 yellow hens, 6/- each, buff 5/-: Wm. Henderson, 310, London-rd., Glasgow.

VARIEGATED unflighted yellow Norwich, 10/-; buff cocks from 7/6; see wins Carlisle, Cheltenham: Bell, 35, Clementina-ter., Carlisle.

WANTED two yellow Norwich cocks; exchange pair of Centaur roller skates; cost 35/-; or sell £1: H. Bell, 2, Clements-st., Coventry.

NOTICE. Grand lot Norwich, many winners, prices low; easy payments taken; approval: McKeand, Seabright Villa, Castle Douglas.

NORWICH, 2 clear buffs, 3 variegated hens, from 4/- upwards; cold-room, grand type, unflighted, 1911: Dyer, 59, Clara-st., Newcastle-on-Tyne.

TWELVE unflighted Norwich cocks, buff and yellow: grand stock birds 7/6 to 15/-; approval; deposit: Peter Thomson, 74, Kirk-st., Peterhead.

D. H. TEDSTONE, Brynteg, Brecon, has a few odd yellow and buff cocks and hens left from his noted winners, also winners, prices reasonable.

HANDSOME Norwich cocks, grand songsters, 4/6, 5/-; hens, 2/-, 2/6; pairs, 6/6, 7/-; value unapproachable: approval: Hatton Aviaries, Belper.

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GOOD big buff Norwich, stock cock, own bred, one year old, 12/6, or exchange a good singing cock Canary: Moore, 37, Flottergate, Grimsby.

NORWICH plainheads, a few buffs and yellows at 10/- to 25/- or pairs from 15/- to 40/-; approval: J. Jones, Academy-st., Hurlford, Ayrshire.

JNO. ALLEN must clear grand stock cocks, own breeding, from the best, from 10/6, worth double; approval, stamp: 4, Bonsall-st., Leicester.

LARGE healthy Norwich hens bred from winners, buff 3/-, 4/-, 5/-, yellow 4/-, 5/-, 6/-; approval; deposit: Brown, 44, Waterloo-rd., Norwich.

WELL bred Norwich, colour fed, cocks from 6/6, hens from 5/-; pairs supplied, prices reasonable: Fred E. Brewer, 11, Landerdale-st., Preston.

TWO large buff Norwich hens, 10/6, 12/6 each; unflighted buff cock, 7/6; bred from Palace winners; approval; deposit: Lohr, Confectioner, Carmarthen.

HIGH-CLASS Norwich, pairs from 15/6; see show reports Birmingham, Wolverhampton, West Bromwich and Coventry: Silver, Peel-st., Birmingham.

SPLENDID lot 1910 and 1911 Norwich cocks, from 7/6, hens 4/-; guaranteed good health: Henderson, 20, Morrin-square, Townhead, Glasgow.

NORWICH Plainheads, 7/6 pair; yellow marked cocks, 5/-; hens, 3/-; have sent all parts; approval: Mark Bennett, Broughton, Astley, Leicester.

PRIZE-bred Norwich, cocks, in full song, 4/-, 5/- each; hens, same strain, 1/9, 2/6 each; satisfaction guaranteed: Heathcote's Aviaries, Leicester.

NORWICH cocks, 5/- and 6/6; hens, 2/- each; cold-room; approval, deposit; healthy, beauties: Royston, Trentlocks, Westbridgford, Nottingham.

GRAND stock pair, massive yellow cock, typical buff hen, 1910 birds, bred from winners, 17/6; approval, deposit: Reader, 18, Violet-st., Derby.

I HAVE some good Norwich for sale, cocks 5/6, hens 2/-; cash or deposit; three days' approval: Minshall, Claypit Terrace, Whitchurch, Salop.

ROBERTS' noted strain Norwich Cinnamon buffs, yellow cock, buff hens, also clear Norwich; reasonable approval; stamp: 4, Balfour-st., Blackburn.

MARKED buff cock, 1st Dover, etc.; clear yellow cock, 1910; several exhibition British, cocks and hens; approval, deposit: Acland, School House, Higham.

NORWICH Canaries, about 50 prize-bred, will sell in one lot cheap, or in pairs, from 10/6: E. Mitchell, 10, Barrow Hill Terrace, Ashford, Kent.

SIXTEEN good feeding hens, 1911 and 1910, sell 2/- each, or exchange pullets; giving up: Phillips, Newmarket Restaurant, 49, Jamaica-row, Birmingham.

TYPICAL Norwich Plainheads (Bowyer and Vardy's strain) cocks from 7/6, pairs from 20/-; approval, deposit: Williams, Pharmacy, Ashbourne.

HENRY, 52, Sixth Avenue, Bush Hill Park; three pairs Norwich, Iron strain, one first prize at Enfield; large Turtle Doves, make good stock, 8/- pair; 1911 birds.

GRAND unflighted hens, clear yellow and buffs, winning strain, 4/6, 6/6, 8/6; also few cocks colour-fed, cold room; approval; deposit: Bailey, Mill-st., Barwell.

GOOD, large, typical, unflighted Norwich, fed to perfection: cocks from 5/-, hens from 3/-; inspection invited; approval willingly: Burdett, Dares Walk, Hinckley.

HIGH-CLASS Norwich, own breeding, cocks from 7/0, hens from 5/-; state requirements; inspection invited; approval: Hicking, 46, Village-st., Normanton, Derby.

OWING to removal must effect speedy clearance; pairs from 20/-; some fit to win; odd buff cocks and hens; stamp reply: Calderwood, 34, West Shaw-st., Kilmarnock.

A FEW well-bred unflighted Norwich colour-fed cocks, from 7/6, hens 4/-, matched pairs from 10/6; approval: Chas. Makins, 18, Palace Green, Berwick-on-Tweed.

LUKE GRANGER, 21, West View, Clitheroe has 30 Norwich to sell; cocks from 6/6; hens from 5/6; or will sell in one lot cheap to clear; approval, deposit: stamp reply.

NORWICH Canaries. Plain or Crested; splendid condition. Nine cocks, good songsters, 7/6 each; two hens, 3/- each, or what offers for the lot?: 94, Duke's-avenue, Chiswick.

PRIZE-bred Norwich Canaries, cocks, warranted in full song, 4/6, 5/6, 6/6 each; hens, same strain, 2/-, 3/-, 4/- each; satisfaction guaranteed: Fred Johnson, 22, Goswell-st., Leicester.

ALL my Norwich plainheads for sale, winners and bred from winners; singles from 10/-, pairs from 20/- upwards; approval; cash or deposit: R. Traill, Shore House, Dysart, Fife.

MESSRS. Butler and Barlow have three pairs at 7/6 and four pairs at 10/6; also one yellow ticked, nest brother to 2nd Derby unflighted buff 15/-: Butler, junr., Newton, Alfreton.

HOLDEN'S noted Norwich, a few for sale, related to my winners at all leading Northern shows, winner of Northern Norwich Plainhead cup, 1911; approval: 5, Cramer St., Gateshead-on-Tyne.

FOUR unflighted yellow cocks 15/-, 20/-, 30/-, 40/-, hens 7/6, 20/-, 25/-; two 1910 buff cocks 15/-, 20/-; one yellow 15/-, bred from or related to my winners: H. J. Banbury, Preston-rd., Yeovil.

CAN spare several good typical Plainhead Norwich from 7/6 each, also a few decent Crest cocks, good stock birds, from 7/6 each; approval, stamp: John Bale, 55, Newport-road, Barnstaple.

ARTHUR WAKE has four unflighted buff hens, 10/- each; 1909 large yellow hen, 1910 yellow marked hen, 15/- each; 1910 buff cock, 12/6; approval; cheap to clear: 128, Princes-rd., Middlesbrough.

LARGE unflighted clear buff cock, brother to my unflighted, 1st Preston, 2nd Liverpool, 12/6; another, medium size, 8/6; others, grand type, quality, 7/6: J. C. Heaton, 27, Minshall-rd., Crewe.

YELLOW and buff hens 10/-, 12/6; four yellow hens 5/- each; Norwich cock 12/6; six hens, 1911 Border and Norwich crops, good feeders, 2/6: Robson, 41, Shield-st., Newcastle-on-Tyne.

WOOLWICH and Burton-on-Trent winning unflighted yellow Norwich cock, accept 45/-, will make up a champion: see reports this and last week's issue: Hawkes, Grove Green-rd., Leytonstone.

C. ROBERTS' noted Norwich, Bullfinch type, highly colour-fed, some can win, matched pairs from 20/- to £5, single birds from 10/6; state wants; approval: Stannah Hey, Newton Drive, Blackpool.

MASSIVE cobby buff cock, grand head and chest, 10/-; lovely stout cobby yellow hen, nice broad head, 7/-; grand quality and type; 16/- pair; approval a pleasure: Miss Stone, The Fleet, Belper.

CLEARING out; 2 grand cocks, yellow, yellow marked, full song, 4/6 each; 6 good hens, 2/3 each, 12/- lot; white-legged cock Goldfinch, 5/6; deposit: Bridgeford, 23, Knox-rd. Wellingborough.

PRIZE-BRED Norwich clear, ticked, variegated, yellow cocks, 10/- to 30/-; buff cocks 10/- to 25/-; few buff and yellow hens 7/6 to 15/-; approval: Picken, Mauchline-rd., Hurlford, Ayrshire.

THREE good 1911 yellow hens, 8/6 each; clear yellow 1911 yellow cock, 10/6; variegated ditto, 10/6, cobby, good heads, wings and tales; cash or deposit: F. Tesseyman, Church Hill, Leeds.

STOUT cobby Norwich, from strain winning hundreds prizes, cocks, 7/6, 8/6, 10/6; stout hens, 5/-, 6/-, 7/-; pairs, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-; every bird a bargain; approval willingly: Hatton, Windmill, Belper.

W. MILES, Aviaries, Chichester, has large clear yellow cock, winner, 42/-, typical yellow winner, 30/-, large clear buff cock, winner, 42/-; two stock buffs 20/-, 25/-; also several good buff hens; approval.

1910 AND 1911 Norwich cocks, 7/6; yellow and buff pairs, 10/-, cold room; also white enamel drawing-room cage, 18ins. high, 20ins. long; perfect condition; £1 approval: Miss Fooks, Brentwood, Essex.

ABSOLUTELY given away to make room for coming breeding season; Harland's pedigree strain; 5 unflighted buff hens, 3/- each; 6 ditto yellows, 4/- each: Duckitt, junr., 91, Sepulchre Gate, Doncaster.

J. TRISTEM, winner of over 600 prizes, cups and specials, can spare some grand yellow and buff cocks at reasonable prices; inspection invited; stamp for particulars: 82, Winchester-rd., Bristington, Bristol.

MONSTER winning buff cocks, 1910, 21/- to 35/-; typical yellow and buffs from 8/-; hens from 5/-; perfect quality, very short; own breeding only; approval: Miss Gwyn, Somerville, N. Avenue, Ramsgate.

THE Wrigley strain, winners at leading shows, see reports Great Harwood, Derby, Runcorn, etc.; few birds for sale cheap to clear; all my own breeding; approval, stamp: Wm. Wrigley, 143, Back-lane, Hyde, Cheshire.

GRAND 1910 clear buff cock, 10/-; heavily variegated ditto, unflighted, 10/-; clear, unflighted buff cock, vhe Luton, 8/6; six typical, good colour buff hens, unflighted, from 4/- each; approval: Litchfield, Tennyson-rd., Luton.

A. L. HAWKES, breeder of high-class Norwich and Yorkshires, offers single or pairs, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, 20/-; approval; this strain has won hundreds of prizes this season, and under all leading judges: 390, Grove Green, Leytonstone.

TEN pairs clean healthy typical Norwich Plainheads (cocks on full song), 70/- the lot; twenty Norwich hens, 50/- the lot, all cold room bred, suit dealer, genuine bargains; approval, cash or deposit: Cooper, 29, Junction-rd., Norwich.

CLEAR yellow Norwich cock, 1st Bethesda 40/-; variegated yellow 20/-; few yellow and buffs, 1911, 12/6 each; two variegated yellow hens, 1911, 8/6 each; wanted, yellow and buff Yorkshire hen, 1911; approval: Jones, Sea View, Talysarn, North Wales.

LARGE, typical buff, A1 for stock, £2; shapely yellow, superb quality, 30/-; unflighted yellow, 30/-, very cheap; stylish yellow hen, 15/-; lovely buff hen, 30/- only; few splendidly bred pairs, 20/- each: J. Eckersley, 51, Francis-rd, Edgbaston, Birmingham.

AFTER another very successful season, I have a few of my prize bred Norwich to dispose of cheap; grand large yellow and buff cocks and lovely typical hens from 5/- to 15/- each; novices treated generously again; approval: W. Walker, 50, Regent-rd., Morecambe.

CHAMPION Norwich; some very typical silky feathered birds to spare, from amongst my well-known stock; pairs 15/-, 20/-, 25/-, 30/- upwards; splendid value; my birds have won several champion trophies outright; approval: J. Hodder, 6, Banner-st., St. Luke's, London, E.C.

LUGTON, Bird Show Secretary, Galashiels; has for disposal the entire stock of a gentleman retiring from the Fancy; comprising a fine collection of Norwich Plainheads and a few Britishers; also breeding and show cages; condition as new; particulars stamp; state requirements.

CHAMPION Norwich, grand birds, large, with good heads, fine silky feather; 35 years breeder; judge of 100 shows; I don't exhibit, I breed for my customers; advertised 25 years; sold as many winners as any fancier in England; approval: T. Billington, Hambleton, Poulton-le-Fylde.

NORWICH hens, yellow, green, yellow varieg., buff green, 1911, birds; three buff variegated hens and a few good buff cocks, also two Linnet Mule cocks; all good large birds, good type and quality, approval: Wm. Jeffrey, 142, Montrose, Brechin, Forfarshire, deposit: Coombes, Wensleydale-st., West Hartlepool.

CHAMPION pair correctly matched high class exhibition Norwich Plainheads, rare size, type, colour, and quality, winners and certain to breed winners in keenest competition, only 21/-; honestly worth £3 for stock alone; rare chance for beginner, genuine bargain: approval: Warminger, 28, Guernsey-rd., Norwich.

ALL requiring healthy typical stock pairs should give me a trial; testimonials and repeat orders from delighted purchasers; yellow hens from 3/6; buff hens from 3/-; yellow cocks from 6/-; buff from 5/6; properly matched breeding pairs from 8/-, 10/-, 12/6, 20/- upwards; cold-room bred, and approval willingly: H. Amiss, Ashby-st., Norwich.

TICKED yellow cock, winner first, fit for Palace, £2; typical buff cock, winner several prizes, a good sort, 35/-; ticked yellow hen, winner first 25/-; clear yellow hen, a right one 21/-; massive green cock, right sort for producing size and colour 21/-; all perfect condition: Robinson, 9, Broad-st., Windermere.

EXHIBITOR over 40 years, high class Norwich, and the man that breeds his own winners; no doubt more winners have been sold out of my rooms than by any man living can spare few show birds, also reliable stock birds from 10/- each, worth double, from one of the oldest and most reliable strains in Fancy; approval: Wm. Bowyer, Gladstone-st., Leek.

I HAVE 20 pair of Norwich Plainheads, prize bred, for sale; birds I have bred and sold have won at Paisley, Berwick, Alnwich, Morpeth, Cranlington, Newcastle, Blaydon, Gateshead, Haltwistle, Darlington, Sunderland, Shields Shows; proof, the man that bought them; the strain is Iron's, Grey's, Dobinson, Cowling; prices reasonable: John Hagan, 39, Doublerow, Seaton Delaval, Northumberland.

J. C. BARNES, 113, Northfield-rd., Walkley, Sheffield; well-known strain, of 20 years standing; Sheffield Challenge Cup winner (3 years in succession); having selected own breeders, can now spare few choice specimens, true to type, and full of quality and colour; cocks from 20/-, hens 10/- upwards; inspection cordially invited; approval with every pleasure; matched pairs a speciality.

A. L. HAWKES has few exceptionally fine [illegible] Norwich hens, equal to his winners, in all colours, massive framed, short, thick-set, cobby specimens exhibition or stock birds, 7/6, 10/-, 12/6, 15/- upwards; 7 days' approval: 390, Grove Green-rd., Leyton-stone.

I am giving away double-compartment breeding cages to all purchasers of my prize-bred winning Norwich at 8/- and 9/- pair; don't miss them worth double; warranted healthy; only five pairs left; the pick of the Fancy; must clear; cash o

NOTICE! Going abroad; all my Norwich Plain heads for sale; 2 yellow cocks, one 12/6, one 20/- cleafs: 2 buff cocks, 12/6 each; 6 yellow hens, clears and variegs., 7/6 to 20/-; 2 buff hens, one 5/-, one 17/6; all 1911 birds; also first prize year hold buff cock and yellow hen, 30/- each, on approval; Cubley's, Winter's, and Smart's strains; also 12 Borders, 5 cocks, 7 hens, greens and variegs., 35/- the lot; suit dealer: James Aitken, 105, Dundas-st., Grangemouth.

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has a few good Norwich for disposal; prices reasonable; state wants; approval willingly: 26, Hampden-rd., Wrexham.

POWICK'S CHAMPION NORWICH.

The same strain as the winners at all the leading shows, large typical cocks, in full song, 7/6, 10/6 hens, 5/6, 7/6 each; sure winners, 15/6 each; ten days approval at my risk: W. Powick, Dewsbury.

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WINNING NORWICH.

William Whalley, winner of over 400 prizes; has for disposal about 50 grand birds, 1910 and 1911; including winners; no odd yellow hens; inspection invited: 1259, Chester-rd., Stretford, Manchester. See British.

IS THIS WHAT YOU ARE LOOKING FOR?

I can spare a few extra good buff cocks and hens, 1911, related to my cup winners at Falkirk and W. of Scotland, from 20/-: McNaughton, Dunipace, Larbert.

JAS. NELSON, 54, HENGIST-ST., BOLTON

offers grand unflighted yellow cock, variegated, red-hot, lovely quality, bred off foul buff cock, 1st Liverpool etc., 25/-; few nice pairs at 15/-, 20/- upwards; approval; satisfaction guaranteed.

ROBERT HALL,

Rudyard, Staffordshire, can spare good stock Norwich, bred same as winners at Stoke, Burton, Runcorn, Warrington, Hanley, Tunstall, Leek, 1911; state requirements; 10/- to 30/-.

SEE SHOW REPORTS, CARLISLE, JAN. 6.

Frank F. Lawson, 14, Pugin St., Carlisle, can spare unflighted yellow cock, A1 type and quality, 10/-, unflighted buff cocks and hens, similar stamp, 6/6, 7/6, 10/- each; all very cheap to clear quickly.

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offers good quality Norwich; for special birds, or pairs, write stating wants; single birds, 10/6 upwards; hens, 5/- upwards; every bird guaranteed to be as represented: Address, 24, Stockwell Green, London, S.W.

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Hens, 2/6, 3/6, and 5/-. Well-matched pairs, 7/6, 10/6, and 15/- per pair. Cages and all appliances, cheapest and best in Kingdom. Catalogue free. Patronised by Royalty, Experts, and Judges.—**Northern Aviaries, Ormskirk Road, Preston.**

HIGH-CLASS NORWICH.

Related to my winners; large 1910 variegated buff cock, good head and substance, and good breeder, 30/-; large, typical, unflighted clear yellow cock, good colour and quality, 25/-; ditto ticked, 20/-; two large unflighted good buff cocks, 20/- each; some good yellow and buff hens, from 10/- to 20/-; stamp reply Yates, London Rd., Chesterton, Staffs.

SILK'S CUPS.

During next show season I am giving 10 cups valued at 21/- each, to purchasers of my champion Norwich at shows held in Scotland, England and Wales. Six will be given for unflighted birds bred from my champion strain. The four remaining to birds other than unflighted which has been purchased after the date of this advertisement, January 12th, 1912. Particulars of shows where these cups will be competed for will appear in "Cage Birds" at a later date. This will give fanciers in various district a chance to view the really high-class Norwich bred from this strain.—Judge Silk, Whitstable.

A STRAIN THAT WINS.

To clear quickly, I have clear unflighted yellow cock, good size, colour, and feather, matched to good big clear or a variegated buff hen; also unflighted buff cock to unflighted ticked yellow hen; first p.o. for 15/- takes either pair; clear unflighted buff cock, a good bird, 20/-; two buff cocks, the sort badly needed, 40/- and 50/- each; 1910 yellow hen, 20/-; grand yellow cock, 30/-, 1910 bred, the right stamp; large ticked buff hen, 40/-, 1910 bred; several buff hens, 5/-, 7/6, 10/- each; see leading show reports; winnings well known, include Whitehead challenge cup, 1910 and 1911: R. Allen, 196, Blackburn-rd., Bolton.

LEADING QUALITY.

Reliable high-class Norwich at low prices, cocks 5/6, 6/6, 7/6, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6; hens, 2/6, 3/-, 3/6, 4/-, 4/6; all on 7 days' approval at my risk; illustrated list post free: Miss Storey, Crowle, Doncaster.

J. HODDER.

From amongst my stock of champion Norwich I can spare a few nice stock pairs at 15/-, 20/-, 30/- upwards per pair; my birds have won several trophies outright; satisfaction guaranteed; approval 6, Banner-st., St. Luke's, London.

R. HANFORD, DERBY,

offers splendid collection Norwich cocks, full song, 6/6, 7/6, 8/6, 10/6; lovely hens, 4/-, 5/-, 6/-, 7/- (these hens will be worth double shortly); correctly matched pairs, lovely type and quality, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, 17/6; cages, 3d.; champion Yorkshires, same prices; state your requirements; absolute satisfaction guaranteed; approval.

VARDY'S NOTED STRAIN.

Two unflighted yellow cocks, grand type, quality and colour, 20/- each; also two unflighted buff cocks, very cobby, good type, quality and colour, 20/- each; also few nice pairs, well matched, 20/- per pair; also few nice cobby buff, unflighted hens, 10/- each; nothing better bred in the fancy; approval: W. Vardy, The Aviaries, Huthwaite, Notts.

The Bull-Dog Strain.

20/-, 25/-, 30/- per pair.

This strain has won firsts and specials at nearly all the leading shows during this season 1911-12. Also gold medals, silver medals, challenge cups, etc., etc. Birds bred from this strain have also done splendidly this season for their owners, as letters I have filed clearly prove. I am offering a few pairs from same strain at above prices. Also few grand yellow or buff cocks 10/-, 12/6, 15/- 20/-, 25/-, 30/- each, upwards. Champion yellow hens 7/6, 10/-, 12/6, 15/-, 20/-, 30/- each, upwards. Splendid buff hens 5/-, 7/6 10/-, 12/6, 15/-, 20/- each, upwards. All pairs are personally matched by me for breeding winners. I have also a few good pairs at 10/6, 12/6, and 15/- per pair. Every bird on 7 days' approval. Easy payments arranged if desired. The following is a fair sample of the letters I receive from my customers: "55, Colston Street, Beuwell, Newcastle-on-Tyne. Jan. 19, 1912. I am highly pleased with the yellow Norwich hen. It is just the bird I wanted. I don't wonder at you giving people great satisfaction when you can supply hens like the one I have received at this price. I will never go past you for any birds after this, as long as you have what I want. Again thanking you.—T. W. Laidlow to Joe Thomas." I absolutely guarantee the same satisfaction to you. Send a P.C. for my free illustrated catalogue.

JOE THOMAS, Ambler Thorn, **HALIFAX.**

A. FIDDAMENT, POSTMAN

asks those who want to improve their stock to give him a trial, as he has in stock some grand Norwich cocks, 6/-, 8/-, 10/-, 12/-, 15/-, £1; hens 4/-, 5/-, 6/-, 7/6; pairs matched, 8/6, 10/-, 12/-, 15/-, £1 upwards; week's approval; deposit; apply: 105, Trinity-st., Norwich.

GREAT REDUCTIONS

I am, as an advertisement, offering for a few weeks, the most wonderful value ever offered to the Norwich Plainhead fancier; my birds need no bounce. Most of the leading exhibitors have been supplied from my rooms. Grand pairs, which will do you some good. Don't waste valuable time and money on buying birds which have no pedigree. Silk's strain is unrivalled; champion, 30/-; pairs at 21/-; the best, 40/-; pairs at 30/6. The price is right and the quality wonderful; few pairs same blood. 15/-, not monsters. Don't hesitate, send now and secure something really high class; hens, yellow or buff, from 10/6 to 21/-; cocks, ditto, 8/6 to 21/-; every bird has a reputation, and all on 3 days' approval; satisfaction guaranteed: Judge Silk, The Norwich Specialist, Wuttestable.

THOMAS YOUNG

Has the following prize-bred Norwich for quick sale, at low prices, to make room for breeding; all birds are in sound condition, colour-fed, and related to my cup and gold medal winners; ten per cent. off to purchasers of two or more, and carriage and package free, and sent at my risk on approval on receipt of cash or deposit note; grand variegated rich coloured 1910 yellow cock, 15/-; nice tight feathered clear yellow cock, 15/-; another clear yellow, 15/-; nice tight 1911 clear yellow, 10/-; 1911 clear yellow, 12/6; 1911 clear yellow, 7/6; 1910 variegated yellow, 10/-; 1910 clear buff, good head, neck, and chest, 15/-; nice clear buff, 10/6; another good clear, 7/6; 1911 variegated buff cock, 15/-; 1910 variegated buff cock, 12/6; grand 1911 variegated buff cock, 15/-; another nice variegated buff cock, 12/-; two good marked buffs, 10/-; one ditto, 7/6; clear yellow hen, 10/-; two marked yellow hens, 5/- each; two clear buff hens, 7/6 each; one clear buff, 5/-; two variegated buff hens, 10/- each; one ditto, 7/6; two ticked buff hens, 6/- each: approval: Thomas Young, Provision Merchant, Market Avenue, Oldham.

Palace Winners Cheap

Having just purchased a well-known breeder and exhibitor's entire stud of Norwich Plainheads, including Palace and Club Show winners, all of which are for sale at ridiculous low prices, as I wish to clear them quickly to make room for breeding. Twenty monster exhibition clear and marked yellow and buff cocks, price 17/6 each; 30 stock yellow and buff cocks, price 10/6 each; 30 monster exhibition clear and marked yellow and buff hens, price 12/6 each; also several large stock yellow and buff hens, 7/6 each; also correctly matched pairs, 12/6, 15/-, 21/-, and 25/- a pair; many of the above are winners at the leading shows, including Palace, Norwich Plainhead Club Show, and other winners; all these birds are of immense size, large heads, and full necks, and grand type and quality, and several are fit to win at the coming Palace Show. Four of the above birds cost £20 last season, and this is an exceptional opportunity for breeders to improve their stock, and a rare chance for beginners to reach the top of the exhibition world at a small outlay. All the above birds are strong, healthy, and in splendid condition; all cold room bred; genuine bargains; satisfaction guaranteed; approval, cash or deposit: Cooper, 29, Junction-rd., Norwich.

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20 Selected Pairs, 20/- Pair—approval.

Pure Norwich

direct from our noted strains and Mr. Midgley's noted Crystal Palace strain this last few years. Not exhibiting this season can offer some of the best blood in the Fancy. Won year 1902 38 1sts, etc., 1903 60 1sts, gold medal International Show, also N.P.C. Challenge Cup, 1904 42 1sts, also N.P.C. Challenge Cup, second year in succession, 1906 38 1sts, etc., 1907 33 1sts, etc., 1909 80 1sts, etc. What more proof? All in best and keenest competition. Have some grand yellow cocks and hens, 10/-, 12/-, 15/-, 20/-, 30/- each. Buff cock and hens, 8/-, 10/-, 12/- 15/-, 20/- each. Grand Matched Pairs, specially selected by myself, 15/-, 20/-, 25/-, 30/- pair. Any on approval with pleasure. Breeders 30 years.

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WANTED, Rollers: Barnes, Aviaries, Merthyr.

HIGH-CLASS Seifert hens, 1911 bred 2/-: Robert Howard, 7, Dale-st., Castleton, Lancashire.

WANTED, Roller cocks, full song, give cash and genuine singing cock Skylarks: Dutton, Dunstable.

PURE Rollers, full song 7/6, 8/6, 10/-, hens 2/-: Bennett, 28, Enville-st., Stourbridge.

SEIFERT Roller cocks 5/- in song; pairs 6/6; or good hens 2/- each: Thomas, 19, Albert-st., Cardiff.

SELL four pairs pure Seifert Rollers 12/6 pair; also cages: W. Goddard, 33, Oswald-ter., Geldard-rd., Leeds.

SEIFERT Roller cocks in full song, 7/6; hens, 3/-; 1911 birds: Pogson, 69, Clements-st., Birkby, Huddersfield.

HIGH-CLASS Rollers, 1911 cold-room bred 7/6, 8/6; will sing anywhere at any time: Harris, Gerrie-rd., Penistone.

HIGH class Rollers, cocks from 6/6 to 15/-, hens 2/6, 3/6; approval with pleasure: Allen, 19, Albert-st., Wednesbury.

BARGAIN: 4 high-class Roller cocks, 1911 cool room bred, all full song, 15/- lot: Miller, Craven-st., Barnoldswick.

HIGH class Seifert and Glucke cocks 7/6, hens 2/6; 7 days' approval, cash or deposit: H. Nickless, 59, Mill-st., Crewe.

HIGH-CLASS Rollers, from winners, few left; cocks from 15/-; hens from 6/-: T. J. Smith, 10, Hall-st., Wolverhampton.

TWO good green Seifert Roller hens for sale, Norris breed, 4/- each: Miss Richardson, 20, Bigby-st., Brigg, Lincolnshire.

GENUINE Rollers, cold room bred, cocks 7/-, 8/6, 10/-, hens 2/6, 3/6: Sykes and Akers, Windmill Aviaries, Boroughbridge, Yorks.

20 ROLLER Canaries, 1911 bred; 7 cocks, 7/6; 13 hens, 2/6, 3/-; or take £4 lot: Britton, 22, Gain Walk, Nineveh-rd., Holbeck, Leeds.

20 SEIFERT Roller hens, 1910-1911; singles 2/6; lot 45/-; outdoor aviary bred; perfect condition: Webley, Lawnswood, nr. Stourbridge.

CANARIES, Rollers, many changes, 8/-, 9/-, 10/-; hens, 2/6 each; approval; stamp reply: Miss Hughes, 7, Wembrook-rd., Wem, Salop.

1911 SEIFERTS (bred from 30/- parents) cocks 5/6, hens 3/6; approval; stamp: Bosworth, 265, Alcester-rd., Kings' Heath, Birmingham.

SEIFERT Rollers, not choppers; cold room; cocks from 7/6, hens 3/-; approval willingly: Smith, 3, Torquay-villas, Rosmead-st., Hull.

CHOICE Roller Schoolmasters, and hens to match, at working-men's prices, cheap; approval, deposit: Yearsley, 118, Revidge, Blackburn.

1st and 3 spls. Bolton; vhc and c Manchester; grand Water Glucke cocks 10/- upwards; hens 5/-; B.R.C.C., rung: Johnson, Jeweller, Bacup.

HIGH-class Rollers, from cup winner (Provincial 1911), B.R.C.C. rung, 1911 cocks from 20/- upwards, hens 10/-: Hanbury, 13, Railway-terr., Llanelly.

HIGH-CLASS Rollers, hollow roll and glucke, both strains bred separate; cocks from 20/- to 60/- each, hen 5/- each: Wirth, 1, Knowsley-rd., Bootle, Liverpool.

HIGH-CLASS Rollers, own prize strain; before purchasing elsewhere call and hear them, cocks 10/6 upwards, hens 5/-: Best, 5, Alma-pl., Beckett-st., Leeds.

EXCHANGE 6 Roller hens, 1911, outdoor cold-room bred, for good low singing Roller cock, or sell 10/-; stamp particulars: Pope, Ditton-lane, Cambridge.

PURE Seifert Roller hens, Corkindale and Fould's strain; kept in cold room 2/6 each; honestly worth double; approval: Etherington, 226, Fletcher-rd., Preston.

FEW champion Roller hens; Tweed's, Roehl's, Fould's Palace strain; B.R.C.C., rung (cold-room), 4/- each; approval: Laurie, Mallerstang, Kirkby Stephen.

NOTICE. Extra good St. Andreasberg Roller cocks, day and night songsters, 15/-; approval; easy payments taken: McKeand, Seabright Villa, Castle Douglas.

HIGH-CLASS Rollers (Tweed's), cold-room bred, B.R.C.C. rung, splendid songsters; cocks from 7/6, hens 3/-; satisfaction guaranteed; approval: Bogue, Kirkby Stephen.

ROLLERS, B.R.C.C. rung, bred from my cup and prize winners, 20/- to 60/- each; hens sold; Randall's strain direct: Tomlinson, Welcome Hotel, Marton, Blackpool.

ROLLERS; Glucke hens for sale, same strain as won two 1sts at Bolton last week, P.R.C.C. rung, cold-room bred, 5/-, 7/6 each: Turner, Plumber, Openshaw, Manchester.

ENGLISH bred Seifert Rollers, cold-room bred, perfectly trained birds; cocks in full song 10/-, 12/6, 15/-, 21/- each; hens 2/6, 5/- each; approval: Walsh, Bird Specialist, Blackburn.

HIGH-CLASS Rollers, Randall's and Fould's strain, cold room bred, cocks 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, hens 4/-, 5/-; approval; cash or deposit: Morris, 36, Dale-st., Wrexham. Member B.R.C.C.

FIRST class Leipzig Rollers, rung 1911, stamped, 8/-; cocks; many changes of song; hens, same quality, 3/6; approval, deposit: Mrs. Hermann, 489, Cambridge-rd., Bethnal Green, E.

JAS. LYONS' Rollers; birds of this noted strain for sale, all rung birds, same blood as my very best, cocks 10/- to 20/-, hens 5/- to 7/6 each: 4, Churches., Gt. Harwood, nr. Blackburn.

ROLLER hens, Chillcott, Roehl, Corkindale, Foulds, Glucke strains, B.R.C.C. rung, cold room bred, better impossible to get, 5/-, 7/-, 10/- each: Leigh, 57, Bold-st., Altrincham, Cheshire.

CANARIES; real Hartz Mountain Rollers in full full sweet song day and gaslight; a rare bargain, 7/6 and 10/6; worth treble; same strain hens to match 2/6, 3/6: Goodbourn, Walgrave-st., Hull.

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WINS this season: Champion classes, 2 1sts, 4th, bc, c,; specials, Cup, bass, hollow roll, Leeds 2nd, 4th, 6th, vhc, c,; Club Show, London, 2nd, 4th, vhc, hc; specials, 2 for bass, 1 water glucke; few Rollers related to above, cocks 20/- upwards; hens, 7/6 and 10/- each; approval: Willows, Draper, Wednesbury.

NOTICE.—I won a special (Class 2, Novice) for Glucke at Wolverhampton in November; some very good cocks and hens for sale, cocks 12/6 upwards, hens 5/-; Glucke and Water-Glucke strains: Harry Dimmock, 49, Providence-st., Cradley Heath.

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Any quantity Canaries, Hartz Roller cocks and hens; price list free: J. Corten, Pomp-st., 35, Antwerp, Belgium.

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Seifert Roller hens, 1911, B.R.C.C. rung, Fould's strain; now and all winter in large cold aviary; 7/6 each; also cocks, same blood, won 1st open at Bolton last year, 20/- each and upwards: Packer, 4, Curzon-rd., Southport.

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GLUCKE COCK, £1.

GLUCKE HEN TO SUIT.

From my silver and bronze medal and diploma winners at Leeds, Manchester, London, Wigan, Wakefield, Wolverhampton, etc.; a rare chance for the novice: Tom Routledge, 302, Gorton-rd., Reddish, Stockport.

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Just arrived. Another large consignment of these matchless songsters. Thoroughly trained under Nightingale and Woodlark, and with good long hollow and double rolls, water-bubble runs, etc., etc. Free from chopping or any objectionable tours. Every cock guaranteed in full rolling song by day and gaslight. I invite you to come and select one for yourself, but if you cannot do so I will send one for your approval with pleasure. The following are specimens of scores of letters recently received, and which only considerations of space prevent me from printing: "Court Street, Woodville, nr. Burton, Jan. 9, 1912. The Seifert Rollers I had from you 12 months ago have bred well. The cock is a marvellous songster. He sings all hours, daylight or gaslight, even when covered up.—H. Roulston to Joe Thomas." "29, Duffryn Street, Pontlottyn. Jan. 22, 1912. The bird I bought off you is singing beautifully. Please send me the following.—W. Morgan to Joe Thomas." I guarantee equal satisfaction to you. Cocks, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, 17/6, 20/- each; hens, same strain, 3/6, 6/-, 6/-, 7/6, 10/- each. A few real contest singers at 25/-, 30/-, 40/-, and 50/- each. Just let me send one on for your approval. Send a P.C. for my free illustrated catalogue.

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HIGH class Yorkshires, singles or matched pairs, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, 18/-, 21/-; approval: Ernest Cheshire, 26, Crawford-st., Bradford.

PAIR typical Yorkshires, yellow cock; buff hen, will throw winners; approval, deposit: Mrs. Herman, 439, Cambridge-rd., Bethnal Green, E.

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PROPERLY matched pair Yorkshires and breeding cage 10/6; also typical Borders, cheap: Lucas, 11, Bedford-avenue, Whalley Range, Manchester.

HAVING selected my breeding stock can spare few pairs at 12/6, 15/-, 17/6 and 20/- pair; approval anywhere: Metcalfe, 68, Brunswick-rd., Liverpool.

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GRAND Yorkshires, related to winners, cocks 7/6, hens 5/- upwards: lot cheap; satisfaction guaranteed; approval; deposit: O'Reilly, Nunthorpe-avenue, York.

PINK eyed, high class stock, own breeding, 12 years' strain: cocks 10/-, 12/6, hens 5/6, 7/6; satisfaction guaranteed: Clegg, 178, Bentley-rd., Doncaster.

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CHAMPION Yorkshires bred from my winners; hens 5/- upwards; cocks 10/- upwards; approval, deposit: Arthur Radley, Saville-rd., Skelmanthorpe, Huddersfield.

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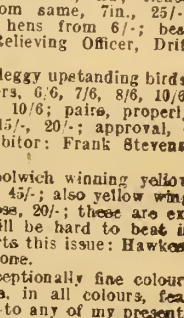

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This is only one of the **many winners** I have sold this season, and my winnings this season **again exceed** those of any other exhibitor. This is the strain you want if you wish to be bang at the top. I have a grand lot of stock birds for sale, that for length, type and quality cannot be beaten. Champion long, stylish Yorkshire cocks at **5/6, 6/6, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-** each. Long, slim, racy hens, feathered like wax, at **3/6, 4/6, 6/6, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6** each. Pairs, properly matched, to breed winners, at **8/6, 10/6, 12/6 15/-, 20/-, 25/-, 30/-** per pair. Clears, ticked, green marked, or cinnamon marked, colour-fed, or natural colour, and warranted cold-room bred and kept, and in the pink of condition, and all cocks on full song. All on seven days' approval at my risk. Travelling cages **3d.** extra. As the show season is now almost finished I can spare a few tip-top specimens that have won for me at most leading shows, also some good birds that can easily win at small shows, from **20/-** each. Inspection invited. Price list free on receipt of postcard.

Easy Payments arranged with genuine fanciers, and birds sent off at once. Please state wants to the old reliable breeder and exhibitor, who **breeds his own winners,** and has won thousands of prizes, cups, bowls, gold and silver medals, etc., at all leading shows during the past 20 years. And remember, I guarantee entire satisfaction or return your money in full willingly.

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Grand chance for novices; owing to business pressure I am compelled to part with the majority of my stock; all related to winners at Burnley, Bolton, Rochdale, Manchester, etc.; on approval, cash or deposit; inspection invited any evening or week-end; cocks and hens, 7/6 upwards: G. Pike, 20, Scarborough St., Moston Lane, Manchester.

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Yorkshires now ready; good feather, length, and in the pink of condition; watch show results; birds fit to win at reasonable prices; a few matched pairs from 12/6 upwards. Write at once and avail yourself of a splendid opportunity. All on approval and satisfaction guaranteed; cash or deposit: 8, Colnerd., Glusburn, nr. Keighley.

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The same strain as the winners at all the leading shows; length, type and quality; cocks in full song, 7/6, 10/6; hens, 5/6, 7/6 each; sure winners, 15/6 each; ten days' approval at my risk; W. Powick, Dewsbury, Yorkshire.

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can now supply some splendid stock birds, bred from his noted champions. The honours awarded to my birds during the last 10 years is conclusive proof that this is the purest and most reliable strain of the present day. Cocks, 7/6, 10/6, 15/6, 20/-, to 40/-; hens, 7/6, 10/6, 15/6, 20/-, 30/- each; pairs, 15/6 to 60/-; approval, cash or deposit; stamped address for reply: Melrose Aviaries, Lytton-rd., Girlington, Bradford.

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Long, slim Yorks. cock, yellow or buff, from 5/6 each; all 7ins. long, and in full song; nice racy hens, all colours, feathered like silk, 3/6, 4/6, 5/6 each; one grand unflighted buff cock, over 7in. long, and feathered to perfection, 12/6; a grand yellow stock cock, a topper for size, 14/6; 2 grand yellow hens, 7/6 each, can win small shows; 7 days' approval, cash or deposit: Edwin North, Breeder and Exhibitor, 477, Manchester-rd., Bradford.

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50 pairs high-class Yorkshires, in all varieties, unrelated and suitably matched pairs, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, 20/-, to 30/-; single cocks, 6/-, 8/-, 10/-, 12/6, 15/-, to 20/-; single hens, 5/-, 7/6, 10/-, 12/6, to 15/-; also few specially selected exhibition specimens, from 20/- upwards, suitable for novices, amateurs, at forthcoming Palace and other shows; by comparison these prices are probably not more than half charged by exhibiting dealers for birds of equal quality and furnishings; all cold-room bred, reared, and kept; all approval, cash, or deposit; full season's price list free from Jonas Knight, Allerton, Bradford, Yorkshire.

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Have a few winners to spare, also matched pairs to breed winners, from 15/6; watch show reports, and write for them straight off the show bench; inspection invited: Dudley Hill, Bradford.

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the Southern champions, having won the S.Y.C.C., Champion Challenge Cup, Champion Trophy, Easterling Challenge Cup, Ayer's Points Cup and eight Champion Diplomas this season; latest wins, Tunbridge Wells and Woolwich; pairs from 10/6; also winners; inspection invited; stamp reply: 73, Fermoyrd., Paddington or Oakley, Brill, Bucks.

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Our winnings in cinnamon marked Yorkshires and green marks, exceed those of any other fancier; also winning the £10 10s., cup for green marks, for 1910 and 1911, and special for best in show with clear birds; matched pairs same strain as above from 15/- a pair; also a few exhibition birds that will repay you on the show-bench; inspection invited; stamp for reply; three days' approval: 1, Back Kitson-st., Windhill, Shipley, Yorks.

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Do you want the right birds to breed your own winners? If so give me a trial; all my own breeding and bred from my own prize winners, guaranteed. Not having much time to show my birds, I have a grand lot of extra good birds for sale: Fountain Inn, Eccleshill, nr. Bradford, Yorkshire.

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About 70; must clear at once; healthy birds; from prize strains; breeding condition; cocks from 7/6, hens from 3/-, pairs from 12/6; only want seeing; write, or call after 12: H. Smith, 115, Merton-rd., Wimbledon.

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need no puff or bounce, there are none better in the Fancy; during these last 30 years our birds have won thousands of prizes, cups, bowls, medals, etc., both for us and our customers, at all the leading shows, three times winning special for best in show, Crystal Palace; as we are not exhibiting this season, we have for disposal winners that can win in keene t competition, including some sensational birds that can win Palace, also magnificent lot of stock birds, cocks and hens, wonderful length, type, style, and feathered like wax, pairs 15/- to 60/-, single birds proportionate, all cold-room bred, and on approval, cash or deposit; note our new address: Messrs. Amblers, Langton Lodge, Scotton, Knaresborough, Yorkshire.

Crystal Palace SHOW, Feb. 2—6, 1912.

I invite every fancier in London, or those paying a visit to the Metropolis during Show week, to come and see my stall at the Palace Show.

I shall be pleased to meet you, and if in need of exhibition or stock birds, or if requiring a good songster, or any appliance for the birdroom, I shall be glad to book your order. If you cannot call to see me there, nor yet pay a visit to my home, **do not forget** to send a P.C. for my free illustrated catalogue, and remember, I will send you any bird or birds on 7 days' approval at my risk, and guarantee you absolute satisfaction. The following are in stock **to-day**, and include some real clinkers in each variety: **Yorkshires, Norwich, Borders, Yorkshire Greens, Mules, Siberian Goldfinches, Rollers, Lancashires, Cinnamons, Crests** etc. I can supply you with Yorkshires or Norwich that can win, or with stock birds that can breed winners.

The following are a few prices: **YORKSHIRE COCKS** (in full song), any colour, 5/6, 6/6, 7/6, 8/6, 10/6 12/6 15/-, 20/-, 25/-, 30/- each. Grand racy Hens 3/- 4/- 5/-, 6/-, 7/6, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/- each. Matched Pairs, personally matched by me with a view to breeding winners, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, 20/-, 25/-, 30/- per pair upwards.

GRAND LARGE COBBY NORWICH, with good fronts and plenty of substance, at same price as Yorkshires. **Seifert Rollers,** in full rolling song, 10/-, 12/6, 15/-, 17/6, 20/- each. Every bird on seven days' approval with pleasure. Travelling cages, 3d. extra.

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Society are genuine breeders, who have previously supplied birds to all the leading exhibitors and dealers of Bradford and district. Our object is to deal fairly and honestly direct with other breeders, thereby saving the middlemen's profits, which means better value for money; also information as to how the birds are bred, which is a vital point in pairing to breed winners. Our honest dealings are already widely known, and our reputation stands unrivalled. Don't be misled by exaggerated statements, but apply direct to bona fide and reliable breeders, who can supply breeding sets (cock and 2 hens) from 12/6, 15/-, 20/-, upwards; pairs from 8/6 upwards; cocks from 6/-; hens from 4/-; exhibition birds reasonable. Cages, 3d. extra. Approval, cash or deposit. Address: "Secretary," 40, Springcliffe, Manningham, Bradford, Yorkshire.

Purchased Mr. S. Drake (Halifax) noted strain of Yorkshires.

Winners of hundreds of prizes, gold and silver medals cups, etc. Some real beauties on approval; also strains which won at Crystal Palace these last 20 years, including Mr. Bates', Mr. Binn's, Mr. Blackhurst's, all big winners I have supplied scores of winners and can do so yet, not exhibiting this variety myself; some grand yellows and buff cocks, 6/-, 7/-, 8/-, 10/-, 12/-, 15/-, 20/- each; hens yellows or buffs, 4/-, 5/-, 6/-, 7/-, 8/-, 10/-; matched pairs to breed winners, 12/-, 15/-, 16/-, 18/-, 20/-25/- pair; any on approval; full guarantee given; breeder 30 years this address: **SANDIFORD, Canary Breeder, PRESTON, LANCS.**

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CRESTS, Crest-breds, Plainheads, good healthy birds, yellows, buffs, variegated singing, breeding, 2/6 to 30/-: Campbell, Haldon Avenue, Teignmouth.

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SEVEN pairs of Norwich Rollers crossed and Crests and Crestbreds; from outdoor aviary; hens good feeders; or sell single; cheap to clear: H. Waight, 99, Cornwall-rd., Brixton.

TWO Roller cocks, 1911, 5/- each; two large clear Norwich hens, 3/6 each, 6/- the two; one long Yorkshire cock, 8/6 and hen 2/6: Yalden, St. Nicolas' Rectory, Guildford.

OWING to the death of the late Mr. Dobson all his birds must be sold, Cinnamons, Yorkshires, Norwich, cages, appliances, etc.: J. Oldaker, c/o Mrs. Dobson, 18, East-rd., City-rd., London.

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Several show or stock birds for sale, tip-top specimens; workingmen's prices; satisfaction guaranteed; state wants; inspection invited: Bradley Quarmby, 24, Bridge-st., Slaithwaite, nr. Huddersfield.

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years of practical experience in the Canary World, and winners of over 2,000 prizes, should be a splendid record to enable us to place our incomparable price list before you. Yorkshire cocks, clear, ticked, or marked, yellows and buffs, 6/6, 8/6, 12/6, 15/-, 20/- each; hens, yellows and buffs, 3/6, 5/6, 7/6, 10/6, 12/6 each; Norwich cocks, clear, ticked, or marked, yellows and buffs, 7/6, 10/6, 15/-, 20/-, 25/- each; hens, yellows and buffs, 4/6, 7/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/- each; pairs, Yorkshires or Norwich, 10/6 12/6, 15/-, 20/-, 25/- a pair. The combination of price and quality of our stock cannot be excelled anywhere. We are sure to please you, as we hold the finest stock of birds in the North; approval, cash or deposit.

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Norwich Canaries direct from their native city; specially selected matched pairs of prize-bred Plainheads, also Crested, at 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, 21/-, 30/- per pair; genuine songsters 6/6, 7/6, 8/6, 10/6 each; unsurpassed; all other varieties; catalogue free.

J. PETERS

offers Norwich clear yellow hen (1910); second Hull this season in strong class of thirteen, only time shown; also large clear buff hen, out of same nest; also several unflighted; giving up Yorkshire Fancy; offers two clear yellow cocks, one clear buff cock; these three have been specially reserved; also several highly bred hens; some first and second cross from green blood; further particulars: Mariners' Arms, Goole, Yorks.

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You have no necessity to pay for fancy false names; such things do not improve the quality of the birds, but you are most certainly expected to pay for them. My birds are wonderful value for money. Just you have one on approval, and compare it with another at a higher price. Then keep the one that fully meets with your approval. My birds are genuine high-class true-bred specimens, and the prices are so cheap. Every one of my numerous customers speak highly of my birds. Come and look at my large stock of birds. You will be pleased. My famous German songsters, the working man's friend; cocks that will sing by day and by gaslight, loud, free, continuous songsters; every bird tested before sending out. Cocks, 4/6, 5/-, 5/6, 6/- each; matched pairs for breeding songsters, 6/-, 6/6, 7/6, 8/-. Genuine trained St. Andreasburg Rollers, with full change of song by day and artificial light, bred and trained by leading contest winners in their home land, with full volume of song, free from harsh or choppy notes, cocks, 7/6, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6 each; hens, 2/-, 2/6, 3/- each. High-class long slim typical Yorkshires, in all colours, clean moulted, cocks 5/-, 5/6, 6/-, 6/6, 7/6, 8/6; a few extra good specimens for exhibition, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-; accurately matched pairs for breeding, 7/6, 8/6, 9/6, 10/6, 12/6; superior quality, lengthy hens, 2/-, 2/6, 3/-, 3/6, 4/6. Plainhead Norwich, thick-set, cobby, stylish Norwich, in all colours, quality that will astound you, especially at the prices; clean moulted cocks, in song, 5/-, 5/6, 6/-, 6/6, 7/6, 8/6 each; grand quality hens, 2/-, 2/6, 3/-, 5/6, 4/- each; matched breeding pairs, 6/6, 7/6, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6; neat travelling cages, 3d. each. You really must see these birds to be convinced of their value, for it is utterly impossible for small breeders or dealers to sell such quality at the prices; all birds on seven days' approval at my risk, and I pay carriage back if you should not be satisfied: E. L. Storey, Practical Bird Specialist, Crowle, Doncaster.

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For every other variety see detailed current price list.

W. RUDD, The Bird Specialist, NORWICH.

Taylor's Winning Yorkshires.

My latest win is Challenge Cup and Gold Medal at Shipley. See report in this issue. Also read following testimonials, which prove who has the best Yorkshires. From 13, Church Street, Bangor, Ireland. January 20th, 1912. "The pair of show birds arrived safe and please me well. The cock won 1st and sp., and the hen 1st prize last week."—T. Martin to J. Taylor. Another from 22, Hunter Street, Westoe, South Shields, January 21st, 1912. "Yorkshires I bought from you have proved very satisfactory, as the cock won 2nd prize and the hen 3rd prize in keen competition. Will recommend you to all I know."—W. Thompson to J. Taylor. High-class, lengthy, yellow and buff Yorkshire cocks, on full song, at 6/-, 7/-, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/- each. Properly and carefully matched pairs for breeding winners at 8/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, 20/-, 25/-, 30/- per pair. In clears, ticked, marked, cinnamon marked, and clear pink-eyed, colour-fed or natural colour, and all in the best of health and feather; grand stylish yellow and buff hens at 3/-, 4/-, 5/-, 6/-, 7/-, 8/6, 10/6 each. All cold-room bred and kept. Also some grand show cocks and hens, including several winners this season, at very reasonable prices; state wants. New illustrated price list, with numerous winning testimonials, post free. All birds on seven days' approval at my risk. Travelling cages, 3d. extra.

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Large cobby Norwich Cocks, at 6/-, 7/-, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6 each. Hens, 3/6, 4/6, 5/6, 7/-, 8/6, 10/6 each. All colours in stock. Pairs at 8/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, 20/- per pair. Massive Crested Cocks and Hens, at 8/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, 20/- each. Crestbred Cocks and Hens, 7/-, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, 20/- each. Pairs for Crest breeding, 12/6, 15/-, 20/-, 25/-, 30/-. "Barnett's" and "Joyce's" strains. Also Sib. hens, songsters, etc., in stock. Please state wants.

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I will match you Norwich, Yorkshires, Border Fancies, Hartz Mountain Rollers, or Lizards in the correct way; i.e., **NOT** two buffs, as the majority do when supplying the novice at a low price. All the pairs I am offering here shall have cocks that are on song, and shall be selected as strong, hardy birds, likely to do all that you require of them, at 10/6 pair. I will also fit you up with a **double breeding cage,** with everything complete for use, for 3/6 extra; or a better cage, with sand drawers, sanitary fittings, etc., for 5/- extra; this latter recommended. With the utmost confidence I offer these bargains. ☛ It is a well-known fact that the name of William Rudd stands for the hall mark of quality.

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W. RUDD The Bird Specialist, **NORWICH.**

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Grand Yorkshire Cocks, in full song, 7/6, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6, and 15/-. Yorkshire Hens, 3/6, 4/6, 5/6, and 6/6. Matched Pairs, 10/6 12/6, 14/6, 17/6, and 20/-.

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Grand Norwich Cocks, in full song, 7/6, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6, and 15/-. Norwich Hens, 3/6, 4/6, 5/6, and 6/6. Matched Pairs 10/6, 12/6, 14/6, 17/6, and 20/-. Also a **few selected Siberian Cock Goldfinches, 7/6** and **10/6. Single Breeding Cages,** with fittings, **4/6. Double** breeding cages, with fittings, **7/6. German Singing Cages,** well made, **4/6.** Cash with order, or deposit with CAGE BIRDS.

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BOLDON COLLIERY C.B.S.

Meeting and table show, held Co-operative hall, Jan. 13. A fair muster of members turned up, and the business was soon over. Decided to give two medals to the two members getting highest number of points at the table shows. Next table show Feb. 10. Classes: Nor., Yorks., Bord., Crest, C.B., A.O.V., Brown or Grey Linnet, Finch, Mule, and Sell.—A. Widdowfield, Sec.

WAKEFIELD O.S.

General meeting held Jan. 6, and a good attendance turned up. A large amount of business was got through. Officers as follows: Mr. Daniels was (again) elected chairman; Mr. Rollings, vice-chairman; Mr. Isherwood, secretary; Mr. C. T. Parkes, assistant secretary and treasurer; all members to form committee. Headquarters to remain Crown and Anchor Hotel, time of meeting 8 p.m., Saturdays. Next meeting Jan. 27th, when important items will be brought forward.—J. Isherwood, Sec.

LONGTON C.B.S.

Annual meeting, held Castle Inn, Jan. 9th. Balance sheet passed as read. Following officials elected: Chairman, Mr. W. Lovatt; vice-chairman, Mr. J. Bagshaw; treasurer, Mr. G. Lea; auditors, Messrs. E. Tams, and C. Clay; secretary, H. George. Decided, to alter meeting night from first Tuesday in month to second Tuesday. A washing exhibition is to be held at next meeting. Mr. E. Tams is going to bring his noted Hybrid Chaffinch-Bullfinch. Any fancier wishing to become a member please attend.—Geo. Lea.

SHERIFFHILL F. AND F.S.

Meeting and table show held St. John's Mission Rooms, Jan. 6th, with Mr. M. Miller in chair; a large number of members turned up. Messrs. Thirlwell, McGuire and Major were made members, which now makes our membership total 30. A lot of important business was got through in good order. As Mr. Witherby had promised a silver medal for most points taken with Yorkies at our six table shows, Mr. Miller got up and promised a similar special for most points taken with all other varieties of cage birds; then a new member, Mr. Creison, kindly promised two silver medals for other sections. At next meeting, Feb. 3rd, Mr. Major is down to judge cage birds. Don't forget to make your minds up about joining CAGE BIRDS LEAGUE; particulars from me.—W. Stockton, Hon. Sec.

WEST OF SCOTLAND O.S.

Twenty-third annual general meeting held Jan. 13, Nelson Temp. Hotel, Mr. P. Thom (Pres.) presiding over a large attendance. Detailed financial statement submitted, showing balance in hand of £1 8s. 8d., which was considered very satisfactory. Election of office-bearers: President, Mr. P. Thom; vice-presidents, Messrs. J. Montgomery and T. P. Hutchison; sec., Wm. Hutchison; auditors, Messrs. C. Hunter and Wm. Ginnion, with a strong committee of 14. With a slight addition to one of the rules, these were carried as per former years. On classification being taken up it was agreed to add two additional P.H. Norwich classes and 2 additional classes for Border Fancies, old birds to again include all A.V. classes, including Scotch Fancies and Belgians. Mr. J. Lawrie was appointed to judge. Pair show to be held Feb. 3rd.—Wm. Hutchison, Sec.

ANFIELD, EVERTON & DIS. C.B.S.

Meeting held St. Cuthbert's Schoolrooms, Robson Street, Anfield, Jan. 15th. Mr. W. Bell (chairman) presided. Messrs. R. Atherton, H. Kelly, Owen, Jefferson, and Jones joined. Secretary instructed to write a member and warn him of having shown birds alleged to have been lent him. Legal proceedings are to be taken against a similar offence in the future. Flight show of pairs to take place in the schoolrooms on 29th January (short notice). Birds to be staged by 8 p.m. Judge, Mr. Geo. Bell. Schedule: Pairs Norks, Greens, Clears, and Mkd., Norwich Greens, Clears and Mkd., Border Green, Clears and Mkd., Mules and Hybrids. All flighted and unflighted compete together. Birds in separate cages, 6d. per pair. There are 12 specials provided, in addition to prize money. Committee meeting during show. Rooms open 6 p.m. Members apply to Sec. for copy of "Cage Birds Annual." Orders will be taken. Members having draw tickets are asked to do their best to sell all out and apply for more.—R. B. Wright, Hon. Sec.

The Great Crystal Palace Carnival.

Full Details of the Entry: Nine White Canaries!

The entries for this great annual event total this year 2,527, a drop of seventy-three on last year, which is mainly accounted for by the troubles in the cotton manufacturing districts, many operatives in this great industry withholding their entries because of the stress which has been for some time existing. Comparing the total number of exhibitors for this year with that of last year, it becomes apparent that labour troubles have had their effect, for, while the drop in total entries is only seventy-three, the individual exhibitors number fifty-two less than last year (650 as against 702). Notwithstanding the slight drop, the Palace Show holds its own as a feast for the sight of bird-lovers, and the magnificent array of over twenty-five hundred birds, comprising among themselves the very cream of the champions, will as usual attract many thousands of the ordinary public, as well as the army of fanciers who look upon the Palace as their Mecca, and as a rendezvous where experiences may be exchanged and acquaintanceships renewed.

A feature of this year's show is the very large proportion of lady exhibitors. Time was when the lady fanciers might be counted on one's fingers; now, as in other walks of life, they are very much in evidence, and this is all to the good of the Fancy—they are very welcome additions to our ranks. We learn with surprise that the class for furnished or decorated cages produced only one entry, and was perforce cancelled. Seeing that many tastefully decorated cages have from time to time appeared in the ordinary way, it was surely to be anticipated that an especial class for these would have met with considerable support. The innovation of a class for Wagtails also fails to realise anticipations, only six entries having been received. This class, with proper support, should form one of the prettiest in the show, and it is to be hoped that it may be allowed to stand for another year.

The special class for White Canaries has produced nine entries, and much interest will centre upon the spot where these birds are staged. The foreign section is not quite up to its usual form, many exhibitors having doubtless kept their birds at home because of the expected competition of one or two of the owners of exceptional teams. These expectations have not materialised, but the section, nevertheless, will prove, as usual, one of the chief attractions of the great exhibition.

The Canary Classes.

Over 1,400 birds will be competing in this section, the detailed entries being as follows:—

	Classes.	Birds.
Norwich Plainheads (open)	10	179
Ditto (Novice)	6	94
Norwich Greens	4	37
Crests, etc. (Open)	9	75
Ditto (Novice)	2	26
Yorkshires (Open)	9	165
Ditto (Novice)	7	111
Ditto, Green marked	4	47
Ditto, Cinnamon marked	4	37
Ditto, Greens	4	63
Cinnamons (Open)	5	63
Ditto (Novice) (new class)	—	17
Lancashires	2	14
Lizards	2	19
Border Fancies (Open)	7	152
Ditto (Novice)	2	35
Green Border	4	50
Scotch Fancies	2	11
Belgians	3	24
Frills	1	6
White (new class)	1	9
Rollers	3	23
Limit Classes	7	161
A.O.V. (Open)		Cancelled

Champion Norwich nearly sustain the extraordinary jump of last year, being only four down from the then total of 183. Champion Crests are considerably down, but the Novice Crests show a slight increase. The greatest drop is in the Yorkshires, due doubtless to the cause mentioned above. Borders are exceedingly good, only six short of last year's total. Altogether, the Canary Section promises to be worthy of the best traditions of the Great Glass House.

Mules, British and Foreign Birds.

The eleven open classes, three novice, and a limit class provided for Mules and Hybrids have produced 200 entries, one more than last year's total. Among these will be found representatives of every cross known to up-to-date Hybrid breeders, and the classes form a show in themselves. In the British Section Mr. Weston's five classes—Bullfinch cock, ditto hen, Goldfinch, Linnet, and Chaffinch—contain in all 151 competitors; and in the remaining twenty classes, divided between Mr. Allen Silver and Mr. Walter Swaysland, will be seen a grand array of every species of British bird which may be kept in cages, including among them a Dipper, that bird of the mountain streams, which, we think, has never before been seen on the show bench. Besides the open British classes are Novice, 49 birds; and Limit, 23.

Of the three Parrot classes allotted to Mr. Camps, one has had to be cancelled; there are twenty entries in the two standing classes. Mr. Finn's seven classes contain forty birds in all. the section, though somewhat small, will be of very great interest.

The class for Foreign Goldfinches and Bullfinches (judge, Mr. Weston) has produced twenty-one entries.

There are 311 birds entered in the extra stock class, and the locality of the class will doubtless be crowded, as usual, by those who take the unique opportunity here afforded them of improviug their stud by the addition of exhibition birds, which may be purchased at reasonable prices.

Mr. J. W. Ramsden, of 11, Josephine Avenue, Brixton, has again, and for the twelfth year in succession, the sole management of the show, and in the multifarious duties incidental to the carrying-out of his gigantic task has the great advantage of the enthusiastic help of Mrs. Ramsden and Mr. Geo. Ramsden. All three were, when our representative called, tackliug the work with that quiet orderliness which bespeaks success, and we have to thauk Mr. Ramsden for having found time to furnish us with the particulars above given.

Letters during the time of the show should be addressed to Mr. Ramsden at the Crystal Palace, not to his private address, and exhibits *must* be delivered at the Palace on Thursday, 1st, or they will not be able to compete.

The annual judges' lunch will take place on Feb. 2 in the Grill Room at the Palace at 1.45. Tickets, 2s. 6d. each, may be obtained of Mr. Ramsden.

Club Meetings.

The following Club meetings have already been arranged: Crest Club, Board Room, 3.30; N.B.B. and M.C., Board Room, 6.30; Southern Norwich P.C., Press Room, 3.30, followed by Cinnamon Club; CAGE BIRDS LEAGUE, tea at 4.30, in Grill Room, meeting to follow.

"Cage Birds" Stall.

CAGE BIRDS will have its usual stall at the Palace, and we shall be pleased to welcome visitors, to greet old friends, and to make new friends. Our "Visitors' Book" will be in the usual place on the stall, and we trust everyone present will make a point of leaving their signatures and addresses therein. Any of our publications may be purchased of the attendant in charge. If you do not happen to see what you want, ask our attendant for it.

Results of the Judging.

TELEGRAMS or other communications asking for results of the judging cannot be auswered by the show authorities. In these circumstances CAGE BIRDS will be pleased to supply exhibitors with the result of any class upon compliance with the following rules:—

1. Fully stamped and addressed postcards or telegraph forms must reach us, at 154, Fleet Street, not later than Thursday, Feb. 1.

2. The number of each exhibit and number of class must be stated, and spaces left blank for the awards. For instance:—"Jones, 100, Market Street, Leicester, 259 ——, 263 ——, 406 ——," etc.

3. All the applicants for results at the Palace must write "Result" on top left-haud corner of the envelope in which the postcard or telegraph form is sent to us.

NOTE.—We cannot undertake to deal with any results other than by postcard or telegram.

Railway Excursions, &c.

A summary of the railway excursions to the Crystal Palace, arranged by Mr. Ramsden, will be found below. Most railways are, we are informed, running day-trip trains on the Saturday for the football cup-tie; details of these may be seen displayed at local stations. Also it should be noted that special excursion trains will be run on the Monday and Tuesday for the Royal processions. Details of these, too, may be had at local stations.

GREAT NORTHERN.—On Feb. 1 and 3, half, one, two, three, four and five days from Derby, Ilkeston, Nottingham and districts; Codnor Park, etc.; Feb. 3, four days from Bourne, etc.; on Feb. 1, and 3, day and half-day from Shepreth, Royston, Huntingdon, Biggleswade, Dunstable, St. Albans, Hatfield, Luton, Hitchin, and districts.

MIDLAND.—Feb. 3, for 1, 3, 4 and 6 days, from Ilkley, Otley, Guiseley, Liverpool, Southport, Warrington, Manchester, Chester, Stockport, Belper, etc.; Harrogate, Barnsley, Rotherham, Sheffield, Chesterfield; on Feb. 2, for 1, 3, 4, and 6 days from Skipton, Bradford, Leeds and districts.

GREAT WESTERN.—On Feb. 1, and 3, half, or three days from Wolverhampton, Birmingham, and South Stafford stations; on Feb. 2, for 1, 3, or 5 days from the principal stations in South Wales, Llanelly, and East thereof; on Feb. 3, for 1, 3, 5, etc., days from Portland, Weymouth line, Trowbridge, etc.; for 2, 4, etc., days, Swansea, Cardiff, Newport, etc.; half-day from Windsor.

GREAT NORTHERN.—On Feb. 3, for 1, 3, 4, etc., days from Chester, Doncaster, Hull district, Lincolnshire district, Liverpool district, Manchester district, Newark, Sheffield district, Sleaford, West Riding district, York, etc.; for 1, 2, 3, and 5 days from Kings Lynn, Norfolk district, Wisbeck, etc.; for half and one day from Cambridge.

LONDON AND NORTH WESTERN.—On Feb. 1, one, two, three, five, etc., days from Hinckley, Nuncaton, etc.; half and one day from St. Albans; one and three days from Daventry and Braunston; on Feb. 3, for half, one, three, five, etc., days from Hinckley, Nuncaton, etc.; for one, and three days from Daventry and Braunston; half and one day from St. Albans, Bletchley, Tring, Watford, Bushey, etc. On Feb. 3, for 3, 4 or 6 days from Holyhead, Caerwen, Carnarvon Bangor, Llandudno, Colwyn Bay, Ruthin, Denbigh Flint, etc.; and for 1, 3, 4 or 6 days from Liverpool, Birkenhead, Chester, and Beeston Castle.

SOUTH EASTERN AND CHATHAM.—On Feb. 5 for one day from Margate, Ramsgate, Walmer, Deal, Canterbury West, Dover, Folkestone, Shorncliffe, Hythe.

LONDON, BRIGHTON, AND SOUTH COAST.—On Feb. 5th, for one day, from Brighton (Central), Preston Park, Worthing, Shoreham, Portslade, Hove, Hassocks, Hayward's Heath, etc.

JUDGES OF CAGE BIRDS

The attention of Show Secretaries is directed to the following list of gentlemen willing to act as Judges. Terms for insertion on application.

J. C. BARNES, 113, Northfield Road, Walkley, Sheffield. Judge of all varieties of cage birds. Long practical experience. Terms moderate.
T. BENNETT, Glendare House, Lidget Green, Bradford. Judge of Cage Birds. Long and practical experience.
J. W. BRUCE, Coldstream. Judge of all varieties of cage birds; Border and British Bird specialist. Terms moderate.
F. COLLINS, 60, Union-st., Camborne. Judge of all varieties of cage birds. Life experience.
W. A. COWGILL, 115, Washington Street, Girlington, Bradford. Judge of all varieties of cage birds. Practical experience. Terms moderate.
G. EDWARDS, 11, West St., Leominster.—Judge of Canaries, Brit., Mules; specialist, Norwich, Crests Mules; 30 years' experience. Terms moderate.
GEO. GARDNER, 11, Haverstock Road, London, N.W. Judge of all kinds of Cage Birds.
J. HARTLEY, Victoria-st., Micklethwaite, Bingley (late of Bradford). Judge of Cage Birds. Specialist Yorkshire and Norwich.
W. R. MILES, The Aviaries, Chichester. Judge of all varieties of cage birds. Life experience.
W. MUNDELL, 6, Carlisle Place, Manningham, Bradford. Judge of Canaries and Cage Birds.
J. W. METCALFE, The Yorkshire Aviaries, 63, Brunswick Road, Liverpool. Judge of Cage Birds. Specialist Yorkshire and Norwich.
H. NORMAN, The Eyrie, Salisbury Road, Carshalton, Surrey. All varieties of Cage Birds. Specialist Hybrids and British Birds.
W. POWICK, Orchard, Savilletown, Dewsbury. Judge of all varieties of cage birds, 30 years' practical experience.
J. PATTERSON, Chirnside. Judge of Cage Birds; all varieties. Wide practical experience. Specialist Border Fancy Judge.
J. H. PAYNE, 17, Northgate Street, Gloucester. Judge of Canaries, British and Foreign Cage Birds.
T. ROBSON, 41, Shield Street, Newcastle-on-Tyne. Judge of Canaries. Specialist Crests.
C. E. SILK, The Aviaries, Emsworth, Hants. Judge of all varieties of Cage Birds. Life experience.
WALTER SWAYSLAND, 47, Queens-rd., Brighton. Judge all varieties of cage birds. Life experience.
HENRY TAMS, Orchard Place, Longton, Staffs. Judge of Canaries, British and Foreign Birds. Twenty-five years Breeder and Exhibitor.
S. TICKELL, 22, Honey Street, Bodmin. Judge of all varieties of Cage Birds; specialist Norwich, Cinn. & Lizs. Long practical experience. Terms moderate.
W. VARDY, The Aviaries, Hucknall Huthwaite, Notts. Judge of all varieties; specialist in Norwich Plainheads. Life experience. Terms moderate.
J. WALSH, Bird Specialist, Blackburn. Judge of cage birds, practical experience, specialist; British Foreign, Mules, and Hybrids. Terms moderate.
G. WILSON, 14, Frizington Road, Frizington, Cumberland, Judges of Cage Birds, 25 years' practical experience; specialist British and Mules. Terms moderate.
A. WOOLLARD, Sprowston, Norwich. Judge of Canaries and Mules, Specialist in Norwich Plainheads, Crests, and Crestbreds, Cinnamons, and Mules.

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COLINTON AND CURRIE PARISHES O.S.

Meeting held Drill Hall, Juniper Green, 6th Jan. vice-president Mr. Mickie in chair. One new member admitted, viz., Mr. J. P. Thompson. Proposed to invite a number of local gentlemen to become honorary members. Secretary instructed to write with a view to same. Agreed, to try and arrange lecture at next meeting, 3rd February.—J. Napier, Sec.

SUTTON-IN-ASHFIELD C.B.S.

General meeting January 6, when officers for 1912 were elected. Several new names are on the committee, and this society looks like going on in the same old merry style. Several new rules were made, rules of the right sort. Decided, to add to the name of the society, which now reads, "Sutton-in-Ashfield, Eastfield Side Cage Bird Society." Decided, to hold a stock pair (table) show, Feb. 3—6 classes, 2 for Nor., 2 Crests, 1 A.O.V., and 1 Mule or Hybrid breeding. Also a table show on Jan. 6, 1 class of Can. A.V., 5s. limit, which Mr. J. Simms judged. 1st C. Connah, 2nd and c, Hall Bros., 3rd Nuttall Bros., vhc G. Marshall, hc J. W. Burton.—R. Nuttall, Sec.

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Twitterings.

IT affords us very considerable pleasure to be able to record the great success achieved by CAGE BIRDS' recent Birthday Number. Despite the exceptionally large edition we had printed, not a copy remained on hand, and judging by the number of congratulatory letters received from kindly disposed readers, the fare provided in commemoration of our tenth natal day met with widespread appreciation. We return our most grateful thanks.

Last week's issue of CAGE BIRDS, too, despite a still further increase in our printing order, was right out of print on Saturday morning, and we have been unable to fill a number of late orders which have reached us. We are sorry if anyone should have been disappointed by reason of being unable to obtain a copy, but would point out that the remedy —i.e. to order in advance from their newsagents—lies in the hands of our friends. At present we cannot supply any further copies of last week's CAGE BIRDS; of the Birthday issue we hope to have two or three dozen copies for disposal in a few days, and these, with the two coloured plates and calendar in colours, can be sent carefully packed (flat) for 6d. each, post free; or 5d. if rolled in cardboard tube; or they may be ordered through a newsagent.

In conclusion, we would once again express our deep appreciation of the manner in which the bird-loving public have taken our journal CAGE BIRDS to their hearts; may we long continue to deserve their favours.

Your Birthday Number of CAGE BIRDS is superb, and does you and your artists credit.—(Miss) M. Thomas (Boscombe).

Will secretaries kindly note I have removed from Albion Street, Sutton, to 68, Pitts Street, Macclesfield, writes Mr. Barrett.

After Jan. 27, my address will be:—Caretaker, Y.M.C.A., Morpeth, writes Mr. E. Cowling, sec. of the Morpeth and Dis. C.B.S.

Kindly note that I am now sec. of the Guiseley, Yeadon and Dis. C.B.S., writes Mr. W. Long, 6, Whack House Lane, Guiseley.

Allow me to congratulate you on the Birthday Number of CAGE BIRDS. It is a very good threepennyworth.—F. H. Tannyane (Southampton).

Your Birthday Number was a great treat, and I have heard some of the members speak very highly of it.—W. B. Smart (sec., Loanhead and Dis. C.B.S.).

I have been appointed secretary of Inverness O.A., and all communications should be addressed to me at 15, Wells Street, Inverness, writes Mr. Thomas Sutherland.

For your absolutely astounding Birthday Number, my heartiest congratulations. It was a delight, and the pictures a dream—the work of true artists.—Thos. Charleton (Boston).

I am no longer general secretary for the Hanley C.B.S., writes Mr. G. Lawton. Mr. W. Llewellyn, 45, Hawthorn Street, Cobridge, Hanley, Staffs, now occupies that position.

The following new members have joined our society:—Messrs. A. M. Craven, W. Tyler, H. Long, E. Shepbeird, J. Holmes, J. W. Ellis, and H. Bryant, writes Mr. J. A. Taylor, sec., Windhill, Shipley, O.S.

Will members kindly note that a table show (of pairs of Crests and Plainheads matched for breeding, also a sale class) is arranged for Feb. 5, writes Mr. Fredk. Rackham, hon. sec., Lowestoft and Dis. C.B.S.

Owing to our secretary having to go out of Jarrow to work all communications should be sent to me, as treasurer of the Jarrow and Hebburn Dis. C.B.F.S., writes Mr. M. Coltman, West Street, Hebburn Colliery.

I have taken over the whole of the stock of birds belonging to Mr. Greenwood, and in future they will be exhibited with my own in my name, writes Mr. A. Pickles (of Messrs. Greenwood and Pickles, Helden Bridge).

The Hyson Green (Nottingham) C.B.S., writes Mr. W. Cottingham, sec., have fixed their three show dates as follows:—June 15, Oct. 12, and Dec. 7. Will the other local societies please note, to avoid clashing with our dates?

To-day's Attraction: The grand display of Canary and Hybrid pairs, matched for breeding, also British and Foreign birds, at City and Suburban's Society's Show this Saturday, Jan. 27, in large hall, Church Institute, 59, Paddington Street, High Street, Marylebone; show opens two o'clock. Travel by tube, Underground, or Baker Street motor-bus. Don't miss this instructive treat.—Advt.

All prize-money won at Bathgate Show has been paid, writes Mr. A. Nicol, sec.

Kindly announce that I have removed to 10, Parker Street, Levenshulme, Manchester, writes Mr. H. Boothman, sec. of the Manchester and Northern Counties O.S.

The annual show of the Leyton and Dis. C.A. is fixed for Nov. 7 and 8, 1912. Will secretaries and others (especially London secretaries) kindly note, to avoid clashing? write Messrs. Forse and Son, the hon. secs.

The officials of the Sale and Dis. C.B.S. wish to thank all exhibitors for their kind congratulations on the prompt payment of prize-money and quick despatch of exhibits at the recent show, writes Mr. A. Royle, the sec.

At an adjourned meeting held on Jan. 23, Messrs. Robson and Frostick were appointed judges of our open show, writes Mr. E. Bloomfield, sec. of the Luton C.B.S. We are holding a table show on Feb. 5, with three classes of Canaries for breeding.

Manchester fanciers should not overlook the tea and social being held to-day (Saturday, Jan. 27), at the Deansgate Hotel, under the auspices of the Manchester and N.C.O.S., when a very pleasant time will be spent. Tickets are: 1s. 9d. gent.'s, 1s. 6d. ladies. Tea at 6 p.m. prompt.

Treat yourselves by attending this (Saturday) evening, seven o'clock, the Pair Show of the Metropolitan C.B.A., All Saints' Parochial Hall, Battersea Park Station, and hear also a lecture and ocular demonstration by Judge Robson. Be in time and secure a seat. Unique opportunity.—(Advt.)

We are requested to state that entries for Nantwich Show on Feb. 2 and 3 are very meagre. The sec. (Mr. F. Powell, 38, Walsh Row, Nantwich) writes to say that he will accept entries up to first post on Monday, Jan. 29, and he hopes exhibitors will favour him with their support.

OBITUARY.

It is with deep regret, writes Mr. R. Charleson, hon. sec. of the Leigh and Dis. C.B.S., that I have to announce the sudden death of the wife of one of our members, Mr. G. Slater. Mrs. Slater was my own mother-in-law. All our members extend their deepest sympathy towards Mr. Slater and family in their recent sad bereavement. She was always a jolly woman, and one whose presence will be missed, especially at our annual dinner, where she has always been so ready with a good song.

Mr. G. Benson, chairman of the Wallasey C.B.S., will give a washing exhibition and lecture on pairing up to the members of the Anfield, Everton, and Dis. C.B.S. at their next meeting, writes Mr. R. B. Wright.

I wish to congratulate you on your splendid calendar and coloured plates issued with the Birthday Number of CAGE BIRDS, which I think are a perfect treat. I have been a reader of CAGE BIRDS for many years, and have found it very beneficial and instructive.—W. Sherington (Preston).

We were sorry to hear when at Bathgate Show, writes our representative, that Mr. J. Brown, the well-known British bird fancier and exhibitor, of Edinburgh, is rather poorly at present. We hope to hear of his speedy recovery, which was the wish of all the fanciers present.

The Dulwich and Peckham C.B.S., and in particular the sec., Mr. W. Hodson, and his assistant, Mr. H. W. Tomsett, are to be congratulated on the excellent result of the past year's working, the balance sheet for 1911 showing 13s. 7d. to the good, while the assets of the society include a challenge shield, a cup, and a bowl. The society has had great lee-way to make up.

I am delighted to note the rapid headway CAGE BIRDS has made. It has long been the fanciers' premier journal. You always have something "up your sleeve." Truly, CAGE BIRDS and its staff are a nest of magicians, hatching surprises all the year round. You have given your readers a treat in your splendid Birthday Number and calendar.—Albert E. Chency (Devonport).

The London and Provincial O.S. have, writes Mr. C. W. Law, the sec., left the Leysian Hall owing to the floor on which their room was situated being let. They have therefore gone back to their old headquarters, "The Raglan," Aldersgate Street, next the old G.P.O., where they will be pleased to welcome all friends and fanciers at their meetings. The first meeting to be held at "The Raglan" will be the Pair Show and British Bird Show, Feb. 15. Judges: Messrs. T. Heath and H. Norman.

A Change at North London.

As already announced, I have with great reluctance resigned my position as secretary of the North London C.B.A., writes Mr. R. P. Harper. During my eight years of office I have made many friends, who have helped me to place the N.L.C.B.A. in the splendid position it now holds, by supporting me with their presence at the shows, lectures, etc. May I, therefore, tender my sincere thanks to these friends for their kind support, and to CAGE BIRDS for the prompt attention and courtesy which it has always extended to me? Although no longer secretary, I am on the committee, and shall still continue to do all in my power in the interests of the association, and so help them to retain their good name. In conclusion, I sincerely trust all friends will extend their help and patronage to the new secretary, Mr. P. W. Jeffries, who, I am sure, will appreciate same.

Will fanciers belonging to the Chesterfield and Dist. C.B.S. please kindly attend meeting to be held at the Club Room, Welbeck Inn, Jan. 27, for the purpose of fixing next annual open show, also table show for Feb. and audit of books? writes Mr. T. Booker, the sec.

Palace Show.—Labels will be posted to exhibitors on Saturday, 27th. All birds must be in the show on Thursday, Feb. 1, or they will be too late for competition. In reply to many requests, I cannot claim limit class winners for anyone. In common fairness to all, the rules in schedule will be adhered to strictly. Consequently, claims by letter will only be attended to after first sales at Show Office Window.—J. W. Ramsden, Show Manager.—(Advt.)

A Painful Tale.

Stranger: "I noticed your advertisement in the paper this morning for a man to retail imported Canaries."—Proprietor of Bird Store: "Yes, sir; are you looking for the job?"—Stranger: "Oh, no; I merely had a curiosity to know how the Canaries came to lose their tails!"

Death of Noted Pied Blackbird.

It is with regret I have to inform fanciers of the death of Mr. Edgar E. Griffith's noted Pied Blackbird, writes Mr. J. H. Relf (Llandudno) on Jan. 21. Old age was no doubt the cause. This bird was well-known throughout North Wales, and was an attraction at the shows. He was a winner of numerous prizes, including silver cup at the W.N.C. show 1910 for best in show.

Yorks County B.B. & M.C. Specials.

Now that the shows where patronage is given are over, below will be found the figures of the winners of Club Specials. Anyone finding same not correct, please inform secretary:—Open Section—1, Martin and Archer, 119 points; 2, T. H. Inman, 103; 3, W. Lee, 65; 4, J. P. Stamp, 54; 5, J. Bousfield, 32. Amateur Section—1, J. Lane, 127 points; 2, B. H. Wilson, 35; 3, J. Isherwood, 18; 4, T. Bishop, 16; 5, E. Clegg, 10. CAGE BIRDS Competition result will appear later. Meeting Feb. 10 (wind up).—J. Lane, hon. sec.

Rare Visitor at Llandudno.

In the January issue of "British Birds" Mr. R. W. Jones records having seen a Black Redstart on Great Orme's Head on Nov. 25. The bird was a female and very shy, resenting too close an approach. A male of the same species was observed in the same place by Mr. Jones on Dec. 27, 1910, and recorded by him at the time. The Black Redstart is a rare visitor to Britain. The majority noted have been in winter, but several have been seen in summer, though there is no satisfactory evidence that it has ever nested here.

An Expert Opinion.

Several readers have written to ask whether one or other of the specialists upon our staff would for a small fee give them a private opinion upon the merits, or mating, etc., of birds they are exhibiting at the Crystal Palace Show. We shall be pleased to arrange this. Exhibitors desirous of taking advantage of the offer must send to CAGE BIRDS Offices a stamped addressed envelope, together with sixpence (postal order) for *each bird* (Canary, Hybrid, British, or Foreign) they wish to receive an opinion upon, when a letter will be sent them in due course.

N.B.B. and M.C. Annual Meeting.

The annual general meeting of the National British Bird and Mule Club will be held in the Board Room, Crystal Palace, on Feb. 3, at 6.30 p.m., write Messrs. Plumbridge and Carr, the hon. secs. Agenda:—Propositions to include the Siberian Goldfinch and Bullfinch in the Club List; the advisability of offering a medal for the new and rarest Hybrid of the year; and a slight alteration in Rule 17. We earnestly request that all members (especially country members) visiting the show on Saturday will strain a point to be present at the meeting, as this will go a long way to stimulate the secretaries in their work.

Sparrow's Luxurious Quarters.

A Small Heath correspondent reports (says the "Daily Mail") that recently the plumbers engaged in repairing the bath room of a house at Acock's Green, which had not been tenanted for four year, had occasion to remove some boarding near the hot water tank. Much to their surprise, behind the boarding they found a Sparrow's nest. The nest was quite empty, silent evidence, it is hoped, of the safe rearing of the brood. The birds could have easily gained admission to the room through the open window of the bath room. Why should they have chosen to build inside, rather than in the ivy which covers the side of the house? Probably the luxuriance of having "hot and cold laid on" proved too great a temptation!

Then He Wink(l)ed.

Two young fellows were walking up and down the seashore trying to get a shot at some Oyster Catchers. They stalked the birds all the afternoon, but couldn't get within gunshot. The birds would wait till the men were almost near enough; then, uttering their peculiar piping note, they would fly half a mile or so away. An aged seaman stood smoking by a boat, so the young men approached him and asked: "Can you tell us how we can shoot these Oyster Catchers?" The old man slowly removed his pipe, and replied: "Well, it ain't no use to chase 'un up and down the shore. Ye must lay in wait for 'un. They be very fond o' shell-fish, they Oyster Catchers, so walk along till ye come to a nice big rock, and bob down behind it and keep very quiet. Then after a bit ye must make a noise like a winkle. They'll come then!"—Sent by "A. P."

SHOW DATES FIXED.

England.

1912.
Feb. 2, 3, 5, 6. **Great National** (Crystal Palace). (J. W. Ramsden, 11, Josephine Ave., Brixton, S.W.).
Oct. 9 & 10.—**Clapham.**—(A. L. Priest, 28, Kyrle Rd.), J.R., C.A.H., H.J.F., H.N.
Oct. 12.—**Leeds** (W. A. Wilson, 75, Bayswater Mount, Roundhay.). J.H.R. and W.M.
Oct. 12.—**Morpeth.**—(E. Cowling Market Place.)
Oct. 15 and 16.—**Western Counties O.S.**—(T. Pope, 98 Embankment Rd., Plymouth.)
Oct. 23 & 24.—**London and P.O.S.**—(C. W. Law, Brimley House, Woodhouse Rd., N. Finchley, N.).
Oct. 30.—**Torbay O.S.** (J. N. Jeffery, "Carlton House," Winner Street, Paignton.
Oct. 30 & 31.—**Cheltenham.**—(A. S. Treasure, Idaboe, Oakland Ave.).
Nov. 1 & 2.—**Sheffield O.S.** T. Bishop, 60, Alexandra Road.). W.M., C.H., W.V.
Nov. 1 & 2.—**Wolverhampton.**—(J. Gibbons, 64, Napier Rd.). J.R.
Nov. 1 and 2.—**Liverpool** (G. Green, 36, Lord Nelson St.). H.W.B., J.W.
Nov. 2 & 4.—**Leicester Hand-in-Hand.**—(A. Freestone, 79, Clarendon Street). J.H.P.
Nov. 8 & 9.—**Old Shildon.**—(J. H. Elwell, 35, Church Street, Shildon).
Nov. 15 & 16.—**Hull.**—(E. R. Ridley, 19, Lambton Street.) J.R., H.W.B.
Nov. 30.—**Coventry Godiva.**—(R. Symonds, 29, Melbourne Rd., Earlsdon.) H.W.B.
Dec. 6 & 7.—**Bradford National.**—(H. Hill, 15, Settle Terr., Thornton Lane.)
Dec. 7.—**Rotherham.**—(B. Bailey, 47, Craven Street, Parkgate, nr. Rotherham.) J.C.B.
Dec. 11.—**Luton.**—(E. Bloomfield, 22, Hitchin Rd.) J.R., J.F.

Scotland.

1912.
Oct. 12.—**Lochgelly.**—(W. Whiteford, 81, Hall St.)
Oct. 19.—**Kelty and Blairadam.**—(A. Dickson, 37, Adams Terrace.)
Nov. 16.—**Cowdenbeath.**—(J. R. Reid, 7, Woodland Place.)
Nov. 30.—**City of Dundee.**—(A. Miller, 3, Park Ave.)
Dec. 31 & Jan. 1, 1913.—**Scottish National.**—(A. W. Watson, 58, Colinton Road, Edinburgh.)

Ireland.

Dec. 12 & 13.—**Larne.**—(T. Mayne, 35, Barnhill.)

One of the finest foods for insectivorous birds which has ever come before our notice is "Stamin," a sample of which reaches us from Mr. O. Millsum, of Everberg, Brabant, Belgium. The quality of the ingredients is remarkable, the ants' eggs being especially fine, while the price is very moderate. "Stamin" will keep the rarest and most delicate specimens in perfect health and feather. It is very easily and quickly prepared for use, while when placed dry in the cage or aviary it will be found a grand tit-bit for all Finches, Buntings, Parrakeets, etc., and a fine conditioner. For fruit-eating birds a few scalded currants should be added. The price of "Stamin" is 1s. 6d. per lb. (postage 4d); 10s. per 7lb. bag (carriage paid); 1s. 3d. per lb. in not less than 28lb. lots (carriage paid). We can recommend readers in need of a food of this kind to give "Stamin" a trial.

Northern Y.C.C. Prize-Winners.

The competition in connection with the Northern Yorkshire Canary Club's cups and specials have now been completed. The societies granted our patronage have every reason to be satisfied with the way the section has been supported, entries averaging about fifteen per class. Competition has been very keen, and it was not until the last show that the ultimate winners of the points specials were known. Following is the completed list of results:—Champion Section—Challenge Cup and Diploma, R. Tindale; Ramsden's Special and Diploma, G. Tweedie. Championship Trophy—Tindale, 93; Stewart, 83; Cuthbertson, 65; Crawhall, 62; Tweedie, 61; Hutler, 50; Wigglesworth, 44; Ellwood, 22; Mather, 18; Dix, 13; O'Hagan, 13; Tomlinson, 10; Parker, 7; Carr, 6. Novice Section—Silver Cup won outright in one season; Lyall, 47; Cattell, 45; Atkinson, 41; Deighton, 29; Coomber, 26; Bryden, 15; Johnson, 8; O'Hagan, 6; Potts, 5; Addison, 5; Mirley, 4; Leek, 4; Hall, 3. Winners of Silver Medals—Messrs. Cuthbertson, Tindale, Stewart, Crawhall, Tweedie, Hutler, Atkinson, Deighton, Cattell, Johnson, Lyall, Comber, Wearmouth. Winners of Gold Medals—Champion Section, J. Stewart; Novice Section, C. Cattell.—R. Tindale, sec.

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(Continued from page 32).

No. 19: My Pied Shrikes.

The restlessness which drove Elizabethan seamen Westward Ho, sets me East, itching to cross the borders of the Asian World in these latter days; there to seek for new creatures, and to see new things,. to experience new dangers, excitements, privations, disappointments.

The land I loved was the land I saw
Just dropping below the sky;
And when I was there, it was good no more
So forward again trudged I.

When, therefore, one morning in the early summer of many years ago I received a letter from my friend Mr. George Carrick (and I fear fallen from grace, and from his ancient love of birds) telling me that he had brought over a pair of Pied Shrikes from Australia for a friend, who now declined to have them; and offering them to me, what could I do but get a friend out of a nasty hole by saying I would have them? My good nature is such that, as a quaint friend once said to me, "If it was only the cocks ye saw fightin' on the road, yer heart'd take part with one of them." Which witness, as S. Paul saith, is true.

Duty: Or Parental Pride?

To put it simply, I am a martyr to a sense of duty. About a year since my eldest son was having an orchestral rhapsody performed by the municipal band at the Town Hall, and this is what the family said: "Father will be on the steps of the Town Hall an hour before the doors open!" I was; but why should they have said so? It was my sense of duty. It was the same in the present case; a sense of duty—and curiosity. The old bait of knowledge is still effective. We cannot get rid of Eden. We all take a bite out of the apple now and then; some of us from the green side, others from the rosy, but we all like a bite now and then, sooner or later. It is a truth to be regretted, as knowledge seems to bring a deal of trouble in its train; from the sticking on of the primitive fig leaves down to its close acquaintance with our neighbours' lives.

The birds arrived in due course, and quite took my fancy, with their quaint quaker-like costumes. The Pied Shrike may be briefly described as a study in black and white. The cock is about eight inches long; he has a bold black eye, and a head of a beautiful glossy black; chin and breast nearly white; wings black, with a white shoulder patch, and a small patch on the top of the flights; back and sides of the rump black. The beak has a strong curved hook at the end, as I know by bitter experience. Like a simple child of nature, I was trying to stroke his bonny head, when he suddenly seized my finger, and inserted that hook up to the hilt. I fairly screamed with agony, but what was the good? I know they say it always makes you feel better to utter a piercing scream when a molar comes out. I always act on the advice, but I can never see that it makes any difference to the agony! Have you ever run a fish-hook into your hand? If so, you will appreciate my sufferings—and language. It was, as the police-courts say, unreportable!

The legs are black, the outer tail feathers white, except just at the base; those next them are black, except on the outer edges and tip; the centre of the tail is black.

The hen is rather smaller than the cock, and altogether slimmer. She has only one white patch, and is reddish on the sides and under the wings.

A Golden Opportunity.

I looked at those birds with the fondest longing. I felt nearly certain that there were no others in England, and probably never would be, at any rate in my lifetime. Here was an opportunity of making my fellow aviculturists green with envy. I felt quite like Gehazi as Naaman left him with the two changes of garment and the two talents of silver. His thoughts ran on the men servants, maid servants, their goods, and vineyards, sheep and oxen; mine on nests and eggs and young Pied Shrikes successfully reared. I suppose the look only lasted a second or two, but it left me as dazzled as the Eastern king who seemed to have lived whole dream lives between dipping his head into a bowl of water and taking it out again. They were the dreams of Jupiter; but, as you will see, if you care to read on, they were only dreams.

My next work was to get the birds out of their travelling cage. I tried coaxing, but it was no good. They only got as far away from my hand as they could, and cowered in the darkest recesses of the cage. The moment I withdrew, they came boldly and defiantly to the wires. I knew that the only thing wanting was courage. It was a fact, I said to myself, that catching those birds was like swimming—all that was needed was confidence. That was the very thing I couldn't muster. The burnt child dreads the fire. I could not forget what that curved beak had done in the past, and had no doubt would do again, if it got the chance. I got quite tired of waiting at last. Hour after hour I said to myself that those birds should come out of that cage, but the hours went by and still the birds remained where they were. Nothing fills one with so exquisite a weariness as a dry speech on good resolutions and great thoughts. I was as indifferent to time as a boy sent on an errand. I could not make up my mind as to which bill looked the more cruel and bloodthirsty; in fact, my eyes kept flying from one to another, as bees do from flower to flower.

At last I felt that something must be done, so I carefully wrapped my hand in a duster and then carefully inserted it into the cage and felt around until I got my fingers well at the back of a neck and held tight. Then I knew I was safe, and like Cromwell at Dunbar, said to myself, "The Lord hath delivered them into my hand." I carefully extracted them one by one, and carried them off and put them by themselves in a big aviary, where they seemed thoroughly to enjoy themselves after their late rather narrow quarters.

Always Spick and Span.

They were wonderfully tame, and seemed to have no fear of man whatever. Of course, being Shrikes, they required a great deal of animal food. Give them a small mouse, and they will kill and eat it without compunction, as a nice old lady would swallow an oyster.

The Pied Shrike is one of the most beautiful and dapper birds I have ever kept; always spotlessly clean, and in his beautiful white waistcoat and glossy black coat, reminds me of the late Mr. Panmure Gordon, of Stock Exchange renown.

My Pied friends were very easy to feed. Very little seemed to come amiss. I gave them my own soft bill mixture. I won't say it is the best in the world (because I am not a vain man, and am not, like some, accustomed to overcome others, as the Israelites threw down the walls of Jericho, by the blast of their own trumpets); still, it is most excellent; in fact, as they say of some advertised articles, "You cannot do without it." I can, fortunately, always supply black clocks in abundance, as our kitchen lifts with them at night. To parody the words of a favourite obituary writer I often see in the local paper:—

We find them here, we find them there,
We find those black clocks everywhere.

Then, as we have no domestic grimalkin now (thank Goodness), we can always be sure of a good and sufficient catch of mice.

As the weather grows more genial, I quite hoped that I should win a medal for a nest of Pied Shrikes. My birds seemed already inclined to perpetuate their species. I determined to give them every possible chance. If they did not succeed, it should not be my fault.

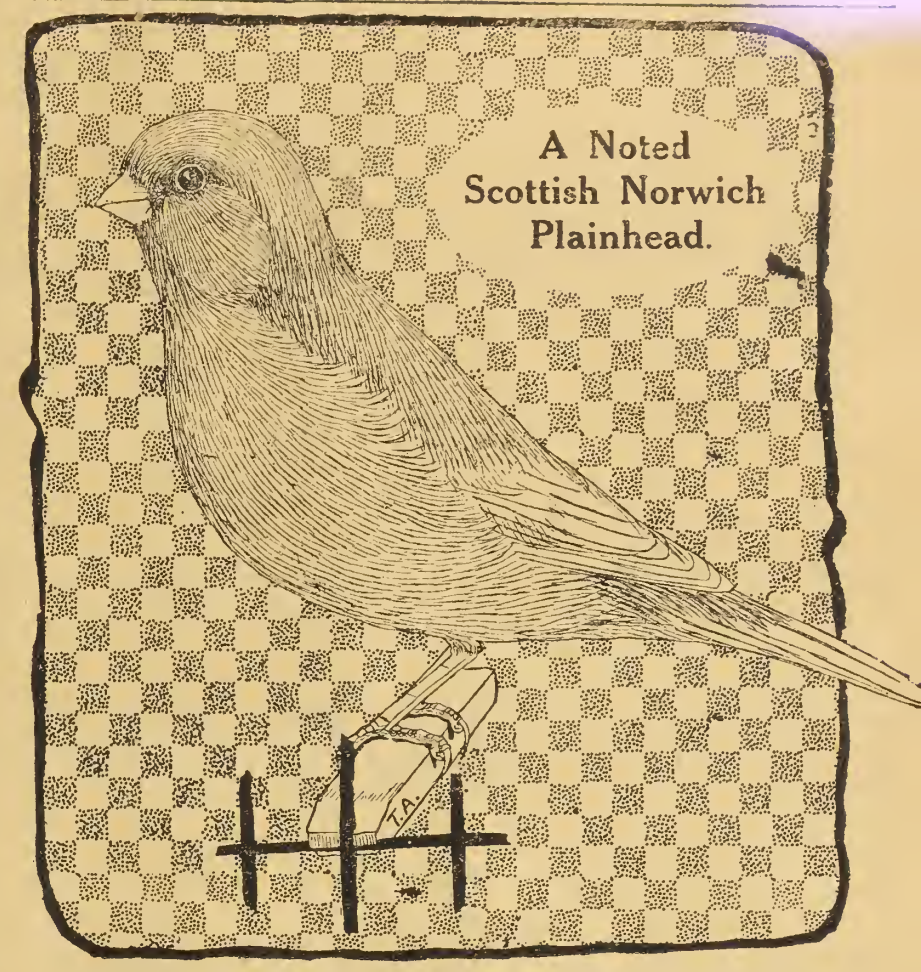
S. Anthony had no harder fight with the ladies he was impolite enough to call demons, than I in resisting the temptation to be always watching the birds. Day by day, I hoped, like Micawber, that something would turn up. We never know what surprise there may be round the next corner. Nature has no more intoxicating illusion than that of turning over a new leaf or beginning a new life. My attention was directed to one particular dark and secluded corner. I felt sure that if anything could happen in that aviary it would be found there. At last I could bear it no longer, the suspense was killing me. I decided that I would go into the aviary and look. To come to a decision is always to bring something to an end. It did so in this particular case, for when I got to that dark and secluded spot, there was nothing, no, not so much as the semblance of a nest. I can't tell you what these Shrikes had been doing, but it was not nest-building. I sat down, and realised, as one only can sometimes, how empty life is if it holds not our desire.

Skin-deep Beauty!

I never heard my Shrikes utter a sound but a harsh rasping note, that fairly set my teeth on edge; but I suppose one can't have beauty and song combined. It made me think of the saying of the old Scotch housekeeper. On one occasion she absented herself from the kirk. The minister, who had a good idea of himself, asked her why? She replied promptly "You would'na like to hear the reason." "Oh," he rejoined, "but I should, you and I are old friends." "Well," came the answer, "if ye we'el ha'et; when I saw your long grey beard gang wagging by the window, I said to mysen: 'Fools wi' fine feathers hae na'e song,' and I stayed at hame!"

Summer passed into autumn, the days became dull and chilly, and the trees grew bare, and my hopes of a nest fell to zero. One day a rich friend came to visit me and saw my Shrikes. He fell in love with them, and asked me to sell them. Like Adam, I fell before temptation. You ask me, why I did not wait till the next year. Because next year anything might happen. When a true sportsman sees a trout jump within casting distance of him, he does not wait until the next day. After a little discussion, a price was agreed upon, and my two friends were sent away to their new home. Then for years after I used to go and pay them a visit of ceremony; and I took care to bring them a feed of mealworms, to show there was no ill-feeling between us. They were always accepted in the most obliging manner; mealworms will ever have a fair sepulchre in the grateful stomach of this judicious bird epicure!

I think now, I had better stop; or you will be saying to me what a great financier said to a female bore, who had got into his office by mistake. She talked away for hours, wasting his valuable time, and aggravating her offence by punctuating her remarks with "And I know you're a very busy man." During a half-hour the victim had not a single chance to get in a word, so voluble was his visitor. But in telling of a surprise she had experienced, she said 'Why, I assure you my heart was in my mouth." I couldn't speak." "Marvellous!" exclaimed the big operator, rising; "I regret it was not my pleasure to have met you then." And he bowed her out. As I don't want you to bow me out, I will stop.



The well-known Clear Buff Cock which has won so many prizes, including first at the City of Glasgow Show, for Mr. E. Barron (Glasgow.)

The Crested Tit at Home.

By SIR ROLAND CORBET, Bt.

The appended interesting observations of the wild life of a Crested Tit were made by Sir R. Corbet (who is a patron of "Cage Birds League") at Arndilly, Banff, during April, 1910.

THE nature of the country is eminently suited for the genus "Parus." Great Blue and Coal Tits are common, the two latter species often being seen together. The other Tit I had the opportunity of studying was the Crested Tit. This rare little bird is fairly common in these old pine woods in Strathspey. On the one property I should reckon there were as many as 20 breeding pairs. He is a handsome little fellow, with his white cheeks and brown body, and black feathers, tipped with white, forming his crest.

A Tame Little Chap.

The Crested Tit is essentially a bird of the forests, but is, nevertheless, a tame little chap. With the aid of a pair of field glasses I was often able to approach near enough to see every detail of the plumage quite clearly. Their call note is like that of the Coal Tit, but it has a peculiar trill at the end, which is unmistakable.

In Stonham's "Birds of the British Isles" the author says: "The nest is placed in a hole or crack in a fir tree; sometimes the birds excavate or deepen a hole for themselves." Howard Saunders says: "The nest is placed sometimes in gate-posts, iron supports of fences and fissures in living trees." I have quoted these two passages, as during my short study of these birds I found it was hardly ever the case. The birds always chose the rotten stump of a fir-tree which had become so soft with age that the wood almost crumbled into dust on being touched. The height of the nest from the ground varied from six inches to about five feet. The nesting-hole was usually from one to two feet deep, and was always made by the birds themselves. They never seemed to occupy a hole that had been made by other means, nor would they take to a nesting-box, many of which had been hung up for that purpose.

The Cosy Home.

The nest itself was in most cases constructed of a groundwork of moss, and thickly lined with rabbits' fur. The eggs were white, spotted with light red, and were rather larger than those of the Blue Tit.

When disturbed off her nest, the hen bird flew up into a tree near by and showed little fear of the intruder. The male bird also appeared on the scene, and remained near until we moved away. The only exception I found of the bird not making its own nesting hole, was a pair that built in a fissure of a fir-tree over which a board had been placed.

The food of the Crested Tit consists of insects, larvæ and pine seeds. I did not notice Crested Tits feeding or consorting with any other of the Parus tribe; but in the autumn, I believe, they do associate with other members of their genus.

Questions and Answers.

DOUBTS AND DIFFICULTIES SOLVED BY SPECIALISTS.

(For rules see last week's "Cage Birds.")

THE following gentlemen represent CAGE BIRDS staff of **ADVISORY EXPERTS.** Queries must in no case be addressed to any of them individually, but to the Editor.

Canaries.—**Claude St. John.** British Birds, Mule and Hybrids—**G. E. Weston.** Foreign Birds—**Wesley T. Page,** F.Z.S., M.B.N.H.S., &c., Wild Bird Life—**H. Norman.**

NOTE.—If an answer is required concerning the proper mating, etc., of Norwich, Yorkshires, Crests, Cinnamons, Greens, Borders, Lizards, Scotch or any other variety of the Canary family, we shall, should the querist desire us to do so, be pleased to submit his questions for answer to some leading specialist of the day on the variety concerned.

CANARY QUERIES.

Answered by CLAUDE ST. JOHN.

Sits Curled Up.

C. W. B.—I think it most likely this bird's laziness is merely the outsome of a too well-fed condition. Treat as follows for two or three weeks: Staple diet plain canary seed only. Once a week give separately a small teaspoonful of summer rape, and on one other day a similar quantity of crushed sponge cake sprinkled with maw. If available in good condition, give a little green food on each of the remaining days—watercress, tender tops of inner stalks of celery, or any green salad grown under cover. Limit the diet strictly to this for, say, three weeks. In the first week add six drops of syrup of buckthorn to the water every second day. Omit it in the second week, and give again, as before, in the third week. Assuming you are quite certain the bird has not moulted, I take it you might have been away for a time in the autumn and the bird possibly moulted during your absence. You should move him to a quite warm position, but bright and healthful, and free from draughts, and then if he does not show signs of moulting in a fortnight or so, move him to a cold room, but see that it is free from draughts and damp. One or other of these moves should bring on a moult. You will find this subject dealt with more fully in the forthcoming "Cage Birds Annual."

Aviary Accommodation.

A Constant Reader.—(1) Half-inch walls will not prevent the building being extremely susceptible to climatic influences, which would be detrimental to your birds. I take it there is a framework on to which these walls are built, in which case you should line the inside with another thickness of half-inch timber, and fill in the space between the two thicknesses with sawdust or wool waste, as advised to "W.C.R.," which reply, generally, will be useful to you. It would be better for the small North window to be fast, and a portion of the one looking South made to open. (2) I do not quite see how you can get in all the cages and flight you mention, and I am handicapped in not knowing the position of the door. If you would send me a rough sketch just to show position of door and windows, and ventilating apertures, if any, with measurements marked on them, I should be glad to help you as far as possible. The two large six-compartment cages might go on each side—the six-feet sides—but I do not see how a flight can go at this end without building it over the window, which would be very undesirable. (3) It depends upon the nature and extent of the deformity whether a cock with a crippled foot would breed successfully. If it is fairly active in getting about the perches, it would probably breed all right.

Sudden Death (R. S. B.).—The bird undoubtedly died from an apoplectic seizure, which might have been brought on by a shock at some strange sight or movement, or by an overfed condition. Nothing you could have done would have been of any avail. The heat of the room is not sufficient to have been an exciting cause.

Wing and Song (Johnnie Walker).—(1) Yes, you should certainly leave the wing feather alone. It is quite possible they may grow the proper length next moult. You might catch the bird and look whether there are broken quills left in where feathers appear to be missing. If there is, you may carefully remove these stumps, but do nothing else in this way. You might also treat him as advised to "M.S." for a fortnight to bring him on song. (2) Assuming you are quite certain about the sex of the Norwich cock, and he is, as you say, in perfect health and active, there is no reason at all why he should not breed successfully. If, however, you are breeding birds for singing, a cock with such poor vocal powers is a very undesirable stock bird.

Seed Samples (Tavistock Clear).—The Spanish canary is a good all-round seed of excellent quality. The sample called German rape is not summer rape, but probably a mixture of bird rapes containing a proportion of hot mustardy seed. I do not care for this seed for regular use. Try to get some of the mild, nutty-flavoured sort. The cole is a very nice clean and good seed. If you cannot get good nutty summer rape, you may mix equal parts of this cole with the sample of rape you now have for use in the same way as rape. The hemp is an excellent quality. The conditional mixture is very fair, and will serve its purpose well.

A Mixed Aviary (Whib).—In the first place you should only try this experiment of turning out the Canaries if they have hitherto been accustomed to a quite normal temperature; and, secondly, if you wish to be tolerably certain of fair results you will keep the birds caged in the aviary as you suggest. Otherwise, in such a mixture as you would have, the chance of the birds making a hash of breeding matters is somewhat great. Or you might keep the Canaries caged until about nesting. Then open the door and allow them the freedom of the aviary, but keep nest-boxes in the cages to induce hens to return to them to build their nests.

Stopped Singing (M.S.).—When you treated the bird as you had been advised here you should have started at the beginning and first of all removed the causes. Then the treatment might have been permanently, instead of temporarily successful. Keep the bird now in a cosy place, not overheated, nor yet on the cold side, but let the temperature be as equable as possible, and quite free from draughts. Give a staple of plain canary only. Every second day give in addition ¼ a teaspoonful of summer rape and a morsel of banana, and on the alternate days a similar quantity of crushed sponge cake with four drops of sherry and two of cod liver oil emulsion mixed in it and sprinkled with maw. Limit the diet to this for the next three weeks. In the water add six drops of syrup of buckthorn for two days, and afterwards 20 drops of whisky, five each of oxymel of squills and ipecacuanha wine, and two of eucalyptus oil well shaken together every second day for a week or fortnight, as may seem necessary. The bird will not sing again until the moulting has quite ceased.

Warm Sand (Sand).—It is not unusual for birds to be quite voracious after sand when it has been withheld for a time, or when a different sort is put in the cages. In the case of your birds it would be the naturally saline flavour which was the chief attraction, and the warmth would but add to the ardour of their feast. Clean sea sand is greatly appreciated by Canaries, and is beneficial.

Exterminating Mice (Anxious).—Really, I would not like to dogmatise about what mice could not do in the way of climbing. If your wall-paper has a matt, or rough, or coated surface, or is even torn a bit here and there, I believe it quite possible for a mouse to climb up the 5ft. to cage. Remember they are perfect masters of the art, taking advantage of the least possible aid which may be present. You can disperse them by introducing tarred straws into the holes, or a little chloride of lime, and then sealing holes with cement. But the best way would be to use a course of "Virus," and fill up the holes a month later.

Loud Squeaky Noise (W.I.).—Is this noise continuous sometimes, going on, say, for ten minutes, and worse at night, or is it only an intermittent squeak now and again? and does the bird sing at all? If the answers to these questions are in the negative I am inclined to think nothing at all is wrong, but that the bird is a hen, with perhaps a rather harsh voice, and the squeak is nothing worse than the bird's natural "tweet" call-note, which most hens are now beginning to give vent to. You might give half a teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake with four drops of sherry, and two of cod liver oil emulsion mixed in it, and sprinkled with maw seed, every second day for a week or so. Then if not better, and you think my surmise cannot be correct, please write again, and give more particulars about the occurrence and frequency of the noise. See that the bird is in no draughts.

Converting Greenhouse (Beginner, Stonehouse).—The greenhouse of which you send sketch will make quite a nice and most suitable birdroom by carrying out the alterations you suggest. I should strongly advise you to cover the glass roof with boards and felt in preference to corrugated iron, and you might, if there appears any likelihood of the light being dull near the top at the back, leave a small space uncovered in the centre of boarded roof to act as a small skylight, being careful to make it as watertight as possible. If the glass is not particularly required for other purposes, you should certainly allow it to remain in. Then, before another winter arrives, you should make movable wood shutters to cover the greater part of the glass front in very severe weather. In this space you should be able to run up to 15 pairs, allowing a single breeding cage 20ins. long for each pair, arranged on the back wall in three tiers—5 in each tier—starting from about 18ins. from the floor, and two large flights on top, say, 4ft. 6ins. long each, for the young. If required, you could also find space for another good sized flight at the end opposite the door.

Finishing Aviary (W.C.R.).—The walls of timber an inch thick are substantial enough for your purpose, but it would be a very considerable improvement to line inside the framework with quarter inch boards and fill in the space between with sawdust or wool waste. Then, even if the outer boards crack or warp, the house remains practically draught-proof. Of course, well painting the outside is, in any case, a very wise economy. It would also have been better to leave a third part of each glass "light" available for opening. As regards ventilation you want only an inlet for fresh air near the floor. If the house stands on firm dry ground, I would place this in the centre of the floor. Otherwise, insert one in the door near the bottom similar to those in the ends, and arrange a deflector, if required, inside to prevent draught going direct to the cages. You should be able to close this if necessary in bad weather.

Calcarious Growth (Royston).—I'm afraid I do not know what kind of growth this is. Is it a kind of scurfy growth on the skin, or has it the appearance of an abscess filled with yellowish matter? If the latter, paint the place every second day for a week with tincture of iodine, and keep the bird as quiet and restful as possible. If it is a scurfy growth anoint it every second day with Lanocyllin. In either case give half a teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake slightly dusted with flowers of sulphur, and sprinkled with maw seed every second day, and on the alternate days add 20 drops of whisky, a crystal of sulphate of soda the size of a split pea, and as much chlorate of potash as will cover a threepenny-piece, to the drinking water. Then report progress, and describe the growth as minutely as you can.

A Great Eater (P. Allen).—See that the hen is kept in a fairly comfortable place, quite free from draughts and extreme fluctuations, and in a good-sized cage, where she can get a fair amount of exercise. Limit the supply of food, and for staple give a teaspoonful, only, of plain canary seed each day. Every third day reduce this ration by one-half, and add the same quantity of summer rape. Once a week give, in addition to seed, a small teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake sprinkled with maw and gold of pleasure, and on each of the remaining days give a spray of green food, if available in good condition. Continue this restricted dietary for two or three weeks. Keep cage floor strewn with clean, gritty sand. In the drinking water give six drops of syrup of rhubarb, and a crystal of sulphate of soda the size of a split pea every second day for a week, and in the following week give four drops each of tincture of gentian, tincture of calumba, and aromatic sulphuric acid, every second day

Tender Feet (D. L. Finn).—(1) You should have given some particulars about the condition of the feed and the bird's age. The tenderness may arise from more than one cause. Keep cage floor and perches as clean as possible, and bathe the feet daily for a few days with a warm solution of boracic acid—a teaspoonful of acid in a saucerful of water. Then dry, and slightly anoint feet with zinc ointment. See that claws are not overgrown. (2) This depends upon the cause of the tenderness. If otherwise quite well and active, it probably would be fit for mating. (3) Treat Crest for a fortnight as advised "G.W.B.," but in the third week add to the diet half a teaspoonful of mixed seed on two different days, and every second day a similar quantity of sponge cake moistened with a few drops of sherry and sprinkled with gold of pleasure seed, and in the drinking water give four drops each tincture of gentian, tincture of calumba, and aromatic sulphuric acid, every second day.

Concerning Cinnamons (Cinnamon).—(1) In the yellow bird the colour is carried right to the edge of the web of the feathers, whereas in buff type it stops a little short of the edge, leaving a narrow margin of white at the tip and round the edge of web of the feathers. This makes the birds appear a few shades lighter, and gives a somewhat frosted or mealy appearance. If you got Parts III. and VIII. of "Our Canaries," which contain coloured plates of yellow and buff cinnamons respectively, you would, perhaps, better grip the distinction. (2) Yes, it is necessary to colour-feed them for show. (3) If the ordinary hen, as you put it, had no cinnamon blood in her veins, the result would be greens and very heavily variegated young. (4) No, but if the hen was properly bred they may be "light," more or less. (5) The reason you see so few advertised is that there are comparatively few breeders of pure cinnamons. This is unfortunate, and a trifle difficult to understand, as they are certainly most interesting birds, and as hardy and easy to breed as most Fancy breeds. There is really no valid drawback.

Doubtful Sex (Stockton).—Did not you see reply to "Novice Sex" on Jan. 6th, re distinguishing the sex of Canaries. In a general way the cock is bolder, more dominant in appearance, has a rather larger and more bolting eye, and a softer and more musical call, than the hen. In appearance all differences are sometimes very trifling and comparative. When the cock sings he inflates his throat considerably, and a palpable throbbing is apparent as the notes are produced. If a hen sings, it is a short, choppy, broken strain, more of a sustained twitter than a song, and there is little or no swelling of the throat. If examined, the cock will now have a prominent and rather pointed vent, that of the hen being on a level with the abdomen. It is not unlikely that both your birds are hens. If a true pair, the young cock will be fit for breeding about the end of March or beginning of April. Give each half-a-teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake moistened with four drops of sherry and sprinkled with a mixture of equal parts maw and gold of pleasure every second day for a fortnight, and on the alternate days a pinch of mixed seed.

Asthma Not Cured (Paradox).—Right! There seems no lack of so-called cures, some of them, believe me, not a little risky to use. The non-success of your treatment may be due to failure to remove the existing cause, or it may also be due to the birds being past their youth, or the duration of the disease, causing it to become chronic, in either of which cases the outlook is in no sense hopeful. The birds are probably not acclimatised to a cold room, and I would advise you to move them, if convenient, to a place where the temperature is nice and comfortable, not overheated, but as equable as possible, and quite free from draught or damp. In addition to the staple seed diet, give half-a-teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake with four drops of sherry and two of cod liver oil emulsion, well mixed in it, every second day for a fortnight, and on the alternate days a third of a teaspoonful of maw. Then give nothing but the staple for a week, and repeat these extras for another fortnight. In the drinking water give six drops of syrup of rhubarb, and as much Epsom salts, as will cover a sixpence, every second day for a week, and afterwards 20 drops of the mixture you are now giving every second day for a week. Then suspend all drugs for a week, and repeat this course over again, continuing the mixture for a fortnight this time. Treat strictly as above; give nothing else either in foods of medicines, and report result at end of the course.

Eating Feathers (E. E. N.).—Catch the birds and examine plumage carefully to see if they are pestered with grey lice. If they are, hand-wash each bird twice, with an interval of a week between, and in the first and second waters used for washing well, stir a teaspoonful of creolin to each pint of water. Each time, whilst birds are drying, well wash out the cages with a warm solution of creolin, about double the above strength. If no lice are found, give a staple diet of plain canary only. Every second day give separately half-a-teaspoonful of summer rape, and a morsel of banana, and on the alternate days twice a week a similar quantity of crushed sponge cake, with two drops of cod liver oil emulsion mixed in it, and sprinkled with maw seed. On the first two occasions only also slightly dust the latter with flowers of sulphur. A mealworm a day if available would do good, and a spray of watercress may be given three times a week. In the drinking water add 20 drops of whisky, as much Epsom salts as will cover a sixpence, and half as much chlorate of potash every second day for a week.

Birds Dying (Pinxton).—I am not quite clear whether your birds have been dying recently or only during the moult. You ought also to have given some details of your general management, which I have no doubt whatever is at fault, though your letter gives me no clue as to how or where. Get "Canary Breeding for Beginners," which our Manager will send you for 7d. post free, and see if you cannot discover where you go wrong. Meanlime treat as follows: See that the birds are kept in a bright and healthy place, and well protected from draughts and damp, and that all your seeds and foods are sound and sweet. Keep cage floor strewn with clean gritty sand, and all food and water vessels scrupulously clean. In addition to the staple of plain canary, give half-a-teaspoonful of summer rape every second day, and on each alternate day for a fortnight, and twice a week afterwards give a similar quantity of egg food, or crushed sponge cake, sprinkled with maw seed. Two or three times a week give a morsel of sweet fruit, or a spray of watercress if obtainable in good condition. In the drinking water add six drops of syrup of rhubarb and a crystal of sulphate of soda the size of a split pea, every second day for a week, and afterwards 20 drops of chemical food every second day for a fortnight. If not well in a month write again referring to this reply.

CANARY QUERISTS.

should consult St. John's "Canary Breeding for Beginners" (7d.); House's "Canary Manual" (1/2); Battye's "Yorkshire Canaries" (1/1½); House's "Norwich Canaries" (1/1); Weston's "Stock Book" (7d.); Dr. Clarke's "Septic or Bird Fever" (7d.); Dr. Creswell's "Hygiene of Bird-keeping (1/1); Norman's "Aviaries, Bird-rooms, and Cages" (2/3); Ramsden's "Colour-feeding" (5½d.); "Seeds and Foods for Cage Birds" (1/2); or the "Nutshell" booklets (2½d. each); No. 5 "The Pet Canary," No. 6 "Ailing Birds and How to Cure them," No. 9 "The Disinfection of Cages, Bird-rooms, etc.," No. 10 "The Roller," No. 23 "The Border Fancy," No. 24 "Green Canaries." All thoroughly practical and instructive. Prices quoted are post free, from "Cage Birds," 154, Fleet Street, London, E.C.

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FOREIGN BIRDS.

Answered by WESLEY T. PAGE, F.Z.S., etc.

Yellow Budgerigar Ailing.

A. H.—I should keep this bird quite separate from my healthy stock, but keep it in a room which has a fire. Use a crock drinker, and for one week put one drop daily of aromatic sulphuric acid into the drinking water (one tablespoonful)—Budgerigars are small drinkers. Take the bird gently in the hand, and from a quill give three drops of Dinneford's Magnesia direct to the beak, and after a week's interval repeat the dose. As regards food, supply a mixture of canary and white millet seed in equal parts, adding a pinch of cuttlebone (crushed to size of millet seed) to the daily supply. Keep a spray of millet hanging in the cage, also a piece of cuttlebone and a small tin of oats and crushed plain biscuit. I almost doubt its being alive when you see this. If it still lives, keep its cage very clean, and as soon as it has recovered put it in a fresh one, and thoroughly cleanse and disinfect its present one. You cannot put it out of doors till spring.

A Question of Diet.

Silver Sea.—(1) Keep the Gouldians warm, but not in a vitiated atmosphere. Supply them with canary and white millet, also millet sprays ad lib., and supply a small tin of crushed oats and paddy rice. They will also require greenfood (lettuce or apple at the season), and should have access to cuttlebone and grit. I should also give them a little milk sop (rather sloppy); this will certainly help to tide them over the critical time. They may refuse it at first, but will ultimately take it. If the voidings are at all hard give an occasional dose of Dinneford's Magnesia (one teaspoonful) in the daily supply of drinking water, also about twice weekly put the same quantity of Byno-phosphates in the drinking water—use a crock or china drinker. Same treatment for Diamonds. Both species have bred in captivity. (2) It is a question of fine condition mainly with these, but the chances of the following are all good: Gold-breasted, St. Helena and Orange-cheeked Waxbills, Green Avadavats, Cordon Bleus, and Firefinches.

A Grey Parrot.

"Didactyl."—(1) Either because of some slight irritation it has pulled out these feathers, or shed them in the ordinary way, or it has had some sore there in the past which has left this small area bare. Providing the skin is healthy and sound, the feathers should be renewed in due course. (2) Providing there is no skin disease, the most that can happen is the permanence of the bare patch. If there is any skin trouble, the area of bareness may spread. (3) A laxative (1 part Dinneford's Magnesia to 3 parts of water), given in lieu of the ordinary drinking water as required to keep the bowels moving freely—fæces should not be watery loose. Examine the plumage and skin for parasites; if such exist, they must be got rid of. The best way is to use a mist sprayer, and well damp the bird's plumage twice a week—either dilute solutions of quassia and firtree oil. Special precaution should be taken against draught while the plumage is damp, and with the fir-tree oil solution, do not get it into the bird's eyes. (4) I should say not. (5) Only those who have had some experience with the feathered tribe. In general, improper dietary usually ends in an irritated skin and feather pulling, or chronic dyspepsia; but, as the bird appears healthy, a proper course of dietary and the regular use for a time of the laxative, should bring about a normal condition of things. Diet: Seed mixture, ripe fruit, nuts, and plain biscuits or stale crust of household bread, with grit, cuttlebone, and water, will form an ample range of diet. Either the Chemical Food or Byno-phosphates of commerce form good tonics. You would find our Nutshell Booklet, "Grey Parrot," 2½ post free, from our Manager, very helpful.

Parrakeets or Finches.

J. B.—You raise many interesting points, some of which are by no means easy to answer. Carefully note the following brevities: Foreign birds of all orders do not breed as freely indoors as out. Parrakeets take longer to settle down than the Finch tribe; yet many of them are very active in roomy quarters. There is so much individuality among individual pairs of birds, of all orders, that a species amiable in one aviary is not so in another; again, a species will breed freely in one aviary and do nothing in another with even better and more natural accommodation. Again, with Parrakeets these take longer to settle down, and many species will not tolerate other species in their enclosure when breeding. Personally, I have not found Parrakeets lethargic in roomy quarters, though some Lovebirds are. Again, there ought to be no lack of life and activity in your aviary with three pairs of Budgerigars, 1 pair of Passerine Parrakeets, and 1 pair Red Rosellas, neither is there much room for more—that is, for there to be breeding encouragement, and all the above are probable breeders. With them you could keep (odd males preferably), Red-crested, Virginian, and Green Cardinals, which would cause variety, and increase the attractiveness of the aviary. A pair of either Canary-winged or Tui Parrakeets would be a nice species to add to your series, but you'll have to wait opportunity to secure them. If you decide on Finches, the same element of uncertainty comes in, perhaps not so great. You could leave one pair to each foot frontage of the aviary. But before helping you to a final decision, I should like a description of the aviary, some idea of its environment, and whether heated at all during the winter.

Parrot Weak on Legs.

G. P.—Your data gives me very little to go upon; and it would appear that there is something very seriously wrong with your bird, and you would do well to let some vet. (used to treating birds) see it. Foment the legs with hot water (not hot enough for discomfort) daily, dry with cloth, rub with whiskey, and two hours later with Elliman's Embrocation. Give three drops of tasteless castor oil direct to the beak from a quill, at intervals of

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three hours, till full relief is given—then give as drinking water every four day, a mixture of one part Dinneford's Magnesia to three parts of water, so long as the fœces are not watery loose. On other days put one teaspoonful of Byno-phosphates in the daily supply of drinking water (about two tablespoonfuls). Weak brandy, sherry, or whiskey and water may be offered occasionally as a stimulant. Get a box of honey and borax from your chemist, and put a little on its tongue, twice daily; this will help to keep its mouth clear. Use a camel hair brush, and clean this and other utensils used in treating the bird both before and after use. Confine its dietary to seed mixture, ripe fruit, nuts, and plain biscuits, with grit, cuttlebone, and water. If it must have a little sop, prepare as follows: Piece of stale household bread or plain biscuit, sprinkle with sugar, put half a teaspoonful of Byno-phosphates over it, and then as much boiling water as it will absorb, and supply to the bird when cool.

An Ailing Amazon (G. H. B.).—You will, of course, continue to diet the bird permanently as advised. Continue the treatment till full relief is given. Try the followiug mixture—that is, when not giving the magnesia: Equal parts of syrup of squills, tincture of lobelia, and syrup of tolu—12 drops of the mixture in two tablespoonfuls of water in lieu of the ordinary driuking water. As soon as the breathing becomes easier, stop this mixture, and put the bird either on a course of Chemical Food or Byno-phosphates. Glad to note the improvement; persevere with the treatment, and undoubtedly there will be a complete recovery.

Kind and Value (E. Daw).—Either you have a female or young male, Ringneck or Alexandrine Parrakeet. About 20s. as a non-talker. Yes, both species talk, but some individuals take a lot of teaching, though they uenally articulate clearly. As soon as it is tame, keep it amongst you, where it will hear plenty of conversation, also pet and fuss about with it (do not scare it), and also teach it by constant repetition of such words and sentences as you wish it to learn. It is no use attempting to train it till you have won its confidence. So long as it is scared by your being in its vicinity, it is no use trying to train it; it must be tamed first. A talented talker, 63s. and upwards.

What Bird, etc. (Kampter).—Your bird appears to be correctly named, but there are several species very alike, and yours is too young yet for a definite opinion. A non-talker in good condition about 21s., a good talker about 63s. You had better tell me how you have been feeding and treating it. In the meantime, give Dinneford's Magnesia and Byno-phosphates as advised to "Thos. Williams" in this issue, and confine its dietary to seed mixture, ripe fruit,, nuts, and plain biscuits, water, of conrse, also cuttlebone and grit. Its full plumage will appear in the course of this year.

Sexual Distinctions of Green Bulbul (C. H.).—The sexes of the Gold-fronted Green Bulbul are practically alike in plumage. I have examined several proved pairs, and could not find any constant variation. The only points I could distinguish were that the black face mask, the blue moustachial streaks, and the area of gold on forehead are a little smaller in the female than in the male, and perhaps a little less brilliant, but the difference is not great, and did not hold good in each instance. Philornis is a synonym of Chloropsis. Soft food (insectile mixture), milk sop, ripe fruit and live insects (mealworms, spiders, earwigs, caterpillars, etc.). They become very tame, and can soon be trained to take a fly round the room and return to their cage at will.

An Ailing Budgerigar (Eaglet).—Cage the bird separately and keep it warm. Give it a mixture of canary and white millet (equal parts), with about one teaspoonful of cuttlebone (crushed to size of millet), mixed in with the daily supply. Give two drops of tasteless castor oil at intervals of three hours till the bowels are fairly well cleansed, and in conjunction therewith for a few days dissolve two drops of laudanum in the daily supply of drinking water (use a crock or china drinker). Let the bird have a little fresh lettuce occasionally, and if it will eat it one or two small pieces of arrowroot biscuit. Keep a millet spray and a piece of clean cuttlebone hanging in the cage. A small piece of apple, if the bird will eat it, will also be beneficial, and grit must not be omitted.

Grey Parrot Ailing (Thos. Williams).—Keep this bird warm, out of the reach of draught, but yet in some ventilated position. Diet: Seed mixture, ripe fruit, nuts, plain biscuit. Keep a piece of cuttlebone hanging in the cage, and add a pinch of grit to the daily supply of seed. Every fourth day for a fortnight add one teaspoonful of Dinneford's Magnesia to the daily supply of drinking water, and on other days the same quantity of Byno-phosphates. Do not give milk sop; if it requires sop, give the following: take a stale crust of household bread or piece of plain biscuit, sprinkle with sugar, put over it half a teaspoonful of the Byno-phosphates, then as much boiling water as the bread or biscuit will absorb, and when cool supply to the bird. Our Nutshell Booklet, "The Grey Parrot," 2½d. post free, from our Manager, should help you greatly. Report progress a fortnight hence.

BRITISH BIRDS, MULES, AND HYBRIDS.

Answered by G. E. WESTON.

A Pet Greenfinch.

Norfolk.—You won't have much trouble in satisfying him in the food line. The average Greenie is a very lusty fellow, and thrives well, given good quality seeds and an average amount of attention. The most important item is a daily feed of good, sound (full kernelled) sunflower (or half sunflower, half safflower) seed. This can be offered in a separate dish, or placed among the stock mixture. The latter should be made up as follows: Canary and teazle, two pints each, hemp, summer rape, charlock, and linseed half a pint each. Crack the safflower seed, if used. Wild seed mixture, and some good maker's special packet Finch mixture, can be occasionally offered for a change, while sunflower heads (gathered from the garden) full of seed, thistle and hard-heads, seeding chickweed, groundsel and shepherd's purse, should be freely given as in season.

Our Biggest Finch.

Surrey Reader.—You would do well to peruse some up-to-date book on the subject, say, Mr. Norman's "British Bird Manual" (price, 1s. 1d. from CAGE BIRDS office), which deals with the Hawfinch. The best house cage is the "Finch stock cage, not less than 20 inches long by 14 inches high by 10 inches wide, and the two perches should be ½in. and ⅝in. respectively. The water-hole should, naturally, be a very large one. As regards the proper feeding, the principal food for a caged Hawfinch is sound, plump, white sunflower seed, or mixed sunflower and safflower. Sunflower seed, which is black, or striped, however, is not bad by any means; still, I prefer white myself whenever obtainable. Given this, and a mealworm or two every day or so, the bird asks for little more. The mealworms are a great help in keeping (and getting) a bird steady. The bird also appreciates hemp, linseed, canary, oats, small wheat, and sometimes a little buckwheat, summer rape, small Indian corn, etc. His beak makes short work of beechmast, suitable nuts (crack them when necessary), plum and cherry stones, hawthorn, privet, etc., berries and the like. They appreciate a little young lettuce, watercress, chickweed, shepherd's purse, also ripe apples, pear, etc., occasionally. They make no exception in favour of tender green garden peas, of which they are passionately fond, and these are especially good given in the pod. They are fond of a bath, so let him have one whenever the weather is suitable.

Diet of Linnet.

Young Fancier.—There is plenty of time yet for your Linnet to come into breeding condition before you will want to make a start. Let the stock mixture be: Canary and teazle three pints each, summer rape, one pint, charlock and linseed half-a-pint each. A feed of maw and niger, and a good wild seed mixture can be given frequently (varied) by way of a change, while your bird would undoubtedly benefit by being given a teaspoonful of good hemp seed every other day. Let him have a little green food, especially rape seedlings, in the winter, and flowering dandelion tops and the young leaves, also seeding shepherd's purse, chickweed, plantain, and groundsel freely when obtainable. To bring them in condition for song, etc., the great "secret" is to give them a supply of the best old hemp, and crack it lightly, so that they feed well on it. Also put in the "tit-bit" drawer every other day from about the middle of February a teaspoonful of the following mixture: Two ounces each of gold of pleasure, niger, plantain, sesame, and thistle, one ounce each of mustard (the golden-yellow seed), dandelion, maw, cornflower, and lettuce. The "Nutshell" booklet upon the Linnet would be very helpful to you; also Mr. Norman's book upon British Hardbills.

What Do They Like?

Puzzled.—One has to find out what it is a Bullie hen prefers as nesting material, etc. Mr. Alexander was quite correct in speaking of their vagaries when in captivity. Bullfinch hens vary as much in taste, so far as nesting sites, nesting materials, etc., are concerned, as do Canary hens. Some Canary hens build nests entirely of cow-hair, with a little white deer-hair as lining, ignoring the moss contained in the nest-bag. Others, however, use practically all moss. I never interfere; it is best to let the fair sex have their own way. Give the Canary hens an ordinary nest-bag and a supply of charpie, or white "deer-hair," for nesting materials. If you get out into the country at all, you can find dried grasses, bents, and an old Blackbird's or Greenfinch's nest (pulled to pieces), and give these to the hen Bullies. My own hen Britishers are often fond of charpie, and one or two have built a fine, clean-looking, cosy nest practically entirely of it. Some use an earthenware nest pan, but the majority of hen British birds prefer wooden nest-boxes, or Roller travelling cages with the end (or top) and inside fitments removed. Some like an old Blackbird's nest to re-line, and some will lay their eggs in simply a hole made in dried grasses strewn on the cage floor. They are peculiarly variable. They will rear the young (or attempt to do so, I should say, for few succeed, the usual plan being to put the eggs under foster parents) on the ordinary seeds, but must have unlimited seeding shepherd's purse, groundsel, chickweed, and the like. In addition, mine also relish soft foods, and egg food, and live ants' eggs. About the best nesting material out for hen Bullies can be made from a cheap cocoanut fibre doormat. Unravel the fibre, and cut it into varying lengths (from one to two and a half inches). It works out very cheaply in price, and my Bullies delight to build with it.

BRITISH BIRD & HYBRID QUERISTS should consult Houlton's great work, "Cage-Bird Hybrids" (7/6); Norman's "British Bird Manual" (2/3); or Part 1 "Hardbills" (1/1), Part 2 "Softbills" (1/1); "Aviaries, Bird-rooms, and Coges" (2/3); "Seeds, Foods, and Wild Plants" (1/2); "Secrets of Hybrid Breeding" (1/2); Dr. Creswell's "Hygiene of Bird-keeping" (1/1); Dr. Clarke's "Septic or Bird Fever" (7d.); "Colour-feeding" (3½d.); or the "Nutshell" booklets (2½d. each): No. 1 "Goldfinch," No. 2 "Linnet," No. 3 "Skylark," No. 4 "Song Thrush and Blackbird," No. 11 "Bullfinch," No. 13 "Chaffinch," No. 15 "Greenfinch," No. 22 "Siskin, Redpoll, and Twite," No. 25 "Small Insectivorous Birds," No. 26 "Large Insectivorous Birds," No. 6 "Ailing Birds and How to Cure Them," No. 9 "Disinfection of Cages, Birdrooms, etc.," No. 12 "How to Moult British Birds." All thoroughly practical and instructive. Prices quoted are post free from "Cage Birds," 154, Fleet Street, London, E.C.

A Hybrid Couple.

A Tryer.—You will find that articles giving the experiences of fanciers when hybrid-breeding will appear in due course, and you will get many hints from them. You read the one in the Birthday Issue, I presume? All Hybrid couples (two British birds) can be treated on practically similar lines; there is no need, broadly speaking, to feed one pair one way and another pair another way, for this would be a great tax on one's time where many pairs are put up. All couples should have plenty of young dandelion leaves, likewise the flowering and seeding heads of dandelion and groundsel, shepherd's purse and chickweed, according to season. The dandelion and chickweed are obtainable now in the southern counties, in many places, and it will not be long before you are able to get shepherd's purse freely. Give good feeds of niger and maw seeds to both birds daily, and do not stint Goldies of hemp, Bullie hens of sunflower, while they may have a taste of egg food if they show any liking for it. My own hens all show a liking for it (if they are in cages). Some fanciers believe in transferring the eggs to hen Canaries, and some (but very few) give the hen Britishers a chance to hatch them and feed the young. When the couples are in cages the former invariably prove the most certain method, especially with hen Bullies, whom I never find any too reliable. Should you get young, offer all of the above-mentioned seeding green foods freely, egg food (or rich insectivorous food, if the hen Bullie likes it), small mealworms, live ants' eggs, and sprays off rose or fruit bushes which are infested with smother fly (aphides). The seeding green food is often obtainable (though later on in the year, in time, however, for most young Hybrids) simply covered with "blight" and tiny crawling things, and is then most valuable.

CLUB & SOCIETY NOTICES

Altrincham C.B.S.—Jan. 29, election of officers for 1912.—C. C. Blackshaw.

Bankfoot C.B.S.—Jan. 27, Brayshaw's Assembly Rooms, Bankfoot, 7 Whist drive and dance; tickets 9d. each; also Jan. 30th, at Red Lion Hotel, annual general meeting, election of officers, open show business.—F. Gelder.

Barrington and Choppington C.B.S.—Jan. 27, Social Club, 7.30. To elect secretary, take subs., and enrol new members.—T. Griffiths.

Bedlington C.B.S. — Feb. 3, Turks Head, 7.30; general business; hearty welcome to fanciers in the district to join.—T. Lee.

Blackburn C.B.S.—Jan. 29, Melioras Restaurant, 8. General meeting; election of officers; members please attend; members' prize money will be paid out.—J. Cook.

Bootle C.B.S.—Feb. 6, 8 p.m. Annual meeting; notices of motion; also election of officers for 1912. Fanciers wishing to join can be enrolled at Feb. meeting.—F. E. Hawkes.

Bradford West C.B.A.—Jan. 27, Shoulder of Mutton, 8. Yorks. Union nominations and rules.—F. Western.

Brighton and Hove C.B.A.—Jan. 31, Headquarters. Members' annual show, judging at 2.30 by Mr. W. R. Miles (Chichester). Committee meeting during evening.—W. H. Gibb.

Chester C.B.S.—Jan. 30, Nags Head Dining Rooms, Foregate St., 8.30. Quarterly meeting; passing rules, etc.—R. N. Williams.

Choppington C.B.S.—Jan. 27, Railway Hotel, 7.30. To arrange annual supper, new members, etc.—G. H. Seeley.

City of Bradford O.S.—Jan. 27, Flying Dutchman, 8. To consider any alteration in Yorks. Union rules, etc.—F. Rhodes.

City of Wakefield O.S.—Jan. 27, Crown and Anchor Hotel, 8. Cup rules; classes for 1912; important.—J. Ieherwood.

Chesterfield C.B.S.—Jan. 27, Welbeck Inn, 7. Ann. open show date; audit of books; and table show for Feb.—T. Booker.

Dalkeith C.C.—Feb. 3, Ship Inn, 7. Election of office bearers; fanciers within a radius of 10 miles invited.—Ewing and Steel.

Dalton C.B.A.—Jan. 27, Y.M.C.A. Rooms, 7.30.—F. Houldsworth.

Dewsbury C.B.S.—Saville Hotel, . Members' show, staged 3. Judge, Mr. J. Bailey.—S. Shaw. (No date given.—Editor.)

Dunfermline C.B.S.—Feb. 3, Co-operative Hall, 4. Breeding pairs show.—R. T. Campbell.

Edinburgh C.B.S.—Jan. 27, Morris's Haymarket Restaurant, Haymarket Terrace, 7. Smoking concert.—J. I. Mackie.

East Bowling B.F.A.—Jan. 27, St. John's School, 2.45. Meeting and show; judge, Mr. T. Bennett. Final arrangements for social and prize distribution.—L. Booth.

Eccleshill C.B.A.—Jan. 27, Fountain Inn, 2.30 p.m. and 8 p.m. Members' show; birds to be staged by 2.30 p.m.; Messrs. C. Mortimer and S. Webster, judges. Annual general meeting for election of officers, etc, 8 p.m.—W. Nettleton.

Edinburgh N.C. and Mule B.S.—Feb. 1, Hall's, High St., 8. Enrolment of members; novices and new members will be made welcome.—J. Welsh.

Edinburgh Western O.S.—Feb. 1, Riego St. Hall, S. Judging competition.—R. Lile.

Glasgow and Western Counties C.B.S.—Jan. 27, Good Templars' Hall, 122, Ingram St., 6.30. Annual general meeting (report); election of office bearers, etc.—W. Connelly.

Grangemouth O.S.—Feb. 2, Boilermakers' Hall, 8. Election of judges for annual show; judging competition, Norwich yell. and buff.—J. Woodhouse.

Grimsby and Cleethorpes O.S.—Jan. 27, 119, Cleethorpe's Rd., 7.30. Aonual general meeting; election of hon. secretary (resigning), and other officers; balance sheet.—W. Yardley.

Gt. Horton (Good Intent) O.S.—Jan. 27, Church Schools, Southfield Lane, 7.30. Prize distribution, etc.—H. Gornall.

Great Horton O.S.—Jan. 27, Butchers' Arms, 8. Balance sheets, and special business; election of officers.—J. Holroyd.

Hamilton Cadzow Oak O.S.—Feb. 3, Town Hall, 6.30. Pair show, Nor. 2 classes, Borders 2, Muling pairs 1, Hybrid pair, 1. 12 specials to compete for.—G. Marlin.

Halifax O.S.—Jan. 27, Plummet Line Hotel. Members' show and meeting; birds staged at 7.30; judge, Mr. C. Whiting (Bradford); for classification see syllabus; solid silver spoons competed for. A good entry is desired. Meeting to make arrangements for tea and social.—J. J. Dunn.

Hebden Bridge and Calder Valley O.S.—Feb. 1, Nutclough Tavern, 8. Annual meeting; election of officers, etc.—A. Pickles.

Holmfirth C.B.S.—Feb. 2, Headquarters, 8. Members' show; question of joining [illegible] will be brought up by Mr. N. Sandford.—J. Smith, secretary.—M. Coltman.

Jarrow C.B.S.—Jan. 30, Lockhart's Cafe, 8. To elect

Leyton C.B.A.—Jan. 29, Grange Park Hall, 8. Pair show; judge, Mr. J. Robson; entries close Saturday. —Forse and Son.

Leigh C.B.S.—Jan. 31, Railway Hotel, 7.30. Washing competition, 3d. per bird; entries open till time of starting.—R. Charleson.

Llanelly C.B.S.—Jan. 27, Greyhound Hotel, 7. Important to finish schedule for local show and selection of judges.—D. John.

Lowestoft C.B.S.—Feb. 5, Fox and Hounds, 7. Table show of pairs of Crests and pair P.H.'s, matched for breeding, also sale class; society business.—F. Rackham.

Manningham C.B.A.—Jan. 27, Headquarters, 2. Members' show; Ramsden's special to be competed for. Judge, Mr. L. Dykes; entries, Friday night, 8 to 11 o'c.—H. Grange.

Metropolitan C.B.A.—Jan. 27, All Saints' Parochial Hall, close Battersea Park Station. 8 p.m. Pair show and demonstrative lecture; free admission. Entries accepted at the show; birds staged prompt, from 6 to 7 p.m.—F. J. Martin.

Morley C.B.S.—Jan. 27, Sycamore Hotel, 7.30. Table show of Canaries; balance sheet and winter programme.—D. Holliday.

New Cross C.B.S.—Feb. 1, People's Hall, Tanner's Hill, Deptford. Pair stock show and hybrid pairs; judge, Mr. Hazel. Birds staged 7; 6d. per cage prize money on sliding scale, specials for each section. Will members please send in their outstanding subs.?—Barton and Barton.

Northern Counties Nor. Club.—Jan. 31, Lockhart's, Grainger-st., 7.30. Table show (see reports).—W. Curry.

Northowram and C.B.S.—Jan. 27, Yew Tree Inn, Bird staged 2.45. Show for hens only; judge, Mr. H. W. Walsh.—S. Sykes.

North Shields C.B.C.—Feb. 7, 37, Howdon Rd., N.S., 7.30.—R. P. Fox.

Pentre C.B.S.—Jan. 27, Headquarters, 7.30. General, subs. now due.—G. Lingard.

Paisley, Tannahill O.S.—Feb. 3, Lockie's, 2, St. James' St., 7.30. Admission of new members, etc.—J. Stewart.

Partick C.B.C.—Feb. 2, Trades' Halls, Anderson St., 8. General, and show of breeding pairs; classes: Crests, Plainheads, Borders, Yorks., A.O.V., and Hybrid pairs.—J. Henderson.

Pelton Fell C.B.S.—Jan. 27, Institute Hall, 6.30. Annual meeting; election of officers, and balance sheet for 1911 season.—W. Forster.

Pudsey, Bramley Societies.—Jan. 27, Old Unicorn, Bramley. Joint show; birds staged at 2.30 p.m.; judges, Messrs. Ormondroyd and Craven; entries Friday, 8 to 10.30 p.m.—Maltby and Raistrick.

Rochdale Good Intent C.B.S.—Jan. 31, Temperance Club, Toad Lane, 8. Committee meeting.—C. Hartley.

Rotherham C.B.S.—Jan. 27, College Inn, 8. Alteration of rules, etc.—B. Bailey.

Runcorn B.B.A.—Jan. 31, Headquarters, 7.30. Members' pair show; champion, amateur, and novice classes; judge, Mr. R Barker (Widnes).—J. Fearnett.

Stocksbridge C.B.S.—Feb. 3, Headquarters, 7.30. Pair show of Yorks., and Nor.—G. L. Sampson.

Sheffield C.B.S.—Feb. 1, Wentworth Cafe, 8. Table show of novice pairs, 2 classes Nor. and Yorks.; no entry fee and good prize money, etc.—A. Hobson.

Sandy Lane C.B.A.—Jan. 27, Victoria Hotel. Members' show; birds staged 2; judge, Mr. H. Drake, Shipley.—Ratcliffe and Shaw.

Shipley O.S.—Jan. 30, Prince of Wales, 6.30. Annual presentation; members and friends invited.—A. Tillotson.

Smallbridge C.B.S.—Feb. 5th, I.O.G.T. Room, 7.30. F.F. show; judging competition, etc.—W. Lanyon.

Stockton-on-Tees C.B.S.—Feb. 1, Leeds Hotel, 8. Fixing date of open show.—J. W. Lowes.

Vale of Leven C.B.S.—Feb. 1, Village Schoolroom, Alexandria, 7.30. Washing demonstration, by Mr. C. Hunter (Glasgow), who will also judge matched pairs.—A. H. McLean.

West Stanley C.B.S.—Jan. 27, Town Hall, 6.30. Prize money and annual meeting; election of officers, etc., for 1912.—W. Elliott.

Wigan C.B.S.—Feb. 3, Legs of Man Hotel, 8.—W. Ridge.

Windhill O.S.—Jan. 27. Blue Bell Hotel, 8.—J. A. Taylor.

West Bromwich C.B.S.—Jan. 30, Headquarters, 8. Balance sheet, 1911, and general business.—W. G. Andrews.

Yorkshire C.C. of Scotland.—Jan. 30, 71, London St., Glasgow, 7.45. Annual general meeting and presentation of prizes.—R. G. Gill.

Yorks. Prize Distribution Committee.—Jan. 27, Market Tavern, 6.30. Report of sub-committee and arrangements for annual prize distribution; secretaries of specialist Yorks. Clubs please note.—H. Hill.

GENERAL.

Answered by THE EDITOR.

Wild Birds (J. B.).—We do not know of any such law. Wild birds are sold in Manchester market place. A booklet dealing with the Wild Bird Act is published by Messrs. Trower and Co. (442, Caledonina Road, London, N.), price 7d. post free; it is called the "Bird Dealers' and Catchers' Guide."

A Coloured Plate (C. Smith).—We have not published a coloured plate of the kind you mention. Every variety of Canary (including the original wild Canary) is depicted on the frontispiece to the new standard work, "Our Canaries."

Nightingales, etc., in Italy (E. Geddes).—We must ask you to kindly excuse us from publishing your letter. We have never heard of the practice in connection with Nightingale, and apparently you yourself are not sure the statements are correct.

Two Items (D. L. Fynn).—(1) We have never tried making our own, and do not know of a recipe. We should think you could buy it even more cheaply than you could make it. (2) The subscriptions to most societies vary from 2s. 6d. to 5s., and in some an entrance fee of 1s. is charged. Full particulars concerning practically every society will be found in "Cage Birds Annual," which contains a society directory.

GENERAL Queries. — — emfwy pemfwy pem

Press Cuttings (N. Gibbons; W. Tebbs; A.P.; and Others).—Accept our thanks for the newspaper cuttings sent us.

Photographs (C. Smith).—Mr. Fulljames has handed over your photographs to us, and we will try to find a corner for one or other of them in a future issue. Many thanks.

The Canary Family (B. Chapman).—Such a plate as you describe, depicting the original wild Canary, and every variety of domesticated Canary, appeared in Part 1 of "Our Canaries," and forms the frontispiece of this standard work.

An Address (T. King).—The monthly journal of the Foreign Bird Club ("Bird Notes.") can be obtained from Mr. J. H. Hemstock, Market Place, Ashbourne, Derbyshire. The price to non-members is 1/6. The member's annual subscription is 10/-.

A Solution (A Clear).—We appreciate your point; both eyes, however, were marked—the left is quite closed.

POST MORTEMS.

Mr. G. Yates, M.R.C.V.S., 2, College Road, Harrow, Middlesex, will examine and report upon dead cage birds for a fee of 1s. 6d. each bird; for reply direct, 2s. 6d.; analysis, 21s. Subjects for post mortem examination must be sent packed in a box direct to Mr. Yates, with the fee, this and any accompanying letter being kept from contact with the dead bird. Send by letter-post; it is cheaper and quicker than parcel post. Any bodies sent to the office of this paper will be thrown away, and if a fee is enclosed the loss will be the sender's.

THE NORWICH PLAINHEAD CLUB.

Presentation of Cup, Medals, Cash Prizes etc., and an Honorarium to the Sec.

A most enjoyable and in every way successful evening was spent on January 20 by members and friends, and was made the occasion of the presentation of the N.P.C. cup, medals, and money prizes won during the recent show season, and also a presentation of a purse of sovereigns to the secretary, Mr. J. Hopkins. Some 60 members and friends sat down to a very sumptuous dinner at 6 o'c. Amongst others present, were: The President, Mr. Dent (Preston), H. W. Battye, A. Wellings, J. Trengove, W. Booth, Taylor (Sheffield), as representing the judges; and Messrs. Hopkins, Brothers, S. Cook, J. Raynes, J. Hayhurst, A. Hirst, J. E. Davies, J. Rukin (the Lizard fancier), P. Atkinson, and many other prominent exhibitors of Norwich and other varieties. Telegrams of congratulation were read from Mr. Carl (Cage Birds), and Mr. E. Baker (Cowes); and numerous other letters were received from members, wishing the Club a successful evening.

After toasting "The King," a very interesting programme of song and recitations was proceeded with, excellent renderings being given by Mr. Simpson (Preston), and Mr. Morris (Stockport). Unfortunately our comic man failed us, but this, on the other hand, brought out our home talent, Mr. Vickers (Shaw) causing roars of laughter with his songs and recitations. Mr. McKail gave us a rendering in Scotch, and an amusing sketch, entitled "on strike," which seemed to appeal feelingly to some of our "locked out" cotton members. Messrs. Grey and Barraclough (both members) also contributed songs which were highly appreciated, and Mr. Chorlton (Stockport) accompanied on the piano in first class style. The president gave the toast of "The Norwich Plainhead Club," and stated with what pleasure he found himself in the chair on the occasion of the first social gathering of the club; he trusted this was the making of an annual gathering. The toast of "The Visitors" was very ably given by Mr. J. Raynes, and responded to by Mr. Rukin. Mr. J. E. Davies gave the toast of "The Judges," and as the winner of the cup and champion medal, said he felt especially grateful to these gentlemen for the noble way in which they had done their work. Mr. H. W. Battye replied, and hinted that he didn't like to see birds staged dirty, a remark that caused sundry hard looks from some gentlemen present. He finished up by saying he told his steward at one N.P.C. show that he was not going to encourage lazy beggars.

The principal event of the evening was, of course, the presentation of the cup and other prizes. This was very gracefully performed by Mr. Dent. The cup has been won outright by Mr. J. E. Davies, who, in accepting same, said how pleased he was to have won it. It had required a great effort, but he had set out to win it, and was of course glad to have done so. He very generously offered for competition next year two £5 5s. cups, one for champions, the other for amateurs, and suggested that these should be won outright the first year, as he considered it was a great strain, and a tax on any fancier's resources, to have to compete three or more years for any trophy. Next in order came the gold medal for runner-up to the cup (Mr. J. Raynes), and the rose-bowl, given by Mr. Davies, which had been won by Mr. Sam Cook, after a strenuous fight, just beating Mr. Vardy by one point. The other medals and prizes were also handed over. Then followed the presentation to Mr. Hopkins of £10, which had been contributed by members as some recompense for the work and care which he had given to the affairs of the Club.

Mr. Hopkins thanks all the members for their kindness, which he appreciates greatly. He was very much surprised and delighted to be made the recipient of such a handsome gift. Mr. W. J. Grey also generously promised a silver cup for the amateurs. Further songs and sketches concluded a very pleasant evening.—Geo. W. F. Lythgoe.

IRVINE AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

First annual general meeting, held Masonic Hall, January 20, Mr. W. T. Clark presiding. Balance sheet submitted and read by secretary, showing a substantial balance on hand. Arranged, to hold monthly meetings; quite a number of leading Scottish fanciers have kindly offered to give lectures on all varieties of cage birds, wild seeds, and washing exhibitions. Also arranged, to hold a table show, Feb. 3rd, in the Masonic Hall, at 8 o'clock, also to enroll district members by paying 2s., which includes towns of Dreghorn, Troon, Kilwinninge, Irvine. As all prize money has been paid, and all specials handed out, any who may have been omitted might kindly communicate at once with secretary.—H. B. Young, Sec.

YORKSHIRE UNION OF C.B.S.

Council meeting held Jan. 20th, at "Flying Dutchman," Leeds Road, the headquarters of the City of Bradford O.S. Mr. H. H. Towers (Pres.) occupied the chair, and there was a good attendance of delegates present. President and Secretary elected representatives on the committee for the annual priz distribution. The ballot for ten shows at which only points gained count towards the gold novice medals, duly carried out. The name of each affiliated society which had held an open show was placed in a sealed envelope, and ten of these envelopes were withdrawn according to rule, the remainder being destroyed. The names of the societies withdrawn were as follows: Lalsterdyke, Bradford West, Huddersfield, Eccleshill, Gt. Horton, Brighouse, Queensbury, Sandy Lane, Skelmanthorpe, and City of Bradford. In addition to these ten shows, all points won at the Bradford National Show on December 8th and 9th have to be added. The order for the supply of Union novice gold medals was given to Messrs. Fattorini and Son (Bradford), to be of similar weight and quality to those supplied last year. A proposition was made that a Union representative attend the meeting of each affiliated society, when the ballot for officials, new rules, etc., is taken, in order that a more thorough ballot may result. But this was heavily defeated on being put to the meeting. Complaints were made by the Halifax Society about certain informalities which appeared in the schedule of rules printed by the Bradford National Show Committee, whose show was held under the patronage of the Union. After a lengthy discussion it was decided to leave question over for the time being, the Sec. explaining these would not be allowed to occur another year. Many subjects of interest were discussed by the Council, and no doubt these will clear many difficulties which appear to stand in the way of rules being put into effect in the interests of all affiliated societies. Secretaries of Union societies should bear in mind that all nominations of officials, alterations and new rules, should be in my hands by the 1st of February otherwise they will be too late to place on the ballot paper for this year. All Union medals, etc., will be presented at the annual prize distribution in March; particulars of same will be published later. H. Hill, Sec.

Stray Thoughts of an Old Fancier.

A few reminiscences of Mr. J. C. Gamson (Woolwich.)

My first experience of breeding the Norwich Canary dates back twenty-two years, before Canary breeders were catered for, as they are to-day, by Cage Birds; when breeders had to be content with short paragraphs found here and there in one or two poultry papers; and when fanciers were not so communicative as they are to-day. At that time I found it very difficult to get information. I used to walk miles and visit all the bird-shops in the neighbourhood to see where the best birds could be obtained. I was introduced to a bootmaker at Peckham, who, I am glad to say, dealt justly with me.

I bought altogether three pairs of Norwich from him, and from these I bred twenty-three young ones, which, I think, was very good for a beginner. I have often wondered how it was I had such success as a novice, and although I have become more experienced since then, I have never seemed to have the same full measure of success.

Heat or No Heat?

I had an attack of "Bird Fever" once again, and thought I would go in for Crests, and looking over my Cage Birds I answered an advertisement and sent to Norwich for a pair, which duly arrived. They were very fine birds, in splendid condition, when I received them, but after a time they went into a soft moult. Then I removed to a more suitable place, and a second pair of Crests I had had sent up from Norwich I kept under better conditions, and they were a success. I reared seven fine birds from the six Crests and one Crest-bred. I have come to the conclusion that the correspondent who wrote to Cage Birds and said that keeping birds in the living-rooms was the cause of their going into a soft moult was correct, as it proved in my case. I now keep my birds in a room leading from the kitchen, and have given them no other heat than they get by my leaving the kitchen door open at night time; and a hardier and healthier set of birds no breeder could wish for.

The type of Norwich bred twenty years ago, it seems to me, was very different to the type of Norwich bred to-day. At the present time the Norwich is a much larger bird, more chubby in every way, and I like its appearance much better.

I remember a breeder talking of the prevention of egg-binding, and he recommended letting the hens have plenty of flying-room. This may account for my success when I was a novice. I built for them, in an off-room, a flight 5ft. long 4ft. high and 20ins. deep, and I never knew what it was to have any of my hens egg-bound. Neither did I ever loose one of my young birds in their first moult.

Early or Late Breeding.

In bygone days I used to put my birds up the third week in February, if the weather were at all suitable and the birds were ready; and I never found any ill effects result. Last year I did not put them up till the second week in April, which I found rather late to get three nests from the hen; especially in view of the fact that I had to take the cock bird away, as he would not let the hen alone, and she had to bring up the young birds by herself. I am in favour of egg and biscuit, as my birds did not seem to get on very well with bread mixed with the egg.

I have had good success in the past using the old wooden square nest-box, with perforated zinc bottom; but recently I have gone in for the earthenware pan with swansdown lining, and I find it much better in every way. With the old type of square box you had to give the hen so much nesting material, very often I have gone and found the eggs covered up, and have had to disarrange the nest to gather them together. With the earthenware pan one does not have to use so much material, and the eggs are kept better together, being more shallow at the bottom and more comfortable for the hen to sit on her eggs; besides being much cleaner.

A Novel Remedy.

We have had many remedies given us for exterminating the red mite. I used to save all my tobacco ashes, and as I took each egg away from the hen I put it in these ashes; when I set the hen I also sprinkled some at the bottom of the nest. I very seldom saw any red mite in my cages. I had this wrinkle from an old breeder and tried it with the above result.

YORKSHIRE UNION OF C.B.S. COMPETITIONS.

List of Winners and Points Gained.

The City of Bradford O.S. held the last Union show of the season on January 20th, thus bringing to a close all the competitions arranged by the Yorks Union, and also a most eventful year. The W. H. Shackleton challenge trophy to the value of 30 guineas (which has been in existence for five years) is now won outright, Mr. J. Bailey having won this competition three years in succession. He will therefore take the 1st prize, value £15. The 2nd prize has been won by Messrs. Ogden Bros. with an aggregate of 1418 points for the five years; this prize is valued at £10. The 3rd prize value £5, has been won by Mr. W. H. Shackleton, with an aggregate of 1266 points; and the 4th prize (gold medal) value £1 10s., by Mr. H. H. Towers, with an aggregate of 977 points. The present year's competitions have also seen the H. W. Naylor challenge cup, value £5 5s., won outright, the fortunate winner again being Mr. J. Bailey, who has won it three times in succession. Thus the Union will now have to part with two very valuable trophies, which have undoubtedly done much towards stimulating interest in the Yorkshire Canary. Taken as a whole, the entries have not come up as well on the average for the shows which have been held, as in the two previous years, but this is accounted for by the falling off in entries made in the Novice classes, and it looks as though novices in Yorkshire will have to bestir themselves if the classification which the Union has given at each show is to be maintained. However, they have the remedy in their own hands, and I hope they will see to it that this is rectified by the time another show season comes round. The full list of points in the competitions for the year are as follows: W. H. Shackleton trophy: 1, J. Bailey, 274 points; 2, Messrs. Ogden Bros., 265; 3, W. H. Shackleton, 253; 4, Mr. H. H. Towers, 229 points; runner-up in this competition, Mr. L. Dykes, 205 points. The H. W. Naylor cup: 1, J. Bailey, 221 points; 2, Ogden Bros., 195 points. J. W. Ramsden's prizes: 1, J. Bailey, 274 points; 2, Messrs. Ogden Bros., 265 points. In the novice competition the winners of medals in the Yorks Section are S. B. Grayshon, 113 points; S. Smith, 91; W. E. Fergusson, 79; S. Tyas, 74; S. Moore, 67; L. Jebson, 65; A. Sutcliffe, 62; E. Ellis, 52; S. Denby, 50; H. Pearson (Queensbury), 48; T. Tidswell, 48; and J. H. Fowle, 42 points. In the Norwich section the four winners are: H. Simonett, 109 points; J. Roe, 75; F. Rhodes, 69; and B. Clegg, 65 points, wins with most prize money. Runners-up in Yorks: F. Crabtree and J. Harney, 40 points each, in Norwich, H. Birheck, 65 points. Mr. H. Simonett qualified for a medal in the Yorks. section, as well with 81 points to his credit, but according to rule takes the medal from the section in which he has scored most points. Mr. J. W. Ramsden's prizes: 1, H. Simonett, 184 points; 2, G. B. Grayshon, 144. Points gained in Cage Birds competition in the professional section: J. Bailey, 347; Ogden Bros., 338, W. H. Shackleton, 306; H. H. Towers, 277; L. Dykes, 238; J. Thomas, 218; J. Chippendale, 163; Sutcliffe and Son, 139; F. Allen, 97; F. Townsend, 96; Thornton and Bower, 92; J. Helliwell, 62; I. Dyson, 55; A. Cooper, 54; Shaw Bros., 53; H. Hill, 36; W. Cruise, 26. In the amateur section: C. Morrison, 186; Brown and Son, 141; E. Stobart, 57; L. C. Casey, 47; C. F. Hall, 36; Allan Radley, 35; T. Elsegood, 33; Burtinin Bros., 28; A. Wright and Son, 25; J. Lunn, 8. A list of points gained in these two competitions will be sent in to the Secretary of Cage Birds prizes, and he will publish a list of winners in due course. All the above points are taken from the catalogues, and anyone who finds any errors is requested to write me immediately without delay. The whole of the prizes will be given to the successful winners at the annual prize distribution in March. Particulars of same will appear later.—H. Hill, Sec.

EDINBURGH AND DIST. C.B.S.

Meeting held Jan. 16, President (Mr. Charlton) presiding. Syllabus for season 1912 drawn up; it is of a highly interesting character. Also decided, to hold a F.F. show, 13th July. Mr. J. Stormont was admitted a new member. President reminded all of the smoking concert to be held 27th January, and hoped members would turn out in full force, as the programme was likely to be one of the highest order. —J. I. Mackie, Sec.

METROPOLITAN C.B.A.

Annual general meeting, Jan. 20th. A very satisfactory balance sheet was read. Election of officers resulted as follows: President, Rev. H. J. Hills; Chairman, Mr. F. J. Martin; Treasurer, Mr. Denham; Auditors, Messrs. Lloyd and Walker; Committee, Messrs. Martin, Harwood, Lloyd, Tebbs, King, Gollop, Moore, Denham, Macgregor and Mrs. Macgregor; assistant hon. sec., Mr. J. Burgess; hon. sec., Mr. J. Best. Decided, to have pair show Jan. 27th; Y.B. show June 15th, Judge, Mr. J. Robson.—J. Best, hon. sec.

NEW CROSS AND DIST. C.B.S.

Annual general meeting, held Jan. 4th, Headquarters, People's Hall, Deptford, Mr. Hill in chair. Financial statement submitted, which showed a substantial balance on the right side of 9s. 4d. Since we started in Jan., 1911, we have enrolled 30 members. This indicates that a go-a-head cage bird society was wanted in this district. A good programme for the year was drawn up, which includes lectures by Messrs. Robson, Norman, and other gentlemen, also judging and washing competitions. Officers were elected:—Mr. Hill, chair; Mr. G. Burton, vice-chair; Mr. Pope, treasurer; Messrs. G. and F. Burton, auditors; committee, Messrs. Hall, Jones, Deane, Gillard, Rouson, F. Burton. A pair stock show, Feb. 1st, heads the programme for 1912, when I hope all members will kindly support.—G. and J. Barton.

N. COUNTIES NORWICH P.C.

Following is the list of winners and points gained by members at shows where our patronage was given:—Champion Section (challenge cup): A. Holden, 102; silver medals, E. Cowling, 81; G. Dobinson, 70; W. H. Butler, 50; R. Lowther, 44; A. Hermiston, 27; and C. McKay, 26. Novice Section (special to be decided yet): J. Davison, 28; silver medals, J. Dixon, 25; H. Birkett, 20; H. Wellsbury, 16; R. Topping, 14; and R. Hope, 6. I will be greatly obliged if the above is not correct to be notified of same at once. Our next meeting will be held January 31st, in Lockhart's, 65, Grainger Street, near Monument. In connection with same a table show will be held. Class 1, pairs for breeding; 2, yellow unflig.; 3, buff unflig.; 4, hen unflig. Mr. C. Dobson (Ryton) has promised a silver medal to the novice gaining most points over two table shows. Ent. fee, 6d. A hearty invitation is given fanciers to attend. Any who would like to join us can do so at this meeting, and they will be entitled to compete at the above show. Membership is confined to following counties:—Northumberland, Durham, Cumberland, and Westmorland. Sub., 2s. 6d.—W. Curry, Sec.

Correspondence.

A "Wagon" Cage for Redpolls.

Sir,—It would prove of interest to me, and, I feel sure, other readers of your very fine paper, if someone would give a description of the cage for a Redpoll which has a little wagon for the seed to be drawn up in. I remember seeing this when quite a youngster, but have quite forgotten the working. Many readers will be glad, I know, to assist.

T. Charleston.

Yorkshire C.C. of Scotland Annual Meeting.

Sir,—The annual general meeting will be held Tuesday, Jan. 30, at 7.45 p.m. prompt, in Duncan's Rooms, 71, London Street, Glasgow (near the Cross). The trophies and other prizes won during the past season will be presented to the winners during the evening. I hope to see a very large attendance, and will be particularly glad to welcome ex-members, and prospective members for 1912.

R. B. Gibb, Hon. Sec.

The Treatment of Live Birds by Railway Companies.

A Move by the Great Northern Co.

Sir,—It is very pleasing to hear that the Great Northern Railway Company have issued the following instructions to their staff re the handling of live birds, etc.:—"The attention of the staff is directed to the necessity for seeing that small animals, live birds, etc., are supplied with water when received at a station and not promptly delivered to consignees." The above instructions will apply to birds received at a large station late on Saturday night, when there are no more trains to take them to their destination till the following Monday morning. Probably the above notice will serve to rouse thoughtless servants to the necessity of attending to the wants of stranded birds. It would be a good plan to fix a drinker inside the cage, so that it could readily be filled at the station, should there be any need. It is to be hoped that other railway companies will follow the above example, and thus save both fanciers and railway companies unnecessary loss.

Carriage Key.

A Grumble at the Crystal Palace Show.

Sir,—Now that the entries have closed for the coming Crystal Palace Show, these remarks of mine, I hope, will be taken as fair criticism. I wish to enter a protest against what I consider a very poor classification indeed for what ought to be such a representative exhibition. This meagreness of classes provided for some of our most popular varieties—even in the champion section, but much more so in the amateur section—cannot instil into anyone that to win at the Crystal Palace is the height of the bird fancier's ambition. And I think I am correct when I say that there is not enough of that belief with regard to our Palace Show. Not one in every hundred fanciers from Lancashire sends to the Palace, although such a direct journey for the birds, whereas there are many birds sent from this district to the Scotch New Year shows at Edinburgh and Glasgow, and they are generally near the top of the classes. That they are not considered to have a chance of winning at the Palace is not, therefore, the reason which keeps so many representative birds away. I will here give what I consider are the reasons. The late time of the season for our valuable show birds, which, please remember, are our stock birds, too; being away from the Thursday of one week to the Wednesday of the next is too long a period unless some great prize was in competition; and what do we find when we look at the prize-money—that both Glasgow and the Scottish National shows pay 5s. per class more prize money for the same entry fee, and for three-day shows with much better classification in all varieties, especially where it is most wanted. I consider the Crystal Palace policy very short-sighted. It has not provided a single class for non-fed Norwich, though I will warrant there are many only too anxious to turn them out. There were over thirty birds in two classes at Edinburgh, and over forty in four at Glasgow. Should they not be recognised at what is supposed to be England's premier exhibition?

Richard Anderton

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A New Cage Bird Society for Radcliffe and District.

Sir,—A meeting was held on Jan. 17 at Wareing's Dining Rooms to discuss the formation of a new cage bird society for Radcliffe and District—a society that has no doubt been a long-felt want among the Radcliffe and District fanciers. There was a good number of fanciers present. Mr. J. Burton was elected chairman, Mr. J. Allen treasurer, and Mr. W. Pickup secretary, and all members present were elected on committee. A proposition was moved that members pay 1s. entrance fee and 4d. per month afterwards. It was also moved that we hold our meeting the first Wednesday in each month at 8 p.m.

W. PICKUP, Hon. Sec.

14, Bk. Stanley Street, Whitefield.

The Chester C.B.S. Re-formed.

The Radius Limit Done Away With; New Officials Elected.

Sir,—I am glad to be able to inform you that the Chester C.B.S. is to be reformed. A meeting of those interested was held on Jan. 17 at the Nag's Head Cocoa House, Mr. E. Lloyd presiding. It was decided to take steps to revive the interest in the society, and with this object Mr. Lloyd was elected chairman for the year and Mr. F. C. Parker vice-chairman. Police-constable R. N. Williams, as secretary, will be assisted in his duties by Mr. W. Davies, Francis Street. Mr. T. Jones (Messrs. Jones and Chester) was appointed treasurer; while a good working committee, viz., Messrs. Crane, Richards. Gardner, Dutton, and Bracegirdle, was elected. Good shows have been held by the society in the past, and now the organisation has been reformed it is hoped to stimulate interest in its doings and make the annual exhibitions even more successful in the future. The society is now open to all (having an unlimited radius), and the membership subscription is 4s. annually, payable quarterly. Meetings are to be held on the last Tuesday of each month in the Nag's Head Dining Rooms, Foregate Street, at 8.30 p.m. All communications respecting the society should in future be addressed to me at 8, Cornwall Street.

R. N. WILLIAMS.

A Novice's Successful Start in Canary Breeding.

SIR,—I was passing through North Earl Street, Dublin, about five years ago, and outside a shop door was a little paper called CAGE BIRDS. Having a liking for birds, I bought a copy for one penny, and through the advertising columns I purchased the best my pockets would allow—two pairs of Yorkshires and also some London breeding cages, which I found very nice and comfortable. I intended to make a start and try my luck. Being only a novice, every hour I had to spare I studied CAGE BIRDS most carefully, reading the hints given by different breeders and some of the leading judges. I also got CAGE BIRDS ANNUAL (which is a grand sixpennyworth for anyone going into the Fancy). I made a start to get my birds ready. I commenced in January, 1907, giving the birds a little watercress, also a hard-boiled egg well chopped up. By the end of March I had the cocks in full song, and the hens were in great form, hopping from perch to perch. The second week in April I paired them up. I put a small hen to a good length cock; these did well. There was a quarrel between them, but they soon eased down, and by the fifth day I gave them a nest which was made by myself out of a cocoanut shell. I cut it round and placed flannel on the inside of it, with some gum. On the ninth morning I found an egg in each nest; these I took away, and placed in a small box of sawdust. I did this each morning until the third egg was laid, and on that evening about four o'clock I dusted the cages and nests, and returned the eggs. The next morning I put the date of setting on the bottoms of the cages so that I should have no trouble in telling when the young were due. On the thirteenth night I got a hard boiled egg, and some Osborne biscuit, and I chopped them up as small as I could with a table knife. On the fourteenth morning they were due out, and on the fifteenth day, when the hen came off the nest, I looked and found that all the eggs had hatched out. When the young Canaries are three days old it is my method to give the old ones a little greenfood. I supply the youngsters with a bit of fresh egg and biscuit three times a day—8 o'clock in the morning, one o'clock noon, and 7 o'clock p.m.; the egg-food, remember, goes sour if left in the food-vessel too long. I got fifteen young birds that (1907) season—eight from one pair of birds and seven from the other. When the youngsters were about five weeks old I took them from the parents, and put them in a flight cage—one I made myself. By that time they were well on hard seed, but I kept them still on a little egg-food, weaning them off this gradually. An invention of mine—one which novices may like to know of—is a perch, made of elder wood. Blow the pith out of the inside, and place a cork in at each end. Then, with a hat-pin, bore holes on the top and bottom of the perch. If there are any red mites on or about the bird, when it is resting at night time they will get into the perch; the perch being corked at each end, escape for the redmites is, of course, impossible. But be sure to clean the perch out every morning. I sold my young Canaries in December 1907, and made a little profit out of them. I cleaned my cages, whitewashed them and left them till the following February. I kept my original pairs and bought two more pairs, also from an advertiser in "C.B." At the end of February I commenced to feed my birds up. I selected the long cocks for the short hens, and in the second week in April I had the four pairs going. I had enough to do as a novice. As each hen laid an egg I put it into a box of sawdust as usual, and put the dates on the bottoms of the cages. I think that four o'clock on the evening when the third egg is laid, is about the best time to give the hens back their eggs. This second season I got on just grand. I only let the birds go to nest twice, which I think is enough, as after July the nights get cold. In 1908 I got twenty-six youngsters—seven from No. one pair, six from No. two, eight from No. three, and five from No. four. And out of the twenty-six I got eighteen cocks and eight hens. I never had a bit of trouble with them the whole season. All my success was due to reading your valuable paper, CAGE BIRDS. When I got the birds over their first moult I sold a lot of them, which well repaid me for my time. I made quite a lot out of them. I like to give my birds plenty of light, so that they have a chance of feeding their young first thing in morning; but be sure to keep your birds out of draughts.

CHARLES QUINN.

Side-lights Upon the Habits of the Lapwing.

The Value of Marking Rings.

Sir,—In a recent issue of CAGE BIRDS you express the hope that the ring from leg of the Green Plover, or Lapwing, caught at Mount Mellick, Queen's County, Ireland, has been returned to Aberdeen University. You will see by the enclosed cutting from the "Gazette" that this has been done. I also enclose another cutting from the "Free Press," which may be of interest in this connection. It is very strange that Aberdeenshire Lapwings should be so foud of Ireland! Oyne is about 22 miles N.W. of Aberdeen.

A. RUDOLPH GALLOWAY.

Professor Arthur Thomson, of Aberdeen University, intimates that a Lapwing rung by Mr. Meston with the Aberdeen University ring at Oyne in June last was caught at Grangemore, Co. Roscommon, on New Year's Day.—"Gazette."

Dr. Galloway's Interesting Remarks in the "Free Press."

SIR,—I have just received information from Mr. Landsborough Thomson, secretary of the Aberdeen University Bird Migration Inquiry, that a Lapwing marked by me in a field on the Echt Road, about ten miles from Aberdeen, on June 10, 1911, was found near Mountmellick, Queen's County, Ireland, on October 15 of this year. I saw the bird in the field while cycling along the road, and, as it was quite young and unable to fly, it was caught after the spot where it lay motionless on being alarmed had been carefully noted. Thus, it cannot have been more than 4½ months old when it undertook its long journey. Mr. Emslie Smith, Summerhill, informs me that in his young days, in Banffshire, the farmers believed that Lapwings migrated to Ireland. I believe also that last year four Lapwings ringed in Aberdeenshire were found in Limerick. So that we have by this valuable inquiry, so ably conducted by Professor Thomson, definite proof of the old belief. I should like to recommend fellow-cyclists during next season to take an active part in this inquiry, which would lend much interest and excitement to many a dull run. The silent approach of the cycle is especially useful for getting in touch with birds before they are alarmed, and leads often to interesting discoveries apart from migration. While cycling in from Newburgh one morning last summer, I suddenly came up a Rook flying low across the road with a straggling object in its claws. In its alarm, it dropped the object in front of my wheel. I quickly dismounted and caught a young Lapwing, little the worse for its premature aerial flight. I carefully applied one of the University rings to one of its legs, and liberated it at a safe distance from the Rooks—the parent Lapwings taking much interest in the whole proceedings. I hope to hear of this little bird again—perhaps also from Ireland. Another young Lapwing which I rung gave me a great surprise. On being liberated it promptly jumped from my hand into a stream of water 2 or 3 feet deep, and instead of drowning, swam gaily along for many yards, casting exultant glances in my direction the while. Its swimming would have done credit to any duck, and I had to add to my knowledge the fact, of which I have seen no mention, that Lapwings could swim.

A. R. GALLOWAY.

Will the Breeding Season Soon Start in the Autumn?

SOME VERY, VERY EARLY BIRDS!

A December Nest Photograph.

Sir,—In a previous issue you published particulars of my hen Canary, which commenced to lay early in December last. I have pleasure now in sending you a photograph of the brood of young Canaries, which were hatched on Dec. 18, and which she succeeded in rearing within twenty-eight days. She has just commenced to lay her second clutch of eggs. This hen is a young bird, being hatched on the 6th of May, 1911, at Silksworth. She was bred by me. Can any reader beat this for early breeding?

J. ROBINSON.

Hebburn Colliery.

[In our last issue, a Scottish reader speaks of a brood hatched on Nov. 17, the same hen hatching her second brood on Jan. 5. Evidently the breeding season will soon have to be considered as starting in the autumn! —Editor.]

"Wrong-classed" at Bangor Show.

Sir,—The following letter from the secretary of the recently held Bangor Show will doubtless be read with interest by your Irish subscribers. Some time before the show I wrote to one of our leading breeders for a ticked buff cock for stock purposes, and received from him a bird which carried a very decided tick on the thigh; indeed, the tick ran from the thigh up into the side, and was plainly visible to anyone with an eye in his head. I had not to take the bird in my hand to find the tick, neither had another well-known exhibitor to whom I showed it. Judge theu of my surprise when I received the following letter from Mr. McConaghie in reply to an enquiry as to why my exhibit had been "wrong classed." Mr. Marlin and the committee of the club must be rather queer sighted when it comes to examining a bird for a tick. But be that as it may, any members of the council of the Y.C. and C.B. Society of Ireland who care to verify my bona-fides in entering the bird (Ring No. 500,O.X.) in the ticked class at Bangor can do so if they drop me a postcard and make an appointment.

C. LATTIMORE.

[COPY OF Mr. Mc CONAGHIE'S LETTER.]

Sir,—Your note to hand re your bird in Class 23, "wrong classed" at our show. I was present when this bird was being judged, as were most of our committee. The judge examined it very carefully, and also invited those present to examine it and see if they could find any ticks on it; but they had to acknowledge that they could not. He then took it out in his hand aud in blowing up the feathers found a slight mark, but held that as this was not visible wheu in the cage he would have to lay it aside. If you would like to communicate with the judge, his name is Mr. G. Marlin, 21, Glebe Street, Hamilton.—W. J. McConaghie.

[We have no desire to interfere in any way in this matter, but may perhaps be permitted to point out that it is now the rule at most of the leading exhibitions that a bird which has no dark feathers visible as it stauds in the show cage must be entered in the class for clears. Of course, we are not in a position to say whether Mr. Lattimore's bird does or does not conform to this rule.—Editor.]

A Venerable Exhibition Song Thrush.

Wins Prizes for [illegible]

Sir,—I wish to ask if any fancier could tell me about the age a Thrush is [illegible] to? My Thrush has just died. I had it for thirteen years, and when I got it it was one year old. I should very much like to know if anyone has known a Thrush to live in a cage for fourteen years before. It was a remarkably good bird, as is evidenced by the honours it won at the Crystal Palace and other shows. It was shown all over the country for ten years and over. Its singing was admired by all who heard it, and it sang from early morning till late at night. It was a very large bird, and had splendid markings, which many judges could testify. I was offered a lot of money from time to time for it, one gentleman offering five pounds. A lady offered to buy it in order to let it out of the cage, so that it could have its freedom. I told her it would die then, as it had been in a cage seven years then. The last three years I had it it was a cripple owing to some hurt it got at the last show I sent it to, and it has never been on the perch since. It has travelled thousands of miles, and has never received any hurt until at the last show, as mentioned. I think great praise is due to the railway companies' servants for looking after the Fancy birds as well as they do.

F. V. F.

[Fourteen years is a "ripe old age," of course, but many instances of Thrushes living beyoud this have been recorded—one bird (a photograph of which we published) exceeded twenty years.—Editor.]

Scotch Fancies and the City of Glasgow O.A.

Sir,—In your last issue, under the nom de plume of "Member," the writer states that I persist in holding the meetings on Saturday nights. I can assure him, also all fanciers who may have read that note, that at no time have I undertaken to make the meeting nights to suit myself; that has always been arranged by the secretary, and he has been guided by the fact that for ten years at least the meetings of our association have been held on Saturday nights. Altogether he has, for a member of the City of Glasgow O.A., displayed a great want of knowledge; also he has displayed a willingness to give me credit for a lot of things which I do not deserve. His letter, I think, instead of bringing out the Scotch Faucy members, will tend to keep them away, as it will seem to them that I intend to manage their business as well as my own. Another part of his letter seems written so that intending members may think they have a grievance. Now, I can assure all members of our association that this new clause will create no injustice, and that when it is properly explained they will see we were acting in the interests of truth and justice by passing the clause at this time. I hope that all fanciers who have the interest of the association at heart will come along this year and give us their heartiest support.

DAVID BLACK.

President, City of Glasgow O.A.

[We feel it due to Mr. Black to tender him an expression of regret respecting the appearance of the letter signed "Member." We naturally assumed that "Member" was correct in his assertion that Mr. Black was responsible for the calling of the meetings. As we have no wish to be embroiled in a controversy of so limited an interest, we think his (Mr. Black's) straightforward explanation may very well close the correspondence.—Editor.]

TROUBLE OVER A BRITISH BIRD CUP.

Should Points Gained in Selling Classes Count?

Sir,—I was at Canterbury Show, and saw Mr. Brett had a bird nominated for poiuts in the 15s. selling class. I was very much surprised, and at once notified the secretary of the Kent County C.B.A., at the same time protesting against the points being allowed to count. A meeting was held, and my protest was unanimously upheld, and the cup was awarded to me. In the next issuc of your valuable paper I saw a meeting was to be held to decide winner of British Cup. Mr. Brett in the meantime wrote to the secretary asking for an explanation, saying a mistake had been made, claiming that he had 25 points and myself 24; therefore he was winner of cup. The secretary advised that a meeting had been held, which decided against points being allowed in selling classes; but Mr. Brett protested against decision, also stating he was not advised of the meeting. The club then decided on holding a meeting to settle winner of cup and to give Mr. Brett a chance of attending. Mr. Brett contended he had complied with rules, and was entitled to the cup on the following grounds:—1. That there was nothing in rules to stop exhibitors from entering and nominating in selling classes; 2, that he had done it before and was prepared to prove it. I answered his first point by saying he was correct. It did not mention anything about selling classes in rules. But Mr. Brett, who has been competing for British Cup this last five seasons, and has won 9d. outright—this in dispute being the second cup provided—is an experienced fancier, and surely he does not consider it fair that birds should be nominated in selling classes. Four classes stood at Canterbury, viz., Linnet, Goldfinch, Greenfinch, or Bullfinch, and A.O.V. Finch; he could have entered in any of the above classes and competed for cup. His second point was that he had nominated in selling classes before, and was prepared to prove it. If I had noticed it, I should have protested. I will give a case: A Norwich class is provided at a show. Two exhibitors are competing for a points cup. One nominates in Norwich class; the other puts a bird in a selling class and wins. Is it fair for the latter points to couut against the competitor who stood his chance in the Norwich class provided, and possibly against a better class of bird? My contention is that under no consideration should points be allowed to count in selling classes. Selling classes are provided for the disposal of surplus stock. I know the rules do not mention selling classes; if it was intended that fanciers could nominate in selling classes the club would have put it in the rules. When Mr. Brett was competing for the cup he won at one or two shows, I noticed, in classes where no other fancier was competing against him. Before the next season I proposed a rule forbidding points to count where there was only one competitor, which was carried.

F. J. WICKHAM

Members Shows.

Leicester (Hand-in-Hand) C.B.S.: Held Jan. 16. Mr. G. Lander judged. Principal winners:—Nor. open, Messrs. Hulse, Neal, Gibbins, Freestone; novice, Messrs. Moores, Reeves, Chamberlain, Birch, and Memory.—A. Freestone, Sec.

Harrogate C.B.S.: Held Jan. 20, Lowther Cafe. Judge, Mr. J. Thomas. 68 birds were staged. Principal winners:—Messrs. Head, Hollins, Fergusson, Walker, Ireland, Gill, in champions; and Messrs. Blackburn and Fleetham in novices.—W. E. Fergusson, Sec.

Tong and Dist. C.B.S.: Held Jan. 20, Hand and Shuttle Inn, Dudley Hill. 61 birds were staged. Mr. H. H. Towers judged. Principal winners: Yorks.: Messrs. Hodgson, senr., Casey, Clarke, Gledhill, Padgett, Firth, and Crabtree.—W. Walker, Sec.

Shipley O.S.: Held Jan. 16, "Prince of Wales." 78 birds were staged. Mr. E. Grange judged. Winners of points:—Champion cup, J. A. Taylor, 95; L. Crosland 90,, H. Martin 73, Brown and Son 69, H. H. Towers 62, H. Long 58, A. M. Craven 40; novices: H. Robinson 60, J. Holmes 55, T. Cooper 53. J. W. Gait 38. Principal winners:—Messrs. Crosland, Long, Taylor, Towers, Martin, Hudson, and Brown and Son in the champions; Messrs. Holmes, Robinson, Cooper, Murgatroyd.—A. Tillotson, Sec.

Singing Contests.

NEWTOWN (Leeds).

Weekly Linnet contest held Jan. 21, Prince Albert Inn, when 16 birds entered. First three birds sang well. Mr. H. Allen consented to judge, assisted by Mr. C. Lorriman as timekeeper. 1, J. Clarke; 2, A. Binns; 3, J. Chippendale.—E. Wood, hon. sec.

LEEDS.

Weekly contest for quality held, Old Bird House, King's Head, Shannon Street, Jan. 20th; 17 birds sang, and some very good singing was heard before a crowded house. 1, T. Johnson; 2, 3, T. Stead. Judges, Messrs. Walt. Naylor and H. Hayes. Also Jan. 21st, when 38 birds faced the judges. Mr. T. Stead's two birds were worth one's while to listen to. 1, 2, T. Stead; 3, T. Johnson; 4, Farrar. Judges, Messrs. T. C. Summers and S. Hardcastle. Timekeeper, Mr. Walt Naylor.—T. C. Summers, hon. sec.

Quality singing contest for Linnets held Skinner's Arms, Buslingthorpe, January 20th, when 19 birds sang. 1, Chippindale; 2, Sellars; 3, Ward. Judges, Messrs. Lorriman and Clayton. Also January 21st, when 25 birds faced the judges: 1, 2, shared by Chippindale and Sellars; 3, Sellars. Judges, Messrs. Green and Simmons. A Canary contest will be held at above address, January 28th.—C. Clayton, Hon. Sec

ISLINGTON, N.

We had a very full house on Jan. 21, there being 5 pairs of Linnets. Winners:—1, Smith; 2, Body; 3, Dave. Timekeeper, Pony Moore.—F. Westmore, Sec. "Lord Wolsley," White Lion Street, N.

CASTLEFORD.

Weekly Linnet contest held Jan. 20, when 34 good birds sang. Winners: 1, W. Nelson; 2, A. Sweeting; 3, J. Brindley. Also Jan. 21, when we had 24 birds, and we had the best singing ever heard in the district. After a very close finish the winners were: 1, W. Nelson; 2, J. Caddy; 3, W. Dobson. —Walter Dobson, Hon. Sec.

SHEFFIELD.

Linnet contest, held "Royal George," Brightside Lane, January 14th, when 17 birds entered. Mr. Clark (Leeds) and Mr. E. Bisby (Sheffield) made a dead heat with a score of 84 each. Thompson, 75, third; Brown, 55, fourth. Also contest held Jan. 21st, when 22 birds sang. Mr. Clark's (Leeds) bird first, 68; Bisby's "Bull Dog" second, 52; Brown's "Scraper," third, 43. A contest will be held on Jan. 28th, open to all England for time singing. Entrance 4d. per bird, first pair up at 1 o'c. Any one wishing to join Linnet Club give name to C. Hill, Royal George, Brightside Lane.

SALFORD.

Open-to-all-Manchester and district contest held Boat House Hotel, Oldfield Road, January 21st, 16 birds entering. Result: 1, Marshall; 2, Cain; 3, Cootes. Timekeepers, W. Cain and B. Wharton; Minutes, A. Marshall; Birdkeeper, J. Caswell. Our first open contest of the season takes place January 27th, open to all England for quality and time. £1 will be added to the entry fee of 1s. First pair up at 2 p.m. Mr. J. Pearson (Salford) will give a special of a Canary cage to the first club member for quality. Linnet fanciers are specially invited, as all the Lancashire Singing clubs will be present. Members' show, February 4th. Judge, Mr. J. Bird (Manchester).—B. Wharton, Hon. Sec.

LEIGH.

Contest held January 21st at Globe Inn, when 26 birds entered. Considering this was our first attempt it was very good. We intend to have a contest every week-end, but the contest will be confined to members only. We are doing this to enlighten novices more on quality singing as they will have to judge along with a qualified judge; also to get our members more used to the new idea of tapping, and we should advise other clubs to do it also. Will all members kindly note that there is an open-to-all-England contest at Boat House Hotel, Oldfield Road, Salford, January 27th, which we hope will be better patronised than Tyldesley was. Also, don't forget we hold an open-to-all-England Linnet contest for quality and time Feb. 3rd, first pair up at 2 o'c.—J. McAllister, Sec.

TYLDESLEY.

Union Arms L.C. contest held January 20, when 48 birds faced the judges. There was some grand singing, both quality and time. Following were the winners in quality: 1, J. W. Jones; 2, Howcroft; 3, J. Statham; 4, Randall. Time: 1, J. Poole, 119; 2, J. Everet, 97; 3, Fairhurst, 96; 4, P. Owen, 71. Judges for quality, J. W. Jones, J. McAllister and Mr. Gibbons; timers, J. Everet, H. Derbyshire; tappers, A. Kennedy and J. Poole; minute-man, J. Halliwell. Before giving prizes I asked fanciers present if they wished to examine any papers; no one accepted. After the contest I was told there was a mistake; so on Jan. 21 we had a scrutiny of the papers in the presence of members and non-members, when the following mistake was found out: Poole, 4, 5, 12, 18, 14, 22, 3, 5, 15, 10, 19 (127); Everet, 10, 27, 18, 9, 9, 4, 6, 26, 13, 6, 5, (135). I will bring all papers to Salford contest next Saturday, so all can see for themselves. I wonder what was the matter with Salford and Blackburn. J. Harrison, Sec.—(Please write on one side of paper only.—ED.)

CAGE BIRDS LEAGUE

We Hope to meet all Members Next Saturday.

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A New Vice-President.

We have to welcome this week an addition to our list of Vice-Presidents in Mr. Malcolm Roberts, M.A., whose name will be found in our list, as above.

Our Week's Membership List.

The list this week shows a goodly increase to our ranks, as below:—

Miss Bousfield, Bournemouth; Miss Ruby, Cork; Miss Goss, Peckham; Mrs. Henderson, Westminster; Mrs. Holliday, Southampton; Messrs. Taylor, Bideford; Clements, Bedford; Ridler, West Ham; Pain, Thornton Heath; Chadwick, Clayton-le-Moors; Scott, Dumfries; Veasey, Rugby; Nicholls, Rugby; Nelson, Rugby; Long, Birmingham; Evans, Margate; Stoyell, Norwich; Green, Norwich; Roberts, Baron's Court; Tyrrell, Peckham; Robinson, Catford; Williams, and Master Williams, Goetra; Jones, Hither Green; Barkholz, Tooting; Milligan, Westminster; Veness, Hastings; Chapman, Heasell; Pratt, Blackburn; Wooldridge, Harlesden; Harrod, King's Lynn; Tootill, Farnworth; Scarll, Lowestoft; Warren, Enfield Wash.

More Honorary Secretaries.

Among our new Hon. Secs. I have the pleasure of welcoming a lady member. Miss Ruby is the first lady to volunteer to act as local hon. sec., and I hope her example will be widely followed. The success of CAGE BIRDS LEAGUE depends materially upon the efforts of local hon. secs. in spreading the knowledge of its aims and objects, and in persuading all bird-keepers of their acquaintance to join our ranks. The persuasion of a lady is difficult to combat, and the more lady hon. secs. the better for the cause which we all have at heart. The full list of additions this week is as below:—

Cork, Miss S. G. Ruby, 9, Magdala Terrace, St. Luke's, Cork.

Wolverhampton, Mr. W. J. Singleton, 27, Byrne Road.

Nechells, Birmingham, Mr. H. G. Long, 239, Nechells Park Road.

Margate, Mr. C. W. Evans, Margate Aviaries, Duke Street.

Dumfries, Mr. S. H. Scott, Mona Park, Glebe Road.

Yeovil, Mr. S. Priddle, 70, St. Michael's Road.

Our First General Meeting.

No doubt remains as to the success of our meeting which is to be held at five o'clock on the Saturday at the Palace Show after our tea at 4.30. Many members write that they are arranging parties for the purpose of attending, and I would take the opportunity of reminding members that, the day being the one for the Football Cup Tie at the Palace, cheap excursions will be run from many parts of the country. Intending visitors should take advantage of these facilities for cheap travelling on the eventful day. Besides the football excursions, many other trains are being run at cheap rates. Full particulars as to these will be found in another column under the review of the Crystal Palace entries.

Postcards, Please!

Owing to the Football Cup Tie at the Crystal Palace there will be extra demand on the catering department, and I shall be glad if all members who purpose taking part in our tea and meeting will kindly drop me a postcard to that effect. There will be no charge for the tea, and no obligation will attach to any promise of attendance, but it will be of very great assistance to the caterers in the expected rush of business, if I am able to let them know beforehand the approximate number of our members who will be attending.

Good Advice and a Warning.

I hope every subscriber to CAGE BIRDS, whether a member of CAGE BIRDS LEAGUE or not, will read carefully the letter from our esteemed member, Mr. Claude St. John, which is reprinted below. The first paragraph contains advice which may be commended to the notice of every member, and the second paragraph emphasises a warning that I have more than once conveyed to our readers who are keepers of Canaries.

As to the question of the cups or trophies sugested by Mr. St. John, there would appear to be more than one reason why this scheme might prove impracticable. Firstly, it would be a matter of very considerable difficulty, if not indeed an impossibility, to decide which Canary, British or Foreign bird was the absolute best of the year, even in its own section, for there would be no means of comparing side by side the best at one show with the best at another. Further, if there be one form of competition which is sometimes responsible for friction is that of competition for challenge cups, and as a body of fanciers banded together in good fellowship, it behoves us to steer clear of objects which may in any possible manner endanger the amicable feeling which it is my pleasure to know exists between members of CAGE BIRDS LEAGUE. An opportunity offers itself to discuss this and other important matters at our impending General Meeting at the Palace on Saturday, February 3, and I hope that as many members as possible will be present at that gathering, and express their views on any subject that may occur to them.

Some Suggestions by a Well-Wisher.

Sir,—As regards the first annual meeting at the Crystal Palace I sincerely regret that circumstances over which I have no control will prevent me having the pleasure of being present and assisting, if only in a very small way, to make the meeting a great success. This should, and I trust will be, always the aim of every individual member of the League—to faithfully and conscientiously perform on every opportune occasion any trifling service, however insignificant it might appear, for the League, and never defer doing a small service in the hope that a future chance may arise for one to do a great and material service; remembering always that a multitude of trivial services may well be the very life of the movement and will keep it going merrily, whereas the principle of waiting for an opportunity to perform a more signal and striking service might cause the work to stagnate. Perform every service promptly whenever the opportunity arises; the smallest as well as the greatest should be the creed of every well-wisher of the LEAGUE—then its progress from one success to another will be assured.

I have found during the past year that some Canary fanciers are apt to consider their hobby is in some way granted exemption from attack, and that the work of the League is beyond their scope. Let me warn them of the real danger of this conceit. Canary keeping is just two points safer than the keeping of British birds—no more, and no less. Let the thin end of the wedge be inserted, and British bird-keeping swept away, then will quickly follow the hobby of foreign bird-keeping, and lastly Canary keeping. It is a principle that has to be fought for, and Canary fanciers owe it to themselves as well as their fellow-fanciers to take their place and stand shoulder to shoulder with their fellows to offer a good square front, and put up a powerful resistance to the whimsical interference of misguided faddists.

Before closing I would like to mention two little suggestions which may perhaps be put before the meeting. (1) The Defence Fund ought to be generously supported, to be always prepared for action in time of need. (2) As I intimated at the beginning of the year, I would offer a suggestion in case no one broached the subject during the year, I will now do so. It is this: That a Special League Challenge Cup—or perhaps three cups, one each for Canaries, British, and Foreign birds—which cannot be won outright should be created for annual competition for the best bird, or birds, of the year. A trophy, say, similar to the English cup in the football world, and a medal or diploma might be awarded the cup holder each year. To obtain this cup, or cups, I would suggest that the members devote half of their subscription to this object instead of small prizes to be competed for at their own society's show, which is a local and much narrower scheme, and in addition special donations could be made towards the fund. This is only the rough outline of the idea, but if members will freely express their opinions about it you will be able to judge whether it is worth knocking into shape.

With hearthy good wishes for the success of the meeting and the continued and rapid upward progress of "CAGE BIRDS LEAGUE."

CLAUDE ST. JOHN.

Certificates of Membership to be Provided.

The suggestion that certificates of membership, suitable for framing, should be instituted, has met with such a cordial reception that this step has been decided upon. As soon as details of design and price are settled, further particulars as to these certificates will be announced. It would be quite impossible to print a tithe of the letters received, bnt the following are given as fair samples of the whole.

Certificates such as suggested would look very attractive hung up with a few prize cards or CAGE BIRDS plates, either in the aviary or in the house, and would catch the eye of many who would not notice the small badge which we wear at present.

Pontllottyn. J. H. Alfred.

I shall be very pleased to possess one. It will make a nice centre for the "ticket corner" of my bird-room. Cups and medals, I fear, are some way off yet, and my tickets need something to help show them up.

Rugby. B. Pain.

I think the suggestion as to coloured certificates of membership exquisite. Please put me down for one if the idea is carried into effect.

Dulwich. (Madam) M. A. Feist-Madewell.

For particulars of our badges, and free booklets, and for terms of membership, etc.,: see Jan. 20th issue (p. 57).

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The management as usual was par excellence. Bathgate has always been fortunate in having an ideal secretary, but this year they had an extra good official in Mr. A. Nicol, who had everything in apple-pie order. We were pleased to see the worthy President, Mr. R. Bald, busy; and he was ably assisted by the committee, Messrs. Strachan, E. Cain, M. Bald, Showler, Gentleman, Haldane, McLean, Fullerton, Flood, Smith, Spence, Cowie, Cruickshanks, Fleming, and W. Sharp. The show was well patronized by fanciers.

The Crests & Norwich Plainheads.

CRESTS AND C.B. (amalgamated) (9): 1, Summerhill, good Crest, fine top piece, grand frontal, rare droop, in fine bloom; 2, 4, vhc, Williamson and McAdam Crest, good centre and droop, fails in density of feather only, 4 nice C.B., a wee shade narrow on head, but good length of feather; 3, Dunsmore, sweet Crest, well laid in, good quality; hc, Sharp. NOR. CL., ETC., YELL. CK. (7): 1, Bishop, wins, grandly moulded, rare round body, grand head and neck, splendid wings, all there for shape and quality; 2, Davidson, grand front, good wing carriage and col.; 3, Wildridge, good body, lovely front, fine quality feather; 4, Bishop, close up for feather and finish, good size; vbc, Lugton; hc, Sharp; c, Bisbop. BUFF (10): 1, Thomson, sweet beu, grand hoxy feather, good head and wing carriage, and A1 front, well staged; 2, Gallacher, plenty of size, grand col.; 3, Wildridge, good size and substance, A1 front; 4, Thomas, sweet size, lovely featber and col.; vhc, bc, c, Sharp. UNFLIGHTED COCK (12): 1, Gardiner, sweet yell., grand shape, fine full front, nice head and wing carriage, in full bloom; 2, Peel, varieg. buff, sweet size and shape, good head and front, grand wing carriage; 3, Lugton, also a varieg. buff, grand size, not quite so good in head as winner; 4, Gallacher, neat yell., grand feather and condition; vhc, Webster; hc, McCree; c, Miller and Alcorn. HEN (8): 1, Peel, varieg. yell., grand head and front, well rounded, fine quality feather, well finished; 2, McCree, cl. buff, grand size, fails just a little in front; 3, Gardiner, grand varieg., lovely shape, full bodied bird, graud head, inclined to be moulting a little; 4, Lugton, good size, nice quality feather; vhc, Miller and Alcoru; bc, Kerr. NOR. A.O.V. (8): 1, Bishop, good yell., slightly varieg., grand body, rare head lovely wings, well cut, in full bloom; 2, Allardice, romping fine buff, nice one, grand size, plenty of substance, rare bead and front, in full bloom; 3, Gallacher, varieg. buff, nice size, good quality feather; 4, Aitken, varieg. yell., nice size, good quality, well put down; vhc, Gardner; hc, Godfrey; c, Webster. NON-FED CK. (7): 1, 4, Lawrie, a romper, good one, well rounded, extra good in head, fine wing carriage, full front, well drawn; 2, Wildridge, sweet shape, good head and front, nice wing carriage; 3, Bell, close up, grand body, good quality feather; vhc, Robb; bc, Grainger; c, Kerr. HEN (7): 1, Parker, nice varieg. yell., grand size and shape, sweet head and front, lovely feather, well put down; 2, Wildridge, romping fine green, as round as a marble, grand bead and front, lovely wings; 3, Reid, yell., good size and shape; 4, Baird, nice buff, good shape and feather; vbc, Laurie; hc, Barrie; c, Dunlop. CINN (7): 1, 3, vhc, hc, Aitken, leader buff, tight in feather, well up in size, good head, well pencilled, in grand order, 3 also a buff, good size and quality of feather; 2, 4, Cruicksbanks 2 some preferred, a grand jonque, rare body, lovely pencilling, grand tone of col., lovely front and taper, 4 strong bodied, grand shape; bc, Lambie.

The Border Fancies & Yorkshires.

BORD., CL., ETC., YELL. CK. (12): 1, Halliday, good one, grand size, sweet head and front, A1 wing carriage well tapered, stylish, well put down; 2, Baird, very neat, good quality feather, grand head and wing carriage, good style; 3, Spence, close up, good head and wings, good quality feather, well drawn, grand size, full of swagger; 4, Andrew, good one, must have pressed, rare head; vhc, Patterson; hc, Gentleman; c, Oilchrist. HEN (10): 1, Halliday, again leading, nice all round bird, good head and front, in lovely order, botly followed by 2 and vhc, G. Bennett, grand shape, lovely body, rare wing carriage; 3, Patterson, good one, grand shape, well drawn, best of quality, rare head and wing carriage, worth its place; 4, Dunsmore, good shape and quality of feather; hc, Livingstone; c, Carmichael. BUFF CK. (14) 1, c, Patterson, good all-round, sweet size, grand quality feather, rare bead and front, well drawn, in full bloom, wins; 2, 3, Bennet, good stamp, equal in feather and finish to first, 3 falls a shade in frout; 4, Halliday, grand feather, rare style; vhc, Spence; hc, Connachie. HEN (11): 1, Halliday, fine stamp, sweet head and front, well drawn, staged in grand order; 2, Easter, good one, fine head, rare pose, lovely wings, good quality; 3, Hazzard, grand shape, rare quality feather, lovely head and wing carriage; 4, hc, Bennet, good stamp, grand quality feather; vhc, Connachie; c, Spence. EVEN MKD. (6): 1, B.F.C. medal, 2, vhc, Patterson, leader grand buff, splendid balanced eye marks, good wings, combined with type, grand feather, 2nd also buff, very neat; 3, Brownlee, also a buff, neat eye and wing markings, fails in bloom only to winners; 4, Gentleman, nice bodied yell., grand size and shape; hc, Carmichael. GREEN (13): 1, spl, A. and W. Thomson, leader sweet yellow green, grand shape and quality feather, pure in col. and markings; 2, Lambie, hot one, close up, not quite so tight in feather as winner, but equal in col. and markings; 3, McIntyre, close up, good col. and markings; 4 Bennet, col. on the light side, but good shape and lovely quality of feather; vhc, Baxter; c, Gentleman. CINN. (7): 1, 3, c, Baxter, leader good yell., fine shape, grand head and front, pure in col. and markings, A1 quality feather, in fine bloom, 3rd buff, a trifle long in feather, good shape, well pencilled; 2, Patterson, nice yell., good stamp and quality feather; 4, Grant, nice yell., good col. and markings; vhc, Gentleman; hc, Lambie; c, Baxter. BORD. A.O.V. (11): 1, 2, Patterson, pair of gems, lovely quality feather, leader buff, sweet head, grand wing carriage, ideal taper, correct weight, 2nd yell., similar to winner, could almost have exchanged places; 3, Andrew, good buff, lovely back and head, rare taper, lovely box feather; 4, Bennet, buff, a demon for quality of feather; vhc, Kerr; hc, Spence; c, Yale. YORKS CK. (9): 1, Reilly, slim yell., grand length and rare head and wing carriage, well up on legs, smooth in feather, good front, well drawn; 2, vhc, McRobbie, buff, wing tick, good shape, tight in feather; 3, Walsh, sweet yell., well drawn, all there for quality, well worth its place; 4, c, Douglas, buff, good stamp and quality of feather vhc, Reid. HEN (9): 1, c, Douglas, hot fed buff, long and rakey, real good one, rare pose, lovely back and wing carriage, very stylish; 2, Webster, close up, sweet pose, grand length and stylish, good quality feather; 3, McRobbie, another good buff, extra nice front and finish; 4, Walsh, stylish, good head and front, free mover; vhc, hc, Martin; c, Douglas.

Mules, British and Foreign Birds.

CL., ETC., MULE (5): 1, 3, 4, Jamieson, leader cl. buff Goldie, well up in size, good col., nice face and bars, well shown, 3rd varieg. buff Goldie, nice one, good size and flush face, well marked, 4th also varieg. buff Goldie, good trio; 2, vhc, Bond, lovely varieg. yell. Siskin, a gem for quality of feather, grand size and col., extra well put down. HYB. (including Can.-Bullie) (6): 1, Bond, good large Can.-Bullie, well up in col., good markings, lovely back, bold head; 2, McLellan, romping fine Goldie-Bullie, nice col. and shape; 3, Jamieson, good Goldie-Greenie, fine flush face, grand wing bars, sweet colour and quality; 4, Bell, good Goldie-Bullie for col.; vhc, McQuiston; bc, Henderson. DARK GOLDFINCH, Etc. (11): 1, Gilchrist, well known yell. Goldie, "Border King," in full bloom, wins well; 2, Bell, good yell. Linnet, sweet shape and size, teeming with quality; 3, c, Jamieson, sweet yell. Goldie, inclined to run a shade light, good head and wings; 4, Bald, nice yell. Linnet, fine col.; vhc, Parker; hc, McNairn and Heron; c, Jamieson. DARK, A.O.V. (13): 1, Craig, sweet yell, Greenie, grand shape, lovely tone of col., good head and flights, tight as wax in feather; 2, 3, Brunskill, yell. Siskin, grand size, col., and markings, A1 quality feather, 3rd sweet yell. Greenie, plenty of size; 4, Allan, large Redpoll, nice size and shape, well up in col; vhc, Jamieson; hc, Pickles; c, Bond. BULLFINCH CK. (12): 1, Woods, in grand bloom, rare broad cap, good bib, breast col., well carried down, fine back and wing bars, good col. throughout; 2, Brown, good one, real nice bird all over, fine quality feather; 3, Jamieson, well up in colour; 4, Bald, good one, bold, noble head, and front; vhc, Williamson; hc, Steel; c, Dunlop. HEN (12): 1, 3, Bald, leader good quality feather, bold cap, nice body col., grand wing bars, showing signs of age, 3rd lovely tone throughout, nice cap and bib, longer shape, in rare order; 2, Jamieson, close up, good shape and col, sweet one; 4, McLaren, nice size and quality feather; vhc, Patterson; bc, c, Nicol. SISKIN (9): 1, Bell, "Big Bib," well-known winner, looking at his best to day, a real gem, well put down; 2, Bald, well fed, plenty of size, nicely laced, good all-round; 3, Duncan, good nat. col. one, plenty of size, well laced, neat cap and bib, in lovely order; 4, c, Irvine, also very neat, sweet size and shape; vhc, McLaren; hc, Trotter. GOLDFINCH (17): 1, Arnott, very nice one, good quality feather, grand square cut blaze, lovely buttons; 2, McLaren, a gem for tannings, splendid blaze, good square face, nice cheeks, lovely polish, in fine form; 3, no name, No. 17, grand colour, rare quality feather; 4, Jamieson, good one, fine size and shape; vhc, Livingstone; hc, McRobbie; c, McArdle and Stewart. LINNET (10): 1, vhc, McQuiston, wins, grand tone of col., fine flights, well laced, good head, rare shape and quality of feather, sweet one; 2, Storrie, all there for breast markings, splendid lacing, extra good in flights; 3, Brown, nice size and shape, good head and wing flights; 4, Muir and Heenan, sweet shape and quality of feather; hc, Bell; c, Russell. LINNET, FIELD-MOULTED (20): 1, Hodge, outstandiug, grand bird, bold front, beautifully laced, fine head, rare flights, lovely tone of col., put down in rare order; 2, Sykes, close up, another gem for breast work, grand head, rare shape, lovely quality, very steady; 3, Allan, nice col., well up in lacing, extra good in finish; 4, Campbell and Main, nice one, grand size, good flights, sweet shape and style; vhc, Minnitt; hc, Duncan c, Livingston. GREENFINCH, FED. (10): 1, Bald, good shape, fine bold head, grand body, nice flights, rare tone of col., well burnished; 2, McLean, well-known winner, not looking so well to-day, plenty of size, good tone of col., nice flights; 3, Parker, fine shape and quality of feather; 4, Allan, nice col. and shape, lovely feather; vhc, Baird Bros.; hc, Messer c, Nicol. NON-FED (10): 1, Messer, wins, bold fronted bird, grand head and winge, A1 quality feather; 2, Flood, large one, bold head and front, well up in col.; 3, 4, Bald, good quality, grand shape and col., lovely wing flights; 4, good one, plenty of size; vhc, McLean and Son; hc, McLaren; c, Black and Lamsden. GREENFINCH, F.M. (23): 1, McLean and Son, good all round, well up in size, nice toue of col., steady, plenty of colour in flights; 2, Laing, nice size and shape; 3, McLean, good one, rare shape, grand head and front, very steady, fine flights, good body col.; 4, Sykes, grand Jonque, lovely col., beaten in size only; vhc, Steven; hc, Gentleman; c, Showler. A good class, and difficult to judge, as many of the birds were a shade unsteady. GREENFINCH HEN (12): 1, Liddle, good one all round, well up in size, grand shape, fine bold head, lovely quality feather, well staged; 2, Gentleman, good one for size, nice colour, grand head and front; 3, Craig, grand order, sweet shape and quality; 4, Feency, sweet shape, very nice quality feather; vhc, Flood; hc, Allan; c, Henderson. MEALY REDPOLL, ETC. (14): 1, Pickles, Twite, well up in size and col., good flights, nice tone throughout, steady, well staged; 2, Laing, good Mealy Redpoll, fine cap and bit, well laced on flanks, pure in col., very neat; 3, McQuiston, sweet Twite, grand col. and markings, rare flights, fine head; 4, Bell, well known Mealy in grand trim; vbc, Welsb; hc, Leech and Leckie; c, Millar and Alcorn. LESSER REDPOLL (10): 1, Bruce, well-known winner in full bloom, grand cap and bib good col. throughout, staged in grand order; 2, Gentleman, nice one, good bib, fine lacing and col. throughout; 3, Flood, neat cap, fine markings, grand col., sweetly finished; 4, Williams, nice tone of col., good cap and bib, sweet body col., well up in size; vhc, Craig; hc, Cockerell; c, Bell. LESSER REDPOLL F.M. (15): 1, Williamson, dense cap and bib, grand markings, fine size, lovely tone of colour, steady, well shown; 2, Williams, rare size, grand lacing, neat cap and bib, in fine order; 3, Stewart, sweet tone of col., well laced, nice cap and bib; 4, Gentleman, good size, grand col., well up in bib and cap; vhc, Henderson; hc, Frew; c, Henderson. BUNTING (7): 1, Bald, good all round Corn, steady and well marked, fine tone of col., well up in size; 2, 3, Watson, well known Meadow Bunting, in full bloom, and a good Yellow Bunting, fine head, grand eye markings, well staged, a good pair; 4, Livingstone, Yellow Bunting, well up in size and col.; vhc, hc, Sykes; c, Craig. CHAFFINCH (9): 1, Sykes, wins on condition, lovely polish, rare blue head, grand body col., pure in whites, well up in size, neat, well staged; 2, Hodge, grand bloom, lovely col. and markings, A1 whites; 3, bc, c, Strachan, nice one, grand tone of col., splendid whites; 4, Henderson, grand size and shape, good head, splendid whites; vhc, Steel. BRAMBLEFINCH (8): 1, Sykes, wins, in grand trim, bold head, good markings, lovely col. and quality throughout, sweet exhibit; 2, Gentleman, bold fronted bird, grand back lacing, fine finish and quality; 3, Campbell, sweet shape, good col. and markings; 4, Bald, inclined to be a wee shade dark, but well up in size and bloom; vhc, Duncan; hc, Allan; c, Haldane. BRIT. SMALL (SOFTBILL) (6): 1, Taylor, charming Redstart, in fine bloom, well staged; 2, Lawrie, lovely Bearded Tit, good face, grand size and quality of feather, steady well shown; 3, 4, Arnot, Blackcap, grand Grey Wagtail, both in lovely order, well staged; vhc, Frew. BRIT. LARGE (10): 1, Bruce, Song Thrush, "Border Queen," in full bloom, grand exhibit, well staged; 2, vhc, Gardiner, grand Hawfinch, rare size, good col. and markings, very steady; 3, Adams, lovely Blackbird, sweet size, good col., well staged, lovely bill and cere; 4, Taylor, nice Waxwing, well up in size, fine colour throughout; vhc, c, Brown; bc, Gardiner. A.O.S. BRIT. HEN (SMALL) (12): 1, bc, Leech and Leckie, Grey Wagtail, nice size and col., well staged; 2, Laing, good Yellowhammer, rare size, grandly marked, sweet one, well staged; 3, vhc, Strachan, good Bramble, well laced, fine colour and markings, steady and well shown; 4, Showler, sweet Linnet, grand size, beautifully laced; c, McLean. MEALY REDPOLL, ETC., F.M. (8): 1, Haldane, Twite, well up in size, good shape, fine breast markings, sweet flights; 2, Forrest, nice Mealy, good cap and bib, well laced, lovely body colour and shape; 3, McQuiston, Twite, good shape, lovely breast markings; 4, Liddle, very light Mealy, rare size, in splendid order; vhc, no name; hc, Cummings; c, Parker. FOR. GOLDFINCH (13): 1, hc, Brown, grand size, lovely wing flights and body col., good cheeks and buttons, in rare bloom; 2, Howie, splendid square cut blaze, pure cheeks, well up in body col., good shape, lovely quality; 3, Russell, neat one, good face, fine depth of col., lovely wing flights and buttons; 4, Henderson, sweet all round, nice square cut blaze, rare tannings; vhc, Campbell; hc, Brown; c, McLennan, well-known winner, some thought might have been to the fore. FOR. SMALL (14): 1, 2, Arnott, lovely Shama, in exquisite order, grandly staged, rare tone of col.; 2nd, Cuban Finch, in full bloom; 3, Bruce, good Crimson Finch, in fine order, well put down; 4, Brown, nice Bullie, good cap and bib, well up in col.; vhc, Allan; hc, Dooly; c, no name.

ASPATRIA.

Aspatria and Dist. F.A. 29th annual show held Market Hall, Jan. 13th. It is a number of years since they had an exhibition of cage birds. They had another start this year, and had a really good little show. The Border classes were very hot indeed, some very fine specimens and well-known winners being present. There were 74 entries, and the classes averaged 9 entries each. The Market Hall is a first-class place for a cage bird show, and all being well they are going for a bigger display next year. The secretary, Mr. Jackson, carried out his duties in a true secretarial manner, and was backed by a strong committee, consisting of Mr. J. Wood (chairman), Mr. Sanderson (vice-chair), and Messrs. Parkin, Osborne, Douglas, Robinson, Lamb, Hetherington, Law, Johnston, Douglas (Jas.), Lawson, Brown, Bonch, Clarke, Hardisty, and Mr. T. Pattinson. The attendance was great, no doubt due to the energy displayed by the management. There was a good selection of special prizes, many being of a great deal more value than we see at bigger shows. The judging was carried out by Mr. J. Ellwood (Papcastle), and his awards seemed to give general satisfaction.

BORD. FCY., CL., ETC., YELL. CK. (7): 1, 7, J. H. Pearson, topper for col., type and quality throughout, well drawn, good tail, well staged; 2, Ayre, another cl., good one, a grand pair, must have been hard to part; 3, Pennington, another grand one, some thought should have won, but had damaged a toe; 4, Coulthard, another nice type, full of quality; 5, Walker; 6, Leggett. BUFF (9): 1, Pennington, real stormer, in the pink of condition, staged to perfection; 2, Coulthard, clinking buff tick, in rare bloom, novice medal winner at Carlisle; 3, Walker, another good one, grand shape, sweetly moulded, grand pipe tail; 4, 6, Waugh; 5, J. H. Pearson; 7, Bulman. UNEVENLY MKD., ETC., CK. (6): 1, 2, Dixon, 1st leader, five-pointed, in great form, winner at both Carlisle shows; 2nd, good yell., tkd. head, eye and wing, grand col., full of quality; 3, Pennington, another good yell., mkd. one wing and bead, a stormer for col. and type; 4, Knight, another yell., mkd. one wing and cap mkd., very nice bird; 5, Ayre, yell., in nice order; 6, Rea; a very strong class all through. HEN (15): 1, Pearson, cl. buff, teeming with quality feather, grand one all round; 2, Pennington, another very good yell., splendid col., close up, a model for shape, well finished; 3, 4, Rea, 3rd buff, tkd. one wing, another smart one, in grand order; 4th, another buff, well staged; 5, Coulthard; 6, 7, Ayre. A.O.V. (12): 1, 2, Douglas, 1st good cl. buff Yorks.; 3rd, nice yell. tkd. Yorks.; 2, Knight, buff Nor.; 4, Bell, another Nor.; 5, Miller; 6, Bell; 7, Pennington. C.B. (6 miles radius) (6): 1, Miss Robinson; 2, Johnstone; 3, Sanderson; 4, 5, Harker; 6, Clarke. BRIT. (10): 1, 5, Nicholson Bros. and Stevenson, 1st Waxwing, in lovely feather; 2, Lewis and Sons, good Cornish Chough; 3, Coulson, Hawfinch, grand bib, very steady; 4, Deacon, smart British Finch; 6, Coulthard; 7, Dixon. FOR. (9): 1, 2, Lewis and Son; 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, J. C. Bell.

Nests of Birds, Poultry, etc., should be regularly sprinkled with KEATING'S POWDER, especially when hens are sitting. Don't forget to do this just previous to the eggs hatching, to destroy the Red Mite. Kills all insects. Harmless to everything else.

HIRST (Universal).

Hirst Universal Social Club show held Excelsior Club, January 20th. Although there were only a few classes the show was very attractive, and was exceedingly well patronised. Birds quite good enough to win in open competition were staged, and the Hall was a neat, comfortable and compact one. Everything in the way of management was in apple-pie order under such worthies as Messrs. T. Edwards (Secretary) and T. Floyd (Treasurer). Mr. A. Dippie, Morpeth, judged, and his awards seemed to please all.

NOR. (9): 1, 3, Middleton, 1, cl. yell., rare type rich col., well put down, 3rd varg. buff, hot col., not quite so neat in shape; 2, hc, Floyd, cl. buff a topper for shape and col., looked as if it had been washing when we took our notes; vhc, E. Edwards. YORKS. (3): 1, 3, King, cl. buff and yell., two good ones, leader rare style, grand length, best of wings, teeming with quality, 3 good one; 2, Edwards, cl. yell., small but neat type, shown in grand order. BORD. (8): 1, 2, vhc, Furness, grand team, heading with an even mkd. buff, wins on type and quality, 2 varieg. yell., grand col., gay and jaunty carriage, fails just a little in head; 3, Kirkup, cl. yell., neat one; bc, Rowcroft; c, Smith. MULES, ETC. (4): 1, Floyd, lovely Linnet Mule great size, in the pink, well put down; 2, Middleton, nice dark Goldie; 3, vhc, Smith, yell. cinn., hot col. BRIT. (5): 1, hc, Floyd, Goldie, a topper grandly squared blaze, rare size, rich nut col., nicely mooned, looks like the Gateshead winner; 2, King, lovely Bramble, wonderful size and col., beld same place at Ashington a few weeks ago; 3, Furnace, mealy, 'Poll, neat bird; vhc, Rowcroft.

GORLESTON-ON-SEA.

A very nice collection of cage birds was got together at this show, held on Jan. 11, at the Queen's Memorial Hall. The arrangements were nicely carried out by the Sec., Mr. J. C. Hall, who is to be congratulated on the success of the fixture. He was ably assisted by Messrs. L. Keymer, H. Goult, T. Green, E. Langham and W. Hay. A white Canary, a white Linnet, and a white Sparrow proved the centre of attraction in the cage bird section. Mr. J. Mackley judged. Silver medal for most points in our section fell to Mr. Dady.

CL. YELL., CK. NOR.: 1, S. L. Keymer; 2, Dady 3, C. H. Keymer. BUFF: 1, C. H. Keymer; 2, S. L. Keymer; 3, Barton. TKD. YELL. CK.: 1, Dady 2, S. L. Keymer; 3, Pye. BUFF: 1, Pye; 2, Dady 3, Gillings. YELL. HEN: 1, C. H. Keymer; 2, Barton; 3, Pye. BUFF: 1, sp., S. L. Keymer; c, C. H. Keymer; 3, Pye. CINN.: 1, 3, Wacey; 2, Crowe. CREST: 1, Barton; 2, Pye. C.B.: 1, 3, Pye; 2, Barton. A.O.V.: 1, Pye (white Canary); 2, Pye 3, Gillings. MULE OR HY.: 1, 2, Barton; 3, Gillings. YELL. CK.: 1, Lighton; 2, Dady; 3, C. H. Keymer. BUFF CK.: 1, 2, C. H. Keymer; 3, Thompson. YELL. HEN: 1, S. L. Keymer; 2, Thompson 3, Lowne. BUFF: 1, Dady; 2, C. H. Keymer; 3 Hoy. BRIT.: GOLDFINCH, ETC.: 1, 2, Lowne; 3 Barton. FINCH, A.O.S.: 1, 2, Lowne; 3, S. L. Keymer. LINNET, ETC.: 1, sp., Barton (white Linnet); 2, Lowe; 3, Dady. THRUSH, ETC.: 1, 2 Lowne; 3, Palmer. A.O.S. HARDBILL: 1, 2, Dady (white Sparrow); 3, Lowne. SOFTBILL: 1, 2, Lowne (Bearded Tit and Tree Pipit). Challenge cup, hes unflg. Can. shown by a member: H. Dady. Pair Budgerigars in cage, given by Mr. Lighton, best bird in show: S. L. Keymer. 2s. 6d., given by Mr G. Pye, for best members' British: F. Barton.

PROVINCIAL R. C.C.

Fourth annual contest, held at the Old Boar's Head Hotel, Corporation Street, Manchester, Jan 20th. Entries numbered just over 300, amongst them being some of the best birds in this country. Nearly all the birds turned up. The classes (except members) were well filled. Messrs. Lyons, Massey and Wareing judged, and they had their work cut out to find the winners. Mr. J. Kilshaw (Bolton) had the honour of winning cup presented by the P.R.C.C.; Dr. A. E. Read won cup in class 2, presented by Mr. R. Kremner. Mr. Dimmock must be congratulated on his winning 1st, 2nd, and 3rd, and the cup presented by Mr. F. A. Lester in class 4. There were many visitors, amongst whom we noticed fanciers from Birmingham, Newcastle, Staffs, Wrexham, Southport, Liverpool, Wigan, Bolton, Pudsey, Leeds, Wakefield, etc. On behalf of the club I have to thank all exhibitors for assisting us to create another record entry. All prize-money and winners of cash specials have been paid.

The Scores.

YOUNG BIRDS: 1, Veen, boll. roll 5, water gluck 2, holl. bell 3, bass roll 4, schoc. 2, glucke 3, flute 1, gen. eff. 5, 1 off sharp flutes, total 24 points; 2 Neugebauer, boll. roll 4, water glucke 3, boll. bell 3 bass roll 3, glucke 2, flutes 1, bell tour 2, bell roll 2, gen. eff. 5, 1 off sharp aufzug, total 24 points; 3 Harper, boll. roll 2, boll .bell 3, bass roll 3, schoc 2, glucke 3, D.B.W.T. 2, bell tour 2, bell roll 2, gen eff. 4, total 23 points; 4, Neugebauer, boll. roll 5 holl. bell 2, bass roll 4, schoc 3, glucke 3, flute 2 gen. eff. 5, 1 off sharp aufzug, total 24 points; 4 Kilshaw, holl. roll 3, boll. bell 3, bass roll 3, schoc 2, glucke 3, flutes 1, bell tour 2, gen. eff. 4, total 22 points; 6, Wirth, total 21 points; vbc, Neugebauer, total 21 points. OPEN: 1, Read, holl. roll 4 water glucke 2, boll. bell 2, bass roll 3, schoc 3 glucke 2, flutes 2, bell tour 2, gen. eff. 4, total 24 points; 2, Turner, boll. roll 3, holl bell 4, bass roll 3 schoc 3, water roll 1, D.B.W.T. 1, bell tone 2, bell roll 1, gen. eff. 4, total 22 points; 3, Humpbries, holl roll 4, water glucke 4, holl bell 3, bass roll 2 flutes 3, water roll 1, D.B.W.T. 2, gen. eff. 4, 1, off sharp flutes, total 22 points; 4, Williams, holl roll 5 water glucke 3, boll bell 3, schoc 4, water roll 2 D.B.W.T. 1, gen. eff. 3, total 21 points; vhc, Humphries, total 21 points; vhc, Read, total 20 points AMAT.: 1, Bland, boll. roll 6, holl .bell 2, schoc. 4 flutes 4, D.B.W.T. 2, bell tour 1, bell roll 1, gen eff. 4, total 24 points; 2, Foulds, holl. roll 6, holl bell 3, schoc. 4, D.B.W.T. 2, bell tour 2, bell roll 2 gen. eff. 3, total 22 points; 3, Humphries, holl. roll 5, water glucke 2, boll. bell 2, bass roll 3, schoc. 3 flutes 3, gen. eff. 3, total 21 points; 4, Evans, holl roll 4, water glucke 2, holl. bell 2, bass roll 1 schoc. 4, flutes 2, bell tour 2, gen. eff. 3, total 2 points; vhc, Montague, total 19 points; vhc, Peel total 19 points; vhc, Fethney, total, 19 points NOVICE: 1, Dimmock, boll. roll 5, holl. bell 4, bass roll 3, glucke 3, flutes 3, bell tour 1, bell roll 1, gen eff. 4, total 24 points; 2, Dimmock, holl. roll 5, holl bell 3, bass roll 6, flutes 3, water roll 2, bell tour 1 hell roll 1, gen. eff. 4, 1 off sharp aufzug, total 24 points; 3, Dimmock, holl. roll 5, holl. bell 3, bass roll 5, flutes 3, bell tour 1, bell roll 1, gen. eff. 5 total 23 points; 4, Twigg, holl, roll 5, holl. bell 4 bass roll 2, schoc. 3, flutes, 3, bell tour 1, bell roll 1, gen. eff. 4, total 23 points; 5, Tomlinson, holl. roll 5, water glucke 2, holl. bell 4, bass roll 4, schoc. 2 flutes 2, bell tour 1, bell roll 1, gen. eff. 4, 1 off sharp flutes, 1 off sharp bell tour, total 23 points; 6 and vhc, Smalley, total 22 points each. OPEN, LIMIT £2: 1, 2, 4, vhc, Kremner, totals 20, 19, 17 and 1 points respectively; 3, Williams, total 18 points; vhc Banks, total 17 points; vhc, Roebuck, total 17 points TEAM: 1, Read; 2, Turner; 3, Humphries; Kremner; 5, Stolle; 6, Wirth.—A. Percival, Hon. Sec

BURTON-ON-TRENT.

Fifth annual £3 limit show, held January 20th, Curzon Hall Skating Rink. Entries hardly came up to expectations, but they were an improvement on last year, especially the British and Mules, and the quality for a £3 limit show was good. The management was all that could be desired, and every credit is due to Mr. Cameron, who is an ideal secretary. Cards were up soon after judging. Mr. J. H. Roe judged.

The Critique.

NOR. UNFLIG. (14): 1, Lang, eye and wing mkd. yell., grand shape, size and col., rare head, very cobby, in A1 condition; 2, Harwood, cl. buff, nice size, cobby shape, rare head, nice full chest and neck, capital col.; 3, Hawkes, capital clear yell., rare shape and substance, beautiful col. feather and condition, good head, nice wings and flights; res., Wren, capital cl. buff, nice shape; vhc, Bloomfield; c, Dodd. PAIRS, £2 (8): 1, Ford, nice quality and shape, good heads; 2, Hawkes, better substance and col., lovely quality; 3, Mattison, a rare pair, in grand form and condition; vhc, Greaves; hc, Draper; c, Cameron. MULE, DARK (16): 1, Bennett, Goldfinch-Can., nice shape and col., good col. feather and condition; 2, Somerfield, Linnet-Can., good size, shape and col., rare type, neat head, close up; 3, Cooper, good col., A1 feather and condition, nice shape and size, perfect bloom; vhc, Davis; Andrews; hc, Williams; c, Andrews. LIGHT MULE OR HYB. (11): 1, Burrows, Light Can.-Goldie, nice shape and size, most lovely col., beautiful feather and condition; 2, Andrews, Goldie-Greenie, good col., rare shape, size and feather; 3, Lamb, good size, capital shape, nice head, in lovely condition; vhc, Andrews (2), Davis, Jones. A.O.V. CAN. (19): 1, Hawkes, eye and wing mkd. yellow Yorks., grand length and position, neat face, head and neck, capital wings and tail; 2, hc (2), Cowpertwait, variegated. C.B., grand head, massive build, plenty of feather, good shape, in A1 condition; 3, Smith, nearly green C.B., a monster, good shape, capital col.; vhc, Dodd, Broomfield, Cockeran; c, Andrews, Edwards. GOLDFINCH (19): 1, Carver, a model for shape, grand size, well cut blaze, lovely col., perfect feather, buttons and bars; vhc, Jeffreys, grand size and shape, rare type, nice blaze, capital col., beautiful feather and form; 3, Orme, nice shaped blaze, good bars and buttons; vhc, Brooker, Brotherhood; hc, Williams. LINNET, ETC. (8): 1, vhc, Andrews, sweet little Siskin, in beautiful condition and feather, grand cap and bib, lovely col., wins in a good class; 2, Raby, another grand Siskin, good size, nice shape, in lovely condition; 3, Orme, Linnet, well pencilled, good size and shape, steady as a rock; hc, Jeffreys; c, Taylor. A.O.S. (22): 1, Burrows, lovely Hawfinch, grand cap and bib, lovely tone of col., a monster; 2, Cage No. 22 (no name), splendid Chaffinch, lovely col. and markings, good feather, fine size and shape, staged in lovely form; 3, Tyler, Hawfinch, grand size, shape, and bib, good col.; vhc, Andrews, Reed, Falling, Latbury.

LARKHALL.

Larkhall (N.B.) annual show, held 20th January, in the Public Hall. President of Committee, Mr. J. Archibald: vice-president, Mr. W. Lambie; committee, Messrs. J. Anderson, T. McEwan, Kerr, W. Lambie, T. Welsh, A. Strang, J. Newlands, M. Miller, A. Niel, W. McEwan; treas., Mr. Welsh; minute secretary, Mr. A. Kerr; assistant secretary, Mr. J. McEwan; secretary, Mr. J. W. Clelland. The hall is conveniently situated, and admirably suited for show purposes. The cage birds were a capital lot, especially the British section, which included some noted winners. Mr. A. Chalmers (Kirkintilloch) handled the cage birds, and his awards seemed to give general satisfaction, very little grumbling being heard. Judging was got through in good time, and when the doors were opened for admission, the hall became comfortably packed with fanciers and the public, including a goodly number of ladies. The show was handled to perfection, and Secretary Clelland, along with his able committee, are to be congratulated on the success of to-day's show. Mr. Clelland did well in his new role as secretary, which speaks well for the future of the society. He is a worthy follower to Mr. McEwan, the former secretary.

The Critique.

GOLDIE, ETC., BRIT. (17): 1, sp., Edwards, smart Goldfinch, lovely feather and col., blaze of nice size, very clean cut, in grand condition, good shape; 2, Nimmo, Bullfinch, well defined cap, grand colour and shape; 3, Kirk, Goldfinch, nice colour and blaze neat shape; 4, spl., Pollock, Bullfinch, nice size, rare shape and col.; vhc, Crosbie; hc, Martin; c, Alexander.. GOLDIE, ETC., FOR. (4): 1, Cowan, nice Goldfinch, square cut blaze, grand col., fine shape; 2, Heron, another Goldfinch, grand body col. and blaze, neat shape; 3, Cathcart, Goldfinch, nice shape and blaze; 4, Nimmo, Goldfinch, nice face, good col. FINCH, A.O.S. (11): 1, 3, McEwan, Greenie ck., first rare size and col., nice shape, very chubby, well stazed, 3, (we were unable to find); 2, Martin, another greenie ck., grand shape and condition, nice even tone of col.; 4, Edwards, non-fed greenie ck., not the bloom or size of those in front, nicely staged; vhc, Morrison; hc, Craig; c, Shand and Ornistón. LINNET (17): 1, Crosbie, Grey Linnet, nice size and shape, rich colour, beautifully laced, grand lustre; 2, Kerr and Sons, another of similar points to first, nicely laced, nice nutty brown col., very close up; 3, sp, vhc, Martin, Grey Linnet, all there for size and shade of col., but not quite so nicely laced; 4, Thomson, Grey Linnet; hc, Hardy Bros; c, Living tone. MEALY REDPOLL (12): 1, Scotland, nice size and feather, good col. and markings; 2, Crosbie, equally good all round, fails a shade perhaps in shape, little between them; 3, Kerr and Sons, nicely marked, in perfect feather and condition; 4, Martin; vhc, McEwan, hc, Neilson; c, Quinn. SISKIN, ETC., (6): 1, 2, 3, Martin, first, Siskin, a gem for col. and lacing, dense cap, neat shape, lovely condition, 2, Twite, nice rich col. and defined markings, in lovely condition, 3, Siskin; 4, Nimmo, Siskin, lovely col. and bib, nicely marked; vhc, Pollock; hc, Cowan. LESSER REDPOLL (13): 1, 2, Martin, first perfect little beauty for col. and markings, 2, close up, equally good as first, both nicely staged; 3, sp., Kerr and Sons, not quite the bloom of first and second, but a nice Poll, in capital feather; 4, McEwan, very neat; vhc, Campbell; hc, Hardy Bros.; c, Watson. BORDER FCY., CK. (14): 1, 3, Richmond, first, cl. cock, a real model, sweetly moulded, very jaunty, nice rich col., nice tight feather; 3, head and wing marked, nice shape, sweetly finished, very jaunty, not showing so nice a bloom as those in front, 2, Bennett, cl., perfect shape, nice feather and carriage, very jaunty, neat wings and tail; 4, Beck, eye and wing marked buff ck.; vhc, Crone; hc, Hay; c, Macnaughton. HEN (11): 1, 2, Bennett, cl. buffs, first, nice shape, lovely feather and quality, 2, as good in most points; 3, Thomson, cl. buff, very jaunty and well finished; 4, Richmond, Cann. hen, nice model, smart and jaunty, in perfect condition; vhc, Beck; hc, Hay. COM. CAN (11): 1, sp., 3, vhc, Sandilands; 2, Rundall; 4, sp., Sloan; hc, Brown; c, Lee. BRIT. (9): 1, sp., 2, sp., 8, Kerr and Sons, 1, sp., Magpie, a beauty, in perfect feather and condition, wins his place, 2, sp., yellow Wagtail, in grand order, feather like wax; 3, Jay, in tip-top condition, well marked; 4, Edwards, good Yellowhammer; vhc, Morrison. FOR. (6): 1, sp., Hamilton, King Parrot, and old-time winner, in lovely condition to-day, wins his place easily; 2, hc, 4, Mason, 2, Gouldie Finch, a perfect beauty for col. and condition 4, Cardinal Parrot, in lovely order, a beauty, nicely staged; 3, Morrison, another nice Parrot, lovely colour and condition; vhc, Miss Hamilton. MULE OR HYB. (6): 1, sp., hc, 4, c, Edwards, first, Can. Bullie, nice col. and chubby bird, shows well, 4, Goldie-Bullie, nice col. and shape, in fine condition; 2, Brownlie, Linnet-Can., nice size and col., in grand condition; 3, Craig, lovely Siskin Greenie, nice tone of col., showing both parents; vhc, Edwards. HEN (for Mule or Hyb. Breed) (9): 1, Cook, Bullie hen, nice cap feather, close as wax, grand shape and tone; 2, Kerr and Son, Corn Bunting hen, of nice col. and condition; 3, Martin, greenie hen, nice even tone of col., very shapely; 4, Perrie, Norwich hen, in fair condition; vhc, Shand and Ormiston; hc, W. and J. Linton; c, Alexander.

MANCHESTER & N.C.O.S.

Fourteenth annual members' show, held Jan. 20th. The Chorlton Town Hall, where the show was held, is spacious, light, lofty, well ventilated, and absolutely free from draughts. The entry was far in excess of last year's total, the quality being superb, in fact, equal to that of many open fixtures. British and Mules are making great progress in this city, and were a treat to observe, claiming hosts of admirers. Novice and Amateurs were well catered for—on rather an extensive scale, in fact. Many charming creatures graced the bench in these sections, and teams could easily have been chosen quite capable of making their presence felt in the "upper circles" without fear of being placed amongst the "also rans." Mr. W. A. Bladon, the worthy President, is a man of mettle; the exertions he puts forth are of a strenuous nature. A word of praise is due to Mr. W. Fairhurst for the manner in which he officiated. As each class was adjudicated upon he promptly affixed the labels, and set the cages in order on the bench, attending also to the watering. The hon. sec., Mr. H. Boothman, manages masterfully. Courteous and obliging, nothing seems too much for him to do; he possesses the faculties of knowing what to do and of doing it at the right moment. Staging was neat, and every bird could be seen at a glance. When such names as Messrs. S. Cook, J. Beswick, W. E. Kearns, W. Broughton, A. G. Davis, J. Rukin, W. N. Turner, H. Clayton, W. McKail, R. J. Metcalfe, W. Booth, not forgetting those two stalwarts, Messrs. J. Raynes and G. W. F. Lythgoe, are mentioned, one need not wonder at the "ship sailing so smoothly." Special for best bird in show (Toronto medal) fell to that well known "short and thick" enthusiast, Mr. A. G. Davis. Mr. J. C. Barnes (Sheffield) judged, and his awards were well received. The Lancs. were cancelled.

The Awards.

LIZ. GOLD (4), SILV. (4): All to Mr. J. Rukin, he staging a lovely lot. YORKS. YELL. (3): 1, Broughton; 2, Pike; 3, Kearns. BUFF (3): 1, Kearns; 2, Broughton; 3, Pike. YELL. HEN (3): 1, Pike; 2, Kearns; 3, Broughton. BUFF (4): 1, Pike; 2, 4, Kearns; 3, Broughton. YELL. BRED 1911 (5): 1, vhc, Broughton; 2, Pike; 3, Kearns, 4, Atkinson. BUFF (4): 1, Pike; 2, 4, Kearns; 3, Atkinson. YELL. NOR. (5): 1, 2, sp, Davis; 3, Turner; 4, J. Beswick; vhc, Cook. BUFF (3): 1, Cook; 2, Turner; 3, Beswick. YELL. HEN (1): 1, Cook. BUFF (3): 1, Cook; 2, Turner; 3, Beswick. YELL. 1911 (2): 1, Cook; 2, Davis. BUFF (5): 1, W. C. Davis; 2, Cook; 3, Beswick; 4, Turner. HEN (3): 1, Davis; 2, 3, Beswick. CINN., BORD., A.O.V., Cancelled. MULE (6): 1, 4, Metcalfe; 2, 3, Morgan; vhc, hc, Rukin. GOLDIE (4): 1, Metcalfe; 2, Fairhurst; 3, Morgan; 4, Atkinson. LINNET (4): 1, 2, 3, Metcalfe; 4, Fairburst. SISKIN (5): 1, 2, Morgan; 3, 4, vhc, Metcalfe. A.O.S. (3): 1, Fairhurst; 2, Metcalfe; 3, Morgan. SOFTBILL cancelled. FOR. (1): 1, Metcalfe. MULE, 1911 (15): Fine class; 1, 2, c, Metcalfe; 3, 4, Thompson; vhc, Richards; hc, Fairhurst. AMAT. YELL. YORKS. (11): 1, Wilson; 2, Humphries; 3, Musgrave; 4, Midgley; vhc, Holden; hc, Waterhouse; c, Jones. BUFF (5): 1, Bain; 2, Humpbries; 3, Wilson; 4, Whittaker; vhc, Barlow. YELL. HEN (3): 1, Bain; 2, Wilson; 3, Jones. BUFF (11): 1, 4, Wilson; 2, Lucas; 3, Humiphries; vhc, Whittaker; hc, Jones. YELL, 1911 (9): 1, Humphries; 2, Wilson; 3, Barlow; 4, Holden; vbc, Whittaker; hc, c, Midgley. BUFF (8): 1, Wilson; 2, Humphries; 3, Holden; 4, Whittaker; vhc, Musgrave; hc, Midgley; c, Waterhouse; No. 3, Jones, w.c., yellow. NOR. YELL. (4): 1, Smith; 2, McKail; 3, Spencer; 4, H. Beswick. BUFF (8): 1, Beswick; 2, Hudson; 3, Harrison; 4, Vint; vhc, Thompson; hc, Whalley. YELL. HEN (8): 1, McKail; 2, vhc, Whalley; 3, Thompson; 4, Smith; hc, Beswick; c, Spencer. BUFF (8): 1, Dr. Twigg; 2, Vint; 3, Whalley; 4, Beswick; vhc, Harrison; hc, Spencer; c, Smith. YELL., 1911 (5): 1, Hudson; 2, Vint; 3, McKail; 4, Harrison; vhc, Whalley. BUFF (8): 1, Hudson; 2, Vint; 3, 4, Smith; vhc, Beswick; hc, McKail; c, Holden. A.O.V. (4): 1, 2, Dr. Twigg; 3, Holden; No. 1, Whalley, w.c. NOVICE, YELL. YORKS. (7): 1, Tansey; 2, Clayton; 3, Brown; 4, Taylor; vhc, Whitelegg; hc, Mcarbey. BUFF (4): 1, Moarbey; 2, Taylor; 3, Tansey; 4, Clayton. YELL. HEN (5): 1, vhc, Tansey; 2, Brown; 3, Clayton; 4, Taylor. BUFF (6): 1, 3, Brown; 2, 4, Tansey; vhc, Taylor; No. 6, Clayton, w.c., yellow. YELL. 1911 (3): 1, Taylor; 2, Brown; 3, Whitelegg. BUFF (4): 1, Tansey; 2, Brown; 3, Taylor; 4, Whitelegg. NOR. YELL. (3): 1, Rhodes; 2, Caldebeck; 3, Hampson. BUFF (3): 1, 3, Rhodes; 2, Caldebeck. YELL. HEN (1): 1, Jessop. BUFF (2): 1, Jessop; 2, Rhodes. YELL. 1911 (4): 1, 3, Caldebeck; 2, Jcasop; 4, Rhodes. BUFF (2): 1, Jessop; 2, Rhodes. A.O.V. cancelled. GOLDIE (6): 1, 3, Whalley; 2, Harrison; 4, Tansey; vhc, Hardy; hc, Clayton. BULLIE (5): 1, Austin; 2, Whittaker; 3, 4, Harrison; vhc, Whalley. LINNET (9): 1, Whalley; 2, Harrison; 3, vhc, Richards; 4, Midgeley; hc, Hardy; c, Clayton. GREENIE (7): 1, Clayton; 2, Harrison; 3, Spencer; 4, Whalley; vhc, Pollitt; hc, Whittaker. REDPOLL (8): 1, Clayton; 2, Hardy; 3, Harrison; 4, Whittaker; vhc, Spencer; hc, Whalley; c, Smith. SISKIN (6): 1, hc, Whalley; 2, Harrison; 3, Smith; 4, Austin; vhc, Hardy. BRAMBLE (4): 1, 2, Hardy; 3, Clayton; 4, Harrison. A.O.S.: (4): 1, Clayton; 2, Whittaker; 3, 4, Smith. SOFTBILL (1): 1, Smith. MULE (6): 1, 2, 4, Whalley; 3, Smith, vhc, hc, Pollitt.

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Grand Quality Birds at Bradford.

City of Bradford O.S. annual open show, held Jan. 20th, in the Feversham Street Council Schools, Leeds Road. The show was the close of the list of fixtures under the Yorkshire Union, and also of some of the specialist clubs, the remainder having the Palace show to close their competitions. Entries in the British, etc., section were good, the three classes provided containing 54 birds of exceptional merit; and they were indeed the feature of the show, the mule and hybrid class especially being interesting. The total entries in the show only amounted to 341 in the 36 classes. The room is a very good one for a show. Messrs. Robson and Cowgill judged. The former took all open Yorks., open and novice Nor., and British, etc., and the latter the selling classes and the Yorks. novice. Mr. F. Rhodes (secretary) had charge of affairs, with Mr. J. Roe as assistant, and under their guidance everything passed off without a hitch. Messrs. Hunter and Plowright acted as show stewards and amongst the general workers we noted Mr. T. Fortnam (chairman), Mr. Ludbrook (treasurer), Taylor, Horsfield, Inman, Lane, etc. The "gate" did not come up very well, the weather being very bad and wet. Specials were given for the vhc birds in each class. The yellow green-marked hen, 1st for Mr. Shackleton, was objected to for singing, and the objection, we understand, was upheld.

The Critique.

CL. YELL. YKS. (7): 1, Thomas, rattling fine type and quality, full of col., well on legs, good shoulders; 2, Dykes, neat, leggy, nice shape, smart quality; 3, vhc, Ogden Bros., good type and style, lovely quality, neat all through; 4, Shackleton, grand length, extra good wings and tail; hc, Towers; c, Helliwell. BUFF (5): 1, Ogden Bros., grand shape and position, brimful of col. and quality, neat; 2, Shackleton, fine type, well drawn out, very nice wings and tail, lovely quality; 3, Hill, good shape, very leggy, nice length; 4, Hirst, nice length, leggy, good quality; vhc, Morrison. TIC YELL. (10): 1, c, Ogden Bros., marvellous length and shape, narrow shoulders, grand wings and tail, full of quality and col.; 2, Elsegood, tic wing, nice type, well cut away, stylish, rich col.; 3, Cruise, tic cheek, grand length, very long eided, nice quality; 4, hc, Bailey, nice length and shape, leggy; vhc, Peel. BUFF (5): 1, Dykes, tic head, plenty of size, nice shape, erect, good quality; 2, Bailey, fine position, shapely, nice feather; 3, Allen, tic wing, very neat and good shape, perfect feather; 4, Elsegood, smart shape, grand position; vhc, Ogden Bros. UNFLIG. (15): 1, hc, Ogden Bros., marked yell., nice type, extra fine position, leggy, good quality and col.; 2, Sutcliffe and Son, buff, tic eye, nice type, full of quality and col., good position; 3, Dykes, yell., neat, slim, fine position, good quality; 4, Bailey, tic head, nice length and shape; vhc, Ellis; c, Towers. CL., ETC., YELL. HEN (9): 1, Casey, slim, leggy, nice shape, good quality; 2, Hill, good shape and position, nice head, lovely quality; 3, Ogden Bros., grand shape, very smart style, leggy, lovely feather; 3, Allen, splashed, nice shape, leggy, cut away nicely behind, good qual.; 4, Towers, mkd. wings, head, slim, smart type, fine position; vhc, Townsend; hc, Brown and Son; c, Thomas. BUFF. (7): 1, c, Morrison, mkd. wings, checks and breast, good shape, lovely qual., grand col., smart; 2, hc, Allen, mkd. wings, good shape, nicely cut away, leggy, grand feather, smart; 3, Ogden Bros., mkd. wings, eyes, good shape, nicely filled in; 4, vhc, Towers, mkd wings, head and breast, good size. CL. ETC., YELL. NOR. (6): 1, Humphries, vgtd, good size and sub., fine chest, marvellous col. and qual.; 2, Bradley, tic wing, grand size, good head, nice body shape; 3, 4, Thomas, both good shape and sub.; 3, very cobby, 4, good head, splendid qual. and col.; vhc, Greenwood and Pickles; hc, Clark. BUFF (6): 1, 3, Johnson, leader vgtd., grand shape, good head, lovely feather and col., 3, big bouncer, good shape, rattling col. and qual.; 2, Thomas, vgtd., grand type, rare head, good chest; 4, Hall, grand col. and qual., nice finish; vhc, Clark, Eyre, absent. UNFLT. (12): 1, 3, Humphries, leader massive yell., grand chest, good shape, rattling fine feather, 3, vgtd., buff, bonnie type, good col. and qual.; 2, Hirst, yell, good size and shape, rich col. and qual.; 4, vhc, Thomas, variegated yell., nice shape, rare qual.; hc, Fortnam; c, Johnson. YELL. HEN (10): 1, Hirst, mkd., grand shape, very low on leg, lovely qual. and col.; 2, Horsfield, nice type and sub., good head, smart feathered; 3, hc, Parkes, foul, nice sub., good shape, extra fine col. and qual.; 4, Greenwood and Pickles, nice head, mod. sub., good qual.; vhc, Wilcock; c, Johnson. BUFF. UNFLT. HEN (7): 1, Humphries, vgtd yell, grand sub., nice cobby type, rare col. and qual; 2, Thomas, vgtd. buff, grand shape and qual., smart; 3, Bradley, buff, extra good cobby build, lovely qual., neat all through; 4, vhc, Greenwood and Pickles, yell., good shaped body, romping fine qual., good col.; hc, Clark, absent, Eyre. BRIT. LINNET, ETC. (14): grand class; 1, Gomersall, Linnet, one of the best, rattling fine type and col., good size, lovely pencilling; 2, M. Wilson, Twite, grand col., plenty of work on it, nice condition; 3, hc, Lane, Siskin, grand size, steady good order; 4, England, Linnet, nice size and shape, good pencilling; hc, Martin and Archer; c, Inman. A.O.S. HARD, ETC. (24): another grand class: 1, hc, Mackwell, leader Wren, gem for condition, romping fine col., perfect feather; 2, Bruce, Goldie, nice size, fine blaze, good wing bars and buttons, splendid trim; 3, Williams, Hawfinch, good size, fine bib, rare col. all through; 4, Martin and Archer, Two-barred Crossbill, rare exhibit, lovely col., good bars; vhc, Inman; c, Bishop. MULE OR HYB. (16): 1, 2, 4, vhc, c, Martin and Archer, grand team, leader noted Greenie-Chaffinch, in rattling good order, perfect feather, always a crowd round it, 2nd cl. Linnet Mule, perfection, very rare, wonderful bird, 4, tic Greenie mule, grand bird, splendid col.; vhc, clear Greenie mule; 3, and hc, M. Wilson, 3rd Goldie-Bullie, grand cols., regular blazer, looking well; hc, Can. Bullie. NOVICE CLASSES (confined to Y.U. members. CL. ETC., YELL YORKS. (6): 1, Smith, nice length and shape, well drawn out, lovely qual; 2, Tyas, slim, typical, wonderful position, good back and wings, good qual.; 3, Denby, long sided hird, rare leg, neat feathered; 4, Hylton, lengthy, nicely cut away, leggy, rich col. and qual; vhc, Grayshon; hc, Simonett; c, Mountain. BUFF (13): 1, Simonett, good shape, very erect position, nice back and wings, rare feather; 2, Denby, good type, very straight, nice qual.; 3, Simpson and Son, nice cut, good qual.; 4, Gledhill, nice shape, good back and wings, lovely feather, clean made; vhc, Smith; hc, Helliwell; c, Cawthray and Son. GREEN MKD. (12): 1, Denby, mkd, wings and eyes, great length and fine shape, straight, rattling fine qual. yell; 2, Fergusson, buff, mkd. wings, eyes and head, plenty of size good head and back, nice shape, smart feather; 3, Helliwell, buff, mkd. wings and head, good shape and position, nice round back; 4, Tyas, foul buff, good type and style, neatly feathered; vhc, Sutcliffe; hc, Firth; c, Swaine. MKD. HEN, Void. CL. ETC., YELL. HEN (7): 1, c, Pearson, nice length and shape, rare qual., fine position; 2, Denby, neat narrow shoulders, good shape, nicely drawn out, lovely feather; 3, Tyas, nice type, good shoulders, well up, neat feathered; 4, Sutcliffe, neat type, good back and wings, good qual.; vhc, Gledhill; hc, Quarmby; c, Pearson. BUFF (5): 1, Smith, good shape and position, nice back and wings, rare qual.; 2, Moore, neat and typical, good head, nice feather; 3, Livesey, leggy and typical, nice silky qual.; 4, Tyas, nice length and shape, round back; vhc, Pearson. CIN. TIC ETC., CK.(5): 1, 4, Simonett, yell. leading, good length and type, well carried wings and tail, good qual; 4th, buff, grand shape and long sided, rattling feather; 2, Binns, buff, fine position, leggy neat type and good qual.; 3, vhc, Grayson, buff good size, well up in position, nice qual. HEN (8): 1, Ferguson, buff, grand size, nice shape, good position, lovely qual; 2, Grayshon, yell, good shape, nicely cut away, smart feather; 3, More, buff, good shape and style, fine back and wings; 4, vhc, S, Moore, buff, style, fine back and wings; hc, Swaine; c, Simonett, nice wedge type, straight; hc, Swaine; c, Simonett. NOR. COCK. (15): 1, hc, Roe, buff, good size and sub., nice head, rare qual. and col., carries wings a bit bad sometimes; 2, vhc, Clegg, tic head buff, fine top end, good sub. and size, fine feather; 3, Simonett, vgtd good sub. and size, fine feather; 4, Hunter, buff, marvellous sub., good qual., nice col.; 4, Hunter, buff, nice shape, good head; c, Birbeck. HEN (15) buff, nice shape, good head; c, Birbeck. HEN (15) buff, nice shape, good head; c, Birbeck. HEN (15) 1, hc, Denby, yell, grand cobby build, good sub., lovely qual.; 2, 4, Simonett, yell. and buff respectively, nice shape, extra good top end, grand qual.; 3, Clegg, splendid yell; vhc Roe; h, Denby; c, Rhodes.

CARSHALTON.

Carshalton F.A. held a very successful show in the Parish Hall, on Jan. 18th. The cage bird section was the largest ever got together, and was quite a record, both in quality and quantity. Nor. and Yorks. were well represented. Special for best Yorkie went to Mr. A. J. Stroud, a bird with true Yorks. characteristics; unfortunately he was not staged in the best of trim or he might have done better in the race for the cup for best bird. This was won by a big bold yell. Norwich exhibited by Mr. A. J. Kilby, same exhibit winning special for best Norwich, although very hardly pressed by a very typical clear buff cock of good quality shown by Mr. Saunders, the yell. just winning on size and head qualities. Special for best British went to Mr. E. Gunnell, who staged a good Goldie and Hawfinch. The show was well patronised by visitors, and was ably managed by Mr. S. H. Hudson, the secretary, who is doing grand work for the Society. Mainly by his efforts, our section is making rapid headway. Mr. H. Norman judged.

YORKS. YELL. CK.: 1, Stroud; 2, 3, res, Truelove; 3, vhc, Lock. BUFF: 1, Soper; 2, Lock; 3, Stroud; res, hc, Truelove HEN: 1, Soper; 2, hc, Truclove; 3, vhc, Stroud. NOR. YELL. CK.: 1, 2, res, Kilby; 3, c, Saunders; vhc, hc, Stroud. BUFF: 1, vhc, Saunders; 2, 3, Kilby; res, Seldon. HEN: 1, 2, Saunders; 3, Seldon. A.O.V.: 1, Butts. BRIT. LARGE: 1, Gunnell; 2, 3, Butts. SMALL: 1, Gunnell; 2, Kilby; 3, vhc, Truelove; res, hc, Butts. HYB.: 1, Gunnell; 2, 3, Truelove.

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MULES—HYBRIDS.

AMATEUR mule breeders; 2 genuine Canary-reared Linnets, 3/6 each: Abery (see Yorkshires).

SIX fine Bullfinch hens, caged Sept., 1/6 and 2/- each; clearing out: Rae, Mumbie, Langholm.

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FIVE cock Goldfinch Mules, in full song, 24/-; also 12 hen Canaries, 24/-: Makinson, 55, Linaker-st., Southport.

CHOICE Sibs., my old Palace light Linnet muling strain, also 2 breeding Linnets, 5/- each: Sims, Aviary, Warminster.

COCK Goldfinch, bred Mules last season, also large Norwich hen Canary, 7/6 pair: Ralph Pearce, Higbst., Barnstaple.

COCK Greenfinch and Sib hen, 3/6; German hen Canary, 2/-; selected cock Greenfinches, 2 for 1/6: Rymer, Pickering.

COCK Goldfinch Mules, pure Finch song, 5/- each; prize Norwich and Yorkshires, full song, 5/-: Jackson's Aviaries, Guisbro'.

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LARGE dark Linnet Mule, winner second in class of 36, £1; large dark Goldfinch Mule, winner, 15/-: Roberts, 6, Eryri-terrace, Carnarvon.

DARK Linnet Mule cock, bc, Hartlepool; vhc, Yarm; bargain; accept 14/-; show cage included: T. Meadley, 40, Watson-st., Hartlepool.

TWO grand Linnet Mules, full pure Linnet song, proud, 10/- each; approval, deposit: W. Shepherd, 24, Penzance-st., Moor Row, Cumberland.

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TO clear, grand variegated cock Goldfinch Mule, fit show, 12/6; dark cock, 7/6, good blaze, both Finch song; house moulted Linnet, right for muling, 3/6; exchange lot for dark raincoat, fit 5ft. 9in. or 10in., approval, stamp: Aikens, Ellenborough, Maryport, Cumb.

TO mule breeders. Selected hen Bullfinches, been in aviary 3 months, 2/- each; muling cock Goldfinch, 7/6; muling cock Siskin, 7/6; muling cock Greenfinch, 7/6; approval; also a few good mules. List free on application: Walsh, Bird Specialist, Blackburn.

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WANTED Canaries; exchange Pile Bantams, 1911 prize birds: Goy, Ramsgate, Louth, Lincs.

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WANTED, new double breeding cages for prize-bred Norwich in soug: M. Scholes, Woodcote, Ottery St. Mary.

WANTED for export, any quantity of Norwich Canarics, 6/- pair: E. T. Howard, 79, Pitt-st., Norwich.

WANTED catchers to send lowest price for all British: F. Meadowcroft, 36, Masonic-st., Oldham-rd., Manchester.

WANTED; offers in Canaries for Whippet bitch, five months; or sell 10/-: G. Peunington, 10, Castle-st., Kendal.

WANTED, curious coloured birds, stuffed or alive, for sale heads, horns, eggs, skins: Clarke, Naturalist, Cheltenham.

WANTED hen Goldfinch mules, and hen Canaries, 1/3 each given: W. Perkins, 132, East-st., Walworth, London, S.E.

WANTED, 2 house-moulted cock Goldfinches; exchange 4 Yorkshire hens: J. Dickinson, Hillsdevilla, Kendal.

WANTED hen Ruficauda and cock Orange Bishop, fine birds only; good price given: Campbell, 48, Rockliffe Rd., Bath.

WANTED to exchange for Canaries, a Blue-fronted Amazon, a good talker, valuc £7: Stokes, 388, Garrattlane, Earlsfield.

WANTED, offers in Canaries, for all wool Scotch Blankets, sell 25/-: Wright, 16, Haggs-rd., Pollokshaws, Glasgow.

EXCHANGE 1910 buff Yorkic cock for pair 1911 Rollers or hens, feeders: Henry Burbridge, 11, Hitcham-road, Leyton.

WANTED, for cash, Canarics and Mules, either sex; state lowest prices: Robinson, 51, Besson-st., New Cross, London.

WANTED, house-moulted cock Linnets, etc., British birds all kinds, also Canaries: Surrey Aviaries, 28, Surrey-st., Glasgow.

WANTED; best cash offers for 35 Yorkshires; over 20 cocks: Polain, 40, Royston-st., Bonner-st., Victoria Park, London.

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THRUSH, prize-winner and show cage, new, 15/-; exchange large square Parrot cage: Scott, 39, Westminster-st., Gateshead.

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WANTED, offers in Canaries for Scotch blankets sell 25/-, or anything useful: Macdougall, 134, James-st., Bridgeton, Glasgow.

WANTED, Britishers, Foreigners, all varieties livestock; cash or exchange; send offers; stamp reply: Maynard, Bethnal Green.

WANTED Canaries or anything useful, exchange Royal Phonograph, cost £2, and 30 records: Beetham, 39, Dunmore-st., Preston.

WANTED buff Yorkshire or Norwich hen, offers for gent's skates, good as new: yours first: Hardy, 157, Ropery-rd., Gainsborough.

WANTED, good British, fresh caught or housemoulted; exchange high-class Yorks.: North, 477, Manchester-rd., Bradford.

SIBERIAN cock Goldie, 6/-; Redpoll-Canary Mule, 5/6 (cock); exchange Goldie Mules; sell cheap: Inkpen, Queen-st., Gravesend.

WANTED, Siberian cock, Norwich hen, yellow, Yorkshire cock, give pair leggings, black, sell 7/-: 69, Midland-rd., Peterboro.

WANTED, good working ferrets in exchange for 1 cock 2 hens good bred Norwich birds, or sell 15/-: Brown, Holmes-st., Heanor.

WANTED big Norwich and Yorkshire hens; state lowest price to Hall's Central Bird Stores, Liverpool-rd., Patricroft, Manchester.

WANTED, Canaries and Parrots, in small or large quantities, give cash or good exchange: Alfred Dixon, New Inn, Dunstable.

WANTED, Canaries, Norwich or Yorkshire, and cages; exchange show homers; approval: E. Ireland, 3, Page-st., Swindon, Wilts.

WANTED, good overcoat, exchange two prize-bred Norwich cocks, pair Borders, sell 35/-; mutual approval: Nairn, Vennel, Irvine.

WANTED; offers in Canaries for black and tan Collie dog; or sell 15/-; for particulars apply: F. Sycamore, Black Heath, Colchester.

WANTED any quantity of hen Canaries for cash; Germans 1/2; Norwich and Yorkshire 1/4: Manager Bird Stores, Kirkgate, Wakefield.

WANTED few good Crests, will deposit cash with Editor; send full particulars; stamp reply: Gledhill, Fleet Lane, Queensbury, Bradford.

WANTED Canaries; exchange two large cock Bullfinches 4/6; pair 1911 performing Tumblers 7/6: A. Parsonson, North Hill, Colchester.

WANTED; two Yorkshire cock Canaries; will exchange talking Parrakeet with cage worth £1: J. Duncan, 11, Grinfield-st., Liverpool.

WANTED, bed-linen, underlinen, dress lengths, blankets, jewellery, etc., for good Norwich; approval: Hendle, 442, Garratt-lane, Earlsfield.

WANTED, good healtby hen Canaries; exchange house-moulted cock Goldfinch, extra good bird: Ellis: Boot Manufacturer, Welshpool.

WANTED Grey Talking Parrot, jewellery, anything useful; exchange five typical Norwich cocks: Brown, 3, Weldon-st., Hunslet, Leeds.

WANTED, genuine hand-reared cock Skylark (cold room), must be loud songster; state price and particulars: Frank Arundale, Colwyn Bay.

WANTED; yellow Norwich cock; exchange Goldie, deep square blaze; also Bullie and show cage, 1910 show birds: Cook, East-st., Pembridge.

WANTED Canaries, pigeons, poultry, dogs, Parrots, monkeys, rats, guinea pigs, etc., purchase or exchange: Barlow's Aviaries, Greenwich.

WANTED, hen Canaries, cheap for cash; state price and breed: Edward Bruce, Broughton Aviary, 24, Blackfriars-rd., Salford, Manchester.

WANTED good variegated Norwich hens; exchange good typical cocks; no rubbish offered or wanted: Woodhouse, 93, Forth-st., Grangemouth.

NOTICE! Wanted Crests and Crestbreds, British and Foreign, Norwich; send lowest cash prices: Adams, 18, Kilbowie Gardens, Clydebank.

GOOD yellow Norwich hen, exchange F.M. Mealy Redpoll, 2nd Bathgate, see report: sell 5/-: A. Forrist, 51, East Main-st., Whithurn, N.B.

WANTED, Roller or singing cock Canaries; exchange two splendid 1911 hand-reared Magpies; offers: G. Mills, 188 Mt. Pleasant, Redditch.

WANTED, Canaries; exchange lady's or gent's umbrella and walking sticks; useful offers considered: Harris, 98, Nursery-rd., Birmingham.

WANTED hand sewing machine; good make; exchange first class Norwich Canaries; fed; approval: Giddings, Kitsbury-rd., Berkhamstead, Herts.

WANTED green or common Yorkshire cock; exchange good Norwich cock or good house-moulted cock Goldfinch: Bayliss, Middle-st., Worcester.

WANTED British birds or Canaries in exchange for three grand pairs flying homers; birds first; offers to: J. Blackshaw, 3, Bond-st., Coventry.

WANTED, best offers for two nice cock Goldies, and house-moulted exhibition cock Bullfinch, winner, will separate either: Cooper, Tailor, Carisbrooke, I.W.

WANTED cock and hen Canaries, Norwich, Yorkshires, Crests, Rollers, Lizards, etc., cheap for resale; state lowest price: 290, Commercial-rd., Portsmouth.

WANTED, 2 good 1911 Crested hens; exchange 2 large crestbred cocks, sell 30/- each; 4 Yellow Yorkshire cocks cheap: Hill View, Station-rd., Kingswood, Bristol.

TWO good yellow Norwich hens, or Borders; exchange champion young whippet dog, 20in., sell 30/-: Hughes, 23, Merion-st., Williamstown, Penygraig, S.W.

WANTED, yellow Norwich hen or yellow cock Siskin with bib, for cock Linnet Mule, or sell 5/-, hens 1/6: A. Scott, Taylor's Buildings, Juniper Green, Midlothian.

WANTED for cash, Mules, Goldfinches, Canaries, cocks and hens; please state lowest prices, etc.: Trask, Bird Specialist Chesham House, Deptford Broadway, London.

WANTED; offers in Canaries; two cock Goldfinches; two cock Linnets, on song; one cock and two hen Bullies: Walker, 36, Pembroke-st., Aberdare, Wales.

WANTED Borders or Norwich in exchange for Gillette safety razor, new in leather case with twelve blades; must be on approval: Campbell, 7, James Place, Dunfermline.

WANTED pair 1911 high-class Rollers, cock in full song, exchange 3 Yorkshire hens and little cash for good birds, or sell hens 12/-: Bates, 84, Moseley-st., Southchurch, Essex.

WANTED Canaries, exchange breeding cages, loose fronts; dealers supplied; Linnet, Lark cages, 4/- dozen; exchange British; wholesale prices: Leigh, 63, Page-st., Liverpool.

WANTED, wholesale price lists, of all kinds of cages and bird room requisites; also Canaries wanted, state lowest cash price: Matthews and Son, 205, Darnall-rd., Attercliffe.

WANTED any quantity of Goldfinches, Bullfinches, Linnets, etc., from catchers, also Canaries and Mules; please state price: Thomas Hughes, 65, Saltley-rd., Birmingham.

WILL give 6/- per pair for good colour-fed Norwich and Yorkshires; 10/- per pair, for good Crests, also wanted 10 pairs Scotch Fancy; reasonable: McKeand, Hamilton-place, Castle Douglas.

WANTED, Clear yellow cock, variegated buff hen, Norwich, 1911 bred, must be first-class birds, model type and size; also Sib. hen, suitable Goldfinch, muling: Hodgeton, Greycrook, Crieff.

WANTED hen Canaries, state lowest price, will exchange shoemaker's stitching machine, splendid order, Bradbury's, value 50/-, for Canaries: P. Macfarlane, 22, Gibson-st., Harpurhey, Manchester.

WANTED offers in massive Crest, Norwich, or Lizards, for plate camera and complete outfit, cost £5 5s., with vignetter and enlarging machine: H. Epps, 7, The Villas, Gordon-rd., Herne Bay.

CATCHERS, notice.—I will give £1 dozen cock Goldfinches, 9/- dozen hens; 3/6 dozen cock Linnets, Bullfinches; hen Canaries wanted: Haynes, Bird Merchant, Market Place, Bournbrook, Birmingham.

LADY'S bicycle in exchange for two clear Cinnamon Mules, winners; also sell Yorkshires, winners, and bred from winners; and Canary-reared British for Hybrid breeding: Police, Mousebole, Penzance.

WANTED typical Yorkshires, yellow cock, buff hen, 1911 birds, fed, 7 inches, in exchange for Roller schoolmaster, 1911, and child's double cot, as new; sell 35/-; no dealers; will separate: Newton, 28, Ingleby-terrace, Sunderland.

WANTED, extra large Siberian cock Goldfinch and Siberian hen Bullfinch; will exchange 4 good English cock Goldfinches, picked birds, caged months, or sell, £1; mutual approval, yours first: When, 57, Norreys-aven., Oxford.

WANTED; two good unflighted yellow Norwich Plainhead hens; will give in exchange good big yellow cocks or stout buff hens to value; or sell cocks 7/6 to 10/6; hens 4/6 to 6/6; approval: F. Stott, 41, Mills-st., Freehold, Rochdale.

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Best price given; also hen Goldfinch Mules, will give 1/- each; also a very handsome Australian Grey Parrot, very tame, make a good talker, 25/-, and cage; also grand schoolmaster and contest singer, 12/6 each, warranted: Rutherford, Bird Dealer, 333, High-rd., Leytonstone, London, E.

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A PAIR of 1911 Hawfinches, in good colour, for sale or exchange: Gunn, Hairdresser, Meir, Longton, Staffs.

GRAND Somersetshire cock Skylark, 5/6; exchange cock Canary: Miss Gladys, Lanham, 42, Walcot-st., Bath, Somerset.

LIGHT cock Goldfinch Mule, 15/-; exchange Norwich, anything useful, or offers: W. Noden, 37, Well-st., Winsford, Cheshire.

EXCHANGE cock Siskin, Mule breeder, for three cock Goldfinches, or sell 6/-: Bastin, 128, High-st., West Norwood, London.

COCK Goldfinch cock Linnet, both mule breeders, full song, sell or exchange common Canaries: Inkpen, Queen-st., Gravesend.

BRAMBLEFINCH, house-moulted, 7/-, or exchange two cock Goldfinches or Yorkshire cock: C. Traill, 11, Tithebarn-str., Carlisle.

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NUTCRACKER, winner second at City of Glasgow; exchange good Waxwing or Mules; offers: Cowan, 8, Alexandra Terrace, Troon.

CAGE-MOULTED Greypate cock, also four Linnet hop cages,; wanted, Norwich, or offers: Culshaw, Oakleigh, Maghull, Liverpool.

EXCHANGE, 1911 cock Goldfinch Mule and cash for two good 1911 muling hens: E. Collins, 11, Fourth Cross-rd., Twickenham.

COCK Linnet, house moulted, bred mules last year, will exchange for Yorkshire cock; genuine: Gregory, 92, Cross, Ecclesfield, Sheffield.

SPLENDID cock Hawfinch, fit to win, accept 10/-; or exchange good cock Roller Canary: Mackay, Birchdale, Culduthel, Inverness.

THREE guaranteed twice house-moulted Linnets, good mulers 3/6 each; exchange Norwich hens; offers: Cooke, 147, North-st., Luton.

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COCK, two hen Bullies, and cock Greenie, 3/6; exchange Linnet, Goldie, yellow hen Canaries; offers: Rowsell, Batchworth, Rickmansworth.

WAXWING, cage moulted, £1, or exchange exhibition light cock Mule or Hybrid; approval: J. Davies, 381, Station Road, Winsford, Cheshire.

THREE cock Chaffinches, 3/-; exchange cock Goldfinch, hen Canary; cock Bullfinch; exchange anything: Pearce, 231, Cathedral-rd., Cardiff.

EXTRA large Linnet-Greenfinch, Reed Bunting, Yellow Bunting, lot 6/-; exchange clapnets, netting, disc records, anything: G. Frith, Crowle, Lincs.

CHAMPION cock Greenfinch, cock Goldfinch (winners), Goldfinch Mule, 20/-; exchange good 1911 Norwich hen: 27, Blaby-rd., South Wigston.

EXCHANGE four splendid Bullfinches; two cocks and two hens; for pair of good Yorkshire hens; or sell 6/-: Jones, Cumberland Place, Welshpool.

COCK Goldfinch; cock Linnet; hen Goldfinch; sure mulers; good fountain pen; exchange pair of Rollers; or anything useful: 1, Eryri-ter., Carnarvon.

HAND-REARED cock Bunting and large hen Bullfinch; new breeding cage 5/6; large Greenfinch 6d.: Jonathan Williams, Colley Gate, nr. Cradley Heath.

EXCHANGE six specially picked Brown cock Linnets for a good Buff Norwich cock, or sale, 10/-; approval: G. Gordon, 10, Caroline Place, Fraserburgh.

EXCHANGE Canary-reared cock Greenfinch and house-moulted hen Bullfinch for yellow Norwich hen; yours first: Monteith, 36, Singers-st., Kilbowie, Clydebank.

FOUR cock Goldfinches, caged when Greypates, and two hen Canaries; exchange sewing machine, anything useful: B. Wilson, 53, Albert-st., Spalding, Lincs.

COCK Goldfinch Mule, 7/6; hand-reared cock brown Linnet, 3/-; exchange good cock Roller; those with choppers need not apply: J. Wade, Ashen Clare, Suffolk.

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TWO house-moulted English Goldfinches, exhibition specimens, fit for Palace keenest competition, £1 each, or two £1 10s; approval: Smith, 12, Saville-rd., Chiswick Park, Acton, London.

EXCHANGE hand-reared cock Thrush, winner Gorleston recently for exhibition cock Goldfinch or Mule; no rubbish offered or wanted; yours first: Palmer, 46, Walpole-rd., Gt., Yarmouth.

GRAND Snow Buntings, 2nd prize winner, with show cage, accept 15/-; yellow Bunting, 2nd prize winner, with show cage, accept 10/6; or exchange: T. Weedall, 84, High-st., Winsford, Cheshire.

HOUSE-MOULTED cocks, Goldfinch and Chaffinch; field-moulted cock Goldfinch, cock and hen Bullfinch; exchange good Norwich or Yorkshires; yours first: Cranston, 39, Salisbury-rd., Maidstone.

EXCHANGE dark cock Linnet Mule, Linnet song; also two muling cock Linnets; bred Mules; for cock Rollers; no rubbish; yours first: F. Grindley, 60, Wedgwood-st., Sandford Hill, Longton, Staffs.

EXCHANGE Goldfinch Mule cock; H.M. Linnet, hen Canary; two good Linnets; Linnet Mule; four show cages; pom bitch; any for good Goldfinch Siskin or Bullfinch: Worrell, West Kye, Annfield-plain, Durham.

EXHIBITORS. Large steady Welsh cock Goldfinch, black leg, with deep square-cut blaze, sure winner, exchange for large yellow self cinnamon hen or best offer; approval; yours first: Jones, 3, Mountain-st., Carnarvon.

COCK Linnet, twice house moulted, muler, good feeder, full song5/-; massive cock Greenfinch, fit exhibition, splendid colour, good one, 3/6; exchange Norwich hens; offers: Harry Shaw, 38, North Street, Raunds, Wellingborough.

HOUSE-MOULTED cock Goldfinch muler; one exhibition field-moulted cock Goldfinch, splendid feather, exchange for large bull Norwich cock; yellow hen, 1911; cock must be on full song; Bullfinch type; no rubbish wanted or sent; yours first: F. Broxton, 132, Trench, Wellington, Salop.

Mainly Canaries.

TWO dark Siskin Mules, 8/-; pair Cinnamons, 15/-; offers: Todd & Son (see British).

WILL exchange winning British for large colour-fed Norwich; see advert. Hybrid column: Hawkes.

EXCHANGE one pair 1911 Scotch Fancies for two pairs Norwich; or sell £3: A. Robson, Mid-street, Kirkcaldy.

EXCHANGE Canaries for good side-blown British birds eggs: William Ralph, 246, Grane-rd., Haslingden, Lancs.

PAIR fine Yorkshires in show cage and case, nearly new, bargain, 10/-, to make room: Cotton, Draper, Northallerton.

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WILL give pair Yorkshires, young Rollers and cash; for grandfather clock: 46, Platt-st., Moss Side, Manchester.

EXCHANGE two buff Border hens for large h.m. cock Goldfinch: A. McNaughton, 1, Margaret's-place, Larkhall, Scotland.

WHAT offers in small foreigners for Greenfinch-Canary Mule, or sell 7/6: J. Macdonald, Pelton S.O., Newcastle-on-Tyne.

EXCHANGE three big Buff Norwich hens, 1911, for two Norwich or Yorkshire cocks: D. Emons, 36, High-st., Homerston.

WINNERS: Ticked buff Norwich cock and yellow hen £1; or exchange Rollers or offers: Bennett, Fountain-ter., Bacup.

EXCHANGE value large prize-bred buff Norwich cocks, stout head, necks, for ditto hens: Turner, Thomas-st., Taunton.

WILL give good Yorkshire cock for two Yorks. hens, or sell 10/-; yours first: Ycomans, 50, Haverhill-rd., London, S.W.

SEVERAL pairs prize-bred Norwich; hens 10/-, cocks 12/6; exchange solid silver tea spoons: Walker, Jeweller, Cockermouth.

FOUR pairs Yorkshires, pair show cages, and case, 35/-; exchange large Norwich: Buckett, 45, King's-rd., Henley-on-Thames.

TWO good yellow Norwich hens; exchange for two singing cocks; approval; yours first: Tompkins, Crown-rd., Grays, Essex.

EXCHANGE, two Yorkshire hens, yellow and buff, for yellow Yorkshire cock, 1911: Fowler, 140, Dunstan's-rd., East Dulwich.

TWO good breeding hen Canaries, exchange for good Norwich hen: Matthew Aird, Railway Place, Auchenheath-by-Hamilton.

ONE Roller cock; three hen Canaries; one pair Yorkshires; exchange Crossbred Pullets: S. Dudley, 56, Occupation-st., Dudley.

SIB. hen Canaries, 9 years' in-bred, Norwich, Yorkshire cross, 3/- each; exchange Goldfinches: Alway, 8, Pontcanna Place, Cardiff.

EXCHANGE 3 yellow Norwich cocks, singing, for 5 variegated Norwich hens, or sell 12s.: Boulter, 55, Ellesmere-rd., Daubhill, Bolton.

T. MORRIS has a few pairs and single Norwich left; exchange blanket, lining, dress lengths, etc.; approval: 57, High-st., Tooting.

PRIZE-BRED Norwich Canaries; exchange for scrap brass, copper, zinc, lead, pewter, or anything useful: 61, Havclock-st., Leicester.

EXCHANGE 5 small Yorks., 4 cocks, 1 hen, for pair of Yorkshire, or Norwich; no rubbish; yours first: Gray, Ocean-place, Filey, Yorks.

TWO grand pairs Yorkshire Canaries, £1 a pair; exchange exhibition British Hawfinch, etc.: Jefferies, Lymington-avenue, Leigh-on-Sea.

EXCHANGE 1911 buff cinnamon Norwich cock, Dormer strain, for good-sized yellow cinnamon hen: Hope, 18, New Stock-st., Paisley.

YELLOW cock Canary, two hens; one hen Linnet Mule; exchange for Yorkshire or sell cheap: Buck, 4, Beatrice-rd., Richmond, Surrey.

I WILL exchange pair of Lancashires for pair of Plainhead Norwich, J. Laycock, 16, John-st., Bunker's Hill, Colne, Lancashire.

LARGE green Cinnamon cock, 1911, Dormer's strain; will exchange for yellow Cinnamon hen (Norwich) or sell: E. G. Mitchell, Dereham.

EXCHANGE good Linnet Mule cock, 1911, for big yellow Norwich hen; yours first: Pritchard, Llain yr Ardd, Bethel, near Carnarvon.

WATER Glucke Roller, B.R.C.C. rung, from winning strain, few cocks left 15/- each; hens 3/-, or exchange: Harper, New-rd., Darlaston, Staffs.

WONDERFUL songster, pure Seifert cock, cheap, 15/-; would exchange Siberian, other Goldfinches to value: Mead, Riley-av., St. Anne's.

EXTRA large buff Lancashire cock, variegated hen; fine pair 25/-; exchange ladies' watch; offers: Rose and Crown, Hay Green, Stourbridge.

FOUR cocks, 9 hen Canaries, cock Chaffinch, cock Bramblefinch, cages, £2 2s., will separate: Griffiths, 15, Aberdeen-place, St. John's Wood.

YORKSHIRES, bred from winners; cocks, in full song, 7/6; exchange anything useful: E. H. Williams, 19, Copper Works-rd., Llanelly.

TWO yellow marked Norwich hens 5/- each; exchange good buff hen; or outer covers; approval: Ford, Hospital Lodge, Burton-on-Trent.

BUFF green Scotch Fancy cock; will exchange for two good big yellow Siskins, to moult out; yours first: Laird, Ramsey Place, Portobello.

ONE Goldfinch, 2/-; 1 Goldfinch Mule, 1 Linnet Mule, cocks; exchange Norwich or sell, 7/6 each: Gregory, 21, Upper Brents, Faversham.

EXCHANGE Crested hen, 1911, heavily feathered, for yellow Crest-bred Norwich cock, Cinnamon Norwich hen: Reddall, King-st., Dunstable.

YELLOW Yorkshire cock, two yellow hens, 12/-; Norwich yellow cock, 6/-; exchange good buff Norwich hen: Casling, Burley-rd., Otley.

EXCHANGE one pair of Crests, one pair of Yorkshire, for a good pair of Cinnamon Norwich; yours first: 712, Romford-rd., Manor Park, Essex.

SIBERIAN cock Goldfinch, full song, two hen Bullies, two cock Bullies, tame, sell or exchange common Canaries: Still, 8, Queen-st., Gravesend.

PAIR Pekin Nightingales, cock fine singer, in grand condition, 5/6; wanted loud songster Canary or Goldie Mule: Clarke, 82, High-st., Sydenham.

WILL exchange large 1911 cinnamon green Canaries for pullets or good bell tent; yours first: T. Thompson, Lynefield Cottage, Woodhorn, Ashington.

GOOD Norwich, in pairs, for breeding; also hens and breeding cages for sale, or exchange for Parrot, or cycle: Bearman, Havering, Romford.

EXCHANGE pair of Crests, value 30/-; or good buff hens; for two typical yellow Norwich hens, well up in head: Clarke, 109, Rupert-st., Nottingham.

LOVELY Crest, also Crestbred cocks, 10/-; 3 Yorkshire cocks, 7/- each; pairs 10/-; exchange large Crestbred hens; yours first: A. March, Evesham.

FOR sale, 5 Yorkshire cocks and 3 hens, 26/- the lot, or exchange for Rollers; separate, 4/6 cocks, 2/- hens; no rubbish: Inskip, 13, North-st., Walsall.

CLEAR Norwich buff cock; will exchange for good Siberian Goldfinch or other finches; yours first; rubbish not entertained: Laird, Ramsey Place, Portobello.

TWO good pair of Norwich clears 10/6 pair; 10 small hens 2/- each; exchange good Toy Pekinese or Pom bitch; or bicycle: Gould, Aviaries, Hayfield, Derbyshire.

FIFTY pair stylish, leggy, Yorkshire Canaries, from 8/6 a pair; or exchange blankets, boots, curtains, anything for home: Middleton, 32, Unity-st., Fell-lane, Keighley.

CINNAMON Borders (exhibition), 3 buff cocks, 30/-; Yorkshires, grand birds for show or stock, 3 pairs, 12/6, or exchange Norwich: Victoria Hotel, Penygroes, North Wales.

MASSIVE Dark Crest cock, buff, even marked wings, winner, £2; ticked yellow Yorkshire cock, winner, fit for Palace, 25/-; part exchange: Robinson, Broad-st., Windermere.

EXCHANGE, 1911 hens, Norwich-Yorkshire cross, for yellow marked Norwich cock, or sell 8/-; approval both ways: G. Barber, 16, Glascote-rd., Wilnecote, nr. Tamworth.

WILL exchange three 1911 Border hens, prize bred, value 3s. 6d. each, for good yellow piebald Border cock; approval both ways, yours first: McFarlane, junr., Scaurhead, Barrhill, Ayrshire.

GIVING up Scotch Fancies. Buff cock, winner, 22/6; yellow hen, £1; yellow green hen, 15/6; Borders, 1 cock, 2 hens, 5/6; good blood; also cages; exchange cycle: Low, Tannery, Cupar.

TEN splendid Yorkshire hens, 25/-; Goldfinch Mule, Linnet Mule (cocks), 6/- each; H.M. Greenfinch and Canary, 5/-; offers Canaries, Rollers preferred: Claridge, 105, Dale-rd., Canning Town.

TWO pairs good Yorkshires, cost £5, also few pairs same strain, from 12/6 pair upwards; exchange gold watch, bicycle, or offers entertained; no cards: Berry, 99, Selborne Grove, Keighley.

UNFLIGHTED yellow Norwich cock, exchange for large Siberian Goldfinch cock; exchange two for buff Crest-bred cock, unflighted, must have good head; sell 12/6 each: Lees, 18, Market-st., Oxford.

UNFLIGHTED clear yellow Border cock 8/6; two clear buff Border hens 3/- each; or exchange pair gent's strong winter boots, size seven, medium toe; offers; approval: Allen, New-rd., Gillingham, Dorset.

EXCHANGE two young Norwich hens for two young Seifert Roller hens; I have also five young Norwich, five young Yorkshire hens, 2/6 each, or £1 the ten on approval: Jas. Randles, 35, Queen-st., Ellesmere Port.

ONE cock and 2 hens, yellow, 1910, 3 buff cocks, 1911, all Yorks., will take 2 good buff Yorks. hens part exchange; no reasonable offer refused; no rubbish: Scargill, 18, Hough-lane, Wombwell, near Barnsley.

EXCHANGE clear buff Norwich hen, unflighted, 4th special only time shown; also varieg. buff Norwich hen, 1910, for good yellow varieg. or green Norwich hen, must be good type: Morland, 9, Silver-st., Berwick-on-Tweed.

NORWICH yellow cock and unflighted buff hen; will exchange for two English Goldfinches to moult out; finches first: Laird, Ramsey Place, Portobello.

BUFF Norwich hen, 5/6; 2 cock Bullfinches, 3/6 each, moult winners; exchange big buff ben Norwich; offers: Spofforth, 2, Mechanic-st., Todmorden.

CHAMPION variegated Goldie Mule, fed, won 2nd only time shown, with show cage, £1; exchange yellow Norwich cock: Jones, Shop-y-Gongl, Harlech.

NORWICH cocks for sale, yellow and buff, 6/- to 10/-; bred from good stock, or exchange gramophone and records: E. Tanner, Picture Shop, Stroud, Glos.

MONSTER large yellow hen, excellent breeder, 1910 5/-; pure Seifert hen 2/6; twice house-moulted cock Linnet, singing 5/-; exchange pair good green Norwich or Yorkshires; approval: John Harvey, Union Place, Longford, Coventry.

EXCHANGE 1 Crest-bred cock, 1 yellow-green plainhead cock, 1 buff Border cock, for black or chocolate Pom. puppy to the value of 25/-, or sell; approval either way: A. Bishop, 56, Castle-ter., Winchburgh, Linlithgowshire.

Mainly Foreign.

EXCHANGE small Foreign seed-eaters for Canaries or cock Mules; approval; particulars: Clarke, 82, High-st., Sydenham.

PARROT, grey, remarkably tame, kiss, shake hands, whistles, etc., and good cage, 30/-, or exchange, anything: Keeeb, 2, Hassett-st. Bedford.

Miscellaneous.

BOY'S violin, bow, and case, cost 21/-, exchange Canaries, anything: Nobbs, Cromer-rd., N. Walsham.

50-EGG incubator, sell 15/-, or exchange anything to value: L. Yates, 50, Worthington-rd., Surbiton, Surrey.

FOR sale white Bulldog; price £2; part exchange Canaries or Parrot: 51, Vere-rd., Wadsby-bridge, Sheffield.

CAMERA, ¼-plate, dozen 4-minute records, Edison's, exchange Scotch Fancies: Hall, Quarry Hill, Unstone, Sheffield.

TWO pairs of grey rabbits, make fine ones; sell 2/6 pair; or exchange: J. Muggeridge, Albion-ter., Horsham.

EXCHANGE over 200 CAGE BIRDS and plates to date for cock Goldfinch or Linnet: E. McCallien, Tarbert, Lochfyne.

WILL exchange good B flat cornet for good Lizards or Rollers; or anything useful: Cook, 57, Springfield-st., Preston.

EMPRESS concertina, sell 12/-, or exchange three York or Norwich hens: Dye, 48, Park-lane, Pinxton, nr, Alfreton.

EXCHANGE pair pure Pouter pigeons, good birds, for good Siskin and Twite: Reid, Glasgow Bridge, Kirkintilloch.

WHAT offers: 70 CAGE BIRDS, 12 plates; all my prize bred birds for sale; cocks from 5/-: Flemons, Northampton.

LADIES' silk blouses, cream or white, 8/6; exchange Canaries: Blamley, 10, Englefield-rd., Kingsland, London.

EXCHANGE Italian mandoline and case for Canaries or any kind of British; sell 10/-: Holland, 36, High st., Homerton.

GENT.'S silver double curh albert, exchange parcel left-off clothing, or Canaries; sell 7/6: Barton, Pope-st., Birmingham.

TWO double breeders, new, 7/- the two, or exchange drawing-room cage; anything: Thompson, 37, Winsover-rd., Spalding.

IN exchange for double trap call cage, with Finch, will give air gun and thermometer: Thomson, Sea View-place, Buckie.

PURE-bred black Persian cat, 12/-; also pedigree wire fox terrier puppy, 12/-, dog: 201, Chester-rd., Hulme, Manchester.

FAWN white whippet dog, 11 months, fast, 8/6; exchange pair Canaries, Norwich: J. Hancocks, 5, Wall-st., Hereford.

GLAZIERS' diamond, value 15/-; as new; exchange Canaries or anything useful: Ellis, 7a, Smith-st., Goswell-rd., London.

HANDSOME silver-haired Terrier bitch, long coat, exchange good Norwich hens; offers: 4, Kenyon-st., Gorton, Manchester.

EXCHANGE smart young Whippet bitch for Norwich, or offer, sell 14/-; yours first: E. Newman, Arcade, Liss, Hants.

CYCLE in good running order, good make 35/-; or exchange Canaries or talking Parrot: Muggeridge, Albion-ter., Horsham.

SIX fowls (hens), good layers; exchange good pair stock Yorkshires, or sell 18/-: Clifford, 101, Albert-rd., Dalston, London.

WATERPROOF steel line wire, new, cost 10/6; exchange contest Linnet, anything useful: Hayzer, 19, Portland-st., Stepney.

EXCHANGE for pair of Canaries, hunting lever watch, new; sell 15/-; yours first: Drummond, 15, Hutcheson-st., Glasgow.

AIREDALE terrier bitch; two hen Canaries and cock; exchange Retriever dog or poultry: Stone, 3, Sussex-rd., Southall.

SELL or exchange double muzzle loading gun and accessories for Canaries or offers: Baldwin, 108, Melton-rd., Wellingboro.

GOOD English buck, 9 months' show form; exchange Norwich cock or 3 Norwich feeders: W. Lanham, Ripley, Derby.

SALE or Exchange, cock, red Linnet, house-moulted, huntsman's cap, good condition, fence net and poles: W. Tann, Littleport, Ely.

TWENTY racing Homers, flown from 40 to 250 miles, 25/-; or sporting exchange: Holland, 172, Alfreton-rd., Nottingham.

EXCHANGE three bore rifle, good as new, for good British or anything useful, sell 12/-: E. Tanner, Picture Shop, Stroud, Glos.

HANDSOME hull bitch, good bead, 50/-; exchange cycle or birds; doe rabbit, 5 young, 5/- cash: Butler Quarter, Staplehurst, Kent.

SPLENDID pair of O.E.G. Game Bantams, both winners; accept £1, or exchange: T. Woodall, Greengrocer, Winsford, Cheshire.

EXCHANGE two good hollow ground razors for cock or three hen Canaries or offers British: Hinchliffe, 36, Hunt-st., Sheffield.

AVIARY, Canaries, exchange three pairs of yachting trousers, new, cost £1 each, waist 35, leg 43—31: Dale, 24, Dresden-rd., Highgate, N.

BUFF Orpington cock, four cross-bred hens, 15/-; exchange Canaries, Goldfinches, Bullfinches, or offers: Davison, Haddenham, Bucks.

TWO breeding cages (nearly new), 6/6; exchange photographic accessories: Peach, 2, Turf-ter., All Saints'-rd., Newmarket, Cambs.

THRUSH, show cage and case, 5/6; Wagtail and Redstart, show cages, 3/6 each; exchange Canaries: Mackwell, Hairdresser, Kelghley.

PAIR field or opera glasses in case, 12/6, exchange Roller or other Canaries, offers: Muscott, 1, Boundary-terrace, Llandrindod Wells.

FOR SALE, wire hair terrier bitch, three months, 7/6; or exchange for birds or anything useful: Gilbert, 51, Waterlow-rd., Dunstable.

FIVE prize bred long faced tumblers, one winner, all rung; exchange Canaries, melodeon; anything: Weatherhead, Station-rd., Keith.

HOBBIES' set fretwork tools, quite new, 4/0; or exchange finger-tame Budgerigar: Crowest, 19, Heybridge-avenue, Streatham, London.

EXCHANGE prize bred silver grey doe; winner at three months; for pair of Canaries or sell 7/6: Stamford, Gas-rd., Royston, Herts.

SALE or exchange, Bull Terrier dog, 16 months, all white, black nose, not deaf, weight 45lbs., price 30/-: Robinson, Southwest-st., Blackburn.

PAIR men's working boots, tipped, good quality, large sevens, new, misfit, sell 7/6, exchange: Howland, Bootmaker, Ockenden, Essex.

RED and black cheq. show homers, 15/6 pair, exchange Yorkshires, boots, clothes, offers: Brooker, 15, Frome-ter., Dorchester.

NEW fly-fishing rod, 9ft., weight 8oz., book flies, complete outfit, 35/-: exchange cock Canaries (songsters) to value: 2, Tidy-st., Brighton.

TWO square Thrush cages, full size, wire sides and fronts, fitted complete; exchange anything: Northam, 71, Burrows-rd., Willesden.

FIVE pure Seifert hens 2/- each; approval; dinner, tea, toilet services; offers Roller cocks; anything: China Stores, Brotherton, Yorkshire.

EXCHANGE violin dated 1727 for one pair Norwich and six good cock Goldfinches; no rubbish: birds first: Stalcy, 104 Bradford-st., Notts.

EXCHANGE four Crossbreds and 2 Buff Orpington fowls for Mules or common Canaries, or sell 12/-: Clements, 4, Jeynes-row, Tewkesbury.

LADY'S silver watch, rolled gold chain; exchange pair clap-nets, 10yds. square mesh, Canaries, Mules: Tomson, 42, High-rd., Willesden Green.

UPRIGHT stove for aviary or greenhouse, cost 40/-, lamp worth 20/-; what offers in birds; 10/-: Crook, 91, Seedley Park-rd., Pendleton.

EXCHANGE Chocolate Pom. bitch, small, for Rollers, Mules, Mule breeders, anything useful: Cox, 22, Wolverhampton-st., Bilston, Staffs.

GLAZIER'S diamond, value 16/-, new condition; exchange for Canaries, Mules, Toy dog, or fowls: Biddle, 27, Wharton-st., Lloyd-sq., W.C.

EDISON Phonograph, twelve records, two pairs opera glasses, gent.'s rolled gold watch; exchange Canaries: Russon, 2, Bush-st., Burnley.

NEW garden barrow, never used, painted, just cost £1; exchange Canaries, Goldfinches, or Mules: J. Meek, 35, Locko-rd., Spondon, nr. Derby.

EXCHANGE 30 library books, also blackthorn sticks, rough or finished, best quality; anything useful: Spencer, Tubrid, Brosna, Roserea.

STRONG, healthy black Spaniel dog, retrieve fur or feather; sale 10/-, or exchange anything useful: Reginald Clemens, Helston-rd., Penryn, Corn.

EXCHANGE good hand camera, ¼ plate, in perfect condition; for pair of Norwich or Yorkshire Canaries: Whomersley, Chapel Lane, Keadby, Doncaster.

WANTED, 10in. or 12in. records, or toy Pom in exchange for winning British Norwich or Yorkshires: Hawkes, 390, Grove Green, Leytonstone.

PRETTY 18-carat gold-cased chain bracelet, 10/6; approval; exchange good singing cock Mule or Canary: Traveller, 25, Glendish-rd., Tottenham.

GRAND pair Black Rosecomb Bantams, bred from my noted winners; will exchange for fox terrier dog or anything: Wilkerson, Blofield, Norwich.

WHAT offers in Norwich Canaries for pair Brampton roller skates and key, ball bearings, fit any boot; nearly new: Wear, 30, Poplar-st., Retford.

EXCHANGE 14 carat gold nib fountain pen, iridium pointed, with feeder, for Yorkshire songster; birds first: C. Shipley, 92, Stephenson-st., North Shields.

HARP Phonograph and 14 (nearly new) records, £1, or offers in birds and double-breeding cages; yours first: Bourne, 54, Oxford-st., Ripley, Derby.

AIREDALE-IRISH Terriers, 11 weeks old, dog 20/-, bitch 15/-, champion parents, sell, or exchange Canaries, Mules: "Princess Mary," Kerbey-st., Poplar.

EXCHANGE prize pigeons for glazier's diamond, or anything, pair Turbits, Magpies, Blue Saddles, Blondinette: Akehurst, 53, Shaftesbury-rd., Brighton.

QUARTER horse-power horizontal steam engine and vertical boiler, for Norwich Canaries; stamp, particulars: 17, Gauntley-st., Hyson Green, Nottingham.

EXCHANGE muling hen Canaries, three Blackbird cages, complete, nearly new: James Moody, 4, Brigg House, 6, Colsterworth-rd., Tottenham Green, London.

PHONOGRAPH, Edison Standard, Amberol attachment, cost 115/-, trumpets, 3 records, carrying case; offers Yorkshires, part cash: Mays, 45, Natal-rd., Ilford.

WHAT offers in Yorkshire Canaries for two good razors and "Nutshell" stropping machine, value 16/-: W. Wilson, Beechwood, Wolveston, Stockton-on-Tees.

DARK Goldfinch mule cock, show cage; also pen Spangle Bantams, prize bred; exchange, foreigners preferred: Weedall, 281, High-st., Winsford, Cheshire.

HANDSOME grey and red Parrot, 15/-, make intelligent talker; pair handsome Yorkshire Canaries, 12/6; exchange live stock: Barlow's Aviaries, Greenwich.

SETTER-Retriever dog, 11 months, good worker, retrieve to hand, extra good guard 15/-; or exchange birds: Cooper, 84, Station Lane, Old Whittington, Chesterfield.

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BRASS Cornet, two mouthpieces, shanks, case, complete, good condition, value 30/-, exchange Canaries and Finches; birds first: Henshaw, nr. Station, Codnor, Derby.

WHIPPETS, All-England Champion bred pup, 15/-; brood bitch, 25/-; exchange Canaries or anything useful; yours first: Griffiths, 46, Greathampton-st., Wolverhampton.

GRAND Airedale terrier bitch, face anything, good house guard; exchange for Canaries, cocks and hens, or sell 20/-: C. A. Paine, 54, Charlotte-st., Landport, Portsmouth.

WANTED, High-class Norwich, poultry, gramophone, for good hull terrier bitch, 15 months, quiet with children, or sell £1: Kerry, 15, Derby-rd., Ripley, Derbyshire.

BEAUTIFUL hand-reared Vixen Fox, as tame as a kitten, absolutely harmless, splendid brush and coat, sell 35/-, or exchange anything useful: Minikin, Naturalist, Keighley.

EXCHANGE 6 ivorine-handled knives, also 6 teaspoons for 1 cock or 3 hen Canaries, or 3 show cages, Norwich or Yorkshire; Marsden, 175, St. Philips'-rd., Sheffield.

EXCHANGE cornet, mandoline, banjo, child's collapsible chair, gun, camera, fishing rod and tackle, for Canaries, Crests, anything: Gordon, 44, Murray-st., Maryhill, Glasgow.

EXCHANGE high-flying performing Tumblers also Rollers; for house-moulted cock Linnets; Linnet Mules (Linnet song); offers: Fred Mawson, The Wellington, Knaresboro.

YORKSHIRE Terrier bitch, 18 months, by "Merrie Marvel," sharp, clean, 30/-, worth £5; exchange Canaries, gramophone, anything useful: Harris, 98, Nursery-rd., Birmingham.

EXCHANGE gent.'s first-class cycle, new covers and tubes, and all accessories, cheap at £4, sell 55/-; wanted Roller Canaries value £3: A. Johnson, 32, Greenhead, Crook, Durham.

LOVELY white Pom., just over toy weight, with splendid tail carriage; would sell for £2, or exchange for Rollers or poultry: J. Saund[illegible] Garn-ter., Waunllwyd, Mon.

LARGE Siberian cock Goldfinch, proved muler, 3/6, or exchange Canaries; a few sittings White Orpington eggs, prize strain, money back on unfertiles, 3/6 dozen: 489, Cambridge-rd., Bethnal Green, E.

ELEVEN homing pigeons and training basket, sell 15/-; exchange Canaries; sable and white collie bitch, six months, 10/-; exchange Canaries: John Bailes, South View, Fence Houses, Durham.

LADY'S silver watch 6/6; silver cigarette case 8/6; silver vesta box 2/6; china clock with vases 6/6; 9 carat gold pendant 6/6; Kropp razor 3/-; offers; exchange: Clark, 44, Queen-st., Peterhead.

TWO Walsh's Perfection double breeding cages, complete as new; 7 yellow Norwich hens, cock Goldfinch, dark cock Goldfinch-Canary Mule; what cash offers for lot? Muffett, Bishops Stortford.

RAZORS. Razors. Razors. Will sell on approval first-class hollow-ground razor, 5/-, or exchange singing cock Canary or Mule; every razor guaranteed: J. H. Pask, Hairdresser, East Kirkby, Notts.

EDISON Gem phonograph and 150 records, £2 10s.; 5 pairs of Yorkshires, 8/6 per pair, or exchange lot for good gramophone and records, cycle, or anything useful for home: Young, 36, Church-st., Whitby.

FOR sale, Yorkshire terrier bitch, 12 months old, good colour, sell £1, weight 7lbs., or exchange birds; 5 pure white cavies, sell 5/-, or exchange birds: Merrington, 40, Besson-st., New Cross Gate, London.

EXCHANGE or sell standard lamp, 12/-; cutlery, 42 pieces, 5/-; copper kettle, brass privet, 3/6; pair paintings, framed, 5/-; two silk mufflers, 2/6; exchange Canaries; offers: Hairdresser, 1, Sussex-rd., Southall.

LIVER Spaniel dog, year eight months, unbroken; make good dog; 30/-; or exchange Canaries, cocks or hens, Goldfinches, cocks, Linnets, cocks, Bullies, hens; what offers, mixed: J. Sanderson, Bootmaker, Saltburn.

SIXTY breeding cages, white enamelled, 2/- each; seed and water glasses, nest pans, show cages and cases, a few tip-top Yorkshires; exchange anything for house or travelling requisites: Richmond, Albert-st., Harrogate.

ENGLISH concertina, mahogany case, sound condition 28/-; cost £3; new Italian mandoline, case, tutor, £1; new lady's mackintosh, never worn, 18/-; exchange entertained; no rubbish: Rutter, Brompton, Northallerton.

BOOTS, Blankets, Sheets, Quilts, Carpets, Curtains, Dress Lengths, Costumes, Furniture, Cutlery, Electroplated goods, Tools, etc., given in exchange for good Canaries, Mules, etc.: Exchange Co., 59, Lime-st., Sheffield. Estab. 1900.

CASSELL'S Popular Gardening, 4 vols., in excellent condition, 30/-, new, would exchange for schoolmaster Roller Canary, or would sell 20/-, no rubbish offered or taken, approval both ways: Tomkins, Emberton, Newport Pagnell, Bucks.

LIVER Bedlington Terrier puppies, bitches, pure bred, sell 8/- each; exchange singing Canary or three hens; Bedlington bitch, 18 months old, 12/-; or exchange four hen Canaries; apply: Jas. Gallagher, 74, Cramond-st., S.S., Glasgow.

GRAND silver teapot, coffee pot, sugar basin, cream jug, silver medal (gold centre), gold nib fountain pen, sell 17/-; or exchange for two good matched pairs Yorkshires or Norwich; birds first; offers: Barshy, 82, Frederick-st., Rotherham.

GRAND Parrakeet, in strong round cage, for Weavers and pair Love Birds 18/6 lot; fret machine cost 30/-; price 17/6; parlour clock, cost 60/-, price 30/-; exchange breeding cages and Yorkshire Canaries; J. Winterbottom, Drayman, Jordan-st., Gloasop.

A MOTOR cycle for sale, De Dion make, price £10, or £8 cash and two pounds in exchange in birds, half-plate camera or disc records; also a gent's cycle, 26-inch frame, good condition; exchange disc records: Address W. Gibbons, 74, Glengall-rd., Peckham, S.E.

A LURCHER greyhound bitch and four puppies six weeks old, father a well-known courser, won many sweepstakes and handicaps; mother will kill rabbits or hares; mother 20/-; dog puppies 7/6; bitch 5/-; or any reasonable offer in Canaries: John Pugh, 4, Herbert-st., Abercynon.

EXCHANGE or sell two Yorkshire show cages and case, 4/6; two Norwich and case, 4/6; one hand-reared Greenfinch, 3/6; one mealy Redpoll house-moulted, 3/6; one house-moulted Siskin, 5/-; one house-moulted brown Linnet, 2/6; one grand Bullfinch, 2/6; all cocks; on approval: T. Rose, Barnton, nr. Northwich, Cheshire.

EXCHANGE for Canaries; gent's English lever watch, cost £5 5s.; B.S.A. air rifle, pistol grip, cost £2 15/-; eight volumes of bible commentary, new, cost 48/-; violin, bow and box, cost 27/-; Clark's patent syphon gas stove, cost 18/-; Randolph Meech's Surprise grinding mill, cost 35/-; trio Black Rosecomb bantams, mated to breed winners 15/-; gents' Rudge Whitworth cycle, hargain, £2: mutual approval; offers wanted; also Grey Parrot: Severn, Furnisher, Alfreton.

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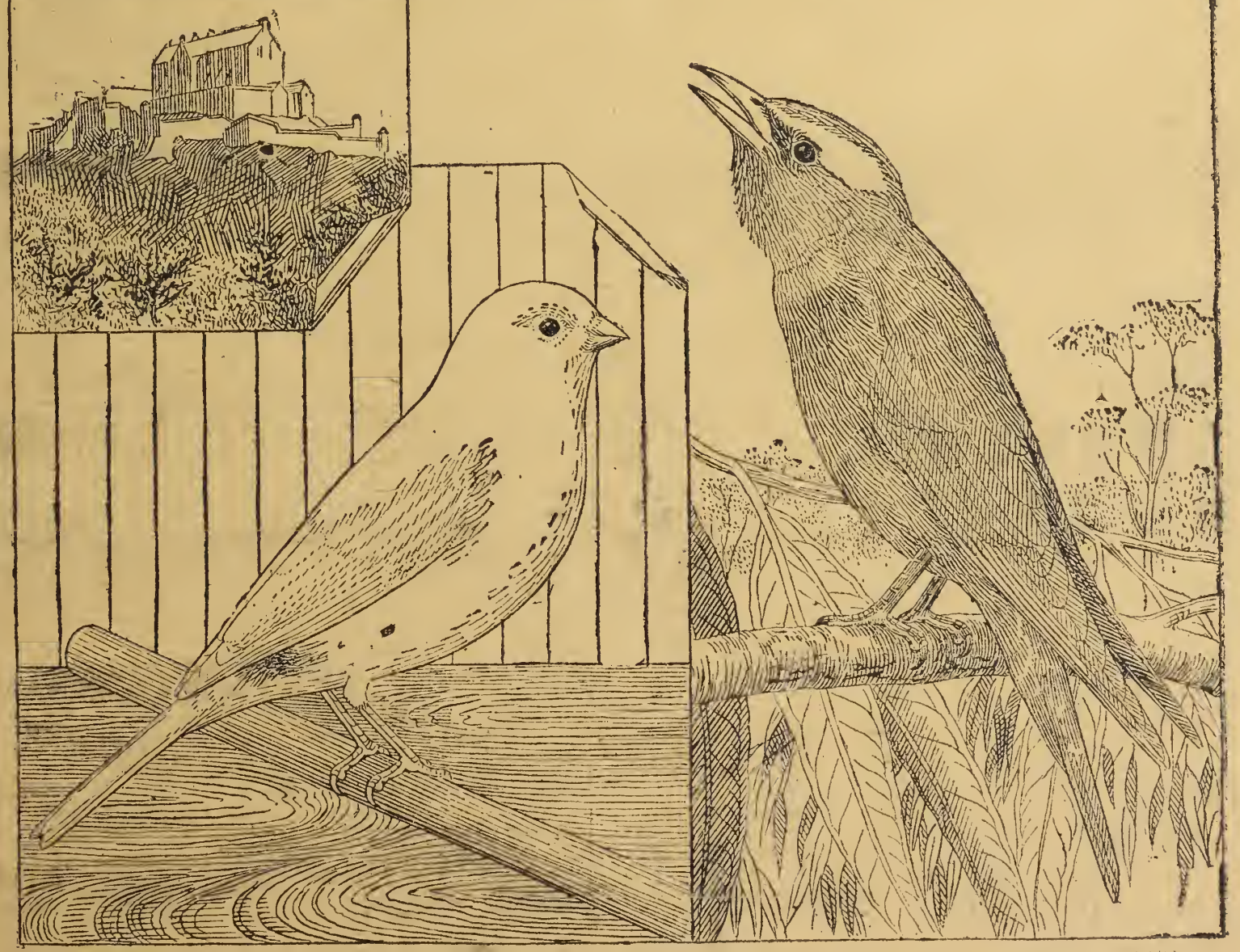

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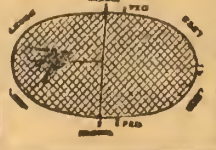

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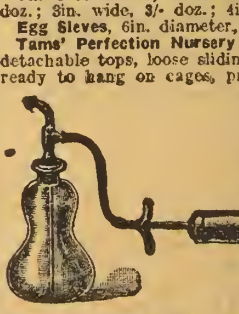

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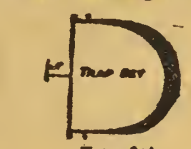

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EXHIBITORS: The whole of my British for disposal, including winners; approval, deposit; stamp particulars: Lafbury, 442, High-st., Manor Park, E.

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FOR sale, 20 high-class Belgians, same strain as my winners: Lady Verhees, Giens 56 Mortsel, Antwerp, Belgium.

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SALE, several good high-shouldered 1911 Belgians, related my winner challenge bowl Barnstaple; reasonable approval: Baker, 3, Kingsley-avenue, Barnstaple.

TWO Belgian Buff cocks, one £2 10/-, first Glasgow 1910; other young bird, fourth and special 1911 Glasgow, 30/-; 2 good first-cross buff hens, good for crossing with Belgian, 30/- each; stamps for reply: Traill, Leslie-st., Motherwell.

Border Fancy.

TWENTY good Borders, cocks from 5/-, hens from 2/6: H. Whittaker, 17, Waterville-rd., North Shields.

PRIZE bred Borders to clear, cocks 4/6 up, hens 2/- up: A. Cargill, Scotlands-row, Cantsdam, Kelty, Fife.

FIVE Border hens, cheap, 12/6 lot; or exchange for good yellow or green cock: Tiffen, Wigan-rd., Ormskirk.

1911 Borders, yellow cock, 6/-; yellow Cinnamon-marked hen, 4/-; approval: H. Holmes, 22, Cook-st., Barrow-in-Furness.

BORDER Fancy Canaries, good Greens and Cinnamons, approval: stamp: McMillan, 67, College-st., Maxwelltown, Dumfries.

BORDERS for sale, bred from my cup winners; buff cocks and yellow hens, prices moderate: Miller, Chemist, Portobello, N.B.

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TYPICAL Borders for sale: four clear buff cocks, four variegated buff hens; cheap to clear: James Auld, New-rd., Bannockburn.

YELLOW variegated cock, buff hen, 7/6; clear buff cock 5/-; buff variegated hens, 2/6; approval: Aikenhead, Southesk-st., Brechin.

BORDERS, splendid birds, clears, marks, greens, cinnamons, some winners, others from same; reasonable; stamp: Craig, High-st., Brechin.

BORDER Fancies, two cocks, clear, and five hens, two mis-marked, all healthy, not rubbish, lot 12/-; approval: Hogg, East End, Earlston, Berwickshire.

PRIZE Borders, even marked bred, cocks from 5/-, hens 2/-, or exchange yellow variegated hens, unflighted: James Aitken, Lumley-st., Grangemouth.

JOHN H. ELLIOT, 3, Jubilee-terrace, Edmondsley, Durham, has 40 pair Borders for sale from 10/6 upwards; all bred or related to my winners; approval.

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TYPICAL Borders from winning strains; hens, yellow foul, 5/-; yellow variegated, 6/-; clear yellow, 7/6; clear buff, 6/-; clear yellow cock, very jaunty, 7/6; approval: Thomson, 16, Bridge-st., Kelso.

PRIZE strain Borders for disposal; yellow cock, 7/6; buff hens, 5/-; yellow green cock, 2nd Frome, 10/-; pairs Greens, 10/-, 15/- 20/- up; or exchange Greens for clears; approval: Brain, Glastonbury.

THOS. HALLIDAY, Loan View, Lauder, has still a few good birds to dispose of, related to his winners, cocks from 5/-, hens from 3/6, pairs 8/- up; also a few winners, reasonable; approval.

FEW yellow cocks for sale, 7/6 each; buff and yellow green hens, 5/-; house-moulted Goldfinch and yellow Norwich hen, 10/- pair; approval; stamp: Wm. Kirkhope, Sanquhar, Dumfriesshire.

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TYPICAL buff cock, yellow marked hen, both second prize winners, well matched, 12/6 pair; few hens, 3/6 each; large buff variegated Norwich cock, 6/6, worth double; approval; state wants: Walker, 12, Tower-rd., Tweedmouth.

AFTER selecting breeding pairs I have a number of good typical Borders for disposal, including both sexes, of clears, marks, greens and Cinnamons, cheap to clear; satisfaction guaranteed; approval: G. Scott, Mona Bank, Dumfries.

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BUFF hen, 1st Paisley, yell. cock, 1st Wishaw, buff cock, 1st Uddingston, 15/- each; yell. foul cock, 2nd Bo'ness, 2nd Ayr, buff cock, 2nd Ayr, 10/- each; also 4 yell. green cocks, 20 clears, 6 unevens, from 3/- each: Walker, Ellenslea, Lesmahagow.

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Cinnamons.

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PAIR of prize bred Norwich, 1911, cock highly commended, 8/6 pair: Miller, Craven-st., Barnoldswick.

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E. GODLEY has few grand Norwich for disposal, single or pairs, also Cinnamons: Rishton, Blackburn.

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FEW good buff hens, 3/6, and 4/-; large yellow cock, 7/6, colour fed; approval: Timbrell Bros., Chipping, Lancs.

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NORWICH: 12 pairs colour-fed for sale cheap: J. Kirk, 21, Daresbury-st., Greenhill, Cheetham Hill, Manchester.

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PRIZE winning Norwich cocks from 8s., hens from 5/-, seen any time: Chamberlain, 12, Beyer-st., Gorton, Manchester.

HAY, Farnham Road, Bury St. Edmunds, has several nice young Norwich cocks for disposal, 7/- each; hens 4/-; on approval.

I have a few good Norwich left, cheap, a chance for beginners; approval: J. Hayhurst, 217, Brunshow-rd., Burnley.

GOOD bred Norwich cocks, from 7/6, hens from 5/-, buffs or yellow: Upton and Button, 1, York Gardens, Hastings.

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W. WALLACE, breeder and exhibitor; a few Norwich hens, grand type and quality, cheap to clear, 5/- and 7/6; approval.

TYPICAL, short, thick, unflighted buff hens, same strain as my winners, 7/6 each; approval: Devoy, George-st., Stranraer.

BUY from the breeder, better blood unobtainable, cocks 8/-, buff hens 4/-, few choice cocks: Kirk, Furnisher, Lowestoft.

FRED BARRACLOUGH has a few choice Norwich Plainheads, both sexes, for sale, inspection invited: 25, Railway-st., Hyde.

UNFLIGHTED Norwich, two yellow cocks, 12/6, 17/6; two buff hens, 5/-, 10/-; approval: Smith, 4, Buchanan-st., Partick.

NORWICH, two large buff cocks, 1910 variegated, 12/6; 1911 clear, 10/-; cash or deposit Editor: Baker, York-rd., Long Eaton.

TYPICAL buff cocks, 10/6, 15/-; ticked yellow cock, 12/6; shapely buff hen, 10/-; deposit: Jones, Lydgates, Lynton, Devon.

SOME really good stock birds, 1911, grand size and quality, chiefly buff; prices moderate: Barrows, 7, Abbey Crescent, Torquay.

SPLENDID Norwich cocks, 5/- to 10/-, hens 2/6 to 4/- each; satisfaction guaranteed; approval: Hudson, Matlock-rd., Belper.

CAN spare a grand clear buff cock, massive head and neck, short and compact, 20/-: Metcalfe, 68, Brunswick-rd., Liverpool.

TWO yellow Norwich cocks, 10/- each; one buff cock, 10/-; one buff marked cock, 8/-: Henry Doxey, Pease-hill, Ripley, Derby.

NOTICE. Grand lot Norwich, many winners; prices low; easy payments taken; approval: M'Keand, Seabright-villa, Castle-Douglas.

GRAND pair Canaries, properly paired, cock grand songster, 1911 birds, perfectly healthy, outdoors, 6/-: Beech Croft House, Horncastle.

PRIZE-BRED Norwich for sale, cocks from 5/-, hens 2/6, pairs 7/- to 15/-: Kelsall, 655, Oldham-rd., Bardsley, Ashton-under-Lyne.

NORWICH pairs from 20/-; single birds, cocks or hens, yellow or buff, from 10/- to 25/- each: Kelly, Dean-rd., Kilbirnie, Ayrshire.

NORWICH, 7/- pair, cocks 5/-, hens 2/6, only five left; have sent all parts; approval: Mark Bennett, Broughton, Astley, Leicester.

NORWICH yellow variegated cock, yellow variegated hens, buff variegated cock; cheap, approval: James Taylor, 113, High-st., Brechin.

GRAND stout cobby cocks, 7/6, 8/6, 10/6; stout hens, 5/-, 6/-, 7/-; pairs 11/-, 13/-, 15/-: bargains; approval: Miss Stone, The Fleet, Belper.

SIX pairs Norwich, Vardy's strain, £3 lot or separate, 10/- to 15/- pair; offers, no birds: Holmes, Fletcher-st., Heanor, Derbyshire.

D. KENT offers all his winners and stock birds, 10/- each: 15/- pair; particulars; stamp reply: Ladykirk-rd., Newcastle, Northumberland.

STRONG vigorous Norwich Canaries, bred in cold room, 1911; cocks 7/6, hens 2/6; singing beautifully: 13, Wellfield-avenue, Muswell Hill.

GRAND stout cobby buff Norwich, 10/6; lovely stout yellow hen, 7/-, 10/- pair; value unapproachable; approval: Hatton, Windmill, Belper.

HANDSOME Norwich cocks, grand songsters, 4/6, 5/-; hens 2/6; pairs 6/6, 7/-; value unapproachable; approval: Hatton, Aviaries, Belper.

BUFF Norwich cock, 10/-; buff Norwich hen, 3/-; Greenfinch cock, Bullfinch hen, 2/-; house-moulted: Davidson, Townhead, Kennoway, Fife.

GENUINE stout typical buff Norwich hens, guaranteed healthy, clean, 2/6, 3/-; approval: Scott, 31, Keyham-lane, Humberstone, Leicester.

VARIEGATED unflighted yellow Norwich cock, 25/-; 2 buff cocks, 7/6 each; approval, deposit: Robert Reid, Ester, Spieldhill, Falkirk.

BREEDER'S surplus stock, buff cocks, all colours, some winners, 6/6 to 10/6; not half their value; approval: Shearer, Viewmount, Thurso.

1st WOOLWICH, 35/- selling, massive framed clear buff cock, gem all over, accept 20/-, bargain: Hawkes, Grove Green-rd., Leytonstone.

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FOR sale, 2 buff cocks, 1911; 1st, 2nd, 12/6 each; 2 buff and 2 yellow hens, 1911, 4/- each: Dowling, 8, Shipley-rd., Hooley Hill, nr. Manchester.

PRIZE-BRED Norwich, champion stock birds, cocks from 10/-, hens from 7/6; approval, stamp: Dawson, 117, Primrose-st., Farnworth, Bolton.

NORWICH plainheads, a few buffs and yellows at 10/- to 25/- or pairs from 15/- to 40/-; approval: J. Jones, Academy-st., Hurlford, Ayrshire.

JNO. ALLEN must clear grand stock cocks, own breeding, from the best, from 10/6, worth double; approval, stamp: 4, Bossall-st., Leicester.

LARGE healthy Norwich hens bred from winners, buff 3/-, 4/-, 5/-, yellow 4/-, 5/-, 6/-: approval; deposit: Brown, 44, Waterloo-rd., Norwich.

GRAND buff unflighted cock, 3rd Nottingham, £1; clear yellow, 1st, Hucknall, £1, cash or deposit: 38, Carlingford-rd., Hucknall Torkard, Notts.

COMPULSORY removal, must sell whole of stock, 9 cocks, 15 hens, breeding cages and utensils, flight cage 5ft.x5ft.x2ft.: Amis, 23, Leipsic rd., Camberwell.

NORWICH hens. Five nice birds, 3/6 each, or 16/- the five; also two variegated cocks, 7/6 each; approval: Blower, 202, Victoria-rd., Old Charlton.

WELL bred Norwich, colour fed, cocks from 6/6, hens from 5/-; pairs supplied, prices reasonable: Fred E. Brewer, 11, Lauderdale-st., Preston.

PRIZE-bred Norwich, cocks, in full song, 4/-, 5/- each; hens, same strain, 1/9, 2/6 each; satisfaction guaranteed: Heathcote's Aviaries, Leicester.

NORWICH, large foul green cock, 15/-; yellow variegated, 10/-, 12/6; hens, 5/-, 10/-; bred from winners; approval: Ramsay, 36, Brechin-rd., Arbroath.

SIX hens, two cocks, Norwich, beautiful birds, colour fed, in grand condition; 25/- lot, with cage: F. Cowling, 223, Parkside-rd., Bradford, Yorks.

GOOD Norwich hen Canaries, own breeding, cold-room, approval willingly, 5/6, 6/6, carriage paid: H. Long, Stationmaster, Hellesdon Station, Norwich.

TWO good hens, buffs, good feeders, one (1909 and 1910), sell, 5/- each, or exchange good hen for stock, apply: 62, Green-lane, Whitwick, Leicestershire.

TYPICAL Norwich Plainheads (Bowyer and Vardy's strain) cocks from 7/6, pairs from 20/-; approval, deposit: Williams, Pharmacy, Ashbourne.

TO clear. Three fine Cinnamon Norwich Canary cocks (two 1910, one 1911), 5/- each for lot; also dark Mule, 1911: Mrs. Soames, Lyncroft, Bromley.

NORWICH cinnamon cross; a few variegated cocks, yellow and buff greens, 1911 bred, also yellow cinnamon cock, 6/6 each: A. Peters, Panton Hall, Wragby, Lincs.

25 CLEAR and variegated buff Norwich hens, thoroughly healthy, ready for breeding, 3/- each; large birds, 3/6: Roper, 134, Chester, Seven Kings, Essex.

WANTED, two unflighted yellow hens, clear or lightly marked, must possess good heads and necks, good price for suitable birds: Keech and Son, Peterborough.

SOME grand typical Norwich cocks to spare, from 12/6, all good, reliable birds, off winning strain; hens from 5/6: A. Ironside, 41, Main-st., New Deer, Aberdeenshire.

A FEW well-bred unflighted Norwich colour-fed cocks, from 7/6, hens 4/-, matched pairs from 10/6; approval: Chas. Makins, 18, Palace Green, Berwick-on-Tweed.

HIGH-class Norwich cocks and hens, Hodder's strain, cocks, 6/6 to 7/6; hens, 2/6 to 3/6; can be seen any day: J. Simmons, 11, T. Guest-St., St. Luke's, London, E. C.

1st PARKSTONE last week, and many other wins; buff cap marked Norwich cock, very massive framed, large cobby bird, great sacrifice, 35/-: Hawkes, Grove Green-rd., Leytonstone.

A. SCOTT, Scott's Hotel, Lancaster, has some grand flighted and unflighted buff cocks for sale, grand birds; also one or two good pairs: A. Scott, Scott's Hotel, Lancaster.

PRIZE-bred Norwich Canaries, cocks, warranted in full song, 4/6, 5/6, 6/6 each; hens, same strain, 2/-, 3/-, 4/- each; satisfaction guaranteed: Fred Johnson, 22, Goswell-st., Leicester.

ALL my Norwich plainheads for sale, winners and bred from winners; singles from 10/-, pairs from 20/- upwards; approval; cash or deposit: R. Traill, Shore House, Dysart, Fife.

FRANK F. LAWSON, 14, Pugin-st., Carlisle. Unflighted buff hens and cocks, grand heads, shape, colour and quality, same stamp as my winners at leading shows, from 10/- each.

HOLDEN'S noted Norwich, a few for sale, related to my winners at all leading Northern shows, winner of Northern Norwich Plainhead cup, 1911; approval: 5, Cramer St., Gateshead-on-Tyne.

GENUINE Norwich, two pairs left, 20/- pair, also few unflighted cocks, reasonable. Must clear before removing next week; inspection invited: Harper, 26, Brighton-rd., Stoke Newington.

A BARGAIN; two Norwich Plainhead cocks, one Norwich hen, one flight cage, 36 by 18 by 14, in splendid condition, accept £1 5s. lot, or offer: Evans, Stanmore, Bridgnorth, Salop.

I HAVE for disposal several grand Plainhead Norwich, bred from the same strain as my winner which won at the Crystal Palace: W. Neame, 13, Durnford-st., Stonehouse, Devon. Stamp reply.

C. ROBERTS' noted Norwich, Bullfinch type, highly colour-fed, some can win, matched pairs from 20/- to £5, single birds from 10/6; state wants; approval: Stannah Hey, Newton Drive, Blackpool.

THREE good 1911 yellow hens, 8/6 each; clear yellow 1911 yellow cock, 10/6; variegated ditto, 10/6, cobby, good heads, wings and tales; cash or deposit: F. Tesseyman, Church Hill, Leeds.

T. H. MASON, winner of Hull C.B.S. champion cup; has a few birds for sale same strain as my winners at Newcastle, Middlesboro, Sheffield, York, Hull; approval: 11, Victoria-square, Ella-st., Hull.

W. MILES, Aviaries, Chichester, winner of 10 challenge cups, etc., has some grand Norwich, including recent winners, reasonable; also some good buff hens, from 5/- each; pairs from 15/-, approval.

COLD room; a few pairs left from 10/-; also odd hens from 5/-; good breeders and feeders, bred from winners; satisfaction, or money returned: Gooding, Gardener's Cottage, Wouldham Hall, Rochester.

NORWICH; two pairs of grand Norwich, buff cocks; yellow hens, 30/- pair, to clear; worth double, for breeding; good chance for novices, as these are bred right: Clayton and Smith, Market-Place, Driffield.

DEALERS supplied with clean, strong, healthy, typical colour-fed and natural colour Norwich Plainheads, large or small quantities, cold room bred, prices on application: Cooper, 29, Junction-rd., Norwich.

NORWICH cocks from 6/: hens, 3/-; clear, variegated; Crystal Palace aviary, three double breeders; "Our Canaries," complete, unbound; what offers; must clear: Shewan, 21, Oakley place, Old Kent-rd., London.

BUGLASS, 3, Meadowbank Crescent, Edinburgh; giving up the fancy—still a few of my prize strain for sale, clear yellow cocks, 25/-, 20/-, 7/6, one pair, 15/-, variegated buff cock, 7/-, two ditto, hens, 6/- each.

SUIT beginners still have for disposal the following high-class Norwich, all 1911 bred, extra large, clear buff cock with plenty of substance, 10/-, bargain; also very large chubby variegated, rich yellow cock, 10/-, worth double; also short, stout, clear yellow hen, 7/-; and nice clear buff hen, 5/-; all are healthy, with plenty of size in them; approval, deposit: W. Colling, 5, Mariners-terr., Filey, Yorkshire.

TYPICAL pale Norwich, large clear yellow cock, 1910, grand quality and substance; unflighted buff hen, short, and excellent feather, bargain 21/-; several older good pairs: Sadler, 60, Merrivale-rd., Smethwick.

JAMES BARNES can spare the following green hen, variegated hen, bulls, 10/- each, two variegated yellow cocks, 12/6, 15/- each; all on approval—see Hemsworth report this week: Factory-row, Whalley, Nr. Blackburn.

WINNERS cheap; Frank Potter, Hull Challenge Cup winner three years in succession, can spare unflighted buff, vhc class of 25, 17/6; year old buff 15/-; massive unflighted yellow, 20/-; stamp: Thoresby-st., Hull.

UNFLIGHTED, lightly marked buff hen, ditto yellow, 7/6 each, medium size, good type, close feather, bred from Coventry, Northampton Bedford winner open competition; approval deposit: George Notley, King's Place, Bedford.

GEORGE SANDERS has few typical Norwich, including winners from 7/6 upwards, also fed Greenfinch, winner, 5/-, one British Goldfinch cock, winners 10/-. Cash or deposit; stamp reply: 36, East Smeaton, St. Kirkcaldy.

HIGH-CLASS Norwich P.H.'s yellow and buff cocks, a few yellow and yellow variegated hens bred from best of stock birds, see Peterhead and Aberdeen show reports: James Morris, 37, Longate, Peterhead, Aberdeenshire.

HIGH-CLASS Norwich cocks, in full song, 6/-, 7/6, 8/6, 10/-; hens 3/-, 3/6, 4/-, 5/- each; pairs matched for breeding, 8/6, 9/6, 10/6, 12/-; stamp reply; money returned if not approved: Stewarts, Earthenware Stores, Surrey-st., Norwich.

PRIZE-BRED Norwich Canaries, cocks warranted in full song, 4/6, 5/6, 6/6 each; hens, same strain, 3/-, 4/-, 5/- each; inspection invited; cold-room bred; satisfaction guaranteed: Jess Growdridge, Coventry-rd., Hinckley, Leicestershire.

EXTRA good surplus stock, very large choice buff cocks, exquisite quality, from 20/-; unflighted yellow and buffs, from 10/-; hens from 7/6; healthy typical birds, own breeding only; approval: Miss Gwyn, "Somerville," North-avenue, Ramsgate.

HIGH-CLASS Norwich variegated yellow cock, with buff hen, 15/6 pair; clear yellow cock, with buff hen, 20/- pair; a few yellow hens 7/6 and 10/- each; all unflighted, grand quality, and bred from my winners; approval: W. Palmer, Newby-Ct., Ripon.

A. L. HAWKES has few exceptionally fine colour-fed Norwich hens, equal to his winners, in all colours, massive framed, short, thick-set, cobby specimens, exhibition or stock birds, 7/6, 10/-, 12/6, 15/- upwards; 7 days' approval: 390, Grove Green-rd., Leytonstone.

LARGE, typical buff, A1 for stock, 42; shapely yellow, superb quality, 30/-; unflighted yellow, 30/-, very cheap; stylish yellow hen, 15/-; lovely buff hen, 30/- only; few splendidly bred pairs, 20/- each: J. Eckersley, 51, Francis-rd, Edgbaston, Birmingham.

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141, Barrhill, Tweehan, Scotland, Jan. 23, 1912.—Bird arrived safe. It will suit me all right. Thanking you for sending me such a fine healthy bird.—T. B. McAulay to W. Rudd.

PLEASED WITH BARGAIN.

Norton Heath, Ingatestone, Jan. 13, 1912.—Received bird safe, and I am very pleased with my bargain.—W. Nason to W. Rudd.

JUST THE COLOUR WANTED.

188, Tipping St., Ardwick, Manchester, Jan. 17, 1912.—The two birds arrived safe, and I am well satisfied with them. They are just the colour I wanted. Thanking you for your selection.—G. Clay to W. Rudd.

BEST EVER HAD FOR PRICE.

83a, Kenyon St., Fulham Palace Road, Fulham, London, S.W., Jan. 15, 1912.—The Norwich cock arrived quite safe I am very pleased with him. He is a nice, strong, healthy bird, and is the best I ever had for the same price.—T. Cole to W. Rudd.

GOOD VALUE FOR MONEY.

29, Dowling St., Swindon, Jan. 19, 1912.—Birds arrived safe, and in good condition. They are good value for money.—F. Laurence to W. Rudd.

PINK OF CONDITION.

307, Canklow Rd., Rotherham, Yorks, Jan. 17, 1912.—Norwich cock arrived safe, and I am pleased with him. He arrived in the pink of condition, and gives every satisfaction.—A. Vellam to W. Rudd.

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PURE Rollers, full song 7/6, 8/6, 10/-, hens 2/-: Bennett, 28, Enville-st., Stourbridge.

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1s. WEEKLY. For this you have finest Roller hens, all young and healthy: Laurence, Kimbolton, Leominster.

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HIGH-CLASS Rollers, from winners, few left; cocks from 15/-; hens from 6/-: T. J. Smith, 10, Hall-st., Wolverhampton.

GRAND Hartz Mountain Roller cocks, full song, 5/6, 6/6, 7/6; hens 2/6; approval, deposit: Allen, Albert-st., Wednesbury.

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HARTZ Mountain Roller cocks, in song, 7/6; 11 hens, 2/- each, or 20/- the lot; ready for breeding: 8, Devons-rd., Bow, E.

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FOUR pairs Seifert Rollers, full song, cocks, 8/6, hens, 2/6 each; packed in cages, worth double, good strain: Smith, Morton-parade, Wakefield.

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WANTED schoolmaster and shutter cage, exchange champion pair Yorkshires and breeding cage; mutual approval: Davies, Ipstones, Stoke-on-Trent.

HIGH-class Rollers, from cup winner (Provincial 1911), B.R.C.C. rung, 1911 cocks from 20/- upwards, hens 10/-: Hanbury, 13, Railway-terr., Llanelly.

HIGH-CLASS Rollers, hollow roll and glucke, both strains bred separate; cocks from 20/- to 60/- each, hen 5/- each: Wirth, 1, Knowsley-rd., Bootle, Liverpool.

HIGH-CLASS Rollers, own prize strain; before purchasing elsewhere call and hear them, cocks 10/6 upwards, hens 5/-: Best, 5, Alma-pl., Beckett-st., Leeds.

ROLLER Canaries, cocks, 6/6, 7/6, 8/6: hens, 2/6, unrelated pairs same rate; approval, deposit; exchange for talking Parrots: Harrison, Hairdresser, Pelsall.

THE honorary secretary Grimsby Roller Society has for disposal trained cocks, 7/6 to 30/-, B.R.C.C. rung; approval: Wirths-Pattisons, Yardley, Legsby-avenue, Grimsby.

NOTICE. Extra good St. Andreasberg Roller cocks, day and night songsters, 15/-; approval, easy payments taken: M'Keand, Seabright-villa, Castle-Douglas.

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ONE Queck's organ, one glucke cock and hen, cost £7, take £3; one B.R.C.C. rung cock and two hens, 15/-, cage included: Powell, Confectioner, 381, Lower High-st., West Bromwich.

FOUR 1911 Rollers, same strain as my winners in champion classes at every B.R.C.C. contest this season, two 10/- and 15/- each, rung; exchange: Harper, 2, Cooper-st., Bilston, Staffs.

GERMAN Roller Canarics, in full song, cold-room English bred; cocks from 5/6; hens, 2/6; inspection invited: travelling cages, 3d. extra: J. Hardman, 25, Withington-st., Broad-st., Pendleton, Manchester.

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ROLLERS, Glucke hens for sale, same strain as won two 1sts at Bolton, silver cup, and 2nd in open and 2nd in team Manchester, P.R.C.C. rung, cold room bred, 5/-, 7/6 each: Turner, Plumber, Openshaw, Manchester.

CANARIES; lovely Rollers, direct from the Hartz Mountains, in full sweet song day and gaslight, a rare bargain, 7/6; real schoolmasters, 10/6; worth treble; no better songsters at any price: Goodbourn, Walgrave-st., Hull.

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25, Garnet St., Birkenhead, Jan. 9, 1912.—Received birds at noon to-day quite safe. I am pleased to say they are a great credit to you. The carman informed me that they had been whistling in the van all the way from the station, and as soon as I unpacked them they started again while I was getting my dinner. I am highly pleased with same, and I can assure you I will recommend you to my friends.—C. Hill to W. Rudd.

49, North Rd., Belkshill, Jan. 8, 1912.—Roller arrived safe, and started singing when paper was taken off. Thanks for prompt despatch and honest dealing.—J. Craig to W. Rudd.

7, Bellevue Terr., Hendon, London, N.W. Jan. 15, 1912.—Roller to hand; very pleased with the way it was sent. It started to sing as soon as it was unpacked.—F. Watson to W. Rudd.

SINGING EVER SINCE.

4, Front St., Tudhoe Colliery, near Spennymoor, Jan. 6, 1912.—I received Roller safe. I am highly satisfied. He started to sing before I opened the cage, and he has sung ever since.—N. Rochester to W. Rudd.

Castleisland, Co. Kerry, Ireland, Jan. 12, 1912.—Bird arrived safe, and I am very well pleased with him. He was singing soon after arrival. I thank you for sending such a good bird.—A. Moynham to W. Rudd.

19, Front St., Perkinsville, Jan. 29, 1912.—Bird arrived safe and sound, and is a real beauty, and well on song. You must have read my thoughts, as I do like good Rollers. It shows a great deal of your honest dealing, as money was lying in Bird Club 8 months before I sent for bird.—G. Fawcett to W. Rudd.

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92, Bridge End, Belfast, 26th Jan., 1912.—Received Roller all right. It was singing in the travelling cage as I was taking it home. It pleased me well.—Wm. Whyte to Joe Thomas.

Darlington, Jan. 27, 1912.—Received Rollers quite safe. The cock was singing as soon as I arrived home.—Geo. Brown to Joe Thomas.

37, High St., Aberystwyth, 28th Jan., 1912.—I am fully satisfied with the birds. They are in the pink of condition. Thanks for straightforwardness.—J. Jones to J. Thomas.

I guarantee equal satisfaction to you. Cocks, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, 17/6, 20/- each: hens, same strain, 3/6, 5/-, 6/-, 7/6, 10/- each. A few real contest singers at 25/-, 30/-, 40/-, and 50/ each. Just let me send one on for your approval. Send a P.C. for my free illustrated catalogue.

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19, Sydenham Terrace, Penydre, Neath, South Wales, Jan. 25, 1912.—I received Norwich songster in splendid condition, and am thoroughly satisfied with it being a most powerful sweet songster.—D. J. Davies to W. Rudd.

MORE THAN SATISFIED.

50, Romford Road, Stratford, Jan. 19, 1912.—I am more than satisfied with the Norwich songster that you have sent me. It arrived about 11 o'clock on Wednesday, and was on song after 6 in the evening. Should I want any birds in the future I shall be happy to deal with you again.—W. Johnson to W. Rudd.

W. RUDD, The Bird Specialist, **NORWICH.**

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Rollers, trained to perfection under Nightingale, Woodlark, and waterbubble runs, in pink of condition, sure to please wherever they go, 6/6, 7/6, 8/6 each; hens, 2/3, two 4/-; Norwich Canaries, cocks, 6/6, 7/6, 8/6, 10/6; bens, 3/6, 4/6, 5/6; matched pairs, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6 pair: Matt. Hopkins, Bird Specialist and Cage Maker: 11, Fylde-st., Preston, Lancashire.

THE WINNING STRAIN

Fanciers read the following results, and judge for yourself the high quality of contest birds supplied by me.

Wolverhampton, Nov. 2, 1st, 2nd, vhc, champion class; Leeds, Nov. 10, 2nd, bc, c, open limit class; Grimsby, Dec. 1, 3rd, vhc, champion class; Wakefield, Dec. 8, 3rd, 4th, hc, champion class; Bolton, Jan. 1, 1st, 2nd, 3rd, champion class; Bolton, Jan. 1, 1, 2nd, amateur class; Bolton, Jan. 1, 1st, 3rd, 4th, limit class; Manchester, Jan. 20, 2nd, vhc, hc, c, champion class; Manchester, Jan. 20, 1st and 4th, amateur class; Manchester, Jan. 20, 1st, 2nd, 4th, 5th, Limit class; Manchester, Jan. 21, Team class: In this class I have had the honour to supply the winning team to Dr. Read, 2nd winning team to Mr. T. Turner (Openshaw), and scored 4th myself. This class consisted of 20 teams, the cream of Roller Fancy.

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Jan. 12, 1912.—Sir,—I am very highly pleased with Roller Canary purchased on the 30th ult. His singing is a treat to listen to. I shall never be afraid of recommending my friends to you for straightforward dealings and courtesy.—From **E. Molyneaux, 25, David St., Northwich.**

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not common Belgian, guaranteed pure Hartz, 6/- each; hens, 2/-. These are imported direct from the Hartz Mountains, and properly trained. Note: We have thousands of testimonials and are patronised by all the Crystal Palace Judges, including Judges Bexson, Payne, Battye, Roe, Barnes, Vardy, etc., etc. Send for new catalogue and testimonials for proof. See last week's advt. for illustration of box cage.

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YELLOW cock, buff cock, 1911 birds; will exchange for yellow cock or buff hen: Shaw, 2, Stuart st., Partick.

A BARGAIN: Clear buff cock and yellow hen Scotch Fancies, 20/- pair: Craig, 89, Frank st., Newcastle-on-Tyne.

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SCOTCH Fancies. Buff cock, 30/-; yellow cock, 25/-; buff hen, 30/-; young birds and cheap: John Melville, Sunnybank, Tayport.

SCOTCH Fancies, cocks and hens, all colours, young birds; prices reasonable; seen any time: Vernall, 234, Allison-st., Govanhill, Glasgow.

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SCOTCH Fancies for sale, 3 yellow piebald cocks, 2 buff piebalds, 3 clear cocks, 2 buff hens, young birds: Thomas Keary, 55, Flemington, by Cambuslang.

BUFF green cock, 1910, 16/-, yellow cock, 1911, 18/-; good strain, would exchange either for young Scotch Fancy hen, any colour, approval: Wm. Kilgour, 64, St. Leonard's-place, Dunfermline.

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Exchange lady's silver watch, engraved, new condition, perfect timekeeper, cost £2 15s.; approval both ways: Perry, Glebe-st., Walsall.

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BUFF unflighted Yorkshire cock and also yellow hen, took 1st special in pair class last week; accept 20s.; great sacrifice: Hawkes, Grove Green-rd., Leytonstone.

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YORKSHIRES, same as my winners, clear and cinnamon marked, 7/6, 10/-, 20/-, 30/- each; approval; inspection invited: Hirst, Ramsbottom-st., Accrington.

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CLASSICAL Yorkshires, Bailey's strain, not rubbish; 10 pairs 10/6 pair, lot £3 15/-; inspection invited; exchange scrap copper, brass: Cooper, Taylor-st., Batley, Yorkshire.

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HIGH-CLASS Yorkshires, own breeding, several fit to show; cocks 7/-, 8/-, 10/-, hens 3/-, 4/-, 5/-; inspection invited; approval: Whiting, Ravensbury, Morden-rd., Mitcham, Surrey.

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FIVE grand stock pairs, including winners at Federation, North London shows, 20/- to 30/- pair; also odd cocks from 5/-; hens, 2/6: Range, 80, Mildmay-Grove, Islington, London, N.

GIVING up the Fancy, 10 cocks, 16 hens, Yorkshires, some real good stock birds to be sold cheap to clear, Hirst's strain; particulars; apply Harwood, 39, Craven-st., Accrington, Lancs.

CHAMPION Yorkshires, bred from my winners; see reports, Clapham, Southend, L.C.B.A., Wimbledon, etc.; matched pairs from 12/6; odd cocks, 7/6: Penton, 1, Commercial-st., London, E.

YORKSHIRES; best blood obtainable; one yellow cock 7/6; three buff cocks, 6/- each; two buff hens 3/6 each; will return money if not satisfied: Sam Morley, Park-gate, Skelmanthorpe, nr., Huddersfield.

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HAVING finished showing, have a few grand, long, slim yellow and buff Yorkshire cocks for disposal; feathered like wax and all standard length, 6/6, 7/6, and 10/6; seven days' approval willingly: Auton Bros., Spalding.

ONE tick buff cock and 2 yellow hens, 25/- lot; one cinnamon mark hen, 4/-; 1 yellow, 3/-; 1 variegated buff, 4/-; 9 breeding cages and 4ft. 6in. flight, £1 lot; 3 4/-; 9 breeding cages and 4ft. 6in. flight, £1 lot; 3 cages, 9 show cages, 18/-: W. Smith, 183, Upton-lane, Forest Gate, E.

YORKSHIRES, best blood obtainable, cocks 5/- upwards, hens 3/- upwards; pairs properly mated for breeding winners, 7/6 upwards; full of quality; carriage paid: approval: Edgar King, Fairfield, Hebden Bridge, Yorkshire.

CHAMPION Yorkshires, bred from my winners, Bolton, Sale, Sheffield, etc., grand birds cheap; matched pairs 12/-, cocks 7/6, hens 5/-; inspection invited; approval: Radford, 114, Second-avenue, Trafford Park, Manchester.

FIVE cocks, 1 buff, 1 buff variegated, 3 yellow variegated, 6/6 each; 1 cinnamon marked, 1 yellow hen, 3/6 each, or 35/- lot; cash or deposit; healthy fed 1911 Yorkshires: Williams, Warrant Officers' Quarters, Bulford, Wilts.

THROUGH illness must clear my high-class Yorkshires; 3 yellow cocks, 7/6 each, 3 buff cocks, 6/- each; 3, yellow hens, 3/6 each; 3, buff hens, 3/- each, long slim birds—some winners, genuine: Saul, "Uvedale," Woodbridge-Rd., Ipswich.

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OWING to removal, and not now having the accommodation, I am compelled to dispose of my stock of high-class Yorkshires; cocks, 7/6, 10/-, to 60/-; hens, 5/-, 7/6, to 50/-; satisfaction guaranteed: Yates, Spurgeon-rd., Pokesdown, Bournemouth.

WINNING Yorkshires. Buff marked cock, 25/-; buff 30/-; both winners; also my Newcastle, Gateshead, Blaydon, Hartlepool, Whitehaven, Wallsend, winners; also stock birds to clear; stamp reply: Kent, 174, Ladykirk-rd., Newcastle, Northumberland.

CHAMPION Yorkshires, long leggy upstanding birds, just the sort to breed winners, 6/6, 7/6, 8/6, 10/6, upwards; hens, 5/6, 6/6, 7/6, 10/6; pairs, properly mated, breed winners, 12/6, 15/-, 20/-; approval, 4 days; 26 years' breeder, exhibitor: Frank Stevens, Great Ayton, Yorkshire.

SIX pairs Yorkshires green, yellow, and variegated, splendid mothers, beautiful stained mem wood breeding cage, six compartments, enamelled inside, all accessories, lot £3; will sell pairs, without cage, 10/-; giving up breeding: Daniel Ferris, Palatine Hotel, 19, Regent-rd., Liverpool.

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Correct type and splendid feather, from 5/6; three buff cocks, 7in. long, 15/- each; inspection invited: H. Morley, 63, St. Margaret's Rd., Great Horton, Bradford.

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Now ready, long stylish cocks, from 6/-; hens, feathered like wax, real gems, from 5/-; in clears, ticked, or marked, yellow or buff, all cold-room bred; all on approval; satisfaction guaranteed; several show specimens for sale; 12, Angel-st., Baildon, Yorks.

WINNING YORKSHIRES.

Grand chance for novices; owing to business pressure I am compelled to part with the majority of my stock; all related to winners at Burnley, Bolton, Rochdale, Manchester, etc.; on approval, cash or deposit; inspection invited any evening or week-end; cocks and hens, 7/6 upwards: G. Pike, 20, Scarborough St., Moston Lane, Manchester.

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Two unflighted buff cocks, sure winners, 20/- each; marked buff cock, 17/6; grand stock bird and a few racy hens from 7/6; all bred or related to my cup winners; approval anywhere: 82, Park-rd., Rochdale.

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40 Yorkshires, my well-known winning strain; some grand buff hens from 15/- pair; inspection invited; approval; several birds certain winners: Rorke, 50, Ringmer-avenue, Munster-rd., Fulham.

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Owing to the pressure of business all my stock and show birds are for sale, 22, cocks, 20, hens, 48 breeding cages, fitted up with utensils, 18, show cages, 4, travelling cases, 2, egg and seed mills, baths, nest pans, etc.; 20 years breeder and exhibitor—Chance in a life time; inspection invited, no reasonable offer refused: 6, Essex-St., Southend-on-Sea.

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The Southern Champions. We have a few select hens from 7/6, also one 1st prize pair City and Suburban show, 25/-; third pair, 15/-; buff cock, 2nd High Wycombe, 12/6; yellow cock, vhc, L.C.B.A., cup class, 30/-; also pairs and other winners; approval; inspection invited: 73, Fermoy-rd., Paddington, or Oakley Brill, Bucks.

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SAMUEL DEAN

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FORFAR C.B.S.

Meeting held Granite Bar, Jan. 13th, president, Mr. J. Bowman, in chair. Various matters concerning open show were discussed, and it was thought best to abide by our old date, Nov. 9th. Also decided to change name of the society from Forfar and District to Forfar C.B.S., thus making it open to any person wishing to join, irrespective of the district to which he belongs. Nominations were also taken for the different judges for our open show, but the final selection was left over for next meeting, Feb. 10th.—D. Kerr, Hon. Sec.

LLANDUDNO C.B.S.

Annual general meeting held headqnarters, Cobden Hotel, January 9th, Mr. E. Nolan in chair. Financial statement submitted showing a very fair balance on the right side. Following officers elected for 1912: President, J. F. R. J. Pike, Esq.; Chairman, Mr. E. Nolan; Hon. Sec., F. S. Berry; Hon. Treasurer, Mr. J. H. Relf; Committee, Messrs. S. England, H. Thomas, E. E. Griffiths, D. G. Jones and W. Hartle. Auditors, Messrs. J. P. Jones and R. W. Thompson. Decided, to hold a members' show at headquarters, February 7th; also that a dinner be held at the Cobden Hotel, February 14th, tickets, 1s. 9d. or 2s.; friends invited.—F. S. Berry, Hon. Sec.

WEST STANLEY C.B.S.

Annual meeting held Jan. 20th, new headquarters, the Town Hall, a place well adapted for lectures and washing exhibitions. After the balance-sheet was read, and officers elected for the year, a motion was put and carried that we hold an open two-days' show on Nov. 8th and 9th, and that we apply for the various patronages. Eight new members enrolled, and our books are still open for fanciers. Judges nominated: J. Dixon, T. Dixon, W. Reed, A. Brown, J. Robson, J. Marwood, W. B. Barnes, and J. Stanger. Also decided to advertise show date in CAGE BIRDS to the value of 25s. Result of prize draw:- Gift class 1st 1,318, 2nd 290, 3rd 987, 4th 291, 5th 757, 6th 1,252, 7th 458, 8th 975, 9th 584, 10th 459.—W. Elliott, Sec.

GLASGOW (Queen's Park) C.B.S.

Annual general meeting held Jan. 26th, Mr. R. Thomson presiding over one of our best attended meetings. Secretary submitted financial statement for 1911; the gross credit balance came out at £9 9s. 5d., which was found very satisfactory. Office-bearers elected:—President, Mr. A. Hunter; vice-president, Mr. R. Thomson; secretary and treasurer, Mr. R. Heggie; committee, Messrs. R. B. Cairns, R. Jeffrey, G. J. Morgan, E. Holliday, T. McCubbin, J. B. Steele, D. Wilson, W. Ross, and J. Fulton; auditors, Messrs. A. W. Naismith and J. Yates. Date of annual show was discussed, and finally arranged for November 30th. Judges were nominated. Monthly meeting night altered from last Friday to the last Wednesday in each month, which was considered more suitable to the majority. Rules left in hands of committee to revise and submit at next meeting. Any member outside committee and office bearers wishing alteration on any rule, kindly inform secretary on or before 14th Feb., and same will be submitted to committee meeting. Agreed to pay cash prizes this year at annual show to 1st, 2nd and 3rd, any specials given to be allocated to the exhibitors out of cash prizes. Entry fee increased, but only by a penny, this making 4d. each exhibit. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded Mr. Thomson, the retiring chairman, for services rendered during the past two years. Two new members admitted, viz., Messrs W. Steel and R. Sprout. Particulars of the club can be had on application to sec.—R. Heggie, 7, McLennan-street, Mount Florida.

Club Reports.

MANSFIELD AND DIST. C.B.S.

Bird washing exhibition given by Mr. Vardy, Jan. 27th. While the birds were drying Mr. Vardy gave a lecture on British birds, and I am sure a good many fanciers went away with a little more knowledge than they had before. Mr. Vardy went through his work in a style all his own and gave us some points that will be useful in the future. This is only a young society, but it has a good number of fanciers, and we shall be pleased to enroll more. Mr. Vardy judged a table show of British birds, and placed the cards to everybody's satisfaction. Mr. Hawkesley led off with his well-known Blackbird. We are having a table show for stock pairs of all breeds 13th February, when all fanciers and friends will be given a hearty welcome. Mr. Vardy promised to attend again. Mr. Hawkesley is secretary.—Bernard Gabbitass.

WALKLEY AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

Meeting held Jan. 11th, St. Philip's Mission Room, Mr. T. Ridal presiding. It was the best meeting in the annals of the society. The business transacted was enormous. Sec. gave a statement of accounts which showed a balance of over £7, which was received with great applause. We decided to adopt the Yorks. Union definition with regard to ticked birds. Also decided, date for nest feather show, June 22; also that we pay fixed prize money (6s. a class, to be divided into 3s., 2s., 1s.). We have secured the same room for our meeting. Resolved, to grant 10s. to what we have usually given. Mr. Ridal proposed that the best thanks be given Mr. J. Scott (late secretary) for his past services, which was carried unanimously. We are giving an increased point special scheme this next show season, the society giving £1 to each section, viz., Norwich, Yorks., and British, to be divided into four prizes. Following elected new members: Messrs. J. Bexter, J. Curley, C. Stocks, J. Gordon, C. W. Bacon, F. Jones, P. Chadwick, F. W. Barnes, J. Wardley, W. Briggs. Decided, for Feb. meeting, that we have a table show, composed of one class Brit., one class muling pairs, one class novice Yorks. pairs; one class novice Nor. pairs, entrance 3d. a cage; Judge, Mr. W. T. Furniss.—C. Tomlinson.

BORDER FANCY C.C.

Annual general meeting held in Mr. Dixon's Rooms, Carlisle, on 1st January. In the absence of the President, Mr. Richardson, Mr. Wright (Carlisle) was asked to preside. Balance-sheet for 1911 showed the total income to be £53 3s. 8d. Expenditure £44 2s. 11½d., leaving a balance in favour of club of £9 0s. 8½d., which was considered satisfactory, taking into account the number of specials granted during year, viz., 81 medals and one framed model. Election of office-bearers: Mr. Richardson re-elected President; Mr. Jamieson Hon. Sec. and Treas.; all delegates were re-elected; and Messrs. Robertson (Selkirk) and Barrie (Lockerbie) were appointed delegates for their districts. Messrs. H. Bennet and McKenzie (Kelso) were asked to audit books. The first motion was "That club adopt standard cage." Secretary intimated that he had several letters for and against this motion. The members present thought it would entail considerable expense on members who had a stock of show cages. After some discussion the motion was rejected. The next motion was "Members exhibiting at shows where they had club patronage should use husks or plain Canary seed in bottom of cages," an amendment that sawdust be used was put. Other members thought the question of what members used in cage bottoms should be left open, and this was agreed to. A motion that at any show where they have open and novice medals, the novice medal be always judged for first. This motion was carried without dissent. A suggestion was made by a member that club get two challenge cups (one open and one for novices), to be competed for at certain shows; after some of the members had expressed their view, it was decided to do nothing in the matter. The same member thought judges should pay more attention to club standard when judging; also that club try and induce show committees to give four classes for Greens and Clunamons. Eight new members were proposed and admitted.—M. Jamieson, Hon. Sec.

SHEFFIELD O.S.

First annual dinner and smoking concert held Jan. 9th, Messrs. Stephenson's Exchange Restaurant, one of the most up-to-date and best establishments in the city of its kind, being the rendezvous selected by the dinner committee. We had an exceptionally big crowd present, about 60 in all, and I am pleased to say that practically every gentleman brought his wife (or his wife to be). Our Chairman, Mr. T. Dawn, presided, ably supported by several gentry of the district. The vice-chairman, Mr. J. Woodall, was in his accustomed place, he having the hearty support of the leading fanciers. Dinner began at 7.30 p.m. The toast list was not a lengthy one, as we had a great array of talent present, and everyone was anxious to keep them fully employed and get full 18-carat out of them. The toast, "King, Queen and Royal Family," was ably proposed by the Chairman. Mr. E. Job gave the toast of the evening—"The Sheffield O.S." In a very able speech he pointed out the benefits mankind derived from hobbies of this character; he also referred to the successful 12 months (the first) of the society, and pointed out what exceptionally good officials they must have had to accumulate a balance of £23, with no funds to commence with, and in addition paying fixed prize money at nest feather and members' shows. Dr. Craig (a member of the committee) in a very humorous speech, responded. He promised to give a silver cup to be competed for by novices only, which brought forth loud cheering. Our Chairman kept things going, not allowing a single waste moment. After two or three songs came the tit-bit of the evening, the presentation of cups, etc., by the Chairman. He said that before he presented the cups he had another pleasing duty to perform, and that was to present a cheque of £5 to our worthy hon. sec., Mr. T. Bishop, as a slight recognition of the excellent manner in which he had carried out his arduous duties during 1911, as it was mainly through his untiring efforts that we had £23 at the bank. Mr. Bishop was greeted with loud applause, and responded as soon as his friends would allow his voice to be heard. Then followed the presentation of cups. Winners: Yorks., Messrs. Wilkins and Elliott; Nor., Mr. J. G. Cowley; Crests, Mr. G. Moore; Brit., Mr. P. Walsh; and For., Mr. T. Bishop, all of whom suitably responded. The toast, "Visitors and kindred societies," was proposed by Mr. J. Woodall. Mr. J. G. Little responded on behalf of the visitors, and Mr. Nelson on behalf of kindred societies. Songs, etc., were continued until the close, which arrived far too soon.—John A. T. Woodall, Press Correspondent.

THE CRESTED CANARY CLUB.

Following is the result of the voting for the committee for 1912, from whom a president is to be elected, and for which a second ballot is being taken, the result of which will be made known at the annual general meeting. Committee: T. Heath 46 votes, R. Rhodes 45, G. C. Ley 45, J. Robson 44, T. Taylor 43, R. L. Crisp 42, F. W. Barnett 41, G. Coledge 38, J. Brotherton 36, T. H. Evins 32, Rev. G. W. Joyce 30, R. Armstrong 29, J. S. Clarke 29, G. Crabb 28, J. Franz 28, T. J. King 27, J. Broad, 26, H. Mills 26, W. H. Mugford 26, W. E. Greeves 25, A. Lazarus 23. The 12 elected judges are as follows, with the number of votes each received: Messrs. T. Heath 54, J. Robson 53, R. Rhodes 50, T. Taylor 47, J. Tyson 44, G. Colledge 37, T. J. King 35, Rev. G. W. Joyce 30, W. E. Greeves 29, F. W. Barnett 27, G. C. Ley 27, J. S. Clarke 26, R. B. Tope 24; auditors, Messrs. T. Heath and J. Robson, 50 each. 58 voting papers were received; 91 issued; 3 papers returned too late for counting.—J. Tyson, Hon. Sec. and Treas.

WOLVERHAMPTON C.B.S.

Annual meeting held January 11th, Duke of York; Mr. F. J. Weaver presided. It is pleasing to note that one of our Vice-Presidents (Mr. J. A. Tonks) attended. Balance-sheet presented, the secretary explaining every question put to him in a satisfactory manner. After members have paid up last year's contribution we shall have a balance on the right side. Election of officers: President, Mrs. Staveley Hill (for the seventh time); Vice-Presidents, A. Bird, M.P., J. A. Tonks, Esq., A. Cupiss, Esq., J. Baker, Esq., M. Christopher, Esq. Four new Vice-Presidents were elected in D. Tonks, Esq., J. McDougall, Esq., H. Poulton, Esq., and S. R. Rhodes (son of our late Vice-President); Mr. F. J. Weaver, Chairman; Mr. R. Willoughby, Vice-Chairman; Mr. F. Garfield, Treasurer; J. Gibbons, Sec.; committee at last year, including Mr. O. Robinson. Mr. Tonks proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Secretary for the splendid manner in which he had done his duty.—J. Gibbons, Sec.

BRADFORD EAST O.S.

Sixth annual general meeting, held headquarters, January 2nd, there being a splendid attendance. Mr. G. White, vice-president, in chair. Arrangements for annual tea, concert, and prize distribution were considered. Report and balance sheet read by treasurer, Mr. J. Farrar; the balance is almost double that of any preceding year, and the meeting was full of enthusiasm. Mr. Farrar was thanked for his untiring services. The auditors (Messrs. A. Wilkinson and G. White) also were thanked. Secretary gave a brief resume of the year's work, dealing chiefly with the action of the society in respect of the first national show, for Cinderella Club funds. Through the generosity of members in giving up their annual show date, in order that the great show could be held, the public of Bradford had been enabled to see the finest show ever held in the West Riding of Yorkshire. Mr. Hill took the opportunity of paying a very warm compliment to his colleague, Mr. W. Cruise, who had helped him through with the work of the society, in what had been a very hard and strenuous year. Mr. C. Cowgill proposed a vote of thanks to all retiring officers, and Mr. R. Wilkinson seconded. Voting for officers for 1912:—President, Mr. E. Suddards, who, one and all admit, is the right man in the right place, and the members fully appreciate his services; a resolution was carried to increase the number of vice-presidents to nine, and this resulted in some of the younger members who have done splendid service to the society being elected, viz., Messrs. G. R. Rushworth, G. White, L. Briggs, C. Cowgill, W. Stables, W. Laycock, R. Wilkinson, J. Rhodes, and C. E. Walker; Mr. J. Farrar was elected treasurer for the sixth time in succession by a unanimous vote. Mr. W. Cruise re-elected assist. secretary; Mr. A. Wilkinson, auditor, along with Mr. S. Midgley; Mr. H. Hill was re-elected secretary. The members are fully determined to make this a record year, and no doubt things will be lively during the next twelve months. New member elected. Any fancier desirous of joining will receive a very hearty welcome. Subs. only 3s. per year, and valuable prizes are given in competition at members' shows.—H. Hill, Sec.

NORTH LONDON C.B.A.

A Successful Annual Dinner.

Annual dinner held 13th January, at the White Hart Hotel, High Street, Stoke Newington, Mr. Trower in chair, and Mr. Robson in the vice-chair. Among others present were: Mr. and Mrs. W. Salter, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Marley, Mr. and Mrs. G. Mortlock, Mr. and Mrs. P. G. Mortlock, Mr. and Mrs. Parks, Mr. and Mrs. Penton, Mr. and Mrs. Burchell, Mr. and Mrs. Rolfe, Mr. and Mrs. Harper, Mr. and Mrs. Bishop, Mr. and Miss Jeffries, Mr. and Mrs. Thurling, Mr. H. Neighbour, Messrs. G. J. Joyce, A. C. Cameron, H. R. Mortlock, A. Hammond, F. J. Castell, A. Biswell, H. Bishop, J. Tyson, W. A. Shepherd, G. Pace, W. Simmonds, T. Cawthorne, J. Robson, W. A. Breeze, J. H. Cook, H. London, W. Lacey, J. Pears, A. Trevallion, G. T. Green, W. Ayling, E. Albrecht, A. Caudle, and W. Robertson. The evening proved one of the most successful ever held by the Society, all enjoying the excellent repast. The Chairman, in proposing the toast of the North London C.B.A., said that the past year had been a prosperous one in all respects, 16 new members having been enrolled, and the balance-sheet showing a profit of over £10. He also remarked on the successful annual show. Mr. G. Mortlock, who responded, thanked the Chairman for the toast, and said the Society was making progress by leaps and bounds, but he was sorry to say the worthy secretary, Mr. R. P. Harper, had made up his mind to resign at the end of the year, but he hoped the society would go as strong as hitherto. During the interval the Association's cups and trophies were presented, and the Chairman said he had much pleasure in stating that his wife would present a gold medal to the Society, to be competed for by ladies. The toast of "The Ladies and Visitors" was proposed by Mr. A. J. Marley, to which Mr. J. Tyson (of the L.C.B.A.) ably responded. Later, Mr. Robson proposed the toast of "The Officers of the Association," remarking that in his opinion no society had a better body of workers. He coupled with the toast the name of Mr. R. P. Harper, the secretary, who responded, and asked the members to give all support possible to the New Year's secretary, and finished by thanking the company for the kind way they had received the toast. The musical part of the programme, under the direction of Mr. H. R. Mortlock, proved a huge success, the following artistes contributing: Mr. T. Copeland (the Scottish bass-baritone), Mr. W. Edwards (humorist), Mr. P. G. Mortlock (baritone), Mr. W. O'Hare (humorist), Mr. Egbert Haydon (tenor), Mr. H. R. Mortlock (humorist), Mr. H. Purnell (bass) and Mr. S. Robson (humorous songs at the piano). The toast of the Chairman and a vote of thanks to the musical director and artistes, concluded an evening thoroughly enjoyed by all.—Geo. Mortlock, Chairman.

EAST HAM C.B.S.

First annual meeting held January 11th at headquarters; a goodly gathering. Hearty thanks were given the retiring officers. New ones were elected. The balance on the previous year carried forward, £3 19s. 8d. Judges were elected. For fixtures see manual New members; Messrs. Potter, Cooper, Bennett, Farmer, Lawrence, Cole, Priestman, Hammerton and Perry.—Fredk. Fox, Hon. Sec.

NOTTINGHAM AND DISTRICT (Permanent) O.S.

Meeting held Grapes Inn, Platt Street, January 13th. Election of officers for 1912: Mr. T. H. V. Hayter (our worthy President) was re-elected; also Vice-President, Mr. J. Wood; Mr. J. Bunn re-elected Secretary; Mr. R. Holmes, Treasurer; Committee: Messrs. G. Hill, J. Bowers, W. Towle, A. Stevinson, J. Eostock, J. Alsebrook, and J. Graham. A long discussion took place re altering our radius to 10 miles of Nottingham Market Place, the old radius being too far out. It was decided to make the radius 10 miles. We enrolled 3 new members. The Society is in a good position to start another year with a balance well on the right side. Mr. J. Driver was alleged to have borrowed birds to show at the Members' Xmas Show to win the premier special for the year ending 1911. The case was considered proved, and it was unanimously carried that he pay the penalty, that was, be expelled from the society. —J. Bunn, Sec.

TAUNTON F.S.

Committee met Jan. 22nd, for the purpose of going through the accounts for the year 1911, including the accounts relating to their show. The accounts when thoroughly gone into and compared with the balance sheets of several other societies which were before them for the purpose of comparison and information, disclosed the fact that the amounts were very similar, but it was apparent that the deficit of £22 0s. 6d. was mainly attributable to the fact that the donations were much below both in number and amount those given in respect of previous shows. The committee, feeling that the show was, both in respect of quality and quantity, one of the best ever held in Taunton, have decided to make an appeal to their patrons for support to enable them to reduce the amount of the loss which would fall on the committee, several of the members of whom are working men fanciers who can ill afford their respective shares of the liability, and are anxious to have a clean balance sheet to present at their annual meeting next month. We are therefore asked to mention that the hon. treasurer, Mr. G. C. Newcombe, The Glen, Fairwater, Taunton, will be pleased to receive any donations from fanciers who feel that they would like to give the Fancy a little support.

ARDWICK AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

Annual general meeting held Onward Hall. Mr. W. Robinson presided over a good muster of members. We were unable to deal with all the notices of motion, several having to be referred to the Management Committee to deal with and submit to next meeting. Secretary gave his annual report, shewing a slight increase in membership, a good attendance at meetings, and a great improvement in the shows. Financial statement presented. The balance in hand was shown as £6 9s. 1d., with other assets to the value of £2 15s. 9d. Report of balance sheet adopted. Election of office bearers: President, Dr. Twigg; Vice-Presidents, Rev. C. E. Gane, Rev J. W. Wragg, Dr. Kindon, and Messrs. J. H. Aspinall, W. Downing, H. Boothman, R. Booth, J. Vint, and A. E. Long; Chairman, Mr. W. Robinson; Committee, Messrs. G. Belton, J. Annison, D. Buckley, W. H. Appleton, T. Hunt, Whitelegg, T. Thomas; Auditors, Messrs. D. Buckley, E. H. Fulcher; Treasurer, Mr. T. Hunt; Secretary, J. Spencer. Arrangements for table shows will be dealt with at next meeting, also date of F.F. show. Report from delegates of the Amalgamated show taken; the suggestions from this society were discussed and thought very satisfactory, and they had been adopted. All arrangements have been made, and it only rests with the members now to try and make this important fixture a success.—J. Spencer, Hon. Sec.

BANKFOOT AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

The Annual Supper and Presentation of Prizes.

A good number of the members along with their wives and friends, turned up at the annual supper and presentation of prizes on Jan. 16th. An excellent supper was provided by Mr. H. B. Wood, who also arranged for several artistes. After the supper the room was arranged for the concert, and the various prizes won were exhibited. Later the prizes were presented by Mrs. H. B. Wood. Names and prizes of the first six as follows: 1, C. Bastow, gold medal; 2, B. Wilman, china service; 3, J. Crowther; 4, F. Gelder, biscuit barrel; 5, Taylor Bros., bound volume of "Distemper"; 6, G. Hudson, pipe and case. Some really splendid singing was heard. Messrs. G. Heywood, H. B. Wood, Butler and Atkinson contributing. I am sure the audience were delighted with each. Winners of our commended competition; this has proved rather a novel feature, and at the same time has provided a field for competition amongst those who were less fortunate in the cash prizes. At the same time the winners have not done badly in the open competition, in which they count just three times as many points: 1, J. Lawson, case of carvers; 2, W. North, shaving set in case; 3, W. Thwaites, set of ornaments. After the prizes were distributed the secretary proposed a vote of thanks to Mrs. Wood, and at the same time alluded to the splendid support given by this lady's husband, who has already opened the year with a substantial promise; this was seconded by Mr. J. Lawson, and carried with acclamation. Secretary also proposed a vote of thanks to the artistes, Mr. Wood replying on their behalf. Through an oversight I previously stated that Messrs. Taylor Bros. were (at a committee meeting held Jan. 4th) expelled from the society for ignoring rules and regulations; it is therefore only right for me to apologise until the matter has been brought before our annual general meeting, although this in no way affects the decision already arrived at by the committee. I may say that up to the present I have not received an official resignation signed by the two brothers authorising me to remove their names from the books of the society, and in which they still remain as members. Business at our next meeting will include arrangements for open show, Feb. 17th. It is therefore to be hoped all members will attend and support this fixture. The show is to be open to all within five miles of Bradford Town Hall, and will be a new departure in the way of open shows. All entries will be taken night before show, or up to judging time, 2.30 p.m. Feb. 17th; entry fee 6d.; prize money on sliding scale. A good number of specials have already been given, and a popular judge selected. The show is to be advertised nearer the time, and everything done to make it a huge success. The society's whist drive is held to-day (Saturday) at Brayshaw's Assembly Rooms.—F. Gelder, Sec.

SOUTH LONDON COL AND F.A.

Annual general meeting held January 11th, headquarters, Mr. G. A. Jeffreys in chair. Chairman read a letter from Mr. W. Caunter resigning the secretaryship, which was accepted with regret, and the best thanks of the society were tendered him for his services. The Chairman said it was impossible to go on without a secretary, and Mr. Geo. F. Crawford was elected to fill the vacancy. The balance-sheet for 1911 was read and passed round. It shows a balance of £1 18s. 9d., and the secretary received many congratulations on a most successful year. Officers for 1912 as follows: President, G. A. Jeffreys; Vice-President as before; Chairman, G. Munday; Vice-Chair, J. W. Jeffries; Auditors, Messrs. Denny and F. Burton. Committee: Messrs. Horton, Harris, Biss, Thomas, Putner, G. Burton. Slight alteration was made in the rules, and the definition of a novice was revised to the satisfaction of all. Members are requested to note change of secretaryship.—Geo. Crawford, Hon. Sec.

SHEFFIELD O.S.

The New Year opened on January 2nd with a meeting at "Rose and Crown" Hotel, Waingate, Chairman, Mr. J. Down, presiding. A general discussion was opened in connection with items arising out of minutes, after which we fixed up all show dates and judges for 1912 as follows: Nest feather, July 6th, judge Mr. J. C. Barnes; All-England, November 1st and 2nd, in the Cutler's Hall, judges, Messrs. W. Mundell (Bradford), W. Vardy (Hucknall Huthwaite), and C. Houlton (St. Helens); annual members' Dec. 7th, Foresters' Hall, Mr. J. Robson judge. It was again decided to pay fixed prize money at all members' shows, viz., 4s., 2s., 1s., for a 6d. entry fee. In addition a grand lot of specials are already promised. Also decided to hold on Feb. 6th a table show of champion pairs Class 1 and novice pairs Class 2 A.V. Canary, prizes 5s., 2s. 6d., 1s. 6d. No entry fee. Our genial secretary, Tom Bishop, was appointed judge. Several new members were enrolled.—J. A. T. Woodall, Press Correspondent.

PRESTON O.S.

Annual supper and concert, held White Horse, Jan. 11. Those who came enjoyed themselves, and those who stayed away missed a treat. After a good supper, a most enjoyable concert was given by Mr. Marsh, one of our members, and three of his friends, Mr. Peak, another member, officiating at the piano. During the interval Chairman Dent paid a tribute to the working department of the society, after which he handed over the cups to the successful exhibitors, viz.: The P.O.S. challenge cup, competed for at the three societies shows, Mr. H. F. Marsh (after running up for three years previously). The novice cup, for similar competition, Mr. T. Barton, and the Chas. Blackhurst cup, for four nominated birds at open show, Leeming Bros. The winners had, of course, to pay the penalty of greatness by making a speech, which they did more or less willingly. A vote of thanks was given the artistes, and to Mr. Marsh for the trouble he had taken in organising the concert, which have proved such a great success. Pianoforo solos were rendered by Mr. H. Peak, and songs, etc., by Messrs. Hind, A. Turner, H. Simpson, Marsh, and J. Yates; recitals by musical glasses by Mr. W. Hind, and a violin solo by Mr. A. Turner.—J. P. Leeming, Hon. Sec.

TORBAY O.S.

Fifth annual meeting held January 15th, Railway Temperance Hotel, Paignton. Mr. A. N. James, R.N., presided. Balance-sheet accepted as read, showing an increased balance on the right side. The membership radius was reduced from 20 to 10 miles, as all members reside inside the latter radius. The programme for 1912 includes a ramble, pair show March 6th, a first feather show July 16th, and the annual open show, October 30th. Mr. Innes was again asked to fill the office of chairman, but he said he considered he had held the office long enough, but after much persuading he consented to hold the dual office of Chairman and Treasurer. He was accorded a vote of thanks, as was also the Secretary (Mr. J. N. Jeffery) for having carried out the most successful open show ever held by the Society, and like the Chairman, he also submitted to persuasion and consented to fill the office of secretary for another year. Mr. H. Whitley was re-elected President. Mr. S. O. Manlove, Vice-President. Mr. W. Drew, Hon. Auditor. Mr. J. B. Eastley, Hon. Solicitor. Mr. T. W. Puddicombe, Hon. Auctioneer. Mr. Jack Jeffrey, Assist. Hon. Secretary. Mr. H. Daw, Vice-Chairman. Committee: Messrs. J. Webber, F. Badcott, P. W. Mugford, H. Fletcher, A. Nicks, J. Bastard, F. Lamble, G. Mudge, G. Heathman, W. Hodge, G. Hyne, and W. Jeffery.

CITY AND SUBURBAN A.C.B.

Annual general meeting held Jan. 22nd, Marylebone Institute, when there were over 40 members present. Mr. W. A. Shepherd was voted to the chair. Votes of thanks were accorded the retiring officers on the motion of Mr. Martin, who, on behalf of the members, specially thanked Mr. A. W. Curtis for taking on the work of hon. secretary at very short notice, and so ably carrying out the duties during the past year. Mr. Curtis thanked the members for their kindly expressions, and mentioned that though he was retiring for a time from the Fancy, he should still remain a member of the Association. The balance sheet for 1911 was then taken as read and passed, there being a balance of £7 19s. 7d. to carry forward. This shows a decrease compared with the year before, but Mr. Prior (one of the auditors) pointed out that there was a sum of nearly £10 due from members for tickets, etc., which, when paid, would place the Association in as sound a financial position as previously. The hon. sec. read out the new rules drawn up for the Commemoration Fund by Messrs. Prior and Wynn, and on the proposition of Mr. F. Knight it was unanimously agreed that the fund be known for the future as the Wynn Commemoration Fund. The result of the Crest judging competition at previous meeting was announced, and medals were presented to the winners in the various sections—Mr. Lazarus (champion), Mr. W. Knight (amateur), and Mr. Bryant (novice). It was agreed that for the future points in judging competitions count first, second, and third, instead of medals for champion, amateur, and novice. Officials for 1912: —Chairman, Mr. W. A. Shepherd; vice-chairman, Mr. F. Knight; Council, Messrs. W. Page, Prance, Davis, Weston, Sanders, E. C. Offord, A. W. Hart, Pooley, Francis, Tebbs, Martin, and Harper; auditors, Messrs. C. Prior and A. W. Curtis; hon. sec., Mr. H. Dickinsou; asslst. hon. sec., Mr. F. Thynne. Chairman announced that Mrs. L. M Thynne had kindly presented a silver cup for competition in champion Norwich section; Mrs. Weston a silver cup for British bird, Mule, Hybrid, and Foreign sections; and Mr. T. L. Jayes a silver cup for Border sections. A hearty vote of thanks was passed to the donors. After nominations had been received for judges for young bird and annual shows, and pair show (1913), a very interesting meeting was brought to a close with a vote of thanks to the chairman.—F. Thynne, Asst. Hon. Sec.

CLUB & SOCIETY NOTICES

ONE notice of any forthcoming Society meeting inserted free. It should reach us not later than Tuesday morning's post. Specially printed Club Notice Postcards may be had free on application to our Manager. Secretaries should always use them.

Annfield Plain C.B.S.—Feb. 7, R. Wick's, West Rd., 7.30. Election of officers for the year.—T. Robinson.

Ardwick C.B.S.—Feb. 6, Onward Hall, 8. Alteration of rules. Table show of Nor. pairs; judge, W. Robinson.—J. Spencer.

Ashington and Hirst C.B.S.—Feb. 10, Harmonic Hall, 7.30. Balance-sheet; elect officers; fanciers in district wishing to join please attend.—W. Hall.

Ashton-under-Lyne O.S.—Feb. 6, P.S.A. Rooms; staged 7.30 p.m. Table show Nor. mated pairs, 2 classes, yellow and buff cocks; judge, J. Sharples; points count for specials.—J. R. Colville.

Attercliffe C.B.S.—Feb. 8, Horse and Jockey Hotel, 8. Pair show, including Mule or Hyb. pairs; judge, Mr. Bagnall.—W. A. Hailstone.

Ayr C.B.C.—Feb. 7, Academy Hall, 7.30. Pair show. Classes: 1, Can. pairs; 2, Muling pairs; 3, British pairs; judge, Mr. Kelly.—J. Sloan.

Border City (Carlisle) O.S.—Feb. 7, headquarters, 8.15. Fix date of open show and appoint judges. Feb. 8th, members' pair show and judging competition.—J. C. Bell.

Bradford East O.S.—Feb. 6, Park Chapel School, 8. Business important; also prospective members.—H. Hill.

Bristol C.B.S.—Feb. 7, City Hotel, Wine Street, 8. Election of officers.—A. R. A. Carter.

Bury C.B.S.—Feb. 6, Seven Stars, Bolton Street, 7.30. Arranging pair show, March 5th, Textile Hall.—H. Jameson.

City of Birmingham C.B.S.—Feb. 7, Crown Hotel, 8.30.—S. Mole.

Cheltenham C.B.S.—Feb. 7, Sydney Arms Hotel, 8. Question night.—A. S. Treasure.

Chester-le-Street C.B.S.—Feb. 3, Butcher's Arms, 7. Balance-sheet; election of officers; prize money paid.—J. Hedley.

Clitheroe C.B.S.—Feb. 4, Bennett's Tea Rooms, 8.—J. Southworth.

Colinton and Currie Parishes O.S.—Feb. 3, Drill Hall, Jumper Green, 8. New members invited.—J. Napier.

Consett Society.—Feb. 10, Co-op. Room, 7.30.—R. R. Walker.

Coventry O.S.—Feb. 7, Sydenham Palace, 8.30. Annual meeting; election of officers.—A. J. Barratt.

City and County of Perth O.A.—Feb. 5, Laidlaw's Temperance Hotel, Leonard Street, 8. Date of and judges for open and Club shows, etc.—J. Kerr.

Codnor Park and Eastwood C.B.S.—Feb. 10, Queen's Head, Riddings, 7. Election of committee, arranging stock pair show.—J. H. Mitchell.

Darlington C. and B.B.F.A.—Feb. 7, George Hotel, 8. Arrangements for prize draw, etc.—A. Walker.

Darlington C.B.S.—Feb. 14, Labour Hall, 8. Will members note change of date of meeting.—H. Todd.

Derwent Valley C.B.S.—Feb. 3, headquarters, 7. Schedule, etc.—J. Lindsay.

Dewsbury C.B.S.—Feb. 3, Saville Hotel, 7.30 General business.—S. Shaw.

Doncaster C.B.S.—Feb. 10, Victoria Rooms, 5.30. Stock pair show, Hyb., Brit., etc.; birds to be staged by 4 p.m. Judge, Mr. Prestley. Prize money on sliding scale.—G. Bescoby.

Eccles C.B.S.—Feb. 7, Diamond Inn, 8. New members' prize money. Discussion on open show.—J. Hall.

East Ham F.S.—Feb. 7, "Earl of Wakefield," Wakefield Street, 8. Adjourned annual general business.—H. Rutter.

Edinburgh Eastern O.S.—Feb. 5, Free Gardeners Hall, Abbeymount, 8. New members invited.—R. S. Spence.

Gt. Eastern Rly. F. and F.S.—Feb. 9, Mechanics' Institute, Stratford, 8. All members who have not returned their unsold tickets for Jan. show will oblige by doing so, to enable accounts to be made up. Prize money and specials will be paid out.—W. G. Rogers, Hon. Sec.

Glasgow West End C.B.C.—Feb. 9, Co-op. Hall, St George's Cross, 8. Monthly meeting and table show of matched pairs: Crests, Nor., Bord. Fancies, Yorks, A.O.V. Canary, including greens and cinnamons, Nor., Border, and Yorkshire type. Muling pairs, Hybrid pairs, Light Mule or Hyb., dark Mule; judge, Mr. J. Lappin.—W. Proudfoot.

Glossop Hadfield C.B.S.—Feb. 6, 59, Hague Street, Glossop, 8. General business; washing exhibition by Messrs. W. Lawton and H. Cartwright; novices specially requested to be present.—E. Thompson.

Houghton-le-Spring C.B.S.—Feb. 3, White Lion Hotel, 7.30.—R. H. Dixon.

Halifax O.S.—Feb. 3, Plummet Line Hotel, 8. Nomination of officers for ensuing year; tea and social, etc.; overdue subs. thankfully received.—J. J. Dunn.

Hull C.B.S.—Feb. 5, Oddfellows' Hall, 8. Pair show of Canaries matched for breeding.—E. R. Ridley.

Hyde C.B.S.—Feb. 5, St. George's School, 8.—T. Allsop.

Hyson Green, Nottingham, C.B.S.—Feb. 6, Cricket Players' Hotel, 8. Arrange for table shows; washing competition, etc.—W. Cottingham.

Leith O.S.—Feb. 10, Kinnaird's Hall, Kirkgate, 3.30. Table show and judging competition (9 classes).—G. Brown.

Larkhall C.B.A.—Feb. 10, Miners' Hall, 6. Table show, F.M. Brit. Cocks, ditto Hens, not classed at previous shows. Judge, A. Kerr.—J. Pollock.

L.C.B.A.—Feb. 7, "Feathers," Gt. Chapel St., Westminster, 8. Annual general; election of officers; balance sheet, etc.—W. H. Mugford.

Laisterdyke B.F.A.—Feb. 7, Railway Hotel, 8. Classification for members shows, etc.—J. E. Hudson.

Leeds C.B.S.—Feb. 3, Lockhart's, Briggate, 8.—W. A. Wilson.

Leadgate C.B.S.—Feb. 3, Church Square Hall, 7.30. Prize money, etc.—J. A. Turnbull.

Leicester C.B.S.—Feb. 8, Saracen's Head Hotel. Table show: A.V. Nor., Yell. Hen (except unflig.), open and novice; ditto buff, open and novice.—G. H. Groocock.

Leicester Hand in Hand C.B.S.—Feb. 6, White Swan, 8.30. Cl., etc., yell.; mkd., etc., yell.; ditto novice.—A. Freestone.

Leyton C.B.A.—Feb. 5, Grange Park Hall, 8. Table show of Nor. and York. Fanciers cordially invited.—Forse and Son.

Liverpool B.B.A.—Feb. 8, Oldham Hall, 8. Pair show, 18 classes: 4 Yorks, 4 Nor., 4 Bord., 1 Hyb. or Muling Pair; judge, Mr. S. Hadwin.—F. Eccleston.

Llanelly C.B.S.—Feb. 3, Greyhound Hotel, 7. Local show matters.—D. John.

Loanhead C.B.S.—Feb. 10, Masons' Arms, 7. New members enrolled; open to a 10 miles radius.—W. B. Smart.

Manchester and N.C.O.S.—Feb. 5, Deansgate Hotel, 7.45. Discussion on the Yorks. Canary opened by Mr. Broughton. Payment of prize money, balance-sheet, etc.—H. Boothman.

Manningham C.B.A.—8, Headquarters. Discussion on pedigree breeding versus face-value, led by Mr. J. Ackroyd and L. Holroyd. Fanciers invited.—H. Grange. (No date given.—Ed.)

Midland Counties Yorks. C.C.—Jan. 8, Crown Hotel, Hill-street, Birmingham, 8. Presentation of cups and medals to winners and general business.—Beck and Andrews.

Nelson C.B.S.—Feb. 5, Mr. Fulton's Shop, Netherfield-road, 7.30. Washing exhibition by Mr. Fulton, etc.—J. Gregson.

Northern Border and S.F.C.C.—Feb. 5, 65, Grainger-street, 8.—J. N. F. Scott.

Northern Yorks. C.C.—Feb. 7, 65, Grainger-street, 8. Table pair show; two classes in each section. Judge, Mr. J. Curry.—R. Tiudale.

Nottingham and Notts. O.S.—Feb. 7, Mechanic's Institute, 8. Annual general meeting; election of officers.—G. E. Wilkinson.

Oldham C.B.A.—Feb. 13, Textile Dining Rooms, 8. General business and Federatiou party report.—J. Cope.

Portobello C.B.S.—Feb. 6, Masonic Hall, Tower-street, 8. Alteration of rules, etc.—J. Davidson.

Pudsey, Stanningley C.B.S.—Feb. 5, Fleece Hotel, 8. Final arrangements for presentation of prizes, etc. Specials and subs. now due.—H. Raistrick.

Queen's Park C.B.A.—Feb. 8, Emmanuel Hall, Harrow-road, W. This meeting has been cancelled owing to the matched pairs show on the 10th Feb.—J. C. Birch.

Radcliffe C.B.S.—Feb. 7, Wareing Dining Rooms, 8.—W. Pickup.

Reading C.B.S.—Feb. 7, Palmer Hall, 8. Judging competition. All members please bring pair Nor. or Yorks.—W. H. Pyke.

Rochdale Good Intent C.B.S.—Feb. 7, Temperance Club, Toad Lane, 8. General meeting. Mating competition on Norwich Plainhead; all welcome.—E. Hartley.

Ryecroft C.B.S.—Feb. 3, Queen's Hotel, 6. Admission of new members, etc.—W. Wilshaw.

Springburn Possil Park C.B.C.—Feb. 7, Reid Hall, 8. Monthly pair show.—J. Waugh.

Sale C.B.S.—Feb. 5, Volunteer Hotel, 8. Yearly balance sheet and members' show business.—A. Royle.

Skipton C.B.S.—Feb. 2, Globe Restaurant, 7. To receive entries for show.—E. Gill.

Sheffield O.S.—Feb. 6, Rose and Crown Hotel, 8. Table show of matched pairs of Canaries for breeding. Class 1, A.V. champion; Class 2, A.V. novice. Prizes, 5s., 2s. 6d., 1s. 6d. No entry fee.—Bishop and Colton.

Sheriffhill F. and F.S.—Feb. 3, St. John's Mission Hall, 6.30. To consider if we join the proposed Federation or not. Also table show; judge, Mr. Mayor (Low Fell). Judging to start at 7; fanciers invited.—W. Stockton.

Shipley O.S.—Feb. 6, Prince of Wales, 8.—A. Tillotson.

Sittingbourne C.B.S.—Feb. 5, headquarters, 8.30. Annual general meeting, balance-sheet, and year's report.—B. Tidy.

South London Col. and F.A.—Feb. 8, headquarters, 8 Pair C.B. Show. Birds to be staged 7 o'clock. Special general meeting for the purpose of alteration and discussion to add and alter Rule 9 as amended.—G. Crawford.

Spen Valley C.B.S.—Feb. 5, Commercial Hotel, 8. Prize distribution by Mr. J. Overend (Ravensthorpe).—J. Lewis.

Stockport B.F.A.—Feb. 6, Bear's Head Hotel, 8. Pair show for amateurs, etc., etc. Fanciers invited.—W. Stafford.

Stoke-on-Trent C.B.A.—Feb. 5, Red Lion Hotel, Stoke, 8. Novice table show, matched pairs for breeding; elect new members.—J. Pitchford.

Sunderland C.B.A.—Feb. 17, Fawcett-street Cafe, 7.30. Balance-sheet, etc. No meeting on Feb. 3rd.—J. Jeffrey.

Sutton-in-Ashfield, Eastfield Side, C.B.S.—Feb. 2, Masons Arms, 6.Members' table show of stock pairs, 6 classes (2 Nor., 2 Crest, 1 A.O.V., and 1 for Mule or Hybrid breeding), also drawing up monthly attractions.—R. Nuttall.

Thatto Heath O.S.—Feb. 5, Nutgrove School, 8. Prize money will be paid.—R. G. Tyson.

Walkden C.B.S.—Feb. 6, Bull's Head Hotel, 7.30. Table show, Canaries and British. Birds to be staged at 7.30. Fanciers and friends invited.—H. Howard.

Walkley C.B.S.—Feb. 8, Westmoreland-street Mission Hall, 8. Table show, muling pairs, British one class each, Novice Yorks. and Nor. Members joining same night can compete.—A. Lawton.

Wallsend C.B.A.—Feb. 7, Station Hotel, 7.30. Judges, classification for show on Nov. 8th and 9th. Subs. and new members.—J. M. Macdonald.

Wandsworth F.S.—Feb. 8, Red Lion, 8.—W. Lightfoot.

West of Scotland O.S.—Feb. 3, Nelson Temperance Hotel, 7.30. Show of matched pairs (Canaries, Muling, and Hybrid); Mr. J. Laurie judge. Intending members cordially invited.—W. Hutchison.

Wombwell B.F.A.—Feb. 10, Wesleyan Chapel, Park-street, 7.—T. Eames.

Wolverhampton C.B.S.—Feb. 8, Duke of York, Princess-street, 8. Balancing classes for nest show.—J. Gibbons.

Walsall C.B.S.—Feb. 7, White Hart Hotel, 8. Balance-sheet for 1911. Final arrangements for show.—F. Price.

WINDHILL AND SHIPLEY O.S.

Annual meeting held Jan. 6. Balance sheet for open show and members' show read and passed. Election of officers for 1912. Joint Secretaries, J. A. Taylor, 36, Airevllle Road, Frizinghall, Bradford, and P. Gunn, 36, Cemetery Road, Windhill.

ROTHERHAM C.B.S.

Meeting held College Inn, Jan. 27th. Mr. W. Ducken in chair. Arranged to have a pair show Feb. 10th at Mail Coach Inn, Wellgate, to stage at 6 o'clock for Yorks. pairs, Nor. pairs, Mule or Hybrid pairs. We made two new members in Messrs. G. Browning and A. Hunt. Anyone wishing to join can do so and show same night.—B. Bailey, Sec.

HOLYWOOD AND DIST. C.B.S.

Meeting held January 2nd. There was a good attendance. Following office-bearers elected: Mr. J. Hamilton (President); Mr. J. Dunwoody, junr. (Secretary), 42, Church Road, Holywood, Co. Down, Ireland; Mr. W. J. Hunter (Treasurer); Committee, Messrs. D. Malcolm, T. Dunwoody, F. Cole, R. Cowan, S. Hanna.—John Dunwoody, junr., Sec.

GRIMSBY AND DISTRICT O.S.

Meeting held Jan. 25th, Slatter's Rooms; 13 members present. Open show date fixed Oct. 30th and 31st. Four new members. Resignation accepted of Mr. W. H. Moore, sen., who leaves for Canada shortly. We have decided to purchase one dozen CAGE BIRDS ANNUAL when ready.—Towl and Smith, Hon. Secs.

JUDGES OF CAGE BIRDS

The attention of Show Secretaries is directed to the following list of gentlemen willing to act as Judges. Terms for insertion on application.

J. C. BARNES, 113, Northfield Road, Walkley, Sheffield. Judge of all varieties of cage birds. Long, practical experience. Terms moderate.

T. BENNETT, Glendare House, Lidget Green, Bradford. Judge of Cage Birds. Long and practical experience.

W. BRUCE, Coldstream. Judge of all varieties of cage birds; Border and British Bird specialist. Terms moderate.

F. COLLINS, 60, Union-st., Camborne. Judge of all varieties of cage birds. Life experience.

W. A. COWGILL, 115, Washington Street, Girlington, Bradford. Judge of all varieties of cage birds. Practical experience. Terms moderate.

G. EDWARDS, 11, West St., Leominster.—Judge of Canaries, Brit., Mules; specialist, Norwich, Crests, Mules; 30 years' experience. Terms moderate.

GEO. GARDNER, 11, Haverstock Road, London, N.W. Judge of all kinds of Cage Birds.

J. HARTLEY, Victoria-st., Micklethwaite, Bingley (late of Bradford). Judge of Cage Birds. Specialist Yorkshire and Norwich.

W. R. MILES, The Aviaries, Chichester. Judge of all varieties of cage birds. Life experience.

W. MUNDELL, 6, Carlisle Place, Manningham, Bradford. Judge of Canaries and Cage Birds.

J. W. METCALFE, The Yorkshire Aviaries, 68, Brunswick Road, Liverpool. Judge of Cage Birds. Specialist Yorkshire and Norwich.

H. NORMAN, The Eyrie, Salisbury Road, Carshalton, Surrey. All varieties of Cage Birds. Specialist Hybrids and British Birds.

W. POWICK, Orchard, Savilletown, Dewsbury. Judge of all varieties of cage birds, 30 years' practical experience.

J. PATTERSON, Chirnside. Judge of Cage Birds; all varieties. Wide practical experience. Specialist Border Fancy Judge.

J. H. PAYNE, 17, Northgate Street, Gloucester. Judge of Canaries, British and Foreign Cage Birds.

T. ROBSON, 41, Shield Street, Newcastle-on-Tyne. Judge of Canaries. Specialist Crests.

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SUNDERLAND C.B.A.

Meeting held Jan. 20th, Mr. J. Farrer presiding. The financial statement was presented by the secretary which was considered very satisfactory. It is probable that we will pay prize money to members, carrying forward a small balance. Winning numbers for drawing are 63, 126, 431, 225, 29. Mr. J. M. Walker was made a member. Members are requested to note that there will be no meeting on Feb. 3rd, as several members have intimated their intention of joining the excursion to the Crystal Palace, leaving on Friday about 10.50 p.m. Annual subs. may now be paid. New members will be welcomed.—J. Jeffrey, Sec.

VALE OF LEVEN C.B.C.

First annual meeting held Village school room, Alexandria, President Hannah in chair. The secretary, in submitting report, stated that they had flushed their first year with 67 members; paid 6s. for first prize, 4s. for second, and 2s. for third prize in each of young bird classes, and still had a balance in hand of over £3, a result received with applause, and delightfully commented upon. Following appointed: Hon. president, Allan Gilmour, Esq., of Woodbank; hon. vice presidents, A. Lees, Esq., and J. W. Bell, Esq.; president, Mr. J. Hannah; vice-president, Mr. W. Davidson; hon. sec., and treasurer, A. H. McLean; auditors, Messrs. W. B. Gillies and T. Liles; trustees, Messrs. J. Campbell and J. W. Liles. Owing to alteration, the meetings had to be changed to first Thursday of each month instead of Tuesday, as formerly. Seven new members were proposed. Show of matched pairs Canaries, viz., Nor., Crests, Borders, Scotch Fancies, Yorks., and A.O.V., 16 classes, will be held March 7th, at which Mr. C. Hunter (Glasgow) will judge, and also give a demonstration in hand-washing.—A. H. McLean, Hon. Sec.

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Twitterings.

We hear that Mr. J. W. Metcalfe (Liverpool) is judging at Caruarvon open show on August Bank Holiday.

I have a pair of Canaries, and the hen has just laid her first egg, writes Mr. A. H. Cotton (Southampton).

We are glad to note that the past year has resulted in a balance to the good of £6 2s. 2d. for the Eastern Counties C.B.S.

All future correspondence in connection with the Galashiels O.S. should be addressed to me as sec., writes Mr. J. Brown, at 156, Croft St., Galashiels.

Your Birthday Number was magnificent. I am sure you have reached the acme of perfection.—J. R. Meikle, hon. sec., Ediuburgh Open O.S.

We are glad to note that there is a balance to the good of £5 18s. 7½d. for the Queen's Park and Dis. C.B.A. on the quarter ended Dec. 31 last.

Crystal Palace Cage Bird Show opens to-day, and remains open till Tuesday next, four o'clock. Hundreds of good birds on sale at reasonable prices.—Advt.

The second of the series of mating competitions will be held on Feb. 7 at Temperance Club for Norwich Plainheads, and a hearty welcome is extended to all, writes Mr. E. Hartley, hon. sec. of the Rochdale Good Intent C.B.S.

Cork and Provincial Cage Birds Society.—Annual Show, February 14 and 15; 35 classes for Canaries, 20 classes for British birds. Schedules can be had from J. Cottrell, hon. sec., 2, Ann's Ville, Friars' Walk, Cork.—Advt.

All communications regarding the Highgate and Hampstead C.B.S. must be addressed to Mr. Clark, 20, Miranda Road, St. John's Road, Highgate, he having been elected hon. sec. of the society, writes Mr. C. W. Law (late hon. sec.).

The 1911 balance sheet of the Southern Norwich Plainhead Club discloses a balance to the credit of the club of £5 5s., which is £1 3s. 2d. more than the amount brought forward from the previous year's accounts; an excellent result.

Salford Linnet Club will give prize cards, and special prizes will be given to members at their show on Feb. 4, when fanciers in the district are invited to bring their birds to make another class, writes Mr. B. Wharton, the sec.

We hear that the Menai Bridge and Dist. C.B.S. intend holding their annual show on Feb. 24, with Mr. W. Mundell as judge; they have good classification and valuable specials. It is hoped North Wales fanciers will give them their support.

The Poplar and Dist. C.B.S. will hold their annual dinner at the Aberfeldy Tavern, East India Dock Road, Poplar, E., on March 9, writes Mr. H. W. Cook, the sec. Visitors are cordially welcome. Tickets: Single, 3s.; double (lady and gent.), 5s. 6d.

The Bromley and West Kent F.A. are holding their matched pair show on February 6, at the Co-operative Hall, East Street, Bromley, at 8 p.m., when Mr. G. Pocock will judge, writes Mr. A. T. Bellinger, hon. sec. Fanciers cordially invited, and there is no charge.

Manningham C.B.A. annual dinner will, writes Mr. H. Grange, the sec., be held on Feb. 17 at Headquarters, Mr. J. Newton's. Tickets 4s. each. Fanciers are invited, especially ladies. Good talent has been engaged. Names are to be sent to me not later than Feb. 10.

Messrs. Bishop and Colton, hon. secs. of Sheffield O.S., write: We are having a table show of matched pairs of Canaries for breeding at Headquarters, Rose and Crown Hotel, on Feb. 6. Class 1, A.V. champion, and Class 2, A.V. novice. Roll up, members, in big numbers, and make a big show.

Mr. J. W. Christon, sec. of the Annfield Plain and Dist. F. and F.C.B.S., writes reminding fanciers of their first annual members' show to be held in the Co-operative Hall on Feb. 3. The proceeds of same go to strengthen the society's funds for their back-end open show. Fanciers are cordially invited.

We have been favoured with a copy of the Bradford National Cage Bird Show balance sheet. Our readers will remember that this show, held at Bradford on Dec. 8 and 9 last, was run with the specific object of aiding the "Bradford Cinderella Club" (established for the feeding, clothing, and entertainment of poor children), and we are glad to note that £50 has been handed over to the club. Mr. F. W. Norris, the hon. treasurer of the fund, has written Mr. Hill (the popular sec. of the show) acknowledging with thanks "this very handsome amount." We congratulate all concerned.

Crystal Palace.—The place to spend a happy day. From three o'clock to-day till four o'clock Tuesday, the Great National Cage Bird Show. Theatre, Concerts, etc.—Advt.

My even-marked Border hen at Bathgate Show was not awarded the B.F.C.C. medal, as I did not enter her for this, having already won the allotted number, writes Mr. James Patterson, jun. (Chirnside).

We have been notified of the following corrections to show reports:—Greenock, Port Glasgow, Scot. Fcy.; ydl. hens, 1st and spl, and gold medal for best in show, Mr. Knox (not George); in Burton-on-Trent, 1st in Goldfinches, Mr. H. W. Carrier (not Carver).

Will members and fanciers connected with the Leicester C.B.S. please note that the meeting night has been changed from Wednesday to Thursday; also that all communications should in future be addressed to me, as I have been appointed hon. sec., writes Mr. G. H. Groocock, 126, Narborough Road, Leicester.

Will all the members of the Southern Norwich Plainhead Club fill in their voting papers and return same, so that they arrive in time for annual general meeting, writes Mr. F. S. Matthes, the secretary. Will members also note that the time is altered to 3.30 p.m., Feb. 3, in the Press Room, near the High Level Railway Station? We hope all members will encourage the secretary in his work by their attendance, and every Norwich fancier is most heartily invited. The meeting will be over at six o'clock.

The next annual show (Nov. 7 and 8) of the Leyton and Dis. C.B.A. will be open to the United Kingdom, write Messrs. Forse and Son, the hon. secs.

I am instructed to write and thank you for the splendid report of show you published in CAGE BIRDS, writes Mr. A. Berry, sec. of the Shettleston and Dis. C.B.S.

The Crested Canary Club's balance sheet for 1911 shows cash in hand of £5 12s. 10d. The secretary (Mr. John Tyson) and his fellow-officials are to be congratulated on this result, for, while this balance includes £1 5s. overdue subscriptions, it has been achieved in face of a debit balance of £4 5s. 7d. brought into the accounts from 1910.

A Change of Judge.

We are extremely sorry to hear of the continued illness of Mr. Allen Silver, whom we wish an early restoration to health. His indisposition prevents him fulfilling his engagement to judge certain of the British bird classes at the Palace Show. The task of adjudicating upon these has been given to Mr. H. J. Fulljames.

Mr. Lowne's Regrettable Misfortune

It is with regret we learn that Mr. W. Lowne, the highly respected naturalist, of Yarmouth, will be unable to attend the Palace Show this year, owing to being incapacitated as the result of a paralytic seizure. The secretaries of the C.B.U. and N.B.B. and M.C. are asked to note this.

NEXT WEEK.

MAGNIFICENT PALACE SHOW NUMBER.

EXHAUSTIVE REPORT BY EXPERTS. **A CHARMING COLORED PLATE**

OUR next issue will be a Crystal Palace Show Special Number, containing a splendid descriptive account of this great event, with a full critique by a staff of well-known specialists, a particularly fine budget of articles dealing with practically every aspect of our hobby, and one of the most artistic and charming coloured plates we have ever published. Readers, do not risk disappointment: **Order your copy of next week's "CAGE BIRDS" at once.**

Advertisers will need no reminding of the special advantages attaching to advertising in this issue, with its **remarkable circulation.** We would impress upon them however, the necessity of sending their announcements to reach us **not later** than first post Tuesday next, February 6th, and earlier if possible. Advertisements may be handed in at **"CAGE BIRDS"** Stall, which will be situated at the entrance to the Showroom. Be in time, Advertisers!

Further interesting items will be added to the agenda for the annual meeting on Saturday next, at the Crystal Palace, writes Mr. J. Tyson, hon. sec. and treas. of the Crested Canary Club. A notice of motion is to hand "that points scored by partnerships or firms shall only have half the value of those won by single competitors."

Most reluctantly I have been obliged, through business ties, to resign the post of secretary to the Queen's Park and Dis. Society, and Mr. W. J. Lethbridge, 25, Faraday Road, North Kensington, W., has been elected to the post, writes Mr. J. C. Birch, and he will be pleased to supply intending members with any information concerning the society. From the balance sheet enclosed it will be seen the society is in a fair financial state, having £5 18s. 7d. cash balance, and assets to the value of £7 12s. The three shows during the year account for a loss of upwards of £5, the weather spoiling the annual show.

OBITUARY.

It is with the deepest regret, writes Mr. W. Elliott, sec. of the West Stanley C.B.S., that I have to announce the very sudden death of the wife of one of our members, Mr. T. Burdon, which took place on Jan. 20. On that day Mr. Burdon was one of the stewards for our annual show. All our members extend their deepest sympathy towards him and family in their recent sad bereavement. She was always a jolly woman, and her presence will be greatly missed.

In addition to the railway excursions available for the Crystal Palace Show, referred to in our last issue, we hear that the London and North-Western Railway Company is running half-day excursion trains to London from Birmingham, Coventry, Wolverhampton, Dudley, Smethwick, Warwick, Leamington, Kenilworth, etc., on Feb. 3.

I must express my thanks to you for reproducing my clear buff unflighted Yorkshire in your marvellous Birthday Number. It has been remarkably successful, winning first prizes at the Bradford National, Scottish National, and L.C.B.A. shows, besides several others. Your Birthday Number was a wonderful production, and well worth the extra charge. It reflects great credit on the staff.—H. H. Towers (Crosshills).

Portraits of Winners

Exhibitors who wish to have their birds (winners or otherwise) at the Palace show sketched by one of our artists (Mr. Norman or Mr. Goodchild) should notify the attendant at CAGE BIRDS' stall, who will give terms and all particulars; or write us direct to our offices.

The London C.B.A. are holding their pair show at Headquarters on Feb. 10, writes Mr. W. H. Mugford, the hon. sec. Will members kindly make a note of this? Schedules, etc., will be sent out shortly. I would be obliged if members would return the unsold tickets issued for the annual show.

CRYSTAL PALACE SHOW.

ROUTES FOR VISITORS.

For convenience of visitors, we again append the best routes to the Palace from the various railway termini:—

PADDINGTON (G.W.R.).—Take the Underground from Praed Street to Victoria; then the Chatham Railway to the Crystal Palace High Level Station. Or take the Bakerloo tube (see from Marylebone).

MARYLEBONE (G.C.R.).—Bakerloo tube to Elephant and Castle; then transfer to Chatham Railway to High Level Station. Or go to Baker Street Station and take the train to Victoria, and thence via London and Brighton (Low Level) or Chatham (High Level) Railways.

EUSTON (L.N.W.R.).—Passengers stopping at Willesden at or about two o'clock should enquire if there is a train due for the Palace, as it is possible to save an hour or more this way.

ST. PANCRAS (M.R.), & KING'S CROSS (G.N.R.), Underground to Aldersgate Street; or 'bus to Ludgate Hill or Holborn Viaduct, and then Chatham Railway to Palace. Or take the City and South London (tube) Railway to London Bridge, and thence via the London and Brighton Railway to the Palace.

LIVERPOOL STREET (G.E.R.).—Rail direct, via New Cross; or 'bus to London Bridge, Holborn Viaduct, or Ludgate Hill, and then by L.B. and S.C. or Chatham Railway.

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Those who wish to take advantage of our offer (on page 76 of last week's issue) for one or other of our specialists to give a private opinion of their exhibits should leave their instructions with the attendant at CAGE BIRDS Stall.

SHOW DATES FIXED

England.

1912.
Feb. 2, 3, 5, 6. **Great National** (Crystal Palace). (J. W. Ramsden, 11, Josephine Ave., Brixton, S.W.).
Oct. 7 & 8.—**Leyton.**—(Forse and Son, 31, Thornhill Rd.).
Oct. 9 & 10.—**Clapham.**—(A. L. Priest, 28, Kyrle Rd.), J.R., C.A.B., H.J.F., H.N.
Oct. 12.—**Leeds** (W. A. Wilson, 75, Bayswater Mount, Roundhay.). J.H.R. and W.M.
Oct. 12.—**Morpeth.**—(E. Cowling Market Place.)
Oct. 15 and 16.—**Western Counties O.S.**—(T. Pope, 98, Embankment Rd., Plymouth.)
Oct. 23 & 24.—**London and P.O.S.**—(C. W. Law, Brimley House, Woodhouse Rd., N. Finchley, N.).
Oct. 30.—**Torbay O.S. (Paignton).**—(J. N. Jeffery, "Sartor House," Winner Street, Paignton.
Oct. 30 & 31.—**Cheltenham.**—(A. S. Treasure, Idahoe, Oakland Ave.).
Nov. 1 & 2. **Sheffield O.S.**—T. Bishop, 60, Alexandra Road.). W.M., C.H., W.V.
Nov. 1 & 2.—**Wolverhampton.**—(J. Gibbons, 64, Napier Rd.). J.R.
Nov. 1 and 2.—**Liverpool** (G. Green, 36, Lord Nelson St.). H.W.B., J.W.
Nov. 2 & 4.—**Leicester Hand-in-Hand.**—(A. Freestone, 79, Clarendon Street). J.H.P.
Nov. 8 & 9.—**Old Shildon.**—(J. H. Elwell, 35, Church Street, Shildon).
Nov. 15 & 16.—**Hull.**—(E. R. Ridley, 19, Lambton Street.) J.R., H.W.B.
Nov. 30.—**Coventry Godiva.**—(R. Symonds, 29, Melbourne Rd., Earlsdon.) H.W.B.
Dec. 6 & 7.—**Bradford National.**—(H. Hill, 15, Settle Terr., Thornton Lane.)
Dec. 7.—**Rotherham.**—(B. Bailey, 47, Craven Street, Parkgate, nr. Rotherham.) J.C.B.
Dec. 11.—**Luton.**—(E. Bloomfield, 22, Hitchin Rd.) J.R., J.F.

Scotland.

1912.
Oct. 12.—**Lochgelly.**—(W. Whiteford, 81, Hall St.)
Oct. 19.—**Kelty and Blairadam.**—(A. Dickson, 37, Adams Terrace.)
Nov. 16.—**Cowdenbeath.**—(J. R. Reid, 7, Woodland Place.)
Nov. 30.—**City of Dundee.**—(A. Miller, 3, Park Ave.)
Dec. 31 & Jan. 1, 1913.—**Scottish National.**—(A. W. Watson, 58, Colinton Road, Edinburgh.)

Ireland.

Nov. 7 & 8.—**Banbridge.**—(A. McCagherty, Banbridge).
Dec. 12 & 13.—**Larne.**—(T. Mayne, 35, Barnhill.)

The Y.U. Great Gathering.

The Yorkshire prize distribution will be held on Saturday, March 9, at the Market Tavern, Bradford, writes Mr. H. Hill, the sec. All fanciers should make a note of this; further particulars will be published in due course.

Kingfisher at Blackheath.

I have had a beautiful little visitor in my garden during the last ten days, writes Mr. R. Winch in "Country Life." I have a little fountain in the garden, and in it some goldfish, and a beautiful little Kingfisher has paid me several visits. He has taken a good many little fish, but I consider it a rare bird to visit me when I am only six and a half miles from London Bridge.

Changes of Address

Secretaries and others are asked kindly to note the following changes of address:—Mr. B. Tindale (hon. sec., Northern Yorkshire C.C.), from Affleck Street, Gateshead, to 141, Stanton Street, Newcastle-on-Tyne; Mr. W. Grewar from North Street, Forfar, to 7, Park View, Lochgelly; Mr. J. E. Hudson (sec. of the Laisterdyke B.F.A.) from New Hey Road to 95, Brompton Road, Bowling, Bradford.

The L.C.B.A. Dinner.

As the attendance at the London C.B.A. dinner will far exceed our first expectations, write Messrs. Tyson and Trower (169, Sloane Street, W.), it is particularly requested that those intending to be present will endeavour to arrive sharp to time. The dinner will start punctually at 7 p.m., owing to our having an extended menu and an extra good array of talent. Hitherto patrons have not had the full benefit of the entertainment provided, and every effort will be made to utilise the time so that the whole programme may be completed. It will be an additional favour if all who intend coming will at once send a notification to that effect, also giving us an idea of the extent of their respective parties, as there is a possibility (owing to the unprecedented demand for tickets) that seats may have to be balloted for. Kindly advise us of your intention early; also kindly arrive early on Feb. 5.

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Feathered Alarm Clocks.

An Entertaining Account of a Scotsman's Birdy Friends.

By D. McARTHUR (Edinburgh).

AN account of the inmates of my little bird-room may interest readers who, like myself, keep a few birds as pets only, and not for sale or show. I often think that in achieving the show standard one loses sight of much of the bird's natural habits, and the companionship of one's pets more than makes up for the loss of possible prize money.

"Sandy" and His Bath.

"Sandy," my two-year-old Starling, came through his second house-moult splendidly, and is now a finely-spangled bird, with a grand purple sheen on his head and neck that shows how fit he is. I give his daily bath credit for this, and to see him take this in a big basin held at arm's length (to escape a drenching) is worth a visit. How he does love it! He would bathe in my tea-cup if I allowed him, and yesterday (despite the fact that he wasn't dry from his proper bath) he sneaked a second one while my wife was washing herself. His song has improved a lot, and he talks all day long now. Starting as soon as a streak of light peeps through the blinds, he keeps it up until about four o'clock, to begin again whenever the supper is frying; and it is only when the gas is turned out that he condescends to be quiet. He is as tame as a bird could possibly be, and is an easy first in our affection, and his price can't be named. To hear him whistle "Up in the Morning's No For Me," or say (with an exact imitation of my angriest tones) "Go into your cage at once," is delightful.

He makes a good tutor for two young Softbills I have—a Thrush (or Mavis, as we Scotch folk call them) and another Starling. The Thrush was partly tame when I got him, so didn't give me much trouble; only his tail had suffered badly through cramped quarters. But I am glad to say he shows a big improvement already, in his new quarters, and with the help of a frequent bath. He is most impatient in this respect, and if I delay at all in giving him it, he will take a "head and shoulders" splash in his water-tin to be going on with, as it were. Though he hasn't the confiding ways of the Starling he will feed eagerly from my hand; and he likes a big raisin immensely. As he has a good speckled breast, white legs, and white under-parts, and is trying over his notes already, he looks decidedly promising for the spring.

Looks Like Beating His Tutor.

The young Starling looks like beating his tutor even. A wild bird when I got him, he has taken wonderfully to me, and comes out of his cage, feeds from my hand, has a forage round, and goes back at his leisure. He gets his bath outside, of course, and only recently I succeeded in getting *both* of them to bathe in the one basin, a rather unusual sight, I think. It is most encouraging to see the two of them roaming about my room, and "Not even an angry word!" The youngster chirps away and gurgles in his throat, so should make a good talker in time. He is not a vegetarian, as we found to our cost, as he coolly ate up a lump of cold tongue in our absence. As he sung lustily after it, as if giving thanks, we couldn't be angry.

By the way, has anyone noticed if Starlings, as a rule, have two or three white feathers in their backs? Both of mine have, but they only show after a bath, or if the feathers are ruffled.

Up in the Morning Early!

I feed these three softbills on a stock food of equal parts barley meal, game meal, and broken biscuits, with a half part of ants' eggs and dried flies. It is cheap and keeps well; and they all like it and thrive on it. They get a bit of potato now and then and three or four mealworms each day. These they go so mad over, that I am trying to breed my own. I find that unless your softbills are tame enough to come out of their cages you never make a good job when cleaning their cages. Still, the cheery song and amusing companionship they give you, more than repay you for any trouble. In our case we have dispensed with the alarm clock, as they waken us up (a little too early, in fact) regularly every morning.

I lost my Robin lately rather unluckily. He was too fond of his bath, and felt so frisky and wet one day after it, that he slipped out of his cage and even through the wire-netting on my window (and it's a small mesh too) and away for good. He was a cheery wee chap, and we miss his pretty song, but console ourselves in the hope that he may be happier outside.

For want of room I had to dispose of my Jay, just as he was getting over his first house-moult. Sad to say, the cold air in the seaside town to which he went was too great a change for him, and he only lived a few days there. A good bird in a mild way with a voice that was heard if his meat were late a-coming.

My pair of Ring Doves also found a new home. They had five nests last season, and were most devoted parents indeed. It was funny to watch a young one chasing them round, with his neck strained and his beak wide open, flapping his wings at them; until the old birds had to give it "A good hard peck." They were my first bird pets, and were most affectionate and tame with me. Even our little kitten used to play in their cage until they chased it out. But, alas, he grew up and chased them, so that a new home was found for him also; but we see him now and then. In fact, he came back of his own accord a week ago, and sneaked a dinner before getting carried home again. Bless his little self!

Enjoys Taking a Header.

I have also had through my hands this past season a Blackbird, a Goldfinch, two hand-reared Linnets, and a pair of Goldfinch-Canary Mules; all of which are giving some of my friends pleasure now.

I once more have a Robin; in good trim, too, the result again of plenty of baths. With his olive-green back, white underparts, and red breast, he looks like a miniature Cardinal sometimes. He is cheeky, of course, and his big eyes look expectantly for a worm every time I go near him. He bathed in his tin the day I got him, and now "revels" in a big-sized Thrush bath, going right over the head in it, and if I am late a-bringing it, he chirps most loudly and goes into his tin, at least his head does! He is coming on nicely in song, and should make a good bird.

A Chaffinch that I picked up as a nestling in the woods has well repaid me, turning out a big bright coloured bird, with plenty of white and quite right for showing. I have two good Linnets also, both steady, and fine singers, though they fight a bit, and there's "wigs on the green" now and then.

An Excellent Pupil.

My remaining Starling is proving a good pupil, and consoles me for the loss of the old one. He feeds from my hand, and is not averse to stealing a maggot if he can sneak across to the tin. He is coming on in his whistling, too, but I doubt if he does speak, whether he will come up to the old one, who had a wonderful repertoire. His bath in our kitchen basin causes domestic grumblings, it's such a deluge. He can scarcely fly to a chair after it, but a vigorous flapping and preening soon sends him back to his cage with a tight coat shining like shot silk.

Plenty of baths, a varied diet, absolute cleanliness and good green food are my fads, and my birds look well on it. I never grudge a long walk to get grasses or hardheads, etc. It does both me and my birds good. I always have a big stock of hardheads to do me right through the winter, and I vary them by sowing a little rape in a pot, which is greedily devoured.

I encourage my birds to come out of their cages as often as possible (I get their cages thoroughly cleaned then, for one thing): they get very tame that way, and never get too fat; and to see three or four different birds hopping about contentedly, or sitting on my hand, would prove a striking object lesson to those faddists who think it cruel to keep a bird in a cage. My birds are kept in a big, low window, safe from mice and cats and curious folk, and they get plenty of light and air, and are a source of endless delight and interest to my wife, myself, not forgetting my little girl, who looks like being a keen naturalist.

TWO HIGHLY POPULAR BRITISH FINCHES.

CHAFFINCH: Drawn from the specimen successfully shown by Miss E. A. Bowles (Clapham). BULLFINCH: The bird which has won many prizes for Mr. G. Hinds (Gosport).

WHERE BIRDS ARE SOLD BY BARTER.

An Interesting Custom Observed in Cape Town.

A bird-lover who has lately returned from South Africa sends us the appended account of some scenes he witnessed in the market at Cape Town.

THE sales held on the market-square in Cape Town every Saturday are famous all over South Africa. There is an auctioneer to about every thirty feet of space, and the variety of goods sold is almost bewildering. A sale of birds is held here every week-end, which is always well patronised. Travellers homeward bound by the mail steamers purchase birds to take as presents; the stewards of the vessels buy birds to re-sell, if possible, to passengers, or failing this to be disposed of on arrival in Southampton.

It is an unwritten law of the market-square that no withdrawal prices are set. The highest bid must be accepted. The cages are packed one on the other, forming a sort of rampart round the auctioneer. In front of each cage is a number, and the lots are sold by these numbers. "No. 86 comes next," says the auctioneer; "hold it up, Jim," and the Kaffir boy lifts up the cage. As each sale is closed the boy passes the cage to the purchaser over the heads of the lookers-on, and receives the money for it in the same way. The sale lasts about three hours, and after it is over those who wish to barter have their turn.

This system of bartering for unsold property is peculiar to South Africa. A man brings up a parcel of books and the auctioneer glances over them. They are English books, and the auctioneer is a Malay. It is doubtful if he can read English, and the value of the volumes must be an unknown quantity; but he is always willing to do business. He accepts the books, and a shilling, for a Canary and cage. The cage is worth only a few pence. It is one of the reed affairs made by the Kaffirs. The Canary is worth, at the rate in vogue, several shillings.

It looks a bad bargain for the Malay until one remembers that books are almost worth their weight in gold up country; and the explanation probably is that the purchaser has some connection up country he can send the books to. Another man exchanges an umbrella, a most useless article in South Africa, for a bird and cage. He also pays a shilling bonus.

Wild-Bird Life.

The Influence of the Weather.

During the week we have had one or two exceptionally sharp mornings, and one has looked to see some change in the behaviour of wild birds as fortelling a decided change in the weather to more severe and wintry conditions. That birds do at times make movements to more genial and protected areas before a severe storm or approaching frost, has been proved over and over again. The writer has noted many such instances. A few years ago we had very mild open weather until Christmas, when at the time of the year severe conditions prevailed right away through January and February. For several days previous to the change huge flocks of Fieldfares, Thrushes and Redwings forsook the uplands, and sought the more sheltered low-lying meadows near the village. These meadows are surrounded by high, thick hedges which afforded the birds protection during the time of severity, when winds with snow and sleet from the North were of daily occurrence.

Although one can occasionally note these movements of bird life inland it is on the coast and near tidal rivers where these great movements of bird life are particularly noticeable. Before a change, flocks of waders and sea birds will crowd the rivers and estuaries, coming from the North or wherever they congregate. One may cross the marshes one day with very little signs of life beyond the usual, when possibly the next morning it will be found crowded with Plovers, Snipe, Duck, Teal, and many other species; and mingled with these will be the more common birds such as Rooks, Crows, specimens of all the Thrush family, Wagtails, Pipits and Larks.

Of course, the question will occur to one: What is the cause of this migration? If we live in the neighbourhood we look upon it as fortelling severe weather, and in that we are generally correct; but doubtless the real cause is that the birds are driven from their usual haunts by the snow and frost, and fly to more open and somewhat milder quarters.

End of the Northern Show Season.

West Stanley's Most Successful Venture.

West Stanley C.B.S. fourth annual show held Jan. 20th. It was the most successful ever held by the society. The venue this year was in the Town Hall, a room grandly adapted for the purpose, being both large and comfortable, free from all draughts, and supplied with special heating apparatus to keep the hall at a suitable temperature. Entries constituted a record, totalling 297, exactly 60 in excess of last year's, and the quality in every section was of a high standard. The society is favoured in the matter of officials, the genial and well-known Norwich fancier (Mr. W. H. Butler) being in the chair; much of the success of the society is undoubtedly due to his hard work, and the members are to be congratulated upon having such an excellent fancier at the head of affairs. He is well supported by Mr. E. Atkinson (Vice-Chair), and Mr. R. Peart (Treasurer); and they in turn are ably backed up by as grand a body of fanciers as it has yet been our lot to meet, all doing their best to make the show a success. A special word of praise must be given to Messrs. W. Gowland, J. Boyle, J. Hunter, T. Burdon, J. Emmerson, W. Knowles, R. Goodchild, and J. Murray (the stewards); they got through their work in fine style. As a secretary Mr. W. Elliott is really tip-top. He knows what to do and how to do it, and what he does not know about the running of a cage bird show is not worth knowing. His courteous, kindly manner commends itself to everybody, and it is no wonder he is so popular.

Norwich made a fine display, and were quite the feature of the show. This section supplied the cup winner for best young bird (Mr. W. H. Butler), the runner-up being a very typical buff Border shown by Mr. R. Peart. Other principal special prize winners were: Langsdale Challenge Cup for most points with six nominated birds, Mr. W. H. Butler; silver challenge cup for most points in British Mules and Foreign, Mr. W. Elliott; medal for most points in novice section, Mr. W. Knowles; special for second best Yorks., Mr. W. Thompson; Sandiford's medal, Mr. W. H. Butler. As Mr. Butler has won the Langsdale challenge cup three years in succession it now becomes his own property; we heartily congratulate him upon his fine achievement. The show was well patronised, and everything points to its being a financial success. Judges: Messrs. W. Reid (Sunderland) and J. Sheppard (Newcastle), the former taking Canaries and the latter Mules, British, and Foreign.

Mr. W. Reid's Classes.

NOR., CL., ETC., YELL. (5): 1, spl, Butler, cap mkd., grand size, fine shape, lovely col. and quality, thick head and neck, takes Sandiford's medal; 2, Atkinson, cl., fine, shapely, grand col. and quality, neat head and neck, fine carriage; 3, Smith, cl., red-hot col., nice shape, good wings and tail; 4, Williams, cl., nice shape and size; vhc, Bateman. BUFF (6): 1, spl., Gowland and Crossby, cl., grand size and shape, rich col. and quality, rare head and neck, grand chest; 2, Smith, cap mkd., rare size, not quite so deep chested as leader, grand col. and quality; 3, Butler, variegated, beautiful shape, neat head and wings, nice quality; 4, Williams, mkd. cap and rump, nice shape, good col. and quality; vhc, Foster; hc, Thompson. YELL. HEN (5): 1, spl., Gowland and Crossby, cl., grand type, rich col. and quality, neat head, good wings and tail; 2, Humphrey, nice size and shape, good col., neat head and chest; 3, Butler, not quite so chubby as leaders, nice size and col., good wings; 4, Smith, not quite the substance of leaders, nice shape; vhc, Bateman. BUFF (10): 1, spl., Smith, cap mkd., fine shape and size, lovely col. and quality, neat head and neck, grand wings and tail; 2, Hetherington, cl., fine shape, very typical, nice head and neck, good carriage; 3, Butler, not quite so deep in chest as leaders, nice size, grand col. and quality; 4, Atkinson, big one, good col., nice head; vhc, J. H. Elliott; hc, Gowland and Crossby; c, Humphrey. YELL. CK., 1911 (7): 1, spl., Butler, variegated, grand size and shape, nice col., grand head and neck, deep full chest, nice wing carriage, diploma winner at Sunderland, takes cup for best young bird; 2, Goodchild, cl., hot col., not quite so massive as winner, yet nice size lovely shape, good head and neck, fine wing and tail carriage; 3, 4, Atkinson, two nice ones, a bit smaller than leaders, nice shape and col., 4 wing mkd., nice col. and quality; vhc, Williams; hc, J. H. Elliott; c, Atkinson. BUFF (7): 1, spl., Butler, variegated, topper for size and shape, grand head and neck, full chest, short wings and tail; 2, Gowland and Crossby, eye and wing mkd., a trifle smaller than leader, lovely shape, grand col., neat head and neck; 3, J. H. Elliott, nice size, grand chest, good col. and carriage; 4, Williams, nice size, good col. and quality; vhc, hc, Atkinson; c, Hunter. YELL. HEN, 1911 (6): 1, spl., Butler, cl., nice size, grand shape, deep full chest, neat head and neck, lovely quality, nice col., well carried wings and tail; 2, Smith, cl., hot col., nice size and shape, good quality; not quite so full chested as leader; 3, Williams, dark tail, short and cobby, neat head, good wings and tail; 4, Hetherington, nice shape, neat head and neck; vhc, Smith; hc, Gowland and Crossby. BUFF (5): 1, spl., Butler, fine size and shape, good chest, neat head, nice col. and quality, well carried wings and tail; 2, Smith, not quite so deep in chest as leader, yet nice shape, good col. and quality, neat head; 3, vhc, Atkinson, nice size and shape, good col. and quality, neat head; 4, Williams, fine size and shape, good col. NAT. COL. CK. (7): 1, spl., Thompson, grand shape, rich col. and quality, good head and neck, full chest, neat wings and tail; 2, Murray, eye and wing mkd., not quite so thick-set as leader, nice shape, good col. and quality, clean cut; 3, Atkinson, variegated, best col. in class, good quality; 4, Burden, heavy variegated, nice shape, short and cobby; vhc, Morpeth; hc, Wilson; c, Foster. HEN (1): 1, spl., Atkinson, good shape, short and cobby, nice col., good wings and tail. NOVICE (20), a strong class: 1, spl., 2, Smith, both cl. yell., leader a beauty, fine shape, medium size deep full chest, neat head and neck, red-hot col., grand carriage, fine wings and tail, 2 not quite so deep in chest, fine shape, grand col., lovely quality, neat head; 3, Bateman, cl. buff, short and cobby, nice shape, good head and chest, neat wings and tail, nice col.; 4, Emmerson, cl. buff, a trifle longer in body, good col. and quality; vhc, Knowles; hc, c, Hunter. CINN. CK. (3): 1, spl., Murray, grand shape, rare size, good cinn. col., very level, well polished; 2, Hunter, very similar in size and shape, good col., just lacks level tone of leader; 3, Goodchild, nat. col., nice shape and size. HEN (4): 1, spl., Pearl, fine size, good shape, rich col., level all through, neat head and wing carriage; 2, Hunter, good shape, nice col. and quality, not quite so level under; 3, Goodchild, nice size and shape, good carriage; 4, Burdon, nat. col. NOVICE (6): 1, spl, 2, 3, vhc, hc, Calvert, nice team, leader fine shape and size, good level col., well polished, 2 similar build, good col., 3 fine size and shape, nice col.; 4, Burdon, nat. col., nice shape, level col. CREST (5): 1, spl., 3, Gowland and Crossby, leader variegated, D.C., very neat crest, nice shape, neat centre and droop, nice feather, 3 cl. body, grizzle crest, nice size and shape, good droop; 2, 4, Coates, wing mkd D.C., a trifle smaller, very neat and shapely, 4 cl. crest, very neat frontal crest, nice centre; vhc, Thompson. 1911 (3): 1, spl., Gowland and Crossby, cl. body, grizzle crest, nice size and shape, good droop; absent ,No. 1 and 2, Coates. C.B. (3): 1, spl., 2, Coates, green, grand skull, rare width and entrance, good flow of feather, 2 variegated, nice head, nice size, well lashed; 3, Foster, green, a wee bit smaller in skull, nice size, good feather. 1911 (2): 1, spl., no name, foul tail green, grand skull, fine length of feather, rare rise, entrance and lash, well cushioned, 2 foul tail green, not quite the length of feather on front of skull, good flow behind, nice lash; 3, Thompson, heavy variegated, nice width, fine entrance and lash. CREST OR C.B., NOVICE (5): 1, spl., 2, Knowles. D.C. leading, very neat and shapely, good centre and droop, nice size, 2 variegated. C.B., rare skull, nice rise and width, fine flow of nice quality feather; 3, Wears, foul tail, green crest, neat, nice shape and droop; 4, Bentick, cl. body, nice skull. YORKS., CK. (6): 1, spl., Williams, grand length, well rounded, gets well up, neat head and shoulders; 2, Turnbull, fine length and position, fine shoulders and waist, well rounded, nice col.; 3, Turnbull, very slim, well tapered, nice position, a wee bit weak in head and neck; 4, Goodchild, good one for length and position; vhc, Bentick; hc, Murray. HEN (6): 1, spl., Williams, slim and well rounded, nice length, very erect, neat head, well tapered, grand wings and tail; 2, vhc, Turnbull, nice length and position, well drawn, neat head, wings and tail; 3, Bentick, nice length and style, neatly braced wings and tail, a wee bit weak in head and neck; 4, Goodchild, good length, nice position; hc, Thompson. CK., 1911 (6): 1, spl., Bentick, grand length, straight up, well rounded body, finely drawn, neat head, well braced wings and tail; 2, Turnbull, slimmer nice col., good position; 3, Thompson, good one for length and position, well braced wings, neat head, not quite so tight in feather as leaders; 4th Williams, straight up, very slim, nice wings and tail; vhc, Goodchild; hc, Burdon. HEN (5): 1, sp, Turnbull, Cinn. mkd., grand quality, nice length, good position, neat head and neck, well rounded, beautifully braced wings and tail; 2, Williams, good one for length and position, well up, nice wing and tail, neat head; 3, Bentick, nice length, slimly built, gets well up, neat wings and tail, a trifle weak in head and neck; 4, Burdon, Cinn. mkd., nice length and position, good col., neat wings; vhc, Murray. NAT. COL. (6): 1, sp, 2, Turnbull, leader fine length and position, well drawn, nicely rounded, neat head; 2nd, fine position, straight up, neat head, wings and tail; 3, Foster, nice length and position, neat head, good wings and tail; 4, Thompson, nice length, well up; vhc, Bentick. NOVICE (5): 1, sp, Thompson, cl., nice length, straight as a rush, neat narrow shoulders, well rounded, takes spl. for 2nd best Yorkie; 2, Murray, var., good length fine position, neat head, good wings and tail; 3, Bentick, ticked, slimly built, well tapered, nice position and length, close up; 4, Burdon, good col., fine position, gets well up; vhc, Wilson. A.O.V. cancelled. A.V. PAIRS (3): 1, sp, Butler, heavy var. buff cock, fine shape and size, and good cl. yell. hen, nice col. and quality; 2, Goodchild, cl. yell. cock, good size and col., nice shape, and clear buff hen, fine size and quality; 3, Gowland and Crossley, another good pair. GIFT (10): 1, Butler; 2, J. H. Elliott; 3, Atkinson; 4, Turnbull; vhc, Foster; hc, Thompson; c, Goodchild.

Mr. J. Sheppard's Classes.

BORD. CL. YELL., ETC. (5): 1, sp, 3, J. H. Elliott, topper, grand shape, rich col. and quality, sweet head and neck, well braced wings and tail; 3rd, grand col., exquisite feather, fine shape, well rounded, close up; 2, vhc, Peart, fine shape, well rounded, neat head and neck, nice wings and tail; 4, J. H. Elliott, grand col., lovely feather, well rounded back. HEN (3): 1, sp, Peart, cl., good one all over, nice shape, grand col. and quality, well braced wings and tail; 2, 3, J. H. Elliott, leader grizzle tail, nice shape, neat head and neck, loses just a bit in wing carriage; 3rd, grand col., nice shape, well rounded. BUFF, CL., ETC. (5): 1, sp, 3, Peart, leader a gem for shape, nice col. and quality, sweet head, well rounded body, well braced wings and tail, runner-up for special for best young bird; 3, nice shape, good col. and quality, neat head and neck; 2, 4, vhc, J. H. Elliott, nice team, leader grand col., beautiful shape, not quite so well finished as leader; 4th, nice col. and quality, good head and neck. HEN (3): 1, sp, 2, J. H. Elliott, two grand hens, leader sweetly typical, lovely feather, nice shape and col., neat head; 2nd, similar type, grand col. and quality; 3, Peart, good shape, well rounded, neat head, good carriage. VAR. CK. (3): 1, sp, 3, J. H. Elliott, leader tkd., good col. and quality, nice shape, well rounded, grand wings and tail; 3rd, cap, wing, and tail mkd., good shape, nice col., fine carriage; 2, Peart, var., nice shape, neat head, well braced wings and tail. HEN (5): 1, sp, 2, Peart, leader, grizzle on back, model for shape, grand col. and quality, sweet head, well rounded body, grand carriage; 2, tkd., nice shape, good col., jaunty carriage, neat wings and tail; 3, 4, vhc, J. H. Elliott, cap and wing mkd. leading, very shapely, neat head and neck, fine carriage; 4th, var, nice shape and carriage. NOVICE (8): 1, sp, 2, 3, hc, Bates, nice team, leader grand shape, well rounded, lovely quality feather, sweet head and neck, grandly braced wings and tail; 2nd, fine shape, sweet round head, nice col.; 3rd, nice col., good wings and tail; 4, Emmerson, nice shape, neat head and neck; vhc, Knowles; c, Murray. LINNET, B.M. (8): 1, sp, hc, Humphrey, grand col., pencilling very profuse, clear and distinct, good whites; 2, Foster, not quite so rich in col. as leader, well pencilled, nice size and shape; 3, Wilson, big and shapely, nice col., good pencilling; 4, Thompson, good one for size, nice pencilling, very profuse; vhc, c, Peart. FIELD MOULTED (10): 1, sp, 2, Peart, leader medium size, grand pencilling, rich col., shown in fine trim; 2nd, good, nice size and shape, lovely col.; 3, Emmerson, grand col., nice pencilling, clear and distinct, a wee shade weaker in head than leaders; 4, Calvert, grand size and shape, nice col., well polished; vhc, Hunter; hc, Gowland and Crossby; c, Goodchild. BRIT. GOLDFINCH (6): 1, sp, Butler, grand size, fine rich col. blaze, good body, well tanned, nice wings; 2, vhc, Gowland and Crossby, grand square cut blaze, nicely tanned, good wings and buttons; 3, Humphrey, nice blaze, good wings; 4, Peart, nice size and shape, not quite so pure in blaze colour as leaders, nice body col.; hc, Wears. BULLFINCH. BRIT. (5): 1, sp, Burdon, grand shape, medium size, grand rich col. breast, good cap, nice back and wings; 2, vhc, W. Elliott, another grand one for size and shape, nice shaded cap of good col.; 3 Robson, not quite so cobby as leaders, nice col., good cap; 4, Gowland and Crossby, fine shape, grand col., well shaped cap. BRIT. GREENFINCH (12): 1, sp, Butler, grand size and shape, rich col., fine head and chest, nice wings, shown in the pink; 2, Humphrey, again good size and shape, nice col.; 3, Hetherington, grand shape, rich col. and polish; 4, Goodchild, nice size and shape, good col.; vhc, J. H. Elliott; hc, c, Boyd. BRIT. FINCH, A.O.S. (9): 1, sp, 3, W. Elliott, leader fine Chaffie, nice size and shape, good col., grand head, rich polish; 3rd, Hawfinch, nice shape, good col. and condition; 2, Humphrey, Bramble, nice size and shape, well spangled, good level col., steady; 4, Butler, Chaffie, shapely, good col., nice whites; vhc, c, Boyd; hc, Goodchild. REDPOLL (9): 1, sp, Robson, lovely Lesser, nice size and shape, good col. and lacing, fine bib, well polished; 2, Emmerson, Mealy, grandly laced, shown in tip-top form; 3, Murray, Field-moulted Lesser, grand col., nice size and shape, splendid feather; 4, Boyd, Mealy, not quite so profusely pencilled, nice shape and condition; vhc, Hetherington; hc, Thompson, c, Calvert. SISKIN, ETC. (6): 1, sp, Calvert, fine Twite, nice size, rich col. and polish, well pencilled, in good condition; 2, Humphrey, Siskin, nice size and shape, neat cap, well laced, nice col. and feather; 3, Robson, Twite, nice size and shape, well pencilled; 4, Gowland and Crossby, another nice Twite, grand col. and condition; vhc, Hunter. MULE, OLD (2): 1, sp, Butler, lightly mkd. Goldie-Can., nice size and col., good face and wings, lovely feather and condition; 2, Humphrey, dark yell. Goldie-Can., nice blaze, good col. and condition. MULE, 1911 (2): 1, sp, Hunter, Goldie-Can., nice size, good col., nice face and wings; 2, Boyle, Linnet-Can., nice col., shown in nice order. SOFTBILL (3): 1, sp., Boyd, Thrush, nice one for size and shape, good marking, in fine condition; 2, 3, W. Elliott, Grey Wagtail leading, nice feather, very steady; 3rd, Thrush, good size, not quite so well finished as leader. SOFTBILL, NOVICE (3): 1, sp, Knowles, Blackbird, nice size, rich col., rich polish, good bill and eye cores; 2, Boyle, Thrush, fine size and shape, good markings, grand feather; 3, Calvert, Blackbird, nice size and shape, good col. BRIT. A.O.S. (3): 1, sp, 2, W. Elliott, Yellowhammer leading, good col. and condition; 2nd, nice Mountain Sparrow, very wild; 3, Humphrey, Yellowhammer, larger than leader, but not quite so rich in body col. HARDBILL, NOVICE (14): 1, sp, Knowles, grand Linnet, nice size and shape, well pencilled, very profuse, nice col., in grand condition; 2, Boyle, Greenfinch, good one for size and shape, rich level col., nice feather; 3, Bates, Goldfinch, well cut Blaze, good col., well tanned; 4, c, Wilson, Bullfinch, grand breast col., nice cap; vhc, Bentick; hc, Calvert. FOR. SMALL (3): 1, 2, 3, W. Elliott, very nice team, in splendid condition.

CHOPPINGTON C.B.S.

Fifth annual show, held in the Club Room, at the Railway Hotel, on Dec. 23rd. Not quite so many birds were shown as in previous years, but the quality was superior. The arrangements were ably carried out by Mr. H. Seely (chairman), Mr. E. B. Atkinson, treasurer, and a hard-working committee, composed of Messrs. Rigg, Thompson, Edwards Bros., Archbold and others. Mr. G. H. Seely makes an ideal secretary. The show was well patronised by visitors. Mr. R. Rowell's awards were well received.

NOR., YELL.: 1, 2, vhc, Seely Bros.; 3, hc, Archbold; c, Clark. BUFF: 1, 2, 3, Seely Bros.; vhc, Summers; hc, Clark; absent, Clark. HEN, YELL.: 1, 2, vhc, Seely Bros.; 3, Rigg; hc, c, Clark. BUFF: 1, Summers; 2, 3, vhc, Seely Bros.; hc c, Edwards. BORD. CK., YELL.: 1, 2, Rigg. HEN: 1, Rigg. CINN., YELL.: 1, 2, Seely Bros. BUFF: 1, 2, Seely Bros. HEN: 1, 2, Seely Bros. YORK., CK.: 1, 2, 3, Seely Bros.; vhc, hc, Edwards; c, Rigg. HEN: 1, Edwards; 2, 3, vhc, Seely Bros. A.O.V.: 1, 2, 3, Seely Bros. LINNET, HOUSE-MOULTED: 1, 2, 3, vhc, c, Archbold; c, Thompson. F.M.: 1, Thompson; 2, 3, Archbold; vhc, Seely Bros.; c, Edwards. A.O.V. BRIT.: 1, 2, Archbold; 3, vhc, Edwards. NOVICE, NOR. YELL.: 1, Thompson. BUFF: 1, J. Rigg; 2, 3, vhc, Thompson. A.O.V. NOVICE: 1, Thompson.

WIDNES.

Widnes Society members' show, held Boxing Day, Conservative Club Assembly Room, Victoria Road, when between 90 and 100 exhibits turned up. The room is excellently lighted, and it would make a suitable one in which to run an open show. Yorks. are not by any means numerous, and there is plenty of scope for members to take them up. A few years ago one could see them in scores; now they have almost died out here. Novice members Nor. leaders were very good, and equal to open competition. Altogether it was a nice holiday show, and gave promise of new life in the society. Mr. R. Barker had a field day. Mr. Stanley Andrews had the show in hand, and all went well. Mr. C. Houlton judged, and his awards met with general approval.

The Critique.

YORKS. YELL.: 1, Higham, smart, typical cl. yell., fine position; 2, Davies, nat. col., nice type, position and feather. HEN: 1, 3, Davies, sound cl., buff leading, fine position; 2, Higham, buff, nice one. CL., ETC., NOR. YELL.: 1, 3, Barker, typical pair, tick nape leading, in fine condition; 2, Asheroft, var., bit browy, big bird. BUFF: 1, 2, Barker, big cl. leading, small tkd. cheek, 2nd in fine condition; No. 3, 4, absent. YELL. HEN: 1, 2, Barker, variegated, best condition, 2nd nice condition and type; No. 3, abs. BUFF: 1, 2, Barker, large cobby variegated leading, 2nd tick nape, smaller, good type; 3, vhc, Johnston, beaten only in right wing flights. YELL., 1911: 1, 2, Barker, large cl., rare head, good type and condition. BUFF: 1, Bloor, cl., grand shape and condition; 2, Andrews, variegated, good back; 3, Ashcroft, cobby, big cl., a wee bit frilly at breast; vhc, Davies. NAT. COL. CK.: 1, Barker, variegated, rare type, A1 feather; 2, Murray, nice one; No. 2, absent. HEN: 1, 2, Barker, variegated, yell. and variegated, both right type; 3, Jenkins, cinn., variegated, plenty weight and substance; No. 3, abs. CREST: 1, R. Jenkins, W.M.D.C., fine well clothed crest, right over beak, nice centre and droop, really good crest. NOR. YELL. GREEN: 1, Bloor, foul throat, fine rich level col., dark legs and beak, rare feather; 2, Jenkins, foul tail, good col. BUFF: 1, Jenkins, foul, fine col., size, type, feather, and condition; 2, Davies, big bird, nice col., a wee bit heavy in feather; 3, Bloor, smaller, nice col., quality. Nos. 3 and 4, abs. YELL. HEN: 1, 2, Barker, grand pair, former foul throat and thigh, rare col., type, and condition, 2nd self, smaller, nice tone of col. BUFF: 1, Barker, foul throat, fine shape, sound col., dark legs and markings; 2, Murray, foul tail, fine feather and condition. BUFF BORD.: 1, Asheroft, nice type. HEN: 1, Hampson, faint tick on head, fine type, quality, and condition. GREEN, ETC.: 1, Barker, compact type, good wing carriage, rich bright level col.; 2, hc, Andrews, fine, well made buff, grand level feather, nice carriage; 3, vhc, Hampson, 3rd fine slim yell., tight condition, a little more substance would make it good one, the lovely buff, but was carrying wings down when we saw it, otherwise might have won. A.O.V.: 1, Hampson, well set, reachy Scotch Fancy, deep through heart, fine circle and condition; 2, Andrews, grand feather, Scotch Fancy. MULE, ETC.: 1, Barker, nice Redpoll-Can. GOLDFINCH: 1, Leicester, nice all-round bird, good deep blaze, fine meons and bars, good body colour; 2, vhc, Hampson, 2nd largest in class, fine blaze and body brown; 3, Rose, grand moons, etc., nice feather; No. 2, absent. LINNET: 1, Leicester, best markings and wing bars, nice shape and condition; 2, Rose, good bird, bit soiled; 3, Dawes, fine bird, beaten only in wing markings; vhc, Hampson; hc, Bloor. F.M. LINNET: 1, Leicester, grand all-round cobby bird; 2, Rose; 3, Murray. REDPOLL, ETC.: 1, Barker, fine Mealy; 2, Davies, small, darker, in fine condition; 3, Rose, pale Mealy. A.O.S.: 1, Barker, fine, cobby, rich col. Bullfinch; 2, Rose. FOR.: 1, Barker, fine conditioned peach-breasted Alexandrine, in grand plumage; 2, Andrews, pretty Black-headed Gouldian Finch, bird not quite perfect. NOVICE CLASSES.—NOR. YELL.: 1, Johnston, very fine cl. yell. for a novice; 2, vhc, Higham, good shaped bird, bit uneven in col.; 3, Yates, small cl., very cobby and compact. BUFF: 1, Johnston, big variegated, fine feather and condition; 2, Higham, ticked right eye, nice condition. NOR. GREEN: 1, 3, Bradley, cobby self, good col.; 2, Higham, foul tail, good col.; vhc, Keates; No. 3, abs. LINNET: 1, Keates; No. 1, absent. GOLDFINCH: 1, Leices-

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The Canary for the "Sporting" Fancier.

By J. G. TURNBULL (Glasgow.)

THE true fancier, essentially a sportsman, takes particular delight in rearing such birds as offer most scope for the exercise of his skill and patience. The rearing of the Scotch Fancy presents that element of uncertainty which appeals to the sportsman, for the nature of the bird demands skilful treatment to produce young birds of high quality. Unfortunately the difficulties which are encountered are often sufficient to deter young fanciers from attempting to rear these birds. This fact is to be deplored, since it tends toward a great loss of popularity, if not to the partial extinction of the prince of cage birds. Perhaps then, a few hints to young fanciers may be of service, for, while no skill can avert some misfortunes, there are others which can be avoided by the exercise of a few simple precautions.

One question on which fanciers disagree is the question of keeping a few common birds for the purpose of feeding the young Fancies. Some maintain that it is most natural that the parent birds should feed their young. This may seem quite feasible, but I find that it rarely works in practice, and I would advise the beginner to keep a few common birds for feeders. Many of the most successful breeders do this with satisfactory results.

When the Stock is Complete.

I always prefer to have my stock complete as early as possible, and I think the practice is one to be commended. By so doing I am able to prepare the birds for the breeding season by giving them such foods as I consider most suitable for the time of year. The staple food is, of course, best Spanish canary seed, and this is supplemented by other seeds at various periods. Once a week throughout the winter I give them egg-food, and the next morning a little maw seed. On other mornings as a change, or as a titbit, I give them German rape, niger seed, and hemp. None of these seeds should be mixed with the canary seed, but should be given in a separate dish. I stop the niger seed as soon as the breeding season commences, and it should be given sparingly at all times. Good shell sand is, of course, invaluable for keeping the birds in condition, but the cages should also be well supplied with cuttle-fish bone.

Birds which I intend breeding with I run together during the winter months, separating them for a few weeks before the actual commencement of the breeding season. They may usually be paired again about the middle of March; but not even then if the weather is unfavourable.

The east wind is an enemy particularly to be dreaded, and if the birds have been paired before it has gone, the hen is liable to egg-binding. This trouble can be detected by various symptoms. The hen becomes restless, frequently leaving her nest and crouching with disordered feathers in the bottom of the cage. Perhaps one of the best remedies is the following:—Fill a jug with boiling water; cover the jug with a piece of brown paper; make a small hole, say, with a pencil, in the centre of the paper; hold the hen (the region of the vent—lower abdomen) over this hole. This is almost sure to give instant relief and sometimes the hen will lay almost immediately.

The newly-hatched chicks may generally be expected on the fourteenth day. On the night before the young birds are due, the parents should be supplied with egg-food, and this food should be given fresh two or three times a day, if possible. Green-food should be given on the third day. Great care should be exercised with the green-food. Some fanciers are very partial to watercress. I have nothing to say against this food, but if you use it you should know where it comes from, and if possible gather it yourself. Young dandelion leaves can also be obtained at this time, but if the weather is at all frosty these, and the watercress also, should be washed in warm water. Later in the season green-food is more easily obtained, and the white heads of dandelions, perhaps the best of all such foods, can then be gathered.

Troublesome Mothers.

When the young birds are about three weeks old they generally begin to leave the nest and take to the perches. At this time also the hen will probably commence to nest again.—Some hens are very severe on their young birds at this time, almost stripping them of their feathers with which to build their second nest. A good method of preventing this is to tie a number of clippings of string tightly together and fasten them to the wires of the cage at the perch. Should this fail, the only alternative is to have a nursery cage for the youngsters to go in, for, while the hen may do the chicks very little harm by plucking their feathers, one is inclined to believe that it keeps them back (hindering their development) very much.

When the hen lays again, the parents begin to stop feeding the young birds, and when they are about five weeks old it is often necessary to separate them. This is a critical period for the young birds, and many valuable ones may be lost by inflammation of the bowels, brought on by their being unable to digest their food properly. The egg-food should be given much weaker at this time, and a few particles of clean grit be sprinkled over it. The gravel (grit) is a great aid to digestion, and they will pick it up from among the egg-food, whereas they would not do so if it were sprinkled in the bottom of the cage.

If the young birds are attacked with inflammation of the bowels, all seeds and egg-food should be taken from them, and for three days they should be fed entirely on sops. Stale bread with boiling milk poured over it can be given, with a little maw seed sprinkled on it.

The birds which are to be shown should receive the fancier's special attention, and should be put into single cages. Plenty of handling, such as they will receive at the show, will get them accustomed to strangers; and with this view fanciers coming in to the room should be permitted to handle them.

The Story of Three Budgerigars and How I Tamed Them.

By Miss E. A. ALABONE (London, N.W.)

IT is the human voice, without doubt, that is the chief means of winning the confidence of birds and of all living creatures. I will tell you how I tamed three Budgerigars, and of the strange way in which the first one came to me.

Last year I had been ill for many months; and, lying alone in my room, cut off from my favourite studies and pursuits, I often wished for some new interest to come into my life, or for some living thing to pet. One afternoon, as I sat with my windows open to feel the freshness of the spring air, and to view the beauties which even London gardens show in May, a little green bird suddenly flew in, and, alighting on my mantelpiece, stood calmly regarding me! Quickly I had my windows shut; and, oh! joy, it was a foreign bird, and so no exigencies of conscience could demand my giving it its freedom!

My little visitant was a Budgerigar, as I found out after many references to books brought from the Public Library. (I had not then been introduced to CAGE BIRDS, with its Editor who kindly answers the questions of ignorant people.) I named him "Joseph," on account of his many-coloured coat. He was a perfect little creature, a gem of colour, with no feather out of place from the top of his little striped head to the tip of his handsome blue tail. He might have been just made: and where he came from I never knew.

I put him in a cage; he seemed very happy, but timid on approach. I soon began to tame him; and for this, one's patience must be unfailing. Talking quietly to him—caressing him, as it were, with my voice—I put my hand gently into his cage until he became accustomed to the sight of it. Then I began to leave him an hour or two without seed; and very soon he helped himself shyly from my hand. In a day or two I held my hand further away, so that he had to come on it to feed. Then I coaxed him to hop on my finger, until he enjoyed the game of flying from finger to perch.

A little later I thought he would like a companion; and a young bird was given me, still striped on the forehead—a gentle-eyed little plebeian, with large feet and none of the proud bearing of "Joe." I introduced him to Joe, who was decidedly annoyed, and was never quite so gay afterwards, disdaining to perch on my hand with him. The new bird acknowledged *my* acquaintance with a screech, and a good nip; (Budgies *can* nip!) but he was greatly delighted with his large cage, and hopped about at once, copying "Joe" in all he did; and by the first evening he ate from my hand. I called him "Jan."

Their First Freedom.

Now I began to give them their freedom in my room, and fixed some long perches, a yard or more, according to the weather, away from the window, and continued the taming, offering seed as before, as it tempted my Budgies more than any green food, and fruit none of them would eat. "Jan" soon became very tame. He would sit on my finger, and let me walk about with him; but, alas! for him and me, he began to ail as soon as I had him. I did all I was able; but I could not really diagnose his disease. Except when feeding—which act he performed with great energy—he sat with a dejected air, and "Joey" moped, too, for company.

In September, fearing "Jan" would not last, I sent for another Budgerigar from a dealer. He arrived with a much broken and dilapidated tail, but he had such a bright and intelligent look that I kept him; and I called him "Jim."

Every day I let my birds have hours of liberty. Great was their excitement till I took them out, one by one, on my finger: and how pretty they looked, all three feeding on my hand together, or on the large china bowl I had planted with a turf for them.

They were great friends, always sitting together, and often preening each other's head and neck feathers. It was most amusing to see "Jimmie" requesting this attention from Jan; these two, in particular, would sit a long time mutually absorbed in the occupation. But I was not to have this pleasure long. One morning, soon after I had fed them, they retreated to their favourite resting place; and just as suddenly as he had come, my pretty "Joe" fluttered to my feet, and died.

For two days "Jim" sat on a [illegible], watching with fixed look the spot where "Joe" fell. I used to take him off with a long rod, and talk to him to rouse him. "Jan" now got weaker and weaker; and "Jim's" devotion to him was touching. He never left his side; and when I thought him too ill to be out of the cage, "Jim" would follow in and sit with him, although he much disliked being caged.

"Jim" Mourns His Friends.

One day "Jan" could no longer fly to his perch, but kept falling to the ground: so I tried to harden my heart, and had his suffering ended.

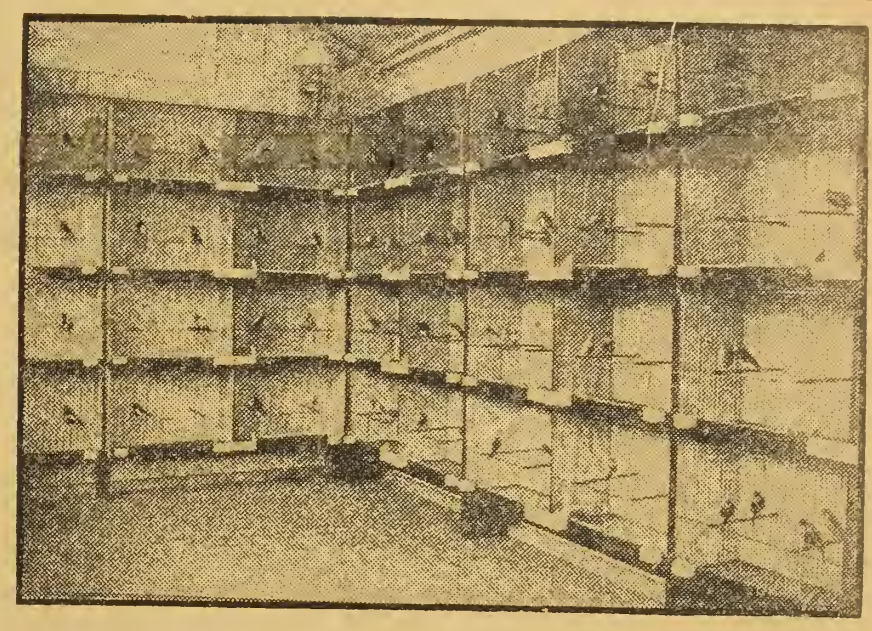
Again "Jim" mourned, and ate little food; but he recovered in a week. Now he alone remains, the dearest little companion, full of pretty ways; and though the wildest at first, he is now tamer than the others were. Early in the morning I let him out; and he comes to take his breakfast before I rise. Sometimes on a dull day he will rest on my hand for an hour, quite at home. I taught him to kiss me by holding a little piece of millet spray (of which he is very fond) between my lips: he soon learned to gently touch my lips when he wanted more. Now he will do it when I tell him, and vigorously, too, if he is hungry. One day, just for experiment, I put a tiny sprig in my mouth, and he boldly put his head right in, to get it!

A Spoiled Darling!

This spoiled little bird likes me to give him seeds from my fingers rather than help himself, and will fly to my hand, whatever part of the room I may be in. He much objects to going back to his cage; and it is amusing to see him sidle up my arms when I try to put him in. I can only do it by darkening the room, or making him hungry!

He is beginning to take an interest in my dress, examining, with beak and tongue, my ribbons and laces. When he is in a chastened mood he will allow me to kiss and stroke him as long as I please; and no satin or velvet can compare with the softness of his shining green coat. Long may he stay with me!

These are the only Budgies I have known. I consider them gentle and affectionate—but nervous—sociable among themselves, and certainly most delightful pets.



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The Age of Birds.

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Jackdaw Steals a Watch.

An Edinburgh gentleman, while staying on a holiday at Killin in the month of June, 1904, had a watch taken from his room by a tame Jackdaw. He saw the bird take the watch from the dressing table, and reported the matter to the Perthshire police. Nothing was seen of it, however, until the other day, when workmen were repairing drains in the same district. The watch, which had no doubt lain there for seven years, was in a damaged condition. It was forwarded to Edinburgh and returned to the gentleman, who, needless to say, was greatly surprised to see it again.

The Robin's Courting Day!

For some months past a Robin has taken up its habitation in the premises of Messrs. J. and T. Campbell, plumbers, Commercial Road, Buckie, N.B., and hops about the shop window showing no concern for the occupants or customers who may happen to be about. The Robin takes up its nightly quarters in the front shop, and late in the afternoon goes to roost on the top of a number of brushes hanging against the wall. A pane of glass in the workshop window has been left out, and this affords a means of ingress and egress. There would be nothing wonderful in all this but for the fact that the Robin absents itself every Monday with a regularity which has called for notice. On every evening, Sunday included, does the Robin come nightly to roost, but on the second day of the week he fails to put in an appearance, and is not even seen in the neighbourhood, and why he does not return on Mondays has been exercising the minds of several naturalists. It has been suggested that the Robin goes courting then!

Club Reports.

BEDFORD & BEDFORDSHIRE O.S.

Meeting held headquarters, January 19th, when four new members were elected. Following officers and committee elected for present year: Chairman, Mr. J. Bradland; Treasurer, Mr. W. Rayner; Hon. Secs., Mr. J. C. Wilmot; Committee, Messrs. Keech, Millard, Bushby, Goodman and Johnson. Decided, to hold a table show for Nor. pairs, suitable for breeding purposes, February 15th; Mr. R. Reech judge. A club has also been formed whereby members can pay in weekly amounts with a view to purchasing birds in the future. The prospects of the society are very bright.—J. C. Wilmot, Sec.

HALTWHISTLE AND DIST. C.B.S.

Meeting held Jan. 15th, Mr. W. Pape in chair. Balance sheet for 1911 read, showing a balance on hand of £4 2s. 7d.; it was considered very satisfactory, it being our first year. After much discussion, it was decided to have a two-days' show next year, the dates being fixed provisionally for Nov. 22nd and 23rd. Several nominations were made re judges, the election to be made at some future date. We are expecting several new members for this year, and everything promises well for success of the society.—Nicholson and Tallantyre, Hon. Secs.

SPRINGBURN, POSSIL PK. C.B.C

First annual general meeting held Jan. 10th, Reid Hall. Mr. A. Sloan presided over a large attendance. Financial statement submitted showing balance in hand, £2 13s., which was considered satisfactory. Election of office-bearers, as follows: President, Mr. A. Sloan; Vice-Presidents, Mr. E. Barrow; Sec. and Treasurer, J. Waugh; Auditors, Messrs. W. Griffiths and J. Downie, with a strong committee of 15. First monthly pair show, Feb. 7th, at 8; judges selected, Messrs. J. Brown and M. Craig; and classes as follows: 2 for Plainheads, 1 Crest, 1 York., 2 Borders, 1 A.O.V., 1 Mule, 1 Bullfinch Hyb., 1 A.O.V. Hyb. One new member was made.—J. Waugh, Sec. and Treasurer.

COWDENBEATH C.B.S.

Meeting held Bargh Arms, 20th Jan. Mr. C. Murray (President) in chair. There was a good turn out. Committee submitted report re club show, when it was agreed that it be held in the Masonic Hall, 10th Feb. Classification: Scot. Fcy., 2 classes, Bord. 4, Yorks. 2, Nor. 4, Crest and C.B. 2, Common 1, Gift 1, and Sell. 1, Mule or Hybrid 1, Brit. 3, Foi. 1. Entry fee 1d. per bird, model cards to be given. Agreed to have 1,000 tickets printed in book form. Also decided to ask three Lodging members to act as judges. A suggestion by the Secretary to ask the schoolmasters to send a party from each school was agreed to. A committee of three (Messrs. A. Simpson, A. Robertson and the Secretary) were appointed to draft a syllabus and arrange meetings for the season. Mr. A. Simpson gave report of West Fife League meeting, which was approved. Next meeting Raith Arms, Breingans, Feb. 21.—J. R. Reid, Sec.

ROCHDALE (Good Intent) C.B.S.

The first of a series of mating competitions on Yorks. was held Jan. 10th, when five pairs of birds were staged. Mr. Schofield (Heywood) judged. Afterwards there was mating and judging for members, the one placing them nearest the judge's placings to be declared the winner. Messrs. Dewhurst and Butterworth tied, each having five pairs to the judge's; prize money was divided. A very interesting evening closed with a vote of thanks to Mr. Schofield. Annual general meeting held Jan. 3rd, at Temperance Club. Balance sheet passed as read. We started 1911 with a debit balance of over £5. This year we have a balance in hand of over £1 in cash, which was very pleasing to all members. Afterwards there was the election of officers for 1912, as follows: President, Mr. Billinge (re-elected); Vice-Presidents, Messrs. J. Ford, G. Adams, Gaskill, W. T. Banks, C. Pleasance, J. Lees, W. Adams; Hon. Secs., E. Hartley, 7 Frances Street, Hurstead (re-elected); Treasurer, W. Holt (in place of W. Adams, resigned through illness); Committee, Messrs. Faulkner, Dearden, Sewill, Dewhirst, Butterworth, Coupe, E. Lord, H. Barlow, W. Leach; Auditors, Messrs. W. Adams and Pleasance.—E. Hartley, Hon. Sec.

SWANSEA C.B.A.

A Record Meeting.

Never in the history of the society has there been such a magnificent meeting as on January 10th when a special meeting was called to consider date and appointment of judges to the open show. The date was unanimously fixed, so large was the number present. Mr. J. W. Balcroft (our newly elected chairman) presided. Looking, he said, over the last 12 months' work he was proud to find they had made material progress, but they must not rest on their past record; every member should do his best to keep the reputation of the society up to what it is earned and still held as the "Premier Club of Wales." The selection of date was left until with. It was thought by several members that owing to the large Welsh shows being held in November last year, it would be beneficial if altered our date to January; this did not meet with general approval. The second week in November to become a fixed date for the Swansea show, having been held for the last seven or eight years on such on that date, and this was recognised amongst fanciers as Swansea's date. Decided to hold shows on our old date, November 13th and 14th. Selection of judge: Several names were submitted for the County select; Mr. J. Robson decided on. For the British bird section Mr. T. Dean (Edinburgh) was proposed. The British bird section has become one of the largest shows held, and South Wales being a hot-bed for British exhibitors, we should be the pioneers in South Wales to get a Scotch judge. The question of venue was discussed, but this difficulty was easily overcome when it was announced that a local gentleman, who was present at our last open show and who takes a great interest in British birds though not an exhibitor, had promised a donation of £1 1s. towards the heavy expense of going to Swansea a Scotch judge for the next show; and Mr. J. Dodd (a prominent British exhibitor in South Wales) announced that he would give another £1 1s. towards the same object; which was followed by an offer by Mr. J. W. Banks of 10s. 6d., with still another 10s. 6d. from Mr. A. E. Wright. After this splendid response it was a foregone conclusion Mr. Dewar would be unanimously appointed, which he was. A hearty vote of thanks was passed to the above named members for their voluntary financial assistance, with the proposition that British exhibitors in South Wales would show their appreciation by greatly increasing entry in the British bird section at the show in November.—H. George.

SHETTLESTON AND DIST. C.B.S.

Fourth annual meeting held Johnstone's Room, January 20th, Mr. G. A. Henderson (Vice-President) in chair. Balance sheet for 1911 submitted, showing a good balance on hand. Office bearers for 1912 were elected: President, Mr. Hendrie; Vice-Presidents, Mr. Williams and Mr. Simple; Committee, Messrs. Duncan, Mackay, Divens, Christie, Henderson, Jarvie. Three new members proposed for next meeting. Fanciers in the district wishing to join us can have full particulars from the secretary. Annual subs., 3s. 6d.—A. Berry, Sec.

WOOD GREEN F. AND F.S.

Annual meeting held January 9th, with a good muster of members, Chairman presiding. Points prizes for the year (silver-plated cruets) were won by Mr. Brooks (cage birds), Mr. Hudson, Mr. C. T. Willson, Mr. Harris, and Mr. A. Willson. The balance-sheet was then accepted, showing cash in hand £8 15s. 7d. Election of officers for 1912: A. Barrett, Esq., kindly consented to become President; Mr. Harris, secretary for the second time; Mr. A. Willson, assist. sec.; Mr. C. T. Willson in chair for the third year without opposition; Mr. Heinze, treasurer; Mr. Betts, vice-chair; Messrs. Mara and Smith kindly offered two more cups for competition. Next meeting, February 13th. Fanciers invited.—A. Willson, Assist. Sec.

HARTLEPOOLS C.B.S.

Seventh annual general meeting held in the Y.M.C.A. Rooms, Whitby Street, Jan. 10. Report and balance sheet submitted by Secretary and considered satisfactory. A source of great pleasure to all was the success of the annual exhibition, when 520 birds were staged. Votes of thanks were accorded patrons and donors of special prizes, and retiring officers. Lord Furness was again elected president, with Mr. S. W. Furness, M.P., Councillor Edgar, Councillor Mason, Colonel Burdon, Major Thomlinson, and Mr. J. C. Lowe vice-presidents. Mr. J. Robinson was again elected chairman, and Messrs. Woodhead and Pyman joint secretaries. Date of 8th annual exhibition fixed and the judges selected, viz., Messrs Battye and Maddison.—E. Woodhead and Pyman, Secs.

HANLEY C.B.S.

Meeting held Albion Hotel, January 19th. There was a good attendance of members. Mr. C. J. Robinson in chair. Proposed by Mr. Robinson, Mr. Llewellyn seconding, that balance sheet be left over until next meeting. Election of officers for 1912: Chairman, Mr. C. J. Robinson; Vice-Chairman, Messrs. Pygott and Dunn; Committee, Messrs. C. J. Robinson, B. Peake, G. Lawton, S. Pygott, H. Cook, T. Dunn, W. Llewellyn, S. Brough, T. Bates, J. Williamson, F. Kirk, T. Dickenson, W. Evans, S. Wild, T. Newman, T. Swetnam, H. Hassall; Mr. W. Llewellyn was unanimously elected Secretary; Mr. S. Brough, treasurer; auditors, Messrs. H. Cook and F. Swetnam. The best vote of thanks was given the retiring officers, Messrs. B. Peake and G. Lawton. There was a discussion regarding a pair show to be held towards end of February, date to be fixed at next meeting.—G. Lawton, Gen. Sec.

CITY & COUNTY OF PERTH O.A.

Annual general meeting held Laidlaw's Temperance Hotel, January 8th, W. Brown presiding. The auditors having reported favourably on the balance-sheet for 1911 (which shows a fair surplus on the year's working), same was adopted. Agreed that our open show be held in November, date to be fixed definitely at next meeting. Club show fixed for Oct. 26th. Agreed, to hold a table show of breeding pairs 10th February, classes to be given for Crests, Plainheads, Borders, Hybrids, Mules, also a class for A.V. British, special prizes to be given according to entry (6d. per cage). Mr. J. Cable (Forfar) was nominated judge. Mr. A. G. Forrest generously offered a nice pipe in case as a prize, and was heartily thanked. The ballot for Dewar Cup resulted in Borders drawing the lucky ticket. Office bearers for 1912: President, W. D. Brown; Vice-President, Mr. A. G. Forrest; Treasurer, Mr. A. Borrie; Secretary, Mr. James Kerr, 18, James Street; Auditors, Messrs. Smith and Duncan, with a large committee.—J. Kerr, Sec.

ILFORD F. AND F.S.

Special general meeting held "White Horse" Hotel, January 16. Councillor Smith in chair. Arranged that the prize distribution take place on Jan. 30 at the "White Horse," and that a musical evening be arranged for same date, by Mr. Reynolds; it is hoped members will assist with the programme. Ladies are especially invited. Annual general meeting to be held Feb. 7, 6 p.m., headquarters; and proposal to add or delete from present rules to be sent to secretary immediately, when they will be dealt with by a special committee selected for the purpose. Secretary read a report of the annual show, which up to date exhibits a profit of over 20s., but as several members had not settled for tickets, it could not, of course, be adopted. Mr. Skinner, Mr. Oakes, and Mrs. Holliday each promised a sectional cup, provided two others were forthcoming before next annual show. Following members elected: Messrs. Scales, Wyatt, Bailey, Martin, Bransford, Spence, Linford, Blyth, Bones, and Scott.—J. H. Priestman, Hon. Sec.

AINTREE, FAZAKERLEY AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

General meeting held Aintree Institute Cafe, Jan. 8th, much important business being transacted, including the nomination of several new members. The Rev. T. H. Senior, B.A., has very kindly consented to act as President for 1912. The first table show will take place February 12th, at 7.30 p.m., at the splendid headquarters, The Church Hall, Long Lane, when a suitable classification will be provided for all sections, including Eye classes for cage birds, as follows: 1, Yorks., foul or self green; 2, foul or self green; 3, yellow, foul or self green; 4, buff, foul or self green; 5, A.O.V., British birds. Mr. J. W. Metcalfe will adjudicate. The society propose offering a number of handsome and valuable prizes, to be awarded to members scoring most points at this and two following shows, and the hearty co-operation of every member is earnestly desired. Fanciers residing in or about the district will be eligible to compete for these prizes, if joining at once: The sub. is 2s. 6d. per annum, and the hon. secretary will be pleased to supply further information.—J. A. Anderson, hon. sec., 58, Long Lane, Aintree.

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CHESTER C.B.F.A.

Annual meeting held Nag's Head Cocoa House, Jan. 2, 8.30, p.m.; a good attendance. Mr. Bracegirdle presided. All prize money, cash and other specials won at the show held 26th December were paid by the treasurer. The auditors, Messrs. Parker and Richards, reported having examined the accounts and found all correct and in order. The hon. treasurer tendered his resignation, also the hon. secs., both of which were accepted, Mr. E. Richards being appointed sec. (pro tem).—James Swindley, hon. sec.

PLUMSTEAD & WOOLWICH C.B.S

At a meeting held Jan. 18th it was decided to hold annual general meeting on Feb. 3rd, but seeing this falls on the Palace show date, and several of the members intend paying a visit to same, it has been thought best to postpone it for a week. Will members please note? Six names are submitted for membership, and these will be brought forward for confirmation at the meeting. Will members who have not returned tickets for our late show please do so, as we want to make out the balance sheet for the above meeting, also those who have not paid subs. are asked to forward same.—Meades and Smith, Hon. Joint Secs.

LEIGH AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

Annual general meeting and election of officers for 1912 was held at Headquarters, Railway Hotel, Jan. 3rd. We had a lot of business to go through, and I was very pleased to see the members turn up as well as they did. The auditors were Mr. H. M. Taylor and Mr. I. Dawson, and when the secretary had read the balance sheet they gave their report. We elected the same officers as last year, with the exception of vice-president, and that honour was conferred on Mr. H. M. Taylor. We also decided to let British birds compete for cup points at N.F. show, it being an understood thing that British bird fanciers hadn't the same chance of competing for the cup. N.F. show fixed for July 27th, and we decided on Mr. C. Houlton (St. Helens), as judge. We fixed our classes for N.F.S. and old show, and did all in our power to arrange everything so that every member would have an equal chance. We concluded our meeting by a vote of thanks to the auditors for the able manner in which they had given their report.—R. Charleson, Hon. Sec.

OXFORD & DISTRICT C.B.S.

Second annual general meeting held January 11th. There was a very good muster of members present. Balance-sheet for 1911 was presented and passed, showing a balance of £3 2s. 5d., which, after taking into consideration that we ran a large open show in October, was considered very satisfactory. Following officers elected: President, W. F. Cross, Esq.; Vice-Presidents, Viscount Valentia, M.P., Major Henderson, M.P.; Mrs. Cooper, Mrs. Marshall, Capt. Williams, and W. B. George, Esq.; Hon. Auditors, F. Wilson, Esq., and W. B. George, Esq.; Hon. Treasurer, Mr. J. A. Lees; Hon. Secretary, A. F. Fifield, 6, Buckingham Street, Oxford; Committee, Mr. W. B. George (chairman), and Messrs. C. Castle, J. Gough, W. H. Simms, A. Tombs, F. Wilsdon, C. F. Holliday, A. Lewin, T. W. Wren. Two pair shows arranged: Canary pairs on February 1st, and Hybrid pairs March 7th. These will be held in St. Peter le Bailey Hall, New Inn, Hall Street, commencing at 8 p.m., and any fancier who cares to come will be heartily welcomed.—A. F. Fifield, Sec.

GLASGOW (West End) C.B.C.

Second annual meeting held Co-operative Hall, St. George's Cross, January 17th, Mr. H. Jamieson presiding over a large attendance. The meeting was extended one hour beyond usual time, and a great deal of business was got through. Balance-sheet for 1911 passed unanimously; showed a balance of £13 to the good. New office-bearers elected: Hon. President, Douglas Pearson, Esq.; Hon. Vice-Pres., W. Gibb Macnal, Esq.; President, Mr. C. Campbell; Vice-Presidents, Messrs. R. B. Gibb and A. Hendry; Sec. and Treas., Mr. W. Proudfoot, 145, Henderson Street, Glasgow. Committee: Messrs. H. Jamieson, W. Lunn, A. Crawford, A. Miller, R. Brown, P. Houston, J. Campbell. Auditors, Messrs. G. G. Henderson and J. Phillips. All the rules were gone over and passed with a few alterations and additions. Decided, to have only two monthly table shows instead of three, as formerly, viz., February 9th, "Matched pairs"; March 8th, "British and Foreign Birds." I hope members will favour us with large entries. First monthly meeting, Feb. 9th, in Co-op. Hall, at 8 p.m. (Members please note.) Would all intending members please note that this club caters for all varieties of Canaries, British and Foreign birds. Annual sub., 4s.—W. Proudfoot, Sec. and Treas.

SOUTH BIRMINGHAM O.S.

Splendid Progress Made.

General meeting held Sydenham Hotel, Jan. 10th. This being the end of our first year, a record number of members attended, and the meeting was most enthusiastic. Chairman Willmott was supported by Vice-Chairman Hughes and a full committee. Two more members were proposed and nominated; the society still keeps up its record for new members at every meeting. The Chairman said that twelve months ago this society had been formed by fanciers residing in and around Small Heath. He had then addressed about 18 members with perhaps 20 promising their support; to-day we had 52 on the books.—(Cheers)—and over 46 fully paid-up members. The object of the society had been more than accomplished, and with success little dreamed of. We had lost only 6 members, two had left the city and four had removed to another part. We had averaged about 18 members per meeting—a splendid example. We held two of the best Young Bird shows in and around Birmingham, over 140 birds being staged, and 18 choice specials had been presented and won by about 12 members. Re the members' show held December 26th, he must congratulate the members on such a splendid effort. Profit was £1 17s. 11d. (Loud applause)—this was estimating the sale of the tickets by members at 200. (This total was been easily reached.—Sec.). Every member had done his duty. The novice had been well catered for, and he had held his own. It was far nicer to stand there and read such a fine result amicably than to have held a large open show for fanciers from North, South, East and West who had swept the board leaving the society in debt. The balance on the year's working would be about £8 10s., with many subs. paid up to the first quarter for 1912; of course, this was only a rough idea. In conclusion, there was every prospect of the society doing even better in the coming year than in the past. Following officials were elected: Chairman, Mr. E. T. Willmott; Vice-Chair, Mr. J. Hughes; Treas., Mr. Hardy; Committee: Messrs. Wright, Perks, Constable, Murray, and Walton; Auditors, Messrs. Hall and Anker. J. Sheppard, Sec. Several most interesting items were brought up for making the society forge ahead; one is that a cup be purchased for competition at shows for members only (price not to exceed £5 5s.); also in March it is hoped to hold a table show of pairs for breeding. At the February meeting a lecture will be given by Mr. Jeffery. We also hope to have friendly competitions for the novices to try their hand at judging; a chance will be given at the March table show. Specials and prizes won were presented by the Chairman, the attractive award cards of the Society being much admired. The very best thanks (on the proposition of Mr. Ankers) were given the Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Committee; and last, but not least, the hard working and esteemed Secretary for the way all had carried out their duties in the past year.—J. Sheppard, Sec.

DERWENT VALLEY C.B.S.

Meeting held Jan. 6, Church Hall, Hamsterley, Mr. G. Barkas in the chair. Officers elected for ensuing year: G. Barkas, chairman; M. I. Gardiner, vice-chairman; W. Tomlinson, treasurer; Marsh and Lindsay, joint secretaries. Decided, to hold open show Oct. 26.—Marsh and Lindsay, Hon. Secs.

MORPETH AND DIST. C.B.S.

—Meeting held Jan. 20th. Mr. H. Seely presided over a good attendance. Next annual show fixed for Oct. 12th, Judges, Messrs. H. W. Battye and A. Brown. We hope to have another successful exhibition. Decided, to draw up classification at our next meeting and to arrange for our supper and social evening for meeting after. Will our members please attend? Any fanciers of the district wishing to become members should do so at once; initiation fee 1s., annual subs. 3s., to be paid up by June meeting.—E. Cowling, hon. sec.

GT. HORTON (Good Intent) O.S.

Meeting held Jan. 13th, Church Schools, Southfield Lane, Mr. D. Bartle presiding. Following officers elected for 1912: President, H. Bartle; vice-presidents, J. W. Kaberry, and A. Firth; treasurer, A. Holden; trustees, A. Holden and H. Hooson; secretary, Harry Gornall; assistant secretary, A. Morley. Proposed and seconded that the society have five members' shows for 1912 (3 old birds and 2 F.F.) on following dates: Feb. 10th, June 15th, July 13th, September 28th, Dec. 14th.—H. Gornall, Sec.

BLAYDON AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

Monthly meeting, held, with a large turn-out. After the ordinary business the members elected Col. F. R. Simpson, J.P., Hon. President; also a goodly number of local gentlemen as vice-presidents; Mr. J. Hands was elected chairman; Mr. T. Teek, vice-chairman; Mr. J. W. Clark, treasurer; Mr. G. Havver, secretary; and a strong working committee. Also decided, to try and build up a strong reserve fund, and as a step towards same the members decided to pay only half prize money in members' classes at late show. They also decided to get a concert up with the same object in view. Mr. Ackerley (Chideham) was elected a member.—G. Havver, Sec.

DONCASTER AND DIST. C.B.S.

Meeting held January 13th, Mr. Truman in chair. There was a good attendance. Officers elected: Chairman, Mr. Hunt; Vice-Chairman, Mr. Tonkinson; Treasurer, Mr. Rayner; Secretary, Mr. Bescoby; Assist. Sec., Mr. Stocks. It was arranged to hold a members' pair show on February 10th, Victoria Rooms. Birds to be staged by 4 o'clock. We have reduced members subs. to 1s. entry fee, and 1s. 3d. each half year. Also we have extended our radius to 12 miles, so that any fanciers wishing to become members will do well to join at once and become eligible to exhibit at our next show.—G. Bescoby, Sec.

EDMONTON F.A.

Annual meeting and distribution of cups, etc., won at annual show, held Jan. 3, headquarters. Mr. C. Sorrell presided over an interesting gathering of some 50 fanciers. He introduced Mr. Platten, vice-chairman of Edmonton Council, who, after an able speech, handed cups, etc., to the various winners—16 trophies and cups. Business was then entered upon. A very satisfactory report was given by the hon. secretary; the balance sheet showed a cash balance of over £5, and assets valued at £23. Mr. C. Sorrell was re-elected chairman; Messrs. Harris, Jackson and Burgess, hon. treas., secretary, and assistant secretary; also a very strong committee of 20 members. The Association is looking forward to a very successful season.—J. S. Jackson, Hon. Sec.

WIMBLEDON C.B.S.

Meeting held Jan. 8. A handsome silver cup has been presented by Mrs. L. M. Thynne, for competition amongst exhibitors in the champion border fancy section, for member making most points during the year at the pair, young stock, and annual shows, points not to count unless there are at least three exhibitors. The cup is to be won three times, not necessarily in succession, before becoming the property of winner. Mr. J. A. Levett, a recent addition to the Society, presented a silver medal for best pair shown by a novice at the pair show, Feb. 12th, so that, with two others given by the society—one for best pair and one for best pair shown by a lady member—there will now be three medals, as well as diplomas, for best pair in each of the three sections. The presentation of prizes to the Boy Scouts for essays written after a visit to the annual show, was made. The prizes were won by Frank Elliott, 18, Victory Road, aged 13; Albert Williams, 3, Park Road, Merton, age 12; and Leslie Wales, 93, Hetham Road, age 10. Secretary read a letter from the secretary of the Wandsworth F.S. heartily thanking the Wimbledon Society for their kindness in loaning them the trestles and staging for use at the Wandsworth cage bird show. Five new members were elected, arrangements were made, and classification settled for the pair show, and amongst other matters discussed was the holding of a dinner which was eventually abandoned in favour of a summer outing or something of that sort. Two auditors—Messrs. C. R. Taylor and L. G. Owen—were elected, and the rest of the evening was passed in "Question and Answers."—H. Smith, Hon. Sec.

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NOTES BY THE SECRETARY.

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Our Week's Membership List.

The following are the additions since last week to our membership list. I expect next week to have to announce a much more considerable addition, as I know many are waiting to join at CAGE BIRDS' stall at the Palace. All new members joining up to Saturday afternoon (the date of this issue) will be in time for our tea and meeting. Receipts and badges will be on hand at the stall.

Mrs. Halhead, Purley; Mrs. Adams, Long Acre; Mrs. Bamber, Brentford; Messrs. Weekes, Bexley; Culham, Catford; T. and L. Ogden, Bradford; Johnson, Norwich; England, Nelson; King, Dartford; Dawson, Peterborough; Smith, Gt. Gidding; Tuson, Southend; Fisher, Stroud; Bamber, Brentford; Gibb, Brighton; Davies, Crook; Wilde, Holland Park.

Our Hon. Secs.

Our list of Local Hon. Secs. is this week increased by the names of the following gentlemen:—

King's Lynn, Mr. R. Edmunds, 2, Arthur Street.

Nelson, Lancs., Mr. Jno. England, 102, Scotland Road.

Scarborough, Mr. F. Harrison, 69, Westborough.

Dartford, Mr. V. Robins, 41, Spring Vale.

Our First General Meeting.

It is most gratifying to be able to record that members have received with enthusiasm the announcement that our first General Meeting will be held at the Palace at five o'clock on Saturday, preceded by tea in the Grill Room at 4.30. From the direct promises of attendance received it is certain that the meeting will be a great success, and I hope that every member who has not written will make a point of being present if it is in any way possible.

The League Photograph.

Arrangements are now complete for the taking our Photographic Group. I hope that every member present at the Palace on Saturday will make a point of being included in this first pictorial record of CAGE BIRDS LEAGUE A place has been selected which allows of the placing of the group so that an effective picture is certain, and a proof will be shown at CAGE BIRDS stall as quickly as possible after the picture has been taken. Orders may be booked at the stall for finished copies of the photograph, and these will be sent direct from the photographers. The picture itself will be twelve inches by ten inches, and the price will be half-a-crown post-free if sent unmounted and rolled in a tube, or two shillings and tenpence post-free if mounted on a plate-sunk mount and packed flat.

Will members intending to take part in this great gronp please meet me at the entrance to the Grill Room at two o'clock punctually on Saturday afternoon.

Swanley Cage Birds League to the Fore: What a Few Members Can Do.

CAGE BIRDS LEAGUE members will be familiar with the name of Mr. G. H. Peck, of Bexley, whose enthusiastic efforts in recruiting members have resulted in the addition of nearly fifty names to our roll. The majority of these members reside in Swanley, Bexley, and the district around, and these fanciers hit upon a deserving case of a young man who had lost a child and a part of his home through a fire, and whose wife was in the hospital as a consequence of serious injuries received in the disaster. Calling themselves the "Swanley Village and District Cage Birds League," they determined to hold a show among themselves in aid of the sufferers. Mr. Peck acted as judge, and among the hundred or so birds staged many were well-known winners. Mr. Peck and his friends gave two pairs of Canaries in the gift class, and the show resulted in a profit of £2 13s. 8d. I am indebted to Mr. J. F. Shiers, one of the members of the little circle of "Leaguers," for the report published in another column. I am only sorry that I did not know beforehand of the determination of our kind friends to engage in such an admirable act of kindness, and that I can now do no more than express my gratification at this latest example of the usefulness of CAGE BIRDS LEAGUE, and of the universal goodfellowship which exists among its members.

New Members May Enrol at Our Stall.

Readers of CAGE BIRDS who are not yet members of CAGE BIRDS LEAGUE may join at our stall at the Palace on any day of the show, and those joining on the Friday and Saturday are specially invited to take part in our tea and meeting. The meeting promises to be one to be long remembered as the first gathering of the members of CAGE BIRDS LEAGUE, and I am sure that every member present will treasure its recollection.

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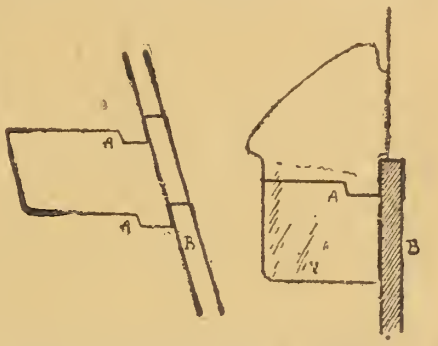
Illustrated Ideas

Every "Illustrated Idea" used in this column will entitle the sender thereof to a postal order for two shillings and sixpence.

No. 563.
A Hopper Contrivance.
Sent by Mr. H. T. Young, 125, Soho Road, Handsworth, Birmingham.

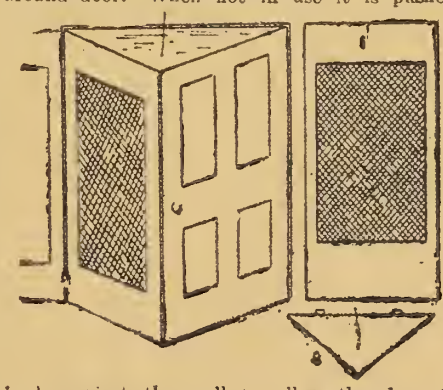
The enclosed idea will, I think, be useful to my fellow-readers of CAGE BIRDS. It allows for the variation of thickness of hoppers, which is the cause of cages looking untidy, also of considerable waste of seed. It can be made and applied by anyone in a few minutes with a piece of ordinary cage wire. Also, it can be adjusted to fit any hopper by thumb and



finger—by altering the angle of holder at A. It has proved of great advantage to me. The first figure shows the holder in position on bar, and Fig. 2 shows both hopper and holder in correct position. "A" is the correct angle; it can be bent to reduce or increase the size. "B" represents the front bar.—H. T. Young.

No. 564.
To Ventilate a Bird-room.
Sent by Mr. J. H. Barton, 27, Chorlton Road, Hulme, Manchester.

Enclosed is an idea for ventilating the bird room. I think the accompanying drawing will show how simply it can be done; and at small cost; mine cost me only about 1s. altogether. No. 1 shows a frame made out of two 2in strips of wood the length of door (generally 6ft. 6in.), with pieces of wood nailed across 16in. long, leaving an opening in centre for wire netting as long as you like (mine is 1½yds. netting, 1ft. wide). This is simply fastened by two leather hinges to framework around door. When not in use it is pushed



back against the wall to allow the door to shut properly. When in use this frame is fastened to door by a hook and eye catch. No. 2 is simply a piece of wood fastened to top of framework around door by hinges, and supported by a piece of string from above to allow the door just to go under. The advantage in this over having a wire netting door (full size) is the cost, and when not in use mine is no disfigurement to the doorway, showing from the stairs as it is pushed back against the wall inside the room.—J. H. Barton.

The Song of the Roller Canary.

Translated by G. B. LECLAIR.

A contribution to "Kanaria" by W. Kluhs (Landberg).

(*Continued from page 31*)

A German band-master and Roller Canary devotee discusses the tours of his favourite bird, and reproduces them in musical notation.

A bell-roll, or a schwirre (buzz) roll, for instance, are never hollow; accordingly it would not be correct or logical to speak of a hollow-bell-roll, or a hollow-schwirre.

The hollow-bell runs on the vowel "i," and the hollow-roll on the vowel "ü." If the hollow-bell bends, or falls, the text "i" changes into something between "i" and "ü" (thus "üi"). Should the hollow-roll fall or bend further, the text "ü" changes likewise, corresponding to the depth, to the text "a" or "o"; so deep a note of the hollow-roll containing "u" in the text, I have never yet observed. I have possessed excellent Erntges songsters, which, beginning with the hollow-bell in immense bends on the text "hi i i" to "üi," passed over to the hollow-roll, and bent down from "ü" over "a" to "o".

A distinction between the hollow-bell and the hollow-roll can only be discovered by the one vibrating higher on the vowel "i," whilst the other appears deeper on the vowel "ü." In the execution both are quite similar. We might just as well say bell-hollow-roll instead of hollow-bell, but in order to obviate mistakes let the designation hollow-bell remain.

What the Judge Must Know.

It would be absurd to attempt to name the varieties of individual tours (rolls). It will surely suffice to describe them in their entirety, as fundamental tours. Whether, for instance, a bell be flat, sharp or indistinct, it is still recognisable, and the judge must always know where he has to deal with merits or defects. I make the foregoing remarks, because later I intend to describe only the fundamental tours, for the fact that a tour is flat, sharp or indistinct cannot be adequately expressed in notes. Actually, the difference between harsh and coarse, rattling and squeaking, depressed and distorted, inaudible and drawling, incoherent and abrupt, etc., does not interest us. I should very much like to see what judge would hold his ground under such an examination.

Regarding the notes represented in the individual tours, I offer the following explanation:—The linking together of the various tremos (trills) etc., in the Canary's song is so rapid that 4 to 16 distinct sounds, as the case may be, are produced in a second. In the examples I shall give, therefore, I have laid down the principle that the bars invariably signify seconds. All notes which appear between two bars are produced in one second.

The Limits of Musical Notation.

Naturally, I can reproduce (in notes) the individual rolls only by way of example, and their compass only according to the songsters which I have heard. However, every bird seeks for itself within this limit the notes suitable to its vocal capacity. Consequently, if I record a direct hollow-roll in C, it does not signify that such cannot just as well be delivered in other keys; tours only reach their limit in the high and low notes; otherwise, they can lie on every key within these limits, and on half, quarter and eighth sounds. In musical notation there are neither quarter nor eighth sounds; in the Canary's song, however, such exist. These, metaphorically speaking, may be compared with a person descending a stair-case by degrees, and another person descending on a sloping board.

I should like to warn fanciers against picking out the finest passages from my musical representations and requesting breeders to send them birds which exactly imitate the given notes. That would be impossible. Every bird sings as taught, and according to the formation of its beak, but almost every bird sings differently. Birds cannot sing according to notes, but I can represent in notes that which they do sing.

I divide the Canary's song in the following manner:

I.—ROLLER SONG.

The individual tours of this song differs among themselves, as:

1. Quavering (tremolo) tours.
2. Warbling tours.
3. Undulating, rippling, or jagged tours—in short, "trill tours."
4. Pipe and flute notes.

1. Quavering (tremolo) tours: (a) Hollow-bell; (b) Hollow-roll.
2. Warbling tours: (c) Schwirr (buzz)-roll and Schwirr (buzz)-bell; (d) Bell-roll; (e) Knorre.
3. Undulating, rippling or jagged tours—in short, "trill tours": (f) Koller; (g) Schockel; (h) Bell; (i) Water-roll; (k) Water-glucke; (l) Schnatter.
4. Pipe and Flute notes: These will be explained in a later description.

II.—GLUCKE TOURS.

These will also be explained when being dealt with farther on.

The tours tabulated under No. 3 (i to l) viz., Koller, Schockel, Bell, Water-roll, Water-glucke and Schnatter, might just as well be reckoned with the Glucke tours, to which they bear as much resemblance as to the "roll" song. The Koller obviously sprang from the Glucke tours; and Erntges, too, shared this opinion. The Water-roll, Water-glucke and Schnatter also have passed from the song of Glucke birds into that of the Roller Canary, whilst the Schockel may be considered as "half-way" between a hollow-roll and a fine, soft hollow-schnatter, and the bell, as between hollow-bell and Water-glucke.

It cannot be laid down as a hard and fast rule that any one roll or tour of the Canary's song is more difficult to perform than another; for songsters develop so differently at times, that it becomes difficult to discriminate to which tour the palm should be awarded. To one cock the Hollow-roll is easier than any other, to another of the same strain, perhaps the Bell-roll, and to a third the Knorre. In the old-time Andreasberg strains (which are now legion) just the presence and the execution of a certain tour formed the essential sign of the strain; as, for instance, in the Trute song the Hollow-bell and the Bell-roll; and even the Hollow-roll which sporadically appeared in this strain mostly remained only something between these two.

I trust no judges exist who would prefer not to see the Roller's song explained, but remain a sealed book to the layman and novice. Such judges would certainly attack me and seek to "pick holes" in my descriptions; truly, "to please everyone is an impossible art."

(*To be continued.*)

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CANARY QUERIES.

Answered by CLAUDE ST. JOHN.

Strains of Roller (York).—If you mean you are about starting to breed good Rollers, you must carefully avoid mixing up different strains with varying type of song. To do this is simply to court failure. See reply to another querist on the subject. You would also do well to read up chapters in "Our Canaries" and House's "Manual" on the Roller.

Choice of Seed (Straight 'Un).—Nos. 1 and 4 are practically alike. There is nothing to choose between them, seeing that both are the same price. They are quite the best of the samples. No. 2 is a very good sample and good enough for any stock where price is an object of importance. No. 3 and 5 I should avoid on account of a slight flavour I do not care about. No. 6 is good in quality, but so very small as to be a doubtful economy, even at a low price.

Properties of Seeds (Unflighted).—It is impossible to go into details here concerning the properties of all seeds. This has been done at intervals on several occasions in articles, and you would find the matter very fully dealt with in "Seeds, Foods, and Wild Plants for Cage Birds," which our manager would send you post free for 1s. 2d. Popularly speaking, canary and millet are starchy foods—the bread, as it were, of the Canary's life—and rape, hemp, teazle, niger, gold of pleasure, and maw, are oily, and more or less heating and fattening foods. Canary may always be given ad lib. as staple, and about a fourth part of its bulk of rape added, either separately or mixed with the canary will form a well-balanced and generally useful and wholesome dietary. All the rest may be made into a seed mixture for occasional use in all ordinary circumstances. When young are being reared, hemp may be given somewhat freely after the first week or ten days.

Improving Feathers, and Cage Timber (H.A.).—(1) To improve the quality and length of your birds' plumage select for your own breeding all the most typical in shape, with the shortest plumage generally, but especially short in wings and tail, good short beaks, and a trifle short in leg. The latter points may seem unimportant, but you will almost invariably find that these points go hand in hand with good short bossy feather generally. Mate about half your stock for this coming season only—double-buff. One-fourth mate double-buff bred birds with yellows, and the remainder yellow to buff in the usual way. Keep a fair amount of dark blood among the birds. Next season (1913) go back to the usual methods of mating, when you will find very good results from this season's work. It is quite the best you can do if you are compelled to work up your stock without adding fresh blood. (2) There is no particular kind of wood which will prevent red mites harbouring in cages made with it. Creosoted red pine is said to be a preventive of insect pests, but I doubt its utility in this connection, save in a temporary way: as long as the cages retained the odour—no longer. Still you might try it.

Should They Start (Bart).—(1) You must have made an error in the first instance in allowing the hen to have access to nesting material. Otherwise she could not have persisted in building a nest anywhere. Whether you should now allow the hen to go on and nest depends upon your room, or where you keep the birds, and the forwardness of the hen. If you have a heated room so as to be largely independent of vagaries of weather, you might reasonably allow them to go on. Otherwise, especially if the hen does not appear sufficiently forward to lay in any case, you would do well to keep her back by moving all nesting material, feeding plainly, and, if necessary, moving her out of sight and hearing of the cock. (2) Yes, you could get a very decent pair, or even trio, of Norwich plainheads for the sum you name. I cannot mention particular persons, but either of those you name would doubtless be able to serve you well. Write either, the second first on account of being nearer you, stating exactly your wants, and asking for a quotation of price if they can supply you. (3) If properly packed in travelling cages, and sent with sufficient food in the cages to allow for a few hours' delay, birds would travel quite safely to you from the Isle of Wight, and be "not a penny the worse." It all depends, however, upon proper packing and despatch. Birds frequently travel much greater distances.

Roller Queries (No Name).—(1) The sample of German rape is a very good quality, of the kind favoured by German breeders. The canary is also an excellent seed of first rate quality. (2) Give the Seifert cock a little egg food or crushed sponge cake slightly dusted with flowers of sulphur, and sprinkled with maw seed, three times a week for a fortnight, and add 20 drops of whisky and as much chlorate of potash as will cover a threepenny-piece to the drinking water three times a week during the same time. Slightly smear the bare patch twice a week with Lanocyllin.

Three (Ulsterman).—(1) If you want to attempt breeding you could put a cock and two hens—or three hens, if you wish, though the chances would be less rosy than with two—and four or five nesting sites in the flight cage. This is all you could do with it in this line without dividing it up into separate breeding compartments. (2) you could keep from 12 to 15 Canaries and Finches in it, but there would be no chance at all of them breeding successfully. Therefore you might as well have all cocks in this case. (3) It would be most unwise to mate the Norwich now. Wait until the end of March, and meantime do not feed up the birds too well if they appear to be getting forward. Of course, if you have a heated room, and are independent of our climatic conditions you might mate up earlier, but you are silent on this point.

Seeds for Canaries (Silverdale).—It is not a good plan to give an elaborate mixture of seeds such as you send as a regular staple diet. The birds frequently pick out just a few kinds, generally the least wholesome when consumed largely, and waste the biggest portion of the remainder. Besides this, the sample you send is composed mostly of low quality seeds, and contains a lot of dust for so small a quantity. You should give a staple of plain canary seed only, and give all other seeds separately as required in small quantities. A teaspoonful of a mixture such as you send might be given about twice a week. For full details of feeding you should get one of the handbooks mentioned in the inset list, or the nutshell booklet on "The Canary."

Converting Fowl-house (T. B.).—The building you describe should make a very good and serviceable bird-room, and if the position where it stands is fairly well sheltered there is really no reason why any breed should not thrive in it. The proposed position of breeding cages and flights is about the best you can adopt. If there is no ventilation in the end opposite the door I would advise you to make one, in the same position and similar to the one in the door end. If the house has been used for fowls, wash the inside down well with a fairly strong solution of Jeye's or Izal before whitewashing it. If the place is sheltered, and the birds you start with are quite accustomed to a normal temperature, you could safely introduce them as soon as the place is quite dry and ready for them. Otherwise, as with birds from a warm kitchen, you should wait until the weather becomes milder, say, towards end of February or in March.

Still Moulting (Cage Birds).—You are probably keeping the bird in a draughty or damp place, or greatly fluctuating temperature, perhaps hanging in a window. Any of these causes must be removed. Keep it in a comfortable position, not necessarily very warm, but as equable as possible, and quite free from the above-named faults. Give a mixture of two parts canary to one part summer rape as staple diet. In addition give half a teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake with four drops of sherry and two of cod liver oil emulsion mixed in it, and sprinkled with maw seed, every second day, and on the alternate days give a similar quantity of a mixture of equal parts hemp, teazle, black rape, and millet. Give a spray of watercress, if obtainable in good condition, three times a week. Continue this dietary for three weeks or so. In the drinking water add a pinch of Epsom salts for one day, and afterwards six drops of tincture of gentian and three of tincture of steel every second day for a week or fortnight, as may seem necessary.

Which Cock (A. G. S.).—It depends solely upon the way the two cocks have been bred which would make the best mate for the Cinnamon hen. If they have no Cinnamon blood in their veins there is nothing to choose between them, as with either of them the young will be the same practically—that is, greens, self and broken, and perhaps a sprinkling of heavily variegated, but no Cinnamons nor Cinnamon-marked. If you want to breed Cinnamons, you should get a buff Cinnamon cock to mate with the hen. If the cocks you have possess pink-coloured eyes, which indicates Cinnamon blood in them, they would breed Cinnamon-marked young when mated with the Cinnamon hen. In this case the buff, other points being suitable, would be the best to use. Yes, save in exceptional cases, a hen mated with one cock for a first nest will mate with a different one, if such a change is desired, for the second or third nest.

Indoor Aviary (Beginner).—The aviary, except in height, is really no more than a good sized flight, and in such a limited space the chances of much success in breeding with several hens flying loose are not very great. The difficulty is that the hens interfere too much with others nesting arrangements. If you are fortunate enough to get good breeding hens, without a kink for mischief, you would succeed well enough with three hens and one cock. For these you should fix up five or six nesting sites, but avoid placing one in the highest part under the angle of the roof, or trouble is sure to follow. If you are particularly desirous to get the best possible results you would be well advised to divide the aviary into four compartments, by placing a floor midway between top and bottom, and then dividing the length. This would give you four good sized breeding compartments, in which you might either run separate pairs or work two cocks with four hens.

Breeding Good Rollers (Greenhorn).—Before going in for breeding high-class singing Rollers you ought to definitely decide in your mind which type of song you will cultivate. If you start mixing up widely differing types of song you will make a big mistake. Such a method of procedure will lead you nowhere, and you will get birds which will have neither one type of song nor another perfect, and which, consequently, could only be termed ordinary trained singers. The so-called Glucke birds, with, as you say, "the same old 3 or 4 changes," are probably trained Hollow Rollers, which many ordinary breeders—yourself including, judging by your letter—fail to appreciate through this lack of variety. The schoolmaster is doubtless a Seifert-trained bird. Now, you should adhere to one or the other of these types. The Glucke cock should certainly be mated with the Glucke hens, and the young should also be trained under Glucke cocks. If trained under the schoolmaster in question, I should classify them as ordinary trained Rollers. This question you will find dealt with in Part XVI. of "Our Canaries."

Price of Matched Pair (Chesswood).—You might get a matched pair for Crest breeding such as you describe for £... or 25s., but you must not expect them to be over-burdened with head feathers—their most essential feature. On the contrary they would probably be quite ordinary specimens compared with ideal show birds. For a better class of birds you can go up to £10, or even much higher, if your pocket will allow of getting the highest class Crest and Crestbred. Sorry I cannot single out any dealer for mention. See our advertisement columns, where you will find plenty of known dealers and breeders making announcements.

Gaslight and Bathing (No Nom-de-plume).—(1) Gaslight in itself is in no way harmful, and it is not necessary to cover over the cage when the gas is lit. Cages, however, should always be well away from the gas burners, and on a level with, or below, them. (2) The only reason the Canary will not bathe is that he is not "so disposed." If you use a white china bath try using a dark earthenware one. Wait until you see him beginning to try to bathe in his drinker. Then remove drinker and put bath in cage for an hour or so. You may also drop a pinch of hemp or morsel of choice green food in it for a few times to tempt him to approach it. By persevering in these tactics he will take to bathing as the spring approaches. Many birds do not bathe much at this season.

Too Fat (G. C. Gorton).—I am assuming your surmise is correct, which is not unlikely to be the case, and you give no details as to treatment. Therefore, treat as follows for a month, and if not then well, write again and give full particulars of bird's condition, and treatment hitherto. Keep cage floor strewn with clean gritty sand, and do not allow waste seed to accummulate. Limit the diet by giving a teaspoonful only of plain canary seed. Twice a week reduce this ration one-half, and add a similar quantity of a mixture of equal parts summer rape and black rape. Once a week give half a teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake sprinkled with maw and gold of pleasure, in addition to the usual seed. When obtainable in fit condition give a spray of watercress three or four times a week. Restrict food supply solely to this. In the drinking water give ten drops of syrup of buckthorn, every second day for a week, and afterwards six drops of tincture of gentian and four of aromatic sulphuric acid every second day for another week.

Use of Indoor Aviary (Novice).—As you mention no other birds kept, or purposed being kept, in the one division of the aviary, I should advise you to take out the partition and give the birds freedom of the whole space. This would be far more likely to show a successful result at end of breeding season than running the hens together in one part. If you do this, put in four or five nesting receptacles, not close together, nor one considerably higher than the others. In this case you might also add an extra hen and run one cock with three hens, adding, of course, at least two more nesting receptacles. There would be no necessity to remove the cock during incubation. If you prefer not to remove partition, you should keep one hen in each division, and run the cock with each alternately. The necessity for removing him during incubation might arise in this case, but it would only be so in the event of his maltreating the hen, and trying to keep her from the nest. As a beginner you should get "Canary Breeding for Beginners," 7d. post free, or the forthcoming CAGE BIRDS ANNUAL, which will give you a mass of useful hints, which it is impossible to give here.

Sluggish Condition (Norfolk Fancier).—The frequent local washing of feathers is almost invariably most harmful to the general condition of a bird, so you should stop this altogether. If the feathers become badly soiled carefully trim away the soiled portions with a small pair of nail scissors, taking care not to harm the bird. As a rule, after a very little has been clipped off the tips the soiling does not occur again so badly. Treat hen as follows: Keep in a comfortable temperature, not overheated, nor yet very cold, but quite free from draughts and damp, and as equable as possible. In addition to the staple of canary seed, give a half-teaspoonful of a mixture of equal parts summer and black rape every second day. On the alternate days give a small teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake or egg food sprinkled with maw and gold of pleasure once a week, and when obtainable a spray of watercress or green salad on each of the remaining days. Break open a grape and stick on the end of a perch for bird to peck at during the first week or so. Restrict diet to this. In the drinking water add six drops of syrup of rhubarb and a crystal of sulphate of soda, the size of a split pea, every second day for a week, and in the next week give four drops each of tincture of gentian, tincture of calumba, and dilute sulphuric acid every second day. If there still appears any soreness at vent, touch it once with one drop of castor oil.

Not Singing and Mating (E. H.).—(1) Possibly the Norwich and Yorkshire birds are a little older than the Roller, which might account for their not yet singing so freely. They will probably very soon become more free in song. Treat as follows for a fortnight. In addition to the staple of Canary give each half a teaspoonful of rape every second day only, and also a scrap of green food or fruit. On the alternate days give a similar quantity of crushed sponge cake sprinkled with equal parts maw and gold of pleasure, and also a pinch of a mixture of equal parts hemp, inga, teazle, and millet, on these days. For one day add a small crystal of sulphate of soda to the drinking water. (2) I cannot tell why the Roller runs to and fro on the cage floor with his beak towards the back. It's very silly of him, any way. But it may have a very simple solution for one on the spot. If they cage is painted inside with a glossy enamel, he may see his reflection there, and be paying addresses to it. If bird is quite well, this is nothing to be anxious about. (3) A Roller hen will certainly mate quite successfully with a Norwich cock, but the young will be crossbreds, of value only as songsters, and the song will be decidedly below that of pure trained Rollers. The Roller cock would be a more suitable mate.

A Triplet (Cobler).—(1) Only time can show whether the two hens will breed this year. It is quite possible they may, but there is also a risk that they may not. You should read up the chapter on "Squatting Hens" in Part vii. of "Our Canaries," which deals fully with this type of hen. Feed liberally, and treat as indicated in the forthcoming CAGE BIRDS ANNUAL, and please let me know result at end of season. (2) It is only in very exceptional circumstances with a definite object in view that such close in-breeding as brother and sister should be resorted to. As you seem to have no such object, I do not advise the mating. Sell or exchange one of the birds and get an unrelated one for mating. (3) When ready for mating, the birds should be untiringly active, the cocks bubbling over with vigorous song, and calling frequently to the hens, and trying to reach them, or feeding them through the wires if close together; the hen flapping about from perch to perch and responding promptly to the "calls" of the cocks, and when very forward occasionally gripping the feathers on their own breasts and pretending to carry them about.

Cock Biting Hen (Fancier).—The only reason I can assign for a cock who is so lacking in chivalry is that he is an ungracious scamp, who ought to be ashamed of himself. It is probably nothing but greed. You should not, however, have the birds together yet. Separate them until towards end of March, and then you will find he will behave better.

Out of Condition (J. Faulkner).—I'm afraid your treatment generally is at fault. First, see that the bird is kept in a bright, comfortable place, not necessarily very warm, but where the temperature is as equable as possible, and quite free from draughts or fumes of burning lights in the evenings, and that its cage is free from red mites. Give a staple diet of three parts canary to one part summer rape. Every second day for a fortnight give a piece of stale bread the size of a hazel nut soaked in cold milk, drained, two drops of cod liver oil emulsion on it, and sprinkled with soft sugar. On the alternate days give a morsel of greenstuff or fruit, and twice a week a small teaspoonful of mixed seeds. Keep cage floor strewn with clean gritty sand. Add 12 drops of syrup of buckthorn to the water for one day, and afterwards four drops each of tincture of gentian, tincture of calumba, and aromatic sulphuric acid every second day for a week. After this course, treat the bird generally as advised in the Nutshell booklet on "The Canary."

CANARY QUERISTS.

should consult St. John's "Canary Breeding for Beginners" (7d.); House's "Canary Manual" (1/2); Battye's "Yorkshire Canaries" (1/1½); House's "Norwich Canaries" (1/1); Weston's "Stock Book" (7d.); Dr. Clarke's "Septic or Bird Fever" (7d.); Dr. Creswell's "Hygiene of Bird-keeping" (1/1); Norman's "Aviaries, Bird-rooms, and Cages" (2/3); Ramsden's "Colour-feeding" (3½d.); "Seeds and Foods for Cage Birds" (1/2); or the "Nutshell" booklets (2½d. each): No. 5 "The Pet Canary," No. 6 "Ailing Birds and How to Cure them," No. 9 "The Disinfection of Cages, Bird-rooms, etc.," No. 10 "The Roller," No. 23 "The Border Fancy," No. 24 "Green Canaries." All thoroughly practical and instructive. Prices quoted are post free, from "Cage Birds," 154, Fleet Street, London, E.C.

FOREIGN BIRDS.

Answered by WESLEY T. PAGE, F.Z.S., etc.

Budgerigars Not Breeding.

J. E. Wood.—It is quite possible you have related birds, but in any case there is often a mishap with the first brood, and the cold weather would throw them off. The birds, too, will benefit by not being troubled with the anxieties of a family, and their future progeny will be all the stronger for delay. They will come into breeding condition again in the spring. In the meantime canary, white millet, and a few millet sprays, grit, cuttlebone and a bit of lettuce occasionally will meet their needs. As soon as it is obtainable, in the spring, free from frost (gather at mid-day), supply flowering and seeding grass ad. lib., and add a few oats, crushed or whole, whichever suits them best, to their menu every other day. I should certainly keep the birds and see how they shape with their first and second clutches before putting them down as useless. I opine they will turn out all right.

Zebra Finches, etc.

A.M.B.—I should say matters will go on quite satisfactory in the spring, do not put them together again till the end of April, and then in due course you should get a brood, but Zebra Finches often build a nest or two, pull them to pieces build again sometimes laying a clutch of eggs, and then build another nest on top of them, before ultimately settling down—they are not as a rule early breeders, and their season is often protracted till late autumn. Unless you can keep up a warm temperature I do not suppose Cordon Bleus would attempt to breed at this season—take away all nesting material and the nest-boxes till spring, when better luck should attend you. It is not necessary, except in very exceptional cases, to remove the cock with foreign species, the sexes are best left together all through the breeding season. Your remarks re Canary and Pekin Robin are interesting.

Amazon Parrot with Swelling.

N.F.—A vet. ought to see this bird, as it may require the use of the knife. However, if you wish to treat the bird, get a box of Honey and Borax from your chemist and put a little in its mouth twice daily, use a camel hair brush, which must be well cleansed each time. Keep its bowels well moving by putting one teaspoonful of Dinneford's Magnesia into the daily supply of drinking water as required, and on other days the same quantity of Byno-phosphates. While the trouble lasts give boiled maize daily—boil till soft, drain off all water and stir into it 10 drops of Byno-phosphates. The following sop may also be given if the bird finds difficulty in swallowing hard seed: Stale crust of household, sprinkle with sugar, as much boiling water as it will absorb and then 10 drops of the Byno-phosphates—supply to the bird when cool. Report progress a fortnight hence.

An Indoor Aviary.

Boulter.—(a) These are not always obtainable, but any of the genus *Brotogerys* would answer the purpose, viz., Tovi, Tui, All Green, Gold-fronted, Canary-winged, White-winged, Orange-flanked and Yellow-billed, but only one pair; two pairs of *Brotogerys*, though of different species, would not be safe in the same aviary. (b) I should increase accommodation in the lines of another aviary, rather than increasing size of present one. Another selection that would make a nice show would be: Black-checked Lovebirds, Ring-necked Parrakeets, one pair of *Brotogerys*, and odd cocks of Green and Long-tailed Glossy Starling, and odd hybrid Cardinal, now being offered (advertised). (c) Two mixtures: (1) Canary and millet, equal, and a quota of grit (not sand). (2) Two parts oats and one part each paddy rice, hemp, wheat, grit (not sand), dari and sunflower seed—well mix and keep a supply of each in the aviary. Also supply ripe fruit, nuts, plain biscuits and cuttlebone—water, of course, for drinking and bathing. The Cardinals will find what they

require from the above, but they should have three mealworms or other insects per bird per diem. I do not care for deal perches, and have in red indicated alterations as to furnishing on your rough plan, which I have returned. Read above in conjunction with first reply.

Java Sparrows, Weavers, etc. (D. L. Fynn).—(1) A mixture of canary and white millet, and another of hemp, oats, paddy rice, rape, and sunflower seed, both in equal parts, also greenfood, ripe fruit, cuttlebone, grit, and an occasional mealworm or other insect for the Weavers and Cardinals. (2) They are erratic breeders (that is, the Grey are), but they do breed annually in aviaries. When they are feeding young, supply some good soft food mixture. (3) Yes, but they require a fair space; either they can, with pinioned wings, be allowed to range about during the day, and be shut up in a shed at night; or a roomy space be wired in (not less than 6ft. high), with a shelter at one end for night occupation.

Birds for Cage (J. Wells).—The Zebra Finches will undoubtedly breed with you as soon as they have settled down, and in preference to choosing another breeding pair, I would advise a pair each of Gold-breasted Waxbills and Green Avadavats to make a display; both are beautiful, but I rather doubt either breeding in a cage, though such is not impossible. Hang up a couple of small coconut shells, in adition to the Finches nest box. If you want another breeding pair try Silverbills or Bengalese. Gouldian Fiuches are erratic breeders, even in outdoor aviaries, doing well in one place with mediocre accommodation, and nothing in another where it is really first class. At the same time, a pair as sole occupants of your cage should certainly be probable breeders.

Budgerigars and Sex (Beginner).—You ought to get our Nutshell Booklet, "Budgerigars," 2½d. post free, from our Manager—it would solve many difficulties for you. When not in breeding condition, it is by no means easy to sex the birds, the only difference then being that the cere of the cock is a darker blue than that of the hen. But this distinction is largely modified by the age of respective individuals. When ready to breed, the cere of the hen becomes deep brown, and that of the male is rich bright blue; when this change begins to take place then supply a husk. If no change in the cere occurs by the spring, you can be sure you have two hens. Then part with one and get a hen in breeding condition. When they have young to feed, be fairly liberal with millet sprays, and supply a small tin daily of crushed oats and crushed plain biscuit, also greenfood and cuttlebone, grass in flower or seed as much as they will eat.

Aviary for Waxbills (B. Currey).—If you give me full details of the aviary, and its furnishings, I can then tell you what your prospects are likely to be. But, for Waxbills and the "Small Ornamental Finches," conditions should be as natural as possible. No, the ivy will do no harm: it is a distinct gain, and will supply natural cover for your birds.

Ring-neck Parrakeet (Bird Lover).—Diet: Seed mixture, ripe fruit, plain biscuit and nuts, also green food as available, and water for drinking and bathing. Keep a piece of clean cuttlebone hanging in the cage. Seed mixture: Get one quart each canary and white millet, one pint each oats and hemp, half pint each wheat, maize, dari, grit (not sand) and sunflower seeds—well mix, and keep a supply in cage. Give 3 drops of tasteless cod liver oil, either direct to beak from a quill or on a piece of biscuit, crust of bread or piece of sponge cake, and put it on a course of chemical food—make the drinking water the colour of pale port, giving clear water only every third day. They take more teaching, but usually talk clearly, but do not equal a Grey or Amazon.

Budgerigars breeding in a Cage (Robin).—Yes, the Budgies are very probable breeders under any conditions, but the limits of a Canary breeding cage is very small for such active birds, and their cage ought to be really double that size to give them reasonable exercise, and the perches (natural branches) should be at each end of the cage, and so arranged that they must use their wings to get

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should consult Page's "Forcign Birds for Beginners" (1/1½); Arthur's "Budgerigars and Cockatiels" (6d.); Arthur's "Parrots for Pleasure and Profit" (7d.); "Aviaries, Bird-rooms, and Cages" (2/3); "Seeds, Foods, and Wild Plants" (1/2); Dr. Clarke's "Septic or Bird Fever" (7d.); Dr. Creswell's "Hygiene of Bird-keeping" (1/1); "Colour-feeding" (3½d.); or the "Nutshell" booklets (2½d. each): No. 6 "Ailing Birds and How to Cure them," No. 9 "The Disinfection of Cages, Bird-rooms, etc.," No. 14 "Gouldian Finches," No. 16 "Avadavats," No. 17 "The Grey Parrot," No. 18 "Budgerigars," No. 19 "The Pekin Robin," No. 20 "Waxbills." All thoroughly practical and instructive. Prices quoted are post free from "Cage Birds," 154, Fleet Street, London, E.C.

from one to the other. Give them a mixture of canary seed and white millet (equal), also millet sprays and a leaf of lettuce occasionally, or other fresh salad; they will eat in the summer flowering or seeding grass ad. lib. Get "Budgerigars," 2½d. post free, from our Manager, it will give you all details which space does not permit here.

Birds for Outdoor Aviary (H. Baker).—Your query gives me no idea of your county, and if you are very far north you had better arrange to have a glazed shutter to fit the front of your flight for severe weather and all winter nights. I should have any shutter you provide moveable, because in the summer months it will be an advantage to keep it off, and even at this time is will be useful during spells of driving rain to put it on and so keep interior dry—it should not fit close to top of aviary, one inch all along should be left, under the overhang, for ventilation. The Cockatecls and Budgies should be certain breeders, but the Cardinals are never so; these latter need unlimited live food when feeding young. I should not put the birds out till late April or early May—they can then be left out altogether with safety.

An Outdoor Aviary (Lincolnshire).—It is really an outdoor cage, and if you want breeding results do not put in more than three breeding pairs the size of Budgerigars, and it never ought to contain more than 20 birds under any conditions. The shutters should have a glass panel in each, then in severe weather they could be kept closed—provision, of course, being made for ventilation. I should advise you to put a pair of Cockatcels in with the Budgies, selling the young as soon as you see them fending for themselves. Finches are not safe with Budgies, but you could keep an odd cock Red-crested Cardinal with them for variety. Get our Nutshell Booklet No. 18, 2½d. post free, from our Manager, it will help you.

Breeding in Cages (Beginner).—(1) Budgerigars, Cockatcels, Zebra and Ribbon Finches and Java Sparrows. Only one pair should be in each cage, which should be half as large again as the ordinary Canary breeding cage. Get "Foreign Birds for Beginners," 1/1¼ post free from our Manager, it will help you. (2) Yes, but cage must be kept very clean, and well examined for mites when a brood has left the nest. (3) Husks or logs for Budgies and Cockatcels, and for the others there is nothing better than the chip Hartz travelling cages Canaries come over in. Take out the perches and other fittings, cut away a couple of bars for entrance, push in a little hay, supply nesting material, and the birds will do the rest.

Parrot with Swelling (C.D.G.).—Your bird is a Roseate Cockatoo. Such cases really require a vet. If the swelling is of a nature that contains pus, it should be fomented with a hot decoction (not hot enough for discomfort) of poppy heads, so long as skin is unbroken, and when the swelling appears ripe it must be well cleansed with tepid water and then annointed with a little antiseptic ointment. You must keep the bowels well moving by one teaspoonful of Dinneford's Magnesia in the daily supply of drinking water as required, and on other days the same quantity of Byno-phosphates. If the swelling is merely a hard, fleshy substance, and does not contain pus, then cleanse it with tepid water and lightly annoint the swelling with tincture of iodine, use a camel hair brush and well cleanse it each time. The other treatment as to magnesia and phosphates to be the same.

About Bengalese (Bengalese).—The Bengalee is a Japanese creation, really a fertile hybrid, and as such are unsatisfactory beeders, indefatigable sitters, bad feeders, and a number of young birds dead in shell, but still some youngsters should be reared annually. There are three varieties, viz.: All White (scarce), Fawn and White and Chocolate-brown and White. The plumatie distinctions of the sexes are practically nil. The female has a slightly narrower and more tapering beak than the male, and she is also quieter. They are somewhat lethargie in demeanour. Yes, the single breeder will do, but a roomier cage would be better. A Hartz travelling cage, with the fittings removed and a couple of bars cut away for entrance, is a good nest receptacle. Canary, white millet, millet sprays, green food, grit and cuttlebone is about all they require—a little soft food when feeding young.

BRITISH BIRDS, MULES, AND HYBRIDS.

Answered by G. E. WESTON.

A Crossbill Problem.

Miss Sutton.—The illustration you mention is correct, for the plumage of the adult male Crossbill, when in a state of nature, is red, varying in intensity according to the bird's age. In captivity, the red is not reproduced at the moult, the bird then being greenish in colour, with sometimes traces of a golden or yellowish tint. I should have thought your book (if the picture is in a book) would have explained this. The hen is ashen-greeu, with a yellowish tinge here and there; she is the smaller bird. For food your Crossbill may be given sunflower, hemp and canary seed, and for animal food three or four mealworms daily, with any other live insects you can get, according to season. A few berries (haw, privet, black, and so on), also the core and pips of apples, smashed nuts of various kinds (walnuts, crack nuts, etc.), and fruit, are relished. Offer him now and again any of the other seeds or seed mixtures in general use, also small maize, dari, wheat, oats, and the like. Sometimes he will eat a little, and variety is good.

Spoiling the Nest.

James Street.—It is often quite impossible to prevent the cock Finch from pulling out the material of the nest. It does not matter much so long as you leave no good eggs in it, and especially if you use a lined nest pan. When the Goldfinch, or any other Finch for that matter, is removed at night, it is only necessary to roughly put the nest into shape with one's hands. The hen will lay in it all right, and, of course, the egg is removed and a pot one substituted before the Finch is returned in the morning. On the evening of the third day the nest can be put together very nicely by the aid of a hot hard-boiled egg, pressing the material into place with the latter. Then put in the three good eggs (or, rather, the eggs one hopes will be good), and leave the hen to incubate them and rear the young. The nest liniug prevents any injury coming to either of the three eggs laid before the hen is set. I have sometimes had hen Canaries which would not build a nest, and many which have built shocking bad ones. I fix them all up with nests either of my own making entirely, or to which I put the "finishing touches." They take to them all right; a really broody hen will sit on anything short of a piece of ice.

Rearing Young Mules.

J. Townley.—All Canary Mules reared by Canary hens are brought up in very much the same way as young Canaries—that is, on similar food and treatment generally. When they are commencing to feed themselves offer (in addition to soft food) maw sed, lightly cracked canary and hemp seeds, groats, or coarse oatmeal, shelled and broken up sunflower seed; also seeding heads of chickweed, shepherd's purse and groundsel; and thistles in season. Don't, at the same time, forget grit and cuttlefish, likewise old, crushed mortar. Steep some summer rape seed in cold water, which thoroughly change every day. It will soon begin to germinate (burst), and is then ready for use, dabbing it as dry as possible in a towel before offering it to the birds. This is very good, especially where anyone experiences difficulty in getting green food regularly, for which it is to a certain extent a substitute. All crushed seed should be prepared fresh daily. Wean them off egg food as soon as possible, substituting for it home-made egg cake, moistened, if necessary, with a spot or two of milk or of water; or a little stale sponge cake, or crushed sweet buscuit (maizena wafer, tea or Osborne), also moistened with milk. Egg cake made and baked at home really does not need damping. Don't make the mistake, when dropping egg, of leaving off soft food entirely. You could turn the Mules, of course, into small flight cages, about 3 feet or 4 feet long—say double breeders with centre partition removed. They are apt to be mischievous, and pluck one another, however, when kept in numbers together.

Further Hybrid-breeding Details.

Puzzled.—I think this answer will cover all the necessary points: The single Hybrid breeding cages I myself use are about 30ins. long, 17 or 18 high, and 14 deep (one or two are larger). I am dead against smaller cages, for they get very dirty in next to no time, and when nesting operations are proceeding it would be very bad policy to disturb Hybrid couples by cleaning them out, and in a large cage a few days' neglect in this respect make no matter. I have two perches in, on the crossbar, the birds feeding from the cage bottom. There is one large door in the centre of the front, at the bottom (as usual), made extra wide. A "platform" of wire-netting runs from the crossbar to the back of the cage. It is 5½ to 6 inches wide, and the netting is tacked to a piece of wood, which is screwed to the cage back, and wired to the crossbar at front. This "platform," if thickly interlaced and strewed with sun-dried grasses or chickweed, etc., affords a fine place for the hen to lay her eggs on; or on which to lodge the favourite old Thrush or Blackbird nest, for the Bullie hen to re-line (some don't trouble to do the latter). A more or less cup-shaped depression is easily contrived in the dry grasses, and the latter may be easily removed (or so much as is necessary) as required, being get-at-able through the door. If I know my hen, and have no fear of eggs dropping on bottom of cage, I cover the latter with fine peat-moss litter. If a strauge hen, or one which behaves doubtfully, I use a thick layer of dried grasses, as well. The latter has great advantages over sawdust, etc., as it is not easily swept aside by the movements of the birds, thus leaving patches of the cage-bottom uncovered. (It can be used over a layer of sawdust). It is very "springy," too, and catches an egg sagely. The perches, by the way, ought not to be placed very high up in the cage. My favourite way of screening the nesting site is to hang a strip of thick, stiff brown paper over the particular corner of the cage. If one's room is dark, a light material (such as muslin) should, of course, be used.

A Fancy for Doves.

Ring Neck.—I do not know a great deal about Doves. They look very pretty flying in a good-sized outdoor aviary, though one drawback is their pugnacity towards others of the same species, especially during the breeding season. They breed freely, however, housed in separate pairs, in biggish cages. The latter should be not less than three feet long—four feet by two feet by three feet high would be a very good and suitable size indeed. Provide perches of suitable thickness, and a couple of nest-boxes. The floor can be covered either with dry, coarse-cut pine sawdust, or well teased out peat moss litter. They require a tin of pigeon grit, and water for drinking and bathing; freely in the summer for the latter purpose. As their staple diet, get a seedsman to put you up a mixture of the smaller grains—wheat, canary, dari, hemp, oats, peas, rice, millet, etc. Keep them well supplied with coarse grit. For a change of food, they are very partial to any nuts (walnuts, brazils, cobe, etc.), coarsely smashed up; also plain biscuit treated in similar fashion. Change of diet is especially useful at moulting time. Some birds enjoy

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should consult Houlton's great work, "Cage-Bird Hybrids" (7/6); Norman's "British Bird Manual" (2/3); or Part 1 "Hardbills" (1/1), Part 2 "Softbills" (1/1); "Aviaries, Bird-rooms, and Cages" (2/3); "Seeds, Foods, and Wild Plants" (1/2); "Secrets of Hybrid Breeding" (1/2); Dr. Creswell's "Hygiene of Bird-keeping" (1/1); Dr. Clarke's "Septic or Bird Fever" (7d.); "Colour-feeding" (3½d.); or the "Nutshell" booklets (2½d. each): No. 1 "Goldfinch," No. 2 "Linnet," No. 3 "Skylark," No. 4 "Song Thrush and Blackbird," No. 11 "Bullfinch," No. 13 "Chaffinch," No. 15 "Greenfinch," No. 22 "Siskin, Redpoll, and Twite," No. 25 "Small Insectivorous Birds," No. 26 "Large Insectivorous Birds," No. 6 "Ailing Birds and How to Cure Them," No. 9 "Disinfection of Cages, Birdrooms, etc.," No. 12 "How to Moult British Birds." All thoroughly practical and instructive. Prices quoted are post free from "Cage Birds," 154, Fleet Street, London, E.C.

an occasional mealworm, especially during the moulting period. A little mixed bird seed will do no harm at times, though much of it is sure to be wasted.

Keeping Mealworms.

Pilot.—Get a good-sized tiu, or an earthenware jar. It should not be too high, but should have as much "floor space" as possible. Bore with a bradawl two rows of holes right round the sides at the top, within an inch or an inch and a-half of the lid. If you use a jar, then the lid can be left off and a piece of sacking put over the top. Cut three pieces of coarse sacking so that they will, when folded once over, drop flat into the tin, leaving about three-quarters of an inch space between each edge and the sides of the tin. Dry these thoroughly before the fire. Get a supply (pennyworth or so) of bran and barley meal. Put a layer on the bottom of the tin, about an inch and a-half thick. Put a folded piece of sacking on this. Then put another layer of bran; then another piece of sacking—and so on, aranging to fill the tin not more than three-parts full, and to have a piece of sacking at the top. Then turn a pint of mealworms (or as many as you feel disposed to invest in) into the tin. Put in a handful of fresh meal occasionally, under the top layer of sacking. It takes about twelve months to get into full breeding swing, i.e., for the mealworms to turn into beetles, beetles to lay eggs in the folds of sacking, eggs to hatch, and young mealworms to mature. In the summer time it is often possible to buy a quantity of beetles from advertisers along with the worms, and one would save time by so doing. Many put beer-soaked rags (bung rags), dead birds, dog biscuits, bones, etc., in their mealworm boxes; but I never do so myself. Disturb the breeding box as little as possible, and always keep it in a fairly warm, dry place, such as a cupboard at the side of fireplace. The latter is the secret of success. In the winter change the contents into a new tin (when this becomes necessary), sifting the "dust" at the bottom of the old one and throwing it away.

Puzzled No. 2.—If the swelling is soft to the touch and obviously filled with matter, then you should prick it with a stout needle, or, better still, open it with the sharp point of a penknife blade, or razor, and gently but thoroughly squeeze out the contents. Afterwards swab the place out well with warm water just coloured with Condy's Fluid, and anoint it with a little boracic ointment, obtainable cheaply from the chemist. If it is a hard swelling, however, paint it very lightly once daily with tincture of iodine, which may cause it to disappear. Use a small camel hair brush, and don't let the iodine get on any other part of the bird except the actual swelling. It is very powerful stuff.

POST MORTEMS.

Mr. G. Yates, M.R.C.V.S., 2, College Road, Harrow, Middlesex, will examine and report upon dead cage birds for a fee of 1s. 6d. each bird; for reply direct, 2s. 6d.; analysis, 21s. Subjects for post mortem examination must be sent packed in a box direct to Mr. Yates, with the fee, this and any accompanying letter being kept from contact with the dead bird. Send by letter-post; it is cheaper and quicker than parcel post. Any bodies sent to the office of this paper will be thrown away, and if a fee is enclosed the loss will be the sender's.

L. Wear.—I attribute your loss to change of diet, death occurring from inflammation of the bowels. The bird was in other respects quite healthy.

GENERAL.

Answered by THE EDITOR.

Cuttings (A. E. Wasley; J. Stanger; M. [illegible]; and Others).—Many thanks for the newspaper cuttings sent us.

Parrots (E. Godry).—The book you mention deals with Parrots of many species, but it is somewhat out-of-date now (i.e., was written a goodly number of years ago).

A Question of Identity (John Scot).—You will find the prices of Roller hens given in the advertisement columns. These birds are called German Rollers, and "German hen" and "Roller hen" bear practically the same meaning. There are differences in quality, of course, the same as in hens of other varieties of Canaries.

A Report (H. Paynter).—We are much obliged to you.

Advice Wanted (A. R. Gaman).—Your letter must, unfortunately, have gone astray, or been mis-laid. Could you kindly repeat the details, and an answer shall be given you.

Cage Birds Annual (W.B.S.).—We shall be able to send you a supply some time next week, we hope.

Enamel (Bullfinch).—If the enamel is allowed to set quite hard before the Greenfinch is put into the cage, no harm will come to the bird. Enamelled cages are commonly in use.

Club Notices will this week be found on page 99.

OLDHAM AND DISTRICT C.B.A.

Annual tea party, held Jan. 27, Textile Dining Rooms, when about 40 fanciers and friends attended. After tea, we had a very pleasant evening, as we had a very capable M.C. in Mr. Turner. Other artistes were Messrs. Turner, Platt and Kaye. Mr. Steeple moved a vote of thanks to our host and hostess, Mr. and Mrs. Dunkerley and Mr. Fitton seconded. Mr. Travis pianist, and Mr. Steeple concertinaist.—Jas. Cope, Sec.

STRATFORD & E. LONDON F.A.

Members who have not yet sent in cash for annual show tickets are requested to do so at once, so that balance-sheet of show can be produced at meeting Feb. 8th, when cups, prizes, etc., will be presented. Members are requested to attend and bring a friend; visitors (either sex) cordially invited. One of the best halls in East London—Workman's Hall, Romford-road, E. New members elected: Messrs. F. Bradbury, J. E. Curtis, A. Lovejoy, R. Warner, A. Leech, J. Burton, A. L. Hawkes, sen., A. L. Hawkes, jun., F. G. Paiful, W. Plummers, L. Barnett, T. J. Marsh.—W. Maxey, Hon. Sec.

ROCHDALE (Good Intent) C.B.S.

Annual general meeting held January 3rd, Temperance Club. Balance sheet passed as satisfactory, leaving a balance in hand, which was very pleasing to all members. Officers for 1912: President, Mr. T. H. Collinge; Vice-Presidents, Messrs. J. Lord, G. Adams, R. R. Gaskill, W. T. Banks, J. Lees, C. Pleasance, W. Adams; Committee, Messrs. E. Faulkner, J. Dearden, J. Neville, J. Dewhirst, T. Butterworth, J. Coupe, E. Lord, P. H. Barlow, W. Leach; treasurer, Mr. T. Holt; Auditors, Messrs. W. Adams and E. Pleasance; Hon. Sec., E. Hartley, 7, Frances Street, Hurstead.

KELTY AND BLAIRADAM C.B.A.

Meeting held Jan. 23rd, Mr. J. Stenhouse (president) in chair. Agreed that we purchase one dozen copies of CAGE BIRDS ANNUAL. Chairman gave a report of the meeting held by the West Fife League, when he stated that the annual meeting, also "smoker" and presentation of cup would be held Feb. 17th. Our association having won the cup I would like all our members would turn out. Terms of the "smoker" 1s. per head. All wishing to go should let me know before Feb. 12th latest. Our annual breeding pairs' show is to be held Feb. 24th; classes and conditions as usual (judges to be drawn from the hat at our next meeting). Specials for club show to be balloted for on that night. Judges for open show to be nominated that night. Mr. J. Duff was accepted a member.—A. Dickson, Sec.

PROVINCIAL ROLLER C.C.

Will members and others please note that we have changed our place of meeting to the Old Boars Head Hotel, Corporation Street, Manchester? Meetings last Saturday in month, time 6 p.m. At above place we held our annual meeting, Jan. 27, Mr. A. Foulds chairman; a good number of members present. After the ordinary business the Secretary read balance sheet and reported on the progress of the club during year. Balance sheet shows a gain of £7 8s. 6d., leaving a balance in hand of £21 16s. 7d. Last year we made 25 new members, and we have now a membership of over 80. Messrs. Routledge and Massey were appointed Auditors, Mr. G. Wareing (Bury) President, Messrs. A. Foulds (Manchester), W. Massey (Boltou) and A. Leach (Shaw) Vice-Presideuts. As no member would propose a new Secretary and Treasurer I had no option but to try to please once again. Our Chairman then had the pleasure of presenting the P.R.C.C. eup and gold medal, and two silver medals, won at Bolton and Bradford, to Mr. J. Kilshaw (Bolton), also two silver medals to Mr. T. Turner, (Manchester) for his wins at Manchester and Bolton; Mr. G. Wareing (Bury) was presented with a medal for his win at Grimsby.—Andrew Percival, Sec.

DULWICH AND PECKHAM C.B.S.

Annual general meeting, held headquarters, Jan. 23, a good number of members putting in an appearance. Mr. H. W. Tomsett presided. Correspondence was dealt with, and two new members elected. Officers for 1912 elected as follows:—Patrons, F. Hall, Esq., M.P., A. Laing, Esq.; president, J. Bright Crowo, Esq.; vice-presidents, Messrs. E. S. Lugg, J. Robson, W. Spillman, J. B. Waterman, S. E. Whitlock, and J. W. Cranfield; hon. solicitor, H. R. B. Tweed, Esq.; hon. auditors, Messrs. F. S. Malthes and F. Cole; hon. assistant sec., Mr. H. W. Tomsett; hon. secretary and treas. W Hodson. Committee elected by voting papers as follows:—Messrs. W. Hodson, H. W. Tomsett, D. Reeks, H. E. Tringham, H. S. Stephens, C. Botting, C. Austin, L. J. Richardson, F. Cole, W. B. Cracknell, J. Carpenter, Hy. Cornish, F. Hocking, F. S. Fairman, the delegates to London Federation, H. W. Tomsett and C. Botting. Balance sheet next brought forward for adoption; much satisfaction was felt and expressed that we were able to show a balance on the right side. The feeling that some sort of a social gathering of members should mark the happy event of the society surmounting the great difficulties it had had to face for the last three years took form at this meeting, and it was decided that a supper, with a musical programme, be held. Feb. 13 being fixed provisionally, details to be arranged at a committee meeting. A thoroughly interesting and progressive programme is being arranged for the year. It is hoped members will rally round the officers and help make the year an immense success. A vote of thanks to retiring officers and to the chair closed the evening.—W. Hodson, Hon. Sec.

Under the White Rose.

OF course, the whole thoughts of most fanciers are this week-end centred on the Palace Show. The height of all ambitions in the bird world is to win at "the Glass House," it ranking as the show where all champions meet, in order to decide which are the birds of the year. As may be gathered from the figures published this year, it will again be a great success, and many hundreds will pay their annual visit to the show from all parts. Saturday being the best day, a good number are going from the West Riding towns, trips being specially run from most of them. Certainly the majority of the Yorkshires will hail from the County of Broad Acres, and by the time these lines appear it will be known pretty generally who has done the winning and as to whether the centre of the variety has upheld its reputation. However, nowadays more than formerly we have interests in many other varieties. Norwich, British birds, etc., have many good supporters in Yorkshire, and it will soon be noted how they have fared in the fight for supremacy; generally they get a fair share of the spoil.

THIS week-end we have had a touch of frost, and no mistake. It soon brought the wild birds nearer to the haunts of man. Hunger makes a difference; it conquers fear, and brings some of the shyest out into the open. It is a treat to feed them. Robins, of course, always the foremost and most pugnacious; the cheeky Sparrow coming in also for a good share, with a sprinkling of Blackbirds, Thrushes, various Tits, and others. Many of them relish a drink of water. The frost has also been felt in the bird rooms. Where the attic is the one occupied, the water has been frozen into solid blocks of ice several times a day, but the birds themselves are quite lively. Give them clean water and they are off to drink in a crack, almost before you get the water in the glass. They stand the cold well, but must have the water attended to pretty often. When the ice is thawing, mind the glasses don't crack.

BANKFOOT and Dis. C.B.S. held a most successful whist drive and dance on Saturday evening last, the 27th January. Sixteen hands of whist, an interval for supper, and then nearly two hours' dancing made up a very pleasant evening, but, "By gum! it wor cold." Dancing would have been better first to get steam up a bit, then whist till one cooled down. I hear that financially it will put the society on a very good basis, and that there is a probability of another one before the end of the season.

"STRAIGHT 'UN."

The Young Naturalist.

A Cunning Tomtit.

On my Christmas holidays I taught a Tomtit in a sieve. I put it in a cage. It was very busy trying to get free. It afterwards laid on the cage bottom as if dead. I took it in my hand, and, as it seemed quite stiff, I thought it was dead. So I put it on the garden ready to bury it, and to my surprise it flew away to a tree.—Willie Scott, Wernbwll, Hendy, Pontardulais, South Wales.

*The Sparrow.

Glad to see you, little bird,
'Twas your pretty chirp I heard;
What did you intend to say?
"Give me something this cold day"?
That I will, and plenty, too,
All these crumbs I saved for you;
Don't be frightened—here's a treat;
I will wait and see you eat.

—Sent in by John Ernest Williams (aged 9), Lancashire House, Cerrig.

*Nest in a Tea Kettle.

I really believe we shall never get to the end of the list of strange places selected by Robin Redbreast for his home. Not many days ago a friend showed us an old tea kettle he had picked out of the hedge, where it had lain on its side; and in it was a Robin's nest, which had plainly served as the cradle for four or five young Robins. (From the "Children's Friend.")—Sent by Myfanwy Roberts (age 10 year), Cross Street, Rhuddian.

**A Gardener's Robin.

Our gardener had a tame Robin that used to come into his tool house and hop all about him. One day my brother tried to make the Robin come by whistling to it, but it would not come. So the gardener said: "Stop! Now, sir, that ain't the way; look 'ee now. Coom, now, me lass, coom in." And in came the Robin and hopped on to his boot. When the gardener was having his dinner, the Robin came in and hopped on his knee whilst he fed it. (From "Little Folks.")—Sent by Emily Wakeman (age 13), 5a, Wilton Crescent Mews, Belgrave Square, London, S.W.

A Very Faithful Pet.

There was once an old lady who lived in a very lonely place. Her only companion was a pet Throstle. When the old lady was going out she would open the cage door, and the Throstle would accompany her on the journey. On one of these journeys she was taken very ill and had to sit down. The Throstle then flew to and fro until it saw a man coming along; it then fluttered around him, drawing his attention to the old lady. He assisted the old lady to her home, the Throstle taking its place in the cage.—Sent in by Daisy Ball (age 13), Rood Hill, Congleton, Cheshire.

Correspondence.

More Early Birds.

Sir,—I feel sure readers will be interested to hear of my recent success. One pair of Canaries hatched on Dec. 10 one youngster out of two eggs, which is now a fine strong bird commencing to sing. The same pair hatched five more on Jan. 17, all strong and healthy birds, just getting flodged. I have also several other pairs nesting. Is not this a record? The birds are all kept in a cool conservatory facing north-east.

(Miss) LILIAN HARWOOD.

[Several earlier instances have been recorded this season in our columns.—Editor.]

Sir,—I noticed last week that a gentleman had three Canaries born on Jan. 5, and wished to know if anyone had had any earlier. I have three Roller Canaries, and the first was born Dec. 30, the second 31st, and the third Jan. 1. The mother is already with two eggs again. I thought readers would like to know this. I had thirteen young last year from the same hen.

G. SMITH.

Death of "The General."

Some Stories of a Famous Parrot.

Sir,—I regretfully have to record the death of my Amazon Parrot, after a few days' illness, old age being the cause. "The General" has been noticed many times in CAGE BIRDS, his wins being always 1st and special wherever shown, even when he journeyed to Aberdeen and other places. It is over twenty years since I bought him in London, he then being very old. I may mention at one of our local shows the auctioneer, after selling a few birds, put Polly up for auction as a joke. When the price was £5, the wise bird he was cried out "Alick, Alick, Alick." He knew I was in the hall, and knew I did not want to sell him! At another show children were admitted by themselves, and were getting rather rough, giving the bird cages a shake or two. Polly cried "Put them out! Put them out! Put them out." So the bird was the means of clearing the hall.

A. G. GAVIN.

A Little Owl as a Pet and an Exhibition Bird.

Sir,—At the London C.B.A. Show I saw my old friend the Little Owl shown in a class for Hawks, Owls, etc., but the entry was only poor—three birds in the class—and this Owl was only third. I do hope this class will be continued. If it is, when well known it will, I am quite sure, be a great success. It will be the means of bringing out specimens of all the Owls and Hawks. All these large British birds are very beautiful. The report said that the Little Owl "snapped" as the reporter took his notes. That would show that it was not a hand-reared one, and that it was probably an old one. These birds can be made most interesting pets and good show birds, as they are so small compared to the other species of Owls, especially if they are hand-reared. I know that in towns it is very difficult to get hand-reared specimens, but in the country it is quite different, as these Owls are such prolific breeders that about the Eastern and Midland Counties they are getting quite common; in fact, about Northants and in Hunts they are becoming quite a nuisance, so to speak. A case was tried at Huntingdon some time back for setting a trap and catching one; I believe the man was only fined for using the trap and not for killing the bird. Yet I believe the species is scheduled and protected. It is some four years ago now when the powers that be came down on me for having had brought me a Little Owl, the size of a chicken just hatched. The old Owl (the mother) was dead on the nest, with two or three young, and this little one, only a few days old, was the only one alive. I had had it some two or three weeks when a policeman came and wanted my Owl. I showed him this, and they said what a little gem it was. They kept it at the police station for over a month. I expected every day I should get a ticket, but at last it all blew over, and the bird was set at liberty. They also got on the track of a friend of mine, now in Australia, who had over thirty of them in a large loft in baskets; the police went three or four times, but failed to find them. At last he threw them over a garden, and so escaped. Had they found his birds we should both of us have had to appear before the "great unpaid." My friend had for two or three years been sending them to nearly all parts of England to be turned out in parks, etc. So after all, he was only doing good by distributing them about England. Since he has left the Old Country they have not been so much collected. I expect a good many get shot at sight on the "Q.T.," as they have such a bad name and are so cheeky. They have been known to go for young chickens even in the day time. At night time they can be heard in all directions. They are known locally as the "Cat Owl,' and are dreaded by some of the superstitions, it being thought unlucky if they come near or pass over their houses uttering their pitiful cry. The good they do farmers and others must be great, considering the numbers of mice and young rats they destroy. Any desiring a Little Owl for a pet should get a young one, or a nest of young. They are most easily fed and hand-reared on any kind of meat—mice, lights, and rats cut in small pieces. But this is not a nice job for anyone to do. The cleaner and better way is to give either boiled or raw bullocks' lights, with a mouse occasionally; this would bring them up quite well. My friend used to go out and shoot rats to feed his lot with. I do not advocate the keeping of old birds for show purposes, as they would not be so tame as a young one raised by hand. I hope a class will be given these birds in the future at our larger shows, if only for the purpose of introducing these birds.

NIMROD.

A "Wagon" Cage for Redpolls.

Sir,—In reply to Mr. Charleston's query re cage for Redpolls, if this gentleman cares to let me have a stamped envelope with his address, I will send him a snapshot print of my own, with instructions necessary for making of a similar one. The photo would show many points that would otherwise require much written description. I keep a number of birds, and always make a point of having a Redpoll among the number. My own one draws the coach with seed, and also raises his drinking water in a thimble attached to a piece of fine chain. They are easy to train, very hardy, and cheap enough to come within the reach of a schoolboy.

D. LYNAS.

1, East Adam Street, Edinburgh.

Sir,—I have been interested in these cages for many years, and have trained Siskins and Goldfinches, as well as Redpolls, to draw their seed and water. If Mr. Charleston writes me I should be pleased to give him all particulars

F. TATTERSALL.

A Plea for Novice British Bird Classes.

Sir,—Mr. Booth seems to desire our discussion to develop into a question of whether or not Mr. Downing is a novice. I think I am safe in saying that Mr. Downing is quite capable of defending himself against any attack, either real or imagined. May I just say here that I have no personal feeling against either Mr. Downing or anybody else. I see that I am to disclose my identity before I may have a reply from Mr. Downing. I have no intention at present of doing this. It may seem singular to some. Nevertheless, it is quite true that I do not care for publicity. If the few points I tried to make are worth anything at all, they will be of no more value with my name attached to them. Lest it be thought that I am trying to pull things to pieces simply for the fun of the thing, I will give an alternative scheme for the benefit of the novices. Let it be understood that this is not my own idea exclusively, although I am quite in favour of it. The scheme is simply to do away with novice classes altogether. How do we stand at present? We have the man of twenty years and upwards in the Fancy still showing in the novice classes. We have the novice with a long purse, or a good fancier friend, who can procure almost any bird he fancies. This bird may have been bred and shown by an open exhibitor; it may have been winning all the championship honours for a few seasons; yet as soon as our novice friend gets hold of it it becomes a novice bird, and competes on level terms with the bird bred by the straight novice. Under the new rule, this novice starts with British birds, sweeps the deck as soon as possible; then changes his fancy to Canaries and repeats the process. He has now got all he can get out of the society, so he leaves and joins another. I do not say that the scheme I give will stop this kind of thing altogether, but still I think it will kill the "pot hunter." During the discussion on this matter by another society it was said that a man might possibly win fifty first prizes at members' shows in the Manchester district and still show as a novice! In the name of common sense, where will this lead to? I should like some abler pen than mine to take this matter up. I think the first question settled should be, "What is a novice?" Then we might go on and discuss the question of what we shall do with him. I cannot think that Mr. Downing has said all he has to say on this subject. Personally, I shall be glad to read anything he writes; at the same time I prefer to remain

WHISKERS.

Members Shows.

Ryecroft C.B.S.: Held Jan. 27, Queen's Hotel. Judge, Mr. W. Bagnall; 26 birds staged (2 classes). Winners: Messrs. Smith, Evans, Turner and Dyson.—W. Wilshaw, Sec.

Guiseley, Yeadon C.B.S.: Held Jan. 27, Robin Hood Hotel, Yeadon. Judge, Mr. H. H. Towers. Winner of rose bowl (to be held for 12 months). Mr. F. Myers, who also wins special for most points, four highest birds to count in the four shows; 2nd Messrs. Brown and Sons; 3rd, W. H. Dibb. Principal winners, Messrs. Myers, Brown and Sons, Boulton, Long, Hirst, Boulters, Cloughton.—W. Long, Sec.

Sittingbourne C.B.S.: Held Jan. 24, 40 birds staged. Mr. C. Whatford (Chairman) judged British, and Mr. C. Elliott the Canaries. Secretarial duties carried out by Messrs. Broadbridge and T. Attwood. Principal winners, Nor., Messrs. Broadbridge, Tidy, Attwood; Yorks., Messrs. Oliver, Coord; British, Messrs. Broadbridge, Attwood.—B. Tidy, Hon. Sec.

Eccles C.B.S.: Held Jan. 24. Mr. Timms gave 3 pts.—Winner of spl. for best Yorks., Mr. Dawson, beat Nor., Mr. Peters; best Brit., Mr. Monks. Mr. Peters won Mr. Hall's spl. for best field-moulted Linnet. Judge, Mr. Crowes. Principal winners, Yorks., Messrs. Dawson, Hall, Walker, Peters; Brit., Messrs. Monks, Walker, Gaskell Bros., Mason, Peters.—J. Hall, Sec.

Birkenhead C.F.A.: Held Ablett's Cafe Room, Jan 16. Judge, Messrs. Moss and Hadwin. Principal winners in Yorks., Messrs Young, Hill, Jones, Morton, Edwards, Greatrix; Nor., Messrs. Howatt Meador, Burns, Rixon. Mr. Burns (Chairman) will judge at our next show for pairs, Feb. 20, at Ablett's Cafe Rooms, at 8 o'c.; 10 classes.—A. F. Doyl, Sec.

Leicester C.B.S.: Held Jan. 24. Judges, Messrs. Harrison and Turner. Principal winners: Norwich, Messrs. Adams, Bell, Brooks, Wortley; Brit., Messrs. Adams, Wortley, Groocock, Brooks.—G. H. Groocock, Hon. Sec.

Manningham C.B.A.: Held Jan. 27, headquarters. Mr. J. Jowett the season club's cup and spls.). Cup winner, Mr. F. Grange, closely followed by Mr. A. Hudleston (one point) and J. Ackroyd (4 points). Following also won prizes, Messrs. T. Smith, J. Powell, Holroyd Bros., J. Lunn. Judge, Mr. L. Dyson. Principal winners, Messrs. Hudleston (winner of spl. to best in show) Hersey, Powell, F. Grange, A. Grange, Ackroyd, Lunn (winner of spl. for best hen), Smith, Gale, Robinson.—R. Grange, Sec.

Skelmanthorpe C.B.A.: Last show of season for spls. offered for most points held Jan. 27. Open section: Allin Radley, 66; F. Taylor, 62; L. Dyson, 55; Peel, 54; J. Helliwell, 46. Novice Section: H. Lodge, 77; F. Pell, 59; John Radley, 57; J. Hird, 55; L. Jobson, 53.—J. Hird, Sec.

Sandy Lane C.B.A.: Held Jan. 27, headquarters Mr. H. Drake (Shipley) judged. Principal winners, Yorks., Messrs. Whitwham, Wilson, Shaw Bros.; Novice Section, Messrs. Ratcliffe, Moore, Hardaker.—Ratcliffe and Shaw, Secs.

Dewsbury C.B.S.: Held Jan. 27, Saville Hotel. Judge, Mr. J. Bailey; 100 birds staged. Principal winners, S. Shaw, E. Clegg, T. Blakeley, W. T. Hall, F. Clough, W. Fisher, C. Shaw, L. Barker, A. Senior, A. Blackburn, H. Pollard, N. Rayner, H. Broadbent. Gold medals, E. Clegg, champion section; T. Blakeley, novice; Silver, C. Shaw, novice; pair blankets, N. Rayner; goods value 5s., S. Shaw; ditto 2s. 6d., H. Pollard. Messrs. W. T. Hall and A. Blackburn tie for second place in champion section.—S. Shaw, Hon. Sec.

Scunthorpe F.S.: Held Jan. 27, Victoria Rooms. Twelve classes; judge, Mr. Wheldrake (Goole). Principal winners, A.V. Nonfed., Messrs. Halenby, Lings; Yorks., Messrs. Brown, Halenby, Clarke; Nor., Messrs. Brown, Crosby; Brit., Messrs. Ward, Clark, Lings, Robiuson, Brown, Tugby; Mules, Messrs. Brown, Chamberlain.

Pontypridd F. & F.S.: Evening show, held Jan. 27; first of its kind, I believe, held at Pontypridd. It was a success. Thanks are due to the President, Councillor A. Seaton, for supplying timber for staging, and Councillor W. C. Hinckley, for free use of hall and light. Principal winners: Yorks. (8 entries): Mr. E. W. Thomas; Nor. (11): Messrs. Pritchard, Hotchkis; A.O.V. Can. (3): Messrs. Hughes, Forsey; Goldies (10): Messrs. Nicholas, Caddy; Linnets (8): Messrs. Caddy, McLauchlan, Gordon McLucas; Budies (4): Messrs. Nicholas, Legg; A.O.S. (9): Messrs. Cox, Legg, D. Thomas.—A. A. Gordon McLucas, Sec.

Codnor Park & Eastwood C.B.S.: Held Jan. 27 at Three Tuns, Eastwood. Spl. for best British, Mr. A. Smith (a grand house-moulted Bullie); most points in British, divided between Messrs. J. Martin and C. Lees, 24 each, Mr. T. Smith hard after with 23. The society owes much to our newly-elected chairman, Mr. J. Martin, who works hard in our interests. Mr. J. Simpson's Norwich arrived too late. Mr. J. Driver judged. Winning ticket number of Canary, 0793; for Linnet, 0910. Principal winners: Novice, Yorks., Mr. A. Wood; Nor., M. Smedley; Brit., Messrs. T. Smith, A. Smith, Lees, Hinshaw, W. Wood, Martin, Mitchell, Oliffe.—J. H. Mitchell, Sec.

LLANELLY AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

Meeting held Jan. 27th, headquarters, Grey hound Hotel, Mr. T. Jenkins in chair. Decided to hold local show (open to Carmarthenshire), Feb. 17th next, with 8 classes for Canaries. Judge, Mr. W. R. Morgans (Morriston); British, 7 classes, judge, Mr. W. J. Bancroft (Swansea), with prizes 6s., 4s., 2s., and entry fee 1s.—D. John, Sec.

CLYDEBANK AND DIST. C.B.C.

Meeting held Higgins Hall, Jan. 25th, Mr. Robb presiding. There was a good turn-out of members to hear a lecture by Mr. Campbell (Glasgow) on the matching and rearing of the Norwich P.H., and the lecture was enjoyed by all. At the close of the lecture the chairman asked for questions, when there was a goodly number, which Mr. Campbell answered in a way that left no doubt. A hearty vote of thanks brought the lecture to a close, when it was agreed to ask Mr. Campbell to judge the pair show on Feb. 10th. He kindly consented to do so. Two new members were proposed.—J. Hart, Sec.

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DOES SHE CARRY THE EGG IN HER MOUTH?

A Problem of the Mysterious Cuckoo.

Sir,—I think the enclosed correspondence, which has just appeared in the "Gloucester Citizen," will interest readers of CAGE BIRDS. The letters explain themselves.

A. E. WASLEY.

Doubting the Cinematograph.

Sir,—Doubtless many of your readers have seen the very interesting film at Northgate Street, depicting the habits of the Cuckoo and Sedge Warbler. May I be allowed to say the pictures given are excellent, but the explanatory notes are not equally satisfactory. More particularly I wish to point out that many ornithologists believe the Cuckoo lays her egg in the nest of another bird, and altogether decline to accept the information given at the Theatre de Luxe, viz., that the egg is first deposited on the ground, afterwards being carried in the mouth of the Cuckoo and placed in a suitable nest. Some few years ago a lengthy correspondence regarding this very thing appeared in the Fancy Press, and my friend, Mr. George Davis, of this city—himself no mean authority on British birds—took a leading part in the discussion arguing that the Cuckoo could not possibly carry the egg as suggested, and with this view I certainly agree.

A. J. BARNES.

An Answer in the Affirmative.

Sir,—I have not had the pleasure of seeing the pictures relating to the habits of the Cuckoo at the Theatre de Luxe, but according to my personal experience I should say they are perfectly correct. As to the bird not being able to carry its egg to the nest of another bird, it is not only possible, but quite simple, as the egg is very small considering the size of the bird, and they have been found smaller than the largest specimens taken from the nests of the Wagtail, the Pipit, or Robin; but as a general rule they are slightly larger than a Robin's egg. A friend of mine, a few years back, found a Cuckoo's egg in a Robin's nest which was built in a small hole in a wall, where there was only just room for the Robin to get in and out; which shows that it was quite impossible for a bird the size of the Cuckoo to lay its egg in the nest, and which points conclusively that the egg was placed there by the beak of the bird. There are no fewer than seventy-eight species on which Madam Cuckoo has conferred the privilege of rearing her offspring, but her first preference is for the Hedge Sparrow, and her second for the Pied Wagtail or Titlark, and the nests of these birds are generally built in a quite impossible position for a bird the size of the Cuckoo to lay her egg directly into the nest. Graham says: "No doubt you would like to see the Cuckoo actually place the egg there, and with patience you may succeed in doing so. The first point is to keep the hens well under observation. Cock birds are very easily seen, since they are showy, restless, noisy creatures, ever flying from one tree to another, and giving out their clear, familiar cry. But the females are shy and quiet. There is no difficulty in recognising them, however, as they are exactly like the males, except they are hardly so big. Much of their time is spent lurking by the roots of trees, the sides of plantations, covers, and similar places. By keeping an eye on any one you may chance to meet, it is just possible that she may be seen laying her egg on the ground and taking it up in her beak to deposit it in some nest chosen for the purpose.

ERNEST G. POWELL.

The Lay Direct.

Sir,—Re letter from A. J. Barnes, it may interest him to know that both myself and my wife have had the pleasure and perhaps unique experience of watching the Cuckoo lay its egg in a small bird's nest after first turning the small eggs out.

W. CARTER.

A Change of Opinion.

Sir,—The Rev. Basil Edwards, Rector of St. Aldgate's, very kindly called yesterday to tell me that the late Dr. Grant, of Chaxhill, found the egg of a Cuckoo in the roadway there, and that he actually saw the bird carry the egg in its mouth to a nest wherein he also saw it. My congratulations to you, sir. One letter in the "Citizen" has, to my mind, brought reliable information and cleared up a much-debated point, which the correspondence in the Fancy Press that I spoke of failed to do. My apology to the Theatre de Luxe management.

A. J. BARNES.

Two Societies Which Should Be One.

So Says a Darlington Correspondent.

Sir,—I think it is time that the two societies were coming together in Darlington and making one real good society. It would be as strong as any in the North. There is nothing in the way. Fancy forty or fifty fanciers in a town running two societies, and always troubling business people for specials, etc. As far as I can remember, it was in 1906 when there was held here one of the best one-day shows in the North—record entries (not far short of 600) and a record gate. Look at the last show held in Darlington; there was not half the entries.

BROWNEY.

The Secrecy of the Ballot.

An Item from Ireland.

Sir,—Appended is a copy of a requisition duly sent to Mr. Holley on Jan. 29. I have heard such a lot of grumbling lately from members regarding the manner in which previous annual elections have been carried out that for the welfare of the society it is necessary that the said resolution should be passed. At previous elections, notwithstanding that the envelopes were marked "Ballot Paper," they (the envelopes) were opened some days prior to the date of annual general meeting. This is not voting by ballot, and if the society is to go ahead, this practice must cease. I am confident if this resolution is carried that it will be the means of creating better comradeship and loyalty amongst the members. I trust all the members will give this matter the attention it deserves.

J. R. HYLAND.

A Rook's Narrow Escape from Drowning.

Sir,—The following will no doubt interest my fellow readers. The account was submitted by a correspondent to the "Bath Herald": Apropos of the drowning season, I witnessed an incident just recently which looked at one time as though it was going to end in tragedy. Cycling along the grass by the river, in the Newton meadows, I came rather suddenly upon two large Rooks having a bath in a shallow at the edge of the river. Their only means of escape was by flight across the stream. This they essayed to do, and one of them by tremendous effort, just succeeded in getting across. His companion, however, was not so fortunate. His feathers were very wet, and he lacked buoyancy, with the consequence that after struggling most desperately to keep himself aloft, his strength failed him, and down he came flop into the river. There he floated with only just his head and beak above water. Thinking his career was about to terminate I dismounted, and stood at a respectful distance to see the end. In this, however, I was mistaken; he evidently believed that while there is life there is hope. A mere human would probably have succumbed to what he would consider the inevitable, but this fellow was of a different calibre. He was a Rook of resource, so to speak, and instead of pining over his pitiless predicament, he set about to discover means of escape. He surveyed the situation calmly, but rapidly, and seemed to come to the conclusion that time, as the lawyers say, is the essence of the contract. About 30 feet away towards the opposite side of the stream, his keen eye detected a small stick—part of a submerged tree—projecting a few inches above the water, and his fertile brain seemed to be reasoning at high pressure thus: "My wings are obviously quite useless for the purpose for which they were intended, but if I could manage to convert them into temporary paddles, I might be able to propel myself across to that stick, my only place of salvation from an ignominious death." Translating his thoughts into actions, he succeeded after a great many frantic flappings with his now quite submerged wings, in reaching his place of refuge, and I had the satisfaction of seeing the brave fellow climb on to his perch, where he remained quietly until dry enough to fly away and join his companion.

R. ELLMAN.

Two Well-known Mules Go Astray from Hemsworth Show.

Sir,—I was an exhibitor at the Hemsworth Show on Saturday last. My exhibits were a yellow Greenie Mule, winner Scottish National, Sunderland, and several other shows; also a yellow Siskin-Canary Mule, a winner at Bathgate, Glasgow, etc. As these birds failed to reach me by 5 p.m. Monday, I wired Mr. Gillings, the secretary, as to when sent off. His reply was: "Birds despatched 8 p.m. Saturday night via Wakefield." But up to time of writing there is no trace of them, further than the L. and Y. Railway Company's way bill. The birds evidently went astray after leaving Wakefield. Should they have been wrongly delivered with other exhibits from the show, I shall be glad if the present holder of the birds would kindly forward them on to me. The basket (two-cage size) had my address fixed inside as well as the show label outside. As I shall claim on the railway company for full value, detention of the same by anyone found in possession may incur police proceedings. It would save trouble and expense to all parties if the birds were returned at once. They were entered for the Palace Show. The Greenie Mule was in a bow top, sliding front cage, and the Siskin in a box pattern, Scotch style, sliding front, cage, enamelled light green. If they should meet the eyes of any fellow-fancier, I shall be glad of information as to their whereabouts.

E. BRUNSKILL.

73, Eastbourne Road, Birkdale, Southport.

A Friend Wanted at York.

Sir,—I am a lover of birds, and should be only too pleased to meet with a birdy friend, as I am very lonely and miserable, the reason being that I have no companion to go walks with—am always by myself. I should be very pleased to meet a gentleman (or lady). I am twenty-six years of age, tall and dark. The Editor has my address. I saw a case of this sort mentioned a few weeks ago in CAGE BIRDS for the benefit of a fancier.

ERNEST FOLKARD.

[We are ever anxious and willing to help our readers. We must gently but firmly decline, however, to have anything to do with developing the matrimonial side of the Fancy, alluring though the notion be. Our responsibilities are already all-sufficient.—Editor.]

"Give Me Water, Please."

A Help to Birds Travelling by Rail.

Sir,—I occasionally find birds coming by rail are dead on arrival, or they die soon after arrival, and I verily believe want of water is the cause. It is an old adage that "necessity is the mother of invention"; I have recently introduced a method of supplying water to the birds, and as I get many useful and helpful hints from the columns of your journal, I should like to explain my method to such of your readers as care to adopt it. In the end of the box I bore a hole, say, a ¾in. hole. Inside the box, and just under the hole, I fix a drinking tin in such a manner that it cannot be upset. I fill the tin with water and a few pieces of bread to hold the moisture. Then I fix a label on the outside—just above the hole—bearing the words: "Give me water, please."

P. BURNS-CONLY.

Pershore.

A Dispute Concerning a British Bird Cup.

Sir,—I am glad to notice Mr. F. J. Wickham publicly states that he is satisfied I have complied with the rules governing the cup competition; therefore, as such is the case, I should like to know why he raised the protest when it was absolutely unnecessary? I must take exception to his statement that I said "I had done it before and was prepared to prove it." This I absolutely deny, and did so at the meeting I attended. This statement was made by the Kent County Secretary, when he wrote to Mr. Wickham giving him my reasons for objecting to the action of the Headquarter Committee, and was never made by me at all. A copy of this letter as sent to Mr. Wickham was read at the meeting, and I contradicted the portion which contained this statement. The secretary then said it was evidently a misunderstanding on his part, and I have since received a letter from him stating that he had advised Mr. Wickham that the statement was unfounded. Well, now, why does Mr. Wickham try to make use of reports he knows to be false? Further on in his letter he states that I am an experienced fancier, and surely ought not to consider it fair to nominate in selling classes. My answer to that is that every class (whether selling or otherwise) not barred by the rules of the competition is open for the nomination of exhibits, and therefore the points obtained in those classes, however small, are eligible to count. He also says that at Canterbury classes were provided for Linnet, Goldfinch, Greenfinch, or Bullfinch, and A.O.V. Finch, and that I could have entered in any of these and competed for the cup. Does he know what birds I possess? And, if so, am I to be instructed by him as to which class I shall enter in, or do I still retain the exhibitor's privilege—that of pleasing myself? I also notice that to make his own point a little more pronounced, he still surmises that the bird put in the selling class, being nominated, is bound to win, because of its nomination. Every exhibitor knows different to that, because no matter what the class is, the exhibitor has to abide by the judge's decision. I am firmly of the opinion that had my bird only have got a v.h.c. instead of a third, and thereby made my aggregate two points less (which would have been one under his total) we should never have received any protest, and the matter would never have cropped up. He is quite in order to make a proposition for a new rule, or for any existing rule to be altered, to deal with this matter, at the annual general meeting, but under no circumstances can any rule governing a competition be altered till such time. Then, as a finale, he says "I know the rules do not mention selling classes, and if it was intended that fanciers could nominate in selling classes, the Club would have put it in the rules." Well, does it not also apply that if it was intended that fanciers should not be allowed to nominate in selling classes, the Club would also have put this in the rules? This particular point is the very backbone of my argument, and, as I have said before, I have competed strictly in accordance with the rules laid down; and am not dealing with "what might be" or "what ought to be," but with "what actually is."

L. A. BRETT.

Sir,—Having read in your two previous issues letters appearing under the above heading, I think the argumentative powers of the merest novice should be sufficient to convince Mr. Brett that he has always been treated with justice by the Headquarters Committee of the Kent County C.B.A., and that his contention as to gaining the highest number of points fails in face of facts. I would point out that, providing his exhibit was admissible, by the new rule of last year he is non-suited, as that states that points shall not count where there is but one competitor. No other members of the Kent County C.B.A. having nominated in this 15s. selling class, how could such points stand and count towards the cup? During my career as a fancier, it has to my knowledge been generally understood that selling classes were not competitive.

DOUVRES.

From Bradford and District to the Crystal Palace Show.

Sir,—Those desirous of spending a full day in London on Feb. 3 will be glad to hear that I have received information that the Midland Railway are running a day trip, starting from the Midland Station (Bradford) at 10.45 p.m., Friday, Feb. 2, due to arrive at 5.40 a.m., Saturday. This train will stop at Shipley 10.53 p.m., Apperley 10.59, Newlay 11.7, Kirkstall 11.11, Armley, 11.17, and Leeds 12.5 midnight. Thus passengers by this train will have a good eighteen hours' stay in London, as the return train does not depart from St. Pancras until 12.5 midnight on Saturday. There is ample time for sight-seeing, and also a lengthy stay at the Palace Show. The return fare is 12s. Bookings for three and four days can be made at 17s., and 20s. for six days. Fanciers travelling by this train would be well advised to ask for Mr. Turner, the district superintendent, at the Midland Station, and if he is there he will see to their getting a comfortable compartment for the journey.

H. HILL.

Will Hen Hawfinches Breed in Captivity?

The writer fails; but thinks it can be done.

Sir,—Several years ago I tried the hen Hawfinch in various ways in a large cage in an outhouse, and I will now give you my experience of both male and female Hawfinches from a breeding point of view. Some ten years ago I had a very nice pair of Hawfinches which I thought I would try and breed from, as they were at that time somewhat rare; in fact, very few were kept in cages, and they were difficult then to get. These birds, when I had them, had recently been caught, and were very wild. After keeping them some time in a cage indoors, I turned them out loose in a large shed with a net-worked door. I placed large branches of evergreens and some oak branches with the leaves on them in pots and pails. I also supplied some faggots, which I raised up in each corner with some ivy stuck in to cover them partly, as I thought this would induce them to nest. I supplied them with moss, dry grass, roots, and other material for building purposes, and I also put in several Greenfinches and other nests in the faggots. I supplied them with canary, hemp, rape, and sunflower seeds, and, when the season was in, green shelled peas. But after all the pains I had taken I could not get them to make any sign of building, although their mates (a pair of Greenfinches) did build, and brought up their young, which I thought would have helped to bring the Hawfinches on. As I could not do anything with them the first year, I thought I might do better the next year, so I kept them on, but could never do any good with them as breeders, and in the end I parted with them. About four years ago, when Hawfinches began to get more plentiful, and were "all the go" as cage birds for showing purposes, I tried two hens for Hybrids. Both were out of doors in large cages, made out of bacon boxes. I put plenty of evergreens in and several nest boxes. One was up with a cock Greenfinch, and they were on good terms with each other; but they made no signs of nesting. Neither would she lay. The other hen I had up with a cock Bullie, quite on the off chance, as I had no other bird then that I could put up with it. The cage was similar to the other one, so there was plenty of room. For this pair I put in several nests, also roots and fibres, so as to tempt the Bullie to build. But I could not get them to make any attempt to build, and gave them up as a bad job. These birds were wild caught ones. The results might perhaps have been different if I could have had hand-reared birds. I am still of the opinion that they can be bred with, although I do not think anyone has yet bred with them. I should advise anyone giving them a trial (on the hen side) to do so in a large outdoor aviary, where there would be plenty of room. I intend to return to this bird again shortly, and have another try in various ways if I can get hand-reared birds. I should by all means advise anyone interested in Hybrid breeding to try and get this bird to cross. Probably the likeliest bird to use would be the cock Greenfinch. Perhaps some of your numerous readers may know of someone who has been successful in breeding with the hen Hawfinch or even getting eggs from her, which is something on the high road to success.

HYBRID.

Singing Contests.

NEWTOWN (Leeds).

Week-end Linnet contest, held Jan. 28, when 15 birds entered. Mr. Harry Allen judged, assisted by Mr. T. Soloman. 1st, A. Binns; 2nd, E. Wood; 3rd, H. Playforth.—E. Wood, Hon. Sec.

LEEDS.

Weekly Linnet singing contest for quality held Old Bird House, King's Head, Shannon St., Jan. 27. 1st and 3rd, T. Stead; 2nd, T. Johnson. Judges, Messrs. Hardcastle and Naylor. Also Jan. 28, when 34 birds sang, and some extra good singing was heard:—1st, Blands; 2nd, Butterfield; 3rd, Stead; 4th, Johnson. Judges, Messrs. Hardcastle and Walt. Naylor.—T. C. Summers, Hon. Sec.

Quality singing for Linnets held Skinners' Arms, Buslingthorp, Jan. 20, when 19 birds sang. 1, Chippindale; 2, 3, shared by Sellars and Ward. Also Jan. 27, when 24 birds sang: 1, Ward; 2, Chippindale; 3, shared by Sellars and Richardson. Judges, Messrs. Lorriman and Sissons. Also a Canary contest. 1, Chippindale; 2, Binns; 3, Wood. Judges, Biss and Claytor.—C. Clayton, Hon. Sec.

BLACKBURN.

Blackburn Quality Linnet S.A. Club (headquarters Old Red Lion, Snig Brook). Kindly correct second prize winner at Wigan Affiliation Singing Contest, January 13th; it should have been G. Hayhurst (Blackburn) instead of R. Hayhurst.—R. Hayhurst, Sec.

SEAHAM HARBOUR.

First singing contest held Jan. 27th, when 36 birds competed for 11 prizes. 1, 2, 6, Robson; 3, Wilkinson; 4, 7, Hills; 5, Davison; 8, 9, Walker; 10, Briggs; 11, Hartley. Judge, Mr. G. Robson. Timekeeper, Mr. J. Watson.

CASTLEFORD.

Weekly Linnet contest held Jan. 27th. Forty-one birds sang. After a very near thing the winners were: 1, J. Brindley; 2, 3, W. Nelson. Also on Jan. 28th we had 23 birds to sing, and the largest score of the year was done by the winner. 1 and 2, W. Nelson; 3, W. Dobson.—W. Dobson, Hon. Sec.

DURHAM.

Linnet sing held Thinford's Inn, Jan. 27th, when a good company assembled and some fine singing was heard. Mr. J. Gardener (Spennymoor) judged. 1, 2, Shotton (West Auckland); 3, Stobbs (Chilton). Timekeeper, Mr. Brown. Look out for the big cup competition, which will be advertised in CAGE BIRDS. —W. Fairless, Hon. Sec.

LEIGH.

Contest held Jan. 28th, when 24 birds sang for six prizes, and some very good singing was done. We tried members as judges who had never judged before, and right well they judged. We will change again on Feb. 4th. The Globe Inn Linnet Club will hold an open-to-all-England Linnet contest for quality and time Feb. 3rd at headquarters, when the first 12 birds will be drawn at 1.45, singing to start at 2 o'clock. Also a delegates' meeting after contest. Will the clubs intending joining the affiliation kindly send delegates?—J. McAllister.

SALFORD.

Open contest for quality and time, held Jan. 27, Boat House Hotel, Oldfield, when 46 birds entered from all the Lancashire singing clubs:—Leigh 15, Salford 13, Wigan 5, Blackburn 4, Tyldesley 4, West Houghton 3, West Houghton 3, Warrington 2. Some very good singing was heard. Four minutes were allowed each bird, and only a few pairs had to sing in the gaslight. Winners:—Quality: 1, J. W. Jones; 2, W. H. Topping; 3, A. Marshall; 4, J. W. Jones; Time: 1, 2, J. Roole (157 and 110); 3, J. Fairhurst (53); 4, G. Randles (36) (Warrington); Special quality: 1st prize for members, A. Marshall. Quality judges, W. Barnes (Wigan), R. Howcroft, J. McAllister (Leigh); timekeepers, W. Cain, J. Everett (Salford, Tyldsley); tappers, J. Statham and Marshall (Leigh, Salford); bird-keeper, J. Fairhurst. Eight prizes were given the successful competitors, with the club's prize cards. After the contest a very pleasant evening was spent by all, and our first open contest this season proved a success. We were again successful in enrolling two new members, Messrs. J. Hickman and C. Newhall. Thanks must be given all the clubs affiliated for their assistance. The novel guessing competition promoted by Mr. J. Pearson was an interesting affair, a large number entering. A number of peas were sealed in a small bottle, and at 9 p.m. were opened before Messrs. Barnes, Topping, Everett, Coates, Milligan, and Wilson. The winner was Mrs. Kelly (Salford, who gave 197, which proved the actual number, winning the cage. The funds will certainly be aided by the results. Members' show for Linnets will take place on Feb. 4, at 7.15 (entrance fee as agreed); field or house-moulted birds. Judge, Mr. J. Bird (Hulme). Next contest, Leigh, Feb. 3; all members are asked to support it. Members are invited to post there contributions to me if unable to come to next meeting; fanciers invited.—B. Wharton, Hon. Sec.

CHELTENHAM C.B.S.

Annual members' pair show held January 20th, Sydney Arms, when a record number of pairs was staged. The quality was splendid allround and gave the judge (Mr. J. H. Payne) some work to sort out the winners. Norwich made the biggest section. Mr. Stevens introduced some unique Hybrid classes. The Border Fancy is finding more devotees in this district, and some very typical pairs were staged, both in the champion and novice sections. The attendance was very fair, and we are pleased to see the ladies taking more interest in the shows. Amongst the visitors we noticed Mrs. Madagan, Mrs. A. E. Smith, Mrs. Maconechy, and the popular President (Mr. W. Theobald). Mr. Grant proposed a hearty vote of thanks to Mr. Payne for judging; this was seconded by Mr. J. Hands. In replying, Mr. Payne congratulated the Society on the size (between 70 and 80 pairs), and quality of the show.

CREST CK. AND C.B. HEN: 1, Hands; 2, 3, Mrs. Maconechy. C.B. CK. AND CREST HEN: 1, 2, 3, Hands; 4, Mrs. Maconechy. NOR. YELL. CK. AND BUFF HEN: 1, J. Williams; 2, H. Wesley; 3, 4, Stephenson; c, Pounsett. BUFF CK. AND YELL. HEN: 1, J. Williams; 2, 3, Stephenson; 4, Pounsett; hc, Wesley; c, Kenyon. BORD. YELL. CK. AND BUFF HEN: 1, 2, 3, Madagan; 4, vhc, J. Hands, jun. BUFF CK. AND YELL. HEN: 1, J. Hands, jun.; 2, Madagan. ROLLERS: 1, 2, Lewis. BRIT. AND CAN.: 1, 3, 4, vhc, H. Brown; 2, hc, c, Pounsett. TWO BRIT.: 1, H. Brown; 2, vhc, Elslowe; 3, 4, hc, c, Stevens. FOR.: 1, 2, 3, R. Smith; 4, vhc, hc, Treasure. NOVICE, CRESTS: 1, Miss Dent. NOR.: 1, 2, Alexander; 3, 4, Hope; vhc, Middleton. BORD.: 1, 3, Miss Dent; 2, 4, E. Smith. BRIT. AND CAN.: 1, 2, 3,. Elstone; 4, Smith. A. S. Treasure, Sec.

ROUND THE SHOWS.

BUCKHAVEN AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

Show held Free Gardeners' Hall, Jan. 27th. There was a nice classification, and some noted exhibitors turned out good teams. Border Fancy competition was very keen. Mr. Goodfellow (Edinburgh) judged, and got through in fine time. The following office bearers are all genuine fanciers: President, Mr. D. Henderson; vice-president, Mr. R. Thomson; treasurer, Mr. A. Duncan; secretary, Mr. R. Hazzard; auditors, Messrs. G. Fotheringham and W. Foster. In such a fine district as this the membership might easily be doubled. The hall is one of the best in Fife for a cage bird show, having grand light and lots of room for a big show.

BORD., CL., ETC., YELL.: 1, Anderson; 2, Williamson; 3, Bond, jun. BUFF: 1, Spence, 2, Henderson; 3, Bond, jun. VARIEG. YELL.: 1, Henderson; 2, Spence; 3, Hazzard. BUFF: 1, Spence; 2, J. and A. Duncan; 3, Hazzard. GREEN, ETC.: 1, Spence; 2, J. and A. Duncan; 3, Hazzard. PAIRS: 1, Henderson; 2, Williamson; 3, Brown. NOR., CL., ETC.: 1, Peters; 2, D. Thomson; 3, R. Thomson. NON-FED: 1, R. Thomson; 2, 3, D. Thomson. YORKS.: 1, 2, 3, Rillie. CAN. COMMON: 1, 2, J. and R. Duncan; 3, G. Duncan. MULE, ETC.: 1, 3, Storrar; 2, Peters. SISKIN, ETC.: 1, 3, Colville; 2, Hazzard. GREENFINCH: 1, Storrar; 2, Colville; 3, Peters. GOLDFINCH, ETC.: 1, Colville; 2, 3, Peters.

NORTH SHIELDS C.B.S.

First show held at Gregg's Cafe, Dec. 26th and 27th. There were 20 birds on exhibition, among them being some of the noted winners at Crystal Palace, Alnwick, Blaydon, Newcastle, and Gateshead. For a first attempt the show reflected great credit upon the members, and promised exceedingly well for the future. Quality was exceedingly good, and the display was indeed educating and interesting. The secretarial duties were carried out by Mr. R. P. Fox, very ably assisted by Messrs. Hunter, Bertram, Wilson (Tynemouth), Newton (Wellington Quay), McVay, Thompson, Heather, J. N. Rutherford (who acted as show stewards), with Messrs. Muckle, M. Young, and M. Bergun. Mr. Robson (Newcastle) judged Canaries, and Mr. A. Allaway (North Shields) the British birds.

NOR. UNFLIG. CK.: 1, 2, spl, R. Newton; 3, Wilson. UNFLIG. HEN: 1, 2, spl, G. Heather. HEN: 1, 2, spl, E. Little; 3, 4, Baker. CK.: 1, 3, spl, E. Little; 2, Newton; 4, vhc, G. Couchman; hc, Baker. MKD. HEN: 1, Couchman; 2, S. Heather. CK.: 1, 3, spl, Couchman; 2, 4, Baker. NOR., OLD BIRDS, CK.: 1, spl, Newton; 2, Little; 3, Couchman; 4, Baker. HEN: 1, Couchman; 2, 3, vhc, spl, Baker; 4, Newton. YORKS. CK.: 1, Wigglesworth; 2, 3, vhc, spl, Wilson; 4, Watson. HEN: 1, 2, spl, Wigglesworth; 3, Baker. YORKS. CK., UNFLIG.: 1, 2, spl, Wigglesworth; 3, 4, Watson; vhc, Baker. HEN: 1, Wigglesworth. BORD. FCY., CL. CK.: 1, c, Wilson; 2, vhc, hc, Little; 3, Couchman; 4, R. P. Fox. HEN: 1, 2, spl, Wilson; 3, Baker; 4, R. P. Fox. MKD., ETC., CK.: 1, 3, spl, Little; 2, vhc, Couchman; 4, hc, Wilson; c, Baker. HEN: 1, 2, spl, Wilson; 3, Couchman. GREEN CK.: 1, Wilson; 2, 3, 4, spl, Little; vhc, Couchman. HEN: 1, 2, 3, spl, Little; 4, hc, Couchman; vhc, c, Wilson. CINN. AND CINN. MKD.: 1, hc, spl, 3, 4, vhc, R. P. Fox; 2, Couchman. CRESTS: 1, 2, 3, spl, Wilson. C.B.: 1 2, spl, 4, vhc, hc, Wilson; 3, Newton. A.O.V. CAN.: 1, 3, spl, Baker; 2, Wilson. LARKS (OPEN CLASS): 1, Heather; 2, vhc, H. Potts; 3, c, McVay; hc, McSally. Mr. S. Heather and Mr. H. Potts divided special. LINNET (OPEN): 1, H. Dunn; 2, 3, spl, J. Jobbing; r, Watson; vhc, S. Heather; hc, Johnston; c, McVay. GOLDFINCH, ETC.: 1, 2, 3, spl, Hunter; r, Heather; vhc, McVay; hc, Wilkinson; c, Muckle. GREENFINCH: 1, spl, 3, McBay; 2, Watson; r, W. Hunter; vhc, Gergen; hc, Heather; c, J. P. Hunter. LINNET, H.M.: 1, spl, Hunter; 2, McVay; 3, R. P. Fox; r, Wilkinson; vhc, J. P. Hunter; hc, N. Udberg; c, Muckle. F.M.: 1, 2, spl, Hunter; 3, r, G. Heather; vhc, R. P. Fox; hc, Bergen; c, Wilson. SISKIN, ETC.: 1, W. Hunter; 2, spl, vhc, c, McVay; 3, Couchman; r, Sandbery; hc, J. P. Hunter. CHAFFINCH, ETC.: 1, 2, spl, McVay; 3, Couchman; r, Udberg; vhc, Bergen; hc, J. P. Hunter; c, Potts. BUNTING: 1, spl, 2, vhc, McVay; 3, Heather; r, Wilson; hc, Fox; c, Watson. MEMBERS' LARKS: 1, Heather; 2, Potts; 3, r, hc, McVay; vhc, Potts and Heather; c, Heather; Messrs. Heather and Potts tie for special. A.O.S. BRIT. SOFTBILL LARGE: 1, spl, J. P. Hunter; 2, Wilson; 3, McVay. MULES: 1, spl, Newton; 2, vhc, Couchman; 3, Udberg; r, Newton; hc, Wilson; c, W. Hunter.

SPRINGBURN, POSSIL-PARK AND DIS. C.B.C.

This old club, which had been defunct for some time, came to life again early this year, and has blossomed out into a vigorous and healthy condition. Enthusiasm is the key-note that has been struck, and the result of that was a highly creditable show, and that too from a very small membership. Some 28 members are on the roll, and when 300 odd birds of merit are staged—well, that speaks for itself as to their enthusiasm. Long may it continue. The management have every reason to be proud of their venture. A rare lot of Norwich, Crests, Borders, Yorks., and British were on view, and competition was keen. Mr. J. Sneaton (Musselburgh) judged Nor. and Crests, and Mr. M. Craig (Glasgow) Yorks., Borders, and Wild Birds; and their awards were well received.

YOUNG BIRDS: NOR., YELL. CK. (13): 1, sp., M'Leod; 2, 5, Crawford; 3, Taylor; 4, M'Millan; 6, Smith. BUFF (15): 1, sp., and young bird cup, Crawford; 2, Taylor; 3, 4, 5, and sp., M'Leod; 6, Donachy. YELL., VARIEG., ETC. (6): 1, Taylor; 2, M'Leod; 3, Dick; 4, Barron; 5, Reid. BUFF (8): 1, M'Leod; 2, Griffiths; 3, Dowell; 4, Dick; 5, Barron; 6, Donachy. YELL. HEN (12): 1, Crawford; 2, sp., Taylor; 3, Dowell; 4, Sloan; 5, Young; 6, Smith. BUFF (13): 1, 2, Donachy; 3, M'Leod; 4, Barron; 5, Crawford; 6, Taylor. YELL., VARIEG., ETC. (8): 1, Downie; 2, Donachy; 3, sp., Dick; 4, Smith; 5, 6, Sloan. BUFF (2): 1, sp., and runner-up for cup, M'Leod; 2, Taylor; 3, Dick; 4, Sloan; 5, Barron; 6, Dowell. NON-FED CK. (6): 1, sp., 2, 3, Sloan; 4, M'Millan; 5, Dick; 6, Crawford. CREST (6): 1, sp., Griffiths; 2, Lindsay; 3, Dick; 4, 5, Crawford. C.B. (5): 1, 2, 6, Griffiths; 3, 4, Dick; 5, Lindsay. BORD., CL., ETC., YELL. (6): 1, Morrison; 2, Hughes; 3, sp., Dick; 4, Swan. BUFF (9): 1, sp., and gold medal winner; 4, Braid; 2, sp., Hughes; 3, Dick; 5, 6, Morrison. VARIEG. YELL. (3): 1, Hughes; 2, Morrison; 3, Dick. BUFF (4): 1, Braid; 2, Dick; 3, Morrison. YORKS., YELL. CK. (2): 1, sp., Penman; 2, Barron. BUFF (3): 1, 2, 3, Penman. YELL. HEN (2): 1, 2, Barron. BUFF (3): 1, 2, 3, Penman. A.O.V. CK. (2): 1, 2, Sloan. MULE (2): 1, Donachy; 2, Reid. OLD BIRDS: NOR., YELL. CK. (8): 1, Barron; 2, Braid; 3, Sloan; 4, M'Leod; 5, Dick; 6, Crawford. BUFF (11): 1, Barron; 2, Donachy; 3, Downie; 4, Sloan; 5, Dowell; 6, Dick. YELL., VARIEG., ETC. (5): 1, Downie; 2, Sloan; 3, Dick; 4, Barron; 5, Dowell. BUFF (9): 1, sp. for best old bird, Barron; 2, sp., Donachy; 3, sp., Downie; 4, Twamley; 5, Dick. YELL. HEN (7): 1, Crawford; 2, Taylor; 3, M'Millan; 4, 5, Sloan; 6, Downie. BUFF (8): 1, sp., Barron; 2, sp., Smith; 3, Taylor; 4, Donachy; 5, Sloan; 6, Dowell. YELL., VARIEG., ETC. (3): 1, Crawford; 2, Sloan; 3, sp., Donachy. BUFF (7): 1, 3, Twamley; 2, Sloan; 4, M'Millan; 5, Dowell; 6, Crawford. NON-FED CK. (10): 1, sp., Sloan; 2, Donachy; 3, Gordon; 4, M'Millan; 5, Dowell; 6, Braid. HEN (5): 1, 4, Gordon; 2, Dick; 3, Brown; 5, Smith. CREST (6): 1, 4, M'Millan; 2, Dick; 3, Brown; 5, Crawford; 6, Lindsay. C.B. (4): 1, 3, 4, Brown; 2, Griffiths. BORD. CK. (2): 1, sp., Swan; 2, 3, Hughes; 4, 6, Brown; 5, Hunter. HEN (9): 1, 2, sp., 4, Hughes; 3, Hunter; 5, Morrison; 6, Swan. YORKS., CK. (5): 1, sp., 4, Barron; 2, 3, 5, Penman. HEN (5): 1, 2, 3, Barron; 4, 5, Penman. A.O.V. CK. (2): 1, Sloan; 2, Dick. HEN (2): 1, Reid; 2, Sloan. LIGHT MULE OR HYB. (3): 1, Donachy; 2, 3, Taylor. A.O.V. MULE (3): 1, Taylor; 2, 3, Sloan. BRIT., GOLDIE (5): 1, Gordon; 2, Taylor; 3, sp., Hunter; 4, Reid; 5, sp., Brown. BULLIE (2): 1, sp., Sloan; 2, Dick. LINNET (8): 1, Sloan; 2, sp., Waugh; 3, Reid; 4, Griffiths; 5, Watson; 6, Morrison. SISKIN (3): 1, Gordon; 2, sp., Sloan; 3, Crawford. MEALY REDPOLL, ETC. (5): 1, Taylor; 2, Gordon; 3, Crawford; 4, Twamley; 5, Reid. LESSER REDPOLL (5). 1, Crawford; 2, Brown; 3, Watson; 4, Reid; 5, Gordon. GREENIE (11): 1, sp., Griffiths; 2, M'Millan; 3, Reid; 4, 6, Crawford; 5, Donachy. YELLOW-HAMMER, ETC. (3): 1, Reid; 2, Dick; 3, Hunter. CHAFFIE, ETC. (4): 1, sp., 4, Reid; 2, Crawford; 3, Dick. HEN (for hybrid breeding) (5): 1, Crawford; 2, 4, Sloan; 3, sp., Gordon; 5, Reid. LARGE BRIT. (1): Crawford. FOR. GOLDIE (1): Griffiths. —J. Waugh, Hon. Sec.

SIX BELLS F.F. AND H.S.

Local show held Jan. 17th, Cwm Hotel, Abertillery, where about 100 cage birds faced the judge, Mr. O. E. Hodge (Bristol). Quality was good. Members' cup for best cage bird won by Mr. R. Cleaves, with a beautiful Norwich. The Secretary (Mr. E. Churchill) had all his work well in hand, and cards were up early after judging.

NOR. CK. (4): 3, 4, Cleaves; vhc, Pierce; hc, Mortimer. HEN (4): 3, 4, Cleaves; vhc, Pierce; hc, Mortimer. UNFLIG. (4): 3, vhc, Phillips and Lunt; 4, Mortimer; hc, Cleaves. NOR. A.O.V. (5): 2, Mortimer; 4, Collier; hc, Pierce. YORKS (5): 2, Phillips and Lunt; 4, hc, Pritchard; vhc, Parfitt. HEN (6): 3, c, Pritchard; 4, Mortimer; vhc, H. Parfitt; hc, J. Parfitt. YORKS, UNFLIG. (7): 2, Mortimer; 3, vhc, Pritchard; hc J. Parfitt; c, H. Parfitt. YORKS, NOVICE (4): 3, Pritchard; 4, Mortimer; vhc, Waldron; hc, H. Parfitt. BRIT. NOVICE (3): 3, Morris; 4, vhc, Pierce. CAN: 3, 4, vhc, Mortimer.

WEST BROMWICH AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

Sixth annual members' show, held Dartmouth Hotel, Jan. 13th. There was a good response in Norwich and British, but Yorks. were a failure in point of numbers, only one member showing in champion classes. Crest and Crestbreds were champion, and in this section was found the best bird in show, a grand unflighted C.B. Novice classes, although not supported as they should have been, contained some good birds, and a great improvement in type and quality on past shows; this is as it should be, and we hope the novices will give their support to the classes when put on, and encourage the committee to do greater things for them. That well-known and respected fancier, Mr. F. J. Weaver (Wolverhampton) placed the cards, and was happy in his selections. Winners of specials: Messrs. Collier (best Nor. and others), Andrews (Yorks.), Welch (Brit.), Sadler (novice Nor. and others), Stokes (novice Yorks.), Groves (best bird), Capewell (Brit. and Mule), Taylor (runner up). Some well-known fanciers and friends dropped in during the evening, and we must vote the show a success.

NOR., CL., ETC., YELL. NOR. (6): 1, 3, Taylor, 1st, good head and neck, grand quality, 3, good size, nice head; 2, vhc, hc, Collier, splendid head and quality; 4, Viles. BUFF (6): 1, 2, Collier, variegated, lovely type, col. and quality, 2nd, cl., good wing carriage and neck, lovely quality; 3, Viles, similar bird, fails just a little in substance; 4, vhc, Taylor; hc, Cooper. HEN (9): 1, sp., 2, vhc, Collier, 1st, buff, splendid all over for type, quality and col., 2, dark tailed buff, good body and head; 3, Viles, very typical cl. yell., nice carriage, quality and col.; 4, hc, c, Taylor. UNFLIG. (8): 1, 2, 3, 4, Collier, grand team, 1st, clear yell., nice type, close feather, red hot, 2nd, dark tail buff, good substance and head, 3, cl. buff, close up, grand col.; vhc, hc, c, Taylor. YORKS., CL., ETC., YELL. (2): 1, sp., 2, Andrews, both clears, 1st, grand length and position, lovely quality, 2, similar length and quality, open front. BUFF (2): 1, 2, Andrews, 1st, grand length and position upstanding, like wax, 2nd, tkd. cheeks, not much behind. HEN (2): 1, 2, Andrews, again both clears, 1st, splendid lengthy, unflig., lovely quality, nicely drawn, 2, similar bird. UNFLIG (3): 1, 2, 3, Andrews, 1st, cl. yell., grand length, neat shoulders, well on leg, stands like a guardsman, 2, buff, good, 3, yell., typical. CREST (4): 1, 2, 3, 4, Groves, really fine team, leader fine dark crest and wing mkd buff, 2, similar. C.B. (4): 1, 2, 3, 4, name missed, 1st unflig. hen, good length of feather, on a grand dome-shaped head, 2, 3, var. buffs, not much behind. BRIT. HARDBILL (16): 1, sp., Welch, well-known Hawfinch, in the pink, grand bib and col.; 2, Capewell, Yellowhammer, in fine order, beak damaged; 3, vhc, Cooper, good Bullfinch, nice cap, lovely breast col.; 4, vhc, Palmer, very nice Greenie. SOFTBILL (1): Capewell, Waxwing, well known. MULES (3): 1, 3, Viles, very fine dark Goldie, nice blaze, 3, dark Greenie, good; 2, Capewell, var. Goldie, nice exhibit, in the pink. NOVICE: NOR., CL., ETC., SELL. (1): Sadler, cl., nice type and condition. BUFF (3): 1, Sadler, cl., nice type and quality; 2, 3, Barnsley, nat. col., both good type and condition. HEN (4): 1, 3, 4, Barnsley, 1st, cl. buff, very typical, nice head, 3, yell., nice size, good neck and wings; 2, Sadler, cap marked yell., nice type, very neat. UNFLIG. (4): 1, sp., Sadler, cap mkd. buff, lovely quality and colour; 2, 3, Barnsley, 2, variegated yell., good body, nice wings, 3, cl. yell., nice carriage; 4, Stokes. YORKS., CL., ETC., YELL. (2): 1, 2, Greenhouse, two nice exhibits, leader Cinn. mkd., good position. BUFF (1): 1, sp., Stokes, cl., grand length, lovely quality, very neat head and neck. HEN (3): 1, 2, Sadler, 1, very typical, unflig. cl. yell., 2, variegated yell., nice one; 3, Greenhouse, nice buff. UNFLIG. (3): 1, Greenhouse, cl. yell., a hen well up, nice length of flights; 2, Sadler, very neat buff, nice quality; 3, Stokes, fine bird.—W. G. Andrews, Sec.

BRAMLEY & PUDSEY.

First annual joint show held Jan. 27, Old Unicorn Inn, Bramley, where 52 birds were staged. Messrs. Forrest, Page, and Steel tied for bound volume, Mr. Page wins 2s. 6d. special; Mr. Wainwright 1s. 6d. special; Mr. Taylor 1s. special. Mr. W. Ormond Boyd placed the cards.

CL. ETC., YELL. YORK CK.: 1, 2, Richmond; 3, Butler Bros.; vhc, Taylor; hc, Page; c, Steel. BUFF: 1, Marsh; 2, vhc, Butler Bros.; 3, c, Richmond; hc, Raistrick. SELF UNEV., ETC. YELL. CK.: 1, Marsh; 2, 3, c, Richmond; vhc, Ackroyd; hc Wainwright. BUFF: 1, Richmond; 2, Butler Bros.; 3, Forrest. CL., ETC., YELL. HEN: 1, Butler Bros.; 2, Wainwright; 3, Richmond; vhc, Marsh; hc, Allot; c, Page. BUFF: 1, Marsh; 2, Richmond; 3, Raistrick; vhc, Page; hc, Steel. SELF UNEV. ETC.: 1, hc, Richmond; 2, Ackroyd; 3, Page; vhc, Forrest; c, Marsh.—Raistrick and Steel, Joint Secs.

SWANLEY VILLAGE CAGE BIRDS LEAGUE.

Nice little show at Red Lion in aid of a young fancier who lost his child and part of his home, and whose wife is in hospital suffering from serious injuries through a fire. We made £2 13s. 8d. out of the show. Mr. G. H. Peck (Bexley) kindly judged, and his awards were well received. There were about 100 birds staged, many of them being well known winners.

YORKS., CL. BUFF: 1, spl, 3, r, Shiers; 2, vhc, Croucher; hc, Rook. YELL.: 1, two spls, r, vhc, hc, Shiers; 2, Blake; 3, Croucher; c, Rook. MARKED: 1, spl, 2, 3, r, Shiers; vhc, hc, Croucher. NOR., CL.: 1, spl, 3, r, Shiers; 2, vhc, Croucher. MARKED: 1, spl, Blake; 2, Croucher; 3, r, vhc, Shiers. BORD. FCY.: 1, spl, Blake; 2, Rook; 3, r, vhc, Shiers. BRIT.: 1, spl, 3, r, Shiers; 2, Croucher; hc, c, Rook. GIFT (comprised of two pairs of Canaries given by Mr. Peck and his friends).—J. F. Shiers.

THATTO HEATH (St. Helens).

A very successful members' show was held Jan. 20, when nearly 90 birds were exhibited in the large, well lighted Bowling Pavilion, adjoining the Railway Hotel. The birds looked their best. A grand lot of Norwich and Norwich Greens led the way. There were some nice Yorks., though not so numerous as one would like to have seen. Borders were very neat and pretty, and British birds were a very nice lot. Some good special prizes, in addition to other prizes, made competition more attractive. Mr. McDonald, chairman, and Mr. R. Tyson, hon. sec., had the show nicely arranged, and there was a capital attendance, including a good sprinkling of well-known fanciers from surrounding districts. Mr. C. Houlton judged, and his awards met with approval.

The Critique.

NOR. YELL., CK.: 1, Woods, heavy variegated, rare cobby type, plenty col., well feathered, in good condition; 2, 3, R. P. Bixter, 3rd tkd. left cheek, lovely type and quality, beaten only in left wing, 2nd lightly variegated, good quality feather. BUFF: 1, 2, vhc, Tyson, pair of variegs., and a cl., leader best type col., bloom, quality and condition; 3, R. P. Bijter, cl., grand quality type, and condition; hc, Woods; Enever and Ashcroft. HEN: 1, R. P. Bixter, grand bird all over; 2, vhc, Tyson, buff, 2nd very cobby, fine head, good back, very level feather; 3, Woodward, short, compact bird, grand quality, beaten in head only; hc, McDonald. UNFLIG. YELL.: 1, R. P. Bixter, very neat cl., lovely quality and type; 2, H. H. Bixter, variegated, nice type, grand quality; 3, Tyson, variegated, very nice type, feather, and condition; vhc, Rimmer. BUFF: 1, R. P. Bixter, eye and wing mkd., a real beauty, quality and condition splendid; 2, H. H. Bixter, smaller, fine quality, shape, and condition. GREEN, CK.: 1, R. Tyson, small, foul yell., nice level col. and condition. BUFF: 1, R. P. Bixter, grand, medium size, self, fine deep level colour and soft bloom; 2, Enever and Ashcroft, fine col., type, and condition; 3, McDonald, close up, nice type, col., and condition; vhc, H. H. Bixter; hc, Tyson; c, Woodward. HEN (7): 1, hc, Enever and Ashcroft, cobby foul, some called it a yellow, others a buff, if a buff, a storming colour for a foul bird, well made all over it; 2, Woods, well made body, good head and neck, a self yell., deep col.; 3, Woodward, foul buff, good type, fine feather; vhc, Sherlock; c, R. P. Bixter. NOR. NON-FED: 1, R. P. Bixter; 2, Tyson; 3, Sherlock; vhc, hc, Enever and Ashcroft. YORKS., BUFF, CK.: 1, Rimmer, good type and position, nice size and condition. HEN: 1, Rimmer, buff, nice position and carriage. YORKS. GREEN YELL. CK.: 1, Sherlock. BUFF: 1, Sherlock. HEN: 1, 2, Sherlock. NON-FED YORKS: 1, Tyson. BORD. YELL. CK.: 1, McDonald, tkd. head, small, grand type, quality and condition; absent, Taylor. BUFF: 2, Leather, and Taylor, both absent. HEN: 1, Taylor, W.M. yell., grand type, quality, and condition, very jaunty; 2, vhc, Leather, large buff, nice wing and tail carriage, stands just a wee bit too erect at times, grand condition; 3, McDonald, cl. yell., just a wee bit short of finish in feather to get higher. GREEN: 1, Woodward, foul tail yell., very nice type, compact carriage and condition; 2, Leather, very nice self buff, both good Borders. CINN. BORD.: 1, Woodward, nice type. LARGE SOFTBILL: 1, McDonald, lustrous Starling, nice size, stands up and shows well; 2, Woodward, very nicely spotted Thrush, wants a colour-fed moult to increase col. of body, nice size for a young bird. SISKIN, ETC.: 1, vhc, Woodward, fine condition and thick-set shape Redpoll, in grand feather; 2, 3, McDonald, nice shaped Linnet, grand feather, 3rd very nicely mkd. Redpoll. A.O.S. HARDBILLS (13): A very good class: 1, hc, Enever and Asheroft, capitally conditioned Hawfinch, very nice Goldfinch; 2, 3, vhc, McDonald, very prettily spangled Bramble, in grand feather and condition, 3rd very tight, lovely shaped Greenfinch, do, a bit larger—and then, vhc, equally good Chaffinch; c, Tyson, grand shaped Bullfinch, rare head, good cap.

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WARRINGTON.

Annual members' show, held Blue Bell Show Room, New Year's Day, when about 80 birds were staged, including some really good birds. Mr. Baxter had quite a field day in Yorks. Mr. Nelson also put down some fine exhibits. Brit. birds were a grand lot. The secretary, Mr. Nelson, had everything to fine order. We were sorry to hear of the illness of Mr. Knowles, the worthy chairman, and we trust he will soon be convalescent. We were informed that a profit of £6 10s. was made on the open show, which was indeed pleasant news. Mr. J. W. Metcalfe judged, and his awards were well received.

The Critique.

YORKS. YELL. CK. (3): 1, 2, Baxter, 1st, Cinn. mkd. neck and wings, rare style, grand back, good full neck, very clever legs; 2nd, cl., a stormer for type, very shooty, full of nerve, good top end; 3, Hardy, cl., great length, neat head and neck. BUFF (2): 1, 2, Baxter, two beauties, 1st, better quality, round and straight as a pencil; 2nd, rare length, grand pair of pins, full of nerve. YELL. HEN (4): 1, 3, Baxter, 1st, cl., well drawn, grand top end, well braced wings, tail well fitted to rump; 3rd, cl., nice quality, grand pair of legs; 2, vhc, Hardy, variegated Cinn., exquisite quality, neat legs, grand back and sweep. BUFF (3): 1, 2, Baxter, noted Cinn. mark leading, often commented on, perfect type; 2nd, almost an even mark, full of swagger, dressed to perfection, cleverly put down; 3, Hardy, lovely quality, full of go. NOR. YELL. CK. (6): 1, Baxter, a stormer for head properties, rare substance, clean cut as a cameo; 2, 3, Nelson, 2nd, cl., just a wee bit long, extra good head and thick neck; 3rd, variegated, grand size, good quality; vhc, Weston; he, c, Collins. BUFF (4): 1, Baxter, short, thick set chap, bonny head and neck, clean cut behind; 2, Weston, variegated, bull neck, broad skull, compact wings and tail, put down in rattling fine fettle; 3, Collins, brimful of quality; vhc, Nelson. YELL. HEN (3): 1, Nelson, rare size for a yell., lovely feather, bonny head and neck, all front of perches; 2, Weston, good head and neck, broad front, short wings and tail; 3, Collins, good one for size and contour. BUFF HEN (3): 1, Nelson, a darling of a lady, extra short and compact, well carried wings and tail; 2, Weston, a topper for size and quality, nice back and wings; 3, Collins, nice type and quality. BORD. YELL. CK., Cancelled. BUFF (4): 1, Nelson, cl., soon gets into position, lovely feather, sweetly cut; 2, 3, vhc, Pitchford, 2nd, lovely quality, neat head and neck, clean cut behind; 3rd, better type, good contour, takes perches freely. HEN, GREEN OR CINN., A.O.V. and MULE classes cancelled. GOLDFINCH, ETC. (6): 1, hc, c, Mort, Goldfinch, expansive blaze, good cheeks, superior tanning, grand size; 2, 3, Nelson; 2nd, Chaffinch, nice blue cap, rare body col., large whites, in grand order; 3rd, Goldie, magnificent finish, square cut blaze; hc, Bishop. LINNET: 1, Lewis, wonderful col., well pencilled, cone shape; 2, Clare, rare size and condition, nice wing bars, nutty brown; 3, Barnet, a beauty for pencilling and col.; vhc, Nelson. SISKIN, ETC.: 1, Clare, rare Lesser, topping col., good bib, very nice coverts; 2, Nelson, Siskin, neat lashing, well defined cap nicely laced; 3, Warburton, nice sized Mealy, in grand order; vhc, Mort. A.O.S. HARDBILL, Cancelled. SOFTBILL, 1, 2, Mort. FIELD MOULTED: 1, 2, Barnett; 1st, Linnet, grand size and col., wonderfully steady, with luck should do well; 2nd, Bullie, grand cap and bib, nice blue; 3, Mort, Linnet, decent size.

YEOVIL.

That the entry at the show of the Yeovil Fur and Feather Society was not larger was due no doubt to the meagre manner in which the event was advertised. In these days of hustle committees need to realise more than ever that the power of advertising is great. Had our Yeovil friends realised it there can be no doubt that their show in the Skating Rink on Jan. 25th would have been much more successful. As it was, the entry was fairly good, and the quality well up to the average, especially in Norwich and British. Most of the Yorkies were in poor feather. Borders made a nice show, but the majority of the exhibits were rather too chubby. Messrs. Priddle and F. Abbott made a good pair of secretaries, and they were ably assisted by a most excellent committee. Mr. C. A. House judged.

The Critique.

NOR. YELL. (10): 1, 3, vhc, c, Banbury, lovely col. and quality, rare shape, grand head, broken in tail, which lost it the special; 3rd, fine bouncing bird of rare col. and feather, but longer behind; 2, Edwards, grand shape, nice short wings and tail, sound col., not quite so deep in chest; hc, Hawkes. BUFF (12): 1, sp, 2, Folwell, very nice neck tkd., rare shape, very level in col., beautifully frosted, grand bead and shoulders; 2nd, smart, stylish cl., lovely col. and feather, neat bead, not so deep in chest; 3, vhc, Banbury, very pretty wing tkd., nice quality and col., not so stout in head; hc, Wines and Co. YORKS. (15): 1, spl, 2, Jones, long, slim, cl. yell., neat head, capital wings and tail, very shapely and stylish; 2nd, smart tkd. headed buff, very close in feather, capital shape and style; 3, vhc, Halliday, wing tkd. yell., neat and stylish, nice feather and col., not so long; hc, Fulford; c, Greenstock. HEN (14): 1, spl, Jones, smart, stylish, good shaped eye and wing tkd. buff; 2, Bousfield, nice stylish, wing tkd. yell., good head, wings, and tail; 3, no name, pretty little buff, lovely feather, and stands up well; vhc, Fulford; hc, Read; c, Wines and Co. BORDER, YELL. (7): 1, 2, spl, Edwards, eye and wing mkd., and a head tkd., lovely quality and style, shown in splendid form, hardly slim enough for keen competition; 3, Dodge, rather better shape, full of style, but not so fine in feather; vhc, hc, Montague; c, Bobbett. HEN (5): 1, 3, Edwards, head tkd. and a cl., former lovely style and a cl., former lovely style and feather, latter the better in type, but not so fine in feather; 2, Wines and Co., shapely, nice feathered wing tkd., not so steady; vhc, Bobbett; hc, Laurie. BUFF (8): 1, spl, vhc, Wines and Co., very slim, neat headed wing tkd., the best shape and carriage in the four classes, grand wings and tail, not quite level in back; 2, Hodge, capital style and feather, not so slim; 3, hc, Edwards, lovely quality and nicely shown, but too chubby; c, Bobbett. HEN (5): 1, 3, Edwards, two stylish, shapely hens, 1st tho best quality of feather, and best condition; 2, King, eye and wing mkd., nice feather, not so stylish; vhc, hc, Montague. A.O.V. (15): 1, vhc, hc, Wines and Co., lovely feathered buff cinn., grand head, nice level col., good shape and style; No. 9, unnoticed, a good Green Border, takes spl best Canary out of tickets; 2, Young, long, shapely, heavily feathered Dutch Frill; 3, Burgess, good fronted Crest, nice droop, very thin on one side. BRIT. GOLD. (14): 1, spl, Edwards, large, rich blaze, capital colour and feather, good bars and buttons; 2, vhc, Yates, large and shapely, nicely cut blaze, not so rich in body colour; 3, Hamilton-Jones, very lustrous face and body, nice feather, not so clear in cheeks; hc, Burrows; c, Bobbett; No. 9, Dowley, spl for best British out of the tickets. LIN., ETC. (8): 1, Sealey, splendid rich coloured, well mkd., shapely, fine feathered Linnet; 2, vhc, c, Drowley, grandly mkd. Siskin, capital shape and feather, nice col.; 3, hc, Hawkins Bros., rich coloured, shapely, well mkd. Twite; w.c., Edwards, lovely Greenfinch in wrong class. A.O.V. (11): 1, Edwards, very rich coloured, well mkd., grandly feathered Yell. Bunting; 2, Commins, shapely, nicely mkd. Wheatear, good col., not so fine in feather; 3, vhc, hc, Hawkins Bros., nice shaped, good coloured, well mkd. Skylark; c, Miss Edwards; absent, Hawkes. MULES (11): 1, Lees, well-known light Linnet, in grand form; 2, c, Pearce, the crack six-pointed yell., not looking so well as we have seen it; 3, vhc, Edwards, well-known Grecnle-Bullie and Goldie-Bullie, both in lovely condition; vhc, hc, Lamb. MEMBERS' NOR. (8): 1, spl, Wines and Co.; 2, 3, vhc, hc, Priddle. YORKS. (4): 1, 2, Priddle; 3, Wines and Co.; vhc, Carvill. A.O.V.: 1, Wines and Co.; 2, Warren. BRIT. (6): 1, spl, Carnes; 2, spl, Wines and Co.; 3, Hawkins Bros.; vhc, Priddle; hc, Wellman; c, Calmer.

BARRINGTON & CHOPPINGTON DIS. C.B.S.

Annual Show, held at Social Club, Choppington Station, December 23rd. It was one of the best shows ever held since the Fancy was taken up in the district. The exhibits were something out of the ordinary for a local show, as most of the exhibits were birds that have been holding their own against all comers at the shows round the district. One bird in particular, a Yellow Norwich cock, belonging to Mr. T. Dixon, was the admiration of all; it was, to use the words of the judge, the best bird he had seen for some years. The classes were well filled; in fact, the 22 classes averaged from 15 to 24 birds each, and we are confident the committee will have to use the room adjoining the lecture hall for their next show. The arrangements for staging were perfect, and the lighting of the room was excellent. Great credit is due to the secretary, Mr. T. Griffiths and his able assistants, Messrs. J. Douglas, Paxton, and Woollett. The show was patronised by a large number of visitors, and we are given to understand that a good list of prize money will be handed over to the successful exhibitors at the annual supper on January 30th. Judging was by Mr. A. Brown (Gateshead), and his awards gave every satisfaction.

NOR. YELL. CK.: 1, c, T. Dixon; 2, hc, Hall; 3, Thompson; vhc, J. Dixon. BUFF: 1, 3, Rowell; 2, hc, French; vhc, T. Griffiths; c, Snowdon. HEN: 1, vhc, Rowell; 2, Snowdon; 3, J. Dixon; he, T. Griffiths; c, Peel. BORD. YELL. CK.: 1, French; 2, Young; 3, T. Dixon; vhc, J. Dixon; hc, Peel; c, Grey. BUFF: 1, 3, French; 2, Douglas; vhc, T. Dixon; hc, J. Dixon; c, Peel. HEN: 1, hc, J. Dixon; 2, Wilson; 3, French; vhc, T. Dixon; c, Hall. CINN., YELL.: 1, 3, Thompson; 2, Woollett; vhc, Hodgetts; hc, T. Griffiths; c, Douglas. BUFF: 1, Thompson; 2, Hall; 3, c, T. Griffiths; vhc, French; hc, T. Dixon. YORKS., YELL.: 1, 2, Hall; 3, vhc, Woollett. BUFF: 1, 3, Hall; 2, Woollett. CREST: 1, 2, Rowell. C.B.: 1, T. Dixon; 2, Thompson; 3, Grey; vhc, Peel. A.O.V. CAN. OR MULE: 1, Young; 2, Wollett; 3, Rowell; vhc, Crackett; hc, Douglas; c, French. LINNET, HOUSE-MOULTED: 1, 2, Snowden; 3, hc, Crackett; vhc, Rowell; c, C. Woollett. FIELD-MOULTED: 1, Hall; 2, Hodgetts; 3, Reavely; vhc, Crackett; hc, French; c, Paxton. BRIT., A.O.S. HARDBILL: 1, Crackett; 2, Hall; 3, Wilson; vhc, c, Hodgetts; hc, French. NOVICE, MEMBERS' NOR.: 1, Paxton; 2, 3, G. Hall; vhc, A. Hodgetts; hc, Fitzsimmons; c, Rutter; BORD.: 1, c, J. Paxton; 2, 3, vhc, G. Halls; hc, Fitzsimmons. NOVICE, A.O.V. CAN OR MULE: 1, vhc, G. Hall; 2, Fitzsimmons; 3, J. Paxton; hc, c, A. Hodgetts. SPECIAL MEMBERS' CLASS: 1, T. Dixon; 2, E. Gibson. GIFT: 1, G. Hall; 2, J. Dixon; 3, Rowell; vhc, Grey; he, Douglas.

NOTTINGHAM P.O.S.

One of the most successful shows held by the society took place on Boxing-day, some of the best birds in the Midlands putting in an appearance. The genial secretary, Mr. J. Bunn, carried out the management in fine style, everything being in apple-pie order. Mr. G. Marshall judged, and his awards were well received.

CL. YELL. NOR. (3): 1, Driver, good size and shape, nice head; 2, Caunt, lovely col., good cobby shape; 3, Smedley. BUFF (6): 1, vhc, Smedley, grand size, fine col. and quality, well staged; 2, 3, Driver, two good ones; hc, Hill; c, Caunt. MKD. YELL. (4): 1, vhc, Driver, real hot. col., nice carriage; 2, Hill, wing mkd., some preferred, even hetter colour, shape, and size; 3, Smedley. MKD. BUFF (5): 1,.2, vhc, Smedley, grand team, well-known winner leading, faultlessly shown; 3, hc, Driver. HEAVILY MKD., ETC. (3): 1, 3, Driver, grand shape, size, and col.; 2, Smedley. NOR. HEN (5): 1, 3, Driver, two beauties; 2, Hill, lovely damsel, fine shape and carriage; vhc, hc, Smedley. UNFLIG. (3): 1, 2, Driver, nice shape, good quality; 3, Count, very smart youngster. STOCK PAIRS (4): 1, 3, Driver, good pairs, should breed something worth looking at; 2, Smedley; vhc, Hill. YELL. DK. CREST (2): 1, Goode, very massive, perfect crest; 2, Holmes, grand crest. BUFF (4): 1, Goode; 2, Bowers; 3, Smedly; vhc, Holmes. LIGHT CREST (4): 1, Bostock, clear body, grand shape, massive crest, wins well; 2, Bowers, grand headpiece; 3, Radford; vhc, J. Wood. CREST, HEN (3): 1, Bowers, wing mkd. D.C., lovely crest, good centre, very shapely; 2, Holmes, close up, nice leafy crest; 3, Bostock. YELL. C.B. CK. (4): 1, White, good skull, grand feather; 2, Goode; 3, Driver; vhc, Holmes. BUFF (4): 1, Smedley, variegated, capital feather, good head; 2, Holmes, fine skull; 3, Bunn; vhc, White. HEN (2): 1, Goode, splendid build; 2, Bowers, another good one. UNFLIG. CREST (4): 1, Holmes; 2, Wood; 3, Bowers; vhc, White. UNFLIG. (4): 1, Bowers, very massive, promising youngster; 2, White; 3, Bostock; vhc, Holmes. STOCK PAIR, CREST (1): 1, Holmes. A.O.V. CAN. (5): 1, 2, vhc, Driver, nice Yorkies; 3, hc, Holmes, also good Yorkies. DK. MULE (3): 1, Driver, Greenie-Can., good col.; 2, 3, Hayter, Siskin-Can. and Lin.-Can., grand specimens, little unsteady. A.O.V. MULE (5): 1, hc, Hayter, lovely Linnet-Bullie leading; 2, Driver, Goldie-Bullie, small; 3, Caunt, big, young Linnet-Bullie, very likely future champion. GOLDFINCH, ETC. (5): 1, Goode, magnificent Bullie, almost perfect; 2, Hayter, another fine Bullie; 3, Wood, smart Goldie, good blaze; vhc, Bunn; hc, Caunt. LINNET (5): 1, 2, Wood, good ones, splendid shape, nice even colour; 3, vhc, hc Caunt, fine team. CHAFFIE, ETC. (6): 1, Caunt, romping big Greenie, wins well; 2, Goode, Bramble, fine col. and markings; 3, Wood vhc, hc, Hayter; c, Bowers. SISKIN, ETC. (4): 1, Bowers, smart mealy, good big and lacing; 2, Wood. Twite, good col. and markings; 3, Hayter, Lesser Poll, grand lacing; vhc, Caunt. A.O.S. HARDBILL (6): 1, vhc, hc, Caunt, fine, big Hawfinch, good head and bib; 2, Driver, grand Yellowhammer; 3, Hayter; c Bunn. SOFTBILL (2): 1, 2, Driver, Waxwing and Piplt. FOR. (4): 1, 2, Holmes, lovely Grey Parrot and Budgerigars; 3, Hayter; vhc, Driver.

CHIRNSIDE.

Thirty-first annual show, held Volunteer Hall, January 1st. The hall is a good one, being well lighted from sides and top. The cage birds were staged at the south end, being well protected from draughts. The entry was much the same as last year, but quality was better, in Borders especially, this district being a hot-bed for the variety. Mr. J. Patterson, junr., won the cup and B.F.C.C. medal with a jaunty and beautiful even marked buff hen; he won special for most points likewise. Mr. A. Shiell is still the man at the helm, and, as usual, made an ideal secretary, being helped by a willing lot of stewards in Messrs. R. Fergusson, W. Denholme, J. Young and G. White. Mr. J. Watson (Selkirk) judged in his usual careful way, and left no room for grumbling.

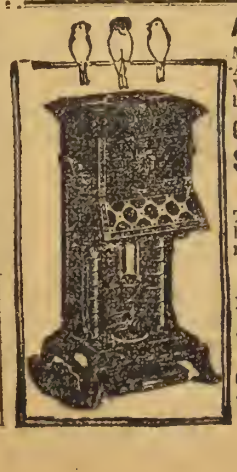
The Critique.

BORD. FCY. CL. (9): 1, 2, spl, Cormack, leader cock, nice col., fine quality, nice head and wing; 2, hen, again fine quality, nice body and taper; 3, 4, Denholm, sweet wee cock, nice head, fine back and wing, 4th again grand type, fine symmetry; vhc, spl, Young; hc, Alexander; c, Patterson, junr. BUFF (12): 1, Young, good style, fine head, sweet tone of col., nice back and wing; 2, 3, Skeldon, more length, nice col., style, and quality; 4, Dickinson, a wee shade stouter, fine feather and quality; vhc, Patterson, junr.; hc, Russell; c, Cormack. YELL. UNEVEN (9): 1, Hyde's spl, Knox, marked eyes and head, sweet hen, fine head, beautiful shape body, rare wing and tail, sweet one; 2, Dickinson, cinn. mark, fine markings, rich tone of col., fine feather and style; 3, spl, Denholm, grand eye marks, sweet tone of col., fine quality; 4, spl, Young, sweetly made, fine col.; vhc, Cowe; hc, Cormack; c, Skeldon. BUFF (9): 1, c, Patterson, junr., well known winner, looking A1, rare quality of feather, well put down; 2, Russell, cinn. mkd., fine head, good body, fine wing carriage and taper; 3, Young, nice col., fine feather and condition; 4, Dickinson, nice markings, good type; vhc, Cowe; hc, Denholm. EVEN (5): 1, cup, spl, and B.F.C.C. medal, Patterson, junr., lovely buff hen, ideal eye markings, good wing, rare col.; 2, Young, nice col., fine quality and style, good back and wings; 3, Cormack, sweetly made, fine col. and quality; 4, Alexander, similar in build, markings, and col.; vhc, Mrs. G. Young. FOUL (4): 1, Patterson, junr., well known winning buff, looking well to-day, sweet head, fine neck, back, wing, and tail carriage; 2, Alexander, mkd. both eyes, fine col. and quality; 3, Russell, grizz. back, fine shape, good col. and condition; 4, Cormack, yell., fine col., good quality. A.O.V. BORD. (5): 1, Mrs. G. Young, yell. cinn., good col., fine shape, nice quality, style, and action; 2, vhc, Patterson, junr., rare good yellow green ck., fine type, good col., qual., pencilling; 3, Young, cinn., good shape, col.; 4, Shiell, cinn., good shape, fine col. NOR. (4): 1, spl, 3, Barrie, leader better size, both rare type, fine heads, bold in front, nice wing; 2, Mrs. G. Young, cinn., good shape, fine col., good position. BREEDING PAIR (3): 1, Barrie, pair Plainheads, yell. cock and buff hen, good size, nice type, fine bead, body and substance; 2, Patterson, junr., pair of mkd. Borders, yell. cock and buff hen, likely pair, well matched; 3, Denholme, mkd. Borders, buff cock, yell. hen, hen nice eyes, good wing. MULE (3): 1, Young, Linnet Mule, yell., good col., fine shape, size, quality, and style; 2, 3, Patterson, junr., Can.-Greenie, rare good one, fine size, lovely col. shape, and markings, 3rd unfed Siskin, fine size, good col. and quality. BRIT. (12): 1, 3, spl, Patterson, junr., leader well-known hen Song Thrush (Biddy), in splendid trim, rare size and markings, 3rd cinn. col. Greenfinch hen, rare feather, lovely quality, well put down; 2, 4, hc, Schoolar, Hawfinch, good head, fine bib, nice col. and size; 4, Bullie, nice cap, fine col. and size; vhc, Popper, Thrush; c, Skeldon.

GLOSSOP & DIS. C.B.S.

Annual exhibition held Dec. 23, in the Victoria Hall, and proved the best ever held by the society, no less than 145 birds being entered. Mr. E. Thompson, the new secretary, had made splendid arrangements, and everything passed off well. Mr. W. Cundiff (Macclesfield) judged, and his awards appeared to please everyone present. Cup for team of best Y.B.'s was won by Mr. W. Lawton, Mr. H. Cartwright being runner-up. Spl. for best young bird, Mr. E. Bradbury; 2nd, Mr. H. Cartwright; 3rd, Mr. W. Lawton; 4th, Mr. E. Thompson. Most points: 1, W. Lawton; 2, E. Thompson; 3, A. Deakin; 4, H. Cartwright.

YELL. NOR. CL., ETC.: 1, sp, 2, Cartwright. BUFF: 1, sp, 3, 4, vhc, Senior; 2, Cartwright; hc, Bradbury. YELL. UNFLIG.: 1, sp, 2, Cartwright; 3, E. Bradbury; 4, Lawtou; vhc, hc, c, Senior. BUFF: 1, Bradbury (best young bird); 2, sp, 3, hc, c, Senior; vhc, Cartwright. NOR. HEN: 1, sp, 4, hc, Cartwright; 2, Lawton; 3, vhc, c, Senior. C.C. GOLD LIZ.: 1, sp, 2, vbc, Lawton; 3, 4, Fisher; hc, c, Thompson. B.C.: 1, 4, Thompson; 2, sp, 3, hc, Lawton; vhc, Fisher; c, Storer. C.C. SILVER: 1, sp, Thompson; 2, Fisher; 3, Storer. B.C.: 1, sp, Lawton; 2, Berry; 3, Fisher; 4, Thompson. LIZ., GOLD, HEN: 1, sp, Lawton; 2, Thompson. SILVER: 1, 2, 3, sp, Lawton; 4, vhc, hc, Berry; c, Storer. LIZ., OLD: 1, sp, 4, Thompson; 2, vhc, Berry; 3, Lawton. YELL. YORKS. CL., ETC.: 1, sp, Deakin; 2, Berry; 3, Booth. BUFF: 1, sp, vhc, Storer; 2, 4, Wild; 3, Deakin. YELL. UNFLIG.: 1, Thompson; 2, 3, sp, Booth; 4, Storer; vhc, hc, Deakin; c, Wild. BUFF: 1, sp, 2, Deakin; 3, 4, Holehouse; vhc, Wild. YORKS. HEN: 1, sp, 3, 4, Holehouse; 2, vhc, Thompson; hc, Deakin; c, Booth. A.O.V.: 1, sp, 2, vhc, Thompson; 3, 4, hc, Hulmes. A.V. CAN., NAT. COL., CK.: 1, J. Hulmes; 2, hc, Thompson; 3, 4, vhc, sp. A. Hulmes. HEN: 1, hc, sp, Cartwright; 2, vhc, Thompson; 3, Berry; 4, hc, J. Hulmes. MULE OR HYB.: 1, 2, 3, sp, Deakin. HARDBILL, BRIT.: 1, sp, 3, Bradbury; 2, Deakin. SOFTBILL: 1, sp, 2, 3, Deakin. FOR.: sp, 2, 4, vhc, Lawton; 3, hc, Senior.



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First annual open show, held Skating Rink, Jan. 26th. The hall is an excellent place for a show; it has good top light, and is commodious. Considering the unfortunate state of the weather the show was well attended. The classes were well arranged, under the management of Messrs. Fair and Percy, assisted by an energetic committee, foremost amongst whom in the cage bird section we particularly noticed Mr. H. Matthews, who was constantly on the alert, giving assistance and information to those present. We were agreeably surprised to find birds of such excellent quality, some rare good specimens being staged from exhibitors at a distance as well as locally. Mr. Martin Cook placed the awards.

The Critique.

NOR., ETC., YELL. CK. (6): 1, G. Edwards, fine quality; 2, S. M. Davis, very massive body, fails only in condition to first; 3, hc, and spl, J. Allen, nice stout body, good quality feather; res, C. E. Silk. BUFF (7): 1, Hawkes, tkd. on head, fine body, nice quality; 2, C. E. Silk, mkd. eyes and neck, fine quality and size; 3, Goodland, nice quality, good stout body; res, Davis; vhc, Matthews; hc, spl, Grant; c, F. Matthews. UNFLIG. (7): 1, 2, H. Matthews, former yell., good colour, nice quality, latter another yellow of excellent type and quality, both well staged; 3, Stead, another nice yellow; res, vhc, F. Matthews; hc, Hawkes; c, Allen. HEN (7): 1, H. Good, yellow, nice colour, fine deep chest and qual.; 2, Silk, good buff, rare size and quality; 3, vhc, hc, H. Matthews, tkd. buff, nice type and quality; res, J. Allen; c, Grant. CREST OR C.B. (7): 1, hc, G. Edwards; 2, vhc, c, F. Matthews; 3, Good, good cl. C.B.; res, E. W. Allen. YORKS, CL., ETC., YELL. CK. (7): 1, Maidment, lovely quality, fine drawn; 2, Mrs. Lydford, another good bird, nearly equal; 3, res, Bousfield, still another of equal merit; vhc, Soper; hc, Hawkes; c, Goodland. BUFF (4): 1, Mrs. Holliday, lovely quality, tight as wax, finely drawn; 2, Soper, good bird, fails only in quality of feather to first; 3, Yates, not quite so good quality as former; res, Hawkes, useful variegd. bird. UNFLIG. (7): 1, Bousfield, well-known yell. variegd., full of quality, nice length, in its usual trim condition; 2, Mrs. Holliday, good buff; 3, Fulford, cl. yell., lovely quality and condition; res, Yates, variegd. yell., useful specimen; vhc, Bousfield; hc, Mrs. Lydford; c, Soper. HEN (6): 1, Fulford, buff, beautiful quality feather finely drawn; 2, Soper, buff, fails only in quality of feather to first; 3, Bousfield, good buff; res, Bousfield, very nice yell., good length and quality; vhc, Read; hc, H. Goodland. CAN. MULE (7): 1, 3, Lamb, lovely yell. 4-pointed Goldie-Can., and similar 4-pointed buff, two grand birds; 2, Mrs. H. Butter, var. buff, good quality, steady; res, G. Edwards; vhc, Davis; hc, c, H. Matthews. HYB. (5): 1, vhc, G. Edwards, former nice Can.-Bullfinch; 2, hc, Davis, second good Goldie Bullie, in excellent trim; 3, Lamb, lovely Linnet Bullie. BRIT., GOLDFINCH, ETC.: 1, special, and 3, Herbert, steady Finch, in the pink of condition, nice square blaze, and another good Goldie; 2, Davis, another steady Goldie, not quite so large; res., Silk, nice Bullie, good depth of colour, and bib; vhc, G. Edwards; hc, Briant; c, E. W. Allen. LINNET, ETC. (6): 1, hc, Davis, first lovely Siskin, steady, feathers close as wax; 2, G. Edwards; 3, C. Howard, good Redpoll; res., E. J. Revel (Redpoll); vhc, J. Alderslade. A.O.V. BRIT. (7): 1, 2, G. Edwards; 3, H. Matthews, very steady Hawfinch, well shown; res., Miss M. Thomas, nice Song Thrush, markings very distinct and steady; vhc, Davis; hc, Hill; c, Cook. FOR., SMALL: 1, sp., J. Reed, glossy Starling, good bird, we heard that some were inclined to doubt its eligibility for this class; 2, Miss M. Thomas, red-headed Cardinal, lovely quality, in the pink of condition; 3, W. Braint, nice Red-headed Cardinal. LARGER (4): 1, Mrs. Lydford, very nice Brazilian Parrakeet; 2, H. Matthews, blue fronted Amazon, good one; 3, J. Pitman (Grey African Parrot); res., G. W. Jones.

OVER, WINSFORD.

This society has very recently been formed, and fills a long felt want in this district, in order to accommodate cage bird men all on their own. Formerly cage bird fanciers had to be content with showing at mixed shows. This show, held Jan. 13th, the first we hope of a long series of successful shows, received over 100 entries, which must be counted quite a success. Quality and type were very level and even in Yorks., especially the yellows; and here the best bird in show was found, a very smart yellow cock. Norwich were of nice type, but not quite so strong as Yorks. Try and work them up, boys, for there is room for plenty more good Nor. in your midst. Hybrids were led by a nice Goldie-Greenie, in very nice condition. The British classes were very good indeed for a members' show, and both the Goldfinch and Linnet classes were better than at many open shows. A very fine lot of special prizes were offered, which made competition well worth while. Mr. Brooks is just the right sort of man for secretary, and he knows the work to a T. If the members will keep him, and work with him, a good future is in store for them. The "Darley" Auction Rooms are well adapted for a show, having good light; and 400 or 600 birds could be staged if required. The light was good, and Mr. C. Houlton, who judged, got through in fine time.

The Critique.

YORKS., CL., ETC., YELL. CK.: 1, spl best Can., and spl best in show, Tomkinson, fine typical bird all over, rare position, carriage, and tight condition; 2, Hemmings and Brereton, very slim and stylish, good carriage and position; 3, A. and E. Weedall, fine drawn, tight, and good position; 4, Perry, nice quality. YELL. HEN: 1, Hemmings and Brereton, slashing big bird, good clean type, fine position; 2, S. E. Perry, long and slim, good carriage. BUFF CK.: 1, J. Perry, nice slim cl. HEN: 1, J. Perry, tkd. wing, fine type, grand position and carriage, 2, E. Perry, cl., fine bird; 3, Weedall, shorter cl., good feather and style; 4, Hemmings and Brereton, tkd. head, nice quality. UNFLIG. YELL.: 1, Tomkinson; 2, J. Perry, both tkd. on head and very like in other respects, fine type; 3, Tomkinson, tkd. neck, also very good; 4, E. Perry, cl., fine and good position. BUFF: 1, vhc, Weedall, grand position, carriage, and type, clean through; 2, E. Perry, beaten in breast only, otherwise good; 3, Hemmings and Brereton, fine quality; 4, Tomkinson. YELL. NOR. HEN: 1, Taylor, rare fine bird, capital head, good col., feather, and condition; 2, (no name), very typical nat. col. BUFF CK.: 1, Taylor, very stout, grand col. and feather; 2, J. Perry, nice feather. HEN: 1, 2, 3, Spilsbury, nice trio of good type, etc. UNFLIG. YELL.: 1, J. Perry. BUFF: 1, Davies. BRIT. GOLDFINCH (15): Very good lot; 1, Hemmings and Brereton, nice bird, rich clean cut, bright blaze, good tanning, nice bars and moons, in fine condition; 2, S. S. Brooks, large, deep colours all over, fine blaze, tan, bars, and moons, in good order; 3, Sutch, good blaze, nice moons; 4, Bennett, fine blaze; vhc, A. and E. Weedall; hc, Sutch; c, Robinson. LINNET (15): Very fine lot; 1, 3, Robinson, good pair, leader very fine bird, grand markings, shape and col.; 2, Hemmings and Brereton, grand shape, col., and markings, gives way to 1st in head and body size a little, rare condition; 4, o, Siddall, large, long, well coned bird, pale col., nice markings and condition; vhc, hc, Bennett. BULLFINCH: 1, 2, J. Davies, leader fine col., shape and condition; 2nd, pale breast, grand size and shape; 3, Siddall, nice col., good type; 4, Robinson; vhc, Hatton. SISKIN, ETC.: 1, Hemmings and Brereton, nice Siskin, good cap, markings, and body col.; 2, Weedall, large Mealy 'Poll; 3, Hatton, wee Lesser Redpoll. GREENFINCH, ETC.: 1, Robinson. A.O.S. HARDBILL: 1, 2, 3, Weedall, Hawfinch, Yell. Bunting, and Snow Bunting, all in fine condition; 4, Hemmings and Brereton, big Hawfinch, pale colours; vhc, S. Davies; hc, J. Davies. SOFTBILL: 1, spl, best British, Hemmings and Brereton, capital Thrush, in A1 condition; 2, Bolt, fine good conditioned Blackbird, pale in eye cere and beak. HYB.: 1, Brooks, nice conditioned medium-sized Goldie-Greenie; 2, Hemmings and Brereton, nice yell green Canary, medium size, in nice plumage; 3, 4, Robinson, yell. and buff Goldie Canaries, nice col. and shape; vhc, Bolt, buff Linnet-Can. LIGHT MULE: 1, Robinson, variegd. hen Goldie Canary. A.O.V. CAN.: 1, Bolt; 2, A. and E. Weedall. BOYS' REDPOLL: 1, Mills; 2, Hatton; 3, Clarke. GIFT: 1, Tomkinson; 2, 4, Weedall; 3, Hemmings and Brereton Specials were won by Messrs. W. E. Tomkinson, Hemmings and Brereton, G. Robinson, J. Perry, E. Perry, and A. and E. Weedall. Messrs. J. Perry and A. and E. Weedall tie for four nominated birds special given by Mr. Gibbs. Best points in Mule classes, G. Robinson.

MILNGAVIE, BEARSDEN

Annual show held Jan. 27th. The Masonic Hall, in which the exhibits were staged, although fairly good for light, was taxed beyond its capabilities, and the management, who are all keen fanciers, would be well advised to be on the look-out for greater accommodation and secure a more suitable hall for their next show, when they might manage (with the help of a little judicious advertising in their favourite bird organ, CAGE BIRDS) to acquire as many cage bird entries as made up their total this year. There is nothing to hinder this, and it is certainly worth a trial; at least, we are inclined to think so, when we consider how pleased and willing Mr. McNicol the secretary seemed, when dealing with every detail so minutely that the most scrutinising eye could not fail to be satisfied to leave their pets in his charge, and the success of the show in a great measure is due to his devoted and untiring efforts. In coping with the work, the services of president, Councillor McMillan, vice-president, Mr. D. W. Brown, and the committee, Messrs. Frame, Henderson, Rodger, Waddell, J. D. McMillan and Leitch were of great value. Entries were much the same as in previous years. As an additional feature the management had obtained the use of a gramophone, and had acquired the services of a famous ventriloquist, with a view to drawing the crowds. Mr. C. Campbell (Glasgow) adjudicated in the cage bird section, and got through his work in fine time. We failed to hear any grumble about his awards.

The Critique.

NOR. CK.: 1, Lillie, large cl. buff, fine substance, good wings and tail, a wee shade too small in head for our taste. HEN: 1, 2, 3, 4, Stewart, leader nice cl. yell., good quality, fine sweet even col., nice head and front; 2nd, nice cl. buff, fine size, grand quality feather, neat shape, good carriage; 3rd, good quality cl. yell., fine size; 4th, nice cl. yell., grand quality feather. YORKS. CK.: 1, Pinnock, nice, taking specimen, grand quality feather, fine shape, neatly folded wings and tail, good one. A.O.V. CK.: 1, 3, Hamilton, two real good jonque cinnamons, fine size and substance, grand quality feather, nicely pencilled, leader slightly shorter in wings and tail; 2, 4, Millar, 2nd cl. yell., Scotch Fancy, good style and action, fine reach and drive, ready worker; 4th, nice cl. buff Scotch. HEN: 1, 2, Hamilton, two grand large buff cinn., fine heads and necks, capital quality feather, nice wings and tail, plenty of substance, a creditable pair. BULLFINCH: 1, Henderson, nice size and condition, deep expansive jet-black, clean defined cap, fine depth of col.; 2, Gillespie, deeper in col., but a shade smaller; 3, 4, Nicol, 3rd quite up to 2nd in size and col., losing a trifle in condition; 4th, quite a good specimen, nice size. LINNET: 1, Henderson, fine house-moulted specimen, grand deep nutty col., finely pencilled, steady as a rock; 2, Gillespie, fine field-moulted one, good size and pencilling in grand condition; 3, Nicol, quite a nice exhibit, in fine trim. GREENFINCH: 1, Nicol, grand massive exhibit in capital condition, hot in col., steady, nicely put down; 2, McGavin, likewise nice one, fine jonque col., in fine trim; 3, Ferns, grand unfed specimen, fine substance, with another year and a good moult will equal any in class; 4, Gillespie, good one in fine condition. REDPOLL: 1, Seath, grand Lesser, in spanking fine condition, nice red cap, nice bib, lovely col., well pencilled; 2, Nicol, nice Mealy, good size and substance, fine col. and markings, in good condition; 3, Ferns, good size, col. and condition. A.O.S. BRIT. HARDBILL: 1, McGavin, Siskin, nice cap, in A1 trim, fine bib, grand wings, steady as a rock; 2, Gibb, fine Yellowhammer, good size and substance, nice feather, good col.; 3, Ferns, good Hawfinch, in nice condition, steady; 4, Henderson, good Yellowhammer, in natural col., with another moult should turn out all right. SOFTBILL: 1, Taylor, grand common Redstart, in fine condition and feather, well known winner; 2, Henderson, real good Waxwing, in fine condition, nice in markings, steady, nice. 2nd. MULE OR HYB.: 1, Nicol, nice jonque Greenie Mule, fine size, wins well; 2, 3, Ferns, 2nd looks like a Greenie-Goldie hen, in fine condition, nice feather, staged in fine form; 3rd, nice variegd. Goldie Mule, in fine feather.

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AN EXCELLENT SHOW AT HEMSWORTH.

Second annual show held January 27. A very fine club room, attached to the "King's Head" Hotel, was kindly lent for the occasion free by the "old sport," and past time Yorkshire cricketer, Mr. T. Tait, the proprietor. Mr. H. Middleton decorated the benches in a most admirable manner with lovely foliage of a very pleasing order, certainly adding to the attraction. The entry was in advance of last year's, and the quality was superb, especially in the British and Mule sections. President Mr. T. Tait is the right man in the right place; he is generous, and has the interests of the society at heart. The vice-president is Mr. A. Taylor, also of the right mettle. Treasurer, Mr. A. Davis; committee, Messrs. J. J. Slack, W. Brown, J. Hall, T. Kelsey, A. Brookes, C. Lord, H. E. Gillings, T. Doodey, J. Edmondson, G. Wyatt, J. Govier, and T. W. Kemp, who deserve every praise. Mr. J. W. Gillings makes a capital secretary, and a better controller no society could require. He has everything at his finger tips. Judging was over in nice time, and cards displayed promptly by willing stewards in Messrs. Brown, Hall, Lee, Slack, and Woodall. Mr. Hawkes' exhibits did not arrive until 2 p.m. (from Leytonstone), too late for judging; hard lines. Special for best cock (members'), Mr J. Edmondson; best hen, ditto, best novice, Mr. A. Brookes; best nat. col., Mr. Ball. Mr. J. C. Barnes (Sheffield) judged, and his awards were well received.

YELL YORKS. (11): 1, Dykes, cl., wonderful length, straight as a rush, tight as wax, Stavely winner; 2, Ogden Bros., mkd. wing and neck, full of style, capital position and quality; 3, sp, Morrison, mkd. wings and cheek, A1 quality, erect, fine style, beaten in length only; r, Morrison, cl., stands well rich feather, nice length; vhc, Taylor; hc, Hall; c, Clark; No. 11, Hawkes, absent. BUFF (14): 1, sp, 2, Dykes, fine brace, former magnificent cl., straight as a pencil, tight as a Java, 2 mkd. wings and head, rare length, A1 feather, erect, clever legs, close up; 3, Halliday, mkd. wing, lovely feather, lengthy, grand back; r, Hall, cl., rich salmon tinged col.; vhc, Blackburn and Mitchell; hc, Ogden Bros.; c, Morrison; No. 13, Hawkes, absent. HEN (10): 1, sp, Dykes, smartly drawn cl. yell., superb feather, rare length, most bewitching; 2, C. and C. T. Parkes, cl. buff, capital feather and position, well filled back, neat wings and tail; 3, Morrison, yell., cinn. mkd., wing and head, longest in class splendid feather, well up; r, Ogden Bros., yell., mkd. head, grandly clothed; vhc, Walker; hc, Halliday; c, Edmondson and Son; No. 10, Hawkes, absent. YELL. UNFLIG. (10): 1, sp, Dykes, well-known cl., stands like a Guardsman, rattling line length, feather, and col.; 2, Edmondson and Son, mkd. wings, another true Yorkie, feathered to perfection; 3, Butler, mkd. wings and eyes, superb feather, full of nerve, stands nicely, good legs; r, Walker, mkd. wing and neck, fine length, good feather; vhc, Wilkinson Bros.; hc, Hall; c, Ogden Bros.; No. 19, Hawkes, absent. BUFF (16): Rare class: 1, sp, Ogden Bros., mkd. wing and head, marvellous quality and col., straight as a gun barrel, rare length; 2, Halliday, mkd. wing and eye, well clothed, good length and position, neat wing carriage; 3, Dykes, mkd. head, beautifully drawn, full of style, nice quality; r, Wilkinson Bros., mkd. head, rich col. and feather, nice length, neat back and wings; vhc, Morrison; hc, Taylor; c, Hall; No. 13, Hawkes, absent. NOVICE YORKS (14): 1, vhc, Farnish, fine lengthy ch. yell., full of col. and quality, stands well, clever legs; 2, r, Lassey, cl. buff, nice feather, good length and position, well on leg; 3, Beaumont, cl. yell., lengthy, capital feather and col., good 3rd; hc, Davies; c, Middleton. HEN (7): 1, 2, sp, Moore, smart and lengthy cl. yell. leading, A1 quality and col., shows thighs well, 2nd buff, mkd. wings and eyes, straight as a rush, tight as wax; 3, Beaumont, cl. buff, erect and of A1 quality, nervy, nice length, very promising unflig.; r, Middleton, cl. buff, stands well, smooth as a bottle; vhc, Farnish; hc, Davies. NOR. CK. (10): 1, sp, Barnes, red hot and bright cl. yell., well up in size, grand shape and carriage, lovely feather; 2, Hill, cl. yell., very shapely, good substance and feather, moves nicely; 3, Hinchcliffe, cl. yell., ablaze, all shape, full of action, smaller; r, Huggins, buff, mkd. neck and chest; vhc, Scargill; hc, Clark; c, Abbott; No. 9, Hawkes, absent. HEN (9): 1, r, sp, Barnes, former bouncing ch. yell., nice feather, feed it sparingly, res. yell. mkd. wing and head, short and thick set, lovely feather and col.; 2, Hill, cl. buff, cobby, A1 quality and col., neatly frosted, nice size and carriage; 3, Hinchcliffe, cl. yell., good substance, rich col.; vhc, C. and C. T. Parkes; hc, Abbott; c, Clark; No. 8, Hawkes, absent. GOLDIE, ETC. (17): Rare class: 1, sp, Gomersall, Goldie, well up in size, fine col. and shape, grandly cut blaze, neat bars and buttons, 2, Lee, Bullie, grand shape, lovely breast col., dense and brightly polished cap, not a feather out of place; 3, Precious, Goldie, shapely, nice size, capital body col., very bonny; r, Martin and Archer, Bullie, larger than 2nd, equal in shape; vhc, Ramsden; hc, Bradley; c, Oldham Bros. LINNET (23): Easily two sets of winners could have been selected: 1, sp, Weeks, fine size and shape, superb col., delightfully pencilled; 2, Precious, well up in size, good shape, finely marked; 3, Martin and Archer, shapely, good substance, prettily pencilled, grand whites; r, Gomersall, lovely shape, col., and markings, gone in neck feathers, or would have won; vhc, Kemp; hc, Toulson; c, Simmons. HARDBILL, ETC. (13): Again a hot lot: 1, sp, Williams, with a most superb Hawfinch, wonderful size and shape, magnificent col., grand bib, in the pink; 2, Jackson, Blackcap, in good order, put down for all it was worth; 3, Lee, yell. Greenie, slashing col. and quality, looking a picture; r, Ramsden, Thrush, good size and shape, capital col., neatly mooned; vhc, Falding, another very fine Hawfinch; hc, Govier; c, Martin and Archer. MULES (17): Very meritorious collection, extra cards given, one of the hardest classes to judge: 1, 3, sp, Martin and Archer, their noted almost cl. buff (Greenie-Can. leading, often described as a "knock out," 3rd dark yell. Linnet-Can., rare size and shape, shone like burnished copper; 2, Somerfield, with his unique yell., Greenie-Can., great winner, fully worth a first prize; r, hc, ex. hc, Dr. M. A. Wilson, very smart Can.-Bullie, capital col. and quality; vhc, Lee; c, Brunskill; ex. c, Somerfield. MEMBERS' CLASSES: Some very nice specimens were to be seen in these classes, several of which were capable of doing well in the "upper circles." YORKS. YELL. CL. (3): 1, 3, Taylor; 2, Davies. HEN (1): 1, Brookes. BUFF (7): 1, vhc, Edmondson and Son; 2, Doodey; 3, Taylor; r, Hall; hc, Kelsey; c, Ramsden. HEN (3): 1, Davis; 2, Taylor; 3, Kelsey. UNFLIG (9): 1, r, Edmondson and Son; 2, Taylor; 3, Middleton; vhc, Hall; hc, Davis; c, Green. HEN (12): 1, 3, Edmondson and Son; 2, Middleton; r, Taylor; vhc, hc, Doodey; c, Gillings. A.O.V. (7): 1, Lee; 2, Kemp; 3, r, Woodall; vhc, Street; hc, Govier. BRIT. (7): 1, 2, 3, Lee; r, Ramsden; vhc, Green; hc, Brookes; c, Street. A.O.V. (1): 1, Ramsden. LINNET (8): 1, Kemp; 2, Lee; 3, Green; r, Brown; vhc, Ramsden; hc, Govier; c, Street. MULES (10): 1, Lee; 2, vhc, Green; 3, Kemp; r, Hall; hc, Hall; c, Hoggins.

ARNISTON AND GOREBRIDGE.

Annual show of cage birds, etc., held 26th Jan. The entry was a bit disappointing, owing probably to Bathgate Show being held on the same date. No doubt another year the officials will see that they have a clear date. Also may we suggest a slightly better classification, as there are plenty of good Border Fancy exhibitors in and around this district who could make this show a great success. Mr. J. I. Mackie (Gorgie) judged, and his awards were well received. In Mr. J. Lamble the Society possess a good fancier, courteous and obliging, and ably backed up by a good working committee.

BORD., CL., ETC., CK.: 1, sp.; H. Bennet, one of his well-known ones, sweetly drawn, well rounded head and body; 2, Hamilton, eye tick buff, neat head and front; 3, Harper, another good one for type, neat and well set on leg; 4, Lambie, well rounded and neat. HEN: 1, Thomson, chubby yellow, good close feather, neat head, full round front; 2, Bennet, very close, waxy feather, lovely condition; 3, Lambie, well rounded head and body; 4, Hamilton, buff, neat and finely rounded, No. 2, absent. VAR. YELL.: 1, Bennet, another well-known winner, looking as fresh as at the start of the season, excellently filled in back; 2, Lambie, good type and feather; 3, Harper, similar, good type, neat taking markings, 4th, Hamilton, again very neat in head; No. 2, absent. BUFF: 1, Hamilton, Scottish National winner, in A1 trim, finely rounded, very neat markings; 2, Bennet, another good one, all there for type and feather; 3, Harper, neat, compact tail. GREEN OR CINN.: 1, 3, J. Thomson, two well-known faces, in lovely bloom, neat, regular pencilling; 2, Lamble, very sound col., bold carriage. BRIT.: 1, sp., Brown, neat, good feathered Linnet; 2, Beattie, Goldie, in bright lustre of feather; 3, 6, Conway, nice Linnet; 4, Smart, good Goldie; 5, Whitelaw.

CHESTER-LE-STREET.

First annual show held Butchers' Arms, Middle Chase, Jan. 20th. Mr. J. Riseborough (Sunderland) judged, and well over 100 birds were staged, which speaks well for a young society composed mainly of novices. The secretary was Mr. J. Hedley, to whom praise is due for his excellent management. NOR. YELL. CK.: 1, J. Stanger; 2, 3, W. Forster. YELL UNFLIG.: 1, Stanger; 2, Forster; 3, Briggs. BUFF: 1, 2, Stanger; 3, 4, vhc, Forster. UNFLIG. BUF; 1, Stanger. HEN: 1, Briggs; 2, vhc, W. Forster; 3, A. Forster; hc, Tarn; c, Stanger. HEN UNFLIG.: 1, Stanger; 2, Briggs; 3, Forster. YORKS YELL UNFLIG.: 1, Ward; 2, Saunders; 3, Stanger; vhc, W. Forster. BUFF CK.: 1, Stanger. BUFF UNFLIG.: 1, Stanger. HEN: 1, Stanger. HEN, UNFLIG.: 1, Saunders; 2, Ward; 3, A. Forster. BORD. YELL. CK.: 1, Stanger; 2, Ward. BUFF: 1, Stanger. HEN: 1, Stanger; 2, 3, hc, A. Forster; vhc, Ward. CREST: 1, Stanger. A.O.V.: 1, Stanger. NOR. PAIRS: 1, 2, Stanger; 3, Briggs. YORKS.: 1, Saunders. BORD.: 1, Stanger (the cock a stormer). GIFT: 1, Tarn; 2, H. Briggs; 3, J. Stanger; vhc, Davidson; c, Saunders. MULE: 1, Davidson; 2, Stanger. LINNET H.M.: 1, 2, Davidson (both well known); 3, vhc, Hedley, F.M.: 1, Davidson; 2, 3, W. Forster. GOLDIE, ETC.: 1, Davison, Goldfinch; 2, Tarn, Bullie; 3, W. Forster; vhc, R. Saunders; hc, A. Forster; c, Ward. GREENFINCH: 1, 3, W. Forster; 2, Davidson; vhc, Saunders. REDPOLL, ETC.: 1, 3, Saunders; 2, vhc, hc, W. Forster. A.O.S. SEEDEATER: 1, Saunders; 2, Davidson; 3, Hedley. SOFTBILL: 1, 2, Davison, leader well known Waxwing in splendid trim; 2, nice Blackbird. NOVICE NOR CK.: 1, Briggs. HEN: 1, 2, 3, Briggs; vhc, Tarn. YORKS. CK.: 1, Ward; 2, vhc, Saunders; 3, Hughes. HEN: 1, Saunders; 2, Ward; 3, Hughes. BORD.: 1, 2, 3, vhc, Ward. Specials: Best bird in show, J. Stanger; best Linnet, W. Davidson; best novice, R. Saunders, a nice Yorks. hen.

BARNSTAPLE F.S.

Thirty-seventh members' show held in the Fanciers' Hall, Boxing Day, and was a big success. The entry was good, including about 50 cage birds, which were staged in a cosy corner of the hall. The A.O.V. Canary class produced a surprise packet, a fine team of Yorkshires being put down in faultless style by Mr. T. Richards. Mr. E. Collins, as usual, showed a good team of British birds and hybrids, including his well-known winning Starling, which secured special for best British bird or Hybrid, Mr. C. Dart won special (silver-plated teapot) for best Canary (a fine Belgian Canary). Mr. T. Lemon secured special for best Nor., and special (silver-plated teapot) for best unflighted, Mr. J. Copp; Ramsden's special, Mr. Newcombe; most points, Mr. E. Collins. Mr. T. Lane judged, and his awards were well received.

CREST OR C.B.: 1, 2, Dart, both Crests, nicely staged. NOR. YELL.: 1, spl, Newcombe, good all-round bird, fine skull, lovely col.; 2, Lemon, another good one, fine shape and col., nice head; 3, Richards, right type. BUFF: 1, spl, Lemon, nice carriage, good quality; 2, West, very neat, in fine feather; 3, Richards, a nice Cinn. NOR. HEN: 1, Newcombe, good buff, fine head; 2, Copp, variegd. buff, real Bullfinch type, useful bird; 3, Lemon, fine bold yell., 4, vhc, Richards. UNFLIG. YELL.: 1, two spls, Copp, two really good youngsters, a credit to the breeder; 3, Lemon, another good one; 4, vhc, Newcombe. BUFF: 1, Copp, a gem for type, and well put down; 2, Newcombe, good position and carriage; 3, vhc, Lemon, two useful birds; hc, West. A.O.V.: An interesting class, including Yorks., Belgians, and Scotch Fancies: 1, spl, Dart, good buff Belg., well up on legs, nice shoulders, long reachy neck and head; 2, Richards, nice yell. Yorks., very free and graceful, good level col.; 3, Dart, cl. buff Scotch Fancy, small, but good; 4, vhc, hc, Richards, all Yorks. of the right stamp. MULE OR HYB.: 1, 2, 3, Collins, leader his well-known Linnet Bullfinch, 2nd lovely unflig buff Goldfinch Can.; 3, Redpoll Canary in lovely colour. GOLDFINCH: 1, Newcombe, Yorks. type, lovely face, good yell. and buttons; 2, Collins, good Finch, but very unsteady. BRIT., A.O.S.: 1, two spls, and 2, Collins, leader a Starling, the Clapham and L.C.B.A. winner, very steady, much admired, 2nd Siskin, lovely col., good cap and bib; 3, Roulstone, Linnet, nice pencilling. NOVICE: 1, 2, 3, Moon, a nice team, well put down, all Norwich. CHILDREN'S CLASS: 1, Master West, nice yellow Goldfinch-Can.; 2, Miss Tanner, Thrush; 3, Miss Harding, a variegd. Goldfinch-Can.

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WANTED, Canaries in exchange for Fox Terrier bitch, 18 months, champion pedigree, clean, good companion, or sell 20/-: Victoria Cigar Stores, Ladbroke-grove, North Kensington.

OFFERS wanted in large unflighted Norwich hens, for three cock Goldies, three cock Bullies, two cock Linnets; no rubbish offered or wanted: Hughes, 4, Chapel-st., Levenshulme, Manchester.

WANTED large hen Budgerigar, exchange pair of opera glasses, two aviary moulted cock Chaffinches, 2/-; two moulted Redpolls, 2/-; Hawfinch, show cage, new, 3/-; Broadbent, James-st., Thornaby.

WILL give 6/- per pair for good colour-fed Norwich and Yorkshires, 10/- per pair for good Crests; also wanted 10 pairs Scotch Fancy, reasonable: M'Keand, Hamilton Place, Castle-Douglas.

WANTED for cash, Goldfinch Mules and Canaries, cocks or hens, state lowest price, cash same day as birds arrive: Merrington, Bird Specialist, 40, Besson-st., New Cross, London; established 30 years.

WANTED unflighted large clear or ticked healthy yellows (Norwich hens); exchange 2 butted billiard cues, one good length, or sell 15/- and 5/-; approval: Hughes, 26, Water-st., Penygroes, Carnarvon.

WANTED Bull hitch, must be good; give short curly black Retriever bitch, water, fur, or feather, 25/-; also good pair of Norwich, typical birds, 30/-; approval: Hepworth, Brompton, nr. Northallerton.

WANTED a few good pairs of unflighted Norwich, must be good, on approval, will exchange Lancashires, Yorkshires, few nice green cocks; inspection invited: S. Burke, 5, Ashworth-st., Hollenwood, nr. Oldham.

WANTED offers Norwich Canaries, London Typewriter Gramophone, cost £5 10s., 40 records cost £10; no rubbish offered or wanted; no cards please; birds first; approval both ways: Cornforth, 21, Clayfield-rd., Scunthorpe.

WANTED, four unflighted yellow Norwich hens, must be good; in exchange for champion brindle Bulldog puppy, dog, pedigree combines blood most famous dogs in Bulldog history; champions Rodney Stone, Prince Albert, Bromley Cribb, Boax: Venables, 528, Bolton-rd., Blackburn.

WANTED, any breed of Canaries or other cage birds, in exchange for high-class exhibition and stock pigeons; we will add cash with same if necessary; also for exchange for Canaries, phonograph and records, jewellery and musical instruments: Rudd Bros., 28, Park-lane, Norwich.

WANTED, pair first class Crests and one best strain Norwich Plainhead buff cock, 1911 birds; in exchange for one 5 x 4 cycle Foco camera, in beautiful leathern two compartment case, double r.r. lens, automatic shutter, etc.; excellent condition; cost six guineas; only best blood wanted; stamp; bargain: M. A. Jacquest, 3, Alton-st., Ross-on-Wye.

WANTED exceptionally large rich coloured Goldies (Siberians preferred), or Crests, quality wanted, not quantity, in exchange for winning 1910 buff Norwich hen, massive and true to type, in beautiful feather, 2nd in class 47 hens at last Norwich all-England show first time shown, price 40/-; 9-compartment cage, also 15-compartment, new last breeding season, all fittings complete, 15/-, 20/-; bargains: Keymer Bros., Blackwall Reach, Gorleston-on-Sea.

BLANKETS, BOOTS, OVERCOATS, ETC.
given in exchange for Norwich or cash: Exchange Co., 57, Lime-st., Sheffield.

WANTED, BRITISH BIRDS.
Wanted British birds, Linnets, and all other varieties: John Mace, Bird Specialist, Blonk-st. and Exchange-st., Sheffield.

FOR EXPORT.
Wanted Plainhead Norwich, also first-class Crest and Crest-breds; state particulars: West of England Bird Exchange Co., 13, Durnford-st., Stonehouse, Devon.

HEN CANARIES WANTED.

Best price given, and hen Mules; will give 1/- each; we have finest schoolmasters and contest singers on the market from 12/6 each; every bird warranted: W. Rutherford, Bird Dealer, 333, High-rd., Leytonstone, London.

NATURAL HISTORY

BUY your birds' eggs direct from the collector; list 1d.; trade supplied: E. F. Spicer, Suffolk-st., Birmingham.

BIRDS, animals, preserved and mounted; Canary size, 1/6; pigeon, 2/6; taxidermy, all branches; workmanship guaranteed: Salt, Taxidermist, Lynn.

TWENTY birds' eggs, different, rarest specimens, 1/1; price lists, 1d. stamp; also entomology lists: Hudspith, Hunteroak, Allendale, Northumberland.

PAIR of Devonshire Bullocks' horns, well polished and mounted, 6/6; exchange birds, fowl, fishing tackle: Bruce, Naturalist, 7, Cawdor-st., Patricroft, Manchester.

BIRDSTUFFING and Mounting, illustrated, 1/-; Animal, Fish, ditto, 1/6; illustrated catalogue naturalists' requisite free; preservative powder, 8d.: Messrs. Davis, Museum Works, Dartford.

SALE or EXCHANGE.

Mainly British.

GREENFINCH-Chaffinch, 9/6; 1911, cock Border yellow, 10/6; aviary, 5ft., 7/6: Parry, Vct. Surgeon, Carnarvon.

THREE red-breasted cock Linnets, steady, in full song, 2/- each, 5/- lot; exchange, offers: G. Frith, Crowle, Lincs.

EXCHANGE 2 pair Bullfinches for Yorkshire or Norwich cock; yours first; offers: C. Jeffery, Combe Hill, nr. Chard.

EXCHANGE cock Blackbird, cock Thrush, cock Bullie, for good Yorkshire hen buff: Worrall: 25, New-st., Ludlow.

1910 COCK Goldfinch Canary Mule, Finch song, 7/6; exchange cage sets; offers: Skelton, 30, South Back-lane, Bridlington.

EXCHANGE four cock Linnets, twice house-moulted, for singing Canary: Storey, 51, Mowbray-st., Heaton, Newcastle-on-Tyne.

SPLENDID cock Linnet mule, length 7¼in; offers Canaries, Goldfinches; yours first: Arben, 53, Emmott-st., Stepney, E.

GREENFINCH, h.m., 3/-; f.m., 1/6; big Linnet, 2/-; cocks, show condition; exchange Mule: Wright, 103, Dundas-st., Glasgow.

EXCHANGE three cock Goldfinches for yellow Norwich cock; yours first: Evans, Glocaled, Pembrey, Carmarthenshire.

COCK Waxwing, winner, muling cock Siskin, field-moulted Linnet; what offers Norwich? yours first: Smith, Acredale, Bathgate.

MULERS: Twice h.m. cock Goldfinch hen Canary, parents 10 mules, 5/6; or exchange yellow cock Canary: 2, Tidy-st., Brighton.

EXCHANGE cock Goldfinch, moulted from Greypate and Roller hen, for exhibition cock Bullfinch; A. Phillips, 9, Thornhill-st., Cardiff.

GRAND cock Hawfinch, caged last July, exchange, offers in Norwich; approval: Huxley, 114, Highbury-rd., King's Heath, Birmingham.

EXCHANGE, pair Bullfinches, cock Greenfinch, for 1911 Norwich hen, or anything useful: Garrod, 37, Spencer-rd., Rushden, Northants.

GRAND h.m. cock Goldfinch, incessant songster, sure muler; exchange Canary, songster; yours first: Piano Shop, 2, Tidy-st., Brighton.

TWO hen Goldfinch-Greenfinch hybrids, Yorks cock, 10/6; exchange yellow muling hens or British: J. Wilson, Sutton-st., Norton Malton.

EXCHANGE Redpoll Mule, dark, variegated Siskin Mule, cocks, for Siberian cock Goldfinch; offers: Jeffrey, 6, Hillhouse-rd., Rothesay.

COCK Greenfinches, the cream of scores, none better, 1/6 each; pair Chaffinches, 1/-; cock Robin, 1/-; exchange: Rowson, Swerford, Oxford.

EXHIBITION cock Bullie, fit for keen competition, with show cage, accept 12/6, or exchange: T. Weedall, Fruiterer, Winsford, Cheshire.

EXCHANGE, Greenfinch, Bramblefinch, h.m., Linnet, h.m., Goldie, cocks; for two large yellow Norwich hens: Hart, Kingsley-rd., Ellesmere Port.

EXCHANGE muling cock Greenfinch and hen Bullfinch, laid in cage, for yellow Yorkshire hen; or offers: G. A. Stares, 28, Albert, Romford, Essex.

EXCHANGE h.m. cock Goldfinch for Norwich cock Canary; cock Greenfinch, bred mules; exchange two hen Canaries: Davidson, Haddinham, Bucks.

EXCHANGE house-moulted Goldfinch and two hen Canaries, for large yellow Norwich cock, good feeder, —J. Palpreman, 9, Ash-st., Stockton-on-Tees.

GRAND house-moulted Goldie, muler, 7/6, or exchange for good yellow Norwich hen; approval, both ways: Cotton, Market Square, Northallerton.

PAIR light Goldfinch Mules, Goldfinch note, 15/-; two pairs Bullfinches, 3/6; pair Canaries, 7/6; deposit or exchange; Tokley, Sible Hedingham.

THREE Greenfinch cocks, one Goldie, guaranteed good muler, one mealy Redpoll cock, exchange for good Norwich cock: Mr. McAdam, 6a, Sand-st., Keith.

VERY large yellow Greenfinch, yellow Siskin, proved mulers; also good Linnet; exchange large Siberian cock finch; approval: Perrin, Alfred-rd., Ford, Devonport.

EXCHANGE 1911 dark yellow Linnet mule, fit to win; for a good Siberian or British Goldfinch; must be good: approval; Finch first: Cooper, 1, Evesham-rd., West Ham, Essex.

LARGE exhibition Welsh cock Goldfinch, proved winner, open shows and muler, sell 30/-, or exchange winning pair Canaries or Mule; colour-fed: Griffiths, Balaclava-rd., Carnarvon.

TWO selected cock Siskins, 4/6 each; two hybrid pairs, Greenfinch-Bullfinch, 5/- pair, or exchange yellow green or variegated Norwich hens; yours first: Nicol, High-st., Bathgate.

GREENFINCHES, like paint, cocks 6d. each, 9d. pair; extra selected cocks, 1/- each, or would exchange for common hen Canaries: A. Porter, Windsor-grove, Grovehill, Beverley.

EXCHANGE exhibition Bullfinch for large yellow Norwich hen; also Raspberry canes, working homers; exchange large Norwich, British; offers; or sell cheap: Graham, 35, West-st., Faversham, Kent.

EXCHANGE cock Goldfinch, cock brown Linnet, cock Mealy Redpoll; all house-moulted and healthy birds, for Canaries; Norwich hens preferred; yours first: H. Dyball, Overstrand Hotel, near Cromer.

VALUABLE hybrid1sers; house-moulted exhibition cock Bramblefinch, hen Chaffinch, 7/6; 1910 hand-reared cock Hawfinch, hen Chaffinch, 15/-; exchange offers: Morrison, Johnstone (North), Renfrewshire.

HYBRID breeders: Large exhibition house-moulted cock brown Linnet with large house-moulted hen Bullfinch, finger tame, 12/6; exchange Canaries; approval, deposit: Shaw, 24, Leven-st., North-Ormesby.

EXHIBITION hand-reared cock Thrush, 7/6; cock Bullfinch, 5/-; cock Linnet, 2/6; all have won, exchange two yellow variegated 1911 Norwich hens; yours first: Attwood, 32, Goodnestone-rd., Sittingbourne, Kent.

BLACKBIRDS, Song Thrushes, cocks 8d. each; selected songsters 1/- each, 18 mixed aviary birds 1/-; Blue Tits, Robins, 1/- pair; mixed British cocks, 2/6 dozen; exchange: George Fenn, East End, Isleham, Cambs.

TWO moulted Welsh cock Goldfinches, two good steady black legs, picked for exhibition; exchange two for large cobby unflighted buff Norwich hen, must be good, and on approval: Owen, Bronmenai, Carmel, Groeslon, Carnarvonshire.

LINNETS, large Siberian cocks, well marked, 2/6 each; large Russian hen Bullfinches, 2/6 each; Russian cock Greenfinches, 2/-, 2/6 each; large, well coloured cock Twites, 1/- each; exchange Canaries, Mules: Rendle, 21, Bridge-st., Ilomerton.

EXHIBITORS. Champion Siberian Bullfinch, 1st Castle Douglas, see report; exchange winning Waxwing or Hawfinch champion, field-moulted Goldfinch, 10/-; extra good lightly marked buff Norwich hen, 15/-; approval: McMinn Bros., Greenlaw, Castle Douglas.

CHAFFINCH-BRAMBLE Hybrid, hen, 30/-; Redpoll-Greenie Hybrid- 15/-; Hawfinch, 10/-; Siskin, 5/-; Chaffinch, 5/-; Yellowhammer, 7/6; Linnet, 1st Bolton, Rochdale, etc., 20/-; Goldfinch, 20/-; Mealy Redpolls, 7/6; all birds are winners; exchange light mule Bullie hybrids; offers lot: Johnson, 33, Wigan-rd., Ormskirk.

A CHANCE for beginners; 12 Stock or breeding cages, nests, brackets, glasses, seed hoppers, egg dishes; extra large Magpie, two 1sts, second only times shown, 12/-; large steady Jay, five 1sts, specials, medal, etc., 15/-; excellent spangled Starling, 1st, 3rd, only time out, 10/-; all steady and feed from hand; first P.O. for £2 gets lot; or separate: Borthwick, Woodville Cottages, Earlston, Berwickshire.

Mainly Canaries.

TWO yellow Border hens, prize bred, 7/-, or exchange buff Border cock: B., 304, Brockley-rd., S.E.

WILL exchange prize Borders for good Siskin (muler): James Aitken, Lumby-st., Grangemouth.

NORWICH buff and yellow hens, 8/-; two good type; or exchange: W. Breeze, 42, George-St., Lynn.

FOUR 1911 hens, 4 1910 hens, 5 breeding cages, 18/-; exchange pullets: Woodley, 27, Church-rd., Islington, N.

FIVE buff Border cocks, 20/-; 6 hens, 10/-; 1911; approval, or exchange: Lawrie, Roslin Mills, Midlothian.

TEN mixed hen Canaries, sale or exchange; good 8lb. hens, Norwich, to value; £1: Drowley, Maybury-rd., Woking.

COCK Linnet and hen Canary; exchange for small Pomeranian dog: Wm. Aitchison, jun., 13, Park Lane, Dundee.

TWO 1911 Yorkshire hens, 4/6 the two; pair Rollers, 10/-; exchange Norwich, Crests: Gardiner, 10, Withpoll-st., Ipswich.

EXCHANGE good pair Norwich for Crestbred hen, must be good; mutual approval: Clarke, 109, Rupert-st., Nottingham.

WILL give pair Yorkshires, young Rollers and cash; for grandfather clock: 46, Platt-st., Moss Side, Manchester.

EXCHANGE three Norwich cocks for a pair of good field glasses, or sell, 26/-: T. Curwen, Stainburn Workington.

EXCHANGE clear buff Yorkshire cock, lightly marked buff hen, for two clear buff hens: Perry, Glebe-st., Walsall.

DARK-Crested cock, 20/-, or exchange Rollers, or other Canaries; offers: Muscott, 1, Boundary-terr., Llandrindod Wells.

EXCHANGE 4 pairs Canaries for large bitch, 3 h.m. Linnets for Roller cock; offers: Berriman, 28, Roker-st., West Hartlepool.

GRAND Buff Yorkshire cock, winner, 2 yellow hens and single breeder, cash, 12/6: Cotton, Market Square, Northallerton.

WILL exchange high-class Yorkshires for British birds; no rubbish, none offered: Imeson, 18, Bank-st., Ossett, Yorkshire.

EXCHANGE buff Green Yorkshire stock cock, unflighted, for good watch; sell 20/-: Ormondroyd, Harlow-Rd., Bradford.

COCK canary, 5/-; three hens, 1/6 each; cock Linnet, Mule, 5/-; H.M. cock Linnet, 2/6; exchange: Poole, Wratting-rd., Haverhill.

MASSIVE green crest bred cock, buff crest hen, for Norwich or other offers: Denton, 60, St. James' Park, Tunbridge Wells.

EXCHANGE yellow Border cock, buff marked hen, for yellow-green cock, or sell 9/-: G. Barber, Glascote-rd., Wilnecote, Tamworth.

WANTED offers for nice, good, typical, Yorkshires; six cocks, three hens, four breeding cages: Smith, 173, Jackfield, Shropshire.

EXCHANGE two pairs Yorkshires for yellow cock, value 16/-; genuine bargain, prize-bred: Ward, 44, Church Gate, Loughborough.

EXCHANGE pair of champion strain Yorkshires for "Our Canaries," bound; sell 12/6: 65, St. Quinton's Avenue, North Kensington.

FOR sale, two pairs of Selfert Rollers, winning strain, 15/- pair; or exchange boy's suits; approval: Cole, 16, Caroline-st., Llanelly.

CANARY hen, good feeder, cock Bramble, h.m., 4/6 two; exchange for pure cockerels or Siskin; offers: Rennie, East End, Prestonpans.

PRIZE-BRED Norwich Canaries; exchange for scrap brass, copper, zinc, lead, pewter, or anything useful: 61, Havelock-st., Leicester.

TWO good Cinnamon Yorkshire hens and songster; sell; exchange Goldfinches, Norwich hens: A. Denham, Love-lane, Norton, Malton.

SEVERAL high-class Yorkshires, cocks, 10/6 each, or exchange Rollers, or offers: Webster, 2, Wingfield-Villas, Gale, Littleborough.

SIX Yorkshire cocks, full song, 30/-; also few pairs to sell cheap or exchange anything useful: Middleton, Croft House, Thwaites, Keighley.

EXCHANGE exhibition light Goldfinch cock mule for four Yorkshire cock Canaries; approval each way: Whitley, Edge-St., Manchester.

EXCHANGE good pair yellow Norwich, for two large 1911 buff hens, Bullfinch type, sell 12/6: Thomas, 19 C Block, Deepcut, Surrey.

YORKSHIRES, bred from winners; cocks, in full song, 7/6; exchange anything useful: E. H. Williams, 19, Copper Works-rd., Llanelly.

CLEAR yellow Norwich hen, 12/6, or exchange Goldfinches—offers; approval, yours first: William Thexton, 6, Beech Street, Windermere.

CLEAR buff Norwich cock, 6/-; dark Linnet-Canary Mule, 7/-; cock Linnet, 2/-, in song, exchange Ferrets; approval: Curzon, Thorpeley-water, Uppingham.

BORDERS, six hens, two cocks for sale; good strain, cold room bred, or exchange British: W. Davison, Johnson-Ter., Annfield Plain, Durham.

EXCHANGE four Roller hens, 1911 cold room bred, for Roller cock, and little cash for good bird: J. Fraser, Brick Cottage, Craigellachie, Banffshire.

EXCHANGE pair high-class Rollers, Roehl-Walton strains, value 25/-, for good pedigree rough Terrier dog; approval: T. Winter, King-st., Carmarthen.

EXCHANGE Yorkshire yellow green hen, and cock Greenfinch, for 1911 bred buff Yorkshire hen; yours first: Jones, Bod. Iorwerth, Rhosddu, Wrexham.

SALE or exchange, 5 pairs Norwich, 1911 birds, cold room, 9/6 pair, or separate; exchange cycle; no rubbish; approval: Wm. Carbutt, Long Sutton, Lincs.

EXCHANGE grand pair of Norwich for two yellow Yorkshire hens, 1911 bred; must be good birds; approval: Gilson, 62, Beech-avenue, Garden Village, Hull.

TWO hen Canaries and cock Goldfinch, 7/6; exchange Norwich or Mule cock, good songster; yours first: J. Moss, 45, Commercial-st., Senghenydd, nr. Cardiff.

CINNAMON Yorkshire cock, 1911, show cage and case, £1; or exchange slim clear Yorkshire cock and three hens, unflighted: Finch, 234, Southwark Park-rd., S.E.

EXCHANGE 2 pairs of Rollers, club rung, and Schoolmaster cock for phonograph and records; approval: Luxon, 6, Juno-st., Walney, Barrow-in-Furness.

PRIZE-BRED Yorkshires and classical Borders, breeding cages, cheap, exchange anything, yours first: J. Mostyn, 11, Bedford Avenue, Manley Park, Manchester.

FOUR Yorkshire hens, two yellows, two buffs, 4/- each, buff cock, 6/-; exchange boy's rocking horse or tricycle; approval, both ways: Jebson, Commonend, Skelmanthorpe.

NORWICH, Yorkshire, Border fancy hens, two for cock in song; sell, 2/6 to 3/6 each; Canary hatched Greenfinch; 3 cock Linnet—offers: Irons, 39, Church St., St. Albans.

EXCHANGE large parcel classical songs, marches, cost £3 17/-; wanted long unflighted yellow Yorkshire hen, value 12/6: Cawthorn, 21, Oak-st., Cargo-Fleet, Yorkshire.

NOTICE.—Will give 2 good Yorkshire hens, Ambler's strain, yellow, for big buff Yorkshire cock, 1911, or sell 10/-; approval: James Toall, 130, Oakbank, Mid Calder, Midlothian.

TWO massive Crested hens, 12/6 each; monster Crestbred cock, 20/-; exchange exhibition Plainhead cocks or Schoolmasters; yours first: O'Donnell, 21, Windsor-rd., Torquay.

THREE pairs Norwich, unrelated 1911 birds, fit for show, 12/- a pair; 2 odd extra large buff hens, 5/- each; Norwich green cock, massive bird, 7/6: Owens, Clynnog-rd., Llanllyfni.

EXCHANGE Scotch Fancy buff pied cock and buff yellow hen, four yellow or buff Scotch hens, or sell £2; on approval: Rosa, Levingston, Bloom Cottage, Ballydougan, Portadown.

CLEAR body dark Crest, 1911 cock, 25/-; variegated 1910 Crestbred hen, 15/-; exchange singing cocks: Memmott, 55, Meersbrook-rd., Meersbrook, Sheffield.

EXCHANGE, 3 1911 hens, Norwich-Yorkshire cross, for yellow marked Norwich cock, or sell 8/-; approval both ways: G. Barber, 16, Glascote-rd., Wilnecote, nr. Tamworth.

GIVING up fancy—for sale or exchange for anything useful, 10 pairs of matched Lizards, also a few good Yorkshires; all cages etc., for sale: Lord, 351, Oldham-Rd., Rochdale.

FEW stylish Yorkshire cocks, buffs, for sale, Ambler's-Bailey's strain, 10/6, 15/-, also hens, 6/-, or exchange for green or variegated, slim built: 1, Kingston-rd., Southville, Bristol.

YELLOW Belgian hen, winner 1st; yellow green Yorkshire hen, buff Border hen, winner; yellow Border cock; wanted pair green Norwich: R. Malcolm, Mount Rosa, Broughty Ferry.

LONG clear buff Yorkshire cock, 1910 bird, full song, 10/-; prize bred; 1911 Black Magpie pigeons, cock, two hens, 10/-; exchange hen Canaries: Roper, 134, Chester, Seven Kings, Essex.

WILL give three matched pair high-class Canaries, Norwich, Yorkshires, Borders, or Rollers, for genuine acclimatised talking Parrot and cage; stamp: B. Soanes, 92, Bevan-st., Lowestoft.

WILL exchange three 1911 Border hens, prize bred, value 3s. 6d. each, for good yellow plehald Border cock; approval both ways, yours first: McFarlane, junr., Scaurbead, Barrhill, Ayrshire.

HIGH-CLASS Yorkshire buff cock; two yellow hens, 25/-; or exchange two buff hens with good heads and position—Yours first: Thomas Freeman, Station-Rd., Earls Barton, Northamptonshire.

THREE pairs Yorkshires, 4 show cages, two pairs Norwich, two show cages; exchange portmanteau, revolver, tan boots, umbrella, overcoat, or mackintosh: Bennett, Fountain-terrace, Bacup.

GRAND Crest-bred cock, father won 2 1sts in champion classes, £1; Lancashire coppy cock, won 1st, £1; or exchange for two Crested hens: J. Nichols, Damgate, Wymondham, Norfolk.

FOUR 1911 buff Norwich cocks, 12/- each, £2 lot; hen 5/-; winners; pair Yorkshires, 15/-; or exchange to value, gramophone with records, anything useful; approval: Askew, 55, Dalmatia-rd., Southchurch, Essex.

CLEAR yellow 1910 Norwich cock, winner 5 2nds, only times out (non-fed); also cage-moulted cock Goldfinch, 25/-; exchange Wyandotte or Orpington pullets: Lambert, New Houses, Vinery-rd., Cambridge.

EXCHANGE two good Norwich hens, Cowgill's strain; also twice house-moulted Bramblefinch, colour-fed, for pair good Yorks or Lancashires; no rubbish; yours first: Richardson, North Cottage, Liverton, Yorks.

YORKSHIRES. Three grand pairs, guaranteed L.C.B.S. cup strain, 12/-, 12/-, 15/-; room wanted; approval, deposit, or exchange musical instruments, string, reed, if latter yours first: Williams, 129, North East-rd., Sholing, Hants.

NORWICH, buff, foul greens, buff var. cocks, 10/- each; Borders, buffs, yellows, cocks, 10/- each; grand colour, type,; hens, 3/6, 5/-; exchange lineoleum, boy's cycle, outer covers, seed, anything useful, household, offers: Hislop, Baker-st., Stirling.

NOTICE: Going abroad; must sell buff cock Norwich, 15/-; buff Crestbred cock, 10/-; yellow var. Norwich cock, 7/6; two Border cocks, 6/- each; three Border hens, 2/6 each; exhibition Siberian Bullfinch cock, very large bird, 10/-; £3 lot; or nearest offer: D. Grant, 146, Waverley-st., Lochore.

TWO pairs Lizards, two odd cocks, one pair Yorkshires, one odd cock, one buff Norwich cock, one green Norwich cock, one yell. Norwich cock, 1911 birds; exchange to value for good unflighted yellow Norwich hen; mutual approval—Yours first: W. Carter, Butcher, 160 Burnley-Rd., Todmorden, Yorkshire.

SEIFERT Rollers, on full song, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6, to £1 each; hens 2/6, 3/6, 5/- each; from the best blood in Germany; also Linnet and Goldfinch Mules, cocks, 5/6, 6/-; hen, 1/-; or exchange for Common Canaries, any breed, or British; also 6 Norwich show cages and case, 10/6, new; 4 Belgian show sages, 6/-; exchange birds; yours first: John Day, 77, Porter-st., Hull.

Mainly Foreign.

HANDSOME pair Waxbills, with cage, 4/6; exchange: Letall, Whittlesea.

LARGE Green Rock Parrot, red shoulders, with cage, brought by soldier, 15/-; exchange small birds: Douglas, Bridge-st., Brechin.

RED-crested Cardinal, singing, 10/6; Siskin, 4/-; Saffron Finch, 3/-; Green Budgerigars, 8/-; yellow ditto, 8/6; all cocks, aviary moulted, exchange for common Norwich or Yorkshires: Wood, 54, Southgate, Gloucester.

TRUE pairs; fully acclimatised; Grey Javas, Black-headed Mannikins, Domino Finches, lot 7/-; exchange songster Canary, handsome pair Pekin Nightingales, cock fine singer, 5/6; exchange songster: Clarke, 82, High-st., Sydenham.

Miscellaneous.

LINED cape with hood, cheap or exchange: 132, Cambridge-rd., Mile End.

CAMERA Klito ¼-plate; exchange for a pair of Canarics: 2, Wilk's-place, Hoxton-st., London.

EXCHANGE Acme patent skates, cost 21/-; green cock or two green hens; offers: Kay, 57, Maple-st., W.

HEN Canary breeding cage and zither harp; nearly new; lot, 9/6; offers: Wyatt, 86, Rodney-rd., Walworth.

HAND-REARED Magpie in the pink, 3/-; male squirrel, lovely brush, 3/6: John Rutter, Kirby-moorside.

EXCHANGE Canaries for Winchester repeater or anything useful: C., The Mount, Canonbie-rd., Honor Oak, S.E.

FOR sale, 30 phonograph records, 3/6 or exchange hen Canaries or British: Biggs, 40, Winchester-rd., Edmonton.

AVIARY, 6ft. long, 6ft. high, 2ft. 6ins. wide, exchange cock Canaries or sell 30/-: 4, Stannery-St., Kennington.

EXCHANGE concert flute, value 12/-, for pair of Yorkshire or Rollers; offers: Reeve, 2, Flora-st., Barry, Glam.

EXCHANGE, mandoline and case, value £2 5s., for good Yorkshires or Norwich, cold room: 134, High-st., Cheshunt.

WHAT offer in exchange for Airedale dog, 16 months old, good house dog: Thomas, 7, Cromwell-st., Merthyr.

BIRDCATCHER'S net, 9ft. by 6ft., 1in. mesh, pegs and line complete, 3/-; exchange: Brant, Scropton-rd. Foston, Derby.

SHOW cages and travelling cases for all varieties, new, for sale: Young, 177, Warton-terrace, Newcastle-on-Tyne.

GOOD warm coachman's rainproof coat, cost 5 gns., sell 15/-, or exchange anything: F. Bradley, Somercotes, Alfreton.

FOR sale, or exchange, birds, pigeons, poultry, dogs; call or write: Maynard, Bethnal Green; Telephone 2528 London Wall.

TWO pairs red Jacobin Pigeons, exchange Canaries, or anything useful, or sell 12/-: J. Wilkin, Hathusage, Sheffield.

EXCHANGE two new Lark cages, how fronts, for breeding cages, or anything: Harold Land, Little Fountain-st., Morley.

CYCLE, 24in. frame, new tubes, good tyres, new brake, free wheel, 30/-, exchange: Algar, 14, Howick-st., Mk., Sunderland.

WATERPROOF steel line whip, new, cost 10/6; exchange contest Linnet, anything useful: Hayzer, 19, Portland-st., Stepney.

LADY'S silver watch, good timekeeper, 10/6, or useful exchange; good songster: G. Chapman, 27, Upper Charlton-st., N.

EXCHANGE self-inking printing press, with six sets of type, cost 30/-, for banjo or offers; yours first: Lunn, West-st., Boston.

WHAT offers in Canaries, Norwich or Yorkshires, for 40-egg incubator, under Fox principle? Blake, Church-lanes, Fakenham.

EXCHANGE 1911 C.B., with plates, complete, unbound, for good songster Canary: Willotts, Greys Court, Henley-on-Thames.

WILL exchange winning British, Norwich, Yorkshires for Toy pet dog and anything useful: Hawkes, Grove Green-rd., Leytonstone.

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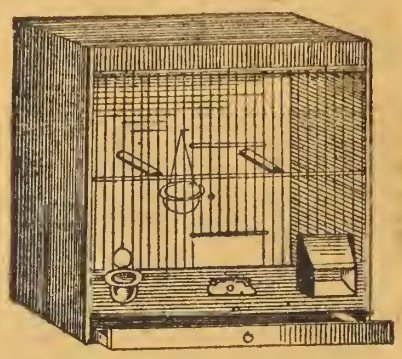

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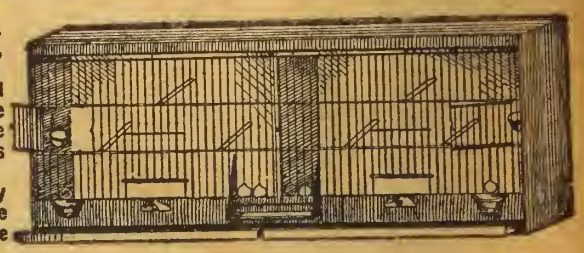

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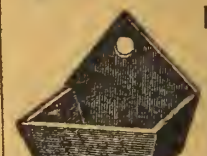

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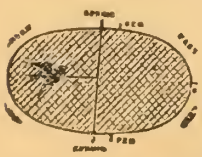

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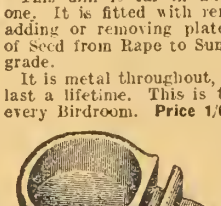

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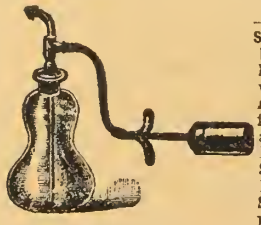

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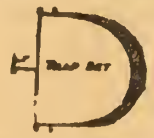

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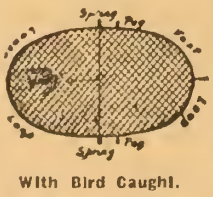

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CORN Bunting, perfect condition, 6/-; Yellowhammer, colour-fed, 10/-; Reed Bunting, in spring plumage, 5/6; hen Siskin, 2nd City and Suburban, 8/6: Stewart Grahame, 60, Wyndham-rd., Camberwell, London.

GRAND exhibition Bullie, 6/6, very big, also show specimens H.M. cock Chaffinch, Greenfinch, Siberian cock Goldfinch, with muling Yorks. hen, 10/6: Mrs. Hermann (new address), 489, Cambridge-rd., London, E.

EXHIBITOR'S selected specimens, outstanding size, colour, etc., Scotch giant Linnet 3/6, Twite 3/6, Greenfinch 2/6, Chaffinch 2/6, Bullfinch 3/6; hen Bullfinch 2/6; approval: Ross, Bird Specialist, Forres, N.B.

LINNETS, red-breasted cocks 3/-, 3/6 doz., carriage paid, genuine and healthy, satisfaction guaranteed; few picked for showing, well pencilled, beautiful type, good heads, 2/6 each: Smithurst, Newsagent, 25, Broad Marsh, Nottingham.

HAWFINCH and show cage, winner, 25/-; e.m. exhibition Goldfinch, 30/-, another 7/6; Black-legged ditto, 4/6; e.m. Russian Goldie, 12/6; several good show cages, 2/- each; basket 6/-, ease 3/-; giving up exhibiting; must be sold: Tom Jordan, Hayle.

NOTICE; no hens sent out for cocks; cock Linnets, 4/6 dozen, 2/6 half; hens, 1/- dozen; cock Greenfinches, 1/- dozen; picked Greenfinches, 6d. each; mixed aviary birds, 1/- dozen; all on hard seed: Reeve, 100, Highland-rd., Eastney, Portsmouth.

LINNETS, Linnets, Linnets; good healthy cock brown Linnets, well on seed, 3/6 dozen; birds caught 4/- dozen; few large, for show 1/- each; Chaffinches 2/6, Brambles 2/6, Greenfinches 1/6 doz., hens 9d.; 100 in stock, dealers supplied; H. Bicklin, 8, Berlin-terrace, Bunbury-st, Meadows, near Wilford, Notts.

SCOTCH Thorn Linnets, 2/6 each; Mealy Redpolls, 2/6; Lesser Redpolls, 1/-; cock Yellowhammers, 1/-; hens, 6d.; cock Bullfinches, 2/-; hens, 1/3; cock Chaffinches, 1/-; Ortolon Buntings, 1/6; cock Great Tit, 2/6; approval: Walsh, Bird Specialist, Blackburn.

EXHIBITORS. Greenfinches, Greenfinches; several selected monster yellows, big headed Norwich type birds, splendid yellow bars, good shape, etc.; can win; 1/6, week's approval willingly. Dealers, 500 cocks, 1/6 doz.: Fearby, Bird-catcher, Murray-road, Bedminster.

"THE CHAFFINCH," by H. J. Fulljames; its proper feeding, caging, and management in captivity, with hints on sexing, hand-rearing, moulting, and exhibiting, is contained in Nutshell booklet No. 13, price 2½d. post free, from CAGE BIRDS, 154, Fleet-st., London, E.C.

WARRANTED cock Linnets, 5/- dozen; hen Linnets, 1/6 dozen; cock Greenfinches, 1/6 dozen; cock Chaffinches, 5/- dozen; warranted cock Canaries, 5/6 each; hen Canaries, 24/- dozen; warranted cock Goldfinch Mules, 5/3 each, in full song: John Boxall, 5, Lavender-st., Brighton.

"THE GREENFINCH."—By H. J. Fulljames; its proper feeding, caging, and management in captivity, with hints on sexing, breeding, hand-rearing, moulting, and exhibiting; see Nutshell booklet, No. 15, price 2½d. post free: The Publisher, CAGE BIRDS, 154, Fleet-st., London, E.C.

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EXCEPTIONAL offer; exhibition specimen, never yet shown out of the money, magnificent rich colour, Yellow Bunting, now in grand fettle, has better cheek and V-marking than my Palace winner, which was claimed; accept 20/-, including show cage: Hawkes, Grove Green-rd., Leytonstone.

CHAMPION Siberian Bullfinch, first Palace this week in strong limit class, 15/-; two monster Siberian Goldfinches, better than my unnoticed bird in same class, which was claimed at £1, 20/- each; six British Goldies, of equal merit to my vhc in same class, which was claimed at 20/-, 7/6 each; some Yellowhammers, Greenfinches, Brambiefinches and Twites of the highest quality at 3/6 each: C. Prior, Hill Farm, Ropley, Hants.

WARRANTED Worcestershire cock Goldfinches, in perfect health, well on hard seed, 1/6, 2/-, three 4/6, six 8/6; specially selected, in full song, 3/-, 4/- each; extra larger cocks, fit to show at once, 5/-, 6/- each; hen Goldfinches, 1/-, three 2/6. I have some of the finest singing cock Linnets in England, bar no one; will sing anywhere by day or gas light, 1/-, 1/6, 2/-, 3/- each; please note last week's advertisement; all sent on approval; cash or deposit: Thomas Hughes, 65, Saltley-rd., Birmingham.

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HANDSOME lot of Worcestershire Goldfinches, warranted cocks, 1/6, 2/- each, three 4/6, six 8/6; few selected, real beauties, 3/-, 4/-, 5/- each; hens 1/-, three 2/6; few selected cock Linnets, in song, pick of the season, 1/-, 1/6 each; approval: Prescott, Bird Catcher, 125, Great Francis-st., Birmingham.

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Guaranteed cock Goldfinches, Bullfinches, Woodlarks, 1/6, 2/6, 15/- dozen; Crossbills, Siskins, 3/6, 5/-; Chaffinches, Yellowhammers, Linnets, 1/-, 6/- dozen; Greenfinches, Redpolls, 4d., 2/- doz.; Mules, Norwich, Yorkshire, and Roller cocks, 5/-, 7/6, 50/- dozen; Hybrids, 50/-; traps, 1/-; birdlime 3d.: Irwin's Aviaries, Lurgan.

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Direct from the catchers, and save middleman's profit; we have an enormous stock of Worcestershire Goldfinches, warranted cocks 1/9, 2/- each; three 4/6; six 8/6; twelve 16/-; specially selected cocks for muling, 2/6, 3/- each; few real stormers for keenest competition, 4/-, 5/- each: hens 1/-, 8/- dozen; dealers supplied: Haynes Bros., Birdcatchers, Selly Oak, Worcestershire.

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SEAGULLS, from 2/6 pair: Miss Rosey, Rosemary House, Eastbourne.

COCK Larks, 3/- dozen, hens 1/3 dozen: Wright Bulliver, 75, Lytham-rd., Marshside, Southport.

STARLING, the Palace, 10/- or offer: Lean and Son, 34, Aylesbury-rd., Buckland, Portsmouth.

LARKS, cock Larks, big healthy birds, 3/- doz.; approval: Wm. Moss, Mere Brow, Tarleton, Preston.

FOR sale, Starlings, 4d. each, 2/6 dozen; Blackbirds, cocks, and Song Thrushes, 9d. each, 7/6 dozen: Couly, Pershore.

COCK Larks, 3/- dozen; Thrushes, 9d. each; Fieldfare, 1/6; J. Rimmer, 81, Shellfield-rd., Marshside, Southport.

WARRANTED, large healthy cock Larks, 3/- dozen; on song 1/- each: C. Brightwell, Beck Row, Mildenhall, Suffolk.

LARKS, Larks, cocks, large, healthy birds, 3/- dozen; approval: Joseph Moss, Gravel-lane, Tarleton, Preston.

ROBINS, Larks, Wrens, Buntings, Wagtails, Blackbirds, Thrushes; list free: Miss Rosey, Rosemary House, Eastbourne.

COCK Larks, 2/6 doz., selected; cock Thrushes, 1/- each, on food: William Wright, 54, Shellfield-rd., Marshside, Southport.

HANDSOME singing cock Skylark, 1911 bred, fine firm head, now in full song; send 2/-: Mrs. Bartholomew, Dunstable.

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COCK Thrushes and Blackbirds, 1/- each; hand-reared Thrush, singing, in perfect plumage, 4/-; offers: Mole, Thorpe-rd., Melton Mowbray.

AMBER beaked Blackbirds, song Thrushes, 8d. each, 7/- doz.; cock Yellowhammers, cock Larks, 5/- doz: Williams, New-st. Aviaries, Chatteris, Cambs.

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FEW grand young cock Blackbirds and Song Thrushes, 1/- each sex; safe delivery; satisfaction guaranteed: Elliott, Bird Specialist, Barrow-st., Loughborough.

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ON receipt of 1/6 I will send securely packed, with food and moisture, the largest and loudest singing cock Skylark ever seen or heard, like a Thrush, splendid shop attraction and show specimen; or with his new joiner-made cage, 4/6; approval willingly: Including free my valuable feeding secret, which keeps them in full song ten months out of twelve: Wood, Cross-st., Dunstable.

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HOUSE-MOULTED birds, in perfect condition, finger tame; cock Nightingale, 25/-; cock Thrush, 15/-; cock Blackbird, 12/6; cock Skylark, 10/-; cock Robin, 3/6; approval: Walsh, Bird Specialist, Blackburn.

FOLLOWING tame birds for sale: Golden Eagle, feeds from hand, £5 10/-, pair Brent Geese, 17/6; Blue Heron, 12/6; three Widgeon, 10/6 lot; Godwits, 5/6; Dunlins, Knots, 3/6 pair; Waterhen, 2/6: Rectory, Nash, Stony Stratford.

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Miscellaneous.

DEVONSHIRE Woodlarks, warranted cocks, in song, 3/6 each, hens 7/- dozen, Bullfinches 2/- pair: Marles, 4 Park-st., Crediton.

LARGE variegated Norwich cock, 5/-; h.m. cock Goldfinch, 3/6, beauty; cock Blackbird, 1/6: Prentice, Hazelcigh, Maldon, Essex.

LARKS, Larks, Linnets, Linnets; cock Larks 5/- doz., cock Linnets 6/-, hen Linnets, cock Greenfinches, 1/-, hen Larks 2/- doz.: Dawson, West-st., Chatteris.

NORWICH cock and hen, buff, 8/6; 2 genuine hand-reared hen Bullfinches, laid eight eggs last season, 10/-, deposit: Schoolmaster, Boltons, Wigton.

NOTICE. Cock Larks, Linnets, singing loud, 1/-, 1/6, 2/6 each; copy free, rearing, feeding, each order; cages 6d., 9d., 1/- each; list, stamp: Brain, Aston, Birmingham.

BLACKBIRDS, Song Thrushes, cocks, 8d. each; selected songsters, 1/- each; British cocks, seedeaters, 2/6 dozen; mixed aviary birds, seedeaters, cocks and hens, 1/- dozen; 24 for 1/6: George Fenn, East End, Isleham, Cambs.

THREE cock Linnets, 5/-; hand-reared Missel Thrush, 7/6; cock Greenfinches, 1/-; cock Linnet Mule, 6/-; Yellow Wagtail, 7/6, Lochgelly winner; approval, deposit: Sykes, Shorthope-st., Musselburgh, Scotland.

WARRANTED cock Linnets, 5/- dozen, three 1/6; cock Larks, 3/6 dozen; cock Greenfinches, 1/6; h.m. Siskin, 2/-; h.m. cock Greenfinch, 1/-; cock Bramblefinches, 4/- dozen: Hobden, Ivy Cottage, Winchelsea-rd., Norway, Eastbourne.

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NOTICE; cock Goldfinches, Bullfinches, 2/-, 2/6; hens, 1/3, 1/6; red-breasted Linnets, Bramblefinches, cocks, 8d.; cock Yellowhammers, Chaffinches, Redpolls, Larks, Starlings, 6d.; hens, 3d.; Greenfinches, pair 4d.; cock Thrushes, Blackbirds, 1/3, 1/6; few of above selected for show, lull song, muling, 6d. extra; hen Canaries, 2/-; trap cages, 6d.; spring net traps, 1/-; approval, deposit: Gould, Birdcatcher, Holdford-rd., Witton, Birmingham.

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Cock Chaffinches, 3/- dozen; Redpolls, 4/-; Larks, 2/6; 20 mixed birds, 1/6; one dozen of bright aviary birds, 1/-; cock Goldfinches, 2/6 each; Blackbirds, 1/-: W. Fenn, Beck Row, Mildenhall, Suffolk.

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Exhibitors, best selected of my catching Greenfinches, Bramblefinches, Chaffinches, Linnets, Larks, 1/- each; Blackbirds, Thrushes, coming on song, 1/- each; cock Larks, 3/6 dozen; Greenfinches, 1/- dozen; 20 mixed seedeaters, 1/6; 12 brighter mixed, 1/-; well on food: J. Fenn, Bird Specialist, Pleasant-terr., Isleham, Cambs.

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Some real English 1911 cock Goldfinches, sex guaranteed, and healthy and on seed, price 1/6, three 4/-, six 8/6: extra picked for singing, showing, muling, 2/-, 2/6, 3/-; three 5/-; six, 8/6. Hens 10d.: cock Bullfinches, beauties, 1/6, 2/- and 2/6; three 4/-; hens 1/-, three 2/3. Redpolls, six 1/6. Grand cock Linnets, price 10d., 1/- each and three 2/6. Grand outstanding cock Larks, caged off, singing, 6d., 9d., 1/- each; three 1/6, 2/6; twelve, 3/-. All guaranteed. NOTE.—Every bird above 1 guarantee in every way. If does not pay me to supply rubbish. Wire cages for any of above, 1/-, 1/3, 1/6, 1/9, 2/-. Shutter Lark cages, beauties, 2/-. Beautiful box cages, 2/-. Seed grinding mills, worked in three grades, 1/6. Patronised by all leading judges, exhibitors, etc., including 1912 Crystal Palace, Judges, Vardy, Benson, Baltye, Payne, Roe, Barnes Irons, etc., all noted Crystal Palace judges. See back numbers for testimonials. Send for catalogue. Est. 1879. Tel. 440.—SANDIFORD, Bird Specialist, and Judge, PRESTON, LANCS.

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FOR sale, 20 high-class Belgians, same strain as my winners: Lady Verhees, Grens 56 Montsel, Antwerp, Belgium.

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SEVERAL good high-shouldered (1911) Belgians; cocks, hens, both sexes, colours, champion strain; reasonable; approval: Baker, 3, Kingsley-av., Barnstaple.

THREE 1911 yellows, one buff, prize bred Belgian cocks, two of yellows, 4th, 5th, Edinburgh Derby, other two brothers to 2nd City Glasgow, £2 each, deposit: White, 52, Farnie-st., Glasgow.

WANTED, quarter-bred Belgian Yorkshire yellow 1911 hen, long, straight and smooth in feather, price with length, approval, deposit: no cards: J. B., 25, Ranmore-gardens, Southfields, S.W.

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IF you require Border Fancies, including some grand greens, see my list: Rudd.

FOUR Border cocks 4/- each, 4 hens 2/- each; offers, lot: Bell, 35, Clementina-ter., Carlisle.

BORDER cocks from 5/-, hens from 2/6; approval: R. Rowell, 70, West Row, Bebside, Northumberland.

PRIZE bred Borders to clear, cocks 4/6 up, hens 2/- up: A. Cargill, Scotlands-row, Cantsdam, Kelty, Fife.

FOR SALE, 5 yellow-green Border hens, 2/6 each, 11/- the lot: Thomson, Grocer, Albert-rd., Langside, Glasgow.

BORDERS; cocks 5/-, hens 2/6, matched pairs 7/6; all colours; winners supplied by me: Douglas, Bridge-st., Brechin.

BORDERS; several for sale; cocks, 7/6; hens from 2/6; from prize winners: Cornish, 27, Nutcroft-rd., Peckham, S.E.

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PRIZE-BRED Borders, 1911 birds; buff cocks, in full song, from 5/-; hens, 3/-: Robertson, 7, Albert-place, Brechin.

PRIZE Borders, clears, yellows, buffs and variegated cocks, 5/-, hens from 3/-: Lyall, 31, Montrose-st., Brechin.

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EXCHANGE prize bred Norwich cock or hen for good even marked Border; approval both ways: Walker, Jeweller, Cockermouth.

BORDERS, see Palace report; have plenty same strains, also greens and Cinnamons, reasonable; stamp: Craig, High-st., Brechin.

WANTED for cash, Border Fancy cocks, any quantity; state prices: Wilson, Scotland's Largest Naturalists, 247, Argyle-st., Glasgow.

ROBERT LAMBIE, The Aviaries, Whitburn, Linlithgowshire, has still Greens, Cinnamons, variegated and clears for sale; approval first, stamp.

JOHN H. ELLIOT, 3, Jubilee-terrace, Edmondsly, Durham, has 40 pair Borders for sale from 10/6 upwards; all bred or related to my winners; approval.

A FEW good pairs from 10/- to 15/- a pair, same strain as my winners; also a few for even mark breeding; approval: Metcalfe, 68, Brunswick-rd., Liverpool.

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1911 yellow cocks, 10/6; buff cocks, 7/6; hens, 5/-; Patterson's, Bennet's strains; gems, tip-top quality; all related to my winners; approval with pleasure: Rea, Embleton, Cockermouth.

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HAVE some good greens and marks for sale, cheap, same strain Palace and National winners, would exchange for self buffs or yellow Cinnamon Border hens: Haddow, 100, Townhead-st., Hamilton.

UNEVEN buff cock and yellow hen, 12/6; other pairs from 8/6; buff and yellow cocks from 6/6; related my winners Palace and leading Northern shows; approval: Nicholson, Westgate, Haltwhistle.

W. BAYLEY has a few of his well-known winners for sale. Six clear yellow cocks, six foul green yellow and buff cocks and foul buff hens; prices reasonable and on approval: Fire Station, Altrincham.

PRIZE Borders, bred from my L.C.B.A. winners, etc.; three buff cocks, twelve buff and yellow hens, including winners 1sts Frome, Sale, Llanelly; list on application; prices nominal: R. H. Sampson, Pontardulais.

BORDERS for sale from my winners, including Palace, 1911; one yellow Cinnamon cock, twice shown, third, fourth, cheap to clear; approval, deposit: J. H. Pearson, 24, Longthwaite-rd., Wigton, Cumberland.

SELF buff cinnamon cock and yellow cinnamon hen, 12/6; buff green cock, 10/-; buff cinnamon hens, 5/-; yellow green hen, 5/-; approval; in beautiful condition; see Palace reports: C. Cubby, 62, London-rd., Carlisle.

PRIZE Borders, having selected my breeding stock, so can spare 10 cocks from 4/6 up; 4 hens, 3/- each; related to my winning yellows; see reports Crystal Palace; approval: Robert Gaddfor, Penygroes, Carnarvonshire.

BORDERS; having had a very successful show season, have selected my breeding pairs; can spare a few same strain as my winners, all varieties; no greens; see Palace report; approval: Smart, Mainrd., Tweedmouth.

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YELLOW and buff green Border cocks, 7/6 and 10/-; hens, 4/-; also a few even mark strain; cocks, 6/-; hens, 3/6; related to my winners at all the leading shows, including Palace; see reports: Gentleman, Avonbridge, Stirlingshire.

CAN spare following Green Border cocks, four buffs, three yellows, prices reasonable; see Palace report; would exchange few clears, marks, for unflighted hens; must be good; mutual approval: Green, 36, Lord Nelson-st., Liverpool.

HENRY BENNET, Border Fancy Aviaries, Kelso, offers 50 select Borders from his well known winning strain, all colours, many of past season's winners offered, cocks 6/- to 25/-, hens 4/- to 20/-; matched pairs, clears and marks, 10/6 to 40/-; approval; stamp.

WILLIAM MOSSIE, Shieldyards, Aanbank Station, by Ayr, has clear buff cocks, also yellow cocks and buff variegated cocks for sale; all good birds, and well worth having; nothing better in Fancy; same as my Palace strain, having won three Border medals this season; sent on approval; stamp reply.

BORDERS; no bounce required; "the cream always comes to the top"; for proof see Palace report for winnings in cinnamons and greens: look! the National and Glasgow reports, and decide for yourself; still a few pairs of gem cinnamons, greens, and clears for sale; all colours; state wants; stamp reply: Walter S. Wilson, Glendyne, Hamilton.

COME to the fountain head if you would be in front rank in Cinnamon Borders; supplied winner 1st Bathgate (see reports); also the following winners:—1st Palace 1909 2nd, 3rd, 1911, 1st City Glasgow 1911, Glos. Dis. 1911, yellow green cock 1st Scottish National 1910-11, buff green hen ditto 1911-12; hosts other 1st prize winners (including National and Palace); bred direct from birds I supplied; can supply matched pairs to breed winners in Cinnamons, Greens, Cinnamon Marks, Green Marks; reasonable: Dan Hamilton, 239, Lowwaters, Hamilton.

BLOOD WILL TELL.

AT the Palace show birds bred from my strain were to the front; have for disposal at rock bottom prices grand stock birds of either sex and matched pairs; second to none; state wants and I guarantee to supply you with quality; dirt cheap to clear: Gilchrist, The Border Specialist, Coldstream.

MRS. L. M. THYNNE

has a few good pairs Borders for sale, reducing stock before breeding; bred from her winning strain; also a few Crestbred cocks, cheap: St. Leonards, Summer-rd., Thames Ditton.

Cinnamons.

IF you want Cinnamons, see my list: Rudd.

FOUR unflighted buff Cinnamon hens, pure Norwich type, 4/- each: Walsh, Bird Specialist, Blackburn.

CINNAMONS; cocks from 7/6, buff and yellow, good pair, cheap; no odd hens: Johnson, 40, Cobden-st., Leicester.

WANTED, pair Cinnamons, value 20/-, exchange pair clear prize bred 1911 Yorks.: appro.: Jenner, Teston, Maidstone.

NORWICH Cinnamon, buff hens 4/-, buff cocks 6/-; unflighted birds, good size, colour-fed: Fairclough, 165, Bolton-rd., Blackburn.

LARGE cinnamon-green buff cock, 1911, 7/6; buff cinnamon cock, 1911, 7/6; approval: R. Rowell, 70, West Row, Bebside, Northumberland.

CINNAMON CRESTS.—Breeder, William Tatman, 111, Midland Road, Wellingborough.

Crests and Crestbreds.

BREEDER'S CARD.

WILLIAM TATMAN, 111, Midland Road, Wellingborough, has for disposal few good Crests and Crest-breds, yellows and buffs, cocks and hens.

GOOD clear Crestbred cock, 7/6, approval willingly: Gibson, Vernon-avenue, Nottingham.

LARGE buff-marked 1911 Crest-bred hens, 5/- each; approval: Roper, 134, Chester, Seven Kings, Essex.

CRESTS and Crestbreds, few cheap to clear: Boulter, 32, Palmerston-rd., West Hampstead, London.

FEW Crest and Crest-bred cocks for sale, cheap; no hens; approval: J. Miller, 43, Sandy-lane, Mansfield.

CHAMPION large massive Crests and Crestbreds, from 7/6 to 15/6 each, ten days' approval: W. Powick, Dewsbury.

STRONG healthy hens, one and two years old, private breeder, 2/6, live 10/6: Cruse, 13, Darnley-rd., Gravesend.

GOOD green Crested hen, Barnet's strain, 10/- wing marked; dark Crest, 6/-, bred 1911: Johnson, junr., Wavendon, Bucks.

TEN heavy Crested cocks, bargain, 7/6 each to clear; Crested hen, 5/6; Crest-bred hen, 4/-: Comben, Outfitter, Portland.

GREEN Crest-bred cock, 1911, 15/-; green Crestbred cock, 1910, 20/-: Richard Thomson, 441, Albert-rd., Langside, Glasgow.

FOR disposal, one pair of Crests, 18/-; one Crested cock, 15/-; good stock; approval (week): Smith, 124, Rupert-st., Nottingham.

THREE large Crest-bred cocks, one Crest-bred hen, 30/- the lot, or separate; approval, stamp: Hayes, Overdale, Bargate, Derby.

CREST and Crestbreds, few pairs or singles for sale: price reasonable; deposit: H. Mais, 63, Northumberland-st., Nottingham.

FEW well-bred Crest-bred hens for sale, feather to end beak, in pink of condition; cheap to clear: Hume, Ellenslea, Dumblane.

PAIR green Crests, unflighted, healthy, bargain 15/-: dark Crest, wing-marked buff cock, 10/-: Pitchford, London-rd., Stoke-on-Trent.

CANARIES, Crests and Crestbred cocks, £1, hens 7/6, same strain as winner at Palace show this week; good Border hens, 3/-, approval, deposit: Editor: Roberts, 210, Anerley-rd., Anerley, S.E.

FEW Crest and Crestbred, large stock birds, bred from winners; approval; note address: H. Cowpertwait, 11, Trevitt-st., Nottingham.

HIGH-CLASS Crests, Crest-breds, few pairs, from £5 to 30/- single birds; also few good Norwich; approval: Lewis, Pilling, Garstang.

BARNETT'S direct, Crests and Crestbreds, good reliable stock birds cheap; approval: Bushell and Dewing, 56, Wodehouse-st., Norwich.

BUFF green Crested cock, 15/-; buff Crest-bred cock, 8/6; green marked Crest-bred hen, 6/-; all cold room bred: Cant, 39, Henslowe-rd., East Dulwich.

F. W. Barnett has some very unusual stock Crest pairs from his world's champion strain, cheap: Address, Greenway House, Fakenham, Norfolk.

MATCHED pair Crests, 37/6; Crested cock, £1; grand Crest-bred cock, £1; 1911 variegated Crest-bred cock, 30/-; McDougall, Carronvale-rd., Larbert.

WELL-BRED young Crested and Crest-bred Canaries, 12/6, 10/6; Crest-bred hens, 10/6, 7/6; approval: Miss B. Hacker, 1, Elsworthy terrace, Hampstead.

CRESTS; a few matched pairs at £1 per pair; all related to my winners, or exchange anything useful to value; approval: Lindsay, School-st., Markinch.

GRAND dark Crest cock, perfect crest, 17/-; massive variegated Crestbred hen, 11/6; pair 26/-; grand heads of feather; approval: Miss Stone, The Fleet, Belper.

CRESTS and Crestbreds, best blood, can spare a few pairs and cocks, from 60/- and 30/-; state price prepared to give; stamp: Rev. G. W. Joyce, Wellington, Somerset.

JOHN CORKE, 300, London-rd., Lowestoft, Crest breeder (not dealer), exhibitor, prizes, 1911: Norwich two, Lowestoft six, two spls., best feathered exhibit, from 10/- each; approval.

VARIEGATED Crested cock, 40/-; green Crested cock, 30/-; green Crest-bred cock, £4; grey Crested hen, 35/-; green Crestbred cock, 30/-: Hesketh, 29, Kirkland-st., St. Helens.

GRAND lot of dark and light Crests, also some good Crest-bred hens, from 7/6, 8/6, 10/6 to 30/-; week's approval, deposit: A. Piddament, Postman, 105, Trinity-st., Norwich.

FEW massive Crests and Crestbreds for disposal, from champion stock, singly, 10/- to 20/-; properly matched pairs, 15/- to 30/-; bargains; approval: Hatton, Windmill, Belper.

A. LISTER, 106, Rectory-rd., Gateshead, breeder and exhibitor, can spare big dark Crested and variegated Crest-bred, cocks or hens, 7/6, 8/6, 10/-, 12/6, 15/-, 20/-, 25/-, 30/-, 35/-, 40/-, 45/-, 50/- each; approval.

CRESTED Norwich; giving up Fancy; cocks from 10/- to 28/-, hens from 6/- to 12/-; no better strain; satisfaction guaranteed; approval anywhere if deposit; state wants: Taylor, 17, Stanley-st., Nelson.

LOOK here; latest success at the Palace with four entries, 1st, 2nd, 3rd and he and special for best plainhead in Crest section; several same strain to part with: Bewick, 7, Newfield-st., Newcastle-on-Tyne.

LIGHTLY marked buff Crestbred cock from grand Crest, 30/-; yellow variegated Crest hen, 15/-; also Crest cocks from 10/-; all 1911 bred, in breeding condition; cold room: Thomas Morley, Baldock, Herts.

TWO large 1910 variegated Crested cocks; 1 ditto, 1911, 12/6 each; 1 Crested hen, 1910, 6/6; medium yellow cinnamon-mark Crestbred cock, 10/6; strong, healthy; approval: Payne, 3, Ormond-rd., Holloway, London.

BREEDER of Crest for 30 years: having bred scores of winners, and won hundreds of prizes, have some nice young birds for sale; prices to suit everybody; on approval: G. Williams, 50, Lower Union-st., Torquay.

H. HORTON, 18 years' Crest breeder, winner of hundreds of prizes with birds of my own breeding, surplus good healthy young birds from 10/-; approval: 18, The Avenue, St. John's Park-rd., Blackheath, London, S.E.

BARNETT'S strain direct, Crests and C.B.'s to suit all pockets; a few Yorkshires and Siberian Goldfinch; state requirements and price by letter only; approval, deposit: Rev. Moss, Ladywood Vicarage, Birmingham.

GREEN Crest-bred, variegated Crest-bred, cocks, 25/- each; late bred Crest-bred hen, 15/-; same strain as our winners at Palace; see reports; three days' approval: Walter Radley and Son, Paradise-square, Skelmanthorpe, Huddersfield.

DARK Crested buff Norwich cock, 1st Palace 1911, £3; variegated yellow cock, 3rd London C.A., Nov., £2 10s.; Crested and C.B. hens from 6/- upwards; bred from high-class stock; approval: Edwards, 2, Murray-place, Haugh, Inverness.

RADMORE has for disposal a few Crests and Crestbreds, grand stock birds, large, with plenty of feather; this strain has been carefully selected for 30 years, and has produced many winners; stamp: 17, Chaddlewood-avenue, Plymouth.

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C. ROBERTS, Staunah Hey, Newton Drive, Blackpool, breeder, exhibitor, and exporter of champion Crests and Crestbreds, winner all leading shows, can offer matched pairs to breed winners from 30/- to £10, single birds from 12/6; approval.

HIGH CLASS Crests, Crest-breds, grand birds, cocks or hens, several with crest to end of beak, from one of the best strains in England; have sold as many winners as any fancier anywhere; reasonable approval: T. Billington, Hambleton, Poulton-le-Fylde.

HAVING had a successful breeding time, I must reduce my stock of Crest and Crest-bred, no better blood can be bought at double price; pairs from 15/-, single birds from 7/6, on approval; deposit with Editor: Tetin, 124, Chestnut-ave., Forest Gate, Essex.

HAVING purchased from a fancier who is leaving Southampton, his stock of Crests and Crest-breds, 16 for sale cheap; separate from 7/6, or in one lot; some really good birds (winners) among them, also breeding cages; particulars from W. Fellows, 44, Hill-lane, Southampton.

A. LAZARUS' champion strain of Crests and Crestbreds, winners at many principal shows this season, including Crystal Palace; see this week's report; Crestbred hen, buff, 60/-; Crested hen, buff, 60/-; also pairs, 15/- to 25/- and upwards; all young birds, stamp for reply: 55, Old Compton-st., Soho, London, W.

FOUL green Crestbred hen, 2nd Birmingham, 3rd Cheltenham, 3rd Burton, 63/-; ticked buff Crest-bred cock, 1911, 25/-; variegated buff Crest-bred cock 1911, turn over to end of beak, 45/-; see reports of my birds at Palace show, two 2nds, one 3rd, four entries: Apply Alfred Smith, St. Ives, Chester-rd., Erdington, near Birmingham.

T. GILBERT, winner of 1st Birmingham, 1st Coventry, 1st Royal Horticultural Hall, 1st Derby, etc., can spare Clear Buff Crest-bred cock, 40/-; two large Clear Crested cocks, 30/- each; nearly green Crest-bred cock, 20/-; several green ditto, 10/-, 15/-; feather on head, when turned back, comes to end of beak; wing-marked dark Crested hen, 15/-; green Crested cock, 20/-; approval: 37, Craven-st., Chapel Fields, Coventry.

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Greens.

CROSSBRED cocks, 3/6; hens, 2/-: Sheldon, Holly House, Chingford, Essex.

SIX variegated green Yorkshire hens, 6/- each: Ormondroyd, Harlow-rd., Bradford.

YORKSHIRE greens, self and foul hens, few cocks single or lot, cheap: Cubbon, 40, Kiumel-st., Liverpool.

YORKSHIRE greens; can spare a few good birds bred from my winners; approval: McDermott, 9, Maple-grove, Liverpool.

YORKSHIRE green cocks, related to my winner Palace Show, stamp reply: Walker, 7, Tomlinson-place, Carbrook, Sheffield.

YORKSHIRE greens, same strain as my Palace winners; state wants; approval willingly: Geoff Benson, 7, Sandheys-rd., Liscard.

WANTED Yorkshire greens; exchange splendid pair Yorkshires (clears), both winners open competition 50/-: Jefferis, 10, Western-rd., Southall.

YORKSHIRE and Norwich, type and quality combined with colour, no better blood; approval with pleasure: Metcalfe, 68, Brunswick-rd., Liverpool.

FIFTY Green Yorkshires, self and fouls, singles, pairs, or in one lot my whole stock; approval, deposit, stamp: H. Hughes, 6, Argyle-st. South, Birkenhead.

BUFF Green Yorkshire cock, rare stock bird, 20/-; would exchange for good Yellow; also smart pair Border Greens, 21/-; approval: Walker, 197, Great Homer-st., Liverpool.

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Lancashires.

YELLOW coppy cock, bred by Collinge, Rochdale 10/-: Todd, 15, Readhead-aven., Westoe, South Shields.

LANCASHIRES for sale, all 1911 birds; good stuff no rubbish: Geo. Broadhurst, 8, Dealstone-lane Stockport.

LARGE buff plainhead cock, good stock bird, yellow plainhead cock, 10/6 each; no better breed approval; cold room: Fitton, 14, Vavasour-st., Rochdale.

LANCASHIRES; few good yellow and buff coppy cocks, yellow and buff coppy hen, yellow and buff plainhead cock, yellow and buff plainhead hens; approval, deposit: John Swalwell, 146, Middleton-rd. Oldham.

YELLOW plainhead cock, buff coppy hen, buff plainhead cock and yellow coppy hen, 30/- pair; from our noted winners, Oldham, Rochdale, Manchester, Nottingham, Horticultural, Palace shows; stamp: Fitton, 49, Garnett-st., Oldham.

VERY large clear yellow plainhead cock, with ticked buff coppy hen, 45/- pair; large buff plainhead cock, with yellow coppy hen, 35/- pair; grand young yellow and buff coppy cocks, from 15/6 each; pure bred, finest strain living; approval: Inspector Green, Loughborough.

Lizards.

HENS, 3/-: Sheldon, Holly House, Chingford, Essex.

WHIPP, 483, Rochdale-rd., Shaw, has all his grand stock of Lizards for sale; pairs 10/-; odd cocks 7/- each; approval.

THIRTY birds to dispose of; pairs from 15/-; no better blood in the Fancy: Barker Clegg, 7, Russell-sq., Hulme, Manchester.

CHAMPION Lizards bred from my Manchester, Rochdale, and Palace winners, hens 6/-, cocks from 7/6; approval: Holland, Boothby-st., Macclesfield.

JOHN HAMER, 67, Stoneleigh-st., Oldham, champion Lizards for sale; fountain-head for winners or stud birds; 25 years' strain; prices reasonable; stamp reply.

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Norwich.

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W. READ, Chellowdene, York-road, Guildford, breeder and exhibitor of high-class Norwich; surplus stock only for sale; over 100 to select from; seen any time; from 15/6 pair; approval.

COCKS, 5/-; hens, 2/6: Sheldon, Holly House, Chingford, Essex.

TYPICAL yellow hen, 6/6; 2 chubby buffs, 4/6 each: Eddy, Bellevue, Penzance.

NORWICH cocks 6/-, hens 3/-, approval willingly: Gibson, Vernon-avenue, Nottingham

NORWICH cock, 1911, 6/-; exchange for good buff hens: Purser, 15, St. Saviour's-rd., Leicester.

A. FLEET, 21, St. Mary-rd., Plaistow, has few Norwich for disposal; cocks from 7/-, hens from 2/6.

E. GODLEY has few grand Norwich for disposal, single or pairs, also Cinnamons: Rishton, Blackburn.

H. BAILEY, Tower Street, Launceston, has several Norwich cocks for disposal, also a few nice hens still left.

NORWICH greens, yellows and buffs from 10/- each; see reports of Palace show: Jenkins, 82, Church-st., Widnes.

WELL-BRED Norwich; pairs from 11/6; hens from 4/-; can be seen: Hellis, 42, Leconfield-rd, Highbury, N.

NORWICH cocks and hens, prize strain, cold room; cheap; colour fed: 5, Arundel-pl., Barnsbury. (No Sundays.)

TWENTY Norwich, from my winners, cheap, seen any time: Hollands, 7, Kingswood-place, Dacre-pk., Lee, S.E.

MORTARA, 2, South View, Winchester, has some high-class Norwich for sale; hens from 12/6, cocks from 10/6.

FEW typical Norwich, yellows and buffs, for sale; approval: Hindle, Mayfield-ter., Cherry Tree, nr. Blackburn.

MRS. LITCHFIELD has pairs from 12/6; also odd birds and two pairs of Crests: 2, Ribblesdale-rd, Streatham.

WANTED, large young Norwich hen, yellow or lightly marked; approval: Pugh, Church Bank, Llandovery.

F. PEBERDY has few good Norwich for disposal, bred from winners; prices reasonable: 39, Twycross-st., Leicester.

SOME good typical Buff Norwich cocks and hens for disposal at reasonable prices: Small, 67, Western-rd., Brighton.

YELLOW and buff cocks, 1911 bred, cheap to clear; on approval; stamp: Miller, 3, Stephen-ter., Anniesland, Glasgow.

BARGAIN; two yellow, eight buff cocks, 10/- each; grandly bred; 1910 buff hen, 10/-: Jones, Lydgates, Lynton, Devon.

Mr. H. SCHNEIDER, Pretoria House, Fairfield-rd., Winchester, has a few good birds left, hens from 6/6; cocks, 10/6.

PRIZE winning Norwich cocks from 8s., hens from 5/-, seen any time: Chamberlain, 12, Beyer-st., Gorton, Manchester.

A FEW Norwich hens, grand type and quality, 5/- and 7/6, good value; approval: W. Wallace, 27, Mill-st., Stafford.

T. IRONS can spare several good pairs, 20/-, 30/-, 40/-; cocks from 10/-; approval; stamp: Ivy-rd., Northampton.

TWO good clear yellow unflighted Norwich cocks, 25/- each; buff cocks from 7/6: Bell, 35, Clementina-ter., Carlisle.

WM. HINDMAN, 26, Sarah Ellen Street, Blackburn. Few good Norwich for sale; prices reasonable; singles or pairs; approval.

ARTHUR WAKE can spare some good hens, related to my winners; very cheap; approval: 128, Princes-rd., Middlesbrough.

NORWICH bred from my winners, healthy, cold room, price reasonable: Kenyon, 251, Newmarket-rd., Ashton-u.-Lyne.

TYPICAL, short, thick, unflighted buff hens, same strain as my winners, 7/6 each; approval: Devoy, George-st., Stanrear.

FRED BARRACLOUGH has a few choice Norwich Plainheads, both sexes, for sale, inspection invited: 25, Railway-st., Hyde.

CHAMPION matched pairs Norwich Canaries, 10/6; cocks, 8/6; hens, 3/-; winning strain: J. Blackshaw, 3, Bond-st., Coventry.

SOME really good stock birds, 1911, grand size and quality, chiefly buff; prices moderate: Barlows, Wardington, Banbury.

NOTICE. Grand lot Norwich, many winners; prices low; easy payments taken; approval: M'Keand, Seabright-villa, Castle-Douglas.

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J. HAYHURST, breeder of high-class Norwich, single pairs 15/-, bred from my winners; approval: 217, Brunshow-rd., Burnley.

PRIZE-BRED Norwich for sale, cocks from 5/-, hens 2/6, pairs 7/- to 15/-: Kelsall, 655, Oldham-rd., Bardsley, Ashton-under-Lyne.

TYPICAL unflighted buff Norwich cocks and hens for sale, cheap, related to winners: Burchell, 6a, Durlston-rd., Upper Clapton.

NORWICH pairs from 20/-; single birds, cocks or hens, yellow or buff, from 10/- to 25/- each: Kelly, Dean-rd., Kilbirnie, Ayrshire.

NORWICH yellow variegated cock, yellow variegated hen, buff variegated cock; cheap, approval: James Taylor, 113, High-st., Brechin.

GRAND stout cobby cocks, 7/6, 8/6, 10/6; stout hens, 5/-, 6/-, 7/-; pairs 11/-, 13/-, 15/-; bargains; approval: Miss Stone, The Fleet, Belper.

COCKS and hens, related to my winners at Manchester, Warrington, Preston; 7/6 upwards: Vint, 42, Bute-st., Moston, Manchester.

WANTED, two Norwich hens, 1 ticked, 1 clear; exchange nice mounted photo of Santry: William Chadwick, Exning, Newmarket.

FEW 1911 buff cocks and yellow hens for sale; cocks 7/-, hens 6/-; inspection invited; approval: J. Ashcroft, 22, Farnworth-st., Widnes.

GRAND stout cobby buff Norwich, 10/6; lovely stout yellow hen, 7/-, 16/- pair; value unapproachable; approval: Hatton, Windmill, Belper.

HANDSOME Norwich cocks, grand songsters, 4/6, 5/-; hens 2/6; pairs 6/6, 7/-; value unapproachable; approval: Hatton, Aviaries, Belper.

WINNING Norwich and bred from winners, large birds, must clear; stamp, address reply; 174, Ladykirk-rd., Newcastle, Northumberland.

2nd Woolwich, massive framed buff Norwich cock, very large and of exceptional merits; accept 20/-: Hawkes, Grove Green-rd., Leytonstone.

NORWICH cocks, 5/- and 6/6; cold room; no hens left; beauties; healthy; approval, deposit: Royston, Trentlocks, Westbridgford, Nottingham.

A. L. HAWKES, Breeder of high-class Norwich, offers singles or pairs, 15/-, 20/-, 30/-; see reports of winnings: Grove Green-rd., Leytonstone.

TWO pairs Norwich, bred 1911, grand champion strain, 25/- pair; two buff hens, 5/- each; stamp: Miss Edwards, 54, Reigate-hill, Reigate.

SENSATIONAL offer; my winning buff Norwich cock, 9/6, worth 30/-; approval, great bargain: Spilsbury, Station-rd., Winsford, Cheshire.

SIX cocks, three Buff hens, Vardy's and Clemlinson's blood; cocks, 5/- and 6/-; hens, 3/6; cold room: Marwood, Brompton, Northallerton.

PRIZE-bred Norwich, cocks, in full song, 4/-, 5/- each; hens, same strain, 1/9, 2/6 each; satisfaction guaranteed: Heathcote's Aviaries, Leicester.

THREE prize-bred Norwich cocks, 8/6 each, breeding condition; Crystal Palace aviary, new condition, 15/-: W. Nash, 462, Gladstone-st., Peterborough.

A GRAND big buff cock, 1911; full brother to my winners at Lochgelly and Dunbar, and a yellow hen, £3 the pair: McNaughton, Dunipace, Larbert.

HIGH-CLASS plainheads; I have for disposal some of the finest in the Fancy: W. Neame, 13, Durnford-st., Stouehouse, Devon. Stamp reply.

25 young, healthy, buff Norwich hens, ready for breeding; cold room; 3/- each; large birds, 3/6; approval: Roper, 134, Chester, Seven Kings, Essex.

GRAND buff unflighted cock, 3rd Nottingham, £1; clear yellow, 1st, Hucknall, £1, cash or deposit: Twine, 33, Carlingford-rd., Hucknall Torkard, Notts.

CANARIES; two cocks; six bens; greens and var.; 1910-1911; good strain; cold room, 25/- the lot; deposit: H.G., 95, Tierney-rd., Streatham-hill, London.

SEVERAL good unflighted yellow and buff stock cocks from 10/-; few bens from 8/6; related to my Palace winners; approval: Walter Schofield, Saddler, Ipswich.

GOOD Norwich (see Palace report) first time showing hens, from 4/-; cocks from 7/-; pairs 10/- upwards; approval, deposit: Piggin, 61, Botolph-st., Norwich.

HAVING selected my breeding stock, find I can spare few good pairs, also odd cocks and hens, reasonable, seen any time: Thomas, 79, Larcom-st., Walworth.

TWO 1911 buff Norwich cocks, 12/6, 17/6, bred off first-class exhibition stock; of good type and quality, perfectly sound: Mrs. Morris, Rock Twain, Fishguard, Pem

BIG winner; unflighted yellow Norwich cock, short, thickset, cobby specimen, has the best of head and neck, 40/-; worth treble: Hawkes, Grove Green-rd. Leytonstone.

PRIZE Norwich pairs, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-; cocks from 6/6; hens from 3/6; sound, healthy, unflighted, cold room; deposit, approval: Adams, 28, Chartley-rd., Leicester.

NORWICH buff cocks, 1911, 5/-, 7/6, 10/-; three-pointed buff hen, 1910, 7/6; variegated buff hen, 1911, 6/-; approval: R. Rowell, 70, West Row, Bebside, Northumberland.

R. J. METCALFE has for disposal 2 pairs Norwich 1911; Critchley's noted winning strain direct; rare chance; 12/6, 15/-; approval: 8, Village-st., Broughton, Manchester.

THREE grand buff cocks; two yellows, 6/6, 7/6 each; yellow hen and buff hen, splendid type, 3/6 each; Silk's strain; approval with pleasure: Allen, 19, Albert-st., Wednesbury.

MONSTER clear yellow cock, winner 1st and spl prizes; a champion, £2; ticked yellow cock, winner, very typical, a gem, £2; approval: Robiuson, Bird Specialist, Windermere.

A. SCOTT, Scott's Hotel, Lancaster, has some grand flighted and unflighted buff cocks for sale, grand birds; also one or two good pairs: A. Scott, Scott's Hotel, Lancaster.

PRIZE bred Norwich Canaries, cocks, warranted in full song, 4/6, 5/6, 6/6 each; hens, same strain, 2/-, 3/-, 4/- each; satisfaction guaranteed: Fred Johnson, 22, Goswell-st., Leicester.

ALL my Norwich plainheads for sale, winners and bred from winners; singles from 10/-, pairs from 20/- upwards; approval; cash or deposit: R. Traill, Shore House, Dysart, Fife.

NOTICE, green Crested cocks and buff variegated 6/6 and 7/6; plainhead Norwich cocks 6/-, hens 3/6; approval; cash or deposit: R. Collins, Marsh-rd., Burnham-on-Crouch, Essex.

SEVERAL good stock Norwich for sale; Buffs, Buffs and Yellow Variegated hens and cocks, colour-fed, winners and related to winners; hens from 4/-; cocks from 8/-; approval, deposit: Crawford, 14, Wilton-drive, Glasgow.

TYPICAL Norwich Plainheads (Bowyer and Vardy's strain) cocks from 7/6, pairs from 20/-; approval, deposit: Williams, Pharmacy, Ashbourne.

FRANK F. LAWSON, 14, Pugin-st., Carlisle. Unflighted buff hens and cocks, grand heads, shape, colour and quality, same stamp as my winners at leading shows, from 10/- each.

1st Parkstone and several other wins since Christmas; buff cap-marked Norwich cock, massive large cobby specimen, 30/-; great sacrifice: Hawkes, Grove Green-rd., Leytonstone.

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TWENTY clear and marked buff Norwich hens, from outdoor aviary, Silk's and Hodder's strain, from 4/6 to 7/6 each; cash or deposit; 7 days' approval: Rolington, Canterbury-rd., Whitstable.

CHAMPION Norwich; few grand birds; cocks or hens; Bullfinch type, good heads, fine silky feather, best strain in England; reasonable, approval: T. Billington, Hambleton, Poulton-le-Fylde.

C. ROBERTS' noted Norwich, Bullfinch type, highly colour-fed, some can win, matched pairs from 20/- to £5, single birds from 10/6; state wants; approval: Stannah Hey, Newton Drive, Blackpool.

YELLOW Green cock and yellow Cinnamon cock, 10/6 each; ticked buff cock, 7/6; all these birds are from the same parents as my winners, and are grand stock birds: Ellwood, Weybridge.

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PRIZE-BRED colour-fed Norwich pairs, matched for breeding, 12/6, 15/-, 17/6, 20/-, 25/-; single cocks, 8/6 upwards; hens, 4/- upwards: G. Pye, 24, Waveney-rd., Southtowu, Great Yarmouth.

PRIZE-bred Norwich; clears, ticked, variegated, yellow cocks, 10/- to 30/-; buff cocks, 10/- to 25/-; few buff and yellow hens, 7/6 to 15/-; approval: Picken, Mauchline-rd., Hurlford, Ayrshire.

A. V. LYNN, 21, Bower-st., Maidstone, winner of 6-guinea cup and several money prizes, has some good class buff Norwich hens for sale, unflighted, at 4/6; also several feeding hens at 2/6.

HIGH-CLASS Norwich buff cocks from, 10/-; yellow cocks, 8/6 upwards; pairs from, 15/6; all own breeding; cold room; approval; a few cock Goldfinch Mules, 5/- 6/- 7/-: Brown, Jeweller, Catrine.

E. MITCHELL has few exceptionally fine colour-fed Norwich, bred from his winners in outdoor bird-room; cocks from 7/6 to 40/-; hens from 4/-; approval: 10, Barrow Hill-terr., Ashford, Kent.

AT Norwich open show I won special, 3 2nds, 4th, with 6 entries; have few large cobby hens, same blood, at 4/-, 5/-, 7/6, 10/- each; yellows and buffs; approval: G. Brown, 44, Waterloo-rd., Norwich.

HIGH-CLASS Norwich, single or pairs; related to Palace winners; very reasonable; room wanted; approval; cash, deposit; also buff greens, cocks and hens: Clement Hillmen, 12, Ellel-grove, Liverpool.

MR. ECKERSLEY can still offer a few A1 stock yellows and buffs; three specially selected pairs, 20/- and 25/-, that will at once put the novice on the road to success: 51, Francis-rd., Edgbaston, Birmingham.

HIGH-CLASS Norwich cocks, in full song, 6/-, 7/6, 8/6, 10/-; hens 3/-, 3/6, 4/-, 5/- each; pairs matched for breeding, 8/6, 9/6, 10/6, 12/-; stamp reply; money returned if not approved: Stewarts, Earthenware Stores, Surrey-st., Norwich.

PRIZE-BRED Norwich Canaries, cocks warranted in full song, 4/6, 5/6, 6/6 each; hens, same strain, 3/-, 4/-, 5/- each; inspection invited; cold-room bred; satisfaction guaranteed: Jess Growdridge, Coventry-rd., Hinckley, Leicestershire.

FRED HORTH, 35, Silver-rd., Norwich, having selected own breeders, has following high class Norwich to spare,: 1911 yellow cock, 1910 buff hen, 12/6; 1910 buff cock, 1910 yellow hen, 12/6; 1911 buff cock, 1910 yellow hen, 10/6.

LUKE GRANGER, 21, West-view, Clitheroe, has a few Norwich to part with, related to my winners Bolton, Manchester, Harwood; cocks or hens from 7/6 upwards; pairs from, 12/6 or would sell in one lot cheap; approval, deposit.

EXTRA good surplus stock, very large choice buff cocks, exquisite quality, from 20/-; unflighted yellow and buffs, from 10/-; hens from 7/6; healthy typical birds, own breeding only; approval: Miss Gwyn, "Somerville," North-avenue, Ramsgate.

A. L. HAWKES has few exceptionally fine colour-fed Norwich hens, equal to his winners, in all colours, massive framed, short, thick-set, cobby specimens, exhibition or stock birds, 7/6, 10/-, 12/6, 15/- upwards; 7 days' approval: 390, Grove Green-rd., Leytonstone.

MR. SILK, Emsworth, Hants, has massive var. yellow Norwich cock, mated grand buff hen, 3rd Woolwich, £2 10/- pair; sure to breed winners; even marked yellow cock, 1st Portsmouth, 3rd Redruth, mated grand buff hen, £2 pair, worth double.

WM. BOWYER, Gladstone-st., Leek, exhibitor over 40 years, can spare several really good show birds reasonable; stock birds, cocks from, 7/6; hens from, 5/-; from one of the oldest and most reliable strains in the Fancy; every bird guaranteed the same blood as my winners for years; approval.

NORWICH; clear buff cock, perfect model, only 12/6; clear buff hen, 4/6; clear yellow hen, fair size, best type, 5/6; ticked yellow hen, 5/6; yellow var., hen, extra nice, 7/6; two clear yellow Yorkshire cocks, lengthy, well-bred, extra good quality, 7/6 each or 14/- two: Hendry, High-st., Fraserburgh.

GEORGE NIBLETT, Railway Inn, Winson Green, Birmingham, has for sale 10 grand pairs 1910 yellows and buffs, also 12 pairs 1911; all grand stock birds; prices from 12/6 upwards; many of these birds have won in strong competition; write for particulars.

UNFLIGHTED buff variegated cock, 1st Woodside, £1; unflighted yellow green cock, grand colour, 12/6; unflighted clear yellow cock, 12/6; yellow variegated cock, natural colour, 12/6; large unflighted buff cock, 6/6; unflighted buff variegated hen, 5/-: Strachan, 35, Rosemount-place, Aberdeen.

THE "Davies" strain for new beginners; if you don't keep Norwich start now; I have surplus stock from Norwich that have won at all the leading shows; see Scottish National and Crystal Palace reports; to clear these birds, which are the best pedigree Norwich in the country, pairs 20/-, odd birds 10/- each; note, these are the strain that have won the N.P.C. cup 1909-10-11: Davies, 200, Higher Brinksway, Stockport.

J. C. BARNES, 113, Northfield-rd., Walkley, Sheffield; well-known strain, of 20 years standing; Sheffield Challenge Cup winner (3 years in succession); having selected own breeders, can now spare few choice specimens, true to type, and full of quality and colour; cocks from 20/-, hens 10/- upwards; inspection cordially invited; approval with every pleasure; matched pairs a speciality.

MAGNIFICENT cobby 1911 exhibition buff Norwich cock, real gem, only 12/6; grand stout yellow hen, rare type and quality, only 8/6, or 20/- the pair; also massive yellow cock, 1911 bred, grand colour and quality, only 10/6; monster buff hen, rare size and quality of feather, only 6/6 or 16/- the pair; rare chance for beginners; genuine bargains; approval: Cooper, 29, Junction-rd., Norwich.

MARVELLOUS value; look at proof; "Stonehouse, Plymouth. Birds arrived safely, very pleased with them, both of grand type.—F. Mutch." "Belfast. Yorkshire hen arrived safely, very pleased with her, have been offered much more for her.—J. Loney." Fine collection Norwich cocks, 6/6, 7/6, 8/6, 10/6; smart hens 4/6, 5/-, 6/-, 7/-; pairs, correctly matched, fine type and quality, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, 17/6; cages 3d.; champion Yorkshires same prices; absolute satisfaction guaranteed, full particulars free; approval, deposit: P. Hanford, Derby.

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Champion Norwich, reliable, typical stock birds, cocks 6/6, 7/6, 10/6, 15/-, 20/-; buff hens 4/-, 5/-, 7/6, 10/6; yellow hens, 5/-, 7/6, 10/6, 15/-, 20/-; pairs, matched for breeding, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, 20/- upwards; approval; satisfaction guaranteed: 24, Clarke-rd., Norwich.

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During next show season I am giving 10 cups valued at 21/- each, to purchasers of my champion Norwich at shows held in Scotland, England and Wales. Six will be given for unflighted birds bred from my champion strain. The four remaining to birds other than unflighted which have been purchased after the date of this advertisement, January 12th, 1912. Particulars of shows where these cups will be competed for will appear in "Cage Birds" at a later date. This will give fanciers in various districts a chance to view the really high-class Norwich bred from this strain.—Judge Silk, Whitstable.

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Monster clear unflighted buff cock, a real giant, 20/-, with typical yellow hen of extra quality, 2/6 pair, a wonderful bargain; good clear unflighted yellow cock, extra type, colour and quality, 20/-, cheap at 30/-, with good unflighted buff hen, lightly variegated, 30/- pair; first class clear yellow hen, unflighted 20/-; ticked ditto, 15/-; extra good clear buff cock, 1910, with good ticked unflighted yellow hen, 15/- pair, cheap at double; over 50 others for sale, any sex or colour, all bred right from winners at Bolton, Burnley, Rochdale, Manchester, Sheffield, Preston, Gt. Harwood, Derby; won Whitehead Challenge Cup 1910 and 1911; approval, cash first or deposit; inspection any day by appointment: R. Allen, 196, Blackburn-rd., Bolton.

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Also few grand yellow or buff cocks, 10/-, 12/6, 15/-, 20/-, 25/-, 30/- each, upwards. Champion yellow hens, 7/6, 10/-, 12/6, 15/-, 20/-, 30/- each, upwards. Splendid buff hens, 5/-, 7/6, 10/-, 12/6, 15/-, 20/- each, upwards. All pairs are personally matched by me for breeding winners. I have also a few good pairs at 10/6, 12/6, and 15/- per pair. Every bird on 7 days' approval. Easy payments arranged if desired. I guarantee absolute satisfaction to every customer. Send a P.C. for my free illustrated catalogue.

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PURE bred Seifert Rollers; cocks from, 7/6; hens, 4/6; pairs Green, 12/6: Decker, 108, Kenniugton-rd., S.E.

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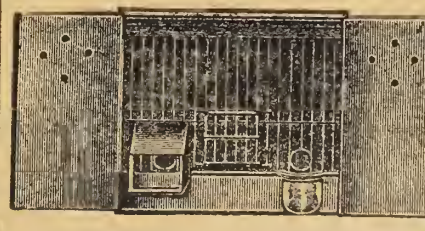

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PAIR class winners, unflighted buff cock, yellow hens, both have won also in open classes during last months, accept 25/-, hargain: Hawkes, Grove-green-rd., Leytonstone.

FOR sale eleven Yorkshire cocks, full song, colour-fed, 50/- lot or six for, 27/6; cold room bred; cash or deposit with Editor; approval: Miles, 4, Moses-st., Park-lane, Keighley.

TWELVE Yorkshire cocks, 6 hens, price £3, exchange blankets, sheets, quilts, to value, £3 10/-; approval; deposit with Editor: Pearson, Dent Drive, Great Ayton.

H. C. HEDWORTH has for disposal 5 Yorkshires, buff cock 12/6, 4 hens from 7/6 to 15/- each, good birds, cold room, Ambler's pure strain; approval: Dudley-rd., Grantham.

CLEAR yellow, 10/6; foul green, 6/6, cocks; hens, 4/6; cock Chaffinch, Redpoll, hen Goldfinch, 6/6 lot; exchange Belgians: Cottey, 45, Turner Buildings, Millbank, Westminster.

GOOD Yorkshire cocks for disposal, 10/6, 15/-, 20/-; hens 3/- to 15/-; all bred from my winners Wimbledon, Tonbridge, Brighton, etc.: Foxen, 8, Aberdeen-buildings, Bromley, Kent.

HIGH-CLASS Yorkshires, 50 pairs, splendid length, type and quality, cocks 5/-, hens 3/-, inspection invited; approval; satisfaction guaranteed: Priestley, 121, Gaythorne-rd., Bradford.

UNFLIGHTED yellow, vbc Palace class of 26 (see this issue); hen to match 30/-; have 4 pairs to spare 15/-, worth 40/-; have on approval, and see: Bamber, 78, Whitestile-rd., Brentford.

CHAMPION Yorkshires, 40 high-class birds, my well-known winning strain, grand buff hens, from 15/- pair; inspection invited; approval: Rorke, 50, Ringmer-ave., Munster-rd., Fulham.

GOOD Yorkshires, green, buff or variegated, cocks from 6/-, hens from 3/-, cold room bred; approval, deposit; seen by appointment: Lund, 4, Clyde-st., Grey-st., West Gorton, Manchester.

HIGH-CLASS Yorkshires; few grand slim racy yellow or buff hens for sale, feathered like wax, 3/-, 4/-, 5/- each; approval; satisfaction guaranteed: Wm. Clough, Lee-green, Mirfield, Yorkshire.

CHAMPION Yorkshires, bred from my winners; see reports, Clapham, Southend, L.C.B.A., Wimbledon, etc.; matched pairs from 12/6; odd cocks, 7/6: Penton, 1, Commercial-st., London, E.

EXCEPTIONAL bargain, unflighted yellow Yorkshire cock, won every time shown, now in better trim and make valuable stock bird; accept 25/-: Hawkes, Grove-green-rd., Leytonstone.

TYPICAL Yorkshire Canaries, 1911, cold room bred; cocks 5/6, 6/6, 7/6, hens 3/- and 3/6, four days' approval; cash or deposit; inspection invited: Gant, 112, Churchfield-rd., Acton, London.

HIGH class Yorkshires, unflighted cocks, 2 yellows, 1 buff, £1 each, bred from and related to my winners at York, Sunderland, Blackburn, Bradford National, Palace, etc.: G. Ireland, Langdale, Harrogate.

GIVING up Fancy. High-class Yorkshires, splendid length, type and quality, cocks 6/-, 7/6, 10/6; hens 5/-, 6/-, 7/-; all cold-room bred, three days' approval; all good bargains: Osborn, High-st., Belper, Derbyshire.

YORKSHIRES best blood obtainable; cocks from, 5/-; hens from, 3/-; pairs properly mated for breeding winners, 7/6 upawrds; full of quality; carriage paid; approval: Edgar King, Fairfield, Hebden Bridge, Yorkshire.

HIGH-CLASS Yorkshires, splendid length, type and quality; cocks from 5/-, hens from 3/-; pairs 8/- upwards; few grand pairs 12/6 and 15/- pair; approval; satisfaction guaranteed: Greenwood, Colne-rd., Crosshills, Keighley.

ALL my champion winning strains of Yorkshires for sale, from 12/6 pair, to reduce my stock for the breeding season; see Crystal Palace Catalogue; cold room bred, seen any time: Slade, 61, Lavender Hill, Clapham Junction.

CHAMPION Yorkshires, bred from my winners, Bolton, Sale, Sheffield, etc; must clear, owing to removal; cocks 7/6, hens 5/-, worth double; satisfaction guaranteed: Radford, 114, Second-avenue, Trafford-park, Manchester.

I HAVE still a few good pairs of Yorkshires to dispose from my Palace winners, all on approval; every bird bred by myself from the very best strain; state wants: H. Smith, 10, Mount Pleasant-st., Queensbury, Bradford.

WINNING Yorkshires, buff cock, buff marked cock, 25/- each; also winners of Newcastle, Blaydon, Gateshead, Wallsend; reasonable to clear; few stock birds; particulars, stamp reply: 174, Ladykirk-rd., Newcastle, Northumberland.

ONLY few more left, grand, long, sam yellow or buff Yorkshire cocks, bred from Palace winning strain, see report in this issue; prices 6/6, 7/6, 10/6; any fancier wishing to improve his stock this is an opportunity that should not be missed; seven days approval willingly: Auton, Spalding.

FEW very nice Yorkshires, reasonable, related to winners at Eastbourne, Portsmouth, Brighton, Wimbledon: Brooks, 2, Devonshire-rd., Horsham.

WINNING Yorkshire cocks, all standard length, typical yellow unflighted 12/6, buff marked, winner second 12/-, buff, first, special 10/-, buff, even marked wings, third 8/-, stylish buff 5/-; approval; deposit: W. E. King, Oak-st., Hebden Bridge.

LONG slim ticked buff cock, 15/-; clear buff cock, 10/-; clear yellow cock, 15/-; ditto 10/-; two grand yellow hens clear and ticked, 10/- each; two ditto, 5/- each; tick buff hen, 5/-; Battye's strain direct; approval: 15, Fort Royal Hill, Worcester.

KING'S celebrated Yorkshires, splendid length, type, and quality, bred from my cup winners; cocks from 5/-; hens from 3/-; perfectly matched pairs, 8/6 upwards; approval, deposit, carriage paid: Sydney B. King, Mytholm, Hebden Bridge.

A. L. HAWKES has several exceptional lengthy typical winning Yorkshire cocks and hens that have won in open competition this last month; yellows and buffs at 10/-, 12/6 each; great sacrifice; must reduce immediately: Grove Green-rd., Leytonstone.

THE old Yorkshire breeder has one of the finest selections of Yorkshires in the country; cocks full song, 5/-, 5/6, 6/6, 7/6, 10/6 to £1; slashing hens, 3/6, 4/6, 5/6, 6/6, to 12/6; splendid pairs from, 8/6: Middleton Bros., 32, Unity-st., Fell-lane, Keighley.

SELL following high-class Yorkshires; four yellow cocks, 10/6, 12/6 each; five buffs, 8/6, 10/6; few rather coarse in feather, 6/- each; seven splendid hens, buffs, 5/- each; yellow, 6/-; no better strain obtainable: Mr. Dodgson, 40, Priestman-ter., Bradford, Yorkshire.

CHAMPION Yorkshires, long leggy upstanding birds, just the sort to breed winners, 6/6, 7/6, 8/6, 10/6, upwards; hens, 5/6, 6/6, 7/6, 10/6; pairs, properly mated, breed winners, 12/6, 15/-, 20/-; approval, 4 days; 26 years' breeder, exhibitor: Frank Stevens, Great Ayton, Yorkshire.

CHAMPION Yorkshires, bred from 1st prize winners at Great Harwood, Queenshury, Sandy Lane, Brighouse, etc.; surplus, to clear quick; cocks 6/-, 8/-, 10/-; hens 5/- each, from best blood in Yorkshire: no higher prices; stamp: Johnny Priestley 258, Hanson-lane, Halifax.

GATESHEAD Fanciers; giving up; 12 Yorkshires, one pair cost £2 last season; Ogden's; young birds same strain; large flight, good breeding cages, box cages, wire cages and all accessories. £3 10/- the lot; genuine hargain; inspection invited any day except Sunday: Moore, 110, Market-la., Dunston, Gateshead.

A. L. HAWKES has few exceptionally fine colour-fed Yorkshires, cocks or hens, in all colours, feathered to perfection and equal to any of my present-day winners for length, type, and quality, cannot be excelled, 7/6, 10/-, 12/6, 15/-, 20/- each; seven days' approval; see reports: 390, Grove Green-rd., Leytonstone.

J. C. BARNES, 113, Northfield-rd., Walkley, Sheffield: Sheffield Challenge Cup winner (3 years in succession); few grand lengthy specimens of correct position, and well on leg, to spare; cocks, 20/- up; hens, 10/- up; matched pairs a speciality; approval with every pleasure; inspection earnestly requested; no better blood obtainable.

CHAMPION Yorkshires, same strain as my winners at Hull, Burnley, Peterborough, Stamford, Newport, etc., for sale to make room for breeding season; Yorkshire cocks 7/6, 10/6, 12/6; hens 5/6, 7/6, 10/6; feathered like wax, guaranteed to give satisfaction; approval; deposit: Beanmont, Carlton Aviaries, 62, Long-lane, Dalton, Huddersfield.

W. E. KEARNS

has a few high-class Yorkshires to dispose of at reasonable rates; related to his Palace winners; approval, deposit; apply: Carr House, Rawtenstall, Lancs.

CUTHBERTSON'S

Yorkshires still to the front; owing to having to reduce stock, several this season's winners for sale, and also grand stock birds very cheap for quick sale; approval: Manor House, Heighington, R.S.O.

HAVING ARRANGED STOCK

I can spare three pairs from £1 upwards; also one cock and two hens, won first, etc., Partick Pair Show (see report to-day): Park, 54, Cranston-st., Glasgow.

HIRST.

Stylish Yorkshires, clear and cinnamon marked; cocks or hens, 7/6, 10/-, 20/- each; bred from my winners Bolton, Manchester, Bradford, Crystal Palace; approval: Ramsbottom-st., Accrington.

TOWNSEND'S YORKSHIRES.

Just a few pairs left, bred from and related to winners at all the leading shows; see show reports; finishing up at Crystal Palace with two 1sts, 2nd and hc, with four entries; pairs from, 12/6 upwards: 5, Upper Brunswick-st., Hopwood-lane, Halifax.

HAWES BROS,

The Southern Champions, have still a few good birds to spare, single or pairs, same way bred as our Palace and other winners, from 15s.; pair best obtainable; approval; stamp reply; inspection invited: 73, Fermoy-rd., Paddington, or Oakley, Brill, Bucks.

WILLIAM BINNS.

exhibits none but his own breeding. Has for sale about 12 pairs of champion Yorkshires from 15/- pair upwards; approval; cash or deposit; for wins see reports Palace, Scottish National, Glasgow, Liverpool and other principal shows: 9, Albert-ter., Blackpool, N.

WINNING YORKSHIRES.

Grand chance for novices; owing to business pressure I am compelled to part with the majority of my stock; all related to winners at Burnley, Bolton, Rochdale, Manchester, etc.; on approval, cash or deposit; inspection invited any evening or week-end; cocks and hens, 7/6 upwards: G. Pike, 20, Scarborough St., Moston Lane, Manchester.

H. H. TOWERS.

Yorkshires now ready; good feather, length, and in the pink of condition; watch show results; birds fit to win at reasonable prices; a few matched pairs from 12/6 upwards. Write at once and avail yourself of a splendid opportunity. All on approval and satisfaction guaranteed; cash or deposit: 8, Colne-rd., Glusburn, nr. Keighley.

YORKSHIRE CANARIES.—14 days' trial, our risk. Very typical Cocks, 5/-, 6/-, 7/6, and 10/- each. Hens, 2/6, 3/6, and 5/- each. Well-matched pairs, 7/6, 10/6, and 15/- per pair. Breeding cages and all appliances. Catalogue free. Patronised by Royalty, Experts, and Judges.—Northern Aviaries, Ormskirk Road, Preston.

POWICK'S CHAMPION YORKSHIRES.

The same strain as the winners at all the leading shows; length, type and quality; cocks in full song, 7/6, 10/6; hens, 5/6, 7/6 each; sure winners, 15/6 each; ten days' approval at my risk: W. Powick, Dewsbury, Yorkshire.

Champion Yorkshires

Read following winning testimonial from abroad, for proof of quality of birds I send out to customers:—From 126, Du Paits Pan Road, Kimberley, South Africa (received Feb. 4th, 1912). "The Yorkshires and Norwich safely to hand last month in grand condition, and I am highly pleased with them. I won five 1sts and five 2nds at our show with them. Will send you my future orders and recommend you to all I know requiring high-class birds."—C. Warren to J. Taylor. Scores of similar testimonials arriving weekly, and can be seen any time. Grand high-class, lengthy Yellow or Buff Yorkshire cocks on full song at 6/-, 7/-, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6, and 15/- each. In clears, ticked, green, marked, cinnamon marked, and clear pink-eyed. Pairs matched to produce winners at 8/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, 20/-, 25/-, 30/-, per pair. Extra smart Yellow or Buff Hens, in breeding condition, at 3/-, 4/-, 5/-, 6-/, 7/-, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6 each. Colour fed or natural colour, and all guaranteed cold room kept, and in the best of health and condition. Illustrated price list post free. All one seven days' approval at my risk. Travelling cage, 3d. extra.

EASY PAYMENT TERMS.

Birds sent off at once on receiving first payment. Send for price list, terms, and full particulars, post free. Yorkshires, Norwich, Crests, Songsters, etc., etc. No extras charged and same value given as if you were paying cash down. All on seven days' approval at my own risk to any part. Export orders a speciality! Only and old address—

J. TAYLOR,

36, Aireville Road,

Frizinghall, Bradford.

ALL ONE PRICE, 10s. 6d. PAIR.

20 pairs Yorkshires, 10/6 pair; birds from this strain have won at all the leading shows, some of my matched pairs include birds that have cost nearly £5 each, but I have decided to clear 20 pairs at 10/6; somebody will get a bargain, all colour fed and in the best of health; try one pair, my risk, 10 days' approval; satisfaction guaranteed: Clegg, Victoria Schoolhouse, Dewsbury.

W. H. SHACKLETON

can now supply some splendid stock birds, bred from his noted champions. The honours awarded to my birds during the last 10 years is conclusive proof that this is the purest and most reliable strain of the present day. Cocks, 7/6, 10/6, 15/6, 20/-, to 40/-; hens, 7/6, 10/6, 15/6, 20/-, 30/- each; pairs, 15/6 to 60/-; approval, cash or deposit; stamped address for reply: Melrose Aviaries, Lytton-rd., Girlington, Bradford.

C. A. O'REILLY RETIRING.

Winner Drummond challenge cup three years (outright), show and stock birds, 80 to sell; none reserved: 10, Dolphin-av., Dublin.

OGDEN BROS.

Have a few winners to spare, also matched pairs to breed winners, from 15/6; watch show reports, and write for them straight off the show bench; inspection invited: Dudley Hill, Bradford.

J. BROOKS

has some splendid Yorkshires for sale, including show and stock birds; pairs from 12/6 upwards; singles, 5/- upwards; satisfaction guaranteed; on approval; inspection invited: 320, Ainsworth-lane, Tonge Moor, Bolton.

YORKSHIRES, HIGH-CLASS ONLY

40 Yorkshires, my well-known winning strain; some grand buff hens from 15/- pair; inspection invited; approval; several birds certain winners: Rorke, 50, Ringmer-avenue, Munster-rd., Fulham.

WALSH'S CHAMPION YORKS.

Long stock bird; cocks from, 7/6; hens, real gems, from 6/-; all colours, matched pairs; real bargains from, 12/6; satisfaction guaranteed; approval; cash or deposit: 12, Angel-st., Baildon, Yorks.

CHAMPION STOCK YORKSHIRES

I have a few specially matched pairs of selected Yorkshires, guaranteed to breed winners, direct from one of the finest Bradford strains in the Fancy, at 10/6, 12/6, 20/-, 25/- a pair, also a few winners to spare, that have won on the bench this season, at reasonable prices; stamp particulars; please note, these pairs are honestly worth double the amount I am asking for them, and are genuine healthy stock, not rubbish; week's approval, cash or deposit: Edwin North, Breeder and Exhibitor, 477, Manchester-rd., Bradford.

TRY THIS LOT.

Three pairs each 1911 Yorkshires, 10/6, 12/6, 15/6; 6 Yorkshire hens, 1911, 5/6 each; all in good condition: Windsor, 12, The Crofts, Nantwich.

SAMUEL DEAN

has 50 pairs of high class Yorkshires for immediate disposal at the following prices: cocks from 5/- each, hens from 4/6 each, properly matched pairs from 10/- per pair; terms, cash with order or deposit "Cage Birds"; 7 days' approval. Note, now shows are over, will be at home on Saturday afternoons, or can be seen any day between 1-15 and 2-15 on receipt of p.c.: 6, Ash Mount, Great Horton, Bradford.

SUTCLIFFE & SON.

Our winnings in cinnamon marked Yorkshires and green marks, exceed those of any other fancier; also winning the £10 10s., cup for green marks, for 1910 and 1911, and special for best in show with clear birds; matched pairs same strain as above from 15/- a pair; also a few exhibition birds that will repay you on the show bench; inspection invited; stamp for reply; three days' approval: 1, Back Kitson-st., Windhill, Shipley, Yorks.

80 FIRSTS.

48 Seconds, 45 Thirds, 29 Fourths, 40 Specials.

The above wins with **Yorkshires** at all the leading shows **for the present show season. Cannot be equalled by any other exhibitors. I have finished up the show season with more 1sts in Yorkshires than any other exhibitor. Three 1sts, one 2nd, one 3rd, one 4th, Diploma for best Green Marked,** at Crystal Palace, also won the **10 Guinea Trophy** and **Gold Medal in Green Marked Competition** and numerous other prizes in thevarious Yorkshire competitions. The above prove **without doubt that my strain is the best in the Fancy.** In order to make room for breeding, **I am offering some real typical pairs, matched to breed winners** and at following prices, which are **not more than half their value :—15 pairs at 30/- per pair. 15 pairs at 25/- per pair and 10 pairs at 20/- per pair.** Bred from and related to my winners. Can also send out some **good specimens at following prices :— 3/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, per pair.** Champion long, slim typical Yorkshire cocks at **6/-, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, 20/-** each. Long, slim racy hens at **3/6, 4/6, 6/6, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6** each. Travelling cages, 3d. extra. Clears, Ticked, Marked, and Variegated Yellow or Buffs and **every bird in perfect health and condition and guaranteed cold room, bred and kept. Colour fed to perfection and a few natural colour. All on seven days' approval** at my risk. **Inspection invited** at any time. I have several winners that have won in keenest competition and can soon win back their own cost at lowest possible prices. Some birds I have sold have been winning for my customers in all parts of the world. Price list and specimens of winning testimonials post free on receipt of post card.

Easy Payments arranged with genuine fanciers, and birds sent off at once. Please state wants to the old reliable breeder and exhibitor, who **breeds his own winners** and has won thousands of prizes, cups, bowls, gold and silver medals, etc., at all leading shows during the past 20 years. And remember I guarantee entire satisfaction or return your money in full willingly.

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About 50; must clear at once; healthy birds; from prize strains; breeding condition; cocks from 7/6, hens from 3/-, pairs from 12/6; only want seeing; write, or call after 12; H. Smith, 115, Merton-rd., Wimbledon.

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Society are genuine breeders, who have previously supplied birds to all the leading exhibitors and dealers of Bradford and district. Our object is to deal fairly and honestly direct with other breeders, thereby saving the middlemen's profits, which means better value for money; also information as to how the birds are bred, which is a vital point in pairing to breed winners. Our honest dealings are already widely known, and our reputation stands unrivalled. Don't be misled by exaggerated statements, but apply direct to bona fide and reliable breeders, who can supply breeding sets (cock and 2 hens) from 12/6, 15/-, 20/-, upwards; pairs from 8/6 upwards; cocks from 6/-; hens from 4/-; exhibition birds reasonable. Cages, 3d. extra. Approval, cash or deposit. Address: "Secretary," 40, Springcliffe, Manningham, Bradford, Yorkshire.

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Jas. Bailey has won for three years in succession the Shackleton Thirty-guinea Challenge Trophy and the Naylor Challenge Trophy, each with the highest number of points scored by the three highest birds at Yorkshire Canary Club shows, also "Cage Birds" prize for the most points with four highest birds, and Ramsden's Colour Food Prize for the most points scored at Yorkshire Union shows. To accomplish the above this season I have made 144 entries, and have won 31 firsts, whilst my nearest opponents exhibited 251 birds to win 22 firsts. This tells where the quality is to be found, and it is quality, not quantity, that counts. Those wishing to buy should note these facts. At the great national show held at Bradford I won the Challenge Rose Bowl for the best young bird in the show bred by the exhibitor.

A GREAT ACHIEVEMENT.

At the Bradford National Show my famous yellow Cinnamon-marked cock did what no other bird of his variety has been known to do before—he won the diploma for the best Cinnamon-marked and also for the best bird in the show. I have a large number of Yorkshires for sale at prices to suit all pockets. They are strong and healthy, bred from the best birds in the Kingdom, and are certain to give satisfaction: Jas. Bailey, 46, South View-terrace, Sandy-lane, Allerton, Bradford.

Ambler's Champion Yorkshires.

NEED NO PUFF OR BOUNCE.

There are none better. The oldest, purest, and most reliable strain of Yorkshires in the Fancy. During these last 30 years our birds have won thousands of prizes, cups, bowls, medals, etc., both for us and our customers, at the leading shows, three times winning special for best in show Crystal Palace, wiuning 4 1sts, 3 2nds, 3rd, 4th, and championship for best Yorkshire in show Crystal Palace, 1910-1911. As we are not exhibiting this season, we have for disposal some real gems, perfect type, wonderful length, and full of quality, including some long, stylish hens, feathered like silk, the sort that do breed champions. Pairs from 15/-; cocks or hens from 7/6 each. All cold-room bred, and on approval, cash or deposit; satisfaction guaranteed or money returned in full.—Messrs. Amblers, Langton Lodge, Cotton, Knaresborough, Yorkshire.

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Please Everyone.

Superior Quality, Typical Birds, of Standard Length. Cocks, 5/6, 6/6, 7/6, 8/6, 10/6 each; Hens, 3/-, 3/6, 4/-, 4/6, 5/- each; Matched Pairs, 7/6, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6. All on 7 days' approval. Send P.C. for Illustrated List.

L. STOREY, Bird Specialist, Crowle, via Doncaster.

A. BROWN & SON,

Breeders and exhibitors of winning Yorkshires: see report of winners at Palace 1912, and principal shows throughout the kingdom. Having selected our breeding stock we find we have for disposal 20 cinnamon-marked hens in yellows and buffs, from 10- to 30/- each; also 6 matched pairs cinnamon-marked and green-marked, to breed winners, from 15/- to 50/-. We have also 4 dark-eyed unflighted cocks, bred from our winning green-marked strain; 2 clear yellows and 2 ticked buffs—make sure winners next season—50/- each; also some good dark-eyed stock birds for sale; all on 3 days approval; satisfaction guaranteed; cash or deposit; inspection cordially invited: 10, Haw-st., Yeadon, near Leeds.

Purchased Mr. S. Drake (Halifax) noted strain of Yorkshires.

Winners of hundreds of prizes, gold and silver medals, cups, etc. Some real beauties on approval; also strains which won at Crystal Palace these last 20 years. Some direct from strain that won 2 firsts, 1 second Crystal Palace 1912. Mr. Redferu, Pentre, Hawarden, Feb. 1st, 1912.—Sir,—Yellow Yorkshire cock you sent me won 1st and spl Hawarden on Saturday last in strong class of 18. I have supplied scores of winners and can do so yet, not exhibiting this variety myself; some grand yellow and buff cocks, 6/-, 7/-, 8/-, 10/-, 12/-, 15/-, 20/- each; hens, yellows or buffs, 4/-, 5/-, 6/-, 7/-, 8/-, 10/-; matched pairs to breed winners, 12/-, 15/-, 16/-, 18/-, 20/-, 25/- pair; any on approval; full guarantee given; breeder 30 years this address: **SANDIFORD, Canary Breeder, PRESTON, LANCS.**

Various Canaries.

HEN Canaries, 2/6 each, three for 6/-; cock Greenfinch, hen Canary, 4/- pair: Jacobs, 199, Shortlands-rd., Sittingbourne.

McCULLY, 169, Windleshaw-rd., St. Helens, 34 years a breeder of Norwich and Yorkshires, has some grand ones for sale.

YORKSHIRE-ROLLER cocks, 1911, brilliant songsters, and in breeding condition, 4/9 each; hens, 1/9: 4, Ironmonger-st., Stamford.

COOPER, 16, Wembury-st., Harpurhey, Manchester; offers splendid value in Norwich and Yorkshire cocks, 4/6, 5/6, 6/6 each; hens, 2/6, 3/6, 5/-.

YORKSHIRE and Norwich cocks, 5/- to 7/6 each; two Yorkshire hens, 5/- each; or exchange good Norwich: Nuttall 14, Peel-st., Haslingden, Lancs.

FOR sale; 15 pairs mixed Canaries; all outdoor bred; can be seen any evening after six; cheap to clear: A. Mills, Nags Head-lane, South Weald, Brentwood, Essex.

MATCHED pairs, Yorkshire yellow cocks, buff hens 8/6 pair, from outdoor aviary; genuine bargains; approval: Meyrick's Aviaries, Knighton, Radnorshire.

LARGE Norwich cocks, Border Fancy, pairs, and Yorkshire Canaries, prices reasonable, and payments arranged; approval: Heron, Burnside, Castle Douglas.

HIGH-CLASS Roller cocks, 7/6, 8/6; Schoolmasters, 10/6, 12/6; Norwich, 7/6, 8/6; Yorkshires, 7/6, 8/6; guaranteed full song; state wants in British: Aviaries, 345, Barking-rd., East Ham.

OWING to the death of the late Mr. Dobson all his birds must be sold, Cinnamons, Yorkshires, Norwich, cages, appliances, etc.: J. Oldaker, c/o Mrs. Dobson, 18, East-rd., City-rd., London.

HAVING to undergo an operation, must sell three pairs Norwich: cock and two hens Seifert Rollers, and breeding cages, 32/- lot, or separate; stamp particulars: Stirling, 9, Hedge's-yard, West Croydon.

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years of practical experience in the Canary World, and winners of over 2,000 prizes, should be a splendid record to enable us to place our incomparable price list before you. Yorkshire cocks, clear, ticked, or marked, yellows and buffs, 6/6, 8/6, 12/6, 15/-, 20/- each; hens, yellows and buffs, 3/6, 5/6, 7/6, 10/6, 12/6 each; Norwich cocks, clear, ticked, or marked, yellows and buffs, 7/6, 10/6, 15/-, 20/-, 25/- each; hens, yellows and buffs, 4/6, 7/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/- each; pairs, Yorkshires or Norwich, 10/6 12/6, 15/-, 20/-, 25/- a pair. The combination of price and quality of our stock cannot be excelled anywhere. We are sure to please you, as we hold the finest stock of birds in the North; approval, cash or deposit.

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Grand songster cocks, bit small for breeding, all from prize winners, singing hard, 5/-, 6/-, 7/6 each; hens, 2/6, 3/-; on approval: Sandiford, Canary Specialist, Preston, Lancs. Estbd. 1879.

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Such is the enormous quantity and quality of the birds in my possession, and open for inspection.

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anywhere else in the world. This is a great claim, but stubborn facts prove it.

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Norwich Cocks, 5/6, 6/6, 7/6, 10/6. Hens, 3/- and 3/6 each; 3 hens for 5/-; pairs, 7/6, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, 20/- upwards. Good Muling Hens (Yorkshire or, Norwich type), for Muling, 1/9, 2/6 each. Please send for free current Price List. Note.—Some real good cocks, fed, and for show, 12/6, 15/-, 20/-; hens to match, 4/6, 5/6, 7/6. Worth treble; guaranteed.

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COCKS, 5/6, 6/6, 7/6, 8/6, 10/6, 15/-.
HENS, 2/6, 3/6, 4/-, 4/6; three for 5/-.
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GOLDFINCH-Canary Mule, lovely songster, 3/6, E. Fox, 65, Benford-st., Leicester.

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FOUR hen Goldfinch Mules, 4/-; 1910 buff German cock, 4/-; 1911 yellow hen, 2/-; healthy: F. Darnton, Hazelbush, York.

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GOLDFINCH Canary Mules in the pink of condition and song, 7/6 each; genuine value: O. C. Payne, Hartlepool.

SIX singing Goldfinch Mules, 7/6 lot; Linnet, Chaffinch, Greenfinch cocks, 1/6 lot: Wm. Cook, 66, Kitchener-rd., Ipswich.

FOR sale, Sib. hen, bred Mules, yellow Siskiu Mule cock, Siberian Goldfinch: Geo. Bennett, 148, Montrose-street, Brechin.

MULING cock Linnet, genuine Sib. hen, 5/6: h.m cock Mealy Redpoll, h.m. hen Bullfinch, 5/-: Harry Teat, Ancaster, Grantham.

FOUR Linnet Mules, 1911 bred, healthy, singing, 5/6 each; £1 lot; offers, Rollers: Boughen, 25, Nursery-place, Southend-on-Sea.

WANTED two Linnet Mules, incessant loud singers with pure Linnet song; only letters: Palant, 175, Albion-rd., Stoke Newington.

FIELD-MOULTED Bullfinches from 2/6; cock Greenfinch Mule and Norwich cock Canary, 5/- each: Wilson, Mansefield-rd., Manchline.

TWO young cock Goldfinch Mules, in full Goldfinch song, guaranteed, 10/- each one: Mr. Hopcroft, 3, Copestakes Yard, Nottingham.

HAND-REARED cock Chaffinch, ditto hen Greenfinch, 5/-; cock Greenfinch and hen Canary, 3/-: Smith, 90, Rock-rd., Sittingbourne.

GOLDFINCH-CANARY Mule, cock, grand blaze, 10/6; 3 Canary hens, mule breeders, mule hen, 9/6: Phillips, Gwyddelwern, Corwen.

TO hybrid breeders; tame hand-reared hen Greenfinch, 3/-; ditto yellow cock, 2/6: Penfold, 6, Seymour-buildings, Marylebone, London.

LARGE cock Linnet Mule, good colour and markings: what offers exchange: Victor Leon, 37, Newington-crescent, Kennington, London.

WANTED on approval, big cock Siberian Goldfinch, must have good skull; full particulars to: Hobden, "Aberlyn," Grosvenor-avenue, Wallington.

LARGE Sib. hens, guaranteed light muling strain, 2/6, 3/-, 3/6 each, yellows or buffs; satisfaction guaranteed: Heathcote's Aviaries, Leicester.

LARGE pink-eyed Sib-bred hens, sure Light Mule breeders, 5/6; cocks, in full song, 7/6 each; 10 days' approval; no rubbish: W. Powick, Dewsbury.

SIXTEEN 1911 cock Goldfinch Mules, Goldfinch note, 6/- each; 8 hens, £3 10s. lot; approval, deposit: W. Wilkinson, 9, Grafton-st., Clitheroe, Lancs.

TWO splendid cock Goldfinch Mules, full song, 5/- each; three good Roller hens, exchange two cock Goldies, sell 5/6: Coachman, Somerford-Booths, Congleton.

LANCASHIRE large buff Plainhead hen, ideal for muling, 5/6; hand-reared cock Goldfinch, 5/6; grand Linnet, 5/-; approval: P. Edwards, Redland-terrace, Frome.

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HENS! Hens! Hens! The right sort for light Mule breeding, warranted inbred, clear buffs, 2/6, 3/- each; clear yellows, 3/6, 4/- each: Fred Johnson, 22, Goswell-st., Leicester.

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HYBRID breeders, cage-moulted cock Goldfinch, white legged, 6/-; genuine Canary-reared hen Greenfinch, 2/-; sure breeders: Hussey, Baker, 29, High-st., Kington, Herefordshire.

LARGE dark Linnet Mule, 1910, 6/-; another 1911, 5/-; Linnet, house-moulted, 2/6, father of above; all cocks, full song; approval: R. Rowell, 70, West Row, Bebside, Northumberland.

EXHIBITION mulers; Bramblefinch, Chaffinch, Goldfinch, Greenfinch, Redpoll, cocks, hybrid breeders, outdoor aviary, moulted, 5/- each; approval: Ware, Broadway, Dorchester.

A FEW good dark cock Goldfinch Mules, in song, 10/6 each, also house-moulted English cock Goldfinch and Norwich hen, 10/- pair; cash or deposit: J. Bindoff, 24, Niton-rd., Richmond, Surrey.

TWO lovely Redpoll-Greenfinch hybrids, 10/-; Redpoll, their father, 3/-; two buff 1910 muling hen Canaries, Dale's pure strain, 4/- each; one yellow, 5/-; cold room: Nichols, 82, Wandsworth Bridge-rd., Fulham.

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LARGE Siberian Goldfinch and Bullfinch hen, 35/-; cock Redpoll and Siberian Bullfinch hen, 25/-; extra large Siberian Goldfinch, 25/-; exhibition Goldfinches, 15/-, 20/-, 30/-, 50/-; all house-moulted and in pink of condition; approval: Williams, Pharmacy, Ashbourne.

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Singing Contests.

DURHAM.

Linnet sing, held Butchers' Arms, Feb. 3, when 28 birds competed. 1, 2, A. Brady (Lanley Park); 3, Stobbs (Chilton). Judge, Mr. J. Gardener (Spennymoor). Timekeeper, Mr. Bell. Mr. Swift will give £2, Feb. 17th, 1s. ent., 3d. refreshment.—T. Wheeler, hon. sec.

BOLDON COLLIERY.

Contest held Jan. 20th, Black Horse Inn, West Boldon; 28 birds faced the judges, Messrs. J. Munday and T. Hall. 1, R. Bailey; 2, F. Urwin; 3, T. Hall. Also Feb. 3rd, at Railway Tavern, open to Boldon and Jarrow, when 16 birds faced the judge, Mr. J. Munday, assisted by F. Urwin. 1, R. Bailey; 2, 3, J. Munday; 4, J. Coulson.—F. Urwin, sec.

LEIGH.

Open-to-all-England contest, held Feb. 3, headquarters; entry of 50 birds. Usual 8 prizes given. Winners for quality: 1, T. Statham; 2, W. Barnes; 3, J. W. Jones; 4, J. Statham. For time: 1, 2, R. Fairhurst, with 120 and 92; 3, H. Brown, 72; 4, J. Poole, 69. Judges, Messrs. J. W. Jones, T. Statham, and F. Gibbins for quality; timekeepers, J. Woodward and J. Everett; trappers, J. and W. Statham; minute man, B. Jones. After contest we held a delegate meeting, but there were some absentees, which made things very awkward, as there were applications to join the affiliation from two clubs, and, of course, we could not give any definite conditions of joining. But as there is an affiliated contest at Salford on Feb. 17th, I may be able to see the other delegates. Don't forget open-to-all England contest at Wigan, Feb. 10th. Usual week-end contest, Feb. 4th, 24 entries. We gave novices a chance of judging, and they did themselves justice.—J. M'Allister.

SEAHAM HARBOUR.

Linnet sing held Northumberland Arms, Feb. 3rd, when 32 birds competed. Telford and Hills divided first and second; 3, Mr. Davison. Judge, Mr. G. Robson; timekeeper, J. Wilkinson.

NEWTOWN (Leeds).

Week-end Linnet singing contest held Feb. 4th, Prince Albert Inn, when 17 birds entered. Judge, Mr. C. Lorriman, assisted by Mr. W. Culladen as timekeeper. 1, J. Chippendale; 2, A. Binns; 3, divided between E. Wood and J. Clark.—E. Wood, Hon. Sec.

CASTLEFORD.

Linnet contest held Feb. 3, when 37 birds sang to a good roomfull of fanciers. We are doing very well. Mr. W. Nelson's birds will be very hard to beat in any company, as he again carried off first. 1, Mr. W. Nelson; 2, Mr. J. Kirk (with his old bird); 3, Mr. A. Sweeting. Also Feb. 4, when 27 birds sang. 1, 2, W. Nelson; 3, W. Dobson.—W. Dobson, Hon. Sec.

FELLING-ON-TYNE.

Linnet sing held at Durham Ox, when Michael Kelly gave a silk muffler to all entrance money of 1s. per bird. 24 entries and some good singing heard. 1, Bailey; 2, Fenton; 3, Forrester. Next contest Feb. 10th, and there is match same day for £5 a side between Clarke's bird (Felling) and Watson's (Dunston). There will also be a meeting to try and run a fur and feather society; all fanciers of Felling and district are invited to attend.—A. Felling Fancier.

SHEFFIELD.

Linnet singing contest held Royal George, Jan. 28, when 22 birds entered. Mr. Thompson first, with Mr. Clark's bird from Leeds, 85; 2, J. Rodgers, 55; 3, J. Coles, 45. Also Febrnary 3rd, when the semi-final was sung off between Thompson, Driver, Brown, and Cole, Thompson winning his heat in fine style, Brown also winning easily, leaving Thompson and Brown to sing in the final for the silver cup on Feb. 4th, and a splendid final it was, both birds being in the pink of condition, Thompson winning with Mr. Clark's Leeds bird by one second; score, total 78; Brown's score, total 77. Also same date, winner H. Driver, 69; Thompson 2 with Leeds bird; Thompson 3 with Barnsley bird. Brown will sing two birds against Thompson's two birds a minute each way, or five minutes each way, from a £1 up to £10 sing, either at Sheffield or Leeds. If anyone else would like to take this up, Brown will be pleased to meet him on time singing. Members wishing to join Cage Birds League or the Linnet Singing Club, please give names to me at Royal George, Brightside Lane, Shelfield.—C. Hill.

SALFORD.

First Linnet show for members and fanciers in the districts was held Boat House Hotel, Oldfield Road, Feb. 4th. It proved a decided success. Prizes given for both classes, house and field moulted. Birds were well staged in the concert room, and the judge, Mr. J. Bird, gave every satisfaction. House Moulted: 1, G. Bate; 2, J. Godson; 3, J. Greed; 4, A. Marshall. Field Moulted: 1, W. Heaton; 2, Mrs. Smedley ("Patience"). Stewards, Messrs. B. Wharton and J. Godson (Gorton). Mr. Bird was well supported in his decisions by Mr. J. Hall (secretary Eccles C.B.S.). We hope to have a show at some future date open to contest singers. Affiliated open-to-all-England contest is on Feb. 17; all the Lancashire clubs will be well represented. Manchester Linnet fanciers will miss a treat if they fail to come. Social evening, Feb. 19, when it has been decided to have a dinner, arranged by Mr. and Mrs. Coates at the small charge of 1s. per head. Members, friends, fanciers, and the ladies are given a hearty invitation. Everyone is assured of a splendid evening's entertainment by well-known artistes. Next contest at Wigan (Colliers' Arms), Feb. 10, for time and quality.—B. Wharton, hon. sec

LEEDS.

Quality singing contest for Linnets held Skinner's Arms, Buslingthorpe, Feb. 3rd, when 19 birds sang. 1, 2, shared by Ward and Chippindale; 3, Sellars. Judges, Messrs. C. Clayton and C. Lorriman. Also Feb. 4th, when 22 birds sang. 1, Sellars; 2, 3, shared by Ward and Chippindale. Judges, Messrs. Turner and Green.—C. Clayton, Hon. Sec.

Weekly Linnet singing contest for quality, held Old Bird House, King's Head, Shannon Street, Feb. 4th, when 18 birds sang. 1st, T. Stead; 2nd and 3rd, shared between H. Wigfield and J. Chadwick. Judges, Messrs. Hardcastle and Naylor.—T. C. Summers, Hon. Sec.

WIGAN.

Wigan C.B.S. Linnet Club will hold an open-to-all-England contest at the Colliers' Arms, Frog Lane, Feb. 10th, when Mr. S. Fishwick will give £1 to an entrance fee of 1s. per bird. Prizes will be given for quality and time. Entrance to the room, 2d. each, contest to commence at 2 p.m.—J. Ashurst, Sec.

Members Shows.

Northowram C.B.S.: Held Jan. 27th. Judge, Mr. H. W. Walsh. Show for hens only. Principal winners: Messrs. Tasker, Sykes, Gelder, Hanson, Crowther.—S. Sykes, Sec.

Skipton C.B.S.: Held Feb. 3rd, Friendly Societies' Hall. 120 birds staged. Judge, Mr. J. Hartley. Silver cup (given by Mr. Mattock) for most points in one season: Mr. W. Green, 49 points; C. Bradley, 46. Silver cup (given by Mr. Nicholson) for best bird bred by member having previously been won by Mr. J. Miller. Principal winners: Yorks: Messrs. Miller, Hodgson, Greenwood, Beck. Nor.: Messrs. Hudson and Son, Gates, Linford, Beck. Brit: Messrs. J. Freeman, T. Freeman, Bradley, Beck, Cartwright. Foreign: Mr. Cartwright. Mules: Mr. Cartwright. Gill and Hudson, Sec.

Brighton & Hove C.B.A.: Held Jan. 31st at headquarters. Judge, Mr. W. R. Miles (Chichester). Silver cup (offered by Messrs. Cadman Bros. for most points with nominated birds) won by Mr. F. Dandridge with a fine team of Yorks, Mr. J. E. Gravett being hard after with Crests. Principal winners: Champ. Yorks, Messrs. F. Dandridge, M. F. Dandridge, Pearson. Novice Yorks: Messrs. Sparks, F. Cook, Holley, Pinyoun, Pilling. Champ. Nor.: Mr. Gibb. Novice Nor.: Messrs. Small, Pinyoun. Crests: Mr. Gravett. A.O.V.: Mr. Absolon. Mules: Messrs. Gibb, Cadman Bros., Plummer, Boxall. Brit.: Messrs. Sharp, Gibb, Plummer, Cadman Bros., James, Williams, Claude. Foreign: Messrs. Cadman Bros.—Will H. Gibb, Sec.

CLUB & SOCIETY NOTICES

ONE notice of any forthcoming Society meeting inserted free. It should reach us not later than Tuesday morning's post. Specially printed Club Notice Postcards may be had free on application to our Manager. Secretaries should always use them.

Anfield, Everton C.B.S.—Feb. 12, headquarters, 8. Annual general meeting; statement of accounts, rules, etc.—R. B. Wright.

Bradford National Show Committee.—Feb. 14, Market Tavern, 8. Business important; members of committee please attend.—H. Hill.

Brighton and Hove C.B.A.—Feb. 14, headquarters. Pair table show. Judging 8.30. Ten classes: Yorks (Champ); ditto (Novices); Nor. (Champ.); ditto (Novices); A.O.V. Can.—Judge, Mr. F. Dandridge; Linnet Redpoll Siskin or Twite; Goldfinch; Bullfinch; A.O.V. Hardbill; Can. Mule Breeding.—Judge, Mr. E. Cadman. 7.30 sharp; committee meeting. Date and judge annual show, etc.—H. Gibb.

Bolton Roller C.S.—Feb. 13, Jollier's Arms Hotel, Deansgate, 8. Special meeting; election of officers.—W. Massey.

Bedlington Station Social Club.—Feb. 10. Fanciers in district wishing to join please attend 7.30.—J. Smith.

Batley O.F.S.—Feb. 11, Talbot Hotel, 8 p.m. Presentation of prizes for 1911. New members welcome.—G. G. Stafford.

Bramley O.S.—Feb. 12, Old Unicorn Hotel, 8. Final arrangements for presentation of prizes. Dates and judges for club shows.—W. H. Steel.

Bermondsey and Rotherhithe R.F.S.—Feb. 15, Jolly Gardeners Tavern, 8. General meeting.—J. Clark.

Beamish C.B.S.—Feb. 10, Bird Inn, High Hold, 6. Committee meeting, 5.30; general meeting 6; supper 7.—Wm. Knowles.

Bradford West C.B.A.—Feb. 10, Shoulder of Mutton Annual tea and social, 2/6 per couple; also prize distribution Feb. 10.—Kilburn and Western.

Boldon Colliery C.B.S.—Feb. 10, Store Buildings, 7. Table show; judge, Mr. A. Widdowfield. Names of purchasers of "Cage Birds Annual." All fanciers invited to exhibit.—A. Widdowfield.

Birmingham South O.S.—Feb. 14, Sydenham Hotel, Small Heath, 8.30. Pass balance-sheet. Lecture on "British Birds," by Mr. F. Jeffrey (British birds expert). Please attend.—J. Sheppard.

Cardiff C.B.S.—Feb. 14, Naish's Royal Stores, 7. Members' pair show. Judge, Mr. T. L. Castre.—W. Sampson.

Clapham C.B.A.—Feb. 12, headquarters, 8.30. Judging competition. Nor. final judge, W. H. Vale, Esq. Will those members who have Nor. please bring one or two?—A. L. Priest.

City and Suburban A.C.B.—Feb. 12, Church Institute, 60, Paddington Street, Marylebone, W., 8.15. Payment of prize money; presentation of special prizes, etc.—H. W. Dickinson.

City of Bradford O.S.—Feb. 10. "Flying Dutchman," 8. Balance-sheet for open show; date fixed for annual tea, social and prize distribution; subs. now due.—F. Rhodes.

Cumrock C.B.S.—Feb. 10. Co-op. Hall, Auchinleck, 7. Election of officers and hear report and balance-sheet, etc.—J. Nutt.

Chesterfield C.B.S.—Feb. 17, Welbeck Inn, 6. Table show and general business.—T. Booker.

City of Wakefield O.S.—Feb. 10. Crown and Anchor Hotel, 8. Allotting specials for members' shows, 1912.—J. Isherwood.

Denton C.B.S.—Feb. 12, headquarters, 8. Washing exhibition by Mr. T. Rowbottom. Members and friends invited.—W. Hopwood.

Dulwich and Peckham C.B.S.—Feb. 13, Reindeer Hotel, Rye Lane, Peckham, 8. Annual pair show and table show of Brit. Judge, Mr. J. Robson.—W. Hodson.

Darwen C.B.S.—Feb. 13, headquarters, 7. Table show of British and Canaries.—W. T. Singleton.

Gt. Horton Good Intent O.S.—Feb. 10, Church Schools, Southfield Lane. Members' show. Judge, Mr. P. Mason. Birds to be staged not later than 3. Meeting during judging.—H. Gornall.

Garston B.B.A.—Feb. 15, Baptist School Rooms, 8. Pair and British Bird show; good classification and specials.—A. Wilkinson.

Gateshead C.B.S.—Feb. 14, Lockhart's Cafe, 7.30. Annual meeting; balance-sheet; election of officers, etc.—A. Holden.

Great Horton O.S.—Feb. 10, Butcher's Arms, 3. Members' show; birds to be staged 3. Judge, Mr. T. Bennett. First show for season, 1912 (see schedule).—J. Holroyd.

Heptonstall C.B.S.—Feb. 14, Wadsworth View, 8.—R. Townsend.

Hetton le-Hole C.B.S.—Feb. 10, Crown Inn, 7. Arrangements for table shows and "smoker" business.—A. J. Notley.

Huddersfield O.S.—Feb. 12, Old Hat Hotel, 8. Bring entries for members' winter show, Feb. 17, headquarters.—F. J. Sykes.

Hebden Bridge and Calder Valley O.S.—Feb. 15, White Horse Hotel, 8. Note change of headquarters.—A. Pickles.

Keighley C.B.S.—Feb. 13, headquarters, 7.30.—J. Binns.

Lochgelly C.B.S.—Feb. 13, Drill Hall, 7. Society and cup rules. Report of judges.—W. Whitelord.

Leeds Roller C.C.—Feb. 10, 55, Briggate, 3. Members' contest. 3 classes young birds, any age and limit; 3s entry same day.—W. L. Davis.

London and Provincial O.S.—Feb. 15, "The Raglan," Aldersgate Street, 7.30. Fair show, Brit. bird show, and judging competition. Judges, Messrs. T. Heath and H. Norman. Open tree to all.—C. W. Law.

Leigh C.B.S.—Feb. 14, Railway Hotel, 7.45. Pair show, 3d. per cage, to be staged by 8.15; and to arrange about a hot-pot.—R. Charleson.

Llanelly C.B.S.—Feb. 10, Greyhound Hotel, 7. To make final arrangements for coming show.—D. John.

Longton C.B.S.—Feb. 13, Castle Inn, 8. Washing exhibition; fanciers invited; subs. 3s.—G. Lea.

Littleborough C.B.S.—Feb. 14, Coffee House, 8. F.F. show and proposed amalgamation show. Members and intending members please attend.—H. Woodhead.

Morpeth C.B.S.—Feb. 10, "Earl Grey," 7.30. Classification and to arrange for social evening.—E. Cowling.

Morley C.B.S.—Feb. 10, Sycamore, 7.30. Business of great importance.—D. Holliday.

Middlesbrough and Teesside C.B.S.—Feb. 14, Crown Hotel, 7.30.—A. Wake.

Mansfield C.B.S.—Feb. 10, Horse and Groom Inn, 6.30. Stock pair show. Class 1, Nor.; 2, Crest; 3, Yorks; 4, Mule and Hyb. breeding.—S. Hawksley.

North Manchester C.B.S.—Feb. 13, St. Stephen's Schools, Conran Street, Harpurley, 8. Annual meeting.—J. Davey.

Newcastle C.B.S.—Feb. 15, 65, Grainger Street, 8. Balance-sheet, report, election of officers and judges.—J. E. Atkinson.

Newsham C.B.C.—Feb. 10, Willow Tree Inn, 7. Balance-sheet; elect officers.—C. Snowden.

Old Shildon Workmen's Club C.B.S.—Feb. 10, 8. Pick judges, etc.—J. H. Elwell.

Pudsey Stanningley C.B.S.—Feb. 10, Fleece Hotel, 7. Annual presentation of prizes. Friends invited.—H. Raistrick.

Pendleton and Salford O.S.—Feb. 12, Irwell Castle, Lwr. Broughton, 8. Pair show: Yorks, Nor., Muling pair, hybridising pair; 2d. per cage: 4 good prizes; please bring plenty of entries.—Critchley and Metcalfe.

Rotherham C.B.S.—Feb. 10, Mail Coach Inn, 6. Pair show of Yorks., Nor., Mule or Hyb. pairs.—B. Bailey.

Stonehouse C.B. and F.H.S.—Feb. 10, Public Hall, 7. Special meeting.—W. Melvin.

Sandy Lane C.B.A.—Feb. 13, Victoria Hotel, 8. Also members' show, Feb. 10; birds staged 2. Judge, Mr. W. Wharton.—Ratcliffe and Shaw.

Skipton C.B.S.—Feb. 12, Globe Coffee Tavern, 7.30. Balance sheets for 1911 and last show.—E. Gill.

Sowerby Bridge C.B.S.—Feb. 10. Wharfe Hotel, 3. Pair show. Judge, Mr. E. J. Cundall (Halifax).—Sutcliffe and Walker.

South Shields C.B.S.—Feb. 10, Lockhart's, 7.30. Open show business.—W. L. Smith.

Southend and S.C.O.S.—Feb. 14, headquarters, 8.—W. C. Lockwood.

Swansea C.B.A.—Feb. 13, Market Coffee Tavern, 8. Revising of rules, fixing rates for table and matched pair shows.—S. H. George.

Tong C.B.S.—Feb. 13, Hand and Shuttle Inn, 7.45.—W. Walker.

Windhill O.S.—Feb. 17. Blue Bell Hotel. Annual tea and concert.—J. A. Taylor and P. Gunn.

Wigan C.B.S.—Feb. 14, Legs of Man Hotel, 7.30.—W. Ridge.

West Fife C.B.League.—Feb. 17, Masonic Arms, Cowdenbeath, General meeting, 6; "smoker" at 7.—W. Duff.

West Bromwich C.B.S.—Feb. 13, headquarters, 8. Entries for pair show, etc.—W. G. Andrews.

York C.B.S.—Feb. 12, headquarters. Members' show. Judge, Mr. G. Harland (Hull); birds staged by 7 p.m. prompt; trust every member will bring some exhibits.—H. Sayles.

Yorks. County B.B. and M.C.—Feb. 11, Market Tavern, 7.—J. Lane.

Dubmire Workmen's Club C.B.S.: Held Feb. 3rd. Free Gardeners', Colliery Row. Judge, Mr. A. J. Notley (Hetton Downs). Principal winners:—Nor.: Messrs. Wilson, R. Dixon. Yorks: Messrs. R. Dixon, Fenton. Crests: Messrs. Heald, Fletcher. Cresthreds: Messrs. Fletcher, Heald.—B. Robinson, Sec.

Long Eaton C.B.S.: Held Feb. 3rd, 8, Lawley Road Council Schools. Mr. J. Turner (a member) judged. Principal winners:—Nor.: Messrs Harwood, Smith. Yorks: Messrs. Baker, Wall. Crests: Messrs. Barker, Hallam. Borders: Mr. R. Bexon.—G. T. Wall, Sec.

Anfield, Everton, C.B.S.: Pair show held Jan. 29th, headquarters. 73 pairs staged. There is likely to be keen competition for our 3 cups and specials this coming season. Judge, Mr. G. Bell. Principal winners:—Greens: Messrs. Folland, Bell. Yorks: Messrs. Wright, Knight. Hybrids: Mr. Frankham. Nor.: Mr. Crow.—R. B. Wright, Hon. Sec.

Halifax O.S.: Held Jan. 27th, Plummet Line Hotel (for unflighted birds). 65 birds faced Mr. T. Bentley (Cleckheaton) the judge. Special for most points in champ. section: Messrs. Burdekin Bros. In Novice section, Mr. A. Tinkler. Principal winners: Champ. Yorks, Messrs. Ross, Burdekin Bros., Townsend. Novices: Messrs. Tinkler, Saville, A. Sutcliffe, Greenwood, Wilkinson. Norwich: Messrs. Mottram, Ross. Novice Nor.: Messrs. Tinkler, Clegg, Lord. British: Mr. Dunn.—F. Burdekin, Assist. Sec.

Runcorn B.B.A.: Pair show held Jan. 31st, at headquarters. Fifty pairs staged. Three spls. given by Mr. W. H. Jones for most points in champion, amateur and novice classes: Messrs. C. Boote, J. Sutton, and J. Fearnett respectively. Mr. John Guy's special for 2nd best points secured by himself, and 3rd best points in amateur and novice by Messrs. W. Hayes and Norton. Messrs. W. H. Jones and R. Abrams won Mr. J. W. Guy's spls. for 2nd best points in amateur and novice sections, and Mr. Norton also won Mr. J. Guy's special for most points in British and Mules. Mr. R. Barker (Widnes) judged. Principal winners: Champ. Yorks: Mr. Boote. Champ. Nor.: Mr. Guy. Amat. Yorks: Mr. Sutton. Novice Yorks: Messrs. Abrams, Norton. Novice Nor.: Mr. Fearnett. A.O.V.: Mr. J. W. Guy. British: Messrs. Jones, Orme. Mule: Mr. Norton.—J. Fearnett, Sec.

Oldham & Dist. C.B.A.: Held Jan. 23rd (Yorks. and British), headquarters. Mr. G. Fitton judged. W. Addison won spl. for most points in Yorks., and Mr. Sharples for British. Principal winners: Messrs. Addison, Winterbottom, Wagstalle, Baxter and Sharples in Canaries, and Mr. Sharples in British. At our next meeting all Roller fanciers are heartily invited to attend (Feb. 13th).—J. Cope, Hon. Sec.

NEWCASTLE C.B.S.

Annual general meeting held Feb. 1; chairman, Mr. J. G. Hutchinson. As the balance sheet and secretary's report were not ready owing to some small accounts not being collected, the general business was not gone into, and this will be done at the adjourned meeting on Oct. 15th. Meeting was not advertised in the Press as usual, owing to this, but still a lot of members turned up. In fact, many more than at the January meeting. The show date was fixed for October 18 and 19 instead of 25 and 26, as moved at last meeting. Judges were selected on condition they could take the 18th date, and we shall publish their names after hearing their replies at next meeting. The radius of 25 miles in appointing judges was removed on Mr. Patterson's motion. Many of our members expressed their keen regret at losing Mr. Shepherd, who has left us to take up a post in London. Before leaving he was made an honorary vice-president for life, and the members intend sending a small token of their esteem to him to his new address. Mr. Shepherd replied in a very nice way, and thanked the members. The following gentlemen were elected members:—Messrs. Gibb, J. R. Watson, and J. Morrison (all of Newcastle). Proposed, that the adjourned meeting be held on Oct. 15, when the usual business will be proceeded with. Members will receive balance sheets and agenda before that date.—J. E. Atkinson, Sec.

MILFORD HAVEN (Wales)

Annual show, held Jan. 25th, in an ante-room of the Masonic Hall, a very comfortable but small place, and not too much light. The management was very good. Entries came up very well, and some grand exhibits were staged. Mr. M. Lewis judged, and his awards were well received.

The Critique.

NOR. CK., CL. (3): 1, Jones, good col. and quality, cobby, neat wings and tail; r, Tallett, nice quality. TKD., ETC. (1): r, Muscott, good head and neck. HEN (4): 1, Muscott, lovely head and neck, very shapely, nice col.; 3, Jones, good size and col. YORKS., CK., CL. (10): 1, Phillips, winner clinking good bird, shown in faultless condition; 2, Reynolds, good col. and type; 3, Webster, very typical, nice pipe tail; r, Cook; vhc, Tallett; c, Hopton. TKD., ETC. (5): 1, Gibbon, clinking bird, wins 2nd best in show; 2, Morse, useful ticked, in nice condition; 3, Gwyther, another good varieg., close up; r, Reynolds. HEN (11): 1, Cooke, grand type and quality, neat head and neck, well up on leg; 2, Tallett, rare shape and condition; 3, Webster, neat exhibit; r, 450; vhc, Gibbon, Morse. CREST OR C.B. (3): 1, 4 spls, Gwyther, lovely varieg. Crest, in grand form, wins; 2, Muscott, another good quality bird; r, Tallett. A.O.V. (4): 1, Tallett, nice col., shape, and condition, mkd.; wrong class, Davies, lovely Nor., bard lines. BULLFINCH, BRIT. (3): 1, Jones, nice col., very cobby, good cap and bars; r, Hammond. BRIT. GOLDFINCH (11): 1, 2, 3, Richards, grand team winner lovely blaze, nice deep rich tan, very distinct buttons and bars; 2, very steady and nice col.; r, Jones; hc, Betty (2). LIGHT MULE OR HYB.: 1, spl, Muscott, Goldfinch and Canary, good size, lovely col., wins; 2, Davies, similar, nicely marked; 3, spl, fine quality; r, Tallett; hc, Eley. DARK: 1, 2, spl, Davies, charming pair, winner excelling in colour; 3, Jones, fails only in col., nice one; r, Jones; vhc, Betty; hc, Hart. BRIT., A.O.S. LARGE (6): 1, Muscott, Greenfinch, good col. and quality, in nice condition; 2, Richards, Linnet, very rich nutty brown, nice markings; 3, Jenkins, good Linnet; vhc, Thomas. A.O.S. (2): 1, Llewellyn, neat Blackbird. LOCAL GOLDFINCH (6): 1, r, Gibbou; 2, William.

MANCHESTER, SALFORD (Amalgamated.)

Held Feb. 3, St. Stephen's Schools, Conran Street, There was a good show of amateur and novice members' birds in Nor. and Yorks., but the pride of the show was undoubtedly the British birds and Hybrids. Nearly 250 entries were received. The champion members' Canary classes did not fill; no doubt the weather and the Palace show affected these classes. There were a few very typical Nor. Yorks. were of better class all through. British and Hybirds were fine all round and an excellent Linnet-Bullfinch won special for best in this section. About 30 special prizes were offered. Messrs. Davey and Washbourne worked hard as hon. secs. to make the show a success, and they accomplished their task well. Mr. Tom Harrison judged Nor., Bord., and Selling Classes, and Mr. Chas. Houlton Yorks., Hybrids, British, and Foreign Classes, and their awards were well approved. The light was good, and the hall is very suitable and capable of holding 600 birds.

Mr. Harrison's Classes.

CREST: 1, Dr. Twigg, well-known W.M. D.C. buff, in fine condition. C.B.: 1, Dr. Twigg, variegated buff, nice length feather, good head and frontal. AMAT. NOR. CL. BUFF: 1, Critchley, very nice type and side, good head and back, fine bloom, quality and condition; 2, Vint, also nice type, good quality and condition; 3, Buckley, a wee shade rougher in feather, good otherwise. TKD. YELL.: 1, Henson, tkd. wing, big bird, fine head, good col. and condition; 2, 3, Spencer, 2nd short compact, good size, fine back, 3rd longer, fine quality, tkd. wing; 4, Buckley, cobby varieg., A1 quality and condition; vhc, Critchley. TKD. BUFF: 1, Henson, grizzle back, very thick set type, good head, nice quality and bloom; 2, Robinson, long big varieg. bird. YELL. Hen: 1, Jessop, very smart cl., in best of condition; 2, Critchley, nice varieg.; 3, Whalley, nice body. BUFF HEN: 1, Critchley, cobby hen, good head, heavy feathered, nice condition; 2, Robinson, varieg., fine type, in A1 condition; 3, Jessop, smaller, good feather. 1911 YELL.: 1, Vint, very compact type, good sound col. and feather; 2, Deakin, larger, cl., nice condition; 3, Jessop, eye and wing mkd. BUFF: 1, Henson, easy win, A1 all over it; 2, Deakin, nice type; 3, Robinson, cobby varieg., A1 quality; 4, Vint, longer sided, nice quality; vhc, Jessop; No. 3 absent. HEN (8): 1, Critchley, varieg. yell., fine feather; 2, 3, Spencer, mkd. buff and cl. yell., both good type and condition; 4, Robinson, varieg. buff, very good shape; vhc, Vint; hc, Henson; c, Jessop. BORD. YELL.: 1, Dr. Kindon; 2, 3, Colley; 4, Davey. BUFF: 1, Colley; 2, Dr. Kindon. HEN: 1, Davey, good compact type, etc.; 2, 3, 4, vhc, Colley, very nice quartet. NOV. NOR. CL. YELL.: 1, Chaloner; 2, Hunt; 3, Chilton. BUFF (8): 1, Chaloner; 2, Holland; 3, Thomas; 4, Woods; vhc, Lewis; hc, Lowe; c, Chilton. TKD. YELL.: 1, Chaloner. BUFF: 1, Chaloner; 2, Lewis; 3, Chilton; No. 3, absent. UNFLIG. YELL.: 1, Chaloner; 2, Rumblow; No. 2, Wright, absent. BUFF: 1, Chaloner; 2, Hunt; 3, Hartley; 4, Holland. HEN: 1, Chaloner; 2, 3, Hunt; 4, Lewis; vhc, Rumblow; hc, Chilton; c, Hartley. EXTRA CLASSES: YELL. HEN: 1, Hunt; 2, Rumblow; 3, Woods; 4, Lewis. 59B: 1, vhc, Lowe; 2, Woods; 3, Chaloner; 4, Rumblow.

Mr. Houlton's Classes.

YORKS. CL. YELL.: 1, Dunn, very slim and stylish, grand position, tight condition; 2, Siddall, grand type and quality, carries loose feather over one wing at times. BUFF: 1, Dunn, most typical, grand style and carriage, A1 feather; 2, Gilbert, paler col., just gives way in wings and back to 1st, nice bird; 3, Clarke, nice quality. TKD. BUFF: 1, Clarke. YELL. HEN: 1, Dunn. BUFF: 1, Dunn, cl., A1 in all points; 2, Clarke, varieg., slim type, nice quality, beaten in wing carriage only; 3, Gilbert, pale col., breedy. UNFLIG. YELL.: 1, Siddall, best position; 2, Dunn, rare feather, almost equal, BUFF: 1, Clarke, varieg., slim, lovely clean type; 2, 4, Siddall, good shape and style, not quite so tight as 1st; 3, Dunn, neat; vhc, Deakin; hc, Thomason. HEN: 1, Siddall, grand type, clean through; 2, Deakin, varieg., breedy, grand quality; 3, Thomason, cinn. varieg., smaller, fine type and position; 4, Gilbert. NOVICE, YORKS. CL., YELL.: 1, Brown; 2, Parr, first in best condition, both good type; No. 1, Dawson, absent. CL. BUFF: 1, Wilson, in best condition; 2, Rumblow, larger, fine position; 3, Blinston, slim, nice carriage; 4, Chorley. TKD., ETC.: 1, Parr. YELL. HEN: 1, Slowley. BUFF: 1, sp, Slowley; 2, Wilson; 3, Blinston. BUFF HEN: Good class: 1, Brown; 2, Parr; 3, vhc, hc, Evans; 4, Whittaker; c, Slowley, a nice lot through. YELL., 1911 (8): 1, 3, Evans, very neat; 2, Parr, good one; 4 Whittaker; vhc, Slowley; hc, Brown; c, Firth. BUFF (6): 1, 3, Slowley; 2, Parr; 4, Blinston; No. 2, Dawson, absent; No. 4, Slowley, yell., wrong classed. HEN (8): 1, Evans; 2, 3, Wilson; 4, Parr; vhc, Slowley; hc, Firth; c, Chorley; No. 8, Wright, absent. BRIT. GOLDFINCH (6): 1, R. J. Metcalfe, good level bird, rich, bright, clean cut, silky blaze, nice tan, good moons and bars; 2, Appleton, fine blaze for size, shade dark on top, nice size, shape, and condition; 3, Robinson, nice bird, not quite so well finished as winner; 4, Whalley, neat bird; vhc, Hall; No. 4, absent. BULLFINCH: 1, Washbourne, very fine, bold bird, in rare bloom and condition; 2, 3, Chorley, cobby pair, not quite so tight as 1st; 4, Lewis; vhc, Hope. F.M. GOLDIE, ETC.: 1, Whalley, good bird for moulting; 2, Hope; 3, Appleton; 4, Washbourne; No. 5 abs. LINNET (8): 1, 2, 4, hc, R. J. Metcalfe, rare good team, first two especially good; 3, Hope, good markings and condition; vhc, Scholfield; c, Whalley. GREENFINCH (8): 1, 3, R. P. Metcalfe, very pretty pair, first rare size, and other good points; 2, Buckley, very fine bird, nat. col., rare feather; 4, Washbourne, very nice condition; vhc, Firth; hc, Spencer; c, Hope; No. 2 absent. LESSER REDPOLL: 1, Whalley, very neat, rare head, good feather, markings, and condition; 2, Birch, a wee shade smaller head, nice feather; 3, Metcalfe, in nice condition; 4, Robinson. CHAFFIE, ETC.: 1, Slowley, rare good Chaffinch; 2, Scholfield, bonny Bramble; 3, Buckley; 4, Appleton; vhc, Lewis. DARK MULE, ETC. (9): 1, sp best in section, 3, R. J. Metcalfe, grand Linnet-Bullie, in A1 condition leading, 3rd nice Goldie-Greenie; 2, Whalley, very good yell. Goldie-Can.; 4, Birch; vhc, Hall; hc, Robinson; c, Thomason. LIGHT: 1, Siddall, lightly varieg. yell. Goldie-Can., nearly even, in nice condition; 2, Lewis, Can.-Bullie, foul tail; 3, 4, R. J. Metcalfe, nice pair buff Goldie-Can., varieg. A.O.S. BRIT: 1, Hunt, Snow Bunting, good col. and feather, well shown; 2, 3, Appleton, Yellow and Snow Bunting. BRIT. HEN: 1, Scholfield, nice Siskin; 2, Robinson, good Greenfinch; 3, Lewis. SOFT-BILL: 1, Thornton, good Blackcap. FOR.: 1, Metcalfe; 2, Washbourne, both nice Siberian Goldfinches. LINNET, F.M.: 1, Buckley; 2, Hunt; 3, Washbourne; 4, Robinson; vhc, Thomas; hc, Birch; No. 6 absent. SISKIN, ETC.: 1, Firth, good Mealy Redpoll; 2, Metcalfe, nice Siskin.

LOUGHBOROUGH C.B.S.

Annual show held Temperance Hall, Jan. 24. Quality was very good

OPEN TO DIST.—YORKS, YELL.: 1, 2, James; 3, Foster. BUFF: 1, James; 2, Ward; 3, Foster. HEN: 1, Edwards (Shepshed); 2, Ward; 3, c, Foster; vhc, hc, James. YORKS (bred 1911): 1, Foster; 2, Edwards (Shepshed); 3, Ward. NOR. YELL.: 1, C. Duffner; 2, Ball (Quorn). BUFF: 1, Ball; 2, 3, C. Duffner. HEN: 1, Ball; 2, 3, J. Duffner. NOR. (bred 1911): 1, Caldwell; 2, Ball; 3, vhc, C. Duffner. BRIT. FINCH: 1, Ball (Quorn) (Hawfinch); 2, 3, hc, Foster (Goldfinch); vhc, Morgan (Goldfinch); c, James. A.O.V. CAN.: 1, 2, Foster (Green Yorks); 3, vhc, Morgan (Crests). MEMBERS' CLASSES—YORKS. YELL.: 1, 2, James; 3, Foster. BUFF: 1, Foster; 2, 3, James. NOR. YELL.: 1, C. Duffner; 2, Caldwell. BUFF: 1, C. Duffner. MULE OR HYB.: 1, Ball; 2, Caldwell.

KELTY AND BLAIR-ADAM C.B.A.

A total entry of 120 birds graced the bench at the club show held January 20th—an increase in number, while the improvement in quality was apparent, many having already won at the leading shows. The show was well patronised by the public, their interest being stimulated by a distribution of 20 birds to those who held tickets, and the show had an animated appearance when the lucky winners were announced. Secretary A. Dickson displayed his usual activity and capability, assisted by a willing staff. President Stenhouse also was "at his usual," which is saying everything. The following judged: Messrs. R. T. Campbell, H. Kemp, and J. Malcolm (all from Dunfermline), and T. Wildridge (Lochgelly); their awards gave every satisfaction. SCOT. FCY. CK. (OLD): 1, Stenhouse, grand shoulder and drive; 2, Hutt, yell. pied, good drive; 3, Fotheringham. (HEN): 1, 5, Cowan, grand top end and drive, wins; 2, 3, Stenhouse, former close up, some fancied; 4, Inglis; 6, Fotheringham. CK. (YOUNG): 1, Stenhouse, grand one, often described; 2, Fotheringham, good substance, sluggish; 3, Cowan, better substance, loses only in size. HEN: 1, 2, Stenhouse, 1st yell., good drive, always ready, 2nd buff pied, larger, grand substance, well placed; 3, Fotheringham. YORKS. YELL.: 1, 2, 3, Hamilton, 1st good length and type, nice wings, 2nd and 3rd similar. BUFF: 1, 2, 3, Hamilton, 1st lengthy, wee bit frilled, 2nd similar, good wings and tail. NOR. YELL. CK.: 1, Ramsay, yell. varieg., good win, fine breadth of front, a wee bit inclined to crouch at times; 2, Conville, cl., type; 3, Dickson, large non-fed, grand head, short wings; 4, Barclay. HEN: 1, Kirk, yell. varieg., grand type, well balanced; 2, Dickson, cl., grand cobby body; 3, Barclay, nice bird; 4, Hutt; 5, McConville. BUFF: 1, 4, Dickson, 1st grand cobby bird, good head, wings and carriage, stands right away from rest; 2, Ramsay, nice one; 3, Kirk, varieg., very similar; 5, Barclay. HEN: 1, 5, Ramsay, 1st known winner in new hands, good bird all over; 2, 4, Dickson, varieg., must have pressed, deeper and broader in chest, grand quality feather; 3, McConville, cl., not looking well to-day, good head; 6, Barclay. UNFLIG. CK.: 1, Ramsay, large varieg. yell., Scottish National winner, hot col.; 2, 5, Dickson, clear buff, fine cobby bird, well balanced; 3, McConville, buff varieg., well placed; 4, Kirk. UNFLIG. HEN: 1, Kirk, buff varieg., good head, small body; 2, Dickson, 2nd National, grand cobby varieg. buff, good head, fine carriage, fine quality feather; 3, Ramsay, good feather; 4, McConville. BORD. YELL. CK.: 1, Anderson, good one, nice stamp. HEN: 1, 2, 4, Anderson, 1st sweet, well put down; 3, Stenhouse, good type well staged. BUFF CK.: 1 2, Anderson, former easy win, grand type and feather, 2nd beaten only in head; 3, Stenhouse, well polished. HEN: 1, 2, Anderson, might have been reversed perhaps, 2nd an even mkd. of good type; 3, Stenhouse, nice bird. CREST AND C.-B., mustering 14, all honours going to J. Veitch with a grand team, too well known to need comment, the 4th C.-B. was fancied by many for first place. MULE OR HYB.: 1, Stenhouse, Goldie-Greenie, young bird, shows cross distinctly; 2, 4, Hutt, Greenie Mule, good bird, well shown; 3, Brown, Goldie Mule. BRIT. HARDBILL. (12): all honours to A. Anderson, who staged a nice team in his usual style, grand Greenie leading, often described, followed by a gem of a field-moulted Bullie, 3rd nice Goldie. SOFTBILL: 1, Anderson, Waxwing, Scottish National 2nd; 2, 3, Corderry, former well-known Grey Wagtail, latter nice Winchat, steady. FOR.: 1, Strachan, nice Goldfinch, good blaze; 2, Brown, very similar, nice one. COMMON CAN.: 1, Hunter; 2, Cowan; 3, Inglis; 4, Stenhouse; 5, Brown. GIFT: 1, Barclay; 2, Dickson; 3, Fotheringham; 4, Stenhouse; 5, McConville; 6, Anderson.

SANDY.

Sandy and Dist. F. and F.S. held a capital show in the Town Hall, Feb. 1st. The cage bird entries were not equal to last year's, but some very nice birds were staged. The joint secretaries, Messrs. Kent and Milliner, ably assisted by Mr. F. W. Western and the cage bird steward, Mr. H. Thurley, are to be congratulated upon the success of the show. Mr. G. Gardner judged and gave satisfaction.

NOR. CK.: 1, Wilmot, very smart unflig. cl. yell., rich col.; 2, 3, Kingstone, smart yell., good head, 3rd very fine, big bird, suitable for stock purposes. HEN: 1, spl. for best Canary, Wilmot, real Nor., short, compact and good quality, Bedford winner; 2, 3, res, Kingstone, nice type and quality. NAT. COL. NOR.: 1, Wilmot, good col. yell., correct type, also Bedford winner; 2, 3, Kingstone, nice made buff, excels in body properties, 3rd nice varieg. buff. GOLDIE: 1, spl, Wilmot, field-moulted, capital blaze, wants steadying; 2, Goodman, H.-M. bird, good blaze and col. BULLFINCH: 1, 2, 3, Kingstone, not much to choose between them, good caps, nice col., just a wee trifle small; r, Goodman. MULE: 1, Wilmot, dark Goldfinch Mule of rich col., nice size; 2, Goodman, varieg. buff Goldfinch Mule, good one. LINNET: 1, Thurley, very fine, big, bold bird, good col., nicely pencilled; 2, 3, Kingstone, couple of nicely pencilled birds. A.O.S. SMALL: 1, Thurley, very smart Mealy Redpoll. A.O.S. LARGE: 1, Wilmot, very fine steady Hawfinch, well formed bib, good col. Mr. Kingstone won silver cup for most points in show.

NANTWICH.

Fifty-first annual show, held Town Hall, Feb. 2nd and 3rd. The support extended this year to this old established fixture was very meagre. The classification was not very extensive, 12 classes being provided, half of which were cancelled. But if poor numerically, the quality of the show was decidedly good, some well-known winners putting in an appearance. Mr. F. Powell was again at the head of affairs, and right well did he maintain his reputation as an efficient manager. Mr. H. Tams judged.

NOR. (7): 1, 2, 3, Victor Williams, leader well-known cl. yell., splendid size and shape, grand substance and quality, looking very fit, followed by uneven yell., very massive in build, rattling good head, lovely col. and feather, closely pressed by a very fine cl. buff, splendid type, short and thick-set, clinking good head and neck; vhc, Windsor; hc, c, Sutton; abs., Edwards. GOLDFINCH, ETC. (8): 1, Evans and Roberts, clinking fine Goldie, grand size and shape, rare width of face, square cut blaze of great brilliancy, good tan and bars, in field plumage; 2, Jordan, Goldie, good size, blaze of grand width and depth of col., good buttons, very steady for a field-moulted bird; 3, Brotherhood, Goldie of grand size and shape, very rich in body col., good bars and buttons, grand blaze, just a shade narrow in face, h.m., very steady; vhc, Jameson, junr.; hc, Sillitoe; c, Sutton. BULLFINCH (1): 1, 2, Jameson, junr., nice size, splendid shape, short and compact, grand depth of breast col., nicely cut cap, good bars and condition, followed by a lovely hen, a bouncer for size, large, nicely cut cap; 3, Davies, nice size, good breast and back col., well defined bars, shown in nice order; vhc, Riley; hc, Smith, Pitchford and Stocker, Kingston; c, Jones. A.O.S. BRIT. (7): 1, 2, Victor Williams, remarkably fine Waxwing leading, very large and shapely, perfect wing tippings, clean cut bib, tight as wax, shown in most delightful condition, 2nd Chough, good size, sound body col., very rich legs and bill, in grand bloom; 3, Burrowes, Hawfinch, nice size and shape, in good condition, very steady; vhc, Jaycott, very nice Wheatear, steady, in good feather, some preferred for 3rd; hc, Butler; c, Sillitoe.

BIGGAR.

Fourth annual show, held 31st January, Wilson's Hall. We had a record entry, 203 exhibits being staged, and quality throughout was exceptionally good for a show confined to a five-mile radius. The hall is an ideal place for a show, being well lighted, and having plenty of room for spectators. Secretary Mr. J. Simpson had everything in good order, and judging was completed and cards up in good time, and being ably assisted by two such hard-working stewards as Messrs. J. C. Graham and H. Clark, everything passed off without a hitch. The Society is favoured with a good list of officers, Mr. J. Shand being president, Mr. R. Murray vice-president, Mr. J. Dobbie treasurer, and Messrs. A. Campbell, T. Kenwick, D. Lawson, H. Clark, and J. Graham. Fine weather favoured the event, and the committee are expecting a balance on the right side. The championship medal went to Mr. J. Aitken for a good yellow Nor. cock, and best British to Mr. J. Shand, with a nice Goldie. Mr. J. Mason (Peebles) judged, and his awards were well received.

The Critique.

BULLFINCH CK. (15): 1, sp (2), Wilson, field moulted, good size and shape, rich breast col., nice cap and bars; 2, sp, 3, Forrest, pair of good ones; 4, Shand; 5, Kerr and Smith; 6, Smith; 7, Whitfield and Rae. HEN (17): 1, sp, Kerr and Smith, H.M., good size and type, fine cap and bars; 2, Shand, good one, F.M., close up; 3, Linton, again a nice one; 4, Campbell; 5, Lawson and Son; 6, Clark; 7, McCann; 8, J. Rae. GOLDFINCH (17): 1, sp, best in Brit., Shand, grand size and shape, nice rich coloured blaze, fine body col.; 2, 4, B. and K., Ltd., fails only in blaze to winner, good tans; 3, Aitchison, grand one, close up on leaders; 5, 7, Dickson; 6, Porteous; 8, J. Hislop; a grand class. GREENFINCH (32): This was a rare good class, and all the ticketed birds received prize money; 1, sp, B. and K., Ltd., topper for size, grand colour, rich and level, nice head; 2, sp, Shand, nicely fed, rich colour; 3, Westrow medal, Linton, good shape and size, nice wings; 4, Hamilton; 5, Selkirk; 6, McCann; 7, Kerr and Smith; 8, Redpath. CHAFFINCH (11): 1, sp, 3, sp, Kerr and Smith, pair of nice ones, very steady, winner rare head and wings, grand colour; 2, Dickson, good size, rich col., nice markings; 4, Shand; 5, Clark; 6, Forrest; 7, Renwick; 8, Mitchell. BRAMBLEFINCH (7): 1, sp, M. Rae, nice size, good breast col., carried well down, nice lacing; 2, B. and K., Ltd., well spangled, good col. and size, close up; 3, Campbell, again nice one, well shown; 4, Selkirk; 5, Forrest; 6, Clark; 7, Murray. LINNET, ETC. (16): 1, sp, 8, Linton, grand one for size and shape, nice pencilling, clear and distinct, very profuse, nice head; 2, sp, G. Elliott, Lesser Redpoll, nice one, in good condition; 3, J. Elliot, again a 'Poll, close up; 4, 6, Kerr and Smith; 5, Shand; 7, Selkirk. SISKIN, ETC. (5): 1, Graham, nice size and shape, fine cap and lacing, well shown; 2, Dickson, close up to winner; 3, Mitchell, nice one, close up; 4, Kerr and Smith; all Siskins. A.O.S. BRIT. (6): 1, sp, Kerr and Smith, Yellowhammer, good size, rich colour, nice head markings; 2, Murray, nice Reed Bunting; 3, Wilson, nice Yellowhammer; 4, Carruthers. NOR. CK. (4): 1, champion medal, Aitken, cl. yell, rare size, good shape, thick head and neck, hot col., well carried wings and tail; 2, Hislop, grand shape, neat head and neck; 3, Dobbie, nice shape and wing carriage. HEN (11): 1, sp, 3, 4, A. Lawson, a nice team; 2, Hislop, just a trifle longer in wing than winner, but well put down; 5, 6, Dobbie; 7, Dickson; 8, Porteous. NON-FED (9): 1, sp, 3, Dobbie, nice pair, winner excels in type and carriage; 2, 6, A. Lawson, fails only in type to winner; 4, Lawson and Sons; 5, 8, Dickson; 7, Porteous. BORD. CL. ETC. YELL. (10): 1, sp, Lawson and Sons, fine shape and colour, well carried wings and tail; 2, Aitken, very level all through, neat head; 3, Campbell, good one, grand shape, neat wings; 4, 8, Kerr and Smith; 5, Aitchison; 6, Rae; 7, Girdwood. BUFF (14): 1, sp, 8, Kerr and Smith, grand buff, fine shape and carriage, neat head and wings; 2, 3, Campbell, nice pair, close up; 4, Aitchison; 5, Rae; 6, Simpson; 7, Carruthers. GREEN, ETC. (10): 1, sp, 7, Campbell, lovely green, fine grassy colour, capital type and quality, one of the right stamp; 2, 4, 5, Kerr and Smith, nice team, well put down; 3, Lawson and Sons; 6, Aitchison; 7, Aitken. VARIEG.: 1, sp, 4, Campbell, typical exhibit, good feather, put down in A1 fettle; 2, 6, Aitchison, good quality feather, fine type, neatly folded wings, well shown, 3, Kerr and Smith, nice one; 5, Aitken; 7, Lawson and Sons; 8, Simpson. GIFT (4): 1, sp, Shand; 2, Simpson; 3, Campbell; 4, Smith. A.O.V. (6): 1, sp, A. Lawson; 2, 3, Lawson and Sons; 4, Kerr and Smith; 5, Wilson.

HEADLESS CROSS F.S.

Annual show held Feb. 3, when Mr. J. N. Harrison (Belper) judged the cage bird section. Mr. T. Herbert won CAGE BIRDS special, also special for best cage bird. Mr. F. S. Johnson, the sec., had matters well in hand, and a good show resulted.

NOR. (19): 1, 2, 4, r, vhc, T. Herbert, nice team, a clean sweep, winner fine yell., 2nd just a little long in tail, good otherwise; 3, hc, Stratton, nice bird; vhc, Parker, Shrimpton, Andrews. A.O.V. (8): 1, sp, T. Herbert, nice Scotch Fancy; 2, Mills Bros., fine cinn., good bird; 3, 4, r, S. Parker, a fine team of Yorks. yell, green, and cinn., some thought worth 1st and 3rd places. BRIT., SMALL (20): 1, sp, F. Shrimpton, Goldfinch, a beauty, very steady, nice square polished blaze, grand tannings, nicely buttoned, neat bars, good whites, wins; 2, Johnson, one of the best Brambles we have seen caged, steady; nice colour and markings, well spangled, well staged, close up; 3, 4, vhc, Mills Bros., nice brace of Goldfinches, large; vhc, hc, Johnson; vhc, Robinson.

FOLKESTONE.

Held Town Hall, Feb. 1. The cage-bird section was a failure, several classes being cancelled, due no doubt to clashing with the Crystal Palace show and to limit of £3. The hall was ideal in every way. Mr. Gambrill (Sec.) as usual had the show well in hand, backed up by a hard-working committee. Mr. Gibbs judged.

CL. NOR. (3): 1, 3, Mitchell, former bonny unflig yell., rare head and substance; 3, another yell., fine colour and quality; vhc, Pilcher. YORKS. (7): 1, 2, Wraight, two very fine birds, grand length, style and carriage, former best position; 3, Southby, grand style and carriage, crosses wings at times; r, Soper; vhc, Rayner; hc, Veness; c, Orange. YORKS. HEN (3): 2, Soper, good back, nice length, a trifle thick; 3, Veness, grand quality, nice back and wings; vhc, Southney. YORKS., 1911 BRED (6): 1, Veness, rare good length, fine wings, good back and style; 2, Soper, nice feather, good head, fails only in length; 3, Royner, grand bird, all-round, must have pressed; vhc, Evans; hc, Reid. CAN., A.O.V. (5): 1, vhc, Rev. Soames, shapely little Border Fancy, shown in tip-top form; 2, hc, Mrs. Ivatt, nice green, grand feather, Bullfinch and Marked Lizard taking lead. GOLDFINCH (3): 2, Brett, grand face, nice size, in A1 form; 3, Austin, bigger, but fails a trifle in richness of face col.; vhc, Wood. BULLFINCH, ETC. (3): 2, 3, Brett, two very nice exhibits, beautifully shown and very steady; vhc, Wood. LINNET, ETC. (5): 1, Jupe, grand bird, wonderful col., nice size, in splendid trim; 3, Pankhurst, another bird of rare size, not quite the col.; vhc, Austin. BRIT. A.O.S. FINCH (4): 1, 3, vhc, Brett, one of his well-known teams, put down by the master hand. BRIT., LARGE (4): Here Mr. Brett carried all before him with a very niceteam.

TREORCHY.

This fixture was held on February 1, and was fairly well supported in our section. Cage birds were staged in a comfortable room at an adjoining hotel, and not in the Drill Hall, which accommodated the other sections, and which, by the way, was inconveniently crowded. Capable enthusiasts looked well after the needs of the birds, and the cosy room was much appreciated by exhibitors on such a bitterly cold day. The committee withheld many prizes throughout the show. Mr. T. J. Ambrose judged.

NOR. (5): 2, Davies, good even mkd., nice feather and type; 3, Jenkin Bros., loses only in feather and type; vhc, Tompkinson; hc, Rowlands; No. 2, absent. YORKS. (8): 1, Gibbon, wins special for best cage bird in show, grand shape, feather, and position, well shown; 3, Watkins, loses only in feather and position; hc, Reynolds; No. 4 absent. NOR. OR YORKS., NON-COL.-FED (13): 1, Curtis and Son; 2, Evans; 3, Coombes, all Yorks., well ahead; vhc, Buse; hc, Reynolds; Nos. 12 and 13 absent A.O.V. (2): 3, Powell; No. 1, Nor., in wrong class MULE OR HYB. (7): 2, Piaster, nice Linnet-Bullie, in fine feather; 3, Buse, dark Goldie-Can.; vhc, Nicholas; hc, Davies; c, Owen. GOLDFINCH, HOUSE-MOULTED (8): 1, c, Ray, grand col. and blaze, in A1 bloom; 2, 3, Nicholas, just lacks the col. and polish of leader, nice one; vhc, M. Davies; hc, J. Davies. GREYPATES (a class of eleven) and LINNETS (a class of nine, and all good ones), unfortunately omitted from catalogue—a printer's error. A.O.S. BRIT. (13): 1, r, best cage bird, Watkins, beautiful Waxwing, well shown; 2, Weekes, topping Hawfinch, in grand feather, nice size and col.; 3, Curtis and Son, Lark in A1 feather, very steady; vhc, Buse; hc, Nicholas. FOR., LARGE (3): 2, Tucker, Port Lincoln Paroquet, in perfect feather; 3, Davies, gorgeous coloured King Parrot, a bare spot on cheek held him back; vhc, Phillips. SMALL (2): 3, Nicholas; No. 1 absent. LOCAL A.V. (12): 1, Nicholas, topping buff Yorks., in A1 feather; 2, Weeks; 3, Curtis and Son; vhc, Buse; hc, Nicholas.

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Annual Dinner of the London Cage Bird Association.

Despite Bitterly Cold Weather, a Big Success.—Mr. Crisp, the President, Absent Through Illness.

On Monday, Feb. 5th last, the London Cage Bird Association held their 23rd annual dinner, in the Sheraton Hall, Popular Cafe, Jermyn Street, W. Over a hundred members and friends were present, and the function was a success from every standpoint but one, viz., the much regretted absence, through indisposition, of the exceedingly popular president, Mr. R. L. Crisp. The want of his presence was in some measure, however, atoned for by the presence of Mrs. Crisp and Mr. Crisp, Junr., and by the fact that Mr. Harry Burkett (brother-in-law to Mr. Crisp) presided over the function. A telegram was received from Mr. Crisp, trusting the dinner would be a success, and on the suggestion of the chairman another was sent in reply, wishing him a speedy recovery. A telegram was also received from Mr. T. Miller, regretting his enforced absence.

A substantial repast was provided, the arrangements for which were all that could be desired; and a programme of toasts, music and song was gone through, which for variety, snap and fun it would be difficult to better.

Mr. Harry Burkett proposed the toast of "The King and Royal Family," which was warmly drunk, Mr. P. G. Mortlock singing the first verse of the National Anthem. This was followed by a pianoforte solo by Mr. H. Heap, and songs by Mr. Mortlock and Miss Doris Lee. The toast "L.C.B.A.," was given in glowing terms by the Chairman. Having explained the reason of his presence in the chair, he said that the members of the Association had cause to be proud of the fact that they were one of the leading organisations of the bird Fancy in London and the surrounding districts. The show which they held in November last at the Horticultural Hall he had the pleasure of witnessing. It was a splendid exhibition of birds, and went to prove what a wonderful association they were. He felt sure that with the good membership it had the association must prosper in the future as much as, if not more than, in the past. (Applause.)

After a song by Miss May Windsor, Mr. W. H. Mugford, the popular secretary of the Association, was asked to reply to the toast. The membership of the L.C.B.A., he said, was better than last year's, and whilst he was unable to give figures, they were in about the same position financially as at this time a year ago—something about £70 standing to their credit. With reference to the annual show, the entries, 2,092 in all, represented a great stride; the number of exhibits was, in fact, increasing every year. The success of the exhibition was the result of the combined efforts of the workers on the committee, and to them was due a debt of gratitude both from the chairman, himself and his brother manager, Mr. Tyson (applause).

At this juncture Mrs. Crisp presented the cups won during the season; only two, however, of the winners were present, viz., Messrs. J. Tyson (who won the Crest bowl) and W. H. Mugford (who won the Crest cup), both gentlemen receiving a word of congratulation from Mrs. Crisp, and hearty applause from the audience. Other cups (to be sent to the respective winners) were won by Messrs. H. Knight (Yorkshire cup), E. Godley (the Norwich bowl), Hawes Brothers (the Ayers cup), A. J. A. Marney (the British bird cup), F. Smith (the Easterling cup), and Mons. Pauwels (the Abraham Memorial cup). A handsome cigar case and pipe lay on the table; these it was intended to present to the president (Mr. Crisp), but as he was absent, it was decided to ask Messrs. Tyson, Shepherd and Pickard to wait on him at his house one day during the ensuing week, and present the gift to him there.

Mr. Wilfred Stracey having sung, the chairman called upon Mr. J. Robson to propose the toast of "The Fancy." This he did with a fervour and warmth of sentiment which everyone admired. A response having been made, in Mr. G. E. Weston's absence, by Mr. F. Carl,

The Chairman proposed the toast of "The Ladies and Visitors," giving them a warm welcome in the name of the Association. This was replied to by Mr. Mortlock (Louden), and Mr. H. H. Towers (Keighley) whose names were coupled with the toast. The latter gentleman paid the L.C.B.A. some very nice compliments in true Yorkshire style.

The hearty singing of "Auld Lang Syne" brought the proceedings to a close after songs and sketches had been ably rendered by the Misses May Windsor, Doris Lee, and Messrs. W. Montague, J. Treval, C. E. Nott, H. Ruming, W. Deller, W. Stracey, and P. G. Mortlock. The musical programme was under the direction of Mr. Wilfred Stracey, who was greatly helped by Mr. Harry Heap, who accompanied at the piano for the soloists.

Each of the ladies present was the recipient of a beautiful gold brooch, provided by the L.C.B.A. as a souvenir of the dinner, and every gentleman received a box of matches enclosed in a very suitably decorated case; the gifts were much appreciated by all.

Included among those present at the dinner were: Mr. and Mrs. T. R. Trower, Mr. and Mrs. Thompson, Mr. and Mrs. E. Sheppard, Mr. and Mrs. F. Boxall, Mr. and Mrs. H. O. Carter, Mr. and Mrs. Savage, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Baker, Mr. and Mrs. Wright, Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Ayers, Mr. and Mrs. J. Robson, Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Lamb, Mr. and Mrs. H. Smith, Mr. and Mrs. J. Carson, Mr. and Mrs. G. J. Warley, Mr. and Mrs. Englefield, Mr. and Mrs. Griffiths, Mr. and Mdme. Madewell, Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Towers (Keighley), Mr. and Mrs. A. Hitchcox, Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Lewer, Mrs. E. C. Porter, Mrs. W. S. Bennett, Mrs. Green, Mrs. S. Ward, Mrs. Beale, Mrs. G. L. Brown, Mr. and Mrs. Tyson, Mrs. L. Allwright, Mrs. Maher, Mrs. Litchfield, Mrs. K. Thorpe, Mrs. F. P. Shrimpton, Mrs. Annie H. Crisp, Miss E. Wignell, Miss M. J. Robson, Miss Savage, Miss Goymer, Miss Ada Oakshott, Miss J. Cooper, Miss N. Cooper, Miss Knight, and Messrs. J. Franz, J. H. Franz, Junr., F. Wallace, C. Wallace, C. Wheatley, A. Wallington, J. Dewhurst, A. West, B. J. Rendell, E. Rendell, E. West, R. J. Pretty, G. Mortlock, J. Hazell, C. T. Maxwell, A. J. Slade, J. C. Bell (Carlisle), W. Bennett, T. Gaymer, L. Crisp, C. R. Tyson, M. Tyson, H. Yeoman, M. J. Healey, H. P. Styles, G. Shepherd, A. A. Forbes, M. Pickard, R. Pickard, C. Pickard, W. A. Shepherd, T. C. Pickard, Fredk. Knight, E. Parsons, P. Allwright, J. Madigan, E. L. Oakshott, W. A. Dickins, T. Heath, F. Carl, Harry Burkett, W. H. Mugford, H. Mugford, G. Comyns Lewer, A. B. Garrett, E. G. Garrett, and A. D. Comyns Lewer.

PAISLEY, TANNAHILL O.S.

Meeting held Lockie's, 2, St. James'-st., Vice-Pres., Mr. T. Hamilton, in chair. Mr. J. Fernie (Paisley) and Mr. R. Simpson (Renfrew) elected new members. —J. Stewart, Sec.

THE SOUTHERN NORWICH PLAINHEAD CLUB.

THE ANNUAL MEETING.

Annual general meeting held in the Press Room at the Crystal Palace, on February 3, Mr. E. Baker presiding. There were also present Messrs. Newley, Lathuell, Gill, Schneider, Collings, J. Kilby, Geo. Gardner, Rippon, Pavey, J. H. Bellamy, H. Ellis, and F. S. Matthes (hon. sec).

The chairman congratulated the club on the fact that they had not during the past year gone back in popularity or usefulness. He understood they had lost a few members, but others had joined and filled their places. The funds also were in a better position. Mr. Collings had been making a special effort this past year to secure the champion trophy, and success had crowned his efforts. He congratulated him heartily. Personally, he (the chairman) had not much to boast about at the show now on, but if he had not been successful that day, he should try again another year. (Hear, hear.) They should all try and take defeats in as good a spirit as they took their successes. If defeated, one could play the part of an Englishman and come up again.

Mr. Matthes read the balance sheet, which showed a balance in hand of £5 5s., under the altered conditions of closing the accounts, as desired by Mr. Heath, one of the auditors. The club in 1909 were in debt, but in 1910 they had £4 1s. 10d. in hand, and in 1911 they had £5 5s., but with this amount specials will have to be bought after this show at Palace, as the financial year ends Dec. 31 instead of Feb. 28.

Mr. Gill said there were 150 names on the books, but in 1910 only 80 subscriptions were paid. They ought to do something in the matter. Those not paying ought to be "starred," so that members paying would know whom to vote for, and whom not to vote for when the annual election came round.

Secretary pointed out that according to rules they could not erase any member's name from the books. The latter part of the rule applicable to the case handicapped him from doing so. After a lengthy discussion, it was agreed that all paying members be "starred" as such.

A discussion ensued on the initiation of the chairman, as to the attendances of members of the committee, pointing out that if members did not attend they should make room for those who could do so. Several members expressed themselves upon the point, and it was ultimately suggested that the secretary send out forms, giving the business of the committee, so that those unable to be present could vote on the points at issue. This was carried on the motion of Mr. Gill.

The result of the ballot for officers for the ensuing year is as follows:—President, Mr. E. Baker; secretary and treasurer, Mr. F. S. Matthes; auditors, Messrs. T. Heath and J. Robson; committee, Messrs. Richardson, Ramsden, Hodder, Gardner, Hazell, and Godfrey. Result of the provincial committee: Messrs. Collings, W. Ellis, Midgley, Kilby, Rippon, Gill. Mr. Gardner proposed, pursuant to the arrangement at the last annual meeting, that the election of hon. secretary be left in the hands of the committee. Mr. Gill seconded, and it was carried.

Mr. Gill proposed, and Mr. Gardner seconded, that the names of the winners of specials should be printed with the balance sheet, as was done prior to 1907.

A motion by Mr. George, of Swansea, that the £10 10s. cup be competed for triennially in South Wales, was discussed. It was pointed out that the cup conditions could not be altered, as it did not belong to the club altogether, some members having already won it twice, and all winners were entitled to compete for it again under the established conditions. The chairman suggested that secretary be asked to explain to Mr. George that his proposal was impracticable, but to urge upon him to get as many new members to join as he could, and when the arrangement for the cup shows came round to vote for its being held in South Wales. This was agreed to. Votes of thanks to the retiring officers were accorded on the motion of Mr. Pavey, seconded by Mr. Ellis.

OPEN NORWICH PLAINHEAD CLUB.

Results of Competitions, Season 1911-12.

Open Competition.—Champion Section: First prize (value £2 10s.), J. Thomas, 181 points; second, (£2), A. Humphries, 129; third (£1), Greenwood and Pickles, 114; fourth (bound volume), Pickering and Wright, 52. Open Competition.—Novice section: First prize (value £1 10s.), Sam Heap, 122 points; second (15s.), W. Johnson, 64; third (7s. 6d.), J. Jackson, 27; fourth (bound volume), W. H. Ball, 17. Open Competition.—Money specials Two Shillings for most points with 4ths birds and two shillings for most points with vhe birds at each patronage show. (Winners of first prizes not eligible at same show): Burnley, most points with 4ths, T. Lingard and A. Hirst; with vhe's, Sam Heap. Bradford (West) with 4ths, J. Eyre; with vhe's, J. Eyre. Huddersfield, with 4ths, J. Thomas, D. McMillan and W. T. Pepper; with vhe's, J. Thomas. York, with 4ths, Sam Heap; with vhe's, Pickering and Wright. Barnsley, with 4ths, J. Eyre; with vhe's, W. Bagnall. Hull, with 4ths, G. Harland, and Greenwood and Pickles; with vhe's, Sam Heap and D. McMillan. Brighouse, with 4ths, W. H. Ball and Sam Heap; with vhe's John Jackson. Halifax, with 4ths, Greenwood and Pickles; with vhe's, S. Heap, W. Johnson, A. Lloyd, Pickering and Wright, and C. and C. T. Parkes. Bradford National, with 4ths, Greenwood and Pickles; with vhe's, T. Portman. City of Bradford, with 4ths, Greenwood and Pickles; with vhe's, Greenwood and Pickles. Junior Novice Competition (Competed for in Yorkshire Union Novice Classes by Union members of the Norwich Plainhead Club).—First prize (value £1), Mr. H. Simonett, 133 points; second (15s.), J. Roe, 101; third (10s.), F. Rhodes, 86. The "Percy Illingworth" Cup (competed for in unflighted classes).—Winner, J. Thomas, 128 points. Ramsden's specials (open competition).—Champion section, Greenwood and Pickles, 114 points; novice, W. Johnson, 64. Sandiford Cup (open competition).—Winner, J. Thomas, 181 points. "Cage Birds" Prizes.—First prize value 25s., second 20s., third 17s. 6d., in Novice Section; first prize, value 25s., second 20s., third 15s., in Champion Section. (The result of this competition will be published when the complete returns from the other specialist clubs are to hand—probably next week.) Any objection to the above results must reach me not later than February 17, 1912.—Fred Hammond, Hon. Sec., pro tem.

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ATTERCLIFFE AND DIST. C.B.S.

A good muster of members attended the supper held Horse and Jockey, January 29th, when a splendid menu was provided by our worthy treasurer, Mr. Justice. After supper our President (Mr. Havenhand) suggested that we purchase two silver cups, thus making the Society own three in number, inclusive of the one presented by Mr. Justice. This motion was proposed by Mr. Webster, seconded by Mr. Exton, and carried unanimously. The remainder of the evening passed very pleasantly in birdie talk with our old friends, Messrs. Browning and Bagnall, and a spirited discussion on our coming "pair show." The evening closed with a hearty vote of thanks to Mr. Justice.—W. A. Hailstone, Hon. Sec.

BLACKBURN & DISTRICT C.B.S.

Annual meeting held Jan. 29. Secretary reported the club would have a balance in hand when subs., etc., had been paid, and the balance sheet would be issued as early as possible. Officials elected: Chairman, J. M. Walsh; Treasurer, H. Fairclough; Secretary, J. Cook; Assist. Sec., E. Bailey; Committee, E. Walsh, J. Walsh, H. Bolton, W. E. Hopkins, A. Tetley. Decided, to arrange a series of events, and also a ramble early on in the summer. Mr. H. Bolton receives cup and medal. We have another cup promised for our next show. Any fancier wishing to join please send name. Subs, 5s. per year (payable in instalments or in one sum). New members welcome.—J. Cook, Hon. Sec.

WEST LONDON F.A.

Annual general meeting held Jan. 25th, new Headquarters, Hampshire House Club, King St., Hammersmith. There was a good attendance despite the inclement weather. Chief business:—Balance sheet for 1911 passed after a discussion and eulogistic speeches by the auditors on the way in which the books were kept. Election of officers for 1912:—Chairman, A. J. Lack; vice, J. Bray, junr.; treas., J. Turner; secretary, J. Dewhurst; correspondence secretary to Fancy Press, H. H. Gibbons; committee, Messrs. Easterling, Yeo, Lethbridge, Knight, Bennett, Stone, Smith, and McMillan. Annual show provisionally fixed for Nov. 6th and 7th. Pair show March 7th, at Headquarters, when we hope to have a record entry. A hearty vote of thanks to our able new chairman closed an interesting meeting.—H. H. Gibbons, Correspondence Sec.

GLASGOW & W. COUNTIES C.B.C.

Annual general meeting held Good Templars Hall, Ingram-street, Mr. D. Knot chair. There was a good turn-out of members. Balance-sheet gone into and considered satisfactory, leaving a substantial balance to be carried forward. Office-bearers elected: President, D. Knot; vice-presidents, J. Rankin and J. Edwards; treasurer, A. McFarlane; secretary, W. Connelly; committee, Messrs. J. Bannerman, J. Young, T. Renfrew, W. Cathcart, P. Pettigrew, W. Munro, J. Adam, J. Liddle; auditors, Messrs. W. Munro and G. Marlin. Agreed to get new rule book with fixtures printed in—with slight alterations. Pair show arranged for next meeting Feb. 24th, above hall, with following classes: Nor. Pairs 2 classes, Bord. 2, A.O.V. 1, Selling Pairs (30s.) 1. Following new members admitted: Messrs. O. Begg, J. McGowan, D. Jones, J. Edwards, J. Garrard, and J. Wright. Further particulars from secretary, 123, Henderson-street, Kinning Park, Glasgow.—W. Connelly, Sec.

LAISTERDYKE B.F.A.

On January 27th, Railway Hotel, Mr. F. Hodgson chairman, the annual tea and presentation of prizes were held. The tea was of the very best, and the arrangements were unbeatable. After tea, to which close upon 60 sat down, the social part was about to commence, but a grave incident occurred; the piano player was absent, and the Secretary had a job to find a substitute, but Miss Richmond kindly came forward. The artistes were Mr. Robinson (tenor, Pudsey), Turner (song), Miss Richards (Rodley), Messrs. Hames and L. Hodgson, and several friends. Mr. W. Richmond (Rodley) presented the prizes: Mr. J. Bateman, 1st and medal for most points; Mr. W. B. Swain was presented with a cruet for 2nd most points; Messrs. Padgett and Son, silver medal for 3rd most points; Mr. L. C. Casey, 50 visiting cards for 4th; Mr. B. Swain, carriage case for most points in Cinnamons. Novice Section: Mr. L. Hodgson, gold medal for most points; Mr. W. H. Symes, silver medal for 2nd most points; Mr. H. Redshaw, oak tray, for 3rd; and Mr. J. E. Pyrate, 1 stone of seed for 4th. Mr. H. Coates, 5s. for most entries. A vote of thanks was given the host and hostess (Mr. and Mrs. J. Toothill), also the entertainers. Mr. E. Padgett (late chairman), after a short address, was very pleased to second the vote; Mr. Toothill responded.—J. E. Hudson, Sec.

LEYTON AND DISTRICT C.B.A.

Annual general meeting held Headquarters, 22nd January. During the earlier part of the evening Mr. Bartlett occupied the chair. The secretaries having explained one or two items on the balance sheet, Mr. Skinner proposed that the balance sheet be passed as read. This was seconded by Mr. Cooper and carried unanimously. A letter from Mr. Griffin (one of the auditors) was read, eulogising the secretaries, and expressing satisfaction with the accounts. Letters also read from the hon. assistant secretary (Mr. H. W. Barbridge) regretting the time at his disposal would not allow him to accept office again, and from Mr. Ovenden (hon. treasurer), who, for business reasons, was obliged to tender his resignation. Both gentlemen desired to continue membership. Mr. Skinner proposed a vote of thanks to the retiring officers and committee, making special mention of Messrs. Burbidge and Ovenden; this was seconded by Mr. Mills and carried. Mr. Bartlett at this point vacated the chair, and Mr. S. C. Rhodes was voted into the chair for the remainder of the evening. Mr. Rhodes was asked to accept the presidency of the Association, which he did. Officers for 1912:—President, S. C. Rhodes, Esq.; vice-presidents, Messrs. J. S. Clarke, H. Ovenden, Dr. J. Laird-Simpson, and C. A. House (subject to his approval); chairman, Mr. J. A. Bartlett; vice-chairman, Mr. F. Wallace; hon. treasurer, Mr. G. A. Parker; auditors, Messrs. G. B. Lectair and S. A. Griffin; committee, Messrs. H. W. Burbridge, C. H. Cooper, J. Shankley, W. Dalton, F. Marshall, W. Hellens, R. T. Parr, E. J. Pettet; hon. assistant sec., Mr. A. W. Farmer; hon. secretaries, Messrs. Forse and Son, 31, Thornhill Rd., Leyton, N.E. Messrs. Skinner and P. Smith kindly acted as scrutineers for the committee ballot. Mr. A. W. Farmer proposed a resolution which had for its object the saving of some of the society's funds at present spent on postage. For the benefit of those members who were unable to attend, the resolution was as follows:—"That as a large part of the funds of this association are wasted on postage, for the purpose of notifying the monthly meetings to members who do not take sufficient interest in the association to attend the meetings, in future notice by post shall only be sent for special events, such as shows, etc., and for all other meetings members must refer to their manual or the Fancy Press, where due notice of forthcoming events is always given." To this there was no opposition and the motion was carried. The association was recently very fortunate in acquiring splendid new headquarters, with a large hall capable of holding from 800 to 1,000 birds, the hall being free from draughts, and heated by radiators, and the secretaries announced that the committee had decided to give open classes at the next annual show, also that a guarantee fund had been started to provide against possible loss. This announcement met with general approval, and the guarantee fund was substantially increased. Several members promised to guarantee classes. A proposal by Mr. Bartlett that the arrangement of open classes at annual show be left to the new committee was seconded by Mr. W. Morris and carried. Several new members were nominated.—A. W. Farmer, Hon. Assist. Sec.

GRIMSBY AND CLEETHORPES ROLLER C.C.

General meeting held "Anchor" Restaurant, 119, Cleethorpes Road, January 27th, Mr. Groves in chair. Balance-sheet read showing a profit of £8 8s. on the year's working; this was considered highly satisfactory for the initial year, and will lend zeal to the ensuing one, for which the following officers were elected: President, Mr. D. Robinson; Vice-Presidents all re-elected; Hon. Treas., Mr. J. Young; Hon. Sec., Mr. H. Mason, 6, Gertrude Street, Grimsby; Auditors, Messrs. H. J. Rawcliffe and W. Crooks; Chairman, Mr. J. A. Ives; Vice-Chairman, Mr. J. Staples. Decided, to hold a members' show at club-room, Feb. 24th, following classes provided: Young bird, 1911 rung, and open class; birds to be staged by 3 p.m. A tea and whist drive will follow.—H. Mason, Hon. Sec.

BIRKENHEAD C.F.A.

General meeting held Ablett's Cafe Room, Market-street, Jan. 16th, a record number of members and visitors putting in an appearance. The chairman (Mr. Burns) presided. Our secretary and his assistant were setting everything out for our first night show of the year. Mr. Burns thanked our committee for the assistance given at the various shows, also our members for showing their birds. Our 1st table show brought out 54 birds. Messrs. Moss and Hadwin judged to perfection. Mr. Shaw proposed a hearty vote of thanks to our judges and all retiring officers. He proposed the re-election of all the retiring officers; this was seconded by Mr. Harding and supported by everyone. Mr. Lloyd wanted to retire, but did not get a chance to speak. Mr. Howlett proposed that we have rule books with subs. cards attached; carried unanimously. Mr. Lloyd proposed raising the subs. from 2s. 6d. to 4s. per annum; this caused a lengthy discussion. The proposal was carried. Mr. Moss's (auditor's) report was satisfactory and showed a balance in hand of 4s. 2d. Mr. Jones proposed that we do away with the balance-sheets; seconded by Mr. Howlett, and supported by Mr. Bird. Proposed that our secretary write a balance-sheet out and display it in the club room for our members to see in February and March. Two more shows; this was carried. Secretary would like to know how many would like CAGE BIRDS ANNUAL. Mr. T. Jones (Rock Ferry) was elected a member.—A. E. Lloyd, Sec.

HAYLE F.A.

Annual dinner held White Hart Hotel, Jan. 25th, when 30 sat down to a fine spread provided by the hostess, Mrs. Griffiths, who catered in her usual first-class style, and the arrangements were excellent in every way. The carving by Messrs. J. Roskrow and R. Bagg added to the success of the dinner and was the subject of much appreciative comment. The chairman proposed the usual toasts, viz., "The King," "President," "Hayle F.A.," "Visitors," "Hostess," etc., each being responded to with musical honours. Mr. J. Roskrow, chairman of the H.F.A., said he was pleased to take the chair at such an interesting gathering, as he had also to make a very pleasing presentation to their worthy secretary (Mr. H. Ware). The chairman spoke in high appreciation of the work of Mr. Ware; in all movements he had shown great enthusiasm for the welfare of one and all, and was more particularly busy for the H.F.A. Addressing Mr. Ware, the chairman said: "It is with my best wishes that I ask you to accept this silver rose-bowl with vases to match, with every feeling of esteem and affection, from the members of the H.F.A." Mr. Ware, who was cordially received, thanked the chairman for what he had said, and one and all for the very beautiful present. Well-known artistes lent success to the evening. Songs were sung by Messrs. P. Oatey, H. Pennery, F. Hill, W. Dale, T. Rowe, E. T. Pearce; a duet by Messrs. F. Hill and H. Ware; gramophone selections by Messrs. S. Maddern and T. H. Richards. A short speech was given by Mr. J. B. James on "Birds and their Nests," and recitations by Messrs. J. Roskrow, S. Maddern, and A. N. Other. Mr. W. Skeat presided at the piano, and it is doubtful whether he has ever been heard to greater advantage.

HIGHGATE & HAMPSTEAD C.B.S.

Annual general meeting held 25th January. The chairman (Mr. G. Gardner) presiding, supported by the vice-chairman (Mr. Dann) and almost a full muster of members. The society has had a most successful year, showing a profit on all their shows, and finishing up with a balance in hand of £4 5s. 8d. (the actual balance is something like £6, as several moneys came in during the evening, which should have been credited to annual show). New officers:—Chairman, Mr. G. Gardner; vice-chairman, Mr. R. T. Dann; treasurer, Mr. Fisher; auditors, Messrs. Shearer and Johnston; hon. secretary, Mr. G. Clark, 20, Miranda Rd., St. John's Rd., Highgate, N.; asst. sec., Mr. W. Shakespeare; committee, Messrs. Walmsley, Bush, Cowies, Mitchell, Wills, Law, Hyde, Street, W. Knight, J. Trigger, Shakespeare, and Clark. The retiring secretary thanked all for the support given him during his two years' work. He also tried to impress upon the members the importance of supporting the advertisers in the annual catalogue, as he said the advertisements were a great help, as this year the advertisements had paid the whole of their printing bill with 10s. profit. He also made special mention of CAGE BIRDS, and said the members had a great deal to be grateful for; their success was due in no small measure to this valuable paper, in publishing their notices and splendid reports of their meetings, shows, etc. Secretary also asked members to buy a copy of "C.B." every week, as then they would keep in touch with the doings of their own society and the Fancy generally. Mr. Gardner spoke at some length on the way in which the society had flourished, and trusted members would support the new secretary as they had the old one. Mr. Dann spoke at some length on the loss of the assistant secretary, Mr. Hyde, and said it was a double blow to them to hear that he was resigning office also. Votes of thanks were passed to the officers for their services, and also to their worthy chairman and vice-chairman.—G. Clark, Hon. Sec.

GALASHIELS C.S.

On Jan. 20th the members met to hear the financial report for 1911. It proved to be very satisfactory, there being a considerable sum left over, this being the third year in succession that this fixture has been run on a paying basis. Election of office-bearers: Mr. A. Tod unanimously re-elected president; regret was expressed when Mr. C. Lugton announced that he could not possibly undertake the secretaryship again. After some persuasion the task fell upon Mr. J. Brown, he having successfully carried on the duties of treasurer for three years. Mr. J. Hardie was elected treasurer. We have no doubt that under the new management the society will continue to flourish and prove itself what it has been fittingly named, "The Palace Show of the Borders." Volunteer Hall again secured; next show November 16th. All future correspondence should be addressed to me at 156, Croft-street, Galashiels. —J. Brown, Sec.

ECCLESHILL C.B.S.

Annual general meeting held Jan. 27th, Fountain Inn. The whole of the officials of last year were re-elected with the exception that Mr. J. Pitts was elected president. Secretary's report was very encouraging, the society now being on a sound footing with a balance on the right side, the subs. being dropped from 6s. per year to 4s. During the season we are holding two young bird and four old bird shows. Quite a large number of specials are to be competed for, and won outright at each show., On Feb. 24th we are holding our distribution of prizes, a supper also being held; members, friends, and fanciers invited. In the champion section Mr. J. Chippendale wins society's silver cup and first prize for second year in succession with 70 points, T. Elsegood 53, J. Wilcock 43, C. Stebbings 36, W. Lee 19. In the novice section B. Ayrton wins 1st prize with 59 points, H. Person 58 (hard lines, Herbert), W. Sparks 20, J. Pullan 18.—W. Nettleton, Sec.

ALNWICK AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

Annual general meeting, held Jan. 25th, Temperance Hotel. Balance sheet submitted by Treas., Mr. H. P. Staig, showing a deficit of £3 14s. 8d. on the year's working. But this was met by the balance in hand of £11 5s. from last year, thus leaving a bank balance of £8 13s. 9d. Treasurer's report was adopted. Secretary's report showed that, although several extra classes were added, and two of the best judges secured, the open show did not do so well as last year, the deficiency being in the Canary sections, classes not filling. On the other hand the British bird classes were well patronised. Secretary's report also adopted. Election of officers: J. W. Allan, Esq., was re-elected president, Mr. M. Swan chairman, Mr. W. Stranghan vice-chair, Robt. Forster hon. secretary, T. M. Tate, assistant secretary, Messrs. B. Pope and J. Robinson auditors; following committee chosen: Messrs. W. Miller, B. Pope, T. Wake, H. P. Staig, D. Rogerson, W. Nesbitt and J. Ternent. As the table shows of last year proved so successful in drawing members together, it was agreed to hold a similar course this year; first to take place Feb. 29th, for breeding pairs (six classes); Nor., Yorks., Bord., Mules, Hyb., and A.O.V. Can. Second show, in April, will be for British, and the third in June or July, for nest feather. Mr. A. Dippie is expected to judge, and the committee will offer medals for most points gained at each show. Several new members enrolled.—R. Foster, Hon. Sec.

DERBY C.B.S.

Meeting held Jan. 27th, Derwent Hotel, when balance-sheet for open show, etc., was submitted by secretary showing a loss of £14 odd. With such a splendid show of birds exhibited the financial results were disappointing after offering four money prizes, 22s. per class, and 61 classes. As a Crest fancier I am ashamed of the meagre response from Crest exhibitors with the club patronage; yet the classes stood the worst filled of all. Some of the loss we do not attribute to loss on entries. Other expenses have caused it, but our keenest disappointment is that entries did not pay their way. We are not dismayed, however; we intend to attack the loss, and remove it. A levy on members was agreed upon and a ready response was made; but a great deal more is required. Will members not present please help us to clear away the loss as soon as possible? Election of officers: President, J. H. Rainsford, Esq.; chairman, J. H. Sharman; vice-chair, W. H. Eley; treasurer, J. Watts; committee, J. H. Drakeley, J. Pegg, J. Thomas, F. Cockeram, F. Thompson, B. Ramm, W. Stevens, T. Tongue, J. Baker, J. Pass; Mr. G. Colledge being promoted from committee to a vice-president. Mr. G. H. Wharam takes up the secretaryship, with Mr. H. Bamsey as assistant secretary. Two new members were nominated, and I earnestly ask every member to try and secure a new member each for next meeting. Communications to the Derby Society should in future be addressed to me at 18, Colyear-street, Derby.—G. H. Wharam, Sec.

PARTICK AND DISTRICT C.B.C.

A Successful "Burns Night."

Our Burns' night, which proved a great success, and holds out great encouragement to make it an annual gathering, was held in Mr. Condach's rooms, Jan. 24th, Mr. Park presiding over a large company. In his opening remarks Mr. Park thanked all for their support. A supper of herrings, haggis and potatoes was served, which was excellently purveyed by Messrs. McCondach and Walker. Mr. Park proposed the toast "King and Royal Family," also "Army and Navy," the company joining in singing "Rule Britannia." Mr. Dykes proposed "The Partick and District C.B.C.," agreeing to become a member. Mr. Anderson (vice-president) replied, pointing out a few of the benefits and inviting all who intended to become members to come forward at next meeting. Mr. Sinclair proposed the toast of "Strangers," to which Mr. McKendrick replied. Mr. Maxwell proposed "Kindred Clubs," to which Mr. Sellars replied, commenting on the splendid inducements held out by the Foreign Bird Club, of which he was proud to be a member. Mr. Park proposed "The Immortal Memory of our National Bard," and in a few well-chosen remarks brought to memory those beautiful verses written by Burns to the kings of songsters, the Lark and Song Thrush, which on this occasion makes his memory dear to all bird fanciers. Songs were rendered throughout the evening by Messrs. A. Maxwell, J. Stone, W. Priest, A. Muir, A. Dykes, A. K. Chalmers, W. Gilroy, and J. Rice. Mr. Henderson proposed a vote of thanks to the singers for the splendid entertainment given, which was heartily responded to. Mr. J. Brown, in a few well-chosen remarks, commented on the pleasant evening, and wished the P. and D.C.B.C. members a very successful year. Mr. M. Craig proposed a vote of thanks to Mr. Park for presiding, and congratulated the club on having such a competent president. The company joined in singing "He's a Jolly Good Fellow."—J. Henderson, Sec.

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TONBRIDGE AND DISTRICT F.A.

Annual meeting held Jan. 31; good attendance of members. F. W. Franks, Esq., elected president, and a strong committee of 22 elected. Twelve new members were made. Treasurer, Mr. J. F. Mockford, and secretary re-elected. Everything points to another successful year. Three or four members' shows will be held during the year, also annual open show in Nov. or Dec.—P. Stonestreet, Sec.

DUNFERMLINE AND DIST. C.B.S

First Burns' supper held in the Imperial Hotel on Jan. 26th, the president (Mr. J. Rankine) in chair and a very satisfactory turn-out of members sat down to supper put down in Mr. Penman's usual excellent form. Mr. F. McCavell set the ball rolling with the address to the haggis, and after the company had done full justice to a good Burns' dinner, a lengthy list of toasts, and a talented musical programme were supplied by Messrs. R. and J. Rankine (the latter proposing "The King"), J. Royle, A. Howie, R. Campbell (who proposed "The Immortal Memory"), D. McCavell, A. Zance, J. Keith (who was a host in himself with great recitative powers). During the evening the secretary, Mr. R. T. Campbell, on the occasion of his marriage, was presented with five volumes on Natural History, and a silver-mounted cake biscuit barrel for Mrs. Campbell. Mr. D. McCavell, in the name of the members and a few friends, made the presentations, and to which Mr. Campbell suitably replied. A successful evening was brought to a close by the singing of "Auld Lang Syne."—R. T. Campbell, Sec.

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WE are pleased to be able to say that the circulation of CAGE BIRDS continues to move rapidly upwards. We referred to this gratifying matter a few weeks ago, and since then "sold out" has been the cry of our publishers each week, despite increased orders placed with our printer. We thank our many good friends, and feel that we can rely upon their further recommendation with such an issue as the one we are pleased to be able to set before them this week, produced at great expense and only by the most strenuous endeavours of our staff. Will readers kindly show their copy to all friends and endeavour to get them to become readers of CAGE BIRDS and to take an interest in our hobby? Then we shall indeed be grateful, and be well repaid.

I have removed from Church Lane to 52, Burnley Road, Clayton-le-Moors, writes Mr. Jno. Croston.

Will all societies who desire the patronage of the Norwich Plainhead Club for next season kindly send in applications at once to me, writes Mr. Fred Cunliffe, the joint sec., 19, Lark Street, Burnley.

We learn that the winning self yellow green hen at the Crystal Palace Show, belonging to Mr. Geoff Benson (Liverpool) is the same bird that won the diploma for best green at the London C.B.A. Show.

As Mr. C. A. House is unable to give us his lecture on in-breeding till March meeting, writes Mr. W. L. Priest, sec. of the Clapham and Dist. C.B.A., I have arranged for a judging competition of Norwich Canaries.

The annual report and balance sheet for 1911 of the Tonbridge and Dist. F.A. discloses a credit balance of £11 4s. (£7 13s. 6d. more than the amount brought into the 1911 accounts). Other assets are value at £91 9s. 9d.

We are holding a social on Feb. 14 at headquarters, writes Mr. J. Gerrard, sec. of the Bolton and Dist. C.B.S. A good programme has been arranged, and fanciers and friends are cordially invited. Tickets—Gents., 1s.; lady and gent., 1s. 6d.

Manningham C.B.A.'s annual dinner will be held on Feb. 17; tickets 2s. each; 4s. per couple, writes Mr. H. Grange, the sec. Good talent has been engaged. Fanciers are invited with their lady friends. Names should be sent me not later than Feb. 12.

The date for the first annual show of the South Co. Dublin C.B.A. has been fixed for Nov. 28 and 29, 1912, to be held in Kingstown, writes Mr. D. Smyth, the hon. sec. Will secretaries of Irish clubs please note above dates, in order to avoid clashing?

For depicting my Bullfinch in CAGE BIRDS I offer you my utmost thanks, writes Mr. G. Hinds (Gosport). Have again this season been specially fortunate in wins at a number of the best shows. Your "Nutshell Series" of books I thoroughly recommend for advice as to food, etc.

Owing to unforeseen circumstances the Pair Show announced for February 12th, writes Mr. H. Smith Hon. Sec. of the Wimbledom and District C.B.S. has had to be postponed, and will be held on February 20th. Will exhibitors and visitors kindly make a note of the latter date?

Many thanks for your prompt reply giving the awards. Delighted the bird got 1st at the Crystal Palace. He was never out of the tickets wherever shown, and stood 1st and spl this season at Belfast Open Show as a "high-shouldered Belgian."—H. H. F. McConnell (Belfast).

I have written to Helliwell, Boothtown, Halifax, in reply to an advertisement, and have had my letter returned as being "insufficiently addressed," writes Mr. H. Fairclough, 105, Bolton Road, Blackburn. Please ask him through "Twitterings" to send his full address to me.

At a meeting held at Oddfellows' Hall on Jan. 27, Mr. J. Muir presiding, three new members were admitted, and a few suggestions regarding rules were made, to be finally settled at next meeting, Feb. 24, writes Mr. Walter Clarkson, sec. of the Falkirk Good Intent C.B.A.

We have decided that the table show to be held on Feb. 17 be open to all fanciers within a radius of eight miles, with a view to enrolling more members for the coming year, writes Mr. T. Booker, sec. of the Chesterfield and Dist. C.B.S. Will all those desirous of becoming members or exhibiting please drop me a postcard.

We hold our annual tea, social, and members' prize distribution on Feb. 24, at the Market Tavern, Godwin Street. Tea on tables at 5.30 p.m., writes Mr. F. Rhodes, sec. of the City of Bradford O.S. Tickets may be had from members at 1s. 6d. each. Fanciers and lady friends are invited.

At our meeting on Jan. 27, with Mr. J. H. Booth in the chair, writes Mr. T. Smith, sec. of the Ilkeston and Dist. C.B.S., it was decided that we hold a show on Feb. 13 at the Royal Oak Inn, Cotmanhay. It is to be open to Codnor Park and Eastwood fanciers, and we hope they will rally round with entries.

At our meeting on Jan. 24 it was decided to hold a table show for pairs of Yorkshires on Feb. 14 at the Club House, Gardner and Richards, Paxton Terrace, so will all inteuding exhibitors please turn up with their birds at 7.30 p.m., when Mr. J. Wagstaff will judge, writes Mr. Geo. Large, hon. sec. pro tem.

We are glad to note that Clapham and Dist. C.B.A. have a balance in hand of £13 12s. 2d., which has been obtained in 1911 despite a deficit balance of £9 7s. brought into the year's accounts. The year book of the association for 1912 has just been issued; it contains an excellent syllabus for the year, besides the rules and the members' names and addresses.

We have taken over the correspondence secretaryship of the Bradford West C.B.A., and in future all letters must be sent to us, write Messrs. Kilburn and Western, 5, West View Terrace, Fairweather Green, Bradford. Our tea and social are on Feb. 10 at headquarters, "Shoulder of Mutton," Girlington. Tea at 5.30 p.m. at 2s. 6d. per couple. Members and friends are invited.

A large number of foreign orders have recently been executed by Mr. W. Rudd, the world-famous bird specialist, of Norwich, including birds to Belgium, Barbadoes (two lots), New Zealand (2), France, Italy, India (2), Holland, Gibraltar, and cages, bird-room requisites, as well as birds, to India (three lots), South Africa, Canada (3), Holland (3), Buenos Aires, United States, etc.

OBITUARY.

It is with great regret, writes Mr. J. Sheppard, sec. of the South Birmingham O.S., that I have to announce the death of the beloved wife of our much esteemed and respected chairman, Mr. E. T. Willmott. Members join with me in tendering their heartfelt sympathy to him in his bereavement.

We regret to learn of the demise of the Rev. David Dickson, of Lowestoft, who passed away a short time ago. He was well known and respected as a bird-lover, and a few years back was very successful as a breeder and exhibitor of Crests. The rev. gentleman, too, was popular as a writer upon this breed, many helpful articles from his pen appearing at different times in the Fancy Press. He contributed to the early numbers of CAGE BIRDS; and was good enough to send an article for inclusion in "Our Canaries," embodying his views upon the ideal Crest and its production. We tender his widow and relatives our respectful sympathy.

I am now ready to call the annual general meeting, but before doing so I shall be glad to know if any member has anything to suggest, writes Mr. A. E. Brown, hon. sec. of the Welsh C.B.C. I should like to point out to each member that at the general meeting it is quite possible that our rules may be altered slightly. I am pleased to say the Club Show was a success. I shall be glad to send particulars to any fancier wishing to join.

Mr. Enoch Tams (Church Street, Longton), the noted manufacturer of earthenware cage, etc., fittings, is putting upon the market for the coming season an improved type of nest-pan, designed to prevent the nesting material being dislodged from it. He has also a new thing in bird sprays, a nickel pump arrangement doing away with the old-style rubber ball arrangement, which is so often a source of trouble. Both articles, we think, will meet with great favour amongst bird-keepers.

Plumstead and Woolwich C.B.S. annual meeting will be held Feb. 10 at headquarters, at eight o'clock, write Messrs. Meades and Smith, tho hon. joint secs., when the business will include the confirmation of new members nominated at last meeting; balance sheet; revision of rules; fixture list for 1912; and election of officers. Pair Show to be held Feb. 15, when Mr. G. Hills is expected to judge and make some remarks on the pairs exhibited. It is hoped all members will be present and support both events.

As a place wherein to while away spare time, one's own garden, even if it be of the smallest proportions and yet well looked after, is hard to beat. Few places give such a good return for a little care as a garden, and few flowers are more charming in it than the Sweet Pea. The high place which this flower holds in the favour of lovers of gardening is undoubtedly mainly due to Eckford's, whose magnificent offer is thrown open to CAGE BIRDS readers. Fanciers will do well to study the announcement on page 145, for it is plain that the cultivation of Sweet Peas can be pursued with profit and without hindrance to the keeping of birds. The merest novice at gardening has an equal chance with those more proficient to secure a valuable prize, if only he uses Eckford's seeds. In any case they have the opportunity to beautify their gardens at a very modest outlay.

We have engaged Mr. H. W. Battye as judge for our open show on Nov. 30, writes Mr. R. Symonds, the sec.

We hear that Mr. J. Walsh, of Blackburn, is judging British birds, Mules, etc., at the Liverpool Open Show to be held on Nov. 1 and 2 next.

Thanks for prompt despatch of telegram with result of my winnings at Crystal Palace Show, which I received at 2.5 p.m.—very smart indeed. —John D. Horrill (Barnstaple).

Will secretaries and other fanciers please note my change of address, it being now 7, Society Place, Derby, writes Mr. H. T. G. Bamsey, assist. sec. to the Derby C.B.S.

The Pendleton and Salford O.S. are having a grand smoking concert on Feb. 10 at headquarters, where we hope to meet a large number of friends, writes Mr. J. Critchley, the hon. sec.

In their announcement on page 121, Messrs. Trower and Co. give prominence to a fact of which they may be justly proud. Their success at the L.C.B.A. Show has been repeated at the Crystal Palace. Moreover, for the excellence of their bird room appliances they have secured a silver medal. The principal of the firm has a lifetime's experience in bird-keeping matters, and the great business is carried on under his personal supervision. It is difficult, where there are so many good things for fanciers, to single out any for special mention, but three of Messrs. Trower's specialities—"Softbilo" for Larks, Blackbirds, etc.; "Cecto" for small insectivorous birds, both British and Foreign; and "Egbisco" egg and biscuit food for rearing Canaries and Hybrids—are very valuable aids to success in the hobby. Fanciers should write for Trower's catalogue, which is very handy, and something worth notice is the fact that at Trower's expert advice on matters of feeding is given free.

The Railway Again.

I entered in the competition for bird utensils, and sent the goods by passenger train on Jan. 30 to reach the Crystal Palace Show on Feb. 1, writes Mr. C. Colclough, of Wharf Street, Longton, but they never arrived until Friday midday—too late to be judged—which means a great loss to my trade.

A Whist Drive and Tea.

Will members and friends of the Halifax O.S. please note that a grand tea, whist drive, and social will take place on Feb. 24 at the Victoria Conservative Club, Gibbet Street? Tea on tables at 5 o'clock. Tickets 1s. 6d. each (which may be had from any member of the committee or of the secretary), writes Mr. J. J. Dunn, the sec.

A Slight Difference.

A pair of Rooks built their nest in one of a cluster of trees in a gentleman's grounds. The owner was delighted at the prospect of having a Rookery practically at his back door, but the farmer who owned the surrounding land didn't look at the matter in the same light. He gave his sons orders to "pot 'em" at the first opportunity. One morning the farmer received this note from his neighbour: "Sir,—I wish your boys would let my Rooks alone. I'm trying to make a Rookery." The farmer altered three words and returned the note: "Sir,—I wish your Rooks would let my crops alone. I'm trying to make a living."

Hull's Misfortune.

I very greatly regret, writes Mr. E. R. Ridley, sec. of the Hull C.B.S., to have to draw attention to the fact that Mrs. Harland, the wife of Mr. Geo. Harland, the well-known Norwich exhibitor and judge, is suffering from serious illness. This is the reason Mr. Harland's birds were absent from the Crystal Palace Show; it was his original intention to show his best team. I am sure all fanciers will wish Mrs. Harland a speedy recovery. The Hull C.B.S. seems rather unfortunate as regards illness, Mr. W. T. Pepper being confined to his room for three weeks; but we are all glad to hear he is on the high road to recovery, having been able at some little inconvenience and trouble to attend the meeting and show on Monday last.

Wee Dickie's Deid.

Ah me! I'm awfu' weary,
The hoose seems unco' dreary,
An' a' things noo are eerie—
Wee dickie's deid!

I felt like near tae greetiu'
When its kindly heart stopt beatin',
An' now I keep repeatin'—
Wee dickie's deid!

Tho' never very bonnie,
It warbled sweet as ony,
And better, too, than mony—
Wee dickie's deid!

It was a treat tae hear it
When ane it kent was near it;
Now gane: it's hard tae bear it—
Wee dickie's deid!

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SHOW DATES FIXED.

England.

1912.
Oct. 7 & 8.—**Leyton.**—(Forse and Son, 31, Thornhill Rd.).
Oct. 9 & 10.—**Clapham.**—(A. L. Priest, 28, Kyrle Rd.), J.R., C.A.H., H.J.F., H.N.
Oct. 12.—**Leeds** (W. A. Wilson, 75, Bayswater Mount, Roundhay.). J.H.R. and W.M.
Oct. 12.—**Morpeth.**—(E. Cowling Market Place.)
Oct. 15 and 16.—**Western Counties O.S.**—(T. Pope, 98, Embankment Rd., Plymouth.). J.R., T.H.
Oct. 23 & 24.—**London and P.O.S.**—(C. W. Law, Brinsley House, Woodhouse Rd., N. Finchley, N.).
Oct. 30.—**Torbay O.S. (Paignton).**—(J. N. Jeffery, "Sartor House," Winner Street, Paignton.
Oct. 30 & 31.—**Cheltenham.**—(A. S. Treasure, Idalhoe, Oakland Ave.).
Nov. 1 & 2.—**Sheffield O.S.**—T. Bishop, 60, Alexandra Road.). W.M., C.H., W.V.
Nov. 1 & 2.—**Wolverhampton.**—(J. Gibbons, 64, Napier Rd.). J.R.
Nov. 1 & 2.—**Liverpool** (Metcalfe and Hillmen, 68, Brunswick Rd.). H.W.B., J.W.
Nov. 2 & 4.—**Leicester Hand-in-Hand.**—(A. Freestone, 79, Clarendon Street). J.H.P.
Nov. 8 & 9.—**Old Shildon.**—(J. H. Elwell, 35, Church Street, Shildon).
Nov. 8 & 9.—**West Stanley** (W. Elliott, 15, Fairford Terr.)
Nov. 15 & 16.—**Hull.**—(E. R. Ridley, 19, Lambton Street.) J.R., H.W.B.
Nov. 22 & 23.—**Haltwhistle.**—(Nicholson and Tallantyre, Westgate.)
Nov. 30.—**Coventry Godiva.**—(R. Symonds, 29, Melbourne Rd., Earlsdon.) H.W.B.
Dec. 6 & 7.—**Bradford National.**—(H. Hill, 15, Settle Terr., Thornton Lane.)
Dec. 7.—**Rotherham.**—(B. Bailey, 47, Craven Street, Parkgate, nr. Rotherham.) J.C.B.
Dec. 11.—**Luton.**—(E. Bloomfield, 22, Hitchin Rd.) J.R., J.F.
Dec. 26.—**Anfield, Everton.**—(R. B. Wright, 9, Canon Rd., Liverpool.)

Scotland.

1912.
Oct. 12.—**Lochgelly and Dis. C.B.S.**—(W. Whiteford, 81, Hall St.)
Oct. 19.—**Kelty and Blairadam.**—(A. Dickson, 37, Adams Terrace.)
Nov. 16.—**Cowdenbeath.**—(J. R. Reid, 7, Woodland Place.)
Nov. 30.—**City of Dundee.**—(A. Miller, 3, Park Ave.)
Dec. 31 & Jan. 1, 1913.—**Scottish National.**—(A. W. Watson, 58, Colinton Road, Edinburgh.)

Ireland.

Nov. 7 & 8.—**Banbridge.**—(A. McCagherty, Banbridge).
Nov. 28 & 29.—**South County Dublin (Kingstown).**—(D. Smyth, 21, Eden Terr., Kingstown.)
Dec. 12 & 13.—**Larne.**—(T. Mayne, 35, Barnhill.)

Better Luck Next Time.

Many thanks for sending my postcard of awards back so quickly from the Palace Show, writes Mr. A. E. Long (Manchester). You put "nil" to both entries; I add one word more, and make it "Nil Desperandum!"

The Water Bubble.

Might I once more ask, writes "Novice," if there is an instrument on the market for teaching the water bubble to Rollers? I think there is, so some of your readers might oblige me by letting me know price, and where to get same. I do not mean anything of the organ type. [A kind of whistle arrangement is sold by most of the large dealers in fanciers' goods; the price is but a few pence, we believe.—Editor.]

The White Jackdaw's Return.

I have what is probably the only living white Jackdaw, writes Mrs. Ellett (Wakefield). It got away two months ago, but on Feb. 2 flew into my shop and enjoyed a good meal whilst perched on my shoulder. I believe the snow and cold and hunger account for its return. (White Jackdaws are bred on the Continent, and are often to be bought in England. —Editor, "C.B.")

In Inverness Firth.

The stormy weather in the Far North has sent very large flocks of wild birds to Inverness Firth. Black Cormorants, Green Shags, Gooseanders, etc., are to be seen along the shores in immense crowds. It may be that the sprats and young herring in the Firth have been a part of the attraction, for the birds have been feasting on them since their arrival. As the Cormorants do a great deal of damage among the salmon fry when they reach the estuaries of the rivers Ness and Beauly, more than a hundred of these birds (says the "Aberdeen Gazette") have been shot by the superintendent of the local fishery district. Not for many years, it is believed, have such large flocks of birds been seen in the Firth.

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Will all Canaries be Rung in the Future?

By C. A. House.

A Contribution Suggested by a Revolutionary Proposition put forward at the Annual Meeting of the Crested Canary Club.

Speaking with the sincerity born of conviction, and with the earnestness of the true reformer, Mr. T. Heath, at the C.C.C. meeting on Saturday said: "All I can say, gentlemen, is that if you don't adopt closed rings now you will have to do it in the near future. I have no doubt whatever that in the course of a few years rings will generally be adopted by Canary breeders, even as they have been by Pigeon breeders."

The idea of ringing Canaries with closed enamel rings similar to those in use by the Pigeon Fancy is not altogether a new thing as such rings were used last year by the British Roller Canary Club, and a letter was read by Mr. Tyson at the C.C.C. meeting explaining how the Roller Club had worked the scheme, and some of its advantages.

That Canary breeders may understand the value that these closed rings would be to them I will speak of what they have done in the Pigeon Fancy. Some five-and-twenty or thirty years ago when the Fancy began to make headway and the classification for the different varieties was increased by the adoption of classes for young birds, difficulties arose as to the ages of birds entered. With pigeons it is much more difficult than with Canaries to say whether a bird has been bred in the current year or not, as the flights are cast the first season; yet the practised eye can generally pick out the youngsters, still vexed questions did arise, and to end these the closed rings were introduced. These first used were made of different kinds of metal, but it was found they could easily be tampered with, and after a number of experiments had been made a metal ring with a coating of enamel, was finally adopted, and this ensured the fact that all birds shown in young bird classes were bona-fide young birds.

More recently experiments have been made with modern metal rings, and the ring now used by the National Homing Union is made of aluminium, and the letters and figures are raised from the surface. Fraud is prevented by the use of a waved or deckled line along the edge. The breeders of Fancy Pigeons, however, remain true to the enamelled ring which they say is quite above suspicion, in that it is impossible for anyone to take it without leaving traces of their handiwork.

What are the Advantages?

What are the advantages of a ring such as Mr. Heath suggested to the C.C.C.? In the first place it will ensure honesty in the exhibiting of young birds. At present it is extremely difficult for anyone to say whether a certain Crest, Crest-bred, or Lancashire is a young bird or not. Ninety-nine times out of a hundred one might be right, but the odd one with weighty issues depending upon it might be the very stumbling block which it had been desired to avoid. There is not much doubt that in the past some dishonest exhibitors have managed to secure prizes in young classes with birds which were not bred in the current year, whilst on the other hand honest fanciers showing a particularly strong boned bird with exceptionally developed headgear have had doubts cast upon their honour and veracity. A closed enamel ring worn by all birds would prevent injustice either way.

At the present time a man buying a Canary has no means of knowing its age. It may be one, two, three, or six years old. If the seller is honest the age, if asked, will be given, but even then, there is doubt, because honest fanciers are not all methodical, and mistakes are sometimes made. In cases where the seller is possessed of an elastic conscience the buyer has no guarantee at all as to the age of a bird he desires to acquire. Were all birds rung this trouble would not arise.

To-day Canaries are more carefully bred than ever they have been. The happy-go-lucky, haphazard matings are not so prevalent as they were a few years since. True it is that many still go on the old lines trusting to outward characteristics, but there are others who reason that if scientific in-breeding or line-breeding is the correct thing in horses, dogs, pigeons, and other things; it surely must be worthy of attention from Canary breeders. Many of these have used detachable rings for pedigree purposes, and have removed them when sending their birds to shows. Apart from the risk of mishap in the taking off and putting on of these detachable rings, mistakes are apt to be made, and confusion result. Closed enamel rings would obviate this trouble and risk.

Further, once a ring was on a Canary's leg, it would be there as long as the bird lived, and its value for pedigree purposes alone are beyond compute. Each bird would be entered up in the Stud Book and Breeding Register by its number, and it would be possible at any time not only for the owner to verify a pedigree, but for others to satisfy themselves in the same direction. It would also tremendously enhance the value of show specimens if we could speak and write of Heath's No. 99, 1912, 1st Palace, Nottingham, Cheltenham, and L.C.B.A., as being by Barnett's No. 33, 1907, 1st Norwich, Gateshead and Newcastle, out of Tyson's No. 66, 1909, 1st at Plymouth, Sunderland, and Scottish National. It would be like describing the pedigree of a Derby winner, and its influence in extending the interest in Canary breeding, and enhancing the monetary value of not only high class specimens, but their family connections as well, would be enormous.

Clearing up the Mystery.

The question often arises when a great star flashes across the horizon of the Fancy: "Who bred it?" The owner, Jack Brown, says he did; a little later Tom Jones, who sold Brown a useful sort of a youngster the year previous, declares this is the bird, and claims the honour. Both cannot be right. Closed enamel rings would avoid such disputes, as the secretary of the particular specialist club would have the register of the club's rings, and he would be able to say at once that 2,001 in 1910 was issued to Brown, and Jones's claim was false.

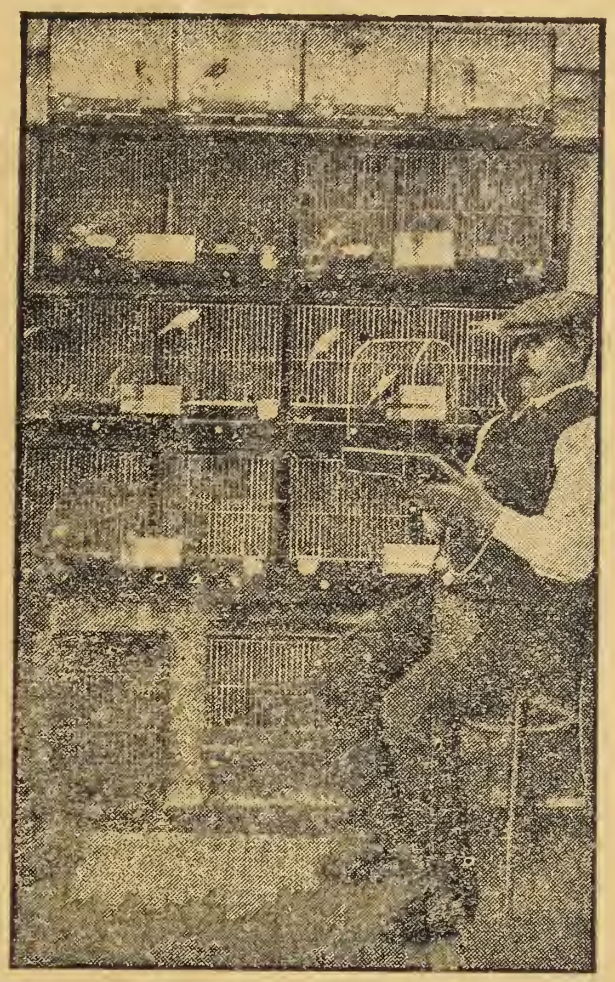
Cups and specials are sometimes offered for competition amongst breeders. In the higher branches of the Fancy, in which pedigrees are registered, fraudulent exhibitors have not much chance, but the closed ring is far better even than a pedigree register entry, founded upon a stud visit. A club, of which I am president, had recently to investigate a charge brought against a member of winning two club trophies in contravention of the rules governing the same, by knowing the ring number, and tracing it from the secretary of the Marking Conference, to the ring secretary of the club which purchased the ring, and from him to the man who bred the bird the case was established, and a severe punishment inflicted upon the offender. At present the Canary Fancy has no means of proving such a case. The closed enamel ring would supply the needed proofs, did occasion arise.

Some years since, a couple of decades, a then well-known exhibitor won first and special in a certain class at the Crystal Palace Cage Bird Show. The following week he advertised the winner for sale. The rush for it was so great that he thought he saw a chance of making hay whilst the sun was shining, and he did. That Palace winner was sold to twelve different individuals. The morality of the Fancy is higher to-day than it was then, and such a trick is hardly likely to be played. Still, prevention is better than cure, and the closed enamel ring would effectually prevent such an attempt being made.

The Strongest Reason.

The reasons given above are such as may appeal to the fanciers', or sportsmen's view of the matter. There is one far stronger. To-day many of our specialist clubs have a hard struggle for existence. Closed enamel rings would put an end to the struggle. The profits made by the National Homing Union run into hundreds of pounds. Canary clubs can hardly aspire to such heights, but the British Roller Canary Club last year made £16 profit on its ring scheme, and when this was mentioned at the C.C.C. meeting on Saturday, friend Ley, from Nottingham, said, "I begin to like this ring scheme. I think there's something in it; especially that £16."

And there is. In the Pigeon Fancy some very valuable produce stakes and prizes are arranged by the different specialist clubs, and apart from the profit made by the clubs they arouse a spirit of enthusiasm in the members, encourage a spirit of friendly rivalry, induce fanciers to exercise the greatest care in the mating of their birds; but, above all, they have a strong tendency to increase the value and selling price of the birds themselves. All this, and much more, closed enamel rings would do for the Canary Fancy, and the thanks of all are due to Mr. Heath for introducing the subject to the C.C.C. There is, indeed, something in it.



A YORKSHIRE ENTHUSIAST OF THE COUNTY PALATINE.

Mr. A. McCully, of St. Helens, in a corner of his birdroom.

This photograph gives one an excellent idea of modern double breeding cages and fittings. Single stock cages are seen on the top row.

Birds that Took the Right Turning.

An accompanying article to Mr. Norman's Coloured Plate which is given with this issue.

"Birds that took the right turning!"—how happy a title this is, to be sure. At first glance it may be provocative of a smile. We have all heard, doubtless, of the girl who took the "wrong turning" (to suit the purpose of a playwright) and many readers have probably seen the illuminating drama written round her, and shed tears (!) at the harrowing misfortunes heaped upon her pretty head. Well, birds are equally liable to miss their way at the cross-roads—in a physical sense at any rate—and, metaphorically speaking, cause tears of mortification to chase one another down the cheek of their owner. And the analogy can be carried a step further; for it is invariably in the golden days of their youth that this deviation from the right path occurs and brings sorrow in its train. Every bird-keeper of any length of experience must at times—many a time and oft, we are afraid—have watched a cherished youngster develop all sorts of undreamed of failings, from the exhibition point of view, as it approached the adult stage, and regretfully let his hopes of possessing a future "champion" slide into oblivion.

The Really Exciting Period.

To come to the other side of the picture—Mr. Norman's side, so to speak—we hope there may be no breeder whose lot it has been never to have had a young bird take the "right turning" so far as exhibition points are concerned. To the fancier interested in the production of his own show birds it is safe to say that the summer and early autumn months are even more full of pleasurable excitement than those later months which see his birds facing the judges and endeavouring to justify their owner's confidence in their merit.

The stock birds are duly paired; the eggs are laid; the young birds put in an appearance, "swell visibly" under the tender ministrations of their parents, and eventually make their first venture upon the perches. How eagerly their owner looks them over. Has the slight failing in the cock bird (or the hen) been corrected in the progeny? Does the stock look like progressing further along the right road as a result of this season's work, and the careful thought bestowed upon it? These and similar thoughts chase themselves through his mind. Let us hope the answer may be a full-throated affirmative.

The beginner must be warned, however, against a too speedy summing up of the possibilities of his young birds. It is almost safe to say that no breeder, no matter to what term of years his experience may extend, can say with absolute accuracy exactly how good any given bird will be after it has moulted its nestling feathers. It is usually possible to make a pretty good guess, of course. But birds can be "backward" in their youth, the same as human beings, and yet attain a surprising degree of excellence once the fledgling stage has been left behind. In short, they "take the right turning." Beginners, therefore, should never be in too great a hurry to dispose of their youngsters. Give them a fair chance of developing before you come to regard them as merely "surplus stock." And it is sometimes a paying policy to keep a bird over its second moult before giving it up as a hopeless case.

The Modesty of Youth.

The writer, too, has often found beginners much too pessimistic respecting the merit of young birds they have bred. These cannot be expected to kind of jump into as good-looking a lot as their parents within a few weeks of leaving the nest. It is inevitable that by comparison they should look "weedy" in build and deficient in colour. Mr. Norman's very excellent plate illustrates this point to a nicety. The Green (like a certain young lady) is quite a "slim young thing," and weak and washy in colour and markings. What a difference once his nestling feathers have been discarded, his frame developed, and a layer of firm flesh (we'll say nothing of fat) packed around his bones! The Yorkie, too, is short and mean looking, though otherwise most certainly a promising baby. But when he has been moulted and steadied, and well handled and trained to acquire that upright, "shooty" pose, so much admired, what a change for the better comes over his appearance. He has, indeed, "taken the right turning!"

Bird Myths.

We are told that in the Orkneys the belief in the good or bad fortune brought by certain birds is not yet extinct. The Ring Ouzel takes the place which the Crow did at one time in England, and all hope is given up if one flies over the house containing a sick man.

THE FAVOURITE OF THE FINCH FAMILY

A keen Welsh Fancier discourses upon the Goldfinch, the most popular bird in "Taffy-land," and a general favourite everywhere.

By J. KERSHAW (Llanrwst).

THERE is hardly a bird fancier (whether an exhibitor or an admirer of any of the varieties of Canaries or Hybrids, or any other species of British or Foreign birds) who does not indeed desire to be the possessor of a first-class British of Foreign Goldfinch, the latter being an especial favourite amongst Scotchmen.

Some Reasons Why Goldie is Popular.

There are several reasons why the Goldie is so popular with everyone. First of all is the fact that he is a delightfully pretty bird, with a song and a combination of colours almost equal to those of any tropical bird. If the Goldfinch were taken to any part of the world where he is not to be found, I am sure the natives of the country would say it is the daintiest and prettiest bird they ever saw. Secondly, it is not on the whole a difficult bird to keep; and it is very inexpensive to cater for. I am quite aware there are many fanciers who don't quite agree with me here, but the chief fault as to why these specimens die, or don't come right out in plumage, lies with the owner. Thirdly, it is an excellent exhibition bird, and I feel justified in saying that even the best and biggest Canary breeders and exhibitors, when visiting the shows feel they must have a good look at the winning Goldies. It does not matter where you go you will always find an admirer of this perky, and sometimes vicious and cheeky aristocrat.

As an addition to the points raised, there remains the fact that the Goldfinch is the most serviceable bird to keep in any bird-room. If it is a good specimen it can be well cared for, and brought up to exhibition condition; or whether it be good, bad or indifferent, so long as it is a cock bird and healthy, it can always be mated up for hybridising, and if a large, rich coloured yellow Norwich hen is selected as its mate, you may rely upon the youngsters produced, whether light or dark Mules, to be good average exhibition birds; and if there is anyone outstanding in size, feather, shape, blaze, and condition, you will find scores ready to buy that bird at a reasonable price, or it will stand the chance for yourself of bringing honour to your name on the show bench.

How the Finch Should be Fed.

Some people seem to think that unless the bird is a good one as regards its exhibition points, any diet will do for it. Sometimes the refuse from the Canary cages is thrown in, with the result that the Goldie picks up stale food; often yolk of egg, gone stale, and other contaminated food, with the consequence that the once lively little gem is right in the corner of the cage as miserable as the day is long. Others decide upon giving the Finch a diet of either hemp and canary seed mixed, or perhaps a single diet of one sort of seed only. True it is, some excellent coloured and conditioned birds, with fine blazes, have been seen at shows, birds that have only been fed on hemp or canary seed and a lump of sugar between the wires. These are the exceptions; but one will hardly find these birds so good late in the show season, or when the summer is approaching. Of these birds I have yet to find one so fed that has the right texture of blaze, and they completely lack bloom, and are devoid of rich tan, and the blaze generally has an underground brassy shade.

Why the Best Bird Lost.

I had the experience of judging a show recently, and the best bird in the Goldie class was awarded second prize because the owner had not paid enough attention to its diet. It lacked bloom, though the blaze was bright in the usual sense of the word. The tan was washy, but it was the correct sort of tan, had it only been brought out. The owner was told that when he shows again, and the bird is fit, he will win in better company. He took the bird to an expert to be washed and have its claws trimmed, as they curved round the perch. The second time it was shown within a week it stood 2nd to the best bird at Llanrwst (North Wales) show, and beat some of the birds that had done well on the bench at some of the largest English shows. The bird might have beaten the winner had the owner paid attention to its diet in the early stages of the moult, for it was only beaten in general depth of colour throughout.

Now, to dwell upon the importance of feeding a bird; I am sure that this bird, after judicious feeding, will trouble the very best in about four to six weeks.

I expect there are many who are looking for a little secret, as to the feeding of the Goldfinch. Let me at once tell them: There is no absolute secret in feeding an exhibition Goldie. An exhibition Goldie is what nature has made it, as regards shape, type, colour and feather; it is the owner's duty to get it into condition. The best stock mixture for getting Goldies into peach bloom condition is hemp, canary, an abundance of teazle, and a little linseed. Also a ½-pound dandelion, ½-pound thistle (mixed), given as a tit-bit every day, say a teaspoonful. There is no harm in giving a little groundsel, for it seems to have, to my mind, a very beneficial effect upon the bird's system, for I know it will cure a bird, though it has "gone into the corner."

Excellent for Bringing Out the Tan.

The above-named diet is a moulting diet for adult birds only, and when all the feathers have appeared, give it a few cracked sunflower seeds (white only) as long as you show it, for this seed is excellent for bringing out the tan, though it has a rather bad effect upon the blaze if given too liberally; hence the importance of keeping it out of the list during the actual moult, for the reason really that it darkens the blaze before it gets the necessary brightness.

I need not dwell upon the necessity of giving a Goldfinch any suitable wild seed during the moult. Remember to give it as many hardheads as it will eat. Give it also a mealworm now and again, either dead or alive, and if you can get your good coloured Finch to eat privet berries, it will shine like a bottle for you, when put into a show cage for competition.

The bath is an all-important item, for unless a bird takes freely to the bath the chances of its winning are not so numerous as an exhibition bird.

Illness and How to Treat It.

When newly caught, the best diet for a youngster is, without doubt, hemp and sunflower seeds, both cracked; but when you have a Goldfinch that has gone into the corner of the cage, with head under its wings, looking, it seems, for the path leading to the place of departed spirits, then it is time for the bird to be wakened up. The thing needful must be resorted to at once, as no time can be lost, and, believe me, if your bird is a very valuable one, it is better for you to lose a day's work, as it will repay you in the long run. The best thing for a fancier to do is to ascertain at once the cause of the illness, or guess to the best of his ability, not only from the appearance of the bird itself, but also from its surroundings. If the excreta is wet and greenish it is likely the bowels are affected. Don't run for castor oil or Epsom salts, as these only aggravate the pain when they take effect, and in nine cases out of ten put the bird off its seed. Put sawdust on the bottom of the cage so as to dry up the fluidity of the excreta. Have always by you a shilling box of Spratts' Quinella (no fancier should be without it) and put some of it, as directed, in the drinking-water; force the bird to take a good draught of it, warmed for preference. Then remove the bird to a warmer spot, and commence hand-feeding.

Now comes the question of diet when out of sorts, and I am giving the following advice for what it is worth. Of course, a bird wants food when in this condition, and it has long been suggested that scalded milk should form the major part of it, for it is said to have a curative effect upon the bowels. Let that be the case. I have personally tried it, but have found that it does not always carry out its reputation.

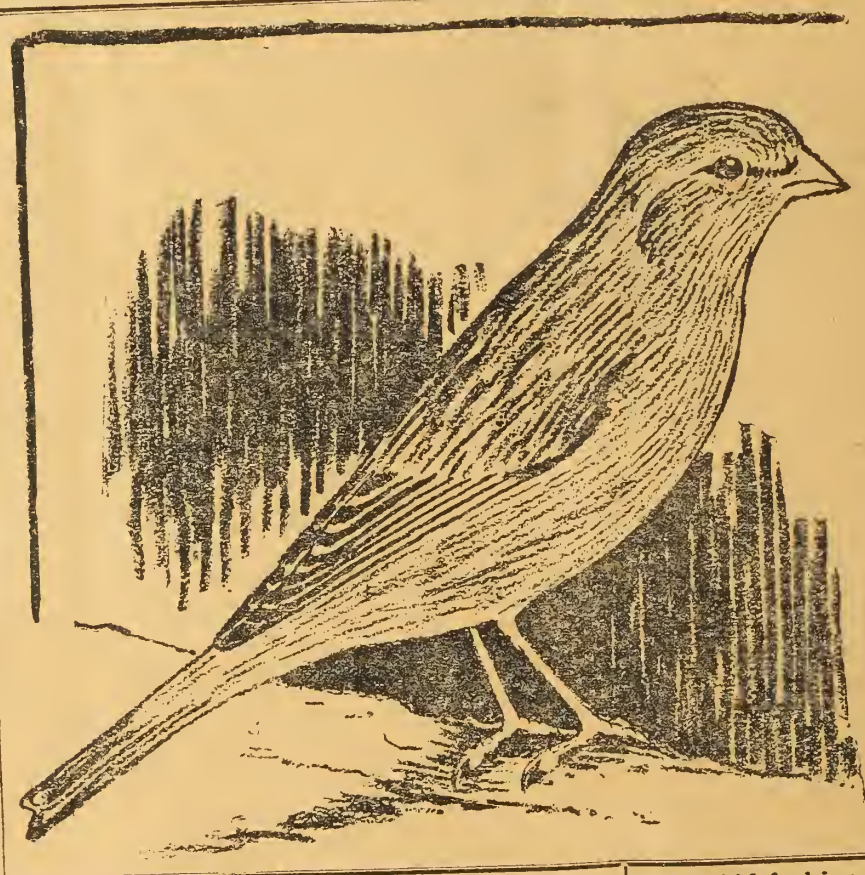
An Old-fashioned Remedy Recommended.

Now, to give an old-fashioned remedy, as well as a method for hand-rearing birds; here it is: Don't use new milk or sweet milk, as the Sale of Foods and Drugs Act calls it, but use the stale milk, churned into what in the country is called "Buttermilk." When this is boiled, all the water remains on top, while the solids go to the bottom. When unboiled the case is the reverse. The solids become the consistency of cheese; add a little sugar to this solid, and hand-feed the bird with it every half-hour, till the Quinella has its effects upon a somewhat kept-up revived body. It is also advisable, if you can get the bird to take it, to give the patient some bran bread to eat, as it has a very costive tendency upon the system. If bran bread is not at hand, it is as well to induce the bird to take some raw bran or cereal, as sold by corn merchants, and given to horses, cattle, etc. If the bird does not partake of the dry material you may moisten it with some of the milk suggested above, and 4 drops of Cod Liver Oil, and some soft sugar, to tempt the bird to eat it. I may point out that this is an old Anglesey method of rearing Goldfinches from the nest, and when sick; but, of course, the Quinella has now come upon the market to its aid. If you get a youngster on hemp seed at once (that is to say, birds caught and not hand-reared), he is quite safe; but if given mixed packet seed the bird will likely pick out the most soft, such as linseed, teazle and niga, with the result that it does not partake of a substantial enough diet to keep alive for long, while I have found two of the above seeds injurious to first-year birds only.

Peculiarities of First-Year Finches.

My experience with first-year Finches is varied. I have seen some, but very few, doing well in a month or so upon mixed seed (very rarely linseed) with a good sprinkling of hemp and maw seeds. I have seen others that, after having linseed especially, get a big lump on the side of the breast, get loose in feather, seem to be breathing fast as though they had asthma or "Angina pectoris," i.e., heart disease, and have a voracious appetite; they live for months in this way, and probably die from congestion of the liver, and I have yet to find a cure for such birds; hence my advice to keep linseed from the list and stick to hemp, sunflower and teazle seeds for the first year. Not only are the above seeds fattening, but as first-year birds are so active, they need nourishment and strength to develop them for the future, when they steady down to caged life. Given a Goldfinch with a rich pigment in the blood a sound diet as above described to both young and old and a frequent bath, there is no need for the cry, "Why can't I win when my bird is the best?"

(To be continued.)



A "Freak" Greenfinch-Canary Mule.

The Plumage of this Bird is a pure cinnamon tone of colour.

The property of, and exhibited by, Mr. GEORGE LAWRANCE (Coventry).

THE CURIOUS CROSSBILL.

Notes upon its nesting habits and food, made at Arndilly, Banff, N.B.

By SIR ROLAND CORBETT, Bt.

THESE interesting and curious birds breed here in fair numbers every year. I found two nests, both of which were placed high up in a fir-tree, quite 30 or 40 feet from the ground. The nest, built at the end of a branch, was composed of fir twigs, dry grass, etc., and lined with fine roots, wool and horsehair. The nest is much the same as that of a Hedge Sparrow (or Hedge Accentor, as it should be called), only rather larger.

The eggs are somewhat larger than a Greenfinch, but are of the same colouration. The young birds are greenish grey, with the underparts much striated with dark brown. I found a young one that had been blown out of its nest on to the ground. It was almost fully fledged, and its mouth and crop were full of the seeds extracted from larch cones. Up to the age of three weeks the nestling's bill is quite straight.

The male Crossbill is a handsome bird, with his red head and back. His mate is greenish yellow where the male is red, and her whole plumage is more striated. Crossbills live chiefly on the seeds extracted from the various fir cones, the peculiar formation of their bill enabling them to extract the seeds with ease. They are fond of the pips of apples, which they secure with dexterity. During the summer months the larvæ of insects form part of their diet.

The note is a clear short whistle, and rather resembles the call note of a Bullfinch, but it is louder than that of the Finch. If reared from the nest, Crossbills make amusing pets, and become very tame.

Black Bullfinches.

By Mrs. M. B. PARTRIDGE.

Interesting Views upon the Production of these Freaks of Nature.

THE phenomenon of blackness in Bullfinches has been much in my mind, and I have had some experience of transitory blackness. I say "transitory" blackness, for I have now in my possession two cock Bullfinches, both born in 1909, one showing a decided melanistic tinge during 1910, and entirely recovering after the moult in 1911; whilst the other, a splendid bird, taking first and special prizes in 1910, now shows darkness after the moult in 1911. Moreover, I bought a young hen Bullfinch in October, 1910, in nest feather, and at the time of change into adult plumage she became very black on the head, breast, back, and rump, but after the moult in 1911 she very largely regained her normal colour, though not entirely so. What she would eventually have become I know not, for death intervened.

What Brings about Melanism?

My opinion as to melanism is set out below, though whether I am right or wrong I know not :—

(i.) That the *tendency* to melanism is inherited, and only needs favourable circumstances to develop it.

(ii.) That it is a disease of captivity, and is not met with in wild life, possibly because wild birds are not seed-eaters, but have a larger selection of food materials.

(iii.) That it is the outward and visible sign of changes which occur in the liver, and that it is a peculiarity of certain birds. I have had ten Bullfinches, cocks and hens, in one aviary, all being fed alike, and only two of these are melanistic, whilst the others are normal.

(iv.) That melanism is the outcome of a poison secreted by the liver, and passing into the blood, which nourishes the feathers. Any injurious substance from the digestive tract will cause a fresh colouring matter to enter the feather, through the opening at the base of the quill (for the admission of a blood vessel).

(v.) That melanism is not due to the use of hemp as food, as is sometimes supposed, for my method of feeding is this :— Canary seed, 2 parts; German rape, 2 parts; hemp, ½ part; niger, ½ part; teazle, ½ part; linseed, ½ part; white sunflower, ½ part. And as my birds get plenty of exercise, I do not find this proportion of hemp too much.

(vi.) That when the poisonous substance is eliminated from the blood, the feathers regain their normal colour; hence I speak of the transitoriness of melanism.

How Food is Dealt With.

So much for theory. What really does occur is this :—

1. The food eaten passes through the crop, which secretes no special digestive juice, but is merely a storehouse in which the food remains till the stomach is ready to receive it. Whilst in the crop, the food is acted upon by a little saliva from the mouth, by a little water taken in, also by the watery secretion of the mucous membrane lining the gullet, and also by the warmth of the body.

2. Then the food passes to the proventriculus, or first part of the stomach, rich in glands secreting a very acid juice, changing the insoluble starchy matter into soluble peptone.

3. This peptone passes into the blood stream through the very thin walls of the blood vessels supplying the stomach.

4. The gizzard, or second part of the stomach, contains the portions of the food not acted upon by the juices of the proventriculus.

5. The food, having passed into the blood stream, is thoroughly assimilated, and becomes part of the bird itself; this action taking place in the proventriculus.

6. A further step in digestion is reached when the food passes to the small intestine, in a loop of which lies the pancreas. The liver lies behind the end of the proventriculus, and the fore part of the gizzard.

7. Both the pancreas and the liver pour upon the food their own peculiar digestive juices, the pancreatic secretion changing starches into sugar, and dissolving the envelopes containing the fat globules.

8. The emulsified fats pass into the lacteals in the lining membrane of the small intestine, and thence into the blood vessels, and back to the heart by the two great veins.

This briefly sums up the digestive process, and my idea of a mixed diet like the one I have quoted is that every ingredient comes under the action of the various agents in the process of digestion. But what the actual change is in the feather, from normal to black colour, I cannot tell.

In conclusion, a remarkable case of melanism came under my notice some years ago. A fine cock Bullfinch, second prize winner at Worthing Show, was brought to me for treatment, suffering from acute indigestion and diarrhoea. After much trouble I cured him, and he went into an early moult, but it proved a melanistic one. I kept him till he was all right again and singing—a period of about thirteen weeks, I think, before I returned him to his owner. His moult was peculiar, for he was quite glossy and black, with two white feathers in each wing. After a few days his owner brought him back to me, as she did not care for a black Bullfinch. He died eventually, as the result of a chill caught at a show.

Willow Wrens and Fruit Trees.

The graceful little Willow Wrens are plentiful during the summer months in the Southern Counties, especially in Sussex. They are looked upon with disfavour by gardeners and fruit growers. In the early spring they scatter the fruit buds, but whether to search for the hidden grub or not one can hardly say. Later they take toll of most garden fruit, damaging more than they eat. They are particularly fond of the fig, which is grown rather extensively in the contry.

BIRD-LOVERS IN THE PEAK DISTRICT.

Officials and Members of the Tideswell C.B.I.S. Photographed on the occasion of the Annual Show.

A BIRD-KEEPER'S LUXURY.

The Indoor Bird-Room and Some "Tips" upon its Proper Furnishing and Fitting Up.

By O. E. BROOKS.

THE very name of "bird-room" seems to convey a suggestion of luxury, and well it might, for it is only the minority of bird-keepers who are fortunate enough to have an entire room at the disposal for their hobby. But it often happens that in quite small houses there is a spare room, probably a garret—too small, perhaps, for most domestic purposes, but just the thing for utilisation as a bird-room.

There are many things to recommend the reserving of a room for the birds' sole use, amongst which the advantages of a regulated temperature and the non-interference during breeding operations are not the least important. In addition to these, if one has his or her birds kept in an apartment by themselves, it is possible to feel quite easy on the subject of their making a mess with seed husks, etc. Then, again, there are numerous things one can do in the way of trying experiments in the making of observations and in the breeding of rare hybrids, if he possesses an apartment of his own, and which can be regarded as a sort of private sanctum.

It is almost superfluous to talk about the proper aspect of the room—the great difficulty is the obtaining of one—but generally a sunny one, overlooking the garden or some other open space, where plenty of light and pure air are obtainable, would be the best. But one may well be satisfied with less than this.

Give Walls Special Attention.

When the matter has been finally settled, the first thing requiring attention will be the walls. The paper on them must be removed. This may doubtless seem rather destructive, but it is nevertheless essential, as wall paper is very apt to harbour insect pests. After this has been done and the cracks and crevices in the plaster all filled in, in order to leave the surface of the wall perfectly smooth, it should be given two coats of some reliable distemper. A pale pink shade I give preference, as this lends the apartment a warm appearance. Some might possibly think blue a better colour, or even white, but unless the room gets a long period of sunshine, for the reason already stated the former is more appropriate. Paint can be used instead of distemper; but, of course, the distemper comes much the cheapest, and when used, the walls are more easily given another coat for cleaning purposes. The ceiling is best left in its original state (white), although in the event of being discoloured by smoke or dirt, it would be advantageous to clean it also.

For the floor nothing excels good linoleum, carefully nailed down, and kept clean by frequent washing. This also gives the room a more finished appearance than it would have if the boards were left bare.

The Orderly Arrangement.

Now we come to the business of fitting up the apartment, and, providing the dimensions are not less than ten feet long and six feet wide I should advise its arrangement after the following plan : On the side nearest the window, or on that which obtains the greatest amount of light, enclose this portion of the room with wire netting, for use as a flight. This flight will be found specially convenient at that period when the young birds are commencing to look after themselves, as in a roomy flight they are able to get plenty of exercise, and grow strong and lusty, better able to withstand the approaching moult. If the window happens to come within the end of this flight, it can be utilised for a purpose I shall mention presently.

On the other sides of the room racks should be built for supporting the cages, and these cages it is also advisable to make of one size and pattern, thereby fitting the racks, and looking much neater. This method of fitting up the room will often allow of a middle gangway, varying in width according to the breadth of the apartment. At one end should be placed a table (or bench), with, if possible, underneath it a cupboard. The cage racks should not reach higher than to within three feet of the ceiling; it is very much better to have the birds as much as possible on a level with one's head, as it makes them steadier and facilitates the process of looking into the cages without causing unnecessary disturbance.

The subject of ventilation demands notice, but exactly how these ventilation arrangements are to be carried out the local conditions have to decide. It may be added that although the entrance of pure and the escape of foul air must be arranged, the prevention of draughts is even of greater importance. Consequently, whatever method is settled upon, this important consideration must not be overlooked.

An Advocate of Sawdust.

For use on the floor of the flight and in the cages, pine sawdust is the most satisfactory article, as the use of sand for large areas becomes rather expensive, unless by living near the sea coast one is able to procure as much as is required without payment. This pine sawdust (which should be coarse-cut) not only absorbs moisture quickly, but in addition gives off an extremely healthy odour, which will be greatly appreciated, especially during the hot weather. Of course, a plentiful supply of gritty sand, for digestive purposes, must not be forgotten.

I do not advise any artificial heating apparatus, for the simple reason that in an ordinary dwelling the temperature ought seldom to fall too low; but if gas happens to be already laid on, and there is a bracket in the room, it would be well to let it remain, for it would certainly prove useful in many ways, not only for illumination on winter mornings, etc., but also when for some specific purpose it is desirable to obtain heat. However, no matter what means of lighting or heating be adopted, it should be remembered that any poisonous fumes from such will rise, and remain until expelled, near the ceiling. Hence the danger of hanging or stacking cages where these fumes congregate.

For those who might prefer to dispense with the use of cages altogether, and to have their birds flying loose in the room, I would advise a net being hung on the inner side of the door (or the outer, as is most convenient), and wire netting over the glass on the window.

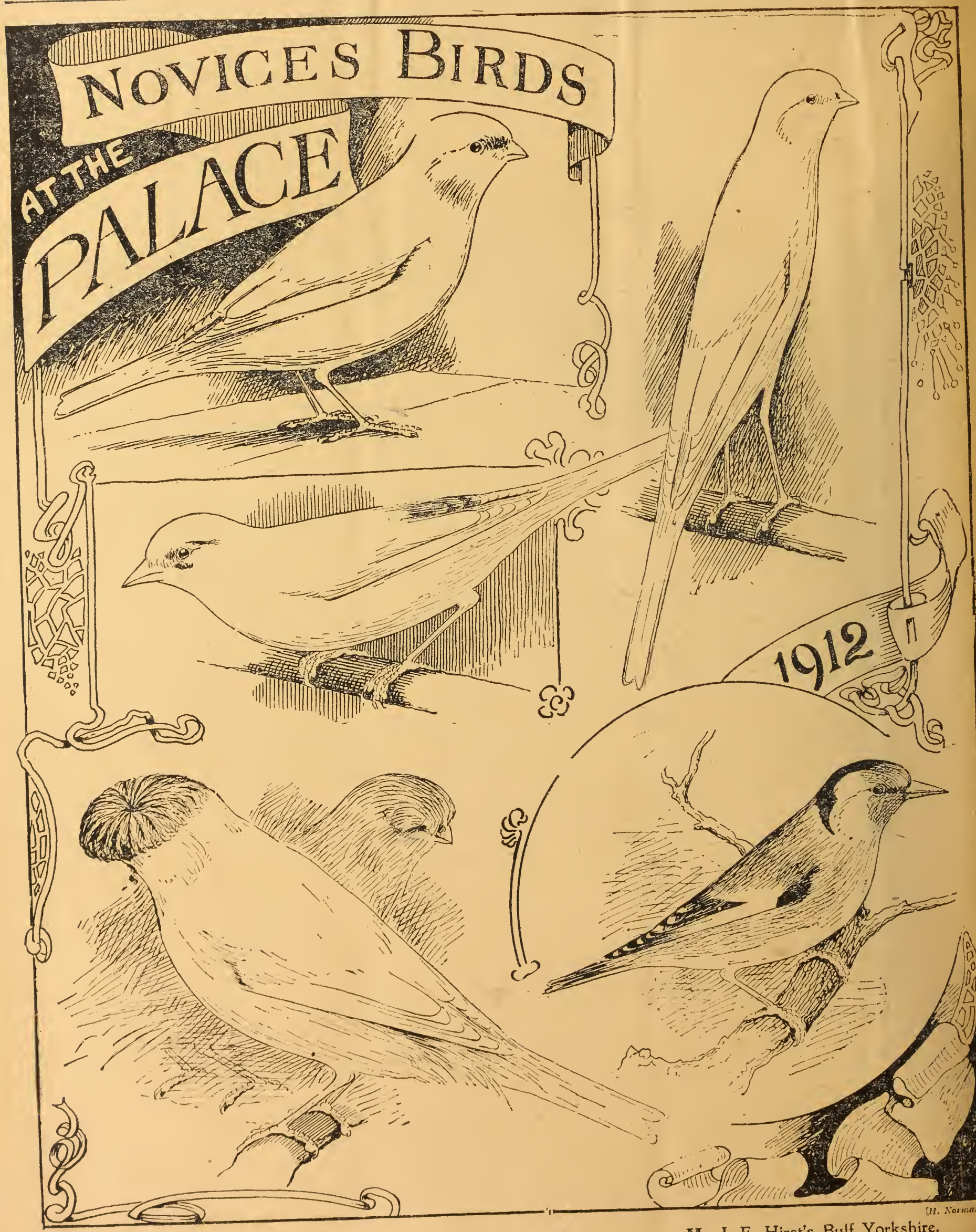
Utilise the Window.

The use to which the window might be put is this : If the birds are flying loose, or are in the large flight previously referred to, during the warm weather the window could be opened and a sort of wired run, or rather flight, be arranged outside. This would, of course, only be practicable if the room was on a level with the garden; but even should the room be an upstairs one, a very similar, though not as large, flight is possible, if the structure is allowed to find a secure means of support either on the sill or on strong iron brackets. For the framework 2in. quartering might be used, wire netting on top and sides, and ½in. boards for the floor. In the summer time this is an excellent method of keeping the stock in health and reducing the temperature of the room; whilst in winter, if wished, the whole arrangement can be taken down, and stored away until the better weather.

The secret of keeping a bird-room in a presentable condition is to pay the strictest attention to cleanliness. A thorough scrub and clean up about once a week, using a good carbolic disinfectant throughout the summer months, combined with the habit of constantly seeing that everything is left perfectly clean, will be quite sufficient. Troubles will arise, and birds will occasionally die. These little things it is impossible for human endeavour to prevent. But other evils, that are more often than not due to our own carelessness and mismanagement, will be successfully avoided.

A Stealer of Birds.

A thief of a new genre is at present in the hands of the Paris police, says the "Morning Advertiser." Georges Riter made a speciality of stealing small caged birds from concierges' lodges. In his possession were books in which were noted the addresses of all the houses in which the porters or tenants kept birds. He was known as a bird-dealer, but the remarkably cheap prices at which he would dispose of even rare birds in the different bird markets drew attention upon him. His last bird-stealing exploit was at a house in the Rue Monfaucon. Entering into conversation with the concierge, he invented a pretext which caused her to ascend to the fifth floor. While she was absent he took two birds from a cage and placed them in little paper bags, which he secreted about his person. When arrested, no fewer than thirty bags containing birds were found upon him.



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Mr. E. Steed's Marked Yellow Norwich.
Mr. W. Lewis' Lightly-marked Goldie-Canary.
Mr. J. E. Hirst's Buff Yorkshire.
Mr. S. M. Davis' British Goldfinch.
Mr. J. W. Jones' Clear-body Crest.

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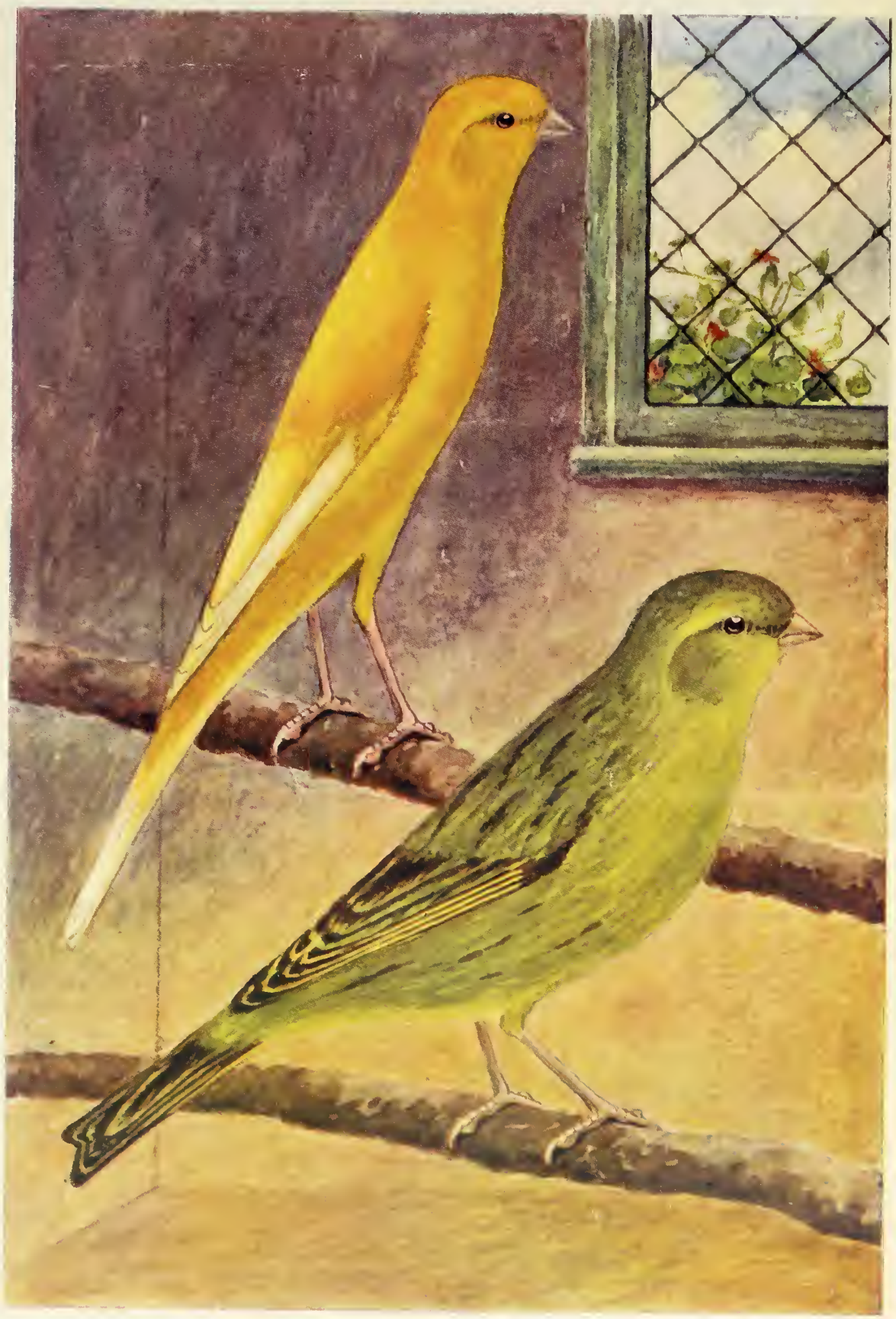
A FEW MEMBERS AND FRIENDS OF CAGE BIRDS LEAGUE.

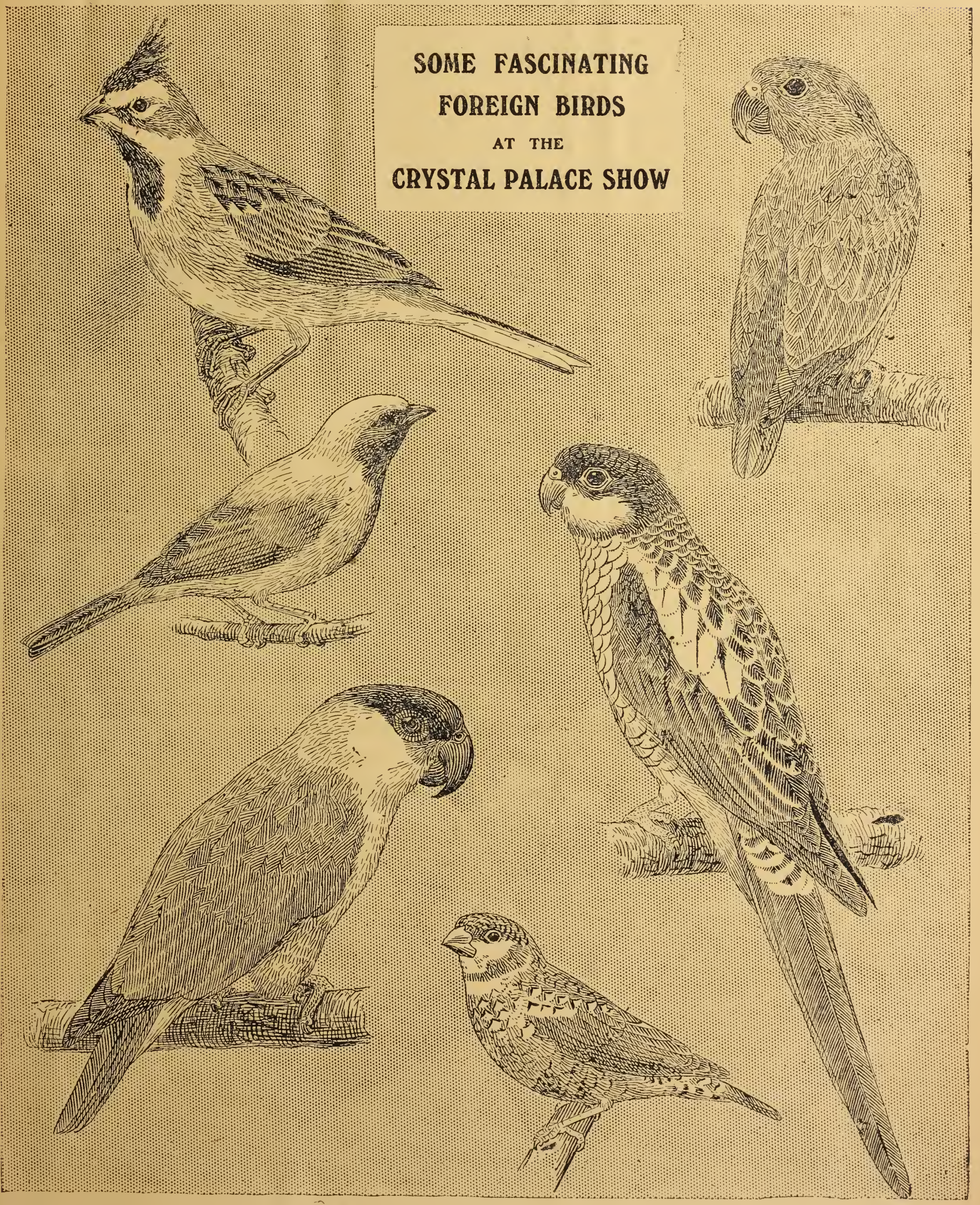
Grouped and Photographed at the Crystal Palace Show on the day of the First Annual League Meeting.



BIRDS THAT TOOK THE RIGHT TURNING.

Shows how two "baby" Canaries, a clear yellow Yorkshire and a yellow self-green Norwich, developed into prize winners.

SOME FASCINATING FOREIGN BIRDS AT THE CRYSTAL PALACE SHOW



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Mr. J. M. Walsh's Green Crested Cardinal.
Mr. S. M. Townsend's Yellow Tanager.
Mr. L. W. Hawkin's Black-headed Caique.

Mr. L. W. Hawkin's Blue-rumped Parrot.
Mr. Edmund's Brown's Parrakeet.
Madame Feist-Madewell's Ribbon Finch.

(*See descriptive article in this issue.*)

Climbing the Norwich Plainhead Tree.

By W. SPILLMAN (Devonport).

A Famous South-Country Breeder tells how the top is to be reached.

THE standard of the Southern Norwich Plainhead Club leaves little or no room for improvement, but the same cannot be said of the model. It always appears to me to be minus two outer flights. Now, I am taking up my pen at the eleventh hour to put into words a picture that is highly esteemed by me. Valuable articles have appeared in the columns of CAGE BIRDS dedicated to "the Chubby Ones," which I have studied as much as any man, but I am sorry to say I have not seen eye to eye with many of the writers, and I may even term them sinners so far as the advancement of our favourite is concerned. Yes, judges as writers and lecturers are included.

Get It Into Your Eye.

We will presume that every fancier who is desirous of producing a winner has got the ideal in his mind's eye, and as you say we are to deal with the good and bad points, how to acquire the former and dispose of the latter, I meau to say just what I should without ceremony, as if I were talking to my best friend.

To get to work, let the beak be of medium size, fine in texture and clear for choice; head to be large and full throughout, with a good entrance and rise, and nicely rounded off to a short thick neck without the least hollowness, continued to the body, which should be as thick and chubby as you like, providing it is consistent with the character of the bird. Naturally, the chest must be deep, but there must be no sudden protuberances or dents, but as round as a ball, with the necessary clean-cut-away appearance behind; the sides to be beautifully rounded and the back have just a tendency to flatness rather than rise. The wings should be short and well carried, meeting at the tips, whilst the tail must be short, close, and stiff; legs to be of medium length, just showing a little thigh. The bird should stand well across the perch, and carriage should be a great consideration; the specimen should be full of life without being wild. Tightness of feather and general condition, too, play an important part. The feather should be soft and silky, and should fit without the least inclination to frill; whilst the colour should resemble that of a good deep-coloured orange.

Advice Worth the Having.

The origin of the Canary is not talked about to-day, and it would be superfluous to make mention of it here. One thing we do know: we have got Norwich Plainheads as big as ever they are wont to be, and how to maintain that size, coupled with the other great essentials that go to make a good bird, will be my sole object in giving to the world the benefit of my long experience, that it may prevent many heart-burnings and disappointments.

If I were going to start to-morrow, these are the lines upon which I should work:—I should insist on going into a noted breeder's room and have a good long chat about his birds. I should ask him to point me out his winners and the pairs from which they were bred, and I venture to say, if he is an honest, straightforward fancier, it will be a source of pleasure to do so. Just note how he pairs his birds. In an apologising sort of way, ask him if it would be too much trouble for him to show you his book that he uses during the breeding season, or you may take it for granted, if he is an up-to-date breeder, that he will keep a proper register, in which he gives every minute detail. Taking it for granted you are allowed a peep into the good things, you may accept my word for it you will come away a brighter and wiser man.

Favourably impressed with the interview, which has been an object lesson for your general well-being, you make up your mind to give your friend a trial by having three or four pairs from him, and I will predict, if you follow his advice, that you will breed winners the first time of asking. Do not forget your obligation to your tutor, and convey to your less fortunate brothers the pith of your success, that they also may have reason to sing "Fall in and follow me."

What Any Fool Can Do.

In the early part of this article I included judges as sinners to the cause, which remark I think demands an explanation. Here it is. The man who will advise the constant pairing of show birds is entirely on the wrong track. If you were to buy, say, three or four pairs of show birds and pair them without fresh introduction, why, in the same number of years you would not have half a dozen youngsters large enough for present-day competition. It is not a necessity to have a deep pocket to become a successful breeder and exhibitor, neither is it necessary to carry out half the hints that our respected friends give us. All pampering leave severely alone; feed plainly and consistently and do not be led away by any new mode of procedure if you find your present way meets all requirements. The order of the day must be size in the cocks and type and quality in the hens.

Do I hear someone say: "Why not have size in the hens?" Well, in my twenty years' experience I have only on one occasion bred anything good from a big hen. To say the least, the majority are not as good feeders as the medium-sized hens, and it stands to reason if you mate a big cock to a big hen you will naturally get birds too long in barrel. That often "abused phrase"—"a good big 'un will always beat a good little 'un"—is odious to me. Where are they? Surely they were not at the 1911 Palace Show, for if birds with good big bodies, and long at that, with heads like marbles, come under that heading, I have done. Why, any fool can breed big birds if he pairs birds in that direction, but the difficulty comes in in trying to get size in the right place. When by sheer hard work, coupled with brains, a fancier builds up a strain that produces winners year after year, surely he should reap his just reward? I am a very contented individual, and, taking things on the whole, I have been very successful.

To get on with the starting point—of taking up the variety. For the first pair I should prefer a big, high-coloured clear buff cock, especially good in head properties, for I find he has a lot to account for in that direction when mated to a marked yellow hen quite on the medium side, but typical to the letter, for short hens always keep back length in the progeny, and where they were not within the limit I should rid myself of their company. Do not ever purchase or procure hens that remind you of a Starling on the house top that is pleased with himself. Flap tails and coarseness of the feather on the hen's side especially are an abomination, and so are rock backs; or if you once concentrate snaky heads into your stock you will find this fault takes more clearing out than grafting on.

For the second pair I should have a fine large clear yellow cock and a typical marked buff hen, and one or two pairs of clears with some amount of dark blood running in their veins. My reason for using marked hens is that you breed more clears from such pairings than by using marked cocks.

In the Family Circle.

Some fanciers favour the introduction of a Crest-bred, but I do not, as feather is increased to a marked degree, and in many instances the objectionable browing crops up, and feather not of the right texture. Again, there are many Norwich Plainheads to-day that can give the Crest-bred a lead as regards entrance and size of body. Do you doubt it? Then handle them and see. Others swear by an infusion of Cinnamon blood, but I am quite content to keep within the family circle, for the chances, even in this, are quite two to one against, seeing that you forfeit type, shortness of feather, wing and tail carriage, simply for quality, of which there is plenty to be found at home.

(To be continued.)

ONE OF THE OLD BRIGADE!

"What!! Call those birds at the show Norwich? That, my boy, is what WE used to breed. None of your heads like split peas, or tails like pump-handles, for us!"

Drawn by F. Cole

A Parrot Lover Chats About His Pets.

INTERESTING REMINISCENCES BY THE REV. G. H. RAYNOR.

LET us begin, friendly reader, at the very beginning by enquiring as to the meaning of the familiar word "Parrot." We are told by the best authority on the origin of words, Professor Skeat, of Cambridge, that it comes into our language from the French "Parrot," of which the literal sense is "Little Peter," given to the bird as a nickname. It is also written as "Pierrot," both forms being from the French "Pierre," Peter. The fact of the French word being a term of endearment would seem to point to the probability that these birds were made pets of very long ago, and that this was the case at least some 2,000 years ago is borne out by the fact that the poet Ovid, who was born 43 years before Christ, wrote a very touching and well-known poem, of which the opening lines may be freely rendered:—

"Our Parrot, clever mimic from the East,
Is mortal, and, like you and me, will die."

To ourselves, as bird-lovers, it is deeply interesting to think that the inhabitants of this earth so many centuries ago were devotedly fond of their pet birds, and were even moved to tears at their departure, for this is what Catullus, "Tenderest of Roman poets, Nineteen hundred years ago," says, in his celebrated elegy, concerning Lesbia's Sparrow:—"Mourn, all ye Goddesses of Love, and all ye Cupids mourn; mourn, all ye sons of men that know what love is; my lady Sparrow is dead, dead; her Sparrow, my lady's pet, whom she loved more than her own eyes, for he was honey-sweet, and knew his own mistress as any girl her mother; nor would he stir from her lady's bosom, but hopping about, now here, now there, he piped his little treble to her and her alone. But now he goes along the darksome road, to that place whence they say no one returns. Alas! poor little Sparrow! Now, because of you my lady's dear eyes are swollen, they are red with weeping."

Parrots in Plenty.

But to return to our special subject, the members of the Parrot family, we are told by Mr. Seth-Smith that there are something like 500 different sorts, which are very generally distributed over the warm and tropical regions of the world. There is no country, I presume, where more kinds are to be found than in Australia, and it was during my sojourn of four years (1876-80) in that delightful land that I first took a fancy to these wonderful birds. Even so long ago as that they were hardly ever to be found in the neighbourhood of towns, but, like other natural history specimens, they had to be sought for in the bush, in forests, and in other secluded places.

The Greater Lemon-Crested Cockatoo is very common, and does considerable damage to the crops, whilst the Rosella is so abundant in many parts that it is used for the same purpose as were the four-and-twenty Blackbirds of our nursery rhyme.

They Know a Thing or Two.

Most Parrots are very wary, and consequently are not by any means easy to observe in their native haunts, so that the only feasible way of studying them is, alas! to shoot them. Consequently, I made a collection of some 200 birds, which I stuffed myself. Among these were a fair proportion of the Parrot tribe, some of which I remember very vividly.

On the Blue Mountains, some thirty miles west of Sydney, I came across my first Blue Mountain Lory, or, as it is now generally called, Swainson's Lorikeet. This is one of the most gorgeously apparelled members of the family, its body being of a brilliant green, the beak and breast bright crimson, whilst the head and centre of the breast are of the deepest purple-blue.

Never shall I forget picking up my first specimen, and seeing the life-blood trickling over its most lovely plumage. It belongs to the genus Trichoglossus, in which the tongue is furnished with bristles for the purpose of enabling it to suck the nectar from the blossoms of the Eucalyptus. Another bird that vies with this in the grandeur of its plumage I shot in the Dandenong Ranges, some twenty miles East of Melbourne. I mean the King Parrot or Parrakeet. The adult male has the whole of the head, neck, breast, and underparts bright scarlet; the back and wings are dark green, whilst the rest of the plumage is deep blue. The female, which is popularly called the Queen, has some scarlet on the flanks and abdomen, but otherwise her plumage is dark green. Mr. Seth-Smith states that it has twice been bred in England.

Experiences in Australia.

I remember very well when, in 1877, I was visiting an out of the way island in Hobson's Bay, about 100 miles south of Melbourne, firing into a flock of Grass Parrakeets as they rose from their feeding-grounds in the saltings. What species they were I can no longer recollect, but something rather good I know, for a bird-stuffer in Melbourne to whom I took three or four was immensely delighted, and eager to obtain some more. So far as I can remember, they resembled the Turquoisine, or the elegant Grass Parrakeet, of which Mr. Maxwell possesses such a splendid specimen. Australia is celebrated ornithologically both for its black swans and its black Cockatoos, and curiously enough I was equally unsuccessful in my attempts to shoot both, although in each instance I got nearly within killing range, and went so far as to expend powder and shot in vain. The former I came across on Lake Colac in Victoria, and of the latter (Banks' Cockatoo), which is of a glossy greenish-black, I saw several specimens at Bulli in the picturesque Illawarra district, 50 miles south of Sydney. The Calyptorhynchus Banksii (i.e., the above-mentioned Black Cockatoo) was far too cunning to let me shoot at him, except from a very safe distance. The wariness of this bird is indeed so proverbial that a very good tale hangs thereon. Somewhere about 1850 the Sydney Museum authorities were so anxious to secure a Black Cockatoo that they offered £5 for the first dead specimen brought to them. Many people made many vain efforts, till at last two Chinamen put their heads together, and on viewing a live specimen perched upon a gum-tree some way off one of them made a detour and drove the bird on to another distant eucalyptus behind which the second Celestial was concealed, and he made a good shot and brought the bird to earth. Whereupon these two heathen Chinese began to quarrel as to whom the bird belonged, and one grasped the tail whilst the other seized the head, with the inevitable result that there was still no representative of the Black Cockatoo in the Sydney Museum.

The Commencement of the Craze.

It was not till 1892, twelve years after my return to England, that I possessed a living Parrot, namely, a very fine cock specimen of the above-described King Parrot (Aprosmictus cyanopygius), which came to me from that well-known lover of the Parrot tribe, Canon the Hon F. G. Dutton. I was then living in a remote part of Lincolnshire, and it can easily be imagined what tremendous excitement was caused among the natives by the arrival of so gorgeous a visitor to Panton Rectory. "Billy" was in splendid plumage, and, besides whistling a couple of tunes very accurately, was an accomplished gymnast, and was altogether so graceful and sprightly as to belie most emphatically the charge of dullness some have brought against him.

By making enquiries in London I succeeded in finding him a partner—by name "Queenie." She was apparently a young bird, and in the best of feather, but the few eggs she laid were not fertile. Billy died, seemingly of old age, in 1907, and his widow was purchased by a Suffolk gentleman. Billy won 1st prize the only time he was exhibited, which was at Chelmsford in 1897. In that year I purchased a pair of Cockatiels (Calopsittacus Novae-Hollandiae), which I placed in a tarred wooden fowl-house in a sunny spot, with the result that four youngsters appeared on the scene. One of these when full-fledged turned quite black in the nest and never recovered. Of the other three, all cocks, one escaped, and presented as pretty a sight as I ever saw, flying gracefully backwards and forwards among some forest-trees in my grounds here at Hazeleigh. His flight seemed to partake of the nature of a Hawk's and Swallow's combined. Needless to say, I failed to recapture him, although he is the only Parrot I have lost of the many that have at various times escaped. The other two young cocks are still in the land of the living, and in my own possession, nor do they show any signs of ageing, although born 15 years ago.

(To be continued.)

Correspondence.

A Bird-lover in India Seeks a Fancier Friend.

Sir,—Will you kindly allow me, through CAGE BIRDS, to say that I should be very pleased to correspond with any Canary fancier in India who may care to do so. This with a view of helping each other for the benefit of the birds, and to give each other tips as to how and where to buy seeds, etc.; or anything which pertains to bird-keeping.

H. G. STONE.

No. 10 Bungalow, Kasauli, India.

Prize Money at Guisborough Show.

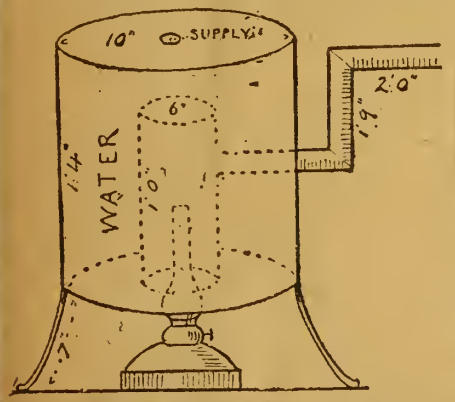
Sir,—At the above show (Jan. 6) the prize-money offered was 8s., 4s., 2s., 1s.—half prize-money to be paid if seven or less entries. I was an exhibitor, and was awarded first in the Hawfinch class, 3rd in the Goldfinch class, and 4th in the Bullfinch class. Full prize-money was paid in the Goldfinch and Bullfinch classes, amounting to 3s. There were only six entries in the Hawfinch class; therefore I am entitled to half first prize money—4s. The secretary has only sent me 3s., so I think that there is still 4s. due to me as winner in the Hawfinch class. I have written to the secretary twice, but fail to get a reply. He still withholds this prize-money, and has not even the courtesy to reply. Perhaps some of the committee will notice this and make enquiries.

J. M. WILLIAMS.

To Combat the Cold Weather.

A Cheap Hot Water Device.

Sir,—I am sending you a drawiug of a portable hot-water device (my own make) which I use for heating my bird room, which is 9ft. by 10ft., with no chimney, and a window facing north-east. The tin holds four gallons of water, and this is kept hot, almost boiling, by a common lamp, with only 1in. wick. A gallon of oil lasts me four or five days, burning night



and day, and almost without any attention, only to refill with oil every third or fourth day. The flue-pipe goes through the window, and takes away all fumes from the lamp. I can regulate the heat by turning the lamp up or down. I hope my letter will help other readers who want a cheap and good hot water device.

E. H. WILLIAMS.

A Dispute Concerning a British Bird Cup.

Sir,—I notice in the Feb. 3 issue of your paper that some individual signing himself "Douvres" has taken up the cudgels, and is endeavouring to mislead brother fanciers of the Kent County C.B.A. by making erroneous statements. In the first place he says that he thinks the argumentative powers of the merest novice should be sufficient to convince me that I have always been treated with justice by the Headquarters Committee of the Association. To this statement I reply that I have the greatest respect for every member of that committee, and have never had cause to disagree with their actions till this case arose, and if he is of the opinion that I have been "justly treated" over this matter, then I sincerely hope that he may have the courage of his convictions and vote in the right direction when the time arrives. He goes on to say that my contention as to having gained the highest number of points fails in the face of facts, because, providing my exhibit was admissible, I am non-suited by the new rule which was passed last year, which states that points shall not count where there is but one competitor. Well, uow, if "Douvres" had thought a little before putting his pen to paper, and had got some friend to have given him a definition of this new rule, I am positive he would never have made the statements. In the first place, if he will kindly refer to the catalogue of Canterbury Show, and turn to the class iu question, No. 123, he will see for himself that there were five other competitors besides me in that particular class. It is quite evident that he does not know the meaning of the rule. If he is under the impression, and intends to imply, that the rule was made to debar exhibitors from counting points gained in their respective classes because no other member of the association had nominated in that particular class, then I must tell him that he is absolutely wrong. The rule was framed as Mr. Wickham pointed out last week, to stop exhibitors from nominating in classes where they had got it all to themselves, or, as "Douvres" puts it in his own letter, "where there is but one competitor." Well, now, if this uew rule is to be taken to imply that there must be more than one competitor nominating in the same class before the points can count, then all I can do is to point out to "Douvres" that under this system Mr. Wickham must be "counted out" altogether, because at Dover Show, in Classes Nos. 112 and 113, and at Canterbury Show, in Classes 119 and 120, he was the only competitor who nominated in those classes; therefore, in the face of these facts and figures, he is not entitled to count one single point towards the cup.

L. A. BRETT.

Sir,—Allow me space briefly to answer Mr. Brett's letter in your next issue. Mr. Brett would like to know why I protested after admitting that nothing is mentioned in rules about selling classes. In the first place, I protested on my own behalf; secondly, to stop a recurrence of birds being nominated in selling classes, a thing not one fancier in a hundred would think of doing. Referring to the statement sent me by the Kent County C.B.A. secretary, viz., that Mr. Brett had shown in selling classes before and was prepared to prove it, this statement Mr. Brett contradicted at the meeting. The secretary said there was a misunderstanding; he thought Mr. Brett did make the statement, and was sorry for the mistake. My letter was in CAGE BIRDS before the secretary wrote and informed me of the mistake, so Mr. Brett will understand that I am not trying to make use of reports that I knew to be false. I do not know what birds Mr. Brett possesses, nor do I care; but I do say this: four British classes stood at Canterbury, and there was no reason for Mr. Brett to nominate his birds in selling classes. Mr. Brett does not know me, or he would not suggest that had he only got v.h.c. in selling class and made his aggregate two less than mine, we should not have heard anything of it. I am no "cup hunter," but I will have fair play for one and all, if possible. Immediately I saw Mr. Brett's bird nominated in selling class I wrote to the secretary and rightly protested. I do not wish to encroach on your valuable space, so will leave it to the K.C.C.B.A. members to decide who is in the right.

F. J. WICKHAM.

A Society for the "Mother Town" of the Potteries.

Sir,—I daresay when some of your readers glance at the headlines above, they will think that somebody is mad. But it is true, nevertheless, that Burslem fanciers have begun to realise that they are numerous enough to form themselves into a club. The first meeting took place at the Barnfield Inn on Feb. 1. Mr. R. Smith was appointed chairman, with Mr. Harry Hassell as vice-chairman. Mr. H. Hulme was voted treasurer, and Mr. Leonard James, sec. It was decided to hold a table show on Feb. 24, the sec. being requested to write and ask Mr. Hawley, of Yorkshire fame, to adjudicate. The subscriptions were fixed at 2s. 6d., and the next meeting is to be held on Feb. 15 at 8 p.m., at the Barnfield Inn, Pleasant Street. All fanciers are cordially invited.

L. JAMES, Sec.

The Siskin and Its Chances of Being Crossed with the Bullfinch.

Sir,—The Siskin has now become very popular with most exhibitors, especially Scotsmen, and I expect it will be to them that the credit will go of getting the first Hybrid between the Siskin and Bullie. The Siskin is a very charming little pet as a cage bird, its ways are so very captivating; and it can be taught a great many tricks if one likes to take the trouble to train it. It contrasts nicely with the other Finches in a large aviary or in a bird room. As a show bird it is very interesting, and some grand specimens are being shown. As a Hybrid breeder it has a great future before it, and I am looking forward to fanciers going in for this cross strongly this season. Siskins can at this time of year be easily got, and anyone wanting a specimen should get one at once, and especially see that it is a recently caught one. I know that a great many birds are imported from the Continent, but some can be procured which are caught in England or Scotland, so that they can be steadied down and got used to being handled. If house-moulted birds can be got, so much the better. If anyone has the chance of a large outdoor aviary, I should certainly advise him to put in some hen Bullies and cock Siskins, for I believe that with several pairs—according to the size of the aviary—this will be the way the cross will be effected. The Hybrid will be much easier to get this way than by trusting to breeding cages.

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Late Entries at the Crystal Palace Show.

Sir,—I am sorry to say I had my entries returned from the Palace owing to being late, but a gentleman who sent his entries in a day later than mine had his accepted, and I see he was amongst the winners. I have supported the Palace, as well as most shows, for some years now, and it seems hard to be dropped on in this way, though I admit I was late in entering. But why pick and choose?

JOHN RUKIN.

A Bullfinch which Flies About the Garden

And Will Not Leave Home.

Sir,—It gives me great pleasure to send you a photograph of a friend of mine with his pet hen Bullfinch perched on his finger, in the garden. I understand the bird was caught at the end of the winter, and the photo was taken during the following summer. She is very

tame, and very fond of her master, and also the little dog (all appear in the photo). She is quite delighted when taken into the garden, and the first place she flies to is the currant bushes, and there she sits as happy as can be, pecking away at the young buds. This is no doubt a very fine opportunity for the bird to take her freedom, but, strange to say, although she has been left for some time in the garden, she never makes the slightest attempt to fly away, and is always willing to go back to her cage when it is held out to her. Several people who have formerly been opposed to keeping British birds in cages now agree with me that with kindness and good treatment (which I am sure every fancier gives his pets), they are quite as happy as when they are flying about in the open country exposed to all sorts of weather and hardships. Being a member of CAGE BIRDS LEAGUE and a lover of birds, I thought this might interest other members and readers of our valuable journal, CAGE BIRDS; also help to convince some of the faddists that the keeping of birds in cages is not so cruel as they try to make it appear.

JAMES HENDERSON.

The Secret of Trapping Birds.

The Writer says it is the Food.

Sir,—I have seen inquiries made by some young fanciers how to trap birds. I have in my time taken a large number of all kinds of birds in various ways. If anyone should live in the country and has a garden, he can often take lots of birds from a double trap cage, home-made, about 18in. high and 2ft. long, with two traps and call birds at the bottom. The trap is about 9in. wide, and used either by a spring or by a piece of elastic; and it is baited with seeds (hemp, etc.), also a meal worm or two tied on, which would attract nearly all kinds of birds. I have caught in this way with call birds and hen Bullies and hen Goldfinches placed at the bottom of trap such birds as Goldfinches, Bullfinches, Chaffinches, Robins, Blackbirds, Thrushes, Nuthatches, Starlings, Linnets, Greenfinches, a Hawk which was after the call birds, a Jackdaw, all kinds of Tits (Cole, Oxeye, Blue, etc.), and many a good bird was amongst them. I also had the wire traps, oval-like, which are now illustrated by advertisers in CAGE BIRDS; it is covered when set with either leaves or fine soil. Another kind of trap I used was a large iron hoop from a tub. I placed strings across it, and from the strings I placed several dozen horse hair nooses; in the middle of the hoop I threw the cleanings-out of my birds. I also used to throw the cleanings-out into the garden on the paths all the winter; this is what attracted the birds. Here is the secret—plenty of food of all kinds put out to bring the birds to the place; then the trapping is not so difficult. I have never put down limed twigs, as I do not believe in bird lime when other methods will answer.

NIMROD.

Why Are Some Fascinating Canaries Unpopular?

A Plea for Three Declining Varieties.

Sir,—Your review of the entries for the Crystal Palace Show (published in your issue of Jan. 27) is interesting as showing how extremely popular are several varieties of Canary; but it also brings into prominence the fact (if the number of entries be any guide) that several other varieties, equally beautiful and fascinating, are not so much in favour with fanciers. Why this is so it is hard to understand, and with your permission I should like to draw attention to three of these neglected varieties which I think should certainly be more extensively bred than appears to be the case at the present time. First place must deservedly be given to the Belgian. This noble variety has much to recommend it. When standing at ease it does not present a very kingly appearance; but when worked into position the transformation is amazing; and to see a good Belgian stiffen its back as it heightens its shoulders, at the same time depressing its head, accompanied by a tremulous movement not unlike that of a Fantail pigeon, is a sight not easily forgotten, and I feel sure the bird would find favour with many more fanciers, if only they had an opportunity of becoming acquainted with its unique characteristics. It has the credit of being a somewhat indifferent feeder, necessitating the use of foster parents to rear the young; but so also has the Crest, yet this variety does not lose its popularity on that account. A good Belgian will always command a price above the average of most other varieties, and there is also the additional advantage of both Scots Fancy and Yorkshire breeders constantly looking out for Belgians to improve their stocks. As an exhibition bird a good specimen will always get into the money in the A.O.V. class, where no other class for it is provided. The second variety to which I would draw attention is the Cinnamon. This variety may perhaps claim to have the highest quality plumage of any (which is saying a lot), and those varieties which run it close in this respect probably owe their beautiful quality of feather to the presence of Cinnamon blood not very far from the surface. It is one of the most attractive varieties of Canary we have, and is, I believe, quite hardy, notwithstanding what may sometimes be said to the contrary. The best birds of this variety at the present time seem to be in the hands of quite a few fanciers, but I cannot help thinking that good stock birds could be procured, and that anyone determined to succeed with this variety could, in a few years, build up a strain which would hold its own with any other that it might meet in competition, and I am sure societies would only too gladly put a class or two for Cinnamons in their schedules if they could reasonably expect to get them filled. The third and last variety to which I would refer is the "Green Canary." This variety, as is well known, is bred in three different types, viz., Yorkshire, Norwich, and Border Fancy. The Yorkshire Green, to my mind, is the most beautiful, but whatever may be the opinion of others as to this, they all possess great beauty, and are deserving of better support by the Fancy generally than they at present receive. I think the reason why they are not more extensively bred must be that, comparatively speaking, few fanciers have had an opportunity of seeing good Greens, or I am sure more would have taken up the variety. To those who are opposed to colour-feeding, the variety affords an excellent chance to adopt a bird which does not require to be "fed" in order to stand a chance to win on the show bench, for it is quite agreed, I think, that colour-feeding spoils a Green, giving it a bronzy tinge which is quite opposed to the pure shade of green which is seen in a good specimen. Complaint is sometimes made that our shows lack variety; the addition of classes for the above three varieties would at least remove the ground for this complaint to a large extent. But it is, of course, impossible for societies to give the classes unless and until there is a genuine demand for them. At this time of the year fanciers are selecting their stocks for the coming season's breeding, and I thought this an opportune time for putting forward (feebly, I am afraid) the claims of the above three varieties, in the hope that perhaps some fanciers will endeavour to make room for a pair or two of one or other of them; and as each year there must be many beginning in the Fancy, I would urge upon them, in deciding which variety to take up, to consider whether it would not be more to their advantage to take up one of the three which I have mentioned. I cannot help thinking these varieties will some day be much more in evidence, and be more widely distributed, than they are at present, and the man who is first in the field will stand a better chance of working up a good strain than those who come along when the varieties are booming. In advocating the claims of the above three varieties only, I do not for one moment wish to infer that they are the only ones worthy of encouragement, as I well know that all varieties of Canaries are beautiful, but those which I have mentioned are the ones which appeal more to me than any which I have not touched upon

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Enthusiastic Reception of Our Programme.

A Photograph of a few members and friends accompanies this issue.

A Splendid Success.

That was the verdict of all present at the first great annual gathering of the members of CAGE BIRDS LEAGUE on Saturday afternoon, held at the Crystal Palace. Nearly two hundred members and sympathisers were present, many ladies amongst them, and the tea provided by Messrs. J. Lyons and Co. was thoroughly enjoyed. Mr. Carl occupied the chair, and in the course of his remarks, reviewed the reasons for the initiation of the LEAGUE, the work it had done during the nine months of its existence, and the work which lay before it in the future. Before the inception of the LEAGUE the professional humanitarians were becoming more and more active in their endeavours to abolish altogether the hobby of bird-keeping. Not only were they bringing actions against bird-dealers, but they were circulating the most mendacious statements as to the conditions under which birds were kept in captivity. Under the title "The other side of the bars," they had published and circulated throughout the country a pamphlet filled from end to end with the grossest of mis-statements. The avowed object of these people was to suppress the keeping of birds in captivity in any circumstances whatever.

Useful Work Accomplished.

He would not, said Mr. Carl, detain the members with any long detail, but he could not do less than point out the imperative necessity of such a body as CAGE BIRDS LEAGUE to protect the individual bird-keeper against the unprincipled attacks of prejudiced opponents. They would all have seen that their secretary, with his remarkable dialectical skill, had from time to time controverted very effectually the mis-statements made by these people. Nothing that they had said had been left uncontradicted by him. A detailed reply to their pamphlet had been drawn up and sent to every newspaper in the country. Latterly, no answers were vouchsafed to his criticisms. The length to which our opponents were prepared to go was evidenced by their action at Millom, where they had served individual bird-keepers with official notices to get rid of their birds. The Millom fanciers brought the fact to the notice of the LEAGUE, and after legal advice taken by the Secretary, the LEAGUE was able to suggest action to these fanciers which resulted in the threatened proceedings being withdrawn.

Hopes for the Future.

Mr. Carl said that he could say much more upon the matter, but would content himself by pointing out that the LEAGUE had other objects besides the defence of the hobby of bird-keeping. For instance, the establishment of a bond of good-fellowship among fanciers generally. That this was already an accomplished fact so far as the members of the LEAGUE were concerned was palpable from the gathering which he had the pleasure of seeing around him. He hoped that it was only the first of many annual meetings, each one gaining in importance. Then there was the object to be considered of inculcating the proper principles under which birds should be kept in captivity, and it was gratifying to know that very much had been done in this direction by CAGE BIRDS LEAGUE. A system of granting certificates to properly kept bird-shops was in process of being carried into effect. Members could depend that their Secretary would continue to combat the misrepresentations of our opponents. Legislation was threatened in the immediate future, and this legislation, so far as it affected bird-keeping, would have to be combated. Much work lay before them, and it would all be done in due course if only bird-keepers would assist the LEAGUE by joining in their numbers and persuading others to do so as well. He would end by paying a final tribute to the valuable assistance rendered the LEAGUE by the Patrons, Vice-Presidents, etc., by expressing his appreciation of the work of Mr. Fulljames, as Secretary, and thanking the large number of members present for their attendance. He hoped to see them again in many successive years.

Mr. Swaysland proposed a vote of thanks to the Chairman, and coupled the name of the Secretary with the same. This, having been seconded, was carried by acclamation.

The Chairman and Secretary briefly responded, and the first meeting of CAGE BIRDS LEAGUE terminated, all present appearing thoroughly confident that there is a big future in store for the organisation, and unanimously resolute to achieve its aims and ideals.

Fascinating Foreign Birds at the Palace.

Hints on How to Keep Them.

By WESLEY T. PAGE, F.Z.S., &c.

The figures on our plate—Brown's Parrakeet, Black-headed Caique, Blue-rumped Parrot, Yellow Tanager, Ribbon Finches, and Green Cardinals—include among their number only one probable first appearance on the show bench, and two of the so-called common (freely imported) species. But all were gems of their respective species, and form a pleasing variety of birds, not difficult to keep, once the prostration following importation has been overcome.

Brown's Parrakeet.

This is a beautiful Australian species (*Platycercus browni*), which has never been common, and, alas! is soon likely to become extinct on the bird market as soon as present supplies are exhausted, unless it can be perpetuated in English aviaries, which, as the supply is limited, is extremely doubtful. No less than four specimens were exhibited, but Mr. Edmund's fine male, from which our figure was drawn, is one of the best we have seen; its markings were clean and sharp, its colouration pure and intense, also very silky and tight. Its plumage is difficult to describe in a few words, but a reference to the plate will enable my readers to interpret the following sketchy description: General body colour pale sulphur-yellow, with black centres to the feathers of the mantle and wings; wing-coverts, flights, and outer tail feathers, bright blue on the outer webs and tips; head and neck, black, with indistinct yellowish margins to most of the feathers; cheeks, white; ventral region, red; beak, greyish-horn colour. Some individuals red on the head are washed with blue on the breast and back.

They are very pleasing birds, either for cage or aviary, but especially so in the aviary, where they are very alert and lively. They appear to resent the company of Budgerigars, and show this by an occasional murder. And they are very hostile to birds of the Finch, Bunting, or Thrush tribes, and show their resentment as above, as opportunity offers. The colonists call them the "Smutty Parrakeet," a name it certainly does not deserve, for, gorgeous as many of the *Platycerci* are, in the writer's opinion, the subject of these notes is as beautiful as any.

Treatment: A seed mixture, half the bulk of which consists of canary and white millet seed, and the other half of oats, hemp, paddy rice, and sunflower seeds in about equal proportions. Also such varieties of fruit as it will eat, green food (chickweed, lettuce, green oats, and other cereals and seeding grasses), grit and cuttlebone. Some speak of them as uninteresting and also unintelligent. In a cage this may possibly be true, and I have never come across a talking Brown's Parrakeet. In the aviary they certainly are not lethargic, but are active and vivacious the greater portion of the day. Protected from draught, this species is hardy and enduring.

Black-headed Calque.

A fine specimen of this species (*Caica melanocephala*) was exhibited by Mr. L. W. Hawkins, and a richer or tighter feathered specimen we do not remember to have seen. It is a native of Guiana and the Amazon region, and is a very gaily clad bird: green above, tail feathers tipped with yellow, wing primaries and primary coverts black, the former having the outer webs green edged with blue; crown, black; cheeks and throat, bright yellow; lores and streak below the eye, green; breast and abdomen, creamy-white; under tail coverts, yellow; thigh, golden orange; beak, naked ring round eye, and feet, black.

This handsome and intelligent bird is by no means common, yet it is a most desirable acquisition. With careful training some individuals, at any rate, should make good talkers. They soon become tame and fearless, so much so that instances are on record of their following their owners about like a dog. But, like its congener, the Hawk-headed Caique, the temper of individuals is very variable.

(*To be continued.*)

GOSSIP FROM THE PALACE SHOW.

Familiar "Bobbie."

While making our way back through the Centre Transept we heard a familiar note, and, looking round, saw a Robin sitting on the stem of one of the tropical palms and singing in spite of the constant passing and repassing of visitors within a few feet of his perch.

The True Sporting Spirit.

"Personally I have not much to boast of at the present show; but if I have not been successful to-day, I shall try again another year. If defeated, we can all be Englishmen and come up again."—Mr. E. Baker, President of the S.N.P.C., at its annual meeting.

A Pleasant Surprise.

Mrs. Askham, of Wimbledon, the well-known exhibitor and breeder of Canary-Bullie Hybrids, is on a holiday trip to the East. She determined not to part with her pets, however, and arranged to have them taken care of during her holiday. One of her favourites was shown and secured third prize at the Palace.

From Taffyland.

A jolly party from South Wales journeyed up to the show in spite of the weather and the Rugger International played on Saturday at Swansea. They did the show thoroughly, and were still at it (or somewhere near it) at a late hour, when we left. We hope they arrived home safely. They looked a bit weary, but so happy!

A Puzzle in Yorkshires.

One fancier stood a long time in front of two birds trying to make up his mind which to purchase. One was a young 'un, and the other a two-year-old. The latter was a shade the better, but the purchaser argued that the youngster might grow, and decided to have him. We hope he made no mistake, especially as he wanted the bird for stock, to pair to young hens.

The "Wee Gems."

Southern admirers of the "little 'uns" were hugely delighted at the grand display of their pets. We overheard many methods of mating to produce such charmers, but winners are not bred from every pair, and are quite as difficult to get as in some of the larger and more expensive varieties. A grand hen was claimed by a southern novice for two guineas. We wish him luck.

Five Shillings for a £5 Bird.

No, dear reader, it was not bought for five shillings, nor sold for five pounds; but sent on approval for the bigger figure. But somehow the gentle railway company which carried the prize-winner managed to smash both cage and bird in transit, and all the owner obtained was five shillings for a valuable specimen that had scored more than one win. Moral: Insure, if only for a small amount. It is much safer.

Cinnamons Wanted.

We met several fanciers looking for fair-priced Cinnamons, but evidently the demand exceeds the supply, for we were told by one well-known Norwich breeder who desires to take up the "chocolate ones" that he fears another season will go by without his being able to get what he is looking for. Does he expect too much for his money; or are the breeders of Cinnamons determined to keep them?

What are the Odds?

It is always interesting to watch the doings of a certain bird upon the bench. A grand uearly green Yorkshire belonging to a popular amateur has gradually worked its way to the front. Seconds and thirds have been its position in the open classes up to the present, bnt the odds are heavy about its coming out on top eventually. The doings of this bird should be particularly gratifying to the owner, as he bred it himself.

If You Win, What Matters?

If you can breed winning Canaries, does it matter how you do it? One fancier who has been well in the money picked his birds up quite "promiscuous like," and, having no cages, knocked some up out of soap boxes (or was it sugar boxes?), and in these bred some real good birds. We did hear it whispered that he borrowed the show cages to exhibit them in! But we don't believe that; it must be a yarn set about by the man he beat.

"Wrong Classed."

One of the most amusing things at a bird show is the curiosity of some fanciers respecting the wrong-classing of an exhibit. One fancier we know puzzled himself all day on Friday, and nearly drove himself and friends mad on Saturday wondering why a certain bird was wrong-classed. Finally one of our staff, in confidence over a cup of tea, suggested it might probably be a cock bird in a hen class. And he had never thought of that!

Encouraging the Novice.

The Novice Border men are delighted at getting a class or two all to themselves here and there, as they have done this season. At the Palace they chirped quite loudly around their pets. They hope to see even better classification provided for them at the Glass House in the future, which no doubt Friend Ramsden will attend to. Comparing some of their birds with the champions, one is inclined to think there is no more difference between them than there is in other varieties 'twixt novice and champion.

Visitors from Abroad.

We heard that two gentlemen from distant parts—one from the South of France and one from South Africa—were present, and thoroughly enjoyed the grand display. The South African gentleman timed his visit to the Old Country so that he could see the bird show—a sufficient proof of his keenness as a bird-lover.

Summer in Winter.

The call-note of that summer visitor, the Grasshopper Warbler, and the song of the Nightingale, are seldom heard at this time of the year, in the midst of frost and snow; and still more rare is it to hear the song of the little gem from India, the Sunbird. Yet these birdie expressions of content were in evidence at the Palace, despite the arctic weather conditions.

Pardonable Pride!

"Actions speak louder than words," said a lover of the White Canary at the show. "Last year the men in the A.O.V. class grumbled because the White Canary won, and now, this year, when Whites are given a class to themselves, and the A.O.V. men have a clear field, we muster nine entries and they muster—nil! Even the Cinnamon Crests have but two entries in a class all to themselves."

Buying Experience.

One lady visitor purchased an expensive Yorkie, and afterwards asked one of our representatives to tell her what it was, as she was not sure whether it was a yellow or a buff. Fortunately, it was the quality of feather she was looking for to breed into her birds at home. She is determined to have some good ones. We wish her the best of good fortune, and hope she will not find her experience dearly bought.

The Energetic Manager.

In spite of the weather and the hard work of previous days, Mr. Ramsden turned out in good time on the Sunday morning and personally inspected every cage and bird, and saw that all his charges were comfortable and properly fed and watered. For which energy we know exhibitors from a distance will be truly thankful. The birds gave proof of the attention of himself and staff by their good condition at the end of the show.

Under the White Rose.

ONCE again the Great National Show at the Crystal Palace is to be reckoned as a past event. Wishes and yearnings have been settled, successfully or otherwise, the successful ones to live on their success and the others to steel their hearts for another try next year. No doubt we profit by our failures; many say we learn more by failures than by successes.

A GLIMPSE through the Palace catalogue at once shows that the usual number of first prizes in the Yorkshire Section have not come, as formerly, to the county from which it takes its name. Blackpool air seems to have scored a few points; perhaps another year some will be sent to that bracing climate to condition up a bit. Still, Sandy Lane-cum-Chellow Dene ozone has not done bad, and the Bolton Woods (I was going to say perfume) seems to agree with the birds so far as keeping up in condition counts. The novices have not done bad; they get a nice little cut in amongst the prizes, and in the British bird and hybrid sections the county of broad acres has done remarkably well, the new firm doing much to uphold the prestige, and good support has been given them by several others. Taking the show throughout, we White Roseites—or "Tykes," as some call us—have held our own another time.

THE annual distribution for the Yorkshire Union and all the various Specialist Clubs has been arranged to take place on the second Saturday in March, at the usual place, the Market Tavern, Godwin Street, Bradford, and it is hoped it will be as successful as usual. There has been some talk of getting a larger place, and a small delegation visited the most likely rooms; but nothing very satisfactory could be found, except at a fairly large cost, and as the evening has always been free, and the committee could not see their way to make a charge, it has been decided again to have the usual rooms. A good concert is being arranged, and the prizes will be quite equal to, if not better than, the usual. Don't forget to keep the date open.

LAST week I mentioned the frost. Little did I think we should have a full week of it, and still likely to go on. Every day water glasses are frozen up, and it takes courage to stop in the bird room for an hour, the thermometer registering several degrees of frost. But the poor birds outside are faring badly; they seem as badly put to it for water as for food. A plate of dinner scraps, potatoes, puddings, etc., will cause such a fight if you put one out, and it is a treat to see it.

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CANARY QUERIES.

Answered by CLAUDE ST. JOHN.

About Seeds and Foods.

A. N.—(1) Most oily seeds must certainly deteriorate by keeping, more or less, but it really depends very largely upon the manner of storage how long they might be kept, and still used with safety. As long as the outer husk remains entire, and the kernel remains sweet and free from mustiness or rancidity, I should say the seed was quite safe to use. Rape is better for being properly stored for a year before use, and probably remains good longer than almost any other oily seed. All the rest you name, hemp, linseed, niga, and maw, are better used without such storage. No definite limit of time for keeping could be stated to suit all conditions. (2) In practice German rape and summer rape are synonymous terms used to indicate the small brownish red rape with a mild and nutty flavour. So-called winter rape is charlock, ketlock, or wild mustard, as it is variously called, and black rape is generally cole seed. To go into details of all the varieties is quite beyond the limits of this column. See "Seeds, Foods, and Wild Plants for Cage Birds," which our manager will send you post free for 1/2. (3) Again, it depends solely upon the manner of storage how long egg-foods will keep in good condition. Personally, however well kept, I should not care for them after, say, twelve months old. You can never tell the age of these proprietary articles, for which reason, whenever they are used, it is wisest to get the supply direct from the makers. They should be mixed fresh twice a day. How long they will keep before going sour depends upon the prevailing weather, the atmosphere in the cages, and the nature of the food whether any preservative is used in making. Really, my dear sir, these queries are a trifle indefinite.

Loud Singing Rollers.

An Old Reader.—As a rule there is no great effort required to get a train of loud singing Rollers. On the contrary, the trouble is to keep them sufficiently soft and low, and if no effort is made to do this the birds will, if allowed a free hand, as it were, a liberal dietary similar to other fancy breeds, and always kept in a good light, develop a song sufficiently loud for anyone with a bent in this direction quickly enough. But with connoisseurs of high class song this type of Roller will not go down, and as it is always present among the lower grade of cheap Rollers it seems almost waste of time to make special efforts to cultivate a strain. Still, if you find a demand for such a type, you should have no difficulty at all in breeding it, by adopting the line suggested above, and contenting yourself with consistently weeding out "choppers," and birds with similar undesirable notes. You need at least one more cock to add to your present stock. Get a so-called Seifert or St. Andreasburg, a clear for preference. You do not say what any of your Rollers are—yellow or buff—but the introduced cock should be the opposite colour to the hens. Mate the original cock No. 1 with his last year's mate, No. 2, again, and also with the wing-marked hen, No. 3, and the fresh cock mate either with the other two Rollers, Nos. 4 and 5, or with the green-marked, No. 5, and the Yorkshire hen. You will thus have to run each cock alternately with two hens. By using the Yorkshire hen you can keep the type of song you desire, and will get an improved type of bird in size and appearance. By judiciously mating the young from each cock with each other, and breeding back again to these cocks, you will be able to go on two or more seasons without fresh blood. You will find more details how to proceed in Part XVI. of "Our Canaries."

Outdoor Birdroom.

Rito.—Before setting out to erect this proposed birdroom, let me advise you to consider seriously whether you can manage another 18in. of space in the width, thereby making it 8ft. by 6ft. Just consider, you have only 4ft. 6in. from back to front. Now, say the cage, which should be arranged along the back, takes up 12in. of this space, which they certainly will do, or rather more when the drinkers and seed hoppers are taken into consideration, you will have barely more than 3ft. of space to move about in, and you cannot go into the room without being cramped for space and almost brushing along the cage fronts besides. The extra space suggested would be a very great convenience. The window you should put in the middle of the front, not close up to one end. You should make an outlet for foul air at the highest part: either a louvre on the highest part of the roof, or suitable apertures in the highest part at each end would do, and an inlet for fresh air should be provided near the floor in the centre of the front, with a suitable cover inside to divert the current and prevent it going direct to the cages. If the back wall is structurally sound and dry, there is no necessity to cover it with boards, assuming, of course, that it belongs to your place. In this case you should give it two or three good coats of whitewash, instead of tar. You should keep your birds in the coldest part of the kitchen, consistent with freedom from draught and great fluctuations; that you could safely transfer them to the outdoor room in about a month hence, and during a spell of nice mild weather.

Initial Experiences?

Crown.—Your letter is certainly not very clear. Am I right in thinking the cage in which the bird was bought was infested with red mites and the bird in bad plumage and bare on rump? If this was so you did right in clearing out the insects, and you should continue to give the bird a bath with a few drops of quassia essence in it twice a week for a short time, and also touch the ends of the perches with the same fluid occasionally. I suppose you mean you applied goose-grease to the bare places on the bird. I fail to see the necessity for this, unless the bare places were sore or inflamed, in which case a little cold cream or Lanocyllin would have been better. Still, the goose-grease, if properly applied in moderation, would have no harmful effect. The reproduction of blue feathers on the rump is quite a novelty. By the bye, what is the general shape of the bird, particularly the beak and feet, and arrangement of claws as it perches? I ask this, because I really have some little doubt of its species. Pending more particulars, you might give a staple diet of plain canary seed, with a pinch of rape every second day, and a little mixed seed twice a week. Add six drops of syrup of buckthorn to the water for two days, and afterwards 20 drops of chemical food for a week. There is no reason why you should not breed with it if it comes into proper breeding condition. You would do well to get "Canary Breeding for Beginners," which our manager would send you post free for 7d. It will prevent you making many mistakes in the beginning.

Makes Whistling Sound (An Ignoramus).—The hen seems badly affected with asthma, and I doubt its permanent recovery. Closely follow the instructions given to "Anxious" for a month, and then report progress, when I will advise further, if necessary.

Partial Moult (Breeder).—If the bird keeps in such good condition and song as you describe, there is no reason whatever why he should not breed successfully. It would not be wise to try to force him into a moult, unless he showed some signs of starting to finish the moult voluntarily. This question is fully dealt with in CAGE BIRDS ANNUAL, which you should not fail to see.

Taking Life Easily (Constant Reader).—I am inclined to think there is little, if anything, wrong with the birds, and you ought to have said how you fed them, etc. Give a staple of plain canary seed only. Every second day give half-a-teaspoonful of summer rape, and twice a week on the alternating days a similar quantity of egg food or crushed sponge cake with four drops of sherry and two of cod liver oil emulsion mixed in it, and sprinkled with maw seed. On each of the remaining days give a spray of watercress or tender young dandelion, if obtainable in good condition. Add a pinch of Epsom salts to the drinking water for two days, and afterwards 20 drops of chemical food for a few days. If not well in a fortnight, write again.

Greenhouse Aviary (Cumbra).—If, as I presume, the greenhouse is fairly well sheltered by other buildings, your alterations will leave none too much glass. I should, however, advise you to board over the glass in topmost section of the end facing South instead of the lower section marked on sketch, and if ventilation apertures do not already exist at or near the ridge of the roof, you should provide same in the highest angle at each end. I suppose part of the glass front is made to open; if not, it would be an advantage to have it made so, and the space covered with netting, so that you could open these "lights" in very hot weather. For use in winter, movable shutters for the front would also prove invaluable. The method of transferring your birds which you suggest would be an excellent one.

Sores on Head (L. M. Nicholls).—You should carefully examine the cage for red mites, and the bird itself for signs of grey lice, and if either of these pests are present clear them out. Give a morsel of bread and milk slightly dusted with flowers of sulphur, and sprinkled with maw seed three times a week for two or three weeks, and add 20 drops of whiskey and as much chlorate of potash as will cover a threepenny piece to its water twice a week during same time. Anoint the bare spot sparingly twice a week with Lanocyllin. It is not very uncommon for sores to develop in this way on the progeny of double-Crest pairs. Is this the case with yours?

Eats and Sleeps (T. T., Glasgow).—Treat as follows for two or three weeks: Staple diet plain canary only. In addition give separately half-a-teaspoonful of summer rape every second day, and on the alternate days for a fortnight a similar quantity of crushed sponge cake with four drops of sherry and two of cod liver oil emulsion mixed in it and sprinkled with maw seed. Give a spray of green food if obtainable in good condition, three times a week. In the drinking water give six drops of syrup of rhubarb and a crystal of sulphate of soda the size of a split pea for two days, and after this give four drops each of tincture of gentian, tincture of calumba, and aromatic sulphuric acid every second day for a week. If not better at end of fortnight, write again, referring to this reply, and repeat particulars.

Makes Pitiful Noise (Seifert).—What kind of a noise is it—a wheeziness connected with its breathing, squeak of alarm, or what? Try following treatment, and if it does not quickly improve, write again and give these particulars. Give plain canary only as a staple diet. Every second day give separately a pinch of rape and a morsel of banana, and the alternate days a piece of stale bread the size of a hazel nut, soaked in cold milk, drained, and sprinkled lightly with soft sugar. Also give a pinch of maw on these days. Twice a week give a small teaspoonful of a mixture of equal parts hemp, niga, millet, and teazle. In the water give six drops of syrup of rhubarb and as much Epsom salts as will cover a sixpence every second day for a week, and afterwards the gentian mixture as advised to "T. T., Glasgow," for a week or fortnight, as may seem necessary. Keep cage and perches quite clean, strew floor with gritty sand, and see that bird is free from draughts and extreme fluctuations. The seeds sent are both of very good quality.

Arrangement of Bird-room (S. G. McCoubrey).—It took me quite a long time to make anything of your sketch, which is somewhat difficult to understand. If you try another any time, do not try to show thickness of walls. I take it your breeding cages will be of the usual box pattern, in which case you should arrange them chiefly on the wall opposite window between the door and fireplace. As the latter is never in use there will be practically no risk of the birds in box cages being affected by draughts. You might also, if required, add a few breeding cages on the North-West wall at the right-hand side of door, as shown on sketch. The 5ft. flight you should place on the right-hand side of the fireplace. Instead of making this flight 4ft. high, I would advise you to make it only 3ft., which will still be a nice height, and you can then place it on a staging 10in. or 12in. high, and place another similar flight on top of it if you wish to increase your accommodation later on.

Moving Birds (No Nom-de-plume).—If you move the birds from a very warm room to a very cold one at this season you will probably throw them into moult. When this spell of severe weather passes, move the birds into the coolest part of the room where they now are, but see they are not exposed to draughts or very great fluctuations. Keep them there until about the middle of March, and then take advantage of a spell of nice mild weather between that time and April to move them to the cold room where you are going to breed with them. Do not actually put them together until you have completed the change of quarters.

How to Mate (Cinnamon-Green).—In these days it is practically impossible to predict the result of crossing green and cinnamon blood in the Yorkshire, because the latter blood is so generally diffused through the breed that it is almost impossible to tell whether any given bird is potentially green or tinctured with cinnamon blood. Therefore I can only say what in my opinion you may reasonably expect in the circumstances named, and do not dogmatise, especially as you omit to say how any of the birds have been bred. If the clear hen, No. 2, is pink-eyed, mate her by all means with No. 1, Cin.-marked cock. The produce

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should consult St. John's "Canary Breeding for Beginners" (7d.); House's "Canary Manual" (1/2); Battye's "Yorkshire Canaries" (1/1½); House's "Norwich Canaries" (1/1); Weston's "Stock Book" (7d.); Dr. Clarke's "Septic or Bird Fever" (7d.); Dr. Creswell's "Hygiene of Bird-keeping (1/1); Norman's "Aviaries, Bird-rooms, and Cages" (2/3); Ramsden's "Colour-feeding" (3½d.); "Seeds and Foods for Cage Birds" (1/2); or the "Nutshell" booklets (2½d. each); No. 5 "The Pet Canary," No. 6 "Ailing Birds and How to Cure them," No. 9 "The Disinfection of Cages, Bird-rooms, etc.," No. 10 "The Roller," No. 23 "The Border Fancy," No. 24 "Green Canaries." All thoroughly practical and instructive. Prices quoted are post free, from "Cage Birds," 154, Fleet Street, London, E.C.

will be Cin.-marked and ticked and clear pink-eyed. If you mate No. 1 with Cin.-ticked hen No. 4, the produce will be Cin.-ticked, more or less heavily, and unevenly-marked, with a smaller proportion of Cin.-marked and clear pink-eyed. If the green-marked cock No. 3 has no Cinnamon blood in him—a rather unlikely circumstance—the result of mating with No. 4 hen will be green selfs and variegated. It is not a suitable union, and you would do better to replace him with a suitable Cin.-bred cock, or to work No. 1 cock with both the hens alternately.

Strains and Shakes (Glensides).—You ought to have said how you feed the bird. The fault probably lies in its dietary, in which case this should be corrected. Get the Nutshell booklet on the "Canary," or "Canary Breeding for Beginners," see inset, for detailed information on this point. For the present cut all hemp and linseed out of the dietary. Add six drops of syrup of rhubarb, and a crystal of sulphate of soda the size of a split pea in its drinking water every second day for a week, and afterwards six drops of tincture of gentian and four of aromatic sulphuric acid every second day for the next week. Break open a grape and fix on the end of its perch for it to peck at for a few days.

Mating and Sex (J. Goodchild).—(1) It is clear the birds were not so forward as you imagined. That is the reason they simply carry the stuff about the cage and make no serious attempt to build a nest. You ought not to have put them together just yet. It is impossible to say how long they will be before seriously settling to work. It depends solely upon their condition and the warmth of your kitchen. If they have made no better start now, separate them for two or three weeks. (2) I am inclined to think both these birds are cocks. Feed them up as if for mating for three or four weeks, then try the supposed hen beside a real known hen, and if it feeds or sings to her you may pretty safely decide it is a cock. It is quite possible for anyone to be deceived in the sex of individuals occasionally. A vendor is not very likely to knowingly send a cock for a hen. If the bird should prove a hen, its singing will be no material bar to its breeding.

How to Know (J. E. Wood).—An unflighted bird is one that has not yet dropped the flight feathers and tail which it acquired in the nest. These feathers are not moulted at the first moult. They are a little shorter, and a trifle narrower in web than the adult feathers will be, and if the bird has been colour-fed these feathers are, of course, not affected, but retain the natural colour, which is quite a washed-out sort of greeny yellowish-white in comparison with the coloured plumage. The feathers under the wings are no index whatever to a flighted or unflighted bird. There is no means of ascertaining the real age of an adult bird, but large coarse scaly legs and feet indicate the shady side of life. Some birds, however, get coarse, scaly feet earlier than others, though not before a few summers have passed.

A Singing Roller (Esperance).—There is no importance to be attached to the vast array of trade names for these birds. Get a trained, soft-singing St. Andreasberg, Seifert, or Leipzig. It is immaterial what name it goes by. Ask to have it sent on approval, depositing the cash with our Editor, as per rules. Then you will hear bird sing before closing the deal, and cannot be deceived by having something unsuitable. You should get a nice singer for the price you name, but it will not be the highest class of these birds by any means. If properly treated, they will retain their song a number of years. They are more apt to get loud when kept among other birds in open cages. It is not really necessary to keep them in closed boxes. These are very useful to help to keep the birds soft and low, but are used chiefly for highly trained contest singers. The box type of cage—that is, a cage with wire only in front—is the best for general use, and 12in. long, 14in. high, and 7in. deep is a nice size for a singing bird. They enjoy a bath same as other varieties. Get the Nutshell booklet on the "Roller" for full details about feeding and general treatment.

Not Singing (H. M. S.).—The "small red fleas"—which are really red mites—must be exterminated as a first step. Place bird temporarily in another cage, and whilst there offer a bath daily in which a few quassia chips have been soaked overnight. Thoroughly overhaul and clean his ordinary cage, well washing it all over with a solution of Jeyes'—two teaspoonfuls of the fluid in half a pint of water—and using a small paint brush to work it well into all joints and crevices. Repeat once or twice at intervals of a day each time. Then drop a drop of the pure fluid into each crack or joint, and when dry repaint, distemper, and varnish, if necessary. When quite dry the bird may be returned. Do not omit attention to wall, nail, etc., where cage is hung. Keep in a comfortable and equable temperature, and feed for a month as already advised.

Irritable (M. H.).—If you have not already done so, probe joint of door with a pin and remove perches and examine the ends, and if you discover any red mites deal with them as advised to "H. M. S." Give a staple diet of plain canary for a month. In addition, give separately half a teaspoonful of summer rape and a morsel of banana every second day. On the alternate days give a scrap of bread and milk, slightly dusted with flowers of sulphur in the first week, and afterwards with two or three drops of cod liver oil emulsion on it each time, and each time finally sprinkled with maw seed. Give a pinch of the mixed seed once or twice a week. Add six drops of syrup of rhubarb and a small pinch of Epsom salts to its water for two days, and afterwards four drops each of tincture of gentian, tincture of calumba, and aromatic sulphuric acid every second day for a fortnight. See that bird is kept in a comfortable and equable place, quite free from draughts and fumes of burning lights in the evenings.

Makes a Noise (Anxious).—The bird is probably in a bad way with asthma, and beyond much material help. Keep it in a cosy and equable temperature, not overheated, nor yet on the cold side, but quite free from draughts, extreme variations, and the fumes of burning lights in the evenings. Feed generally as frequently advised here or in the Nutshell booklet on the "Canary," but give a pinch of maw about every second day, and for a month give half a teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake with four drops of sherry and two of cod liver oil emulsion mixed in it three times a week. In the drinking water add six drops of syrup of rhubarb and as much Epsom salts as will cover a threepenny piece every second day for a week, and afterwards fifteen drops of the following mixture, which any chemist will supply, two days in every three until better. Mixture: Two drams each of oxymel of squills and ipecac. wine, one dram each chlorodyne and chloric ether, and eight grains of iodide of potassium. You should not breed with this bird unless it makes a complete recovery.

Border Hen and Baldness (Serin).—(1) I'm afraid the hen is getting beyond help, as she has made no improvement. Alter the treatment a little, and try the following for a month. Then report result. Keep it in a fairly warm place, not overheated, but still quite away from the cold side, and see that the warmth is fairly equable. Continue the same general dietary, but instead of the sponge cake give a piece of bread the size of a hazel nut soaked in milk, drained, two drops of a mixture of equal parts cod liver oil emulsion and syrup of iodide of iron on it, and sprinkled lightly with soft sugar. Give this twice a week, and on each remaining day, when not giving rape, give a quarter teaspoonful of maw. In the drinking water give fifteen drops of the mixture advised to "Anxious" three times a week. As you cannot tell whether the bird moulted at proper season, I cannot advise you to try to force on a moult. (2) The open wire cage and draughts are probably largely responsible for the loss of feathers. See that the latter and extremes of heat and cold are avoided. Give a scrap of bread and milk slightly dusted with flowers of sulphur, and then sprinkled with soft sugar, three times a week for a fortnight, and on the alternate days a pinch of maw. Slightly moisten the bare patch twice a week for a month with Lanocyllin. In the water give the same medicine as the Border hen for a fortnight.

Hen Calling and Wheeziness (E.H.H.).—(1) The manner in which the cock behaves, pecking at your finger, etc., is an indication of tameness rather than breeding form, although he is doubtless coming forward nicely. Still, I see no reason for you to mate him for a few weeks to come, when the season will be more suitable. The way the hen calls seems a natural response to the cock, and will not affect the song of the young. It is not natural for the chest of the cock to very clearly indicate its breathing, though a slight motion sometimes may be of no importance. If it is continuous, or exaggerated, give it the aperient mixture advised to "T. T., Glasgow," for two days. (2) See that the Crest-bred cock is kept in a cosy and equable temperature, quite free from draughts, and give it the medicine advised to "Anxious" for a fortnight or so until better.

Birds seeing each Other (Silverdale).—It is not true that two cocks will not sing so long as they see each other. There are certain individuals which act in this way, maybe they are shy, but they are the exception rather than the rule. Some birds are incited to sing more than is good for them by the presence of a rival singer. If you move the Mule into the window recess and the effect is to stop both birds singing, they would begin again on being returned to their old positions. By the way, the window recess seems a very unlikely place for the temperature to be more equable than elsewhere. Of course it all depends upon the particular spot, and I take it you are quite satisfied that it is, as you say, the most equable place.

Deformed Toe and Mating (F.A.M.).—(1) You omit to say which toe it is, and how long the trouble has existed. If the deformity has lasted a few months do not interfere with it, especially seeing that bird perches without difficulty. If of recent occurrence, get Part vii. of "Our Canaries," which explains

and illustrates different methods of treating such injuries. (2) You ask if a "C. yellow cock" would be a suitable mate for a buff cinnamon hen. The most important point is hidden behind that "C." If you mean a cinnamon yellow cock the reply is certainly; if other points, such as size, shape, markings, and quality of feather, are also suitable. But if you mean a clear yellow cock then it depends upon whether it is green or cinnamon-bred. If the latter, it will be pink-eyed, when the above reply would again apply here. If green-bred, with no cinnamon blood, you would get nothing but greens, self, broken, and variegated in all probability. See reply to another query on this subject this week.

FOREIGN BIRDS.

Answered by WESLEY T. PAGE, F.Z.S., etc.

Grey and Amazon Parrots.

Thos. Williams.—Yes, most Parrots are fond of sunflower seed, but it would not be well to let them indulge ad lib thereon. The following will be a good mixture to suit your birds:—2 parts each canary, white millet, oats, and sunflower seeds, and 1 part each paddy rice, hemp, and wheat: well mix and keep a supply in the cage. Add a little maize to the daily supply of seed for the Amazon. Also supply ripe fruit, nuts, plain biscuit, and green food. Add a pinch of grit (not sand) to the daily supply of seed, and keep a piece of clean cuttlebone hanging in the cage. I prefer white sunflower seed to any other variety. The chillies sent are an average sample and all right. Byno-phosphates would be a better tonic than port wine.

An Ailing Amazon.

J. Holmes.—You give me no idea how this bird has been generally fed and treated. Give it every fourth day one teaspoonful of Dinneford's Magnesia in the daily supply of drinking water (about two tablespoonfuls). Stop the cold mixture for a week, at any rate, and see how it goes on. Get a box of honey and borax, and put a little into its mouth once or twice daily, with either a quill or camel-hair brush, which must be cleansed after use. In addition to the usual dietary of seed mixture, ripe fruit, plain biscuit and nuts, give a little boiled maize daily, prepare so: boil till soft (grain should remain whole), strain off all water, spot over it half a teaspoonful of Byno-phosphates, and when cool supply to the bird. Note: it only keeps fresh one day—a tablespoonful should be sufficient for the day's supply. A pinch of grit should be added to the daily supply of seed, and a piece of clean cuttlebone kept hanging in the cage. Report progress a fortnight hence. Of course, if the bird becomes scoured you must stop the magnesia till voidings become normal again, and then give as required.

For Outdoor Aviary.

F. P.—See reply to "Whiskers," but you have not room for all these. Be content with two pairs of Budgerigars, and one pair of Cockatiels, as your aviary is but small, and as these birds only require seed, greenfood, grit, cuttlebone, and water, they will give you as little trouble as any birds you can keep. Note: though they will agree fairly well together, I expect the Budgies will occasionally amuse themselves by breaking a Canary's leg or wing. Get Nutshell Booklet, "Budgerigars," 2½d. post free, from our Manager, it will help you. You must not put out newly imported or indoor

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should consult Page's "Foreign Birds for Beginners" (1/1½); Arthur's "Budgerigars and Cockatiels" (6d.); Arthur's "Parrots for Pleasure and Profit" (7d.); "Aviaries, Bird-rooms, and Cages" (2/3); "Seeds, Foods, and Wild Plants" (1/2); Dr. Clarke's "Septic or Bird Fever" (7d.); Dr. Creswell's "Hygiene of Bird-keeping" (1/1); "Colour-feeding" (3½d.); or the "Nutshell" booklets (2½d. each): No. 6 "Ailing Birds and How to Cure them," No. 9 "The Disinfection of Cages, Bird-rooms, etc.," No. 14 "Gouldian Finches," No. 16 "Avadavats," No. 17 "The Grey Parrot," No. 18 "Budgerigars," No. 19 "The Pekin Robin," No. 20 "Waxbills." All thoroughly practical and instructive. Prices quoted are post free from "Cage Birds," 154, Fleet Street, London, E.C.

birds till late April or early May; if you do, most of them will promptly die. The alterations you are making in aviary will tend to the comfort of the birds. In so small an aviary only the front and one end should be open netting, the back and roof would be better boarded in, but a window (covered with netting on the inside) must be inserted where necessary to keep it light. The front of shelter would be better boarded up, leaving an opening 4ft. high, by 1½ft. wide, for the birds and yourself to get in and out at. Hope I've made all clear.

Parrakeets and Budgerigars.

Whiskers (1): The Moustache Parrakeet has the whole of upper half of body darkish grass-green; nape and back of neck brighter green; head and cheeks, yellowish-grey; throat and breast, vinous-red, remainder of under-surface yellowish-green; a broad black moustache streak adorns the lower part of the face, and a narrower black streak extends across the forehead to the eye; beak, red; feet, greyish-pink. (2) The Madagascar Lovebird, sometimes called Grey-headed, is bright green; the whole of the head of the male is a sort of delicate pearl-grey, that of the hen is all green. General: If you supply a mixture of canary and white millet in equal parts, and another mixture of oats, paddy-rice, hemp, and sunflower seeds in equal parts; millet sprays occasionally, ripe fruit, nuts, plain biscuit (dry), greenfood, with, of course, grit, cuttlebone, and water, it will meet the needs of all your birds. In an aviary with a flight of 10 x 12 feet, and a small shelter, I kept together with other birds, Budgerigars, Madagascar Lovebirds, Cockatiels, Rosella and Moustache Parrakeets, and they agreed together perfectly. The Madagascar does not always survive a severe winter out of doors—the others are perfectly hardy.

What Bird (L. Morris).—I am sorry I cannot give you a really definite reply, but it appears to me that your bird is one of the South American Jays, of which there are several, which come very near to the description you give me—so near to each other, that it is very difficult to distinguish them save from a very minute, technical description; but I am keeping your query by me, and next time I am at the museum I will look the group up and insert a further reply. But there is little doubt but what it is one of the Green Jays. A rough outline of the bird, as nearly proportionate as you can make it as regards the respective parts—that is, beak, head, body, and tail, would prove of great assistance to me in finally defining the species.

"Cussedness" of Hen Budgerigars (A.M.).—Young hens are often guilty of this practice during their first year, and, moreover, it would appear that they are not yet thoroughly settled down, and their instinct prompts them against nesting in such weather. I do not think you need be at all anxious, for I expect the birds will duly choose a husk in the spring, and rear you some young birds. Yes, some kind of screen partially shielding the husks will be an advantage. If mice find their way into the husks, they will drive out the birds. Ordinary movement should not scare them. I have known Budgies rear their young in a small all-wire cage in a bird dealer's shop.

BRITISH BIRDS, MULES, AND HYBRIDS.

Answered by G. E. WESTON.

Foster Parents.

P. W. Street.—You are certain to need foster-mothers. It is not absolutely necessary to find foster-mothers for them. Give them a nest and some building material, and they will, when they feel they must (so to speak), put up a nest and commence to sit. It hurries them up, however, when one permits them the attentions of some high-conditioned, pushful male bird. I always found hen Mules—most of mine were small to average-sized Goldie-Canaries—devoted mothers and excellent feeders. A lot of latitude is permissible in the changing of the eggs, etc. I have put eggs under a hen Mule which have hatched out after she has been sitting but three or four days, and she has fed and brought up the young quite as if that were the usual thing. They are not particular as regards sitting a day or two over time, either. Young, common German hen Canaries make good foster-mothers, too; likewise Border Fancy hens; and both are cheap. I would advise you, as a beginner, to go in for Canary hens, young healthy birds.

Good Thrush Food Wanted.

Bermondsey.—Some packet foods are very good, but if the cheaper kinds be used, I like to vary them, or even to add something else as a regular thing. The cheapest satisfactory way which I have discovered is to get a bag of some good brand of puppy meal, or dog meal, such as Spratt's, or Clarke's "Melox," from a corn dealer's, thoroughly soften this with hot water, then mix into it some good maker's packet Thrush food (dry). The latter, used dry, will absorb any superfluous moisture; it should leave the finished food just crumbly moist. You will soon find the right quantity of each to use for the daily supply (it must be made fresh daily), and find it very cheap. Variety is good, of course, and you should give some vegetable or green food with it frequently, used as grated raw carrot, or finely-chopped lettuce, chickweed, watercress, or other green food in season, or cold boiled potato. Vary them frequently, and add hard-boiled egg, finely minced up, occasionally. Give some live insects, also ripe fruit and berries frequently, and according to season. If necessary, crush the "Melox," or whatever brand of dog cakes or food you use.

More About Muling.

New Reader, Manchester.—I am a stickler for roomy breeding cages, and know from experience they are far and away the best. A cage which is only cheap because of its very small size, is in reality very dear to any fancier, and the sooner the young fancier realises this the better it will be for him. My minimum length for a single muling cage is 20 inches, and 24 inches is a much better size. Any yellow Norwich hen should be a grand mate for a Linnet; you could not get a better kind. When the Linnet is in stout song, and his beak has turned a distinct deep slate-blue colour, you will know he is quite fit for breeding purposes. The hen, when ready, will be noticed bouncing vigorously from perch to perch, flapping her wings, and frequently calling in a shrill voice. Give her a little wool, nesting moss, or even a little teazed-out string, and she will carry it about in her beak, and be looking all over the cage for something to pop it in so as to commence to nest. When you see these signs, you can start your hen off with confidence.

Breeding Goldie Mules.

T. F. Smith.—As you have a double breeding cage, run the wired slide down the centre, leaving the Goldfinch on one side, and the hen Canary on the other. When the Goldie is in breeding condition and vigorous song, they will not take long to strike up an acquaintanceship. Probably he will commence to sing to her through the partition wires; also to feed her. These are the first signs of an "understanding." When you notice these things, put a few coarse pieces of material (moss) out of a nest-bag into the hen's compartment. If she commences to carry these about in her beak, you can hang in the nest-pan (or box), giving her at the same time a little more nesting material. Should she carry the latter into the nest-pan, and appear bent on nest building in earnest, hang the nest-bag up against the wires, or put it in the nesting rack, if you use those appliances. First thing next morning (the earlier the better) withdraw the centre partition, letting the Goldie run with the hen. If you retire quickly and discreetly on the other side of the room, you will no doubt see the hen "call" to the Finch, and he, if really in breeding condition, is not likely to lose any time in doing the needful towards ensuring fertile eggs. Keep an eye on the Finch at first, until you learn his disposition. Some pull the nest about, and some will put their beaks through the eggs when laid. Such birds should be run with the hens only for an hour or two each morning and for a short time in the evening, too, being shut off during the day, and entirely (with the solid wood partition) as soon as the hen commences to sit. This procedure applies equally well to all Finches, besides Goldies. Don't "rush" the hen Canary; the Goldie will be weeks yet before he is ready to mate with her.

Fresh-caught Linnets.

Puzzled.—It is a pity you have lost the birds. Are you quite sure, however, that they were in really good condition when you got them? It is evident that some of them were, seeing that three are alive and well. But a long train journey often upsets newly-caught birds. Fresh-caught specimens should always be kept in cages with inside seed troughs and water vessels, so that their food is directly under their noses, so to speak. I prefer to give them a few days in a cage resembling a catcher's store cage, with canvas top; such is very useful to get them well on to seed, and over the first stages of captivity. Keep them in a quiet, well-lighted spot. The great mistake most fanciers make when buying fresh-caught seedeaters, is to condemn them at once to a diet of dry, hard seed. The sudden and complete change upsets them. I have often dealt with this matter. Fresh-caught Linnets should have soaked seed of some kind (such as soaked rape). For their stock food mix one pint of each of best canary, and sound, ripe teazle, with half a pint each of genuine summer rape, linseed, and charlock seeds. In addition to the stock mixture, in a separate dish I give an unlimited supply of maw seed and ulger, also lightly cracked hemp seed. These I gradually discontinue, arranging to drop them altogether after the birds have been in my possession twelve or fourteen days. As green food (or "soft-seed" food), I provide summer rape soaked in cold water until just commencing to germinate (dabbing it dry in a towel before giving it to the birds), and seeding shepherd's purse, plantain, and chickweed and flowering groundsel tops, when obtainable.

Keeping Claws in Order.

E. E.—Overgrown claws cannot be avoided, but they are not at all difficult to keep in order. It is absolutely dangerous to leave them very much overgrown. Catch the bird and place it on its back in the palm of the left hand, holding it gently but firmly, taking care not to squeeze it. Let the thumb fall over its throat, and the third and little finger (or middle and third, as most convenient) each side of its legs, the latter projecting between them. It will then be easy to get at the bird's feet and claws. The latter should not be cut too close to the toe, or they will bleed, and likewise hurt the bird. Roughly speaking, a tiny blood vessel runs into the nail from the toe for about a quarter of an inch (in a small bird), and one needs to always cut outside this. If a bird has white nails (like most Canaries) this blood vessel can be plainly discerned on holding the foot to a good light. Use a pair of sharp scissors, cut quickly and firmly, and this necessary operation is easily performed. It is not at all difficult, in fact, and quite painless, when properly done. Any dealer, or experienced fancier, would attend to the matter for you if you doubt your own ability to carry it through.

POST MORTEMS.

Mr. G. Yates, M.R.C.V.S., 2, College Road, Harrow, Middlesex, will examine and report upon dead cage-birds for a fee of 1s. 6d. each bird; for reply direct, 2s. 6d.; analysis, 21s. Subjects for post mortem examination must be sent packed in a box direct to Mr. Yates, with the fee, this and any accompanying letter being kept from contact with the dead bird. Send by letter-post; it is cheaper and quicker than parcel post. Any bodies sent to the office of this paper will be thrown away, and if a fee is enclosed the loss will be the sender's.

Mrs. F. Dallin.—Septic Fever.

W. Whiteley.—Bird fever, a specific infectious disease. The liver was the principal organ affected, and in an advanced stage of disease. Pneumonia was the exciting cause of death, secondary to the existing disease.

Edwin Wilcox.—Fatty degeneration of the liver is a very advanced degree. The case was quite incurable, owing to structural alterations in the liver tissue.

Leither.—Death occurred from ulceration of the bowels, due to infection by way of the digestive system at some period. The lungs were also complicated as the result of septic absorption. You could not have cured the condition; it was too advanced.

G. H. Howie.—Impaction of the bowels owing to imperfect digestion, and consequent absorption into the system of poisonous products generated in the contents of the bowels. There was no inflammation present, and the bird was otherwise in very fine condition.

GENERAL.

Answered by THE EDITOR.

Press Cuttings (J. Russell, G. Forrest, T. Moss, F.T.B., and others).—We tender you our thanks for the newspaper cuttings sent us.

A Disqualified Yellowhammer (Natural Head).—Your letter is not one that any paper could publish without being landed into the law courts—unpleasant places at the best of times. We do not know whether the party mentioned has been "reinstated"; why not enquire of the secretary of the club concerned?

A Lady's Watch (Reader of C.B.).—We cannot supply ladies' watches at the same prices as those for gentlemen, but can send one for 7s. 6d., or its equivalent in coupons.

A Stove (Cymro).—We have had no personal experience of the particular stove you mention, but the reputation of the manufacturers is so high that we feel sure you can safely take their word with regard to its suitability for the purpose.

ROCHDALE O.C.

Committee meeting held in our grand room, York Place, Feb. 5, Mr. J. Nadin in chair. We had before us a letter from one of our brother societies, asking if we were in favour of an amalgamated show for young birds with a radius of six miles, but after a discussion lasting about an hour we decided not to entertain the idea. We had a crowded meeting, also elected a few new members. Our next discussion will be Feb. 11th, by Mr. Blincoe, our worthy sec., on "General Licence of Birds, etc." Note: Our British bird show will be held Feb. 27. There is certain to be a big entry; rally up and enter all birds you can.—C. Whitehead, Reporting Sec.

WEST BROMWICH C.B.S.

Meeting held Jan. 30th, Mr. Taylor in chair. Balance sheet for 1911 read and considered satisfactory, showing upwards of one pound balance on a turnover of £45. The smallness of balance is through loss on open show, but our members have decided to hold another open show on Nov. 13th. Will secretaries note date to avoid clashing? Also decided, to raise subs. from 3s. to 4s. per year, as we find the lesser amount does not pay unless with a large number of paid-up members. Also decided, to hold annual pair show, Feb. 17th, with a charge of 2d. (Mr. W. C. Wells, judge), and to open show at 3 o'c. We trust to see fanciers and friends.—W. G. Andrews, Hon. Sec.

ROMFORD AND DISTRICT F.A.

General meeting held White Hart, 11th Jan. Report and balance-sheet adopted. It is gratifying to note the deficiency of £5 has been cleared and the society start 1912 with a small balance in hand. Election of officers and a strong committee followed. It has been agreed to hold a young stock show second Thursday in September, and grand annual show second Thursday in December, and Corn Exchange, High Street, has been booked for these dates. New members elected: Messrs. A. Cattle, O. Hitch, A. H. Parker, J. Pearce, C. Spencer, H. W. Kirner (Romford); Mr. A. Gollnitz (Ilford); Mrs. Hayes (Romford); Mr. Haslen (Rainham); Mr. R. Howe (Harold Wood); Mrs. C. Ives (Romford); Miss MacLaren (Witham); Mrs. Rice (Pettendon) Common, Essex; Messrs. Young, F. G. Saunter, Sarling (Romford), Mrs. Fox (Romford), Mr. L. Scott (Upminster), Mr. W. Gulliver (Cranham Park)—all paid-up members for 1912. Old members be guided by the young in this case. Committee meeting night altered. Members do not forget second Monday in each month at 8 p.m., White Hart. Next meeting, 12th Feb. It is hoped the year-book will be ready next week.—C. Ives, Hon. Sec.

GARSTON B.B.A.

Annual general meeting held Baptist Schoolrooms, Earp Street, Feb. 1. Balance sheet submitted for old show, showing a profit of £3 4s. 9d.; whilst the general account showed an increased balance on last year, and naturally was received with applause. Two new members were admitted, and several names proposed, and, from what was said, everything points to a successful year. Col. Walker, M.P., was elected president; J. Jones, chairman; H. Mullock, vice-chairman; H. D. Greene, treasurer; A. T. Mullock, asst. hon. sec., and A. Wilkinson, general secretary. We are holding a social evening very shortly, and will give further particulars later.—A. Wilkinson.

LEIGH AND DIST. C.B.S.

Annual dinner and presentation of cup and medals held Railway Hotel, Jan. 27th, when about 30 sat down to a good dinner provided by Mrs. Twentyman, the wife of our President. After we had dined Mr. Twentyman took the chair. He presented the cup and medals. The cup and gold locket were won by Mr. J. Lomas, one of the oldest members. The medal given by Mr. Farnworth for runner-up won by Mr. H. Taylor; 2nd runner-up medal (given by Mr. Roberts), Mr. W. Ordish; and medal by Mr. Dawson for most points in British at two shows, Messrs. Gaskell Bros. We had plenty of singing, songs being rendered by Messrs. Sumner, Dawson, Ordish, Hart and Bailey, and Mrs. Charleson, Mrs. Hampson, and Miss Mackie. We concluded a very pleasant evening by a vote of thanks to Mr. Sumner. At meeting held Jan. 1st we had a washing competition. There were 10 washers—a good muster to get them dry by 10—to be judged by Mr. Hart. 1, W. Ordish; 2, H. Chadwick; 3, J. W. Hampson. Will members please bear in mind that the pair show is Feb. 14th, and that I should like to see a good number there?—R. Charleson, Hon. Sec.

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CORRESPONDENCE.

Continued from page 139.

Departure of an Old Fancier and Judge from the North.

Sir,—Kindly allow me through your valuable paper, CAGE BIRDS, to express my sorrow (and that of others) at the loss of Mr. J. Shephard, who has left us for the South-country. Mr. Shephard worked with me for five years, and during that time he has made many fanciers and persuaded them to take your valuable paper. We made Mr. Shephard a handsome presentation—a token of esteem and good-fellowship from his late colleagues and novice friends at the shop. Mr. Shephard made a lot of friends about Newcastle and district, and was always willing to assist the fanciers in judging their shows and giving his experience and telling them the best way to moult, etc., British birds, in which he was an expert. The district sustains a great loss in so able a fancier. Even the boys in the shop will miss him, for he took a great interest in their welfare, and has given them birds to try and get them to be kind to birds and animals I personally regret the loss of Mr. Shephard, and would like to thank him on behalf of the novice fanciers of the district. What the North has lost the South has gained, and I have no doubt he will make as good friends in the South as he did in the North. We wish him and his family every success in their new sphere, and hope to see him back soon judging some of the North-country shows.

G. R. LOCKER.

How Heat and Cold Affect Birds.

Sir,—Kindly grant me a small space in your paper on birds going in the moult out of season, which is caused by a sudden change in the temperature. Here is a little point that even many old fanciers do not know. If you take a bird from a hot room and put it in a cold room you will put it in the moult, sure. But if you take a bird from a cold room and put it in a hot room you will only bring the bird to a forward condition—but you must keep it there; you cannot put it back in the cold room without risking the moult. Every fancier ought to know that he should never shift a bird from heat to cold, especially in cold weather. I have bred birds (Scotch Fancies and Crests) for sixteen years, and cold-room moult all my birds; but I breed them in my living room. I get an early start by doing this; when I bring them down from the cold room to the warm room they nest right away. As the young reach the age of five or six weeks, I put them upstairs, and by the end of the breeding season I take the last nests of young along with the old birds and put them upstairs. If the weather is a little cold at that time, so much the better; the old birds go right away in the moult, and there I leave them all to moult. I never have any soft moulting birds. I see by CAGE BIRDS that many have young birds in November and December—early birds. We may just as well call them late birds, for they are not in season at all. I would not like to risk young birds so early with a costly pair, such as high-class Scotch Fancies or Crests. It is a hundred chances to one that they would moult out of season and spoil you for the shows. It would play havoc with the old ones, too, seeing the seasons are all very late nowadays. It pays best to keep birds back as long as one can, especially if breeding in a cold room, as cold days, when the hens are laying, are the first thing that will cause egg binding.

OLD SCOTCH FANCIER.

The Secrecy of the Ballot.

[Appended is the copy of the resolution referred to in Mr. J. R. Hyland's letter (published last week) as having been sent to Mr. Holley; this was accidentally omitted.—Editor.]

[COPY.]

To the Hon. Sec. Y.C. and C.B.S. of Scotland.

We the undersigned request you to convene a special general meeting to be held before the forthcoming annual general meeting, which is due to be held on or before 30th day of March, 1912, for the following purposes, according to Rule viii., proposed by J. R. Hyland, seconded by J. P. Rooney or J. Dowling:—"The seal of any envelope marked 'ballot paper' received by the hon. secretary or other person or persons authorised by the Council to receive same, can only be broken by the scrutineers appointed at the annual general meeting." Also appoint two auditors.

(Signed),
J. R. HYLAND, J. P. ROONEY,
J. POWER, P. MCDONNELL,
J. DOWLING, C. LATTIMORE.

Catching a Cold at the Palace Show.

Sir,—On the first day of the show I arrived at the Palace at twelve noon, and, to my disgust, was informed that visitors would not be admitted until 3 p.m. Consequently I had to cool my heels for three hours in a bitterly cold building, on an exceptionally cold day, with a result that I have been ill in bed ever since with a severe chill. I think it shows a great want of consideration to the public not advertising the time of admittance. I was informed that the same thing happens every year, much to the annoyance of early comers. I may state that I had a railway journey of two hours to the Palace. This kind of treatment, I submit, is not at all calculated to improve the popularity of this show.

NEW ZEALANDER.

[We sincerely regret our correspondent's ill-luck in the matter of the cold, but would point out that the times of the opening and closing of the show were stated in the schedule, and were given prominence in our own columns by an advertisement in "Twitterings" in last week's issue, and in the extended review of the schedule we printed in a previous week's issue.—Editor.]

BRITISH ROLLER C.C.

Annual General Meeting.

Annual meeting held February 3rd at the Old Parr's Head, Aldersgate-st., E.C., when Mr. F. A. Lester presided. Others present: Messrs. A. Gloeckner, F. King, F. E. Fisher, A. H. Chillcott, F. J. Randall, A. Kremner, C. W. Whittlestone, H. Veen, H. Mason, W. Yardley, Dr. A. E. Read, J. A. Ives, J. C. Schluter, M. Stolle, J. B. Hesling, E. T. Williams, M. Jacquemin, A. Gooding, W. J. Bird, J. Humphries, W. H. Shepley, M. Munro, P. Slade, M. Neugebauer, W. F. Buffin, and J. W. Norris (the hon. sec.).

Minutes of last annual meeting having been read, five new members were elected to membership. The balance-sheet (showing a credit balance of £12 9s. 10d.) was passed, Mr. Lester remarking that everything was growing, including the profit on the rings.

Mr. Williams moved, and Mr. Neugebauer seconded, "that no member be supplied with rings until he has paid his subscription."

Mr. Williams: I think members should have paid their subscriptions to the club to which they belong, that is for 1912, before they can be supplied with B.R.C.C. rings; and if a member has not paid last year's subscription he should be made to do so before being allowed to purchase rings, even if he has already paid the 1912 subscription; that is to say, he must not be in arrears.

Mr. Hesling: It does not seem fair that the B.R.C.C. should issue rings to outside clubs and yet hold them from members of the B.R.C.C.

After a protracted discussion, on the motion being put to the meeting it was lost.

Mr. Norris, on behalf of Mr. Firth, moved "that no member be allowed to have medals unless he has been a member for at least one month before the date of show." Mr. Munro seconded the motion. The mover stated that when a non-member won a position at a show which would, if he were a member of the club, entitle him to one of the club's medals, he naturally decided to join the B.R.C.C. in order to get the medal. In the past this had been allowed: the exhibitor had paid his 4s. 6d. subscription, and had thus practically bought the medal. The principle of such action was wrong. A considerable amount of argument took place, and finally Mr. Yardley asked if there were just cause for new legislation in this matter, as, if there were not, he would move as an amendment that the meeting proceed with the next business. Mr. Kremner seconded. Mr. Norris proposed "that with the exception of rule relating to subscriptions, all rules be strictly adhered to in future." This was seconded by Mr. Ives, and (Mr. Yardley's point being thereby covered) was carried unanimously.

Mr. Norris read the result of the voting of officers, as follows: President, Mr. H. R. B. Tweed; vice-presidents (same as before); secretary and treasurer, Mr. Norris; committee (same as before); these were elected on the motion of Mr. Yardley, seconded by Mr. Whittlestone.

The secretary next read out the suggestions that had been received from members (the idea of asking for these on the voting papers being undoubtedly the best), a good one.

On the question (arising out of correspondence received by secretary) of the legitimacy of the subletting by a member of the club of B.R.C.C. rings, it was decided to take no action in the matter further than requesting members, if they hear of any such underhand practice, to let the committee know of it.

Mr. Norris stated that he had received a letter from Mr. F. Oldroyd resigning his membership of the club, and he moved that the resignation be accepted. This was seconded by Mr. Veen.

Mr. Lester: It was with very great regret that I heard that Mr. Oldroyd was going to judge at the Crystal Palace Show in the Roller section; and no one seems to know what are his reasons.

Mr. Hesling: The Wakefield Society met about a fortnight or three weeks ago, when we decided not to support the Palace Show. We had another meeting, and Mr. Oldroyd told us that he had had an invitation to judge at the Palace, and that he had accepted it. I don't think if I had been he I should have acted as he has—I should have left it to the club to decide. I shall not, however, vote for his resignation being accepted, because I think he did what he did just on the spur of the moment, and I am sure every member is sorry he did it. A great many remarks were here made affecting the dispute between the club and Mr. Ramsden of the Crystal Palace, but as the matter is sub judice we refrain from printing them.

Mr. Whittlestone said eventually: I will move that we do not accept Mr. Oldroyd's resignation.

Mr. Hesling seconded the amendment, which, however, was lost, the original motion being carried by nine votes for and none against.

Mr. Norris: Supposing Mr. Oldroyd writes to give his reasons?

Here Mr. Schluter proposed, and Mr. Slade seconded, "that we give every opportunity to Mr. Oldroyd to explain his conduct to the committee." This was carried unanimously.

The presentation of cups (to Messrs. Veen, who won the challenge trophy of the club, Randall, Humphries, and Ives) and diplomas (to Messrs. Stolle, Randall, and Humphries) was then made.

Votes of thanks concluded the meeting.

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A Good Week.

Since the first rush of members to join the LEAGUE in its earliest days no week has brought such an addition to our ranks as the one just gone by. This was mainly due, of course to the Palace Show, some sixty members joining personally at CAGE BIRDS stall. Among these we have to welcome a new Patron, Mr. Harold Blackett, of Sunninghill, and a new Vice-President, Mr. Baker, of Cowes, whose names go to swell our list as above. Among those included in the following list are some names known wherever the cage-bird hobby is represented. I am sure that all members will hail with pleasure the announcement that Mr. Crabb, the respected President of the L. and P.O.S. has joined our ranks. Mr. Ramsden, the world's greatest show organiser, has also become one of us, and conspicuous among the others joining this week is the widely known judge, Mr. Mundell, "Pa Mundell" as he is affectionately termed by some of us who have known him for more years than we care to count. The full list is as follows:—

Mesdames Towers, Keighley; T. Ogden, Bradford; Cousins, Guildford; Boizot, London; Messrs. Clark, Hemel Hempstead; Brown, Scunthorpe; Blackett, Sunninghill; Baker, Cowes; E. Pretty, R. J. Pretty, Goodchild, Crabb, Seeney, Broughton, Brunning and Ramsden, London; Frostick and Sandy, Balham; Hill and Mundell, Bradford; Towers, Keighley; Chase and Lay, Thetford; Wellings, Prescot; Thorpe, Cowley, Furniss, Crookes, Scott, and Fallding, Sheffield; Wallman, Cambridge; Cousins, Guildford; Jones, Runcorn; Sherwood, Itchenham; Leavers, Brookes, and Smith, Swindon; Barrett, T. Bowler, and F. Bowler, Aylesbury; Jiggins, Chelmsford; Couzens, Lee; Pallett, West Norwood; Little, Whytelcate; Philips, Herne Hill; Steaines, Beckenham; King, Wanstead; Laceby, Ely; March, Upper Clapton; Alexander, Queen's Park; Shephard, Newcastle; Bird, Bennell, Williamson, Hately, Edmunds, Breeze, Bear, Greenfield, and Simpson, King's Lynn; Watts, Buckingham, Watford; Abbott, Holloway; Adams, New Cross; and in the Junior, Witherby, Felling-on-Tyne; Smith, Sheriffhill; Harring, Ratcliffe, and Wainwright, Castleford; Thorndyke, Doncaster; and Mesdames Child, Rugby; Marshall, Rugby; Brown, Scunthorpe; and in the junior branch, Miss Stubbs, Worthing; and Master Garratt, Rugby.

Greetings at the Palace.

The Palace Show has come and gone. It will be ever memorable to LEAGUE members as affording them the first chance yet provided of showing the bond of good-fellowship which exists amongst them. There they were in their twos and threes, their twenties and thirties, and, at the meeting, in their hundreds, and wherever they were gathered together were to be heard expressions of satisfaction at the ready means of introduction afforded by the little coloured badge. Scores of fanciers who, before the Palace, were utter strangers to each other are now friends, and if the LEAGUE had done nothing else there would in this be sufficient to justify its existence. For myself, I have been many times a stranger in a strange town, but after the Palace, there will be few towns of importance through which I shall walk friendless. The many expressions of kindness with which I was greeted by one and all, left an impression which will not readily be forgotten. Our Patron, Sir Roland Corbet, and our latest Vice-President, Mr. Malcolm Roberts, both made themselves known to me during the show, and expressed their pleasure at being members of our LEAGUE, and every one of the very large number of our members present on one day or other of the show had a pleasant word to say. Once more I say "thanks" to all those present, and to the hundreds who have written expressing their regrets at their enforced absence I would wish "better luck next time."

An Appreciative Letter.

I have received the following letter from Mr. Geo. Gardner, one of our oldest and most widely known judges, and I am very glad to think that some such thoughts as those expressed by Mr. Gardner must have been in the mind of everyone present at our great meeting, a report of which appears on page 141.

Sir,—I have attended the Crystal Palace Cage Bird Show for a great many years, but I do not remember to have been present at a more interesting gathering than that in connection with CAGE BIRDS LEAGUE. A couple of hundred or more of representative fanciers, hailing practically from John O'Groats to Land's End, took tea together, and in a brief quarter of an hour afterwards did more practical defensive work, and gave evidence of greater cohesion in defence of their hobby than I have ever before witnessed. Such an organisation is bound to be a power. It is real, and its members are in earnest. It was a remarkable gathering.

G. G.

Our First Portrait Group.

In spite of the bitter weather prevailing during the exhibition, and of the fact that the ground was covered in snow, more than fifty members of the League—fifty-seven, to be exact—assembled on one of the terraces of the Palace on Saturday afternoon for the purpose of joining in our first pictorial record. The picture is reproduced this week as a supplement. It required considerable courage to leave the shelter of the show tent and face the Arctic conditions outside, and many who were at the Palace at the moment shirked the ordeal. Nevertheless, it was a very fair muster, and the photographers, Messrs. Everitt, are to be congratulated on a very successful picture. I am very sorry indeed that the members were driven in by the cold before I had an opportunity of taking their names, and that owing to a delay caused by frozen pipes, the photographers were unable to furnish a proof of the picture until most of the members of the group had left the Palace on Saturday evening. I am sure that a large number of members will like to have copies of this our first group, and these may be purchased at half-a-crown each unmounted and rolled in a tube, or at two shillings and tenpence mounted on a plate sunk mount and packed flat for posting. These prices include postage, and if members will send me their orders, with remittance, I will pass these on to the photographers for immediate attention.

I hope next week to deal with a number of suggestions received from members, and with other matters of interest. With the pressure of the Crystal Palace Show making itself felt, I may not occupy any further space this week.

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A Lover of the Moors.

The moorland is the home of the Ring Ouzel. Before migrating, he feasts upon the berries of the mountain ash, whose roots are buried deep among the crevices of the rocks. His call note of alarm warns his comrade, who joins him, and the two make off and settle some distance away, their white gorgets standing out clearly against the dark heather. Their nest was built among the tall plants in the hollow, in construction and materials very like that of the Blackbird, and not even an expert can always distinguish the eggs of the two species.

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The Judges' Luncheon.

New Toast Enthusiastically Honoured: Splendid Representative Gathering of Bird-Lovers.

A Dispute with the British Roller Canary Club.

One of the most pleasing functions in connection with the Palace Show is the Judges' Luncheon, and this year it touched a record in the number of visitors—evidently those who come once come again and bring their friends. Mr. J. Crabb, the highly esteemed president of the L. and P.O.S., occupied the chair, and was supported, amongst others, by Madame Feist Madewell, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Ramsden, Mr. and Mrs. F. Thynne, Mr. and Mrs. G. Mortlock, Dr. Arnold Read and Miss Lena Read, Mrs. Sydney Morrin, Dr. and Mrs. Anningson, Miss M. Holland, Rev. G. H. Raynor, Messrs. Thos. Heath, H. R. B. Tweed, G. E. Russell, H. Norman, F. Greenway, W. Swaysland, J. Brotherton, R. J. Pretty, W. A. Shepherd, E. S. Lugg, W. A. Dickins, Jas. F. Dewar, James Wones, Herbert Broadley, W. Mundell, H. W. Battye, J. C. Barnes, H. G. Parkinson, Geo. Ramsden, C. Roehl, F. Oldroyd, J. Thomas, Geo. Garduer, F. Carl, F. S. Matthes, H. T. Camps, F. Finn, S. Baines, J. Robson, J. Hazell, G. W. Graham, W. Kiesel, H. J. Fulljames, W. A. Lott, F. T. Day, J. Hodder, F. J. Wickham, T. R. Trower, Harold Prentice, R. A. Newley, F. Lathlieff, A. Cooper, J. Oldaker, C. W. Law, H. Schneider, Frank Hirst, W. R. H. Garland, G. E. Weston, and C. A. House.

A New and Deserving Toast.

Rising at the conclusion of the luncheon Mr. Crabb said he wished to say how pleased the committee were to see so many visitors present, especially the ladies, who certainly were more numerous than usual. In the name of the L.P.O.S. he welcomed them most heartily. It showed that they took an interest in the hobbies of the men, and he hoped that interest would be carried into the homes. He was pleased to see so many prominent fanciers round the table, with so many stars, great stars, in front of him he felt like a farthing rushlight. At such a time it was well to remember those who had been with them in the past, and since the last show they had lost one of their original members, one of the founders of the society. At such a time it was only right they should remember this, and pass their condolences to the relatives of their old friend. It was only customary to have one toast at this luncheon, but he was sure they would forgive him for breaking a rule when he asked them to drink the health of Mr. and Mrs. Ramsden and Mr. Geo. Ramsden. There were many show managers sitting round the table, but he knew they would forgive him in styling Mr. Ramsden the show manager par excellence; in fact, he knew they would agree with him. It must be remembered that Mr. Ramsden's work did not lie just round the show date; the mere getting in of the entries and running the show was not the work that told—it was all the year round work which made for success and led up to the fine shows which they had under Mr. Ramsden's management. From one show to another he was always thinking and working for the show to come. They must not forget the invaluable assistance which Mrs. Ramsden and young George gave. They were deeply indebted to both. (Cheers.)

How the Trouble Arose.

Replying on behalf of Mrs. Ramsden, his son, and himself, Mr. Ramsden said they appreciated the thanks bestowed upon them very much indeed. They certainly did their best to make the show a success, but their best would be of little avail without the aid of the committee, who certainly worked well, most heartily and cordially. The show was an average show. The entries were not quite so many as last year; still, they could not complain, and he thought that visitors, when they saw the quality of the exhibits, would say the show was as good as usual. He was pleased to say they had one record this year, and that was in the number of lady exhibitors, some of whom had done very well. There was one item he wished to call their attention to. He hoped they would bear with him in mentioning, but the reputation of the show was at stake, and the incident had caused a great deal of pain and annoyance to himself and his fellow-workers. He was sorry that the matter had arisen, but he must deal with it. He had been asked to explain the reason of the Roller Section failing to secure a fair entry, and said:

"I therefore give you the following facts.

"In November I applied for the British Roller Club patronage, and stated that whilst I was unable at that date to guarantee the use of a separate room, I promised to use my best endeavours to secure a suitable room for them. The Club refused my application.

"Early in January I published the schedule of the show, and there stated that the birds would be judged in a separate room, and afterwards staged in an annexe to the Show Tent. Also stating further on that 'every endeavour will be made to have the Rollers judged and staged in a suitable room free from draught. Roller fanciers can therefore send their most valuable specimens with every confidence.'

"A few days after the Roller Canary Journal, the official organ of the British Roller Canary Club, was published, and contained the following paragraph, signed by the Secretary:—'Re Palace Show, no doubt the great majority of members know that the Club has refused its support and patronage to this show on the grounds that your birds would be judged in a lavatory and the manager of the show would not guarantee a separate room for the birds to be staged in after judging. This means that your birds would have to be placed in the open show with the other birds. This decision, you will be pleased to know, has been supported again by the different Roller Clubs. On the present occasion, at the last meeting, the news that the Provincial R.C.C. had fallen in line with the B.R.C.C. again was received with loud applause.'

"On Jan. 20 I published in the Fancy Press the fact that a room had been secured for the Rollers. On Jan. 25 the B.R.C.C. published their balance sheet, which contained the following notice, signed by the Secretary:—'As members no doubt know, the B.R.C.C. are not supporting the Palace Show this year. The arrangements put to the Club to accept are no better—in fact, worse. Your committee decided not to give support or patronage. In this decision they have been upheld by all the Roller societies. Any member who has made entries not knowing the facts will be well advised not to send.'

Legal Action Taken.

"As the matter is now in the hands of our solicitor, I cannot make any comment beyond stating the fact that the Rollers are again staged in the room referred to as a lavatory. I hope you will all inspect the room and report to your friends your candid opinion of same. I have received the following letter from Dr. A. E. Read, vice-president B.R.C.C., dated Jan. 26:—'Dear Mr. Ramsden,—When I remember you did me the honour of consulting me, as one of the vice-presidents of the B.R.C.C., with regard to approaching the B.R.C.C. with the object of their giving their patronage to the Roller Section of the London and Provincial O.S. Show, to be held at the Crystal Palace, I think it my duty to bring before your notice as the show manager of the L. and P.O.S. the enclosed balance sheet of the B.R.C.C., and to state that in my opinion the statement of Mr. J. W. Norris as regards your show arrangements for the Roller Section is grossly misleading.—Yours faithfully, Arnold E. Read.'

"Owing to the action of the British Roller Club we are 100 entries short. The room which is described as a lavatory by Mr. Norris is one of what is known as the King's Rooms, and is used by King George when he visits the Palace. I think therefore it should be good enough for the Roller Canaries. Still, I hope you will not be influenced by my remarks, but will visit the room yourselves and see if it merited the description given it. In connection with all shows there are some disadvantages. If the room is warm it is all right for the foreign birds, but it is not so good for the Canaries and British, and if it is cold it is the reverse. So far as I am concerned, I do my best to meet the wishes of all, and the welfare of the exhibits. I try to avoid all draughts and keep the temperature as level as possible. I thank you on behalf of myself, my wife, and my son, and can assure you it is a pleasure for us to do the best we can for the success of the Palace Show." (Applause.)

Mr. Crabb, in proposing "The Judges," said he had received a telegram from their old friend Mr. J. F. Hills. It read: "Hearty good wishes; my love to you all.—Old Joe." It was pleasant for them to know old friends were thinking of them and of the old show. It was also pleasant to welcome another of their old friends that day—Mr. George E. Russell—who was one of their oldest fanciers when some of you were in your cradles, and even when I started he was one of the leaders of the Fancy. To-day we can also think of other old friends, such as Joe Bexson and Sam Cook, two of the best. He was pleased they had such a good show, and so many attractive exhibits.

Messrs. Wones and Oldroyd briefly replied, the latter regretting the misunderstanding which had arisen in connection with the Roller Section. It was a misunderstanding and nothing more, he was certain, and one which could be removed. So far as the room mentioned was concerned, he could say it was one of the best he had been in, and quite fitted for the purpose.

Mr. Swaysland proposed "The President," and Mr. Crabb responded.

CRESTED CANARY CLUB.

BUSY ANNUAL MEETING: THE USE OF CLOSED RINGS: REVOLUTIONARY PROPOSITION PUT FORWARD.

Mr. R. Rhodes presided at the meetiug of the C.C.C., which was held in the Board Room of the Crystal Palace on February 3rd, and was supported by Mr. and Mrs. Thynne, Mrs. Litchfield, Dr. Twigg, Messrs. T. Heath, F. W. Barnett, G. C. Ley, W. A. Shepherd, T. C. Pickard, G. Crabb, W. H. Cook, A. Lazarus, T. Taylor, J. Robson, C. Dobson (Dobson and Son), R. S. Bewick, Evins Bros., J. Tatman, J. Franz, G. M. Greenwood, F. Burson, J. Broad, and J. Tyson, hon. sec.

In his report Mr. Tyson mentioned that there had been a slight decrease of membership during the year, and the figures were six less than twelve months since. He thought that the lack of progress was due in some measure to the selfishness of some members. When they had a good bird or two likely to do some winning they were enthusiastic, and would work for the club, but unless they had a chance of winning they would not do much. He instanced one case of a man winning a cup and a teapot. After he got the cup and teapot his interest ceased because he was no longer a novice, and he felt he had not much chance against the champions, and although asked to assist the club, did nothing. As illustrating how persistency is rewarded, Mr. Tyson said: "Quite recently I succeeded in securing 4s. from him more than two years after he took the specials out of the club." There were others, however, who were always ready to do what they could for the club, and one most generously offered that if he (Mr. Tyson) would let him know what debt there was on the club at the end of the year he would send him a cheque to balance, so as not to have the usual whip-round at the annual meeting. During the year the novice competition had been very poorly supported, but that for champions had been a big success. Mr. Tyson spoke most warmly of the good work done by the sub-committee in putting the finances of the club in a strong position. Twelve months since they had a debt of £14 17s. 1d., that had been cleared off, and to-day there was a balance in hand of £5 12s. 10d. Their assets were in cash and kind, £58 6s. 8d., and their liabilities, including the Palace specials, and rent of room for that meeting, were only £4 4s. 6d. This was the result of the splendid spirit of sportsmanship shown by the sub-committee.

Mr. Rhodes said the credit of the most satisfactory statement which they had heard belonged to Mr. Tyson. He had worked whole-heartedly and earnestly to put the club in a solid position, and he had accomplished it. Messrs. Ley and Shepherd supported this, and the report and accounts were adopted.

Mr. Tyson announced that Mr. W. E. Greeves had written withdrawing from the committee, and suggested that Mr. Bale should take his place. He was pleased to say Mr. Rhodes had again been elected president.

The President, in returning thanks for his re-election, urged the members to support Mr. Tyson in every way they could, and make his work as light as possible. They had a good secretary, and the position of the club that day was in every way due to Mr. Tyson, to whom it was most creditable.

Mr. Tyson announced that Messrs. Evins Bros. had won the Roberts Cup with a total of 345 points, and Dr. Twigg the novice competition with 61 points, Mr. Wharam coming second. In reference to the competition for most points scored with 4 birds in six classes, it had not been decided which show should have the honour. He suggested that it should be drawn for. This was done. Plymouth was the successful show, and Mr. Bale the lucky winner of the three-guinea tea service.

In the discussion on Mr. Smith's motion regarding "the advisability of withholding support to shows which extend over Sunday," Messrs. Ley, Evins Bros., Shepherd, Taylor and Rhodes all pointed out that it was much more advisable to have the birds in the show room on the Sunday than to be knocking about on the railway. Further, some of their best shows could not exist without the Saturday gate. As there was no seconder, the motion fell through.

In introducing the question of "the adoption of closed rings," Mr. Heath referred to their use amongst Poultry and Pigeon men, and said that he had no doubt rings for Canaries would be adopted in the future, if not at once, and it certainly right they should be; he had only put the subject on the agenda to get the opinion of the members. The use of rings would ensure the fact that birds when shown were young birds, they would also be useful in telling the age of a bird when it was sold, and it would preserve for them the name of the breeder. Mr. Tyson expressed himself as in favour of the idea, and read a letter from the Secretary of the Roller Club, explaining how the ring scheme was worked in that club, and it was most satisfactory, especially to the finances of the club, which it had helped to the extent of £16. He also read letters from Messrs. Hesketh and Woollard opposing the use of rings. Messrs. Rhodes, Ley, Shepherd, Taylor, Barnett, Evins Bros., and Greenwood and Burson all supported the idea, only Mr. Lazarus opposing it. Messrs. Evins mentioned that one of the Barnstaple members had asked them to say he was against rings. It was eventually decided, on the motion of Mr. Shepherd, seconded by Mr. Barnett, that the members be asked to vote on the matter.

The question of "The adoption of a uniform show cage" was brought forward by Mr. Tyson at the suggestion of several members. He personally supported the idea, as did Messrs. Ley, Franz, Greenwood, Taylor, Evins Bros., Heath, Rhodes, all supported the idea, but Messrs. Heath and Ley thought it should not be rushed, and when finally decided the members should be given some time in which to use up their present stock of cages. On the recommendation of Mr. Rhodes a sub-committee consisting of Messrs. Tyson, Heath, Taylor, Ley, and Greenwood were appointed to obtain sample cages and make a selection of one suitable for the use of club members.

A letter was read from Mr. Colledge suggesting that when two members exhibited as a firm their points should be counted as to two members, and not one. The feeling of the meeting was decidedly hostile to the suggestion.

The three following resolutions were brought forward by Mr. T. Taylor:—

"That, so far as the funds of the Crested Canary Club will allow, all specials and cups be handed over to their respective winners before issue of balance sheet. Balance sheet to state holders of cups; guarantee from holder to be presented to auditor when doing annual audit."

"That all paid-up members of the Crested Canary Club have a 'star' placed opposite their name on Crested Canary Club list distributed, or be kept separate from unpaid members, and members be instructed to deal only with paid-up members."

"That the Club strike an average total amount and that they curtail the expenditure so far as can be assumed by alloting, say, three-quarters of the average amount to next year's expenditure, thus leaving a balance of a quarter of the total to be carried forward, till a sufficient sum is in hand to procure the following season's outlay, which should be obtainable in four years, and put the Crested Canary Club on a sound financial footing."

The discussion upon each was very brief, and generally agreed that the principle of the first was right, and, as far as possible, it should be acted upon. In reference to the second, it stated that the names placed on the list by Mr. Tyson were those of members who had paid, whilst as to the third, it was felt it would be rather awkward to work owing to the variation in the income, and cost of working. Messrs. Heath, Evins Bros., Ley, and Rhodes all thought that with Mr. Tyson as secretary they need have no fear as to the Club not being able to pay its way. Mr. Rhodes emphasising the revolution in the Club finances this year compared with last. Mr. Tyson said that Messrs. Rhodes, Ley, Heath and Crisp were really to be thanked for this. In reply to this, Mr. Ley said Mr. Tyson was bluffing, the Club's position that day was due to Mr. Tyson.

Mr. Tyson brought forward a motion:—"To extend the novice limit to three first prizes at three shows." In supporting it, he said that the present system rushed the novices too much, and they were put amongst the champions almost before they knew how to breed or stage a bird, and not being able to win, became disheartened and fell out. Messrs. Ley and Heath supported the suggestion. Mr. Robson suggested that a novice should be a novice for three years, and then should become a champion, no matter how many prizes he had won. Mr. Heath said if Mr. Robson would include twelve prizes in the three years, and that when a man had won that number he should become a champion, even if it was before the three years were up, he should agree. Mr. Robson accepted Mr. Heath's suggestion. Mr. Taylor said it might be easier to win twelve prizes than three first prizes. Plenty of men could win seconds and thirds, but could not touch a first, and it might happen that at a small show a man would win 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and if he did this in two classes there would not be many left to complete his twelve prizes. He would second Mr. Robson's proposition if he dropped the three years. Mr. Robson then said he hardly knew where he was. Mr. Heath would support him if he added the twelve prizes, and Mr. Taylor if he would take away the three years. Messrs. Evins and Franz spoke in favour of the present system, and Messrs. Rhodes and Tyson pointed out that the rules of other clubs and societies must be considered. It was decided not to alter the present status of the novice.

The meeting closed with very hearty votes of thanks to Messrs. Tyson and Rhodes for their work as secretary and president, and these gentlemen responded.

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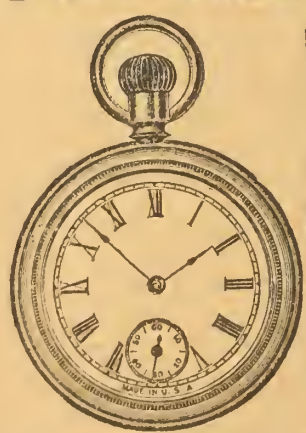

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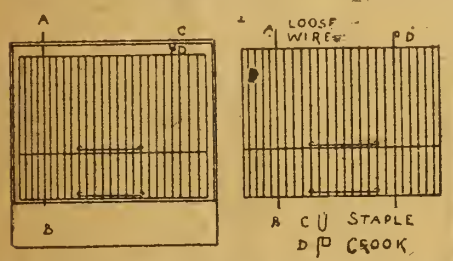
A Loose Cage Front.
Sent by Mr. J. Miles, 55, Chestnut Street, Ashington, Northumberland.

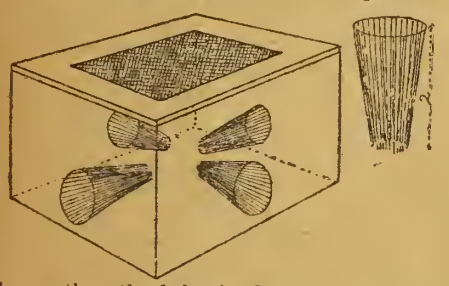
I send you a simple sketch of my style of loose cage front, which I have not seen in use elsewhere. The ordinary front can be transferred into same with little trouble. A and B show the loose wire (not soldered) for front to work round on same as hinge; C is a staple ¼in. long, driven into cage and leaving ¼in. hanging down; D is one of the long wires in front, which, instead of being pushed into cage top, is made into a crook which slips into the staple C and pulls down in the ordinary way,



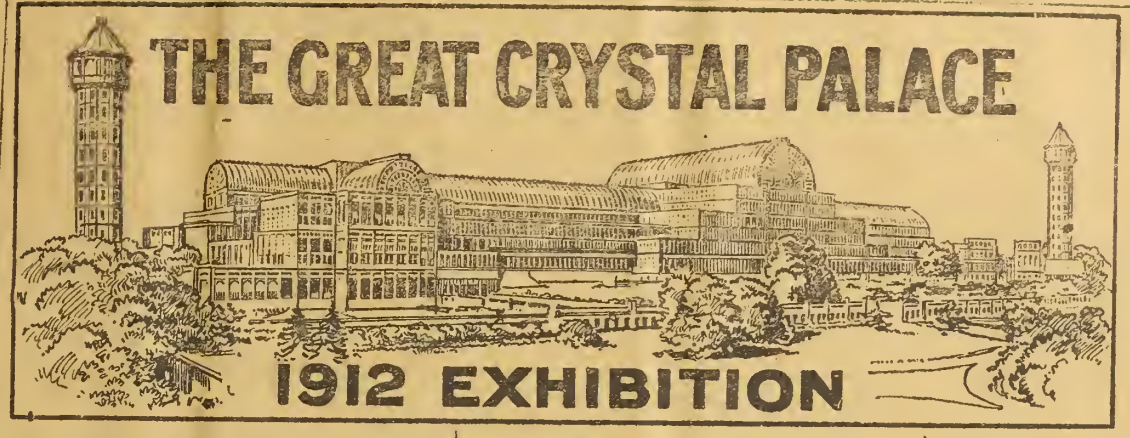
the same as fixing any other front. All you have to do is to lift the front up, and then your crook slips out of your staple and swings round on loose wire A and B, and acts as an ordinary door. When cleaning out you have the whole cage front open. I use the perches which fix on the cage front, and do not touch the back of cage at all, and when cage is open I just give them a scrape up; there is no need to take them out. This style of front is specially useful for double breeders, as you can run birds into one compartment while you are cleaning out the other. I may say that I never bother with loose slides in my cages.—J. Miles.

No. 566.
To Keep Mice at Bay.
Sent by Mr. F. B. Rawston, A, Blackley Cottage, Tunnel Avenue, East Greenwich,

Enclosed is an idea which I have used to keep mice at bay. Obtain a small tin box about 10in. square and cut holes in the sides about 1in. diameter. Then get a piece of ordinary cage wire and bend into rings a little



larger than the holes in the box. Get some small pieces of steel wire about 2in. long and solder round the rings about ¼in. apart; then bend the steel wires in towards each other, so that they are about ¾in. apart at the end. Solder the ring just round the hole in the box. Now cut a hole in the lid of box, leaving about an inch all round. Get a piece of ¼in. mesh wire and solder it over the hole. Now just darken it with paint and put your bait in and set. The mice force the wire open, but when they try to get back the wires will not give.—F. B. Rawston.



Special Descriptive Report by our Staff of Experts.

IT is probable that the majority of the bird-lovers who wended their way to the Crystal Palace Show last week-end (Feb. 2nd to the 6th), look back upon this great annual carnival with somewhat mixed feelings. The event itself was as interesting and pleasure-giving as any similar fixture of past years. But King Frost played us a scurvy trick. He laid his icy fingers on the land when least wanted (from the birdic-man's point of view), and left all of us who ventured to the great glass house powerless to escape his chilly grip. But though we fanciers had perforce to shiver and stamp (some of us did sundry other things besides) we refused to allow our enthusiasm to be quite "frozen-out." We made a great muster out Sydenham way, despite weather conditions that would not have disgraced the arctic regions.

On the Friday the attendance was good, while on the Saturday—most popular day of all—the long aisles held the usual crowds of sight-seers. We noticed many fanciers present who had travelled a great number of miles for the pleasure of having the last peep of the season at the cream of the exhibition birds of to-day. A number of Tyneside enthusiasts travelled up by the trip run in connection with the Sunderland-Crystal Palace football cup-tie; while Welsh and West-country visitors mustered in considerable force, and the men from Lancashire and Yorkshire were quite a little army in themselves. And that we all enjoyed ourselves goes without the saying; the prospect of "cough mixture" looming in the distance seemed a trivial thing indeed.

The Show Manager's Successful Efforts.

In coping with the situation created by the exceptional cold, Mr. J. W. Ramsden once again proved his great worth both as a show-manager and as a genuine lover of birds. Nothing that he could think of as likely to add to the comfort of the birds and of the visitors was too much trouble to carry out. The huge steam-pipes (which were originally erected in the show enclosure at his urgent representation) were kept going night and day, the walls were hung with thick curtains, and the roof also once the judging was over, while the electric light was left burning. The more delicate birds were allotted the warmest and most sheltered spots. We heard any number of eulogistic remarks made concerning Mr. Ramsden's foresight, and he well deserved them. It is, perhaps, needless to add that in every department the management was up to the highest possible standard—the "J. W. R." standard. Mrs. Ramsden lent her husband invaluable aid; the amount of work got through by this estimable lady it is not easy to gauge, so unassuming is the manner of its performance. Mr. Geo. Ramsden, jun., too, is a "chip of the old block," so far as the work at a bird-show is concerned. The kind things said of them at the Judges' Luncheon were thoroughly deserved.

In its president, Mr. Geo. Crabb, the London and Provincial O.S. (under whose auspices the show is held) possess one of the most respected members of the Fancy to-day, and his presence and support go far to ensure the success yearly achieved by the Palace Show. The hon. sec., too, Mr. C. W. Law, is a most excellent official, able and tactful, and one of the hardest of workers.

The committee comprised Messrs. G. Mortlock, F. S. Matthes, J. Oldaker, W. Laskey, C. R. Bullen, A. Cooper, G. H. Couzens, J. Hodder, R. J. Pretty, W. Salter, G. Graham, W. Kiesel, R. Bamber, F. J. Day, J. Hazell, F. Lathleiff, and G. Thurling, and they "pulled together" as well and strenuously as ever, nothing daunted by long hours and the adverse conditions. We congratulate them heartily on the undoubted success they were instrumental in achieving.

A Department in Safe Hands.

Those very old and esteemed servants of the Crystal Palace Company, Messrs. Grutchfield and Small, once again ably performed their annual duty of feeding and watering the birds. For the remarkable total of close upon 50 years these fanciers (we feel justified in terming them such) have been piling up the debt of gratitude due to them from bird-keepers patronising the Palace Show. A record to be proud of. They were assisted by various skilled members of the L. and P.O.S., who kept an eye on the requirements of the delicate British and Foreign birds, etc. The supplying of the seeds for the birds was again undertaken by Messrs. J. Carter and Company (known to a wide circle of bird-keepers as "Good Old Carters"), of Raynes Park, London, S.W.; while the insectivorous food, yolk of egg, etc., were provided by the well-known firm of Trower and Company (442, Caledonian-road, London, N.). These two firms did their utmost to ensure every bird having such food as would best enable it comfortably to face the unusual degree of cold prevailing during the show. And that their laudable efforts were crowned with success was evidenced by the fine condition of almost every exhibit when packed for the homeward journey. That some of the birds should be upset by the weather conditions was inevitable.

Some Points of Interest.

There were no particular "sensations" for the scribe to chronicle, the chief item in this line being the dispute which has arisen between the management and the British Roller Canary Club, particulars of which are given in our account of the Judges' Luncheon. We heard of one protest being lodged; it was against a light Linnet Mule for alleged missing wing feathers, a matter dealt with by our representative reporting this section. The "talk" of the Canary section was the class for White Canaries. The excellence and beauty of these birds, it is safe to say, astounded every Canary fancier. They are truly charming, so exquisitely silken in plumage, and snow-white in colour; and we venture to predict that this new variety has come to stay. Among the Hybrids the Greenfinch-Chaffinch aroused the greatest interest, this latest novelty looking in excellent fettle. British men had to have a peep at the Dipper, of course, this being a hitherto unknown quantity in British classes. The winning Hawfinch, too, aroused the admiration of all beholders. Its owner, by the way, created quite a little sensation, for though the name of Burr is new to the majority of us, this gentleman secured the diploma for best British bird with the Hawfinch, besides firsts in the Linnet and Siskin classes, and second in the Goldfinch class. A remarkable performance on, we believe, a first appearance at the Palace.

The task of adjudicating upon the exhibits was this year entrusted to Messrs. J. C. Barnes (Novice Norwich, etc.), H. W. Pettye (Nor.), H. Broadley (Novice Yorks., etc.), [illegible] T. Camps (Parrots), J. F. Dewar (Hybrids and Belg.), F. Finn (Foreign), H. J. Fulljames (Brit.), G. Gardner (Lancs., White Canaries, etc.), T. Heath (Crests and part of the Yorks.), C. A. House (Liz., Nor., Yorks., and Bord. Greens), W. Mundell (part Yorks.), H. Norman (Novice Hyb. and Brit., etc.), J. Robson (Bord., Scots. Faucies, Frills, etc.), W. Swaysland (Brit.), G. E. Weston (Brit.), and J. Wones (Cinns.). It must be at once said that their work was made unusually difficult this year by reason of the intense cold, for not only did the birds feel the "nip" of Jack Frost, but the judges themselves could not help feeling a little "off colour" by way of sympathy. My word, it *did* freeze! The chances of several good exhibits were spoiled by reason of the birds looking down in condition; apart from this regrettable but quite unavoidable state of things, however, we do not think that many birds were placed wrongly in the prize list. We are not going to say that we heard no adverse comments after the cards were up. But most of these were prompted by individual preferences for certain show points at the expense of others, and not by the patent fact of the rightful winners being left "down the course." The most unfortunate illness which has befallen our friend Mr. A. Silver, made it impossible for him to keep his engagement to judge, and the classes originally allotted to him in the British bird section were officiated upon by Mr. Fulljames.

A Fine Array of Stalls.

As usual, the fine array of stalls attracted a great deal of notice from fanciers and visitors, and some of them were so interesting and contained so many choice articles required in the cage bird cult, that one looked at them with longing eyes. Mr. Joe Thomas, from Halifax, was in his usual position, near the show manager's office. Mr. Thomas looks upon the Palace Show both as an "outing" and as a means of displaying the hundred and one useful articles he provides for the Fancy. Cages of all kinds, feeders, hoppers, drinkers, egg mills, etc., etc., were on view. Looking along the stall one was struck with the very fine breeding cages, both single, double, and three compartment; these were beautifully made and finished, and fitted with all needful requisites. During the coming season Mr. Thomas expects to exchange several hundreds of these for hard cash to fanciers who know a good thing when they see it. His display of birds, too, was a splendid one.

Mr. Chas. Roehl was located upon the opposite side and made quite an imposing show with his cages and fittings. Although Mr. Roebl provides cages and fittings of all kinds, he is more especially interested in Roller Canaries, and pet Canaries and other birds. His stall held all the appliances used by lovers of the sweet voiced Rollers. He also had on view some specially made drawing-room cages and aviaries. These were something quite exceptional and exquisitely finished. He had also a fine lot of Roller Canaries on view.

"Good Old Carter" exhibited fine samples of all known seeds used by fanciers. This firm makes a speciality of supplying only the best. Many old fanciers have dealt with this firm for long years, and one sees them at the Palace renewing their acquaintance at the stall and placing orders for future supplies.

At the Entrance.

Several stalls were arranged in their usual positions at the entrance to the show enclosure. Messrs. Trower and Co. being the first to catch the eye. Here was displayed a grand array of seeds. Mr. Trower makes a speciality of canary seed, the staff of life for most of our birds. His samples ranged from very superior Spanish to good Turkish, the former being a bulky, clean seed at a fair price. "Nu-Seed," introduced by the firm some twelve months ago, does not appear to make much headway among conservative bird-keepers, but a few who have used it regularly speak highly of it as a staple food. The firm caters for all branches of the Fancy and every variety of bird, hard or soft bill, and during the show we were informed did excellent business.

Messrs. Spiller and Baker had a tastefully arranged stall, with a large and splendid assortment of seeds, etc., on view. This firm has a big demand for their special Finch mixture and wild seeds These seeds are not only used by keepers of Finches, but Canary men who know anything always keep a few packets in use among their stock.

Messrs. Hyde and Co.'s stall made quite an imposing show. This well-known firm caters for all branches of the Fancy. Their packet seeds are known in nearly every household, and extensively used. They are well known, too, as the purveyors of shell grit and sand, various packet foods, and medicines, of which the firm send out huge quantities during the twelvemonth.

Messrs. Edwards made an excellent display, and did splendid business during the exhibition. All their packet seeds are put in yellow paper covers, which at once identifies them, and we are told the seeds used are of the best possible quality only. Certainly the sample shown to our representative was of very high merit.

The Molassine Company were exhibiting the well known foods and requisites, medicines, etc., sold for many years by Messrs. Welham and Co. The quality of these goods is remarkably high. The Harta Mountain bread we remember in our youth, and we were told the sale is still very large, and now steadily increasing. Messrs. Welham's medicines are well known, and have been satisfactorily tested by most bird keepers.

CAGE BIRDS stall was placed, as usual, at the entrance, and during every day of the show the pressure of buyers round it was quite as strong as the attendant could cope with. The numerous books displayed, including "Our Canaries," were always a source of attraction, many visitors taking this opportunity of "seeing before purchasing."

One attraction inside the show was the fine collection of stuffed birds got together by Mr. Geo. Crabb, the well-known chairman of the L. and P.O.S. Mr. Crabb is still in want of a few first-class specimens of all kinds—Canaries, British, and Foreign—and would be glad if fanciers would remember him when any well-known winner goes on his "last journey."

Mr. J. W. Ramsden displayed a neat case containing samples of his well-known colour food, both ground and in the original pods. Many fanciers had not seen the latter before, and were naturally very much interested in this exhibit of high-class tasteless peppers.

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Wild-Bird Life.

Linnets in Mid-Winter.

After a lot of rain we generally get a fair share of foggy mornings and this winter has been no exception to the general rule. Some of them have been usually thick. Although fog and mist are very objectionable to human beings, wild birds do not appear to be affected much by them. They sing quite as cheerfully, and as strongly as in bright sunshine. It really appears as if birds cannot help singing when they are in good form. They sing because they must. As Tennyson says: "I do but sing because I must, and pipe but as the Linnet sings." As we all know, the poet was a keen student of Nature, and of wild birds in particular, and of these he had his favourites—the little brown Linnet being one of them. He mentions it several times, and in a manner that shows he thoroughly understood its habits.

The Linnet is an incessant and sweet songster, and loses nothing in comparison with other Finches for variety, some notes are particularly pleasing, full and melodious. But these are the individual notes of good performers. To hear a flock of them singing and twittering together, the one impression is the pleasing sweetness of the chorus. A few days ago the writer sitting in the winter sunshine was fortunate enough to get near a flock, most of them twittering and recording their song. One bold fellow nearer us than were the others was particularly conspicuous for his size, and song. He was perched on a twig of an old ash stump, away from his companions, his notes were clear and loud. He stood out so boldly, that he appeared to be quite the chief performer. They appeared to be having a little relaxation from their usual occupation of foraging for food, they had evidently been busy all the morning, and then retired to this sunny spot to enjoy a little rest, and possibly song. Of course rest in the afternoon is the usual thing with wild birds, and then an hour or so before retiring for the night is given up to feeding, and their supper is not a light one, the crop in some cases being stuffed to almost bursting point. The writer has shot Woodpigeons just before roosting with the crop so full that it has burst open with the fall, possibly a shot or two had started the fracture, but to see the contents laid out afterwards, one would hardly credit the possibility of a bird managing to cram so much matter into such a little space.

Nests of Birds, Poultry, etc., should be regularly sprinkled with KEATING'S POWDER, especially when hens are sitting. Don't forget to do this just previous to the eggs hatching, to destroy the Red Mite. Kills all insects. Harmless to everything else.

USE OUR NOTEPAPER

YORKSHIRE C.C. OF SCOTLAND.

Annual general meeting held Duncan's Rooms, Glasgow, Jan. 30. Mr. T. Penman presided. After balance sheet had been adopted, the auditors' report of the ballot was read, showing the following gentlemen had been elected, viz.:—President, Mr. R. Heggie; vice-presidents, Messrs. T. Penman and F. Bowman; secretary and treasurer, Mr. R. B. Gibb, 96, Middleton Street, Ibrox, Glasgow. Decided, to reduce number of committee men to five; following elected:—Messrs. A. Girvan (Ayr), J. R. Reid (Cowdenbeath), and C. Martin, J. F. Park, and R. T. Anderson (Glasgow); auditors, Messrs. D. F. Webster and W. Simpson. Rules were gone over, and a few minor alterations made. Secretary's report of the season's progress was considered very satisfactory. The average entry at our patronised shows worked out at about 10 birds per class, and the quality was in advance of previous years. President handed prizes as follows:—Club's challenge rose-bowl and gold medal for most points over season, to Mr. C. Martin, 88 points; half set of china, presented by Mr. A. Girvan, for runner-up, Mr. J. McLellan, 66, whose nearest opponents were Misses Heggies and Girvan, with 62 and 52 points respectively. Mr. Heggie's novice special (a cake basket) won by Mr. J. McLellan; winners of Mr. Bowman's specials for most points in Y.B. classes at the four country shows were: Lochgelly, Mr. G. MacRobbie, Ayr Mr. C. Martin, Kilmarnock Dr. Syson, Lochore Mr. A. Girvan. At club show held at Glasgow and district fixture, Mr. R. F. Barr's gold medal for best young bird was won by Mr. C. Martin; club's specials for most points in Y.B. classes: Champ. Section, 1st Mr. G. MacRobbie, 2nd Mr. C. Martin, 3rd Mr. G. Crichton; Novice Section, 1st Mr. W. Sanderson, 2nd Mr. J. C. Sinclair, 3rd Messrs. W. Simpson and A. Hendry (tied). Decided, to hold only three meetings during year. Past and prospective members specially invited to note we also decided to hold a F.F. show during summer. I shall be glad to hear from old members intending renewing their membership.—R. B. Gibb, Hon. Sec.

The Crystal Palace Show.

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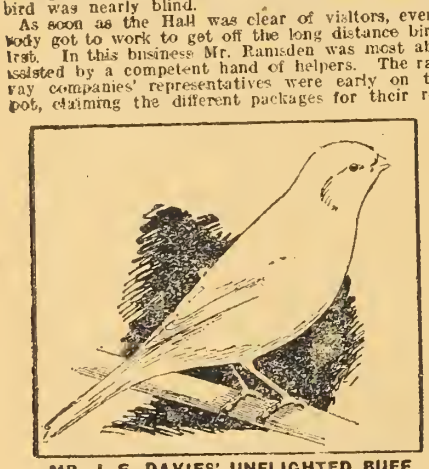
Although the sales did not quite reach last year's record cash total, they equalled that of 1910, £260 worth of birds changing hands. None of the sales, however, were at high figures, some of the biggest being £5 for a grand yell. Belgian and £5 for an unflighted buff Yorkie from the novice section, purchased at the time of the show closing, another yell. here going for four guineas. The winning yell. novice Norwich was not dear at £3. As usual, few of the birds in the '30s. selling classes journeyed home again, another proof of the demand for decent birds at this figure. There were many sales in the British bird section. An unnoticed Goldie found a new owner at £2, and the second prize Siskin at two guineas. An unnoticed Greenfinch was also claimed at the same figure. Mr. Williams' grand Hawfinch, which stood second, was not dear to his buyer at the catalogue price of five guineas. Other sales among the British included the 1st prize Reed Bunting, £3; Blackcap, £2; Wheatear, £2; Bramble-finch, £3, and Twite, 45s. Curiously enough, no sales took place out of the novices' British and Hybrid classes, and very few Foreign birds changed hands, which is attributed to the weather conditions keeping would-be purchasers of these beauties at home. As usual, a great number of birds were sold from the popular extra stock class; and quite two-thirds of the cages entered were disposed of. We heard that several people wanted to buy the first prize Mule in the Limit class, but the show manager refused to sell it on the ground that the bird was nearly blind.

As soon as the Hall was clear of visitors, everybody got to work to get off the long distance birds first. In this business Mr. Ramsden was most ably assisted by a competent hand of helpers. The railway companies' representatives were early on the pot, claiming the different packages for their respective lines, and everything worked with exceptional speed and smoothness. The show-room was emptied before the clock struck ten; a really great achievement of the officials. The birds looked in very fine condition, too, considering the terrible weather, and at the end of the show many looked quite fit to attend another such function and hold their own with freshly staged birds.



MR. J. E. DAVIES' UNFLIGHTED BUFF NORWICH.
Winner of diploma for best Nor. in show.

The most welcome change in the weather to milder conditions delighted the management, as the birds could travel home much more comfortably, and at no risk of delays en route. Many fanciers journeyed up to town to take their pets home, although, as they said, there was no reason for them to do so, but as they had previously made arrangements to do this, they carried them out. Possibly an excuse for spending a few more hours at the show had something to do with it, eh?

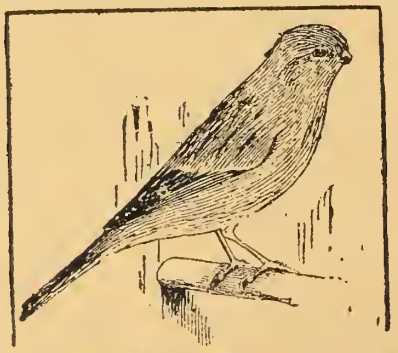
CHAMPION NORWICH SECTION.

Judge, Mr. H. W. Battye.

The Norwich Plainheads made a magnificent display. Birds of superb type and wonderful substance, teeming with quality and with colour of great richness were to be seen in every class, right through the entire section. Truly a sight, leaving in one's mind an impression not likely to be forgotten. It was an object lesson as to what can be obtained by the careful and judicious breeding of this most popular variety. Those who had the opportunity of inspecting the "studies" present, were satisfied to the fullest extent, we do not hesitate in saying. The aisle in which the "short and thick 'uns'" graced the benches was crowded at times; one met there fanciers from North, South, East and West, all scrutinizing the many beautiful birds on view.

Mr. J. E. Davies (Stockport) the N.P.C. cup winner three years in succession, put down some wonderful specimens. His unflighted clear buff cock, which has proved the "trump card" on many occasions this season, took the diploma (champion section) special for best Norwich in the show, also both the Victorian Society's specials (per Mr. F. White) for best unflighted and best Nor. It is well worthy of these great honours, being a true model; its equal we have not seen for many a long day. Mr. J. Smeaton sent all the way from Musselburgh, Scotland, some "bonny lads and lassies." The Scotch representatives were hard nuts to crack, and sweet as the kernels therein; three firsts and other honours went to the land of "whiskey and cakes." The special for 2nd best went to an exceptionally fine cl. yell. cock, the property of Mr. J. Thomas (Halifax), of rare size and shape, and lovely colour and carriage. Mr. H. W. Sheldon captured the Challenge Cup, also sp. for best bird in classes 1 14 (members of the L. and P.O.S.), with a magnificent cl. buff cock. Mr. J. W. Ramsden's special (for hottest fed bird) went to a cl. yell. cock, quite a "ball of fire," the successful owner being Mr. W. Collins (Devonport). Best vhc, Mr. J. Howard (Norwich); best hc, Mr. W. Collins.

NOR., CL. YELL. (17): 1, spl, Thomas, wonderful substance, rattling fine shape, delightful feather and colour, beautiful carriage of flights and tail; 2, sp, Collins, for shape, quality, size, and carriage, all one need desire, not quite the rich tone of col. of winner, nevertheless a topper, well put down; 3, hc, Gill and Pethick, very shapely, and of superb quality and col., clocklike action, neatness itself as regards wing carriage, short tail; 4, Irons, well up in size, delightful shape and col., gets well across, fine wing carriage; vhc, Hodder, Davies, the old warrior qualifying fast for the "old age pension," has done wonderfully well; c, Longden; No. 15, C. E. Silk, absent. BUFF (21): A very fine class: 1, members' challenge cup, and members' best, H. W. Sheldon, what a gem, to be sure, true shape, rare size, feathered to perfection, rich colour and beautifully frosted, capital undercolour, full of go; 2, Turner, massive in build, grand outline, superior quality, moves finely, A1 wings and tail a tint or two behind winner in col.; 3, Grey, plenty of size, superior quality and col., grand carriage, charming head and neck, not quite so deep in front, nicely cut away; 4, Irons, silky texture of feather, nice level tone of col., fine head, neck, and chest; vhc, Baker, lovely all through, no one could have grumbled had this been "in the money"; vhc, Gill and Pethick; hc, Haigh, Thomas; c, Hall. TKD. YELL. (15): 1, Davies, varieg., of wonderful substance, quality, and col., hero of many hard fought battles, a fatty chest, has a tendency to spoil symmetry; 2, Humphries, mkd. wings and head, cobby, and of nice size, teeming with quality, bright level col., capital wings and tail; 3, Thomas, thigh tkd., true shape, red hot, smooth as a bottle, moves gracefully, took our eye immensely; 4, Sheldon, mkd. eyes and wing, A1 col., rich feather, rattling fine head and neck, very pleasing; vhc, sp, Howard, bouncing varieg., good col. and feather; hc, Grey; c, Turner. BUFF (13): E. Smeaton, mkd. wings and head, "Oh, the size," combined with the best of shape, rich feather and col., a perfect "knock-out"; 2, Gill and Pethick mkd. eye, smartly moulded, splendid quality and col., good size and carriage, well cut away, quite a picture; 3, c, Thomas, mkd. wings and head, tight as a Java, delightful col., shape, and quality, a true Nor.; 4 vhc, Baker, with a sweet brace, mkd. wings, eyes, and head, feathered to perfection; hc, Humphries. YELL. UNFLIG. (22): Rare class: 1, 4, Davies, grand couple, former delightfully shaped cl., fine size, lovely quality and col., A1 carriage, 4th mkd. wings and head, unbeatable for shape, brimful of quality, lovely tone of col., one of the best; 2, Banbury, short and thick set cl., rich feather, shining like polished marble, A1 col., deeper chested than winner, not quite so neat around waist, very close up, however; 3, Follwell, cl., capital type, best of quality and col., fine head, neck, and chest, jaunty carriage, exceedingly promising; vhc, Smeaton, Thomas; hc, Humphries, Hodder; c, Baker; No. 7, Davies, the well-known cl., but having only a matter of three tail feathers left had to stand out, best Nor. in the whole show, had his "rudder" been perfect. BUFF (26): Marvellous collection: 1, championship diploma, also sp. best unflig., also sp best in show, Davies, with his unique cl., an ideal specimen, with luck has a great future, took premier honours at most of the leading shows this season; 2, Wilson, mkd. wing, magnificent feather and col., delightful shaped head, thick neck, bold deep chest, grand carriage, clean under; 3, Follwell, mkd. neck, ablaze, with col., soft silky texture of feather, sweetly moulded, smart mover, nicely cut awny; 4, Hall, cl., rattling fine feather and col., good size, capital body properties, neat wing carriage; 5, Thomas, very shapely and of superb feather and colour, good size and carriage, capable of winning at most shows; vhc, Humphries, Saunders; hc, Baker; hc, sp, Collings. YELL. HEN (15): 1, 5, Smeaton, a brace of most bewitching damsels, leader a charming cl., of beautiful outline, lovely expression of head, perfect shaped body, capital substance, 3rd heavily mkd., soft, silky, feather, sweetly moulded, well up in size, grand fronted; 2, Hirst, mkd. wing, head, and root of tail, capital substance, A1 quality and col., grand head, neck, and chest, well across, quite a charmer; 4, Thomas, cl., of good shape, feather, and col., nice size and carriage, near on equal to any above her a beauty; vhc, Allen; hc, Collings; c, Wright. BUFF (16): 1, Turner, cl., for shape, quality, col., and size, all that one could desire, not a feather misplaced, and of delightful carriage; 2, Smeaton, another most enchanting cl., dressed in quite a "Parisian style," equal to her conqueror, with the exception of size, where she is just passed; 3, Ellis, mkd. wing and eyes, teeming with quality and col., very shapely,



MR. HANDLEY'S YELLOW GREEN NORWICH.
Diploma for the best Norwich Green.

and of good substance and carriage, decidedly a grand specimen; 4, Allen, grizzled back of head, wonderful size, lovely head, neck, and chest, well mealed, wee bit horny, very fine stock hen; vhc, Gill and Pethick, Haigh and Son; hc, Sheldon; c, Silk; No. 159, Cunliffe, absent. UNFLIG. YELL (16): 1, Smeaton, cl., round as a ball, exquisite quality and col., nice substance and carriage, perfect flights and tail; 2, Humphries, mkd. wings and head, beautifully clothed, rich in col., fine shape and size, clean cut away, extremely bonny; 3, Johnson, very shapely cl., well up in size, moves nicely, with a good moult should come out all right; 4, Ellis, mkd. wing and head, short and thick set, A1 quality and col., jaunty carriage, exceedingly promising; vhc, Irons; hc, Gill and Pethick; c, Thomas. BUFF (19): Nice class: 1, Thomas, mkd. wing and eye, true shape, capital feather, col., and frosting, good size, lovely wings and tail, will be heard of in the future; 2, Pickles, cl., beautiful outline, well up in substance, rattling fine tone of feather, grand carriage, not quite so bright in col., yet very close up;

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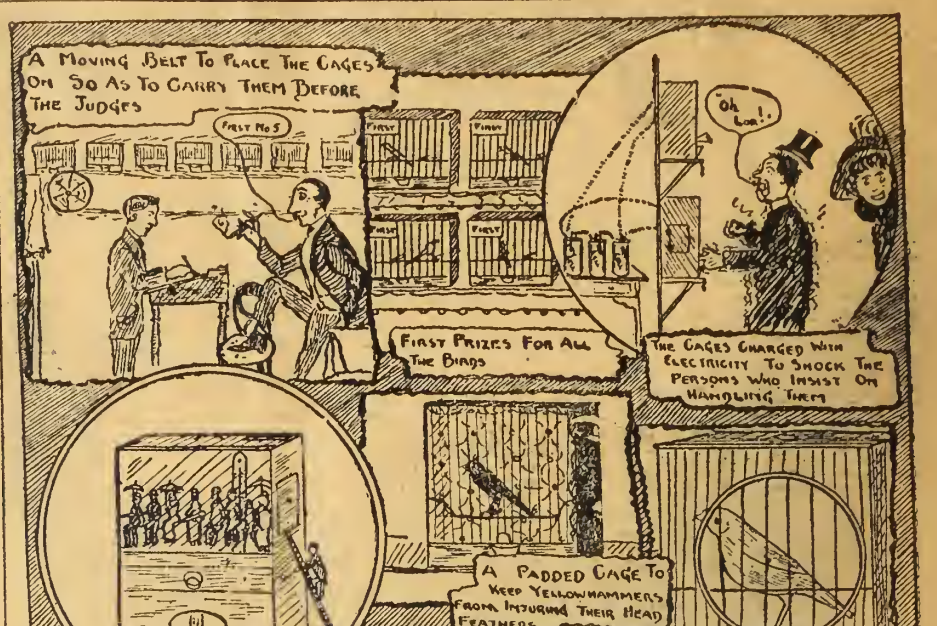
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A MAGNIFYING GLASS TO FIND THE GOOD POINTS OF SOME OF THE WINNERS

IT IS THE GENERAL OPINION THAT THE PALACE SHOW IS CONDUCTED ON MODEL LINES, BUT OUR ARTIST SENDS A FEW SUGGESTIONS WHICH HE THINKS WOULD BE APPROVED (?) BY EVERYBODY.

3, Gill and Pethick, cl., again all there with the exception of col., little removed from one above, maybe time will improve matters; 4, Ellis, cl., true type, lovely feather and mealing, moves gracefully; vhc, Baker; hc, Heywood; c, Bellamy.

Norwich Greens.

Judge, Mr. C. A. House.

With an increased entry, the Norwich Greens also exhibited an improvement in colour and feather. The majority of the exhibits were of a good grass-green hue, and exceptionally fine in feather. Further, the elongated half-bred Yorkshires are now quite a thing of the past, but even yet some of the birds staged are quite long enough. One point we would like to impress strongly upon exhibitors is that a green is as much improved by a wash as is a clear Norwich. It is impossible for the quality of the feather to show itself if it is covered with smoke and dirt; further, the beautiful grassy tone of colour is completely obscured. The special for the best bird in the section fell to Mr. Handley's winning yellow, a magnificent bird for quality and colour, and of true Norwich type. It is a pied, 'tis true, but its short, compact body, neat wings and tail, placed it well ahead of the rest.

YELL. (12): 1, sp best Nor. green, Handley, pied tail, lovely colour and feather, short compact body, nicely moulded head, well marked, capital wings and tail, shown very fit; 2, vhc, sp best, vhc, Lawson, magnificent quality of feather, rare chest and shoulders, capital wings and tail, not so grassy in col., and a bit browy in head, staged in the pink, vhc capital col., nice quality of feather, good wings and tail, not so well marked; 3, Jenkins, pied tail, fine bold bird, better col than 2nd, being deeper and richer, but is not so chubby in shape, and is longer in wing and tail, capital head, good quality of feather; 4, c, Harding, pied throat, neck, and vent, capital head, nice quality of feather, good colour, not so well braced in wings, and tail and rather longer, e very pretty pied, nice col., not so compact in feather; hc, Hales, lovely col. and quality of feather, grand style, but not chubby enough. BUFF (12): 1, Harrison, pied tail, rare shape, plenty of chest, grand head and shoulders, lovely silky feather, very neat wings and tail; 2, sp, best, 3rd, Lawson, grand shape, deep round chest, grand shoulders, splendid wings and tail, magnificent feather and carriage, not so deep and rich in col., and is also narrow in head, most beautifully shown, 3 fine big bold bird, of splendid rich deep col., rare quality of feather, longer in wings and tail, and wings are not so smartly carried; 4, Smeaton, very typical and stylish, good head, chest, and shoulders, nice silky feather, but shows a bit bronzy on top, and in flight coverts, hardly so well shown; vhc, Handley, very nice, rich col., good quality of feather, short in wings and tail, but not so much substance, and does not carry its tail quite so nicely as it should, a bit soft; hc, Hodder, grand col. and quality, nice wings and tail, on the slim side; c, Jenkins, pied throat, vent, and tail, nice shape and col., but a trifle browy, and rather inclined to frill on chest. HEN, YELL. (6): 1, Lawson, rather heavily pied, but rare shape, sound, rich, grassy col., splendid silky feather, stands well; 2, vhc, Barker, rare shaped body, very nice col. and quality, good shaped skull, short in wings and tail, but does not carry her wings quite so nicely as she should; vhc fairly varieg., capital shape, needed tubbing; 3, Godfrey, splendid col. and feather, neat head, rather slim in body; 4, Harding, nice col. and feather, fair shape, but drops wings; absent, 207, Godfrey. This class was not nearly so good as the cocks. BUFF (6): 1, Barker, pied throat and tail, splendidly rich in col., very compact in feather, nice chubby shape, good head, smart wings and tail, in grand form; 2, Jenkins, pied wing, thigh, and tail, most beautiful col., capital quality of feather, very stylish, good wings and tail; 3, Lawson, pied neck and tail, very nice col., neat body, compact silky feather, not quite so clever in wing carriage; 4, Harding, rather longer in body, wonderful rich col., grand quality of feather, a big bouncing hen, but could do with a bit more meal; vhc, Bloor, nice, smart body, shape, good colour and style, but a bit rough at thighs, which was difficult to understand in such a bird, possibly not well washed; hc, Enever, very nice col.

THE CRESTS & CRESTBREDS.

Judge, Mr. T. Heath.

The Crests and Crest-breds were by no means large classes, but numbered many fine birds. The yellow Crests seem well-nigh defunct, and those that did turn up we thought but shadows of some of the lights of other days. The yellow Crest-breds, however, had some fine birds amongst them. Messrs. Radley's buff Green Crested cock is a noble bird, and Mr. Lazarus' hen a gem of the first water. Both came in for a deal of admiration. The Crest-breds came up well, Mr. Barker putting down a topper, and Mr. Bewick, with the famous "Duchess," coming in easily first and securing the diploma. The current year's birds were a really nice lot, and of high merit, and we regret that our old friend of so many years, Mr. J. Dobson, could not, alas! be present to see his favourites. Though dead, he is not forgotten by his fellow-members of the L. and P.O.S. It seems a pity that the Palace Show does not now attract a larger entry of Crests, and those who remember the fights of bygone years on this national battle ground can scarcely understand it.

CREST. BUFF CK. (12): 1, Radley and Son, mealy green, a very fine crest, grand centre, beautifully arranged, great length of feather all round, nice back, crest, and good body; 2, Bewick, similar as to body marking, not quite the girth of crest or beauty of arrangement as winner, just a suspicion of open centre, yet a grand bird; 3, vhc, Greenwood and Burson, 3rd grizzle crest, smaller in body than some of the others, a full crest, neat centre, good length, vhc not quite so uniform, but a nice one; 4, Mrs. Thynne, wing mkd. D.C., hardly so well finished in formation as leaders, good length of frontal, and, in fact, all round, just a shade open at back; hc, Lazarus, cl. body D.C., a very nice bird, with a meritorious crest; c, Dobson and Son, varieg., with veiny crest that would win at many a show. HEN (10): 1, 4, Lazarus, my word; a fine pair, especially the winner, which has a splendidly

MR. R. S. BEWICK'S CREST-BRED HEN.
Diploma for the best Crest-bred.

formed crest, radiating and drooping grandly, very dense and rich in quality of crest feather, a massive headed bird that easily beat all comers, 4th long frontal, nice rib, just a wee bit flat; 2, Smith, shooting frontal, grand rib and centre, large crest, not quite so shapely or so dense all over as winner; 3, Gale, lightly varieg. D.C., just a trifle open at centre, but dense and full of quality, a good one in good company; vhc, Barker, large crest, with good density droop and thickness; hc, Bewick, grizzle, neat, but not quite the quantity of some; c, Bette, variegated, just a wee shade large in centre, nice lot of it, however. CREST-BRED, BUFF CK. (13): 1, Barker, monster in head, domed grandly, rare width of entrance, splendid lashing, massive body, great length and width of head feather, a topper; 2, Tope, cl., beautifully rising cushion, dense and long over beak, fine lashing and back skull, wide entrance, big body, another gem; 3, Bewick, varieg., fine lashing, just a wee shade narrower at entrance than leaders, but nice formation of skull, and good lengthy head feather; 4, Mrs. E. Litchfield, nearly green, well lashed, good width of entrance and clothing over beak, a fine specimen; vhc, Lazarus, lightly varieg., a beauty, fine lashing and shape of skull, length, and density; hc, Slade, heavily varieg., a trifle narrow, but good length; c, Mason, nice. HEN (7): 1, Bewick, grand head, clothing, and lashing, fine body, wonderful length, density and width of feather; 2, Dobson and Son, varieg., fine head, not quite the girth or density of winner, but a bonny bird; 3, vhc, Evins Bros., somewhat wider entrance than 2nd, but not quite the length or density of feather, still a grand head, vhc very attractive bird; 4, Lazarus, just a

wee trifle narrower in head, but beautiful length and very dense, a good one in most points; he, Radley and Son, nice length of feather; c, Slade, varieg. CREST, YELL (3): 1, Evins Bros., varieg., good one, leads easily; 2, Mrs. Litchfield, grizzle, nice frontal and, indeed, all round. C.B. YELL. (10): 1, Wallace, good head, entrance, and lashing, full of quality, fine body, rare length and width of head feather; 2, 4, Brotherton, former varieg., fine head properties, good length of feather; 3, Smith, wider at entrance, nice lashing; vhc, Waltham, nice skull; he, G. E. Slade, lightly varieg., some seemed to like better; c, A. J. Slade, green, just a trifle narrower at entrance, but nice length of head feather. CURRENT YEAR CRESTS, BUFF (8): 1, Greenwood and Burson, varieg., massive head, fine droop, good body, a really magnificent crest, a good one all through; 2, Smith, wing mkd., beautiful crest formation, although not so massive, lovely quality of crest feather and droop, a good one; 3, Brotherton, very dense and fine droop and frontal, rare length of crest feather, just a wee bit short at sides; 4, Hammett, wing mkd., fails to leaders only in size and density of crest, pretty one: vhc, Gale, neat

MESSRS. GREENWOOD AND BURSON'S YOUNG CREST.

Diploma for best Crest in the show.

one; he, Tope, long frontal, breaking away at sides; c, Hammett, irregular formation. C.B., BUFF (9): 1, Dobson and Son, varieg., with a noble skull, grand entrance, good cushion and lash, fine length of head feather; 2, Tope, green, narrower at entrance, fine length of turn back; 3, Groves, similar col., fine shape of head, good body; 4, Brotherton, nice rise to skull, not just the length and density of leaders; vhc, Radley and Son, varieg., grand lashing, loses only in length and density, but good body; he, Day, narrow head, but really taking bird; c, Barker, smaller, nice head. CINN. CREST OR C.B. (2): 1, Mrs. Thynne, Crest, good length, a wee bit broken as if from moult, else a fine bird; 2, Jenkins, C.B., good head, very nicely clothed.

THE YORKSHIRE CANARY SECTION.

The Yorkshires this year were not up to the average either in numbers or quality, and why it would be difficult to say. The judges are old favourites who have oft been in the limelight, and exhibitors should know how to suit them. The diploma for the champion Yorksbire fell to Mr. H. H. Towers' handsome young Buff, a beautiful example of what a Yorkshire bird should be, but he was not looking so well as when we saw him earlier in the season. Like many others of the Yorkies, he seemed to be feeling the cold somewhat, but when handled he pulled himself together well. Mr. J. Bailey's famous Cinnamon-marked yellow, which secured the diploma for that variety, must have run Mr. Towers' exhibit very close for the premiership. Another remarkably fine bird was that of Mr. Dykes, which won the Green-marked championship. A slashing trio this, and one which would give a new hand a real good start. We have oft heard it said that the old hands were certain to win at the Palace. This year's results must have been disappointing to those who believe in that fallacious idea. A trio of the old hands who had anything but a happy time this year were Messrs. W. H. Shackleton, J. Wilcock, and Ogden Bros. These felt a draught even if their exhibits did not. In more than one instance we thought the hand of fate had dealt this Yorkshire triumvirate a nasty knock. Still, it's all in the game. Up to-day and down to-morrow, but with the weather as it was on Friday anything might have happened. Judges at work in top-coats and mufflers, and the birds looking thoroughly "clammed" with the cold." The Clears were rather disappointing, but the Ticks were better. Mr. Binns won in each of the classes with smart, stylish, nicely feathered birds, but neither of them could afford to give away much to the exhibits of Messrs. Bailey, Ogden, and Hawes, which followed them home. The non-flights were two bonny classes, and we liked some of the birds out of the tickets quite as well as those that were in; the competition was close indeed, and those who failed to get home need not have felt disheartened or disgraced, for the youngsters were far better than the old birds. It was somewhat of a surprise to see a Southern hen getting home first in Yellows, and Messrs. Hawes are to be heartily congratulated upon the achievement. They are triers all the way. Some most lovely birds were shown by Messrs. Bailey, Thomas, Dykes, Smith, Atkins, Chippendale, Townsend, and Ogden. The Green-marks are improving rapidly, and this year's collection we think, for quality of feather, length, style, colour, and markings, were quite the best we have seen at the Palace. Many of them looked as though they had been in the ups and downs of show life, and that a good rest would benefit them. It is some years since we saw so many Yorkies at the Palace "gone in neck," and some of these Green-marks had suffered; still, the expert eye could see their natural beauties despite this drawback. Some very fine birds were staged by Messrs. Dykes, Morrison, Townsend, Brown and Son, Bailey, Ogden, Towers, and Thornton and Bower. The latter were amongst the old hands who had some bad luck, but "Little Jimmy" took it smilingly. In Cinnamon-marks Mr. Bailey's two famous birds stood well away; they were in wonderful condition considering the work they have done this season. We doubt if a better than the championship yellow has ever been seen. Amongst the remainder there were some bonnie birds, and the classes generally were good. Messrs. Ogden scored in Yellow hens with a really smart little lady, and other choice exhibits were those of Messrs. Allen, Cooper, Morrison, Towers, and Brown and Son.

Judge, Mr. T. Heath.

BUFF (15): 1, Kearns, fine long stylish bird, capital wings and tail, splendid colour and feather, nice head, stands well up, gone a bit in neck; 2, he, Hirst, smart, shapely and stylish, lovely quality of feather, nice head and neck, good tail, but does not use his wings over well, we liked the he very much, a grand little bird, of rare quality, shape, feather and carriage; 3, Wilson, a little gem, but just a shade too little, he has shape, though, and such style, whilst his feather is simply lovely; 4, Hall, long stylish bird of good shape, nice head, not so tight in feather; vhc, Stewart, rare length, good head, neck, and back, nice tail, not over neat in wing carriage; c, Hill, nice stamp of bird, but uses wings badly; Nos. 319, Wilcock, 322, Shackleton, 321, Ogden Bros., a nice trio, which we liked, but it was not their turu to-day; their luck was out. TKD. BUFF (18): 1, Binns, very nice cheek tkd., good head, neck, back and tail, capital colour and feather, shapely body, just a bit awkward with flights now and then; 2, vhc, Ogden Bros., very smart thigh tkd., rare head, neck and shoulders, wings and tail, nice length, stands well up on perch and tapers nicely right through, splendid feather and colour; vhc, neck tkd., dashing bird of rare shape, splendid quality of feather, well braced wings and tail; 3, Hawes Bros., wing tkd., capital head, rare shoulders, wings and tail, nice level colour, beautiful quality of feather, but seemed to be feeling the cold when we saw it; 4, Bailey, thigh ticked, grand style and quality of feather, but rather strongly built, hardly up to Jimmy's usual style; he, Parrott, very slim and racily built, lovely quality of feather, plenty of colour, well shown; c, Kearns, capital colour and feather, good shape, not quite so smart in carriage. UNFLIG., BUFF (24): 1, Towers, wins the Yorkshire championship diploma, splendid length, grand head, shoulders, wings and tail, very nicely cut away behind, stands like a soldier, rare quality and colour, but showing signs of the season's wear and tear; 2, Clark, not a large one, but very nicely modelled, carries a wealth of colour, and is beautifully feathered right through, splendid carriage; 3, Thomas, another little one, neat and dapper, feathered like glass, stands like a guardsman, but is somewhat pale in colour; 4, Smith, nice length and style, good head, wings and tail, not quite so clean cut in front; vhc, Robertshaw, rare shape, colour and feather, rather short, good head, very neat wings and tail; he, Kearns, smart, shapely neck tkd., very neat, nice style of feather; c, Chippendale, stylish, well feathered, good wings and tail. BUFF HEN (19): 1, Dykes, rattling good clr., neat head, nice shoulders, back, wings and tail, clean cut right through, stands well up to the perch, rare quality, nice colour; 2, Smith, good head, neat wings and tail, capital quality of feather and good shape, but she does not stand so well; 3, Bailey, not overdone in colour, certainly, but she is a smart thing otherwise, slim and delicately outlined, very smart wings and tail, feathered like a piece of wax and poses like a La Milo, a magnificent hen indeed, but rather pale complexioned; 4, Atkins, nice shape and style, capital wings and tail, good level back, hardly so clean in front; vhc, Hawes Bros., grand feather and shape, wings and tail well braced, plenty of style, needs just a shade more colour; he, Robertshaw, nice head, wings and tail, splendid feather and style, just a trifle heavy in waist; c, Wilson, nice shape and feather, does not use her wings

MR. L. DYKES' GREEN-MARKED YORKSHIRE CANARY.

Diploma for best of its kind in the show.

so nicely, neat tail; 432 and 433, Ogden Bros., had rather hard lines, they are two smart, stylish, well built lasses. GREEN MKD. YELLOW (35): 1, Morrison, good big lengthy bird, mkd. eye, throat and wing, splendid feather and style, nice colour, good head, nice shoulders, neat tail; 2, Townsend, but for his ugly breast marking a real topper, plenty of length, which he shows off on a grand pair of legs, beautifully feathered right through, neat head, well braced wings and tail, full of style and swagger; 3, Bailey, another real tip-topper, mkd. head, eye and wing, very neat line head, well moulded shoulders, grand back, neat wings and tail, nice tapering body, standing on good legs, and put down in perfect form; 4, Brown and Son, very hot eye, neck and wing mkd., splendid silky feather, grand shape and style, good level back, nicely braced wings and tail, hardly so compact in body feather as 2nd and 3rd; vhc, Ogden Bros., very long, well tapered, close feathered, stylish, warm coloured neck and wing mkd., in rare form; he, Thornton and Bower, head and wing mkd., one of the right stamp, very neatly and finely built, holds himself up well, and is clothed in a suit of rich close-fitting silk; c, Towers, well, we just fell in love with him directly we saw him, marked head, wings, and tail, rare shape and style, lovely feather, and as smart in every way as a Piccadilly dandy. YELL. MKD. HEN (8): 1, Dykes, head, eye and wing mkd., very neat head, close fitting shoulders, well braced wings and tail, lovely quality of feather, nice colour, could do with just a trifle more length of tail, still a very sweet little thing; 2, Ogden Bros., cheek and wing mkd., rare shape and length, splendid silky feather, plenty of colour, stands well up to her work, shown in faultless condition; 3, Shackleton, cheek and wing mkd., not such a wealth of colour, but in every other respect she is just a real beauty, she is feathered like a Java, there is nothing coarse or superfluous about her, she carries herself like a duchess, and was toiletted to the minute; 4, Thornton and Bower, eye, wing and neck mkd., not quite so neat in head, lovely colour and feather, nicely modelled body, well braced wings and tail, and stands well up when handled; vhc, Sutcliffe and Son, cheek and wing mkd., grand shape, feather, and style, not quite so much length, shown in beautiful form; vhc, Baldwinson, heavily mkd., splendid shape, grand style, very finely feathered; c, Priestley, head, eye, and wing mkd., very neat and stylish, good quality. A very useful lot of hens.

Judge, Mr. W. Mundell.

CL. YELL. YORKS. (17): 1, Thomas, rich col., well up on leg, boxy feather, neat head, well braced wings, pipe tail, shown in the pink of condition; 2, Binns, boxy feather, stands well on leg, long flights and tail, position A1; 3, Ogden Bros., boxy feather, even colour throughout, nice position, neck, head, grand wings and tail; 4, Tweedie, well braced wings and tail, neat head, clean on breast, good position, full of quality; vhc, Knight; vhc, c, Shackleton; he, Mock. TICK. YELL. (14): 1, Binns, cap and wing marked, rare length, boxy feather, piped tail, neat head, position A1; 2, Bailey, thigh ticked, lovely quality, grand wings and tail; 3, Bailey, long flights and tail, boxy feather, good head and chest, position A1; 4, Hawes Bros., very stylish, well braced wings and tail, full of quality, nice head; vhc, he, Ogden Bros.; c, Wilson. UNFLIG. YELL. (21): 1, Ellis, blaze of col., well up on leg, full of quality, neat head, good wing carriage, position A1, very steady; 2, Chippendale, very stylish, full of quality, long flights and tail, rich colour; 3, Dykes, a blaze of col., boxy feather, good position; 4, Bailey, very typical, lovely quality, stands well on leg, rich colour, piped tail; vhc, Bayes, Frost and Rogers; he, Cook; c, Bailey. YELL. HEN (15): 1, Hawes Bros., very typical, rich col., neat head, boxy feather, long flights and tail; 2, Bailey, full of quality, long

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flights and tail, rich colour; 3, Thomas, boxy feather, well up on leg, neat head, rare length; 4, Dykes, rich col., well braced wings, piped tail, good head and breast, good positioned bird; vhc, Hill; he, Robertshaw; c, Whitaker. UNFLIG. HEN (22): 1, Towusend, buff, full of quality, neat head, position A1; 2, Chippindale, yellow, long flights and tail, lovely quality, position A1; 3, 4, Ogden Bros., full of quality, well up on leg, long flights and tail, neat head, clean breast, buff; 4th, yellow ticked, boxy feather, well braced wings and tail; good head, rich colour; vhc, Shackleton, Boyes; he, Robertshaw, Lockett; c, Stewart, Thornton and Bower. UNEVEN, ETC., MKD. BUFF (14): 1, Dykes, eye and wings and breast, rich colour, boxy feather, very typical; 2, Ogden Bros., eye and wings, boxy feather, good head, rich colour; 3, Morrison, eye and wings, full of quality, stylish, good head and breast; 4, Towers, eye and wings, boxy feather, typical, good head and neck; vhc, Owens; he, Shackleton; c, Frost and Rogers. BUFF HEN (10): 1, Towers, head, eye and wings, lovely quality, positiou A1, grand wing carriage, piped tail; 2, Dykes, eye and wings, boxy feather, position A1, good head; 3, Hawes Bros., slim and stylish, full of quality; 4, Brown and Son, eye and wings, lovely quality and position; vhc, Towers; he, Ogdeu Bros.; c, Priestley. CINN. MKD., TKD., ETC., YELL. (10): 1, Bailey, eye and wings, boxy feather, long flights and tail, stands well on leg; 2, Brown and Son, lovely type and quality, neat head, fine position, well braced wings; 3, Hawes Bros., eye and wings, rich colour, typical, boxy feather, good head, clean on chest; 4, Towers, rich colour, full of quality, very stylish; vhc, Knight; he, Priestley; c, Ogden Bros. BUFF (10): 1, Bailey, blaze of colour, boxy feather, grand position, a good 'uu all over; 2, Morrison, eye and wings marked, full of quality, typical, good head, grand bird; 3, Cooper, eye and wings mkd., boxy feather, very stylish; 4, Towers, eye and wings mkd., lovely quality, very typical; vhc, Brown and Son; he, Hirst; c, Ogden Bros. CINN YELL. HEN (7): 1, Ogden Bros., eye and wings, lovely quality, very stylish; 2, Towers, boxy feather, neat head, stylish; 3, Brown and Son, stands well on leg, full of quality; 4, Cooper, boxy feather, very typical; vhc, Bullen; he, Parrott; c, Allen. BUFF (10): 1, Allen,

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Diploma for best of its kind in the show.

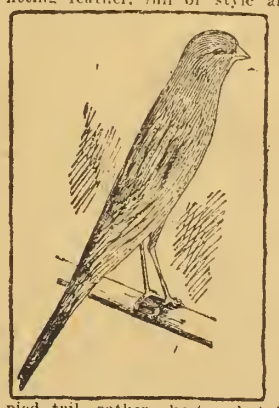
eye and wings, lovely type and quality, a gem; 2, Morrison, eye and wings, boxy feather, stylish; 3, Cooper, lovely quality, nice type; 4, Morrison, very stylish, full of quality, rare length; vhc, Towers; he, Ferguson; c, Towers.

THE YORKSHIRE GREENS.

Judge, Mr. C. A. House.

Yorkshire greens showed a nice increase in numbers, and the quality certainly was splendid. Looking at the type of birds shown to-day, and looking back in memory's panels to the birds of twenty years ago, one wonders how the change was wrought. So far as type is concerned, the greens to-day are equal with any other colour in the Yorkshire section, and judged for type alone, many of them can hold their own well with their paler coloured brethren, but in the green Yorkshire so many things come into the reckoning, and type is only one of the many. It so often happens that a bird which is almost ideal in shape, fails badly in colour; its thighs are smoky or its wings bronzy. Another superb in colour and quality shows evidences of the heavy wings of the birds of the Rooney days, a third may be splendid in type and colour, but it has all the old-fashioned coarseness of body feather. These difficulties all meet the earnest breeder, and in a modified form they meet the judges, and there is no judge of our acquaintance who is over anxious to tackle the greens; in fact, most of them give a big sigh of relief when they find that one or other of their colleagues has the greens. Mr. Walker won the special here with a good solid coloured buff of grand length, and beautifully feathered, whilst he stood up like a guardsman. As a class, the buffs were superior to the yellows, even though several of them showed a bit of bronze in the wing. Where they excelled was chiefly in feather and smartness of carriage. Amongst the hens, the yellows were better than the buffs, but both were good.

YELL. (19): 1, vhc, Rowlands, magnificent shape, plenty of length, sound rich grassy hued plumage, very fine in feather, splendid wings and tail, grand style, in rare form, vhc pied tail, splendid shape and length, beautifully sound in col., not quite so tight in body feather; 2, Clark, a lighter shade of col., and not quite so steady when handled, neat head, well braced wings and tail, magnificent silky feather, plenty of nerve; 3, McDermott, magnificent rich sound col., true old-fashioned tone, beautiful feather, rather stouter in body, and not quite so smart in wings; 4, Helliwell, pied tail and throat, most lovely shape and feather, capital rich col., nice back marking, good head, not quite so smart in carriage; vhc, McNulty, good head, stands well up on perch, nice quality of feather, sound col., a bit heavier in waist, and inclined to cross wings; he, sp best he, Hickson, pied tail, a very nice bird indeed, but handles wings badly, rare col., shape, quality, and body carriage; c, Pilling, rather stout in chest, most beautiful col, feather, and style, very nice wings and tail, needs just a bit more length; absent, Atherton (2). BUFF (15): 1, sp best Yorks. green, Walker, neat head, rare shoulders, wings, and tail, very sound, rich col., beautiful, soft, silky feather, very closely and compactly arranged, stands well up, and tapers nicely away from shoulders to tail; 2, he, Rowlands, very slim and smart, neat head, rare shoulders, wings, and tail, lovely rich grassy col., beautifully feathered on body, rare shape, nice head, but just a bit horny; 3, McNulty, splendid shape and carriage of body, well braced wings and tail, good under col., but a trifle bronzy on back, and rather stouter in waist; 4, Gore, very sound and rich in col., rare quality of feather, nice neat body, does not brace his wings quite so nicely; vhc, McDermott, shorter in tail, and a trifle stouter but magnificent col. and beautiful feather, in rare form; c, Young, very nice shape, good under col., grand feather, a bit bronzy on back; absent, Atherton (2). HENS, YELL. (17): 1, Benson, grand shape, with plenty of length, neat head, capital shoulders, well braced wings and tail, lovely rich col., very silky and close fitting feather, full of style and nerve; 2, Pilling,



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pied tail, rather shorter, but beautifully modelled, lovely col. and feather, full of style, very neat; 3, Ogden Bros., grand shape, stands well up on perch, very sound deep col., nice silky feather, well striped back, rare wings and tail, just a trifle horned; 4, Young, bonny hen right through, most charming col., rare shape and style, gaudily feathered, lovely back, needs just a bit more length; vhc, sp best vhc, Handley, beautiful shape, stands well up, shows well, lovely tapering body, nice silky feather, but rather bronzy on the back; he, McDermott, very heavily pied, grand body shape, splendid carriage, not so neat in head, good legs; c, Helliwell, for col., shape, and style as good as any, neat head, grand wings and tail, but a bit rough at thighs; absent, Atherton (2). BUFF (12): 1, 4, Handley, very nice head, good level back, well braced wiugs and tail, capital length, beautiful feather and col., full of quality, in grand form, 4th neat head, grand shape and feather, capital under col., not so much length, and bronzy on back; 2, Rowlands, beautiful col., neat head, capital back, wings and tail, full of style, nicely mkd., not quite so long in body; 3, Gore, sound, rich col., rather stouter in build, stands well up on perch, not quite so neat at thighs; vhc, Benson, splendid col., good head and back, not quite so much length, very nice silky feather, bit open in wing; he, Young, more length, capital style, rich sound col, not so close in front; c, Hughes, splendid col., neat and stylisb, but not so much length; absent, Atherton (2).

THE CINNAMONS.

Judge, Mr. J. Wones.

The Cinnamons were a grand lot, both in point of numbers, quality, and type. There was a decided absence of that nasty green cast of colour which has so often marred the beauty of the Cinnamon. There were sixty-four entries in five classes, an average of near upon twelve per class, a nice compliment to Mr. J. Wones, who judged for the first time at the Palace. The birds generally were very pure in colour, and full of quality. There were some fine-headed, beautifully burnished birds to be seen. Altogether the average of merit was very high. Mrs. Deacon and Messrs. Godley and Dormer fought out some hard battles for supremacy.

CINN. YELL. CK. (12): 1, 4, Dormer, good depth of cinny col., level and of right tone, carried right up the throat, fine head, well burnished, teeming with quality, 4th fine quality, pure col.; 2, 3, Godley, 2nd another lustrous and silky feathered bird, not quite so stout in body and shaft, fine head, rich tone of col., but not carried quite so full up throat as winner, very little fault to find, 3rd smaller, not quite so pure in col., just a wee sign of weakness at throat, nice one; vhc, Nason, a good one; he, c, Deacon, former smaller, nice col., good quality, latter fails only in depth of col.. BUFF CK. (13): 1, 2, Dormer, a fine pair, 1st lovely soft rich tone of col., under nice mealing, col. carried well up throat, wants some beating, 2nd good Nor. shaped body, plenty of chest, looks just a trifle weak in head, nice depth and tone of col. and mealing, smart cinny; 3, Mrs. F. Deacon, sound cinn. col. all over except a trifle pale at throat, silky feather, good head and bloom, close after 2nd in merit; 4, vhc, Heys, a trifle paler in col. but soft and rich mealing; vhc, a trifle feathery, which spoils its compactness; he,

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Dyer, a very familiar old-time name, not quite so good depth of col., nice bloom; c, Dormer. UNFLIG. (17): 1, Dormer, grand shaped bird for an unflig., rich col., rare fine head, in fact a nice cinn. all through; 2, Mrs. F. E. Deacon, fails just a wee bit

MR. W. DORMER'S YELLOW CINNAMON.
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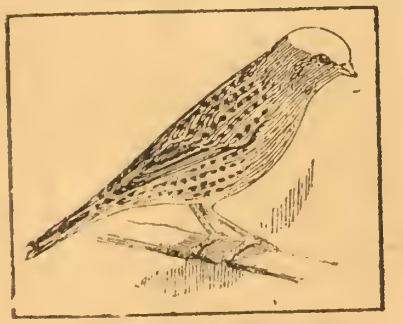
at throat, sound body col. which, however, pales on towards rump, nice one all through for quality; 3, vhc, hc, Godley, former thinner than leader's in body, a blaze of rich deep cinny col., well burnished head; vhc full of quality, sound col.; hc, better head than vhc, sound col., good quality, might have gone up one; 4, c, Dormer, full of quality, rich and sound in col. HEN (12): 1, c, Godley, very rich col. yell. hen, just a shade long in body, deep and lustrous, good head, silky feather; c, buff, nice all through; 2, Mrs. Deacon, yell., stouter in body than winner, nice pencilling of the correct shade; 3, 4, vhc, Dormer, 3rd fine bold chested yell., of rich col., fair just a trifle on head, but close on 2nd, 4th rich and hot, nice tone, four good hens; vhc, buff, good tone of colour, nice body; hc, Dormer, yell., sound col. FOUL CINN. (10): 1, 4, hc, Godley, 1st foul tailed buff, bonny body, rare col. and head, beautiful quality and pencilling, a gem, 4th foul-tailed yell., shows very silky feather and lustrous col., perhaps a wee shade lighter at throat, he smaller, nice col., weak head; 2, 3, vhc, Dormer, 2nd yell., foul tail, very pretty, and full of quality, sweet bird of lovely tone of col., 3rd foul-tailed yell., stands just a little too upright, grand quality and colour; vhc, good quality and col.; vhc, Mrs. Deacon, same remark applies; c, Nason, somewhat longer in body, nice quality feather; No. 662, Dormer, wrong class.

THE LIZARD CANARIES.

Judge, Mr. C. A. House.

Only two classes were provided for these charming and deeply interesting little members of the Canary family, and the entry was not at all good, falling short of last year's figures even. Still, some very nice birds were staged. Mr. J. Dewsnap's Gold secured the two specials for the best, also Ramsden's colour-feed special, and well it deserved them. It is a bonny bird all through. It was closely run by its stable companion; some preferred one and some the other, but there was little in it. Mr. F. Ramer's feeding Silver was a lovely quality bird and grandly spangled.

GOLD (11) 1, 2, c, three spls., including Ramsden's colour feed, Dewsnap, superb shape, lovely rich col. right through, very even in rowing, clear bright spangles, splendid chest and sides, full of quality, neat cap, and rather better shoulders, but not so good on thighs, capital col., a larger bird but hardly so shapely or well finished; 3, Barnes, very nice shaped broken cap, not so rich in col., grandly round, nice sides, good wings, just a bit rough and open in tail; 4, hc, Hamer, lovely col., full of work, very nicely arranged, good shape and style, grandly feathered, just a trifle light in wing coverts; hc, smart and shapely, plenty of work, but not so well put on, and is not so bright in col.; vhc, Oliver, very shapely broken cap, plenty of work, good wings and tail, nice shape and style, good feather, not



MR. J. DEWSNAP'S GOLD LIZARD.
Diploma for best in section.

quite so bright in col. SILVER (9): 1, 3, Hamer, fine bold shapely broken cap, magnificent col., feather and spangle, beautiful wings and tail, capital shoulders, breast and thighs, in rare form; 3, splendid back, fine bold spangling, beautifully arranged, full of quality and col., nice head, sound wings and tail, but is inclined to drop wings; 2, hc, Dewsnap, very rich coloured broken cap, grand shape and style, beautifully feathered, fine bold, regular spangling, good shoulders, but not quite equal to winner in breast and sides; hc, rattling good bird, full of work and col., nice feather, but very wild; 4, c, Oliver, very nice shape and carriage, neat cap, plenty of work, but not quite so regular, sound wings and tail, but paler in body col.; c, shapely, nice col. and spangling, open in tail; vhc, Barnes, very nice shape and size, good col., grandly feathered, carries a lot of spangling, but it is not quite so bold and distinct as the leaders; No. 697, Riseborough, had injured its foot and could not stand.

THE BORDER FANCY CANARIES.

The "yee gema" came up well, and gave the judges plenty to do sorting them out, for without doubt visitors to Sydenham saw the best collection of these little charmers ever staged in the glass-house. Looking them over carefully, one was surprised at the merit of the many birds standing cardless. There were real good ones without any decoration whatever. In several classes a bird could have been chosen almost at random among the first half dozen, to win. This equality of merit was particularly noticeable in the buff cocks and yell. hens. The latter class was simply marvellous, and any exhibitor getting noticed at all among such lovely damsels has something more than an ordinary specimen in his bird-room. A dozen even-marks made a most interesting class, a good one generally having its share of admirers. That old breeder, Mr. Geo. Meekley, of Carlisle, staged the winner, a lovely yell., beautifully marked, the markings being just heavy enough to show up well on an even ground.

Judge, Mr. J. Robson.

BORD. CL. ETC. YELL. CK. (25): 1, 2, Roberts, smart, beautifully rounded bird, perfect flights, sweet head, on a nice free neck, good clean run, capital col. and quality; 2nd, lovely spec., close up, faultless shape, with grand wings, perfect head, A1 condition; 3, Ayre, another beauty, very typical, grand, closely braced wings, neat head, shown in tip-top condition; 4, Craig, full sized spec., very shapely, nice head and wings, in fine form; 5, Simpson, another good spec., close up, lovely quality, vhc, Jenkins, Smellie; hc, Pearson, Smart; c, Smith, Harrison. YELL. HEN (21): 1, Smart, a real gem, lovely type, perfect head, nicely braced wings, sweet contour, A1 col. for a lady, grand condition; 2, Purvis, another beauty, capital type, grand head, carries herself well, although a wee shade higher on legs than winner; 3, Davidson, a little beauty for type and quality, with lovely head and good wings, capital col.; 4, Cubby, grand bird, very jaunty, nice free neck, A1 condition; vhc, Jenkins, Ayre; hc, Thyane, Bacon; c, McGuffie, Longden. BUFF CK. (27): 1, sp, Purvis, grand spec., nice size, well rounded front, good head, well filled back, perfect wings, lovely quality and col.; 2, Smart, another beauty, very close up, hardly a feather out of place, grand type, best of wings, a bonny bird; 3, Brown, smart, jaunty bird, neat head, beautifully rounded body, A1 wings, capital col. and condition; 4, Mossie, grand bird, splendid position, jaunty and stylish; 5, Craig, lovely bird, grand type and style; vhc, hc, Levason; vhc, Bacon; hc, Harry; c, Davidson. HEN (17): 1, Craig, grand bird, good size, lovely type, beautifully rounded, the best of wings, meeting feather for feather, tight as wax, well shown; 2, 4, Davidson, another beauty, grand position, nicely rounded, neat head, good wings and tail, A1 quality; 4th, neat stylish spec., typical, grand back and wings, neat tail; 3, Jenkins, lovely bird, grand type, very jaunty and stylish, grand wings, A1 quality, a beauty; vhc, Hudson, Harry; hc, Roberts; c, Bacon EVENS (12): 1, Meekley, a beautiful bird, lovely eyes and wings of nice weight, shapely bird of good col., Horticultural Hall winner, much admired; 2, Gilchrist, another beauty, very neat eyes and wings, good typical spec., shown in A1 condition; 3, Cubby, lovely graudly marked yellow, very neat type, a stylish spec., with good markings; 4, Haddon, another good yell., neat bird, just a shade heavy in markings, but nice and even, very jaunty; vhc, Nelson; hc, Smillie. UNEVENS (33): 1, Smart,

MR. J. A. PURVIS' BUFF BORDER FANCY.
Diploma for best bird in its section.

wing and head mkd. bird, lovely type, nice clean run, sweet head, free neck, very stylish, full of quality and col.; 2, Nicholson, wing and cheek mkd., neat type, good head, hardly the best of wings, but lovely quality and style; 3, Ellwood, three-pointed buff of grand type and quality, nicely rounded front, very free movement, neat tail; 4, ex 4, Thompson, a typical 4-pointed, neat, stylish bird, with grand head and fine col.; ex-4th, 3-pointed buff of good type, tight as wax; 5, c, Clark, good 3-ptd. yell, very shapely bird, well filled; vhc, Meekley, Craig; vhc, hc, Davidson; hc, Thomas; c, Harry. CINN. (17): 1, 2, Wilson, grand bird, A1 type, neat head, capital sound col., carried well through, a topper; 2, another beauty, even richer in col., lovely head and wings, very tight in feather, neat tail, jaunty bird; 3, c, Haddon, good sound yell., capital type and quality of feather, nice tone of col., a neat spec.; 4, Johnston, a wee shade small, but nice type and quality, good sound col.; vhc, Ayre; hc, Kerr and Smith.

Green Borders.

Judge, Mr. C. A. House.

With fifty entries in the four classes, the Green Borders came up remarkably well and showed an increase on the figures of last year, as did all the Greens. Yellow cocks were the strongest class both numerically and in point of merit, whilst the buff hens were the weakest in both respects. The former made one of the best classes we have seen staged. Mr. Richards' special winner was an exceptionally fine bird, slim and stylish, beautifully feathered, and full of lustre and finish. One of the best of his colour we have handled for a long time. Good in colour and style were the buffs, but many of them were rather strong in head, whilst not a few had a tinge of that peculiar smokiness which affects buff greens. Most of the hens were inclined to chubbiness and were not so erect as we like to see them. Still, all in all, they were a very nice lot.

YELL (16): 1, sp. best Green Border, Richards, finely drawn, slim body, beautifully moulded, no awkward angles, tightly braced wings and tail, very erect and steady in carriage, fine silky feather, rich grassy green col., well finished all round, and as smart as a new pin; 2, Johnston, beautiful shape and position, neat head, lovely gloss and finish on feather, not quite so rich and deep in colour, full of nerve and style, grandly carried wings and tail, in rare form; 3, Parker, superb col., rich deep grass green, feathered like a Java, very neat head, nice shoulders, wings and tail, not quite so slim, one of the old-fashioned sort, but rare colour and quality; 4, Stovin, more the correct shape, slim and tapering, rare carriage, very smart and piquant lovely col., not quite so fine in feather and lacked bloom; vhc, Kerr and Smith, another that errs just a trifle on the stout side, very neat head, well braced wings and tail, sound rich col., beautifully feathered and full of style, in grand form; hc, McQuillan, capital shape, beautifully feathered, nice compact feather, smart wings and tail, but rather dark in col., loses in bloom; c, Williams, smart, stylish, nervy bird, nice head, back, wings and tail, capital colour, good shape but is a trifle harsh in feather. BUFF (13): 1, Wilson, a grand little fellow, stands well up on perch and shows the delicacy of his outline beautifully, very neat in head, rare back and wings and tail, lovely col., beautifully finished right through; 2, Green, hardly so neat in head, splendid back, wings and tail, sound rich col., beautifully feathered, full of style, a real bonnie bird and well shown; 3, Johnston, just a shade stouter and does not get quite so erect, very neat head, beautifully balanced wings and tail, lovely rich grassy tone of col., feathered like a Java and as fit as a fiddle; 4, Cubby, for shape and style perhaps the best in the class, one of those birds which catch the eye of a judge immediately and lingers there, difficult to put down, his one fault hollow in back, very neat wings and tail, and lovely col. and feather; vhc, Graham, magnificent rich grassy green col., rare shape, very slim and stylish, nice head, well balanced wings and

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tail, hardly so silky and close in feather; hc, Gentleman, rare style, grandly feathered, beautiful rich grassy tone of col., splendid head, back, wings, and tail, a shade too full in chest; c, Kerr and Smith, very smart and stylish, grand wings and tail, capital feather, very nice body col. but just a shade bronzy in wing coverts; No. 878, Ferguson, lovely col. and feather, was very soft and fluffy, evidently had caught a chill. HEN, YELL. (11): 1, Ferguson, a real beauty, recalled to mind some of the champions of the last decade that used to come out of the Morecambe stable, a real model of a Border, lovely col., beautifully feathered, rare style, has a slight tick in neck; 2, 3, Johnston, very sound, rich tone of grass green col., lovely silky feather, well put on, neat head, grand wings and tail, full of style, hardly so slim as the winner, 3rd grand head, wings and tail, beautifully feathered right through, full of nerve and handles well, hardly so clear on back, and a bit more substance; 4, Green, for shape and style one of the best in the class, beautifully moulded and stands so as to show off her graceful outlines to the best advantage, nice silky feather, but not so rich and bright in col.; vhc, Parker, a trifle flat in head, neat shoulders, grand wing and tail carriage, handles well, hardly bright enough in col.; ho, Bexon, capital col., nice silky feather, plenty of style, well balanced wings and tail, on the chubby side; c, Gentleman, rattling good little Border, grand under-colour and feather, rare style and shape, just a bit bronzy on back. BUFF (10): 1, hc, Johnston, very neat and smart in body, capital head, nice level back, well balanced wings and tail, beautiful carriage, plenty of nerve, very sound and rich in col., nicely finished, hc grand body col., beautiful quality of feather, very nice shape, full of style, but shows traces of bronze on back; 2, Gentleman, rather larger than winner and carries a bit more chest, magnificent rich deep tone of col., grandly feathered right through, full of quality and shown as fit as a fiddle; 3, Green, very neat head, capital shoulders, wings, and tail, nice under-colour, just a shade dull on back and not quite so clean cut behind the legs; 4, McQuillan, better shape than the last, with any amount of nerve and style, and whilst showing plenty of col. it is not quite of the true grass green hue; vhc, Parker, very smart and stylish, neat head and shoulders, well balanced flights and tail, grandly feathered, but lacks warmth and brilliancy of col.; c, Hocking, another grand little bird of good shape and style, with capital feather properties, but shows bronze on back.

LANCASHIRES AND WHITE CANARIES.

Judge, Mr. Geo. Gardner.

The Lancashires made up in quality for what might be lacking in numbers, and although this feature was observable in both Coppies and Plainheads, yet there was a slight predominance in favour of the latter, which were also the stronger in numbers. Mr. G. Fitton—a name associated with the variety ever since the writer was a "boy" in the Fancy, and that is a day or two ago—secured the championship diploma with a massive buff Plainhead. Mr. Hordern's grand buff coppy came

MR. G. FITTON'S LANCASHIRE PLAINHEAD CANARY.
Diploma for best bird in its section.

a good second, and secured the bronze medal. While the Lancashire is not bred in such numbers as the elegant bird of the County of Broad Acres, yet there are a few plucky breeders who stick to "the giant," and it is refreshing to find "Owdham" still to the fore, and the banner being held aloft by an old name.

LANCS. COPPY (5): 1, bronze medal, Hordern, a grand fellow, massive body, well rolled together and well packed up, grand front, very nice shaped coppy, might perhaps have been a bit fuller, good bird; 2, Beattie, very similar in make-up, except that it was a little looser perhaps, grand bird for

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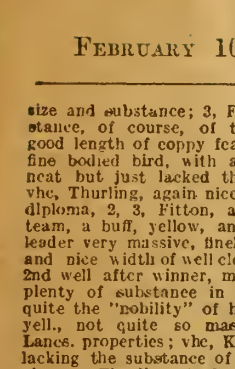
size and substance; 3, Fitton, yell., lacking the substance, of course, of the two leading buffs, very good length of coppy feather for a yell; 4, Thurling, fine bodied bird, with a grizzled coppy, which was neat but just lacked the frontal finish of leaders; vhc, Thurling, again nice. PH. (9): 1, championship diploma, 2, 3, Fitton, a clean sweep and a grand team, a buff, yellow, and buff in the order named, leader very massive, finely proportioned, grand neck, and nice width of well clothed skull, a Lancs. all over; 2nd well after winner, massive headpiece for a yell., plenty of substance in build; 3rd fine fellow, not quite the "nobility" of head of winner; 4, Hordern, yell., not quite so massive in build, but full of Lancs. properties; vhc, Kay, fine length of body, just lacking the substance of leaders; hc, Beattie, again nice; c, Thurling, buff. WHITE CAN. (9): All of the Yorks. persuasion, although there was one Nor. type entered, it did not put in an appearance: 1, 3, 4, vhc, hc, Kiesel, first very pure in col., as pure in col. as the Snowflakes, beautifully washed, nice shape and feather, abounding in quality, every feather in place, said to be a son of last year's winner, which to-day was 3rd, beaten a little if not in purity of col. in fineness of finish and glossiness; 4, vhc, he, all very nice, but scarcely answering so well to the Yorks. type, a fine team and highly creditable to Mr. Kiesel; 2, Dr. A. R. Galloway, larger and more typical bird, if anything, than any, but lacking closeness of feather, which seemed a trifle open at times. These birds need a great amount of care and attention, as if soiled it mars the finish.

SCOTCH FANCY, BELGIAN, AND FRILL CANARY SECTIONS.

Scotch Fancies and Frills were not over plentiful, although we thought some of the birds staged were of very high quality, and richly deserved to number a win at the Palace among their achievements. Of course, the Scotch are an old variety, and have many admirers, but unfortunately few in the south, or we might possibly manage to make a bigger show. The Frills are still in the hands of but few fanciers, and we can consequently hardly expect a big entry of high-class birds. Belgians made quite an imposing array, and looked well staged in their partially wrapped up cages. This variety generally attracts attention at Sydenham, the lady visitors being specially interested in them. There were some grand birds on view, several of them coming from the West of England, where this one time "King of the Fancy" is still held in high esteem. A young bird sent by Mr. Horrill, of Barnstaple, won the special for best. He is a shapely specimen, and delightful to handle. Mr. McConnell, of Belfast, also staged a grand buff, and fully deserved his win for his pluck in sending such a long journey during this severe weather.

Judge, Mr. J. F. Dewar.

BELG. YELL. (9): 1, Reddehough, grand size, wonderful depth through, good shoulders, very nervy, gets into position quickly, with head well down, a real beauty; 2, hc, Walmsley, rare length, grand position, hardly the depth of winner, but a grand specimen; 3, Horrill, big bird, wonderful shoulders and depth, very nervy, grand position, must have pressed; 4, Madame Verhees, another beauty for size and style, grand back and shoulders; vhc, Baker. BUFF (6): 1, McConnell, wonderful nerve and style grand ... hardly the thickness of



MR. J. D. HORRILL'S BELGIAN CANARY.

Diploma for best bird in its section.

some, but a beauty to work, much admired; 2, 3, Horrill, 2nd grand size, straight back, fine shoulders, lovely position, neat head, 3rd rare size, very nervy, grand reach, with neat head, good depth; 4, Madame Verhees, grand size and style, wonderful depth, lovely position; vhc, hc, Reddehough. YOUNG BIRD (9): 1, vhc, Horrill, a beauty for outline, and stylish, full of nerve, grand shoulders, good reach and head, a beauty; 2, hc, Reddehough, beautiful shape and style, takes grand position, lovely head, will make a beauty; 3, Steel, very straight, grand shoulders and depth, wonderful reach, neat head, close up; 4, Madame Verhees, grand depth and shoulders, good wings, neat head; c, Walmsley.

MR. A. STEEL'S SCOTCH FANCY CANARY.

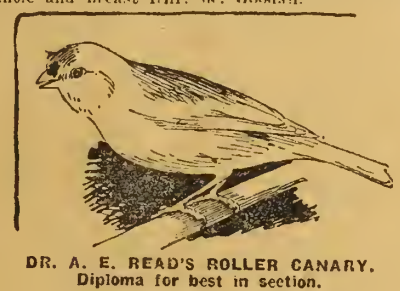
Diploma for best bird in its section.

Judge, Mr. J. Robson.

SCOT. FCY., CK. (5): 1, 2, Steel, grand size and position, very nervy and free, capital shoulders and reach, neat head, a beauty, 3rd grand foul, though not quite the length of winners, very nervy, splendid shoulders; 2, 4, Thompson, shade bigger, but hardly so clean, works well, grand shoulder, fine position, 4th smart, fine length of side, grand top and reach, full of nerve; vhc, Fleming. HEN (6): 1, Fleming, grand bold specimen, full of nerve, very fine top end, grand reach, neat head, real good one; 2, 4, Willison, 2nd big, cleanly made bird, nice style, very quick, capital reach, 4th big foul mkd., very stylish, and nervy, grand position, grand shoulders and reach; 3, vhc, Thompson, not quite so big as winner, but full of quality, grand top end, lovely style, good reach, neat head; hc, Lewie. DUTCH FRILLS (6): 1, 2, 3, Brooks, big variegated bird, grand

MR. A. E. BROOK'S DUTCH FRILL. Diploma for best in class.

length, very fine mantle and frill, full of feather, a beauty, 2nd another beauty for size and shape, nice mantle, extra good on breast, grand spec., 3rd variegated bird, very full of feather, although hardly the size and type of winners, but a beauty for frill; 4, vhc, Young, smaller, but grand quality, good mantle and breast frill; hc, Goodall.



DR. A. E. READ'S ROLLER CANARY. Diploma for best in section.

THE ROLLERS.

Judge, Mr. F Oldroyd.

ROLLERS, YOUNG BIRDS (10): 1, 2, 4, vhc, Read; 1st, 32 points; 4th, 26 pts.; vhc, 25 pts.; 1st, holl. roll 6, bass roll 5; 2nd, 30 pts., also secured 6 pts. for holl. roll; 3, hc, Miss Read, 27 pts. and 24 pts.; c, Miss Miller, 19 pts. NOVICE YOUNG BIRD: 1, 3, 4, Dunshire, with 22 pts., 21 pts., and 19 pts.; 2, vhc, Miss Miller, 21 pts. and 16 pts. OPEN: 1, 2, 4, vhc, Dr. Read, with 29 pts., 25 pts., 23 pts., and 22 pts.; 3, Banks, 24 pts.

OPEN NOVICE CANARY SECTION.

Open Novice Norwich.

Judge, Mr. J. C. Barnes.

The open novice Norwich section, under the patronage of the Southern N.P. Club, brought together a very nice collection of birds. The prizes were well split up, too, many "nibbling" at the good things cheered, which always tends towards success, much more so than when one or two hold the monopoly. The equality of merit right through the section was decidedly marked, this being another healthy sign. The clear buff cock owned by Mr. S. M. Davis (Boscombe), took the sp. for best novice bird, also for best novice bird owned by a member of the S.N.P.C., and truly deserved both. Mr. E. Stead stood 1st in the tkd. yell. class with a fine specimen which was awarded Ramsden's sp. for heaviest fed, and was quickly claimed at catalogue price, £3. The winning tkd. buff cock, the property of Mr. C. E. Bown, took one's eye, also the unflig. buff cock standing 1st in a class of 23, shown by Mr. C. H. Goodman, was greatly admired. Best 2nd went to Mr. G. F. Crawford; best 3rd, Mr. A. H. Campbell; best vhc, Mr. W. A. Wilson; best hc, Miss Edwards; best c, Mr. H. Clegg.

NOVICE NOR. CL. YELL. (8): 1, G. Brown, short and thick set, capital col. and feather, lovely carriage, nice substance, shown in the pink; 2, Taylor, shade more substance, rich col. and quality, neat head and neck, longer in body and inclined to drop tail a little; 3, Fuller, most substance in class, red-hot in colour, A1 feather; 4, Parr, cobby, well clothed, rare col., moves well, seek after more substance, Mr. P; vhc, Goodman; hc, Gollan; No. 978 Hillman, and No. 979, Davis, both w.c., mkd. thighs, latter best in class, had it been clear. BUFF (12): 1, best novice, also best shown by a member of the S.N.P.C., Davis, grand shape, rich col., covered over with neat frosting, nice substance and carriage, extremely bonny; 2, Hillman, a wee shade larger, capital feather and col., neat head and neck, barrel a little long, yet very taking; 3, Newton, well fed, good shape and size, nice head character, not quite so neat in carriage, still well worth its place; 4, Steed, wonderful substance, A1 col., a wee bit open in feather on breast and around neck; vhc, Wilson; hc, Crawford; c, Jeffries and Husband. TKD. YELL. (11): 1, Ramsden's sp, Steed, mkd. eyes and neck, full of fire, rare size, capital quality, very typical, jaunty carriage, a gem, quickly claimed at catalogue price, £3; 2, Crawford, variegated, beautiful soft silky texture of feather, shapely, neat carriage, not quite the substance, still very bonny, close up; 3, Kenyon, variegated, teeming with quality and col., nice head and neck, good wings, clean cut, well placed; 4, Guffick, variegated, ablaze with col., A1 quality, nice head and neck, longer in barrel, wings, and tail; vhc, Piggin; hc, Mrs. G. Brown; c, Master Tripe. BUFF (12): 1, Brown, mkd. eyes, lovely shape and quality, rare substance, grand carriage, not overdone with col., still a gem; 2, Simonett, mkd. wing and head, short and thick set, A1 quality and col., good size, clean cut away, very close on heels of winner; 3, Jones, variegated, grand quality and col., very shapely, nice carriage of wings and tail, clean under; 4, Rodger, mkd. head and neck, well clothed, good tone of col., nice head and neck, feed less kindly, Mr. R.; vhc, Piggin; hc, Steed; c, Wade; No. 1006, Pye, absent. HEN (18): A very choice lot: 1, Booth, huff, mkd. wing, unbeatable for shape, superb quality, well up in substance, rare carriage, a charming damsel; 2, Clegg, beautifully fed cl. yell., nice feather, shapely, and of good size, clean cut away, very promising maiden, with time should make up extremely fine; 3, vhc, Hardley and Son, buff, mkd. wing, neck, and head, rare substance, A1 quality and col., neat expression of head, fatty chest, which tells against her; 4, Crawford; warmly fed cl. yell., cobby, and of lovely feather; vhc, Lohr; hc, Goodman; c, Hattie. UNFLIG. (33): Grand collection of youngsters, extra prizes awarded, competition extraordinary keen: 1, Goodman, buff, mkd. wing, clothed to perfection, rattling fine col., rare shape and substance, beautiful wing carriage, should make a gem another year; 2, sp best 2nd Crawford, cl. yell., true type, red hot, lovely feather and carriage, tight as a Java, nice size, very promising; 3, sp best 3rd, Campbell, shapely cl. buff, smooth as wax, good size, A1 feather, col., and frosting, neat wings and tail; 4, hc, sp best hc, Edwards, cl. yell., delightful quality and col., fine head and neck, may thicken out a lot yet with time, if so, will be a grand specimen; 5, Booth, cl. yell., rare substance, fine col. and feather, very shapely, best in class; ex. 5, Wade, cl. yell., grand shape and feather, nice size, good wing carriage, well fed, would look a picture; vhc, Lathleiff; hc, Brown; c, sp best c, Clegg; c, Campbell.

Open Novice Crests.

Judge, Mr. J. Robson.

Novice Crests and Crest-breds were good classes, the latter perhaps being better than the former; but they were generally a level lot, and showed distinct evidence that the junior fanciers in this variety are coming along satisfactorily. The Yorkshires were—as might be expected, from the great popularity the variety has attained—grand classes, and Mr. H. Broadley found plenty of work to sort out the winners. Some classy birds were on view. In both cocks and hens there were keen fights for premier positions, and many of the novices—judged by the exhibits—should soon blossom into champions.

CRESTS (12): 1, Jones, lightly varieg. Crest of nice droop, just a trifle open at centre, well laid frontal, rare bodied bird; 2, Mrs. G. Brown, good shape of crests, nearly green, crest opens just a bit to back from centre; 3, 4, hc, Dr. Twigg, 3rd griz. crest, very neat formation, 4th shapely crest of nice lay, a trifle short at sides, and wee bit small in body, otherwise good; vhc, Lightburn, very neat formation, needs just a little more length of crest feather; c, Campbell, crest just a bit split at sides from centre, good sized body. C.B. (14): 1, Campbell, varieg., fine bold skull, good cushion, entrance, and lashing, turns back nicely, bold body, nice one all through; 2, Roberts, varieg., little narrower in skull, well lashed, good length of head feather, shows well; 3, vhc, c, Twigg, wide head, nearly green, dense, but scarcely the length of head feather of winners, vhc grand body, fails just a trifle in narrowness of skull; 4, Mrs. Spooner, lightly varieg., well lashed, good entrance, nice body, a little spare of feather at cushion; hc, Lightburn, nice shaped skull, but a trifle narrow.

Open Novice Yorkshires.

Judge, Mr. H. Broadley.

YORKS. CK., CL., ETC., YELL. (20): A romping good class: 1, Brook and Oldfield, very straight, nicely cleaned out and tapered, plenty of leg, nice behind leg, a smart bird; 2, Foster Allen, another sweet bird, not quite so clean cut perhaps, but full of fire, rare qual. and leg; 3, Hirst, nice pose, qual., and action, spreads tail a trifle too much; 4, Greig and Pearson, very pretty, well cleaned out, full of fire and quality; vhc, Limbert, fails only in length, neat, nice quality; vhc, Naylor, good length, hardly enough distance behind leg, fine feather; hc, Lane, stronger in build and lacks length behind legs, good quality feather; hc, Goldsmith, stands well; c, Brown, good feather. BUFF (13): 1, Hirst, rare shape and style, lovely feather, stands up smartly, clean cut, good head and neck—a bird of merit; 2, Shaw, very similar in many respects, full of quality, not quite so well finished off; 3, Mager, silky and soft in feather, nice head and neck, might have just a bit more length behind leg; 4, Auton, just trifle long in neck, feather as silky as needs be, neat head, well carried wings, a quick mover; vhc, Ireland, grand feather, very nice taper; hc, Atkinson, nice quality, not quite so nicely tapered as one likes to see, yet a bird of merit; c, Lane, very neat and nice feather. MKD., ETC., CK. (11): 1, King, varieg. yell., sweet bird, grand style, plenty behind leg, goes up like a rocket, close feather, wings well carried, a real nice one; 2, Kirkbright, varieg., very rich in colour, well tapered, stands well, good quality, not quite so well finished as first; 3, 4, Bush, 3rd varieg. buff, very fine tone of feather, poses well, full of fire, not quite so much behind leg as leaders; 4th varieg. yell., nice whip, stands well, grand silky feather; vhc, Rosignol, three-pointed yell., shoots up well, full of quality; hc, Simonett, cinn. varieg.; c, Fowle, varieg. yell., good quality feather. UNFLIG. YELL. (27): And some grand birds in this lot: 1, Harvey, cl. yell., full of the right sort of quality to make one, well up on the leg, nice length behind, carries itself splendidly; 2, Parker, not quite so long, nice back and wing carriage, full of quality, opens its tail a bit at times; 3, Fowle, another smart bird, rich tone of col., stands up well, nice bit of swagger; 4, Harvey, grand length, just a little thin in neck, neat head, fine style and quality of feather; vhc, Bamber, good position, back, and quality; 5, Allen, nice style, fine quality, good pose; vhc, Lloyd, very similar bird; hc, Lane, tkd., full of quality; hc, Bush, not much between these four; c, Lyall, fails just a little in length, stylish bird; c, Bamber, similar remark applies in most points. BUFF (15): 1, Fowle, racy cl., well cleaned off, goes up quickly, soft silky feather, nice behind leg, very pretty bird, teeming with quality; 2, Bush, not quite so rich in undercolour, but silky feather, well tapered, nice behind, neat head and wing carriage; 3, Atkinson, quick mover and well cleaned off all through, stylish; 4, Lambert, very much like 3rd in most points, good; vhc, Pomfret, tkd., moves well, good feather; hc, Greig and Pearson, varieg., silky feather; c, Shaw. HEN. YELL. (15): 1, Brook and Oldfield, charming little lassie, full of quality, well tapered off, proud and classy; 2, Gledhill, gives winner a good race for her money, plenty of length behind legs, stylish; 3, Wilman, not quite so evenly balanced, teems with quality; 4, King, of the cinny persuasion, we liked much, sort to breed quality, very quick mover, well finished; vhc, Pearson, not quite so nice at neck, neat head, fine feather, stylish; hc, Pearson, not quite enough taper behind, rare feather; c, Atkinson, very neat. BUFF (11): 1, Ireland, topping little hen, well drawn out, moves well, feather of excellent stamp, very sweet; 2, Auton, racy and stylish, bloomy feather, pretty head, good back, a trifle too much neck, else sweet; 3, Gregory, varieg., rare sort of hen, good length and pose, rattling fine feather; 4, Goldsmith, neat and well drawn bird; vhc, Bamber, nice topped hen, good feather, just a little short of taper; hc, Cooper, silky feather, not quite enough behind the leg; c, Gregory, fails just a trifle in wing carriage, else neat.

Open Novice Borders.

Judge, Mr. H. Norman.

The novices managed to stage thirty-six birds in their two classes, not a bad beginning. The buffs were better than the yellows, the first three or four running each other closely for honours. Taking them all round the birds were of nice type, but require just that little final touch by way of staging to show them at their best. Novices, don't despair, the knack of doing it will come in time. Although southern fanciers are gradually taking to the Border, their birds at present fail to hold their own with those of exhibitors from the north, even gallant little Wales failed to do quite so well in the clean and marks as in former years.

YELL. (16): 1, vhcñ hc, Sayer, 4-pointed bird of lovely type and quality, neat head and neck, nicely rounded front, clean run; 2, Saint, neat, clear, good type, nice style and quality, good sound col., neat wings and tail; 3, Burton Bros., wing and eye mkd., stands well, nicely rounded front, good clean run, neat tail; 4, Ellwood, rather strongly built, but good head and wings, capital col.; vhc, Pepperell; c, Hobden. BUFF (19): 1, Burton, very smart, cleanly cut, beautifully rounded, neat head, perfect wings, nice jaunty free style, capital spec.; 2, Pepperell, nicely modelled, capital head, lovely wings, excels in quality and condition; 3, vhc, hc, Stevens, slim type, very racy and stylish, grand wings and tail, A1 quality; 4, c, Sayer, lovely Cinn. mkd. bird, nice size and shape, neat head, grand quality feather; vhc, Stevens; Blairs; hc, Wood.

THE LIMIT CLASSES.

Judges, Messrs. Gardner and Barnes.

The Limit classes contained some nice and very cheap Norwich Plainheads, particularly in the hens, as the "claimed" tickets denoted. Crests and Crest-breds were a good lot, and in Yorkshires there were many very cheap birds from well-known stables. In the Norwich Plainhead classes there was considerable evidence that breeders are taking the hint and getting out of the weak-headed birds. There were plenty for sale.

NOR. CK., 30s. (28): 1, Crawford, a very short, thick-set, if not over large buff unflighted of rattling good quality; 2, Hodder, tkd. yell., nice level col., good quality, clean cut away; 3, Williams, well rolled up buff, fine class of feather and rich undercolour, just a suspicion of being open at chest; 4, Calver and Son, tkd. yell., rare shape, hardly so closely packed, but good quality; 5, Haigh and Son, buff, fails a trifle in head, but a nice body; vhc, Steed; Hillman, Young, all possessing breed points; hc, Keech, Hillman; c, Payne and Son, Miss Edwards. HENS, 20s. (24): 1, Johnson, varieg. buff, lovely feather, good head, and teeming with col.; 2, Gill and Pethick, right nice clear buff, good type and feather, these two quickly claimed; 3, Haigh and Son, another buff, full of quality; 4, Hillman, varieg. buff, rich bloomy feather, good body; vhc, Hollands, Keech, Yates, all hens of nice type; hc, Yates, Silk; c, Hollands, Lack. CRESTS, £3 (16): 1, Dobson and Son, varieg. buff, with a shapely, good centred, nice fronted crest, wins; 2, Evins Bros., nearly green, with a long and dense frontal crest; 3, Betchley, veiny crested varieg. hen, good body; 4, Peters, large bodied grizzle Crest, nice thatch; vhc, Gale, Forman, useful Crests; hc, Horton, Ryder; c, Vincent. C.B., 30s. (17): 1, Mrs. L. M. Thynne, lightly varieg., said to be winner in same class last year, again to-day finding a fresh owner; 2, Calver and Sons, nearly green, with a very fine and dense turnback; 3, Gale, shows good length of head feather, not quite so wide in entrance; 4, Tope, cl., good head; vhc, Harrison, Belchley, both useful; hc, Groves, Radley and Sons; c, Bennett, Horton. YORKS., 30s. (28): 1, 5, hc, Whitwham, leader smart cl. yell., full of nerve, good leg; 5th, yell., neat and racy; 2, Walsh, buff, fine quality, good angle; 3, Cooper, yell., again smart and well up on legs, nice feather; 4, Knight, cinn. varieg., just a trifle strong, but stands well, lovely feather; vhc, Mnndell, yell., very fine feather; vhc, Casey; hc, Stewart, neat; c, Fawcett, Atkins. A.O.V., 30s. (9): 1, c, Fleming, cl. yell. Scotch Fancy, rare quality, fine substance and length, capital shoulder, a bargain; 2, Clarke, good sized buff cinn., nice shape col. and quality, quickly claimed at catalogue price 20s.; 3, Swalwell, cl. buff Lancashire, nice size and length, good feather; 4, Thompson, yell. Border, mkd. wings and eye, lovely feather; vhc, Hudson; hc, McVittie; c, Fleming. PAIRS, 35s. (38): 1, vhc, Hodder, buff cock and yell. hen, both well up in size, grand shape, col. and feather, nicely matched; 2, Keech, yell. cock and buff hen, former fine size, shape and col., latter cobby and of good type and quality, not dear; 3, Rowley, yell. cock and buff hen, cock good substance and col., hen shapely and of nice feather and carriage; 4, Bellamy, yell. cock and buff hen, nicely balanced, should throw capital progeny; 5, Steed, buff cock and yell. hen, former large, latter shapely, both A1 col. and feather; ex. 5, Billingsley; vhc, Cooper (2); hc, Willson, Proctor; c, Guffick, Richardson; No. 1384, Midgley, absent.

THE MULES AND HYBRIDS.

Judge, Mr. J. F. Dewar.

The Mule and Hybrid classes made a most successful section—well up to the average in point of entries, and well above it as regards the quality of the birds on view. Practically all the present-day "stars" met in competition; we can call to mind only two notable absentees. They were handled in able fashion by Mr. Dewar, whose decisions left very few openings for adverse criticism. The Greenfinch-Chaffinch Hybrid made its first appearance at the Palace, and was a great attraction to the many visitors who had not previously had an opportunity of seeing it. (By-the-bye, an excellent coloured plate of this rarity appears in CAGE BIRDS ANNUAL.) We overheard a number of enquiries being made after the said-to-be "Chaffinch-Bullfinch" Hybrid, and we think a good number of fanciers would have been delighted to have had the chance of looking it over; but it did not put in an appearance. One very regrettable incident occurred: the lodging of a protest against the 2nd prize wing-marked Linnet Mule. This bird had some dark feathers among the small (inner) flights of the right wing, making it "unevenly-marked." It was alleged that similar feathers were missing from the left wing, which would have made it evenly-mkd. (two-pointed), and not eligible for the class it was exhibited in. We understand that on examination the judge upheld the protest. The explanation of the exhibitor (Mr. G. Lawrence) is, we are told, that the missing feathers were knocked out on the return journey of the bird from the recent Plumstead and Woolwich Show, and that he thought under the circumstances he was entitled to enter the bird in the class for unevenly-marked Mules. Several birds were allotted "wrong class" tickets.

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The Crystal Palace Show.

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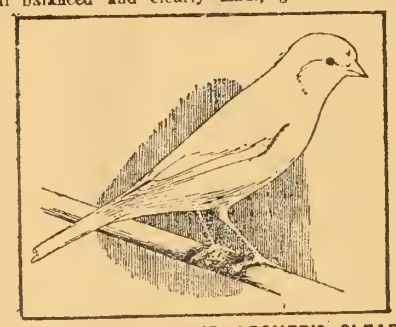
through errors (curious ones, in some instances) on the part of their owners, but we did not notice a single case of Canaries masquerading as Mules.

CLEAR, ETC. (7): 1, five sps, vhc, Martin and Archer, leader the noted clear jonque Linnet, "Perfection," one of the best ever seen, a charming example of the art of the Hybrid-breeder, put down in lovely condition, takes diploma for best in section, well deserves it; 2, Jamieson, jun., real bonny clear buff Goldie, we take to be the Glasgow winner, splendid size and shape, in quality of feather like a boxwood model, good col., excellent blaze; 3, Shellam, another fine exhibit, clear Greenie, in better form than we have seen him for some time rare good one for col., nice size, well built; 4, hc, Lamb, six-pointed buff Goldie, beautiful specimen, well balanced and clearly mkd., grand col. and



MESSRS. MARTIN AND ARCHER'S CLEAR LINNET.
Diploma for best Mule or Hybrid.

quality, staged in grand form; wrong class, Scribbens, fine big jonque Goldie, almost 6-pointed, hut has mark at root of tail, and should have gone into the next class. UNEVENLY MKD. GOLDIE, ETC. (16): 1, Mrs. Bond, the well-known lightly variegated jonque, marvel for col., very large, deep blaze, coat shines like silk, grand bird for size and shape; 2, Collins, almost 6-pointed buff, excellent size, very shapely and stylish, exquisite quality of plumage, good face, nice col., all over; 3, Pearce, another very fine jonque variegated, the noted "Prince Charlie," must have run winner closely, larger and better built, loses only in fierceness of col., nice condition; 4, Bruce, rattling big and good lightly-mkd. buff, bold and stylsh, splendid depth of col.,wax-like in condition, close up; vhc, Miss Joseph, beautiful coloured variegated jonque, charming condition and quality; vhc, Lawrance, tkd. on head, grand bird all over, bit short of bloom; hc, Lamb; c, Gilbert; wrong class, Hingley, dark buff, with spot of white under the throat, and light feathers at tail, we do not see how it could compete in the class for darks. DITTO, LINNET OR GREENFINCH (6): 1, Martin and Archer, the well-known neck-tkd. Greenie, lovely bird for size, particularly good head and chest, grand shape, quality A1, staged in great style, wins well; 2, Lawrance, Linnet, mkd. inner flights of right wing, real good one for size and shape, very tight in feather, bonny bird, we heard was protested against, the allegation being that dark feathers were missing from the inner flights of the left wing; 3, Collins, very smart, lightly-mkd. Greenie, good, bold shape, and excellent col. and quality, well staged; 4, Lamb, another real nice lightly variegated bird, beauty for condition and quality; vhc, Jamieson, jun.; hc, Cockburn. DARK YELL. GOLDIE (9): 1, 4, Shellam, two splendid examples, leader a marvellous bird for richness of colour, absolutely red-hot, all there for size and shape, grand head, splendid markings, carries wings smartly, very taking bird, 4th loses a little at all points, but is a very fine bird nevertheless; 2, Martin and Archer, even better in size and build than the winner, but behind in col. and polish, condition all that one could wish, should take beating after another moult; 3, Gilchrist, we liked even better than 2nd, except for a tendency to roughness in feather at the neck, wonderful col. and polish, nearly equal to winner in these points, real good one for size, bonny shape; vhc, Lawrance, grand build and style, down a bit in col.; hc, Rowe and Richards; c, Cadman Bros. DITTO, BUFF (10): 1, F. and T. Bowler, very massive and thick set, splendid silky feather, dense, rich coloured expansive blaze, well mkd. all over, fine bird, wins nicely; 2, Martin and Archer, grand big Mule, good headpiece and blaze, rich and sound in col (though beaten here by leader), well polished and neat; 3, Lawrance, shade paler in col., stoutly built and very shapely, fine expansive blaze, should give winner a tight race after another moult; 4, Rees, good at all points, losing just a trifle in size, nice skull and blaze, excellent markings; vhc, Miss Bousfield, good bird, beautiful condition; hc, McVittie, nice bold bird, very close up; c, Edwards; wrong class, Collins, presumably thrown out as being a jonque and not a buff. DARK GREENFINCH (13): 1, McQuiston, real beauty, grand size, lovely wide head and chest, rich solid col., best of wings, polished like plate glass, steady, fine carriage; 2, Somerfield, the noted warrior, magnificent bird, but just beaten to-day, not so thick-set and cobby as leader, very shapely and stylish, however, and wonderfully deep and sound in col.; 3, Lawrance, beautiful cinnamon-coloured example, very fine size and shape, lovely warm tone of col., soft, silky, and neat in plumage; 4, Davies, very smart youngster, hot colour, grand wings and head, good deep chest, full of quality; vhc, Marlin, very nice stamp of bird; hc, Coffey, another old warrior, but not in his old time form; c, Nason; absent, Brunskill. DITTO, LINNET (13): 1, 4, Pope, leader a bird we have always admired, though it has not always come out on top, rare good Norwich type, thick-set and well across perch, splendid head and chest, very neat and silky in plumage, if a trifle steadier and a bit hotter in col. would be a "stormer," 4th another beautiful Mule at all points; 2, McQuiston, very close up, lovely shape and style, exceptionally sound and rich in col., carries a great polish, charming bird; 3, Martin and Archer, very sultry customer in col., grand sheen on the feather, good, big, shapely bird, well deserves its place; vhc, Bell, fine size and style, exceptionally sound in col. and well mkd.; hc, Shellam, one of the finest in class for shape, size, and style, but if the L.C.B.A. and Scottish National winner, it seems to have gone off a little in col. and condition; c, Collier. DARK SISKIN, REDPOLL, OR TWITE (6): A splendid class: 1, Miss Bousfield, magnificent jonque Siskin, rich, sound, level col., big and thick-set, very nicely mkd., in lovely condition; 2, Buckingham, the noted Redpoll, real bonny little fellow, nice bold head and chest, fine deep col., excellent markings, stylish carriage, well worthy of the place; 3, Martin and Archer another really grand jonque Siskin, beats the winner in distinctness of markings, but loses in richness of col., fine shape and jaunty style; 4, Mac Dougall, very good Twite, big one, grand head and chest, nice wings, well mkd. all over, sound and rich in col.; vhc, Lawrance; vhc, Allan; vhc, Andrews, a trio of exceptionally good Mules, the latter being a huge example of the Mealy Redpoll cross, but flat in col.; hc, Collins; c, Master Johnston. A.O.V. CAN. HYB. (8): 1, vhc, Miss Bond, leader, Canary-Bullie, and a beauty, too, magnificent col., very dense and distinct in markings, especially on the head, tight as wax in feather, and wonderfully polished all over, splendid size and shape, the vhc a nice variegated Siskin Mule; 2, Shellam, the noted winner, presses very hard, but we think is beginning to show signs of the season's strenuous work, again a bird of magnificent size, shape, style, and quality, red-hot col., hardly so dense in markings as leader or so "bloomy"; 3, Mrs. Askham, another splendid Can.-Bullie, exquisite quality and tightness of plumage, very large and well built, hardly so well polished as leaders; 4, Walsh, loses in size, but a real gem for col., markings, and condition, shines like satin; hc, c, Lawrance, latter equal to any for size, shape, and markings, down in col. and condition. A.V. BULLIE (15): 1, Dr. Wilson, charming Goldie-Bullie, exquisite condition, not a feather out of place, while his col. is exceptionally rich and markings A1, but in size he is right on the small side; 2, Dunn, very good Redpoll-Bullie, indeed, splendid size, nice bold head and chest, very fine col. and markings, excellent condition, we were inclined to sympathise with him over missing the first prize; 3, vhc, Lamb, very shapely Linnet-Bullie, real good size and shape, bold head and chest, magnificent quality, needs more col.; 4, Inman, big, bold Goldie-Bullie, grand col. and markings, very steady and stylish, lacks the fascinating condition of the winner, otherwise runs him a hot race; hc, Martin and Archer, also a fine Goldie-Bullie, very close up indeed; c, Sneddon; absent, Edwards. BETWEEN TWO BRITBIRDS (18): 1, Martin and Archer, the sensational Greenfinch-Chaffinch, looking in splendid trim, again one of the chief attractions of the section, a fine hybrid, without a doubt; 2, Lamb, very pretty Goldie-Redpoll, in grand trim, excellent colour, particularly good in blaze; 3, hc, Ramsden, exceptionally nice Redpoll-Greenfinch, very sound, rich col., would be bad to beat for quality, while its size and shape are A1; 4, McQuiston, handsome Goldie-Siskin, very close up, splendid shape, col., and markings, well staged; vhc, Jamieson, jun., the noted Goldie-Greenie, lovely specimen, very large, rich blaze, beautiful condition; vhc, Gilbert, real good Bramble-Chaffinch, nice size, steady, finely mkd., shows the cross well; hc, McLean; c, Rowe and Richards; wrong class, McMillan, very nice Greenie-Bullie, hard luck. LIMIT, 30s. (38): 1, Bell, pretty Goldie-Bullie, quickly claimed; 2, Lawrance; 3, 4, Nelson; ex. 4, Bruce; 5, Jamieson; vhc, Sneddon, Gunnell; Wagstaff; hc, Nason, Howie; c, Fysh, Horne. Some very cheap birds in this class, and "claimed" tickets were soon up on the majority of the cages.

THE BRITISH BIRD SECTION.

The British Section did not share in the slight depreciation of numbers as compared with last year. On the contrary, there was a slight increase—425 in 24 classes as against last year's 414 in 23 classes. Neither was quality absent, for, as usual at the Palace, nearly every bird was fit to win in ordinary competition. The placing of such an array of champions is no light task, and the judges (Messrs. Fulljames, Swaysland, and Weston) are to be congratulated upon the reception given to their awards. Little differences of opinion there were, of course; these are unavoidable at any show, but there was a

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Diploma for best British bird.

marked absence of adverse criticism. The diploma for best bird fell to the winning Hawfinch. Best lady's bird, Mrs. Lawrence's Magpie; silver cup, best bird owned by L. and P.O.S. member, Messrs. Martin and Archer's Albino Yellowhammer; best fed bird on Ramsden's Pepper, the 2nd prize Bullie (Martin and Archer); best softbill, Mr. P. Victor Williams' Chough.

Mr. G. E. Weston's Classes.

The classes allotted to Mr. Weston secured a fine entry, a little up in numbers on last year's figures, and most of the well-known "cracks" met to fight their last battle of the season. The quality of the birds can rightly be described as very high indeed. It is some time since we saw a better lot of Goldfinches, the leaders being real good specimens, with little dividing them in point of merit, while the judge said that he considered the Linnet class one of the strongest he had adjudicated upon for a number of years, quite a dozen of the leading birds being very little removed from "champions." The cock Bullfinches, too, were a magnificent collection. The Chaffinch class had its disappointing features, a number of good birds being faulty in neck feather, while several were very much down in condition (owing to the severity of the weather, no doubt) at the time of judging, one of the birds which had "soft" written on its cage, being a grand specimen, owned by Mr. Marley, a bird which has done a lot of winning. The foreign Goldies and Bullies mustered fairly strongly, but newcomers of real "class" were conspicuous only by their absence. The third prize Goldie (Mr. Howie's) is a rare old warrior. It was 2nd here last year, and has now 30 firsts to its credit including four this season.

FOREIGN GOLDIE OR BULLFINCH (21) an excellent class: 1, J. Henderson, Goldie, large, expansive blaze, clean both in cut and colour, rich in crimson, deep, warm tanning, finished off with a grand polish, big, well-marked, shapely bird, very steady; 2, Arrighi, fine size, not the biggest in class, but best condition, not a feather out of place, and excels in colour, breast very hot and even, lovely cap and wings, stylish and staged in great style; 3, Howie, another splendid Goldie, runs winner very closely, losing only a trifle in bloom, big, dense-coloured blaze, best of buttons and bars, good body col., bold in build and very shapely, well put down; 4, Prior, exceptionally big and fine hen Bullie, very thick-set, noble head and chest, the right tone of colour, steady as a top, soon claimed at catalogue price, 20s.; vhc, Minnitt, Goldie, magnificent, large, well-cut blaze, fine colour, unfortunately is unsteady and inclined to "twirl"; hc, Cadman Bros.; c, Baseley; absent, 2175, 2177 and 2192. BRITISH BULLFINCH, CK. (39): 1, Woods, house-moulted, magnificent type, very thick-set, shapely body, stands well across the perch, rare bold head and neck, lovely cap for expanse and cut, hot sound breast colour, good back and bars, in faultless condition, noted winner, we believe, scores well here; 2, Martin and Archer, another noted winner (late McQuiston, we think), and a good bird at all points, loses only a trifle in cobbiness of shape and boldness of cap, splendid rich back and breast, exceptionally tight and polished in plumage; 3, Wagg, field-moulted, similar type to winner, very chubby and bold, grand fiery breast, A1 cap, back and wings, in fine condition and steady as a rock; 4, Dale, also field-moulted, excels in quality and bloom, equal to 3rd in colour, hardly so thick-set, but a bird of good type; ex4, Gilbert, another beauty, ideal cap, bonny shape and style, in good condition, rare good colour all over; 5, Williams, shade paler colour, all there in size and build, very fine clean-cut cap, in good bloom; vhc, Harris, very typical, the right tone of colour, fine condition; vhc, Holborow, beauty for build and markings, not quite the depth of colour of leaders; vhc, Dunsmuir, exquisite quality of feather, full of colour, nice size and shape; vhc, c, Andrews, two clinking good birds; hc, Mays, Haynes, Inman and Caunt; c, Howe and Baseley; 1603, 1609, 1615 abs.; some field-moulted birds were very good, but wild, notably 1606, 1608 and 1623. DITTO, HEN (13): 1, Dunsmuir, splendid chest and head, thick-set and cobby, good tone of colour, carrying a charming sheen on the feather; 2, Baid, very bonny, well built hen, likewise of good colour and quality, soon claimed at 25s., only beaten in cap; 3, Macpherson, fine shape, sound, rich colour, steady, good carriage; 4, D. G. Jones, sweet all-round hen, good head and chest, in excellent condition; vhc, Loader; hc, E. Jones; c, Mrs. Frostick. GOLDFINCH (39) magnificent class for quality, containing two or three sets of winners: 1, Hurst, well-known winner, adds another first to his long list, but is closely pressed by both 2nd and 3rd, big, shapely, lovely coloured Finch, with an unusually big blaze top and bottom, and nicely cut, carries a beautiful polish, nice buttons; 2, Burr, very cobby and stylish, large, wide blaze, dense and clean in colour, wonderful condition, best of buttons and markings, in rare form; 3, Lavery, we liked immensely, very correct bird at all points, huge, square-cut blaze, clean and rich in crimson, beautifully marked and polished all over, well-contrasted colours, one or two expressed a fancy for this bird to win, we presume is the Paisley winner; 4, vhc, Yates, 4 a trifle smaller, bonny bird for colour and condition, expansive blaze, well cut, best of buttons, etc.; ex4, c (2), Richards, also excels in colour and condition, put down in good order, bonny shape, fine blaze, but not quite so much of it; 5, Prior, good square-cut face, of excellent size, nice type and markings, little paler in tanning; vhc, Polkinghorne, beautiful bird at all points, rare good colour, very nice blaze; vhc, Bruce, another Finch, excelling in condition, good at all show points, just loses in expanse of blaze; vhc, Buckingham, the same remarks apply here; hc, Harris, bonny bird for tightness of feather and bloom; hc, Bowler, Miss Joseph, and Pitchford and Stocker, a trio of birds fit to win at any ordinary show; c, Miss Dooly and Gilbert. No. 1672, very good, short of polish; 1665 fine bird, but not in show form. LINNET (35) another stinging class for quality: 1, Burr, excels in colour, real nut-brown, and solid all through, full of work all over, exceptionally good breast markings, big, bold, Norwich type of bird, feathered like wax and beautifully polished, splendid wings, only fault its head a shade small for its large body; 2, vhc, Wilson and Godfrey, well-known North-country face, similar type to leader, hardly so bold in body, though better in head, distinct whites, mass of pencilling all over, and the same lovely tone of colour as the winner, very little to choose between them, a tight race; 3, Heal, different tone of colour, shade too dark for our liking, but a magnificent bird, big, bold, upstanding, very wide chest, nice wings, really splendidly marked all over, in fine condition, the Scottish National winner; 4, hc, Marley, the cobby type again, and the dark tone of brown, lovely head and chest, exceptionally steady and stylish, carries a wonderful amount of work, nice condition; ex. 4, McQuiston, longer, more upstanding type of Linnet, yet well built, good head and chest, fine, sound colour, profusion of distinct pencilling, good whites, some liked for higher honours; 5, Gunnell, grand stamp of bird, very large, cone-shaped body, fine head, well mkd., little rough in neck feather; vhc, c, Prior, nice shape, fine sound colour, well pencilled, grand bold head; vhc, Ford, beauty for pencilled, grand bold head; vhc, Ford, beauty for condition and markings; vhc, Walsh, well built, stylish, nicely pencilled, in grand order; hc, Harris, Minnitt, and Hurst; c, Pringle; No. 1711 had hurt its foot. CHAFFINCH (25): 1, 4, Hurst, leader great size, splendid bold head and chest, very rich and forward in colour, nice blue cap, grand whites and wing markings, polished like a piece of plate-glass, has a back claw missing, unfortunately, which nearly lost him first place, 4th bonny bird at all points; 2, Nicholson and Son, not quite so deep in colour, but rich and well contrasted, beautifully marked, in simply lovely plumage, extremely steady and stylish, big and shapely, close up, we did not admire the colour of his cage; 3, Marley, gem for colour and markings, splendid head and wings, grand sheen on the plumage, excellent carriage, good bird, trifle smaller; ex 4, Wilson and Godfrey, excels in colour and polish, very fine shape and style, grandly mkd., bold, steady, well shown, just loses on head; 5, Walsh, shade smaller, excellent at all other points, beautiful colour and condition; vhc, Lawrance, Jeffreys, two good, stylish specimens; vhc, Gilbert, fine bold bird, trifle damaged over beak, or would have been higher up; hc, Young, Raine, Pringle; c, Poole; No. 1735, good, but very ill-behaved in the cage; 1726, short tail feathers; 1733, good, but out of condition; 1714, 15, 16, 21, and 32 all "gone" in neck feathers.

Mr. H. J. Fulljames' Classes.

Mr. Fulljames's insectivorous classes brought out some interesting exhibits, notably the Grasshopper Warbler, Wryneck, and Black Redstart. A Pied Meadow Pipit and a clear yellow Yellow Bunting both exceedingly rare and beautiful exhibits, attracted a lot of attention in the Albino class. In the Nightingale class was found a real champion Blackcap and a Nightingale that broke out into song in spite of the severe weather. The Wagtail class was not well represented, the Blue-headed and the commonest of all—the Pied—being absent. This class would prove a most interesting one to many fanciers, and to visitors in general, and we hope, in spite of the poor support on this occasion, that it will find a place in next year's schedule, and be better supported. About the only decision which caused comment was in the Blackbird class, where some preferred the second to the one placed first by the judge. Lesser Redpolls were a grand array, twenty-five as against the thirty of last year, when Lessers and Mealies were shown together, and by far the majority were of surpassing excellence. Siskins, again, were a beautiful lot, twenty-seven of the best birds in England facing the judge, and scarcely a pin to choose between the leaders. Greenfinches mustered eighteen, as against last year's twenty-four, but the placing of the leaders was a stiff proposition. Yellowhammers were a grand lot of twenty charming specimens, some noted winners among them. It was an achievement for one exhibitor, Mr. Martin, to capture two of the prizes in this class.

LESSER REDPOLL (25): 1, Morton and Davidson, delightful little 'Poll, excels particularly in flank markings, which are as though laid on with a brush, beautifully laced on back, and of fine gloss of plumage, a good winner in a good class; 2, Miss Bousfield, another beautiful bird, very little indeed behind winner, exceptionally good in evenness of breast colour, flank lacings nearly as good as those of winner; 3, Marley, a real champion, nothing could be better, but tail feathers to-day a bit awry, or would have doubtless been at 1; 4, Minnitt, a beauty, showing very pretty tinge of col. in the forehead, wing carriage perfect, lovely back lacing, very sprightly; 5, hc, Prior, another one hard to beat, wonderfully nice bib, lovely finish of plumage, clings to bars of cage when examined; vhc, Bruce, nice bird indeed, only kept out of the money by meeting extra good birds; vhc, Morton and Davidson, same ownership as the winner, and an equally good bird, unfortunately a bit soft; hc, Pringle; c, Hexter, Nicholson and Son. SISKIN (27): a grand array, difficult indeed to place; 1, Burr, perfection, just fed enough to enhance colour without spoiling it, wonderful flank lacing, faultless gloss of plumage; 2, Grahame, shade smaller than winner, but a really good one, claimed at two guineas, and cheap, had been washing when we were making notes; 3, Andrews, charming specimen, beautifully defined eye streak, lovely texture of plumage, back lacings exceptionally good, well deserving its place; 4, Leach and Leckie, another stormer, lacking in nothing except, perhaps, in definition of bib, a real beauty; vhc, Minnitt, Scottish National Winner, here standing as testimony to the outstanding merit of those above him; a lovely bird in nat. col., and of very high quality all round; vhc, Bell, hot-fed bird of great excellence, bib extra good, inclined a little to sit on perch, but exceptionally good when he pulls himself together; hc, Miss Bousfield, Baid; c, Walsh, Hurst. GREENFINCH (18): 1, Stuart and Dalling, an exceptionally good one in a class of extra good ones, wonderfully even in col., and excelling in gloss of plumage, nothing could be better; 2, Harris, scarcely anything behind winner, silky as a waxwing in plumage, and beautifully even in colour, shows himself well; 3, McVay, fine big bird, another one very close up, full of quality all over, rich colour, splendid texture of feather and good enough to win anywhere; 4, Marley, another stormer, all said of the others applies equally to this one, the placing of the four must have proved a teaser to the judge; vhc, Aitken; Henderson, magnificent Greenies, like the others, beyond criticism; hc, Ford; c, Andrews. YELLOWHAMMER (20): 1, 4, Martin, two very exceptional birds, leader excelling to a degree in beauty of head and cheek markings, crown nearly clear, beautiful in back markings, finely laced underneath and wonderfully steady; 4th, another good one, beautifully laced, perfect texture of plumage, not so defined in cheek markings as other; 2, Hawkes, fine big bird, extra good in back markings and the heavy black V and horseshoe markings of the crown and cheeks contrasting beautifully with the yellow, crown nearly clear, claimed at catalogue price; 3, Stuart and Dalling, another beauty, crown as nearly as possible clear, lovely head and face markings, very fine plumage and beautifully marked, a good one all round; vhc, Lane; vhc, Edwards, both nice 'Hammers, very little behind those in the money, good enough to win almost anywhere; hc, Inman, Master Tripe; c, Gilbert. BLACKBIRD (7): 1, 2, Marley, a grand couple, and quite the toss of a coin which wins, 1st a shade the smaller, but 2nd slightly redder bill and eye cere, and a trifle larger we thought, both jet black, and wonderfully lustrous plumage, 2nd looks like L.C.B.A. winner; 3, Borthwick, very close up, hardly so good carriage, rich bill and crocus eye cere, good size, worth its place; 4, Ford, nice specimen, a trifle on small side, good sound colour, and in high condition; absent (2), 1899 Mays, 1903 Adams. STARLING (9): A very good class, the purple-breasted birds being in the majority: 1, 2, c, Wellings, large, heavily spotted, lustrous bird, stands well, very lustrous plumage, the spots large and distinct. 2nd similar in type to 1st, but not such a size or so well spotted, stands well up on perch and carries plenty of the beautiful metallic sheen, c, one of the purple variety, fails only in spots, in excellent condition; 3, Robinson, lustrous, purple, full of spots, a bit smaller, very good bird; 4, Collins, stylish and in capital feather, shows well; vhc, Lean and Son, nice purple-breasted Starling, very lustrous plumage; hc, Lewcock, one of the large spotted variety, almost as large as 1st, but hardly as stylish. PIED ALBINO, ETC. (11): 1, vhc, Martin and Archer, 1st Yellow Bunting, pink eye, a very attractive exhibit, in lovely order, undoubtedly a Yellow Bunting as stated, well shown; vhc, pied Linnet, almost white, slightly mottled with brown on back flights and sides, in grand order; 2, Mays, Meadow Pipit, we made this to be (entered as a Tree Pipit), white except flights and tail, and slightly ticked on crown of head, the general actions and the colour of the flights and tail are, without a doubt, a Meadow Pipit's; 3, P. Walsh, well-known Silver Starling, often described, and looking as well as ever, very pretty; 4, Rowe-Richards, cinnamon Starling; hc, Smith, sweet cinnamon Linnet, very interesting, shows the spotting on ends of feathers, good sized bird; c, Tansley, pied Blackbird, the white on head and neck giving it a pretty appearance. NIGHTINGALE AND BLACKCAP (6): An unusual occurrence to find the Blackcap in the majority, in this instance 4 to 2: 1, Evans, nice 'Gale, good size and shape, fine rich col., perfect in condition, and good quality of feather, shows well; 2, Puck, real topping Blackcap, one of the best we have seen for a long while, fine silky plumage, as tight as way, good cap, and beautiful tint of colour, must have pressed hard; 3, Jeffery, 'Gale, smaller than leader, not quite such a good col., very tame, nicely shown; 4, Fostick, another Blackcap, smaller than 2nd, but perfect in feather, and in high condition; vhc, Miss Watt, Blackcap, in nice order; hc, Tout, again a Blackcap, in fine fettle. WAGTAILS (6): A small class and

only two species represented: 1, Arnott, lovely Grey, fine size and shape, tight as wax, has a very clear white throat and good yell. breast; 2, J. M. Walsh, natural coloured Yellow, nice clear col. throughout, good broad eye marks, very tame, in perfect condition; 3, vhc, Miss Smyth, both Grey Wagtails, very nice birds, but not quite the size of the winner, probably last year's birds; 4, Sorbie, hot-fed Yellow, a very good specimen, but rather overdone in feeding, good head, steady as could be. SMALL INSECTS (12): A capital variety here, but unfortunately there were three absentees (Grasshopper Warbler, Whinchat, and Whitethroat); a Crosshill rubbed shoulders with Black Redstarts, Wheatears, and Willow Warbler: 1, Woodhouse, Wryneck, very fine specimen, rich breast col., fine, distinct lacing, the various tints of grey and brown on back being well defined, good all round; 2, 3, Mays, 2nd Grasshopper, in faultless condition, a sweet little bird, in faultless feather and condition, was repeatedly uttering its call note, 3rd Wheatear, undoubtedly a fine specimen, but rather lucky, we thought, to beat Black-Redstart, vhc, one of the large species, good black cheek marks, and clean white eye marks, nice and tight in feather; 4, Maggs, Willow Warbler, in perfect feather, and although many thousands of miles from its winter resort, when in a state of nature, it seemed to stand the cold well; vhc, Thwaites, real good Black Redstart, deep black breast, and a rare size, col. of cage rather kills it; hc, Buckingham, Crossbill, nice cage-moulted specimen, showing yellow plumage; c, J. M. Walsh, Black Redstart, nice bird, but not quite so dark as vhc, in good feather.

Mr. W. Swaysland's Classes.

The section adjudicated upon by Mr. Swaysland contained several classes with exhibits of exceptional interest. The Hawfinch class was a strong one, with 16 entries, and the winner, shown by Mr. W. Burr, was a very fine specimen, the like of which is seldom seen; it stood well away from the remainder of the exhibits, although these on the whole were of excellent merit, and was awarded the diploma for best British bird. The Bunting class contained representatives of all the species, except the yellow, which had a separate class, and the Cirl. The Thrushes were a nice lot, and the Magpie class brought out nine competitors, being headed by a grand Chough, shown by Mr. P. Williams, which stood well away and secured the special for best softbill. Several good Magpies were in competition. The hen hardbill class brought out 15 exhibits, and Mr. Francis scored well here with a topping Hawfinch. Skylarks turned up to the tune of 15, and curiously enough were with one exception all shown in round topped cages, finished off with brass bands. The small insectivorous class brought out a well-mixed collection, headed by Mr. Frostick's Dartford Warbler, the class also containing Bearded Tits, Nuthatch, Shorelark, Tree Creeper, etc. In the large insectivorous class came the new addition to the bench in the shape of an adult Dipper, exhibited by Miss Fishburn. This is the first time this bird has made its appearance at the Palace, or, we think, in London, and needless to say it attracted much attention. Its food seemed to consist of live gentles only. Miss Bousfield also staged a wonderful specimen of the Waxwing, her bird standing clean away from two others in the class. Mr. Swaysland's awards appeared, with few exceptions, to give general satisfaction.

MEALY REDPOLL OR TWITE (21): 1, Morton and Davidson, real grand Twite, nice size, fine long bird, stands well out for richness of col., very clear in whites, dense pencillings well down the flanks, full of bloom; 2, Leach and Leckie, good Mealy Redpoll, not the largest, but has a good head and chest, well pencilled on flanks, good bib, in splendid order; 3, Harris, another good Twite, paler in colour than 1st, and not quite so good in size, shows flights nicely, in really fine fettle; 4, Glaister, Mealy Redpoll, good shape, carries plenty of pencilling, good wing bars, fine bold carriage, well finished; vhc (2), Webster, McMillan, former nice Twite, on small side, good colour and markings, latter nice sized Mealy Redpoll; hc (2), Calver and Sons, Pickles, both Twites, much paler in colour and rather small, good shape; c, Waters, very nice Mealy again, fine bib and in good feather; abs., 1178, Gilbert. BRAMBLEFINCH (16): very nice class; 1, Sykes, bonny Bramble lovely spangled head and mantle, will probably darken a little yet, good bold carriage, rich breast, the colour extending well down, and very bright, nice shoulders and wing bars, beautifully finished; 2, Grahame, rare size, but a wee shade paler on breast, darker head, but shows light ring round eyes, stands well, very steady, claimed at catalogue price; 3, Gentleman smaller, but very compact, rich breast, good spangling, very stylish in carriage and in perfect condition; 4, Brotherhood, hot col. breast and a good dark head and back, very even spangling and well finished, fine flights, excellent thigh pencillings, carries a lot of bloom; vhc, Coffey, well-known winner out of the running to-day, paler in colour and looks a bit over done; vhc, McQuiston, very shapely, rich in col., in fine order; hc, Pickles, in fine feather, well shown; c, Lawrance, good size and colour, very steady. HAWFINCH (16): a real grand class, containing some very forward specimens, some with full blue bills and rare head col., many could win at most shows; 1, Burr, monster, rich head and cheeks, lovely tint on breast, full coloured bill, rare bib, in grand condition, good clear wing bars, about the largest in this grand class and one of the best on the bench this season; 2, Williams, another grand specimen, hardly as large as the winner, good collar and back, claimed at £5 5/-; 3, Poole, medium size, good bib, very compact, in capital feather, bold chest; 4, Harris, another monster with a rare head and large bib, capital flights, good broad chest, nice clear collar, good shape; vhc, Ellwood, good chest, nice bib, duller flights, full of condition; vhc, Gunnell, very tame, a wee shade pale in colour, nice one; hc, J. M. Walsh, fine head, good size and shape, grand quality of feather; c, Austin. BUNTINGS (except Yellow) (16): A good variety class, containing Snow, Corn, Reed, Lapland and Meadow Buntings; a very interesting collection; 1, Colville and Son, capital Reed Bunting, jet black head and throat rich back and flights, beautifully marked, very clear white collar, a long way ahead of any other of its species in class, in faultless condition; 2, Nicholson and Son, beautifully coloured Corn Bunting, rare size, splendid throat markings and dense pencilling on breast, steady as a rock, in tip-top condition; 3, Henderson, very fine Snow, grand wings and almost white on breast and underparts, nice size, shows himself beautifully; 4, c, Francis, well known Lapland Bunting, good russet collar, an old winner, often described; latter, big Snow Bunting, perfect feather well shown; vhc, Raine, Snow Bunting plenty of white, not quite so clear; vhc, Gilbert, Corn Bunting, in very nice order, but fails a trifle in colour to 2nd; hc, Mrs. J. Frostick, nice Reed Bunting, not quite so forward as 1st, well staged. SONG THRUSH (8): 1, Johnson, very tame, richly coloured bird, beautifully spotted on breast and throat, the spots being very clear and dense, nice shapely specimen, exceedingly tame; 2, 4, Mrs. D. Longden, both good birds, former very shapely, medium sized, very distinct spots, good head; 4th, very densely spotted, scarcely so distinct, but better colour than 3rd, and a shade larger, stands well on perch; 3, Bruce, large bird, but paler in colour, nicely spotted, the spots running well down thighs, good type, in lovely feather; vhc, Hemmings and Brereton, very shapely, nice colour, plentiful supply of spots, but not distinct enough for a champion; hc, Harper, smaller, very steady, in perfect feather; c, Dean, again a trifle on small side, but very stylish; No. 1907, Wood, a Missel, w.c. MAGPIE, JACKDAW, ETC. (9): The Jackdaw was not represented here; 1, Victor Williams, clinking fine Chough, looks like an old friend, lately exhibited by Mr. Maxwell, quite at home, shown to perfection; if it is our old friend he looks better than ever in spite of his years and the many battles he has so successfully fought; 2, Bowler, fine Jay, rich coloured, clear blue wings and snow white rump, perfect head and throat, capital plumage; 3, Lawrence, grand Magpie, well polished head, jet black, clean cut on breast, clear whites, shows an abundance of greenish metallic sheen on its long tail, very tame; 4, c, Mulcahy, 4th, another good Chough in nice order, but not the size of winner, paler in legs and bill; latter nice Magpie, in good feather; vhc, sp., Lund, Magpie, not quite the size of 3rd, but a good one, plenty of polish, as tight as wax; hc, J. M. Walsh, another Chough, nice red legs and beak, but not in the fettle of winner. HENS. HARDBILL (except Bullfinch) (15): A well mixed class, and several good birds left out of tickets; 1, Francis, rare sized Hawfinch, massive head for a lady, fine chest and back colouring, splendid wings, good shape, well finished; 2, Ford, Corn Bunting, in lovely feather, beautiful head marks, well laced thighs, steady as could be; 3, Graham, Siskin good lacing, nice size, fine col. except wing bars, which are a trifle dull; 4, Brownlie, bonnie Bramble, tight as wax, fine col. for a hen, shows herself beautifully; vhc, Leach and Leckie, Yellowhammer, large bodied bird, good markings, rich colour throughout; hc, Miss Smyth, Chaffinch, a stylish little lady in lovely order; c, Cadman Bros., Snow Bunting, good size; 1953, real good Bramble, some thought a better bird than 4th; 1951, Chaffle, a real good one. SKYLARK (10): A rather larger class than usual, and the uniformity of the cages attracted much comment; the pattern, a round topped cage with a bow for the turf being a very desirable show cage for Larks; 1, 3, Allaway, the former a rare broad-chested bird, rich body colour, stands up well, breast markings good, extend well down; 3rd, a lighter built one, and not quite so rich in body colour, very stylish; 2, hc, P. Walsh, former fine bold bird, good markings and col., all that could be desired; 3rd, a lighter built one and not quite so distinctly pencilled, both in grand feather; 4, Lott, medium sized, nicely pencilled, rich coloured back, fine texture of feather, stands up well; vhc, Heather, very taking, well up on legs; c, McVay, good size and shape. A.O.S. RESIDENT INSECTIV., ETC. (not larger than Grey Wagtail) (11): A very interesting collection, containing a common Hedge Sparrow and two of the rare Dartford Warblers, Tree Creeper, Nuthatch, Bearded Tits, and a Shore Lark, unfortunately in its wrong class; 1, hc, Frostick, 1st, bonny little Dartford Warbler, cage moulted, a feat which does its owner great credit, a sprightly little fellow in his pretty plumage of browns and greys, well shown; latter a very pretty Bearded Tit, in excellent feather; 2, Mays, Tree Creeper, looking very cosy in its red baize-lined cage, very clear white throat and underparts, capital markings and colour on back; 3, Buckingham, Bearded Tit, a grand specimen, good head and markings, very warm coloured back, lovely head, much deeper in browns than hc; 4, Collins, Hedge Sparrow, bonny specimen of this familiar bird, seldom seen on the show bench, and probably never before in the money at the Palace; vhc, Evans, Dartford Warbler, very tame, looks like a young bird; c, Wagg, Meadow Pipit in nice order; 1988, good Shorelark, w.c.; abs., 1981, Mays, Gold Crest. A.O.S. LARGE: An interesting collection in this class, it being the first occasion, to our recollection, the Dipper has appeared, and we hope to see other specimens in the future. Three Waxwings were in the class, and gave a good opportunity for comparison, but the best one of the three wanted little finding; 1, Miss Fishburn, cock Dipper in spring plumage, lovely white chest, dark brown underparts, dark slate head, back, flights and tail, the bird was tame, and appeared in perfect health; 2, Miss Bousfield, Waxwing in tip-top order, larger than either of the others, and a long way the best colour, the yellow and red tips to his flights being very bright, rich head and dense black throat, beautiful sleek plumage, and as steady as possible; 3, Wagg, Ring Ousel, not very clear crescent, in perfect feather, young bird we should think; 4, Bissett, Missel Thrush, a monster, capital spotting, good colour, plenty of bloom, very tame, vhc, Frostick, interesting exhibit, a Lesser Spotted Woodpecker, shown in a cork lined cage, seemed quite at home; he, Rowe and Richards, Redwing, good eyemarks, not quite such a rich col. as some; c, sp, Francis, Waxwing, very nice bird.

NOVICE BRITISH BIRD AND HYBRID SECTION.

Although hardly so numerous as last year, the novices made a brave show with British birds and Hybrids. The class for Softbills had to be cancelled, however, which is rather surprising considering the number of specimens of ordinary birds eligible for such a class. Surely there are enough novices keeping Thrushes, Blackbirds, Starlings, Larks, etc., to fill it. There were several birds of high merit among the Goldfinches and Bullfinches, the winner this year proving to be one of the former species owned by Mr. S. M. Davis. The bird is not over large, but has an excellent blaze, and was shown in lovely condition, which told much in its favour. Generally speaking, the staging was fairly good, and this is a point that novices can hardly be expected to excel in. The hybrids were rather better put down than the British birds. The clear class was exceptionally good, several capital specimens failing to get in the money. When one compares these birds with what were seen in the open some ten to fifteen years ago, we can realise the immense stride made in hybrid breeding the last few years. In the A.V. class, between two British a good Goldie-Bullie led, closely followed by a capital Greenie-Bullie, a cross hardly so numerous now as formerly; but of the first cross there were only two this year, compared with some half-dozen last February. Considering the huge number of dark Mules bred, we were somewhat surprised to see only nine entries. Novices must "buck up" if they want these classes to stand.

The Mules and Hybrids.

Judge, Mr. Norman.

NOVICE LIGHT MULES (8): 1, Lewis, buff 4-pointed bird of grand size, lovely shape, very rich in col., shown in grand condition; 2, Dawson, rather pale col. yell., but nice size and shape, just a touch of blaze, mkd. wings and eye, in good condition; 3, c, Thomas, another 4-pointed buff, shade small compared to winner, but in wonderful trim, and well put down; 4, vhc, Widdows, variog. yell., of good size, nice rich col. throughout, in fine fettle; hc, Nelson. A.O.V. DK. (9): 1, Tennant, bold Greenie, grand size, very shapely and capital tone of col., lovely quality feather, wins; 2, Rees, Can.-Bullie, very hot col., falls in size, and hardly so shapely as some, but a well mkd. bird with a good head; 3, Barber, smart Goldie, nice shape, good size, capital col. and quality, nice touch of blaze, well mkd. specimen; 4, Dawson, good non-fed Linnet, big hold bird, in fine condition; vhc, Tidey; he, Ward; c, Carpenter. HYB. (12): 1, Rees, fine Goldie-Bullie leading, shapely, of good size, and grand rich col. blaze carried well down the front; 2, Smith, nice Greenie-Bullie, capital size, shapely bird with a good head and wings, sound col., nicely shown; 3, vhc, Davis, Linnet-Bullie, smart bird, nice rich breast col., shapely, quite a typical specimen; 4, Thomas, big Goldie-Greenie, grand blaze and body col., in fine condition; hc, Edmunds; c, Dawson.

The British Birds.

Judge, Mr. H. Norman.

NOVICE GOLDIE OR BULLIE (22): 1, Davis, smart Goldfinch leading, very shapely, well col., clean cut blaze, very pure and bright, capital wings, nicely tanned, in fine conditaon; 2, Cornish, bold fronted Bullie, good size, capital head, nice full neck and shoulders, grand depth of col.; 3, Hughes, another good Goldie, good size, shapely, very square blaze of good depth of col., perhaps richer than winner, but hardly the quality; 4, Dawson, yet another rich col. Bullie of fine size, but col., nice quality; vhc, Clements; hc, Tennant; c, Cooper. LINNET, ETC. (13): 1, c, Hedley, fine bold Linnet of wonderful size, shapely bird, nice bit of pencilling, good rich col., in A1 condition; 2, Sadler, smart Siskin, capital size and shape, nice tone of col., well laced, good wings, clean cut cap; 3, Lafhury, very fine house moulted Redpoll, grand size and shape, with a wealth of lacing, in fine condition; 4, Dawson, another good Linnet, good size, shapely, a wee shade dark in col., a good exhibit; vhc, hc, Davis. A.O.S. (15): 1, c, vhc, Cooper, big bold Hawfinch, grand depth of col., carried all through nice and even, good bib, wings and bars, in fine condition; 2, Haxton, very smart Greenie, shown in tip-top condition, good col., capital wings; 3, Cambers, bold fronted Chaffie, capital shapely bird of good size, rich cap and breast, fine condition, well shown; 4, Hobden, another Hawfinch of fine size and col., good bib and wings; hc, Enever.

THE FOREIGN BIRDS.

The management of this section was excellent, but handicapped by the usual limitations of the historic glass-house, and these, coupled with the most inclement weather prevailing, caused many of the tropical gems of this section to show signs of discomfort. It is with much regret that we have to record the lowest entry for very many years in this section; the abstention of two or three well-known exhibitors, and the severe weather undoubtedly being responsible for this. The efforts and energy of the L.P.O.S. deserved a better result. There were also less "first appearances" than for some years, though the number of rare species in the hands of aviculturists are almost legion. Even the classes for the so-called "common" species

MR. A. EZRA'S AMETHYST-RUMPED SUNBIRD.
Diploma for best Foreign bird.

were below par in numbers, but all-round excellence of merit prevailed, and there were many beautiful denizens of tropical lands—both plebeian and aristocrat—to delight the eyes of visitors. The only probable first appearance we noted was Mr. Hawkin's Blue-rumped Parrots (see plate and notes elsewhere in this issue), a Malayan species (Psittacinus incertus), very interesting but not gorgeous. Visitors were principally attracted by the Sunbirds, Sugar Birds, and Tanagers—"Solomon in all his glory" was not arrayed so gorgeously as these! The other features of the show were quite up to recent years; the attendance was good; and uncomfortable weather conditions certainly did not damp the ardour of the adherents of aviculture who attended from far and near. Mr. H. T. T. Camps judged the Parrot classes, and Mr. F. Finn the remaining classes. The Goldies and Bullies were judged by Mr. G. E. Weston, and notes upon them will be found in his section.

Judge, Mr. H. T. T. Camps.

A.S. PARRAKEETS, BURGERIGARS, ETC.: This class contained eleven competitors, of which Mr. A. Ezra's lovely and rare Lutino Ring-necked Parrakeet was an absentee, that gentleman informing us he was afraid to risk sending it owing to existing weather conditions. Mr. J. Mackenzie was very unfortunate, his entries, a very fine Red-naped Lorikeet and a Ceram Lory, arriving too late for competition. The other entrants, all well-known species, some uncommon, and no less than four Brown's Parrakeets competing—all beautiful—and a King Parrakeet, with almost the whole of the head bright yellow in place of the usual crimson. 1, 3, W. Edmunds, 1st, Brown's Parrakeet, a grand bird, lovely col. and markings, very tight; 3rd, equally good pair of Many-colour Parrakeets; 2, W. Baxby, Pennant's Parrakeet, very rich colour; 4, c, L. W. Hawkins, King and Brown's Parrakeet, in the order given; vhc, G. Fletcher, good pair of Brown's Parrakeets, but a wee bit soft; hc, A. E. Barcham, very richly col. Rosella Parrakeet. A.S. PARROTS, COCKATOOS, ETC. (9): Here we again made the acquaintance of the Rev. G. H. Rayner's veteran Meyer's Parrot, and also his rare Everett's Parrot, both very fit. The rarest birds in the Parrot section were undoubtedly Mr. L. W. Hawkins' Blue-rump Parrot (Psittacinus incertus), an interesting but not a gorgeously apparelled species, about the same size as, or a little less than, the Rosy-faced Lovebird. They were in immature plumage (see plate). 1, 4, Rev. G. H. Raynor, 1st, Meyer's Parrot, in lovely feather; 4, Everett's Parrot, very fit, but not so tight as the former; 2, vhc, L. W. Hawkins, Black-headed Caique, rich colour, good feather, and very steady, and good pair of Blue-rump Parrots in immature plumage, very rare; 3, Mrs. L. Thorpe, Green Amazon, good talker, and lovely feather; hc, J. Ditchfield, and c, J. Montague, Blue-fronted Amazons; a grand Electus and Le Vaillant's Amazon also competed.

Judge, Mr. F. Finn.

CERTAIN NAMED WAXBILLS, FINCHES, ETC. (6): All well known species, and small indeed in number for the "freely imported species" class, but all were in "spick and span" condition. 1, F. Howe, Gold-breasted Waxbills and St. Helena Waxbills, both rich in colour and as tight as wax; 2, Miss M. Bousfield, Diamond Sparrows, an attractive pair, good colour and markings and very tight; 4, Mad. M. A. Feist Madewell, Ribbon Finches, one of the best pairs we have seen; vhc, Miss J. A. E. Smyth, St. Helena Waxbills, a good pair; A. C. Young staged an excellent pair of Ribbon Finches which unfortunately arrived too late for competition. A.S. WAXBILLS, GREENFINCHES, ETC. (5): Here Mr. Howe's well-known Melba Finch was an easy first; it was in exquisite condition, and evidently bears the burden of show life well, for it is a much travelled specimen. The most uncommon exhibit in this class was Mr. Walsh's Scaly-crowned Finch; this, however, was not so tight in condition as when seen at the Horticultural Hall in November last. 1, F. Howe, Melba Finch, a marvel of beauty and condition; 2, Miss M. Bousfield, Red-headed Gouldian Finch, exquisite colour and feather, one of the best we have seen; 3, G. B. Thwaites, Pin-tailed Nonpariels, an excellent pair, very tight, will be deeper in colour after another moult; 4, W. Lyle, Black-headed Gouldian Finches, a good pair of this beautiful species; vhc, J. M. Walsh, Scaly-crowned Finch, a wee bit rough in feather. A.S. GROSBEAKS, TRUE FINCHES, ETC. (6): The rarest exhibit here was Miss Bousfield's Black and Yellow Grosbeak, a hen, and not so bright as the male bird, of Hawfinch-like appearance and form. Mrs. E. Galloway's Brown-winged Blue Grosbeaks were also a very uncommon and interesting exhibit. 1, Miss St. A. Wait, Olive Finch, very rich colour, tight as wax; 2, L. J. Arrighi, Black-headed Siskin, very steady and in good feather; 3, Mrs. E. Galloway, Brown-winged Blue Grosbeak, a lovely specimen, which might perhaps have been placed higher; 4, J. M. Walsh, Green Cardinal, a good bird—colour fed we think; vhc, Miss Bousfield, hen Black and Yellow Grosbeak, rare and interesting, but a wee bit rough; B. Heness, another good Green Cardinal. A.S. TANAGERS (7): Nothing new, but every exhibit a gem, and the rarest bird, Mr. S. M. Townsend's Gold and Green Tanager, was in faultless trim and an easy first; all the other entrants except the Scarlet, though well known, were all uncommon, and a perfect blaze of tropical colouring. 1, S. M. Townsend, Gold and Green Tanager, rare and perfect; 2, 3, J. M. Walsh, Black-throated and Maroon Tanagers, in the order given; 4, J. Frostick, Prêtres' Tanager, good colour and very tight in condition; vhc, T. Erskine, Blue Tanager; hc, Mrs. L. M. Thynne, Maroon Tanager; c, Miss E. N. Dooly, Scarlet Tanager. A.S. SUGAR-BIRDS, SUNBIRDS, ETC. (8): Not a common species among the entrants, but undoubtedly the rarest bird was Mr. S. M. Townsend's Black-legged (palish-blue) Sugar-Bird, looking much brighter and tighter than when seen at the Horticultural Hall, and in the writer's opinion should have been first. Much discussion took place amongst visitors as to the merits and demerits of 1st and vhc, Amethyst-rumped Sun-Birds respectively. We are not in a position to express an opinion, however, as, when our notes were made, Mr. Ezra's bird (first prize winner) was placed alongside the hot-water pipes, as the temperature of the tent was so much below its usual quarters. Still, we have seen this bird previously, and it is really a wonderful house moulted specimen, like a flashing jewel. Mr. Frostick's bird, on the other hand, was evidently recently imported, in the full glory of natural colour, and very tight and silken, but with slight traces of importation condition still, on its all but faultless and shining garment, it was a case of a battle between a bird in full wild colour and an exquisite house moulted specimen, and the judge decided in favour of the latter. An exquisite of the Purple Sun-Bird, again a bird acquired (evidently caught), in adult plumage, and in possession of full natural brilliance, was exhibited by Mr. Frostick, its shining garment radiated with every hue of purple and its combinations, according to the angle at which the light caught it. 1, A. Ezra, Amethyst-rumped Sun-Bird; 2, S. M. Townsend, Black-legged (palish blue) Sugar-Bird, rarest bird in show, faultless; 3, S. M. Townsend, regret we failed to note species; 4, vhc, J. Frostick, Purple Sun-Bird, a grand specimen, a perfect marvel of irridescent plumage; Amethyst-rumped Sun-Bird, a beautiful bird in full natural colour; two beautiful exhibits, a Rufous-throated Sugar-Bird and a Hardwick's Fruitsucker (Mr. A. C. Young), unfortunately arrived too late for competition. A.S. (NOT COMPRISED IN ABOVE) (8): The notabilities of this were Mr. Ezra's lovely Japanese Redbreast, similar to our much-loved Robin, with the same fascinating demeanour, but longer on its legs, and darker in colour than our indigenous Robin; Mr. Walsh's Black-headed Sibias, and Australian White-eyebrowed Wood-Swallow, both the best of their kind we have seen. 1, A. Ezra, Japanese Robin, an exquisite and rare exhibit; 2, 3, J. M. Walsh, grand pair Black-headed Sibias, and White-eyebrowed Wood-Swallow, never seen better; 4, L. M. Wade, Shama, a beauty; vhc, E. Thorne, Troupial; hc, Miss Bousfield, Hangnest; a Black-throated Troupial also competed.

CAGES AND APPLIANCES.

The entries in the cage section did not come up to expectation, and we rather wonder makers do not seize this opportunity of showing their wares to the Fancy. We heard many visitors saying they had hoped to see many examples of cages, cage fittings, etc.

CAGES: SHOW OR STOCK (9): 1, Erbsmehl, good wagon shape, hard wood and wire cage for domestic bird, inside ebina food and water vessels, easily attended to by a neat sliding wire panel, cheap; 2, Martin, neat show cage for small British bird, light and well made, neatly put together, and nicely enamelled; 3, Walton, good strong, yet lightly made cage for Crest Can., very serviceable, well finished. BREEDING (5): 1, Cripps, very fine two-compartment breeder, beautifully made and finished, nest pans, feeders, etc., all of the best, a capital cage; 2, Mullins and Co., another single breeder, beautifully finished, good sound front, all fitting neat and handy, a very serviceable cage. A.O.V. (5): 1, Mullins and Co., very fine Wagtail's cage, nice length and depth, well made, yet light, food and water inside, but easily attended to, a good exhibit; 2, Erbsmehl, wagon shaped cage, made of oak and stout wire, good fittings to prevent waste and litter, a really good and useful cage. APPLIANCES (3): 1, Dean and Son, fittings, consisting of drinkers and feeders, all glass and ware beautifully made and finished, neat collection; 2, Trower and Co., drinkers and feeders, both ware and wood, a fuller collection than winners', nest pans also included, a really fine collection, and all beautifully made and polished.

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MULES AND HYBIRDS—Continued.

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EXHIBITION Bullfinch, 7/6; another, 3/6; exchange Siberian Goldie, proved muler; or yellow Cinnamon hen, unflighted: H. Pinnell, Warminster.

140 "Cage Birds," exchange vice, model-maker's tools or offers; 28 Coloured Plates, exchange Norwich hen: Pearson, 183, Lawson-terr., South Shields.

BULLFINCH hen, 1/-; 4 cock Blackbirds, 5/-; 2 pairs performing tumblers, 10/-; exchange, Canarics or anything: Parsonson, North Hill, Colchester.

GOLDFINCH, Linnet, and house-moulted Redpoll, all cocks; exchange Roller or Norwich cock: James, 9, Abbot's Cottages, Hatherley-rd., Cheltenham.

BULLIES, Greenfinches, Linnet, Redpoll, Chaffinch, hen Goldfinch Mule; exchange for Norwich, Yorkshires, or cages: Whibley, Florence-rd., Maidstone."

GOOD cock Hawfinch, 6/6; exchange large yellow Muling hen: Montgomery, High-st., Staines.

TWO dark Linnet Mules and hand-reared Larks, all cocks, in song, with bow cage, for Pomeranian bitch pup, black or brown: Muir, 24, Helen-st., Arbroath.

MULING Linnet, large hen Bullie, 5/6; exchange singing Norwich cock Canary; yours first; approval both ways: Hoyclsround, Blairgowrie, Scotland.

SALE or exchange four cock Greenfinches, fit for show; or sell, 10/-; for pair Norwich Canaries; or anything useful: Sid Eaton, Red-row, Raunds, Wellingboro.

THREE cock Linnets, twice house-moulted, singing mad, 3/6 each, or 10/- lot; also another one, 5/-: exchange, offers: Butler, Fishmonger, Compton Row, Leeds.

GRAND Hawfinch hen, hc Cardiff, strong clase, 8/-, with show cage; exchange house-moulted Goldfinch to value; mutual approval: Ford, 64, Talygarn-st., Cardiff.

TWO cock Goldfinches, 5/- each; singing Larks, 2/- each; Greenfinch Mule, 7/6; Parot cage, 7/6; exchange Canaries: 201, Chester-rd., Hulme, Manchester.

EXCHANGE 1 pair Bullfinches, 4 cock Goldfinches, 7 Linnets, 1 Yorkshire cock, for gramophone and records, or sell cheap: White, 4, Almeida-st., Islington.

TWO pairs large Bullfinches, caged 3 months, perfect feather; exchange large muling hen Canaries; grand cock Bullfinch, proved Muler, 7/6: Hughes, Salap-rd., Oswestry.

TWO Goldfinch-Canary Mulers, cocks, 7/6 each, hen 1/3; exchange lot good house-moulted Siberian cock Goldie or offers: Mitchell, Derby Cottage, Astone, Cheltenham.

EXCHANGE; cocks, Linnet Mule, two Blackbirds, three Chaffinches, three Greenfinches; offers; Norwich preferred: Arthur Hill, 27, Clarence-rd., Newport, Wight.

TWO splendid house-moulted exhibition cock Greenfinches, house moulted cock Goldfinch, sell 10/6, or exchange hen Canaries: Ernest Bughy, 58, Grove-st., Raunds, Northants.

EXCHANGE, cocks on song, Goldfinch Mules, house and field-moulted Goldfinches, for small Softbills, Blackcaps, Nuthatches, wanted: Goble, 57, Richmond-st., Brighton.

SPECIAL notice; I will exchange all kinds of British for show, muling, contest singing, for any variety of Canaries; state wants: W. Hollinshead, Howard-st., Stockport.

TWO cock Redpolls, hen Siskin, hen Goldfinch, cock Greenfinch, hen Mule, cage-moulted; exchange two young Yorkshire hens; approval: Shoesmith, 31, Percell-crescent, Fulham.

TIP-TOP exhibition specimens, cocks; 4 greenies (yellows), 1 Bullie, lot 12/6, or exchange clear yellow Norwich cock; mutual approval; yours first: Gibbon, Tobacconist, Milford Haven.

EXCHANGE twice h.m. Linnet for 1911 hen Canaries, sell 5/-; twice h.m. Linnet Mule, pure notes, 10/-; exchange Goldfinch Mule, pure notes; approval: Seal, Hedley-rd., St. Albans.

GOLDFINCH-GREENFINCH Hybrid cock, winner; see report "Cage Birds" February 3rd; sell 50/-, or exchange for good Norwich; offers invited: S. S. Brooks, Station-rd., Winsford.

TWO tame house-moulted cock Linnets, singing, 8/-; 2 chubby Norwich hens, yellow, 8/-; exchange toy Yorkshire, silvery coat; approval; little cash: Hill, 11, Murdock-rd., Handsworth.

GRAND cock Bullfinch, reserve Swanley, with show cage and case, 12/6; exchange large clear yellow Norwich cock for stock; approval: Marshall, 11, Bromley Crescent, Shortlands, Kent.

EXCHANGE winning greenie Mule for good British Goldie, sell 7/6; also unflighted Norwich cock, 2nd at Avonbridge, only time shown, for 2 good Goldies, sell 9/-: Gentleman, Avonbridge, Stirlingshire.

MAGNIFICENT cock Thrush, spotted well; and splendid Blackbird, large, fit for exhibition, make good songsters, sell 2/6 each, or exchange Canaries, seed potatoes: Allen, 6, Union-st., High Barnet, Herts.

YORKSHIRES; 2 cocks, winners; 4 Rollers, cocks, full song; 2 double breeders, all fittings; Palace aviary, 3 hanging cages; lot 50/-, or exchange anything: Bliss, 31, Shakespeare-st., Sparkhill, Birmingham.

GRAND Linnet Mule, pure Linnet song, exhibition Linnet, ditto Chaffinch, new pair foothall boots, new fishing-rod and lines; exchange exhibition Goldies or muling hens; approval: Weedall, 110, High-st., Winsford, Cheshire.

EXCHANGE cock Yellowhammer, Mealy Redpoll, Lesser Redpoll, Bramblefinch; all grand house-moulted birds, for good yellow Norwich cock, or offers: G. Swinburn, 120, Weardale-st., Mount Pleasant, Spennymoor.

EXHIBITION specimens; sell or exchange anything useful; Goldfinch, 15/-; Bullfinch, 12/6; Mealey Redpoll, 10/-; Chaffinch, 10/-; Greenfinch, 10/-; above are twice house-moulted and open class present day winners: Hawkes, 390, Grove Green-rd., Leytonstone.

Mainly Canaries.

TO gardeners; exchange Canaries for seed potatoes, etc.: 57, Lime-st., Sheffield.

TWO Yorkshires, cocks, 4/- each; exchange Roller cock: Inskip, 13, North-st., Walsall.

FIVE Norwich hens, 10/6; exchange double breeders, good condition: Harris, Finch Lodge, Ryde.

SALE, 2 Norwich cock Canaries; exchange anything useful: yours first: 20, Mersey-st., Preston.

EXCHANGE, 5 Border cocks, 2 hens, for 30/-, or anything useful; apply: G. Gass, Causeway-st., Moffat.

LOOK; six good Yorkshire hens for sale, 12/- lot; grand birds; or exchange: M. Richards, Castle Tap, Taunton.

WILL give 2/6 and two Norwich songsters for good Norwich cock; for stock: Bartlett, Inveresk, Bournemouth, West.

EXCHANGE buff green Border cock for good Goldfinch, or 2 buff Border hens: Graham, Drygate-st., Larkhall, N.B.

COLD room colour-fed Norwich cocks, 6/- each; or exchange for sewing machine: Cook, Binbrook, Market Rasen.

PURE Glucke Roller hens, bred from contest strain; cocks, 12/6; hens, 4/-; or useful exchange: Drakeley, Colton, Staffs.

SHOW cages and case breeders, all new; exchange Norwich or offer: Willis, 139, High-st., May Bank Stoke-on-Trent.

WILL exchange 2 self-buff Yorkshire green hens for 2 clean buff hens, unflighted: Benson, 7, Sandheys-rd., Liscard.

TWO Crested cocks, value 70s., for Crest-bred cock and Crested hen for change of blood: Calam, Baxtergate, Whitby.

FIVE Yorkshire hens, buff cock, also yellow marked Norwich hen; what offers for lot: Ayres, Duke-st., Whitchaven.

TWO yellow Border hens, prize bred, 7/-, or exchange buff Border cock: B., 304, Brockley-rd., S.E.

GOOD Scotch Fancy cock also new cage, hold five; exchange Canaries, British: John Lennox, 111, Glaisnock-st., Old Cumnock.

SEVERAL pairs prize-bred Norwich, hens 10/-, cocks 12/6; exchange solid silver teaspoons: Walker, Jeweller, Cockermouth.

YOUNG Norwich, Barnes' strain; cocks, 15/- 7/6, hens, 4/-; or exchange good Fox terrier dog: Smith, Jeweller, Kirton-Lindsey.

WILL exchange two hen Canaries for two good inner tubes, 28 by 1½, or sell for 6/-; approval: Nowell, Cropwell, Notts.

TWO pairs 1911 Canaries; unrelated, 10/6 pair; one pair Rollers, 10/-; exchange: Lucy, 64, Margarets-rd., Old Fletton, Peterboro'.

HEAVILY variegated yellow Norwich hen, good type, 12/6; exchange clear buff hen (Norwich), 27, Blahy-rd., South Wigston.

EXCHANGE yellow Border cock, buff marked hen, for yellow-green cock, or sell 9/-: G. Barber, Glascote-rd., Wilnecote, Tamworth.

SCOTCH FANCIES; buff cock, yellow hen; both winners, 35/-; what offers in other variety: Harrington, 45, Crofts-st., Cardiff.

EXCHANGE fine Norwich cock for three Yorkshire or Norwich hens; must be young birds: Smiddy, Springstone-avenue, Ossett.

EXCHANGE 1911 cock Goldfinch Mule for stout yellow or variegated Norwich or Crest-bred hen: Reddall, King-st., Dunstable.

TWO Norwich hen Canaries, prize bred, sell 10/-; exchange cock Linnet Mule, pure notes: "Princess Mary," Kerbey-st., Poplar, E.

NORWICH; three cocks, four hens; exchange for talking Parrot and cage; yours first; offers: Walker, 97, Church-st., Whitby, Yorks.

PAIR Crests, 17/6; exchange St. Andreasburg Rollers or shooting pigeons; approval: Manager, Sun Inn, Newbottle, Fence Houses.

FINE dark Goldfinch Mule, 2nd Windsor, 15/-; exchange good cinnamon-marked yellow Yorkshire hen: Montgomery, High-st., Staines.

CINNAMON cock Canary, brass drawing-room cage, 10/-; exchange singing Roller cock, anything: E. Saville, Colder-grove, Wakefield.

PRIZE-BRED Norwich Canaries; exchange for scrap brass, copper, zinc, lead, pewter, or anything useful: 61, Havelock-st., Leicester.

WANTED, few good Norwich yellows and buffs; exchange good Yorkshires; yours first: Craig, Cornpark-ter, Glengarnock, Ayrshire.

1910 Cinnamon Yorkshire hen, good muler and mother, 3/-; exchange muling Linnet: Nichols, 82, Wandsworth Bridge-rd., Fulham.

FOUR pure Seifert hens, sell 10/-, or exchange good clear yellow Yorkshire cock; approval: Bickley, 64, Maxwell-rd., Wolverhampton.

SPLENDID dark cock Goldfinch Mule, pure Finch song, 12/6, or exchange Norwich hens to value: Jones, Cumberland-pl., Welshpool.

EXCHANGE Green Crested cock Canary for suit fit youth 16; must be good: Harnold Watson, 1, Emanuel House, Ashby, Doncaster.

EXCHANGE pair Norwich for good Goldfinch, Siberian preferred; or exhibition dark mule: A. Bonsall, 3, Barngate-st., Leek, Staffs.

HIGH-CLASS Yorkshires from, 9/- pair; exchange blankets, sheets, quilts, boots or good suit: Ambrose, 5, Cherry-st., Keighley, Yorks.

EXCEPTIONALLY healthy 1911 Roller hens, cold room bred; sell or exchange 5 for 3 cocks: Dobbs, Greyladies, Kennington Park-rd., S.E.

YORKSHIRES, bred from winners; cocks, in full song, 7/6; exchange anything useful: E. H. Williams, 19, Copper Works-rd., Llanelly.

EXCHANGE three Norwich cocks for two house-moulted Siberian Goldfinches; stamp reply: Jos. Twigg, Coxon-st., Spondon, Derbyshire.

EXCHANGE pairs good Crests and Yorkshires and breeding cages, fitted, for toy Pomeranian; birds seen; Speechley, 35, Ufton-rd, Kingsland.

WHAT cash offers; 7 good Norwich cocks, or sell 5/6 each; cash or deposit; 3 days' approval: B. Menshall, Claypit-ter., Whitchurch, Salop.

EXCHANGE buff Yorkshire cock, 1911, for large clear yellow Norwich hen, or offers in Goldfinches: E. Chisholme, Glenurquhart-rd., Inverness.

EXCHANGE good Yorkshire cock, Greenfinch Mule cock; for pair Norwich or White Leghorn pullets: Simmonds, 11, Hydethorpe-rd., Balham, S.W.

HEAVILY feathered clear buff Crest-bred cock, 1911, sell 20s.; exchange Norwich Plainheads, anything: Nobbs, Cromer-rd., North Walsham.

GRAND Goldfinch-Mule, extraordinary songster 15/-; Greenfinch Mule 7/6, Yorkshire cocks 7/-; exchange Crest, Cresthred hens: A. March, Evesham.

EXCHANGE unflighted ticked yellow Norwich cock, large bird, for two Norwich green hens, must be large; hens first: Smith, 180, High-st., Chatham.

EXCHANGE good Roller cock and hen in full song; for Redcaps fowls or Orpingtons; or small incubator: James Pearson, 24, Fletcher-st., Lye, Stourbridge.

CANARIES, Goldfinches, Bullfinches for sale, between 30 and 40, live outdoor aviary; offers; exchange for laying pullets: Tilley, Oaklands, Ledbury.

FORTY pairs of grand Yorkshires for sale from 8/6 pair; in the pink of condition; or exchange anything useful: Middleton, Croft Thwaites, Keighley.

CLASSICAL Yorkshires; not rubbish; Bailey's strain; sell or exchange scrap copper, brass; anything useful: M. Cooper, Taylor-st., Batley, Yorkshire.

NOTE, lovely Norwich green cock, 1st special Colchester, sell £1, or exchange 2 large clear yellows or buff hens: Hasler, Wennington, Rainham, Essex.

BORDERS; one yellow cock; ditto hen; yellow marked cock; buff hen; buff marked hen; wanted Norwich show cages: Hodgett, Isabella Pit, Newsham.

PRIZE Borders, all even marked bred; cocks from, 5/-; hens, 2/-; exchange yellow variegated Norwich hens, unflighted: James Aitken, Lumley-st., Grangemouth.

LOOK! 20 Pairs high-class Yorkshires; cocks from, 5/- upwards; hens from, 4/- upwards; or exchange anything useful: S. Smith, Stanley-rd., Ingrow, Keighley.

TWO matched pairs Yorkshires, 25/-; Cresthred cock, winner, £1; two Lancashire Coppy cocks, 18/-, 16/6; sell or exchange; offers: Barnes, 9, Frank-st., Rochdale.

PRIZE-BRED Yorkshires, Norwich, Cinnamons, also breeding cages; sell or exchange inlaid linoleum or anything in umbrella trade: Umbrella Maker, Union-st., Southport.

LOOK! Stylish leggy Yorkshire Canaries from, 8/6 pair; exchange blankets, curtains, boots, table linen; anything for home: Middleton, 32, Unity-st., Fell-lane, Keighley.

SEVERAL Border Fancies, including medal winners and yellow-green Yorkshire hen; exchange pair good Crests, or green Norwich: R. Malcolm, Mount Rosa, Broughty-Ferry.

WILL exchange large buff Crested cock, fit for show; for Schoolmaster Roller; or sell, 15/-; approval both ways: Walter Goodwin, Pork Butcher, Cawdry-bldgs., Leek.

EXCHANGE Norwich hens for cock Goldfinches cock, full song, for house-moulted Goldfin approval both ways: Leyman, 4, Woodland t Senghenydd, Cardiff.

UNFLIGHTED pink-eyed Yorkshire 7-inch buff c with two cinnamon marked hens; exchange o mantle or lady's gold watch, sell 40/-: Ormondro Harlow-rd., Bradford.

EXCHANGE 1910 buff marked Crestbred cock a clear yellow Norwich cock or clear yellow Lan shire Plainhead cock, non-fed: Armstrong, 3, Pa view, Willington, Durham.

EXCHANGE a pair of Borders, cock and hen, b winners; for good yellow Plainhead hen of la size; Plainhead first: William McGreacnau, 19, L Craigends, Kilsyth, Scotland.

FOR sale, cock Goldfinch Mule, light body, ev marks, wings and tail and little saddle on ba sell 15/-; exchange Norwich or Yorkshires: A. Gou 22, New-st., Pontuewydd, Mon.

TWENTY grand large unflighted Norwich cocks a hens from winners; sell or exchange for Norwich Yorkshires; no rubbish offered or wanted: Stephe Castle Green, Helston, Cornwall.

EXCHANGE yellow marked Yorkshire cock, yell hen, buff cock, and two buff hens, for two Seif schoolmasters, or sell 30/-: Butterworth, 9, Cla mont-terrace, Longsight, Oldham.

TWO green hens, 3/- each; also variegated hens, each; few variegated cocks, 6/6 each; exchange so for poultry, laying strain: Baldock, Sandrock Villa Hawkhurst, Kent. All young birds.

WILL exchange three 1911 Border hens, prize bre value 3s. 6d. each, for good yellow piebald Bord cock; approval both ways, yours first: McFarlan junr., Scaurhead, Barrhill, Ayrshire.

SEIFERT Rollers on full song, 10/6, 12/6; conte singers, 15/-, 20/- each; hens, 3/6, 5/- each; week approval; or exchange British or common Canarie yours first: Day, 77, Porth-st., Hull.

EXCHANGE buff Norwich cock, winner, for tw yellow Norwich hens; on approval; sell, 15/-; bu Yorkshire hen, for cock Bullfinch; or sell, 5/ Aitken, Belmont-st., Bangor, North Wales.

CRESTS, young, own breeding; wanted, mod steam locomotive; no objection to one needin slight repair; offers solicited to value, £1: Oa lands, 15, Mansfield-rd., Normanton, Alfreton.

SALE or exchange owing to extra work, 10 pai Yorkshires, cage fronts, Goldfinch, "mule breeder, Silver Sebrights, seed boxes, etc.; many winner in Yorks.: Ball, G.W.R. Office, Denryn, Cornwall.

EXCHANGE three grand unflighted buff Norwic cocks for large yellow Norwich hens; also three u flighted buff Yorkshire cocks; for long yellow coc and yellow hens; mutual approval: Webb, 22, Free eric-st., Luton.

YELLOW variegated Norwich cock, and cock Gold finch Mule, both full song, sell 10/- each; exchang either for three good feeding hens, Norwich typ preferred; mutual approval: Walker, Usworth Co liery, Co. Durham.

EXCHANGE for 2 Norwich hens, or sell 6/-, goo variegated Buff Norwich cock, cold room bred, fu song; yours first: Savage, Square, Abingdon, Berks

BUFF Yorkshire cock, 1911, will exchange for tw good Yorks. hens, also two good Norwich hens fo two Yorks.: 61, St. Dunstan-rd., Worthing.

CRESTBRED, Crest cocks; two pairs Yorkshires grand magnificent birds, value £2 10/-; three huf Norwich cocks; six pairs Borders, clears and cinna mons; three pairs Greenfinches, house-moulted; offers in cash, unflighted big Norwich yellow hens o Army Bell tent; the above are fit for show or stock no dealers; approval: Davies, Victoria, Penygroes North Wales.

Mainly Foreign.

HANDSOME Amazon male Parrot, clever talker, 4 years old, value £6, will take £4, or part exchange small birds; to view: 489, Cambridge-rd., London.

RED and Grey Australian Parrot, in good cage, very hardy, bargain; £1, or exchange small birds, any variety: Mrs. H., 489, Cambridge-rd., London.

HANDSOME Parrakeet and large cage, perfectly acclimatised, talks, whistles, dances, turns somersaults, grand plumage, 22/-; exchange Canaries, melodeon, fowls; or offers: Sheldon, Manchester-rd., Tideswell.

Miscellaneous.

WHAT offers for repeating rifle: Brown, 20, Carlton Hill, Brighton.

GRAND fox terrier dog, 10/-; exchange for six nice cage birds: Harry Tuck, Rochdale.

PAIR homing pigeons, flown 120 miles, for hen Canaries: Hunt, 8, Clayton-st., Skelmersdale, Ormskirk.

FAWN Lurcher bitch, eight months, 12/6; or will exchange poultry: Stokes, 388, Garratt-lane, Earlsfield.

PAIR R.W. sprint wheels for Roller cock, or cycle tyre 26 x 1¾: W. Whittlesey, 23, Repton-rd., Bulwell, Notts.

NEW Lark net, 25yds. by 4, sell 12/6; exchange Canaries; what offers?: Nock, Overend, Cradley Heath Staffs.

EXCHANGE breeding flight or box cages for Canaries; stamp reply: Pimm, Icknield Port-rd., Birmingham.

EXCHANGE china set (41 pieces), value 20/-, for good Yorkshire cock: Apply Jack Hegan, Portadown, Ireland.

SALE, banjo, 12/6; or exchange Buff Yorkshire cock value 15/-; bird first: Rycroft, 169, Bowling Old-lane, Bradford.

SALE, two good Crystal Palace aviaries, 8/6 each; exchange anything: Lovell, 784, Old Kent-rd., London, S.E.

GOOD brown Water Spaniel dog; exchange two yellow Norwich hens: John Cowie, St. Mary-st., Peterhead.

WHAT offers; clap nets complete, 12 yds by 6ft.; or sell, 12/6; yours first: Brown, 44, Hopwood-st., Warrington.

EXCHANGE banjo and set of golf clubs and bag for Norwich or Yorksbires: Robson, 29, Cementina-ter, Carlisle.

FAWN rubber mac., slightly soiled, for Hawfinch, fit man 5ft. 8in.: R. Rimmer, 117, Westfield-st., St Helens, Lancs.

WHAT offers Yorkshire hens for six 10-inch records, double sided, equal to new, cost 15/-: Dring, Fenstanton, Hunts.

WHAT offers in Canaries and British birds; in exchange for joiners' tools: Tomlinson, Glass Houghton, Castleford.

TWO good pigeons, cock and hen Tumblers; for steady cock Goldfinch and cage: Eley, Queen's-rd., Mumbles, Glam.

WILL exchange three high-class Fantail pigeons for pair Yorkshire Canaries: James Todd, Cotham, Newark-on-Trent.

ZITHER harp, cost 45/-, pair field glasses, 30/- lot, bargain; offers: G. S. Burton, Junr., 94, Orchard-rd., Southsea, Hants.

WHAT offers in exchange for good Airedale dog, 16 months old, good house dog: Thomas, 7, Cromwell-st., Mertbyr.

CARPET sweeper, tennis racket, and press, for cock Roller and Yorkshire hen, clear: Dale, 24, Dresden-rd., Highgate, N.

EXCHANGE two good hollow-ground razors for cock or three hen Canaries: W. Hinchliffe, 36, Hunt-st., Sheffield.

EXCHANGE hanging lamp, complete, for cock Roller or hen value of 9/-: J. Gamble, Crown View, Doncaster-rd., Crofton.

GOOD double-knife chaffcutter, complete, cost 50/-, exchange pair good Norwich plainheads, or sell 25/-: 84, Old-st., Ludlow.

WILL exchange winning British, Norwich, and Yorkshire for records or anything useful: Hawkes, Grove Green, Leytonstone.

CYCLE tyre and tube, 28 x 1¾, 6/-; also two good fishing rods, 10/6; exchange Foreign birds; offers: Criddeford, Honiton.

TIN solder 34 lbs., pewter 1 lb. Sandow's grips (chart) as new; cost, 7/6; exchange: Gregg, 13, Kingwilliam-st., Tunstall.

GENT.'S cycle, sell £3 10s., or exchange offers, bird room or double albert wanted: Salisbury, Rowsley, Derbyshire.

WHAT offers in exchange for Italian mandoline and case; wanted Canaries; sell 16/-: Williams, 68, Lysons-rd., Aldershot.

GENT.'S hall-marked silver double albert, exchange Canaries; Goldfinch Mule, full song, sell 7/6: Barton, Pope-st., Birmingham.

PIANO, by Broadwood, modern instrument, £9, accept part cash part birds; offers; no cards: 65, Ewart-rd., Nottingham.

BIOGRAPHICAL Dictionary, 15 volumes, complete, dated 1798, exchange for Canaries or British: 67, Kerbey-st., London, E.

TWO 1911 hen Canaries, 5/-; man's jack boots, soiled, cost 50/-; take 20/-; exchange useful: Miller, Bootmaker, Shortlands.

EXCHANGE gramophone in oak case and large brass trumpet for Canaries; sell £1: Millard, 9, Addison-rd., St. Anne's, Bristol.

GUINEA hand camera, ¼-plate, carrier bag, metal stand, 15/-, or exchange for Canaries: 47, Idlecombe-rd., Furzedown, Tooting.

WHAT offers in birds for Cassell's Popular Educator, complete in 61 parts?: Andrews, 63, Silvester-rd., East Dulwich, S.E.

TWENTY racing Homers, rung RPNU; offers Canaries, British; lot or separate: T. Smart, 13, Francis-st., Bargoed, Glam., S.W.

EXCHANGE two good dress coats and vest, chest 38, for Canaries or anything useful: S. Pearce, 118, Roundwood-rd., Willesden.

SIX cross-bred pullets and cockerel, unrelated, £1 cash only; April hatched; point of laying: Young, Wherwell, Andover, Hants.

GRAND Bedlington fox terrier dog, five months old; sell 10/-; offers; birds preferred: T. Bowe, Heptonstall, Hebden Bridge.

EXCHANGE ten inch records, single and double-sided for Yorkshire hens or breeding cages: Walter, 1, Henrietta, Bulwell, Notts.

SPORT.—The Sure-Shot Catapult, entirely new design, with quantity ammunition, 1/- post free: Chas. John, 24, Camp-rd., Norwich.

BANJO, good condition, 7-stringed, 6/6; good tone; what offers exchange: Victor Leon, 37, Newington-crescent, Kennington, London.

PAIR Black-red Bantams, 1910 birds, hen laying; will exchange double breeder or Norwich hen: Hart, East Hall, Wennington, Essex.

SPLENDID all wire aviary, beautiful design, cost £3 19/6; sell, or exchange for good gramophone: Jackson, Church-st., Guisboro'.

HOBBIES Briton fret machine, new, cost 16/6, used twice; sell 11/-, or exchange Canaries: Holland, 8, Ripponden-rd, Oldham.

PAIR Sandow's spring grips, 12/6, new, for non-fighted yellow Norwich plain cock, or offers: E. Bawden, 10a, Daniell-st., Truro.

EXCHANGE about 200 fretwork designs for 1910 Crest cock or one best Green Crest hen: W. J. T. Warr, 15, South-terr., Bletchley.

BELGIAN hares, two does, buck, noted strain; exchange Norwich, Yorkshires, with cages: Coombes, 18, Bangor-st., West Hartlepool.

EXCHANGE J. G. Graves' (Express) silver watch, 50/-, for long pure Yorkshires and cages; no rubbish: Kilham, 11, Carwood-rd., Sheffield.

HEATING stove, 5/-; clock, 5/-; saw, 5/-; cage, 4/-; horse's reins, 2/6; exchange anything: Broadhurst, 112, Cavendish, Ashton-under-Lyne.

GOUDRON pipe, S.M. amber mouthpiece and pouch, exchange for pair Norwich; yours first: A. Greig, 32, Carnegie-st., Edinburgh.

NEW 5/- hollow ground razor for cock Canary, Mule, Goldfinch, or two hen Canaries, mine first: Wm. Slee, Hairdresser, Pembroke.

FOX Terrier dog (unreg.), fine pedigree, 12 months; exchange for Canaries; no rubbish: Satchel, Motor House, Mount Pleasant-rd., Ealing.

MASSIVE china clock set, £3 3/-; one 30/-; made for exhibition; tea, dinner services; offers Canaries: China Store, Brotherton, Yorkshire.

WHITE Pom dog, ch. pet, immense coat and brush, will sell £2, or exchange Canaries or British: Mrs. H., 489, Cambridge-rd., London.

HIGH flying performing Tumblers for sale, 2/6 pair; or exchange British birds (cocks): Fred Mawson, The Wellington, Knaresborough.

FIELD glasses in sling case, 15/-; approval; exchange singing cock Mules, Goldfinches, Canaries: Traveller, 25, Glendish-rd., Tottenham.

SAFETY razor, cost 10/6; lady's gold-faced brooch, 7/6; exchange good Yorkshire cock: R. Duckett, Keinton Mandeville, Taunton.

SPLENDID six chamber revolver; sell, 17/6; or exchange unfighted Norwich preferred: no rubbish; Ball 220 Ormskirk rd., Newtown, Wigan.

MARBLE clock, good order, sell 18/-, or exchange for breeding cages or Canaries: Chapin, 6, Gainsborough-sq., Wick rd., South Hackney.

FOR SALE, gentleman's real good trout fly rod, new, with reel and basket, 10/6; bargain; approval: F. Adams, Southgate, Launceston, Cornwall.

LOOK! what offers in Canaries and cage or cash for "Pandora" Phonograph, 25 records; also make its own records: Holle, 277, Londonroad, Dover.

EXCHANGE two pair of flying homers, 700 miles strain; for Canaries and cage: J. Law, Mountain Lofts, Spring End, Horbury, nr., Wakefield.

CAGE Birds, Lonbirds, cavies, rabbits, and pigeons, all varieties, laghorns a stock only; sale or exchange: Pet Stores, 285, Bethnal Green-rd., London.

SELL or exchange, beautiful silver Yorkshire Terrier dog, 30/-; or Yorkshire Canaries to value: Phillips, 92, Jack on-st., Amble ford, Northumberland

TWELVE Ramblers, 9ft. high, and six Tea roses, value 17/-, for gent's boots or children's shoes to value Orpin, 69, Willow Brook rd., Leicester.

SALE, champion pedigree collie dog, six months, £1, or part exchange for Canaries, records, anything: Palace Stables, Barton Parish, Haverfordwest.

WHAT offer? Three cocks, five hens, prize Black Rosecomb Bantams, splendid condition, 20/- lot, or separate: Parker, The Firs, Lea Hall, Cannock.

EXCHANGE 6 table knives, ivorine handles, 6 forks, 6 teaspoons, best nickel silver, for 2 cocks or 5 hen Canaries: B. Turton, 15, Bellefield-st., Sheffield.

SMALL Irish terrier bitch, two years, champion ratter; will exchange for bird-room stove or sell 15/-: Harries, Dyffryn Steam Bakery, Goodwick.

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HANDSOME sable collie spaniel, dog, pup, 5 months, sell 12/6, or exchange birds to value: Merrington, 40, Besson-st., New Cross, London, S.E.

AIREDALE Irish Terrier bitch, three months, champion parents, sell 15/-; exchange Canaries or Mules: "Princess Mary," Kerbey-st., Poplar, E.

LADY'S gold-plated watch, good order, 12/6; exchange good Norwich, Yorkshires, or proved muling British: Orange, 6, Stanley-rd, South Woodford.

EXCHANGE Brown Pomeranian dog, 7 months, sound, for aviary and good Canaries; sell 30/-: Thomson, 73, Harrington-st., Hampstead-rd, London.

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ANGLO-American concertina, "Metzler, London," 20 keys, mahogany tops, lock-up case, perfect condition; cash or exchange: A. Walker, Wharfage, Iron Bridge, Salop.

EXCHANGE rack cages and Roller pairs for good cycle, 24in. frame; approval or sell; inspection invited; stamp, particulars: Holt, 86, Ash-terr., Shaw, Lancs.

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TWO new double breeding cages, sliding divisions, with sand drawers; what offers for good Yorkshire hens, 1911 bred?: Clark, Quay-st., Pt. Bannatyne, Rothesay.

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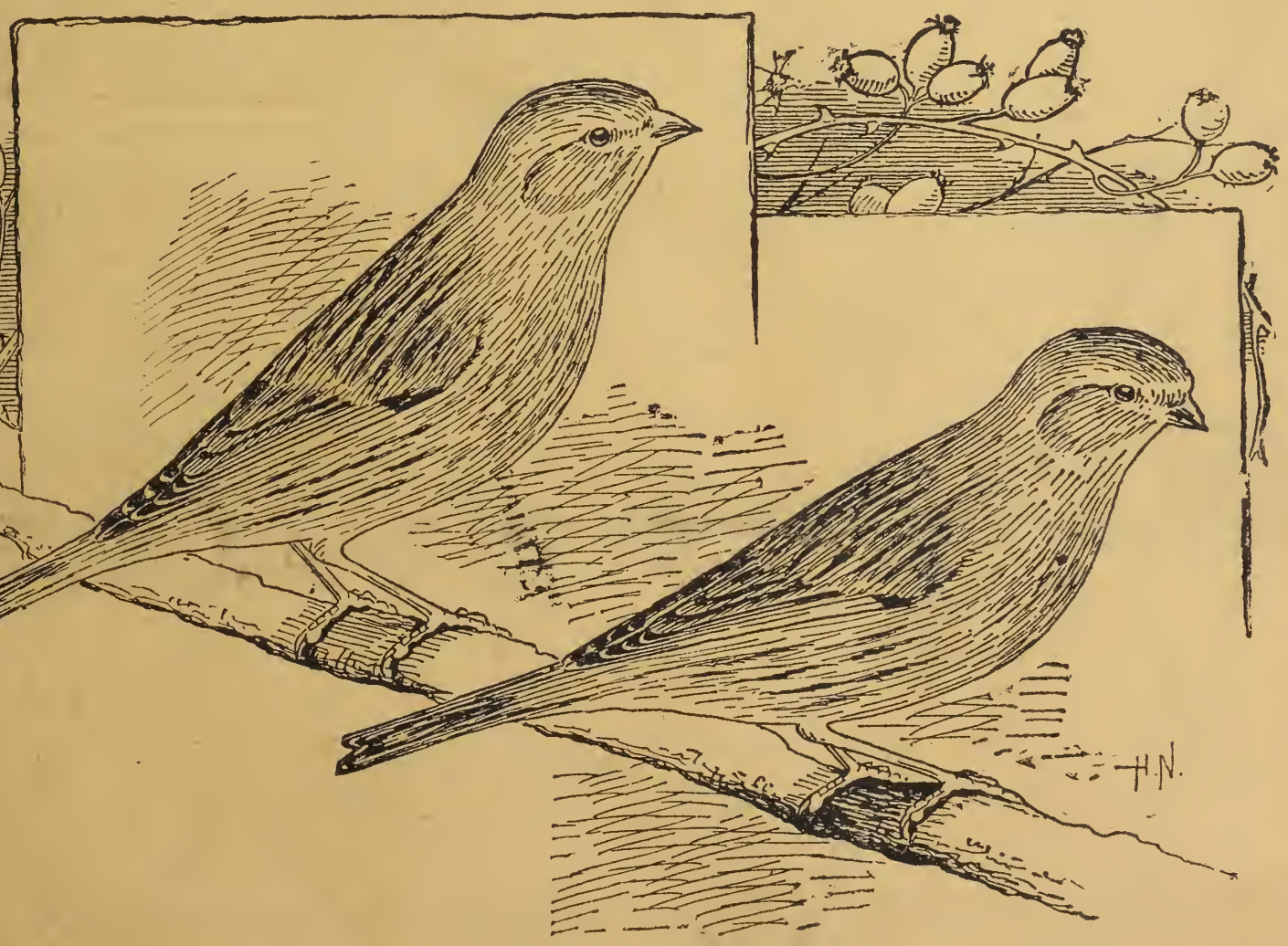

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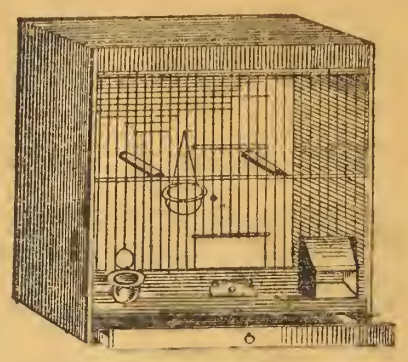

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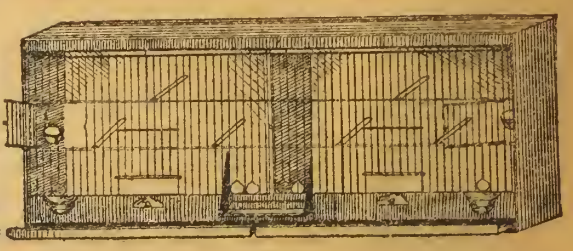

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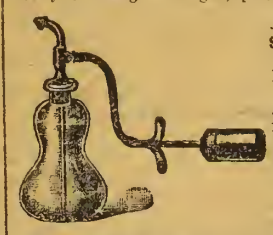

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SELECTED cock Thrushes, Blackbirds, 1/- each, on food: William Wright, 54, Shellfield-rd., Marshside, Southport.

BRITISH birds, from clean, well kept aviaries, 30 species, list free: Miss Rosey, Rosemary House, Eastbourne.

ON receipt of 1/6 only, will send singing cock Skylark, in new cage: Broxup, Actual Catcher, Whittlefield, Burnley.

COCK Larks 3/- dozen, hens 1/3; cock Blackbirds, Thrush, Starling, 1/- each: Wright Pen, 108, Shellfield-rd., Southport.

HANDSOME singing cock Skylark, 1911 bred, grandly pencilled, now in full song, 2/-: Mrs. Bartholomew, Downs, Dunstable.

WHITE Wagtail cock, in song, large, tame, show condition, caged 5 months, 6/-: Hawes, Prestwood, Great Missenden, Bucks.

MAGNIFICENT Golden Eagle, very tame, £5 10s.; Blue Heron, runs loose, 12/6; two Widgeon, 7/6: Rectory, Nash, Stony Stratford.

HAND-REARED cock Skylark, a contest winner, very large bird, can win in keen competition, 2/-: Miss Paterson, Rifleman, Dunstable.

HAND-REARED singing cock Thrush, when whistling can be heard distinctly 200 yards: sacrifice 4/-; approval: Miss Paterson, Rifleman, Dunstable.

COCK Blackbirds, Song Thrushes, 8d. each, 7/- dozen; cock Yellowhammers, cock Larks, 5/- dozen: Williams, New-st. Aviaries, Chatteris, Cambs.

BEAUTIFUL hand-reared Thrushes and Blackbirds, in full song, 10/6; sing indoors or out; warranted: Crisp, 11, Grosvenor Park-rd., Walthamstow, Essex.

COCK Woodlark, caged three months, singing splendidly, in perfect order, 5/; specially made Woodlark cage, 5/- each; approval: Walsh, Bird Specialist, Blackburn.

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SPECIAL notice to Lark fanciers. Larks on full, wild song, and finger tame, 1/6, 2/-; also four loud singing Larks, 3/6; approval anywhere: Hollinshead, Cheshire Aviaries, Howard-st., Stockport.

EXCEPTIONALLY tame Nightingale, in full song, 20/-; hand-reared cock Bullfinch, 2 years, 3/6; hand-reared Skylark, fit to win any contest, 20/-, all perfectly tame specimens: Jeffrey, 66, Victoria-rd., Harborne, Birmingham.

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GRAND clean moulted, white legged Goldfinch, and 2 1911 Crested Canaries, 7/6 lot: E. Buckingham, Dane-rd., West Ealing.

LARGE upstanding cock Larks, 4/- dozen; hen Larks, 2/- dozen: hen Linnets, 2/- dozen: George Rowe, Bird Catcher, Chatteris, Cambs.

DEVONSHIRE Woodlarks, warranted cocks, in song, 3/6 each, hens 6/- dozen; Bullfinches, 2/- pair: Marles, 4, Park-st., Crediton.

A FEW first-class exhibition British for sale, winners; also few good Yorkshires, cheap; particulars: Lane, 15, Aberdeen-terrace, Bradford.

COCK Reed Bunting, 9d.; pairs Yellow Buntings 9d., Chaffinches 6d., Greenfinches 4d.: Botting, "Mountside," Harrow-rd., Dorking, Surrey.

COCK Chaffinches, Robins, Blue Tits, Oxeye Tits, Hedge Warblers, 6d. each; approval: Mr. Dennison, Grocer, Kings Meaburn, Penrith, Westmorland.

LARKS, 2/6 dozen; Thrushes, 6d. each; Blackbirds, 6d.; Snow Buntings, 6d.; Chaffinches, 6d.: Thomas Rimmer, 73, Lytham-rd., Marshside, Southport.

LARKS, Larks, Linnets, Linnets; cock Larks 5/- doz., cock Linnets 6/-, hen Linnets, cock Greenfinches, 1/-, hen Larks 2/- doz.: Dawson, West-st., Chatteris.

NOTICE. Cock Larks, Linnets, singing loud, 1/-, 1/6, 2/6 each; copy free, rearing, feeding, each order; cages 6d., 9d., 1/- each; list, stamp: Brain, Aston, Birmingham.

WARRANTED cock Larks, better never offered, 5/- dozen; hen Larks, 2/- dozen; Greenfinches, 9d. pair; no waiting, plenty in stock: E. Rowe, West-st., Chatteris, Cambs.

NORWICH Plainheads, warranted cocks, full song, 6/- each, six 35/-; selected Linnets, Chaffinches, Greenfinches, singing cocks, three for 1/6: Wm. Cook, 66, Kitchener-rd., Ipswich.

MUST sell, cocks, Bullfinch 2/-, Goldfinch 2/6, Linnet 1/6; 5 Chaffinches, 9d. each; Blackbird, 1/-; Kestrel 2/-; 2 hen Canaries, 2/- each; 1 hen Goldfinch, 1/-: F. Child, The Downs, Luton, Beds.

JACKDAW, hand reared, tame, amusing pet, chatters, runs loose, good feather, plumage, 4/-; Goldfinch, breed Mules, 5/-; Goldfinches, Greypates, caged last August, in song, make Mule breeders, 3/6, bargains: James, 5, Lombard-st., Bedminster.

WARRANTED cock Linnets 1/-, three 2/-; cock Greenfinches 1/6 dozen; cock Larks 3/6 dozen; H.M. cock Mealy Redpolls, 1/6; cock Goldfinches 3/-; hens 1/-: Hobden, Ivy Cottage, Winchelsea-rd., Norway, Eastbourne.

BLACKBIRDS, Song Thrushes, cocks, 8d. each; selected songsters, 1/- each; Blue Tits, Robins, Linnets, Greenfinches, Bramblefinches, Yellowhammers, 9d. pair; 12 mixed aviary birds, 1/-; 12 mixed British cocks, 2/6: George Fenn, East End, Isleham, Cambs.

YELLOW Buntings, immense size, good V-marked, broad heads, some nearly clear capped, must moult winners, 5/- each; also largest Bullfinch caught here, rare gem, 15/- each; 20 others, nice birds, 3/6 each; any other birds supplied, no waiting: Stevens, 22, Cheltenham-st., Bath.

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NOTICE: Cock Goldfinches, Bullfinches, 1/6, 2/-, selected 3/-; hens 1/-, 1/6; red-breasted Linnets, Bramblefinches, Chaffinches, Redpolls, Yellowhammers, Skylarks, Starlings, 6d. each; hens 3d.; Greenfinches, pair 4d.: cock Blackbirds, Thrushes, 1/-, 1/6 each. Any of above birds, full song, showing, muling, 6d. extra. I have 20 Skylarks, full song, 1/-, 1/6 each, cages 6d. each; caged August. All Birds selected, rest sold to dealers; approval, deposit: Gould, Birdcatcher, Holdford-rd., Witton, Birmingham.

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Cocks, Larks, 2/6 dozen: Chaffinches, 3/-: Redpolls, 4/-: W. Fenn, Beck-row, Mildenhall, Suffolk.

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Linnets, warranted cocks, 6/- dozen; cock Larks, 4/- dozen; cock Twites, 3/- dozen, six 1/9; cock Greenfinches, 1/3 dozen; hen Larks, 1/6 dozen; hen Linnets, hen Twites, 1/- dozen.

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Various Canaries.

CANARIES, 4 hens, 6/-, or 1,9 each; cock 4/6: Britten, 45, Tollington-rd., Holloway.

SALE singing cock topper, 4/6; seven common hens, sure feeders 1/6 each; 14/- the lot: Forgan, Auchtermuchty.

1911 young cock Canaries, splendid singers, 5/6; hens, 2/-, outdoor bred; approval: C. N., Cairnside, Ilfracombe.

HEALTHY 1911 cock Canaries in song, Yorkshire, Norwich, 5/-; hens, 2/6; approval: Morley, Baker, Linton, Cambs.

E. McCULLY, 169, Windleshaw-rd., St. Helens. Some grand Norwich for sale, seen on Sunday, also Yorkshires, cheap.

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LARGE Norwich cocks, Border Fancy, pairs, and Yorkshire Canaries, prices reasonable, and payments arranged; approval: Heron, Burnside, Castle Douglas.

THREE buff Norwich cinnamon cocks, foul tails, 7/6 each; 2 yellow green Yorkshire cocks, 6/- each; healthy, cold-room; approval: Bairstow, 4, Savile Parade, Halifax.

HIGH-CLASS Roller cocks, 7/6, 8/6: Schoolmasters, 10/6, 12/6; Norwich, 7/6, 8/6; Yorkshires, 7/6, 8/6; guaranteed full song; state wants in British: Aviaries, 345, Barking-rd., East Ham.

OWING to the death of the late Mr. Dobson all his birds must be sold, Cinnamons, Yorkshires, Norwich, cages, appliances, etc.: J. Oldaker, c/o Mrs. Dobson, 18, East-rd., City-rd., London.

ONE buff Yorkshire cock and yellow hen, 8/6; one yellow Norwich hen, 3/6: three hen Canaries 5/6; one hen Goldfinch Mule, 1/3; sale or exchange: J. E. Howden, Market place, Howden, Yorks.

COOPER, 16, Wembury-st., Harpurhey, Manchester, offers special value in Norwich and Yorkshires, cocks 5/-, 6/-, 7/6; hens, 2,6, 3,6, 5/-; house-moulted cock Goldfinch, full song, 4/6; inspection invited.

SACRIFICE; being considerably overstocked with prize-bred Crests, Norwich and Yorkshires; will sacrifice some exceptionally good pairs, cocks and hens; no reasonable offer refused: state wants and price prepared to pay: Pool, 37, Manor-rd., Bishopston, Bristol.

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LARGE hand-reared cock Goldfinch-Sib. hen Canary bred Mules last year, 7/6: Bingham, West-st., Long Sutton, Lincs.

GRAND house-moulted cock Chaffinch, 2/6; hen Goldfinch-Canary Mule, 1/6: F. Cane, 7, St. Johns-rd., W. Ealing.

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WANTED, hen Goldfinch Mules and Canaries, 1/3 given; I will buy any kind of live stock: W. Perkins, 132, East-st., Walworth, London.

WANTED, Scotch Fancy hen, young; on approval; exchange pair Yorkshires, good birds and cash if suitable: Forgan, Auchtermuchty.

WANTED, Yorkshire hen Canaries, and weekly supply of Goldfinches and Linnets: Blackett, 42, Hasseard-st., Hackney-rd., London.

WANTED, pair Canaries; exchange new high back armchair: William Mealing, Chair Manufacturer, 89, Desborough-avenue, High Wycombe.

WANTED, good Mule or Hybrid, for showing; exchange pair yellow tumblers, or two blue African cocks: Rev. Soames, Bromley, Kent.

CATCHERS, wanted any quantity of Linnets or Goldfinches, any kind of British bird; state lowest price: Clarke, 78, Whit-lane, Pendleton.

WANTED, hen Canaries, cheap for cash; state price and breed: Edward Bruce, Broughton Aviary, 124, Blackfriars-rd., Salford, Manchester.

WANTED, cock Goldfinch, for dark Greenfinch Canary Mule, cock, sell 4/-; approval, deposit: John Peacock, jun., Brompton, Northallerton.

GOLDFINCHES, Bullfinches, Siskins, Linnets, Redpolls, etc., wanted; write stating price and particulars, J. Blackshaw, 3, Bond-st., Coventry.

WANTED, large stout yellow unflighted Norwich hen; exchange grand large cock Bullfinch; approval anywhere: Foote, 8, Tanyard, Shaftesbury.

WANTED, large, typical yellow Norwich stock cock, will give 2 stock hens, 12/6; songster Canary, 6/-; double breeder, 4/-, genuine offer; approval: Dean, Cavendish-rd., Matlock.

WANTED, brood Pean bitch exchange winning Norwich Plainheads, no rubbish offered or wanted; approval both ways: Miles' Aviaries, Chichester

WANTED, stout clear yellow Norwich cock; exchange long clear unflighted buff Yorkshire cock, winner vhc: Coward, St. James, Shaftesbury.

WANTED, cock Goldie or yellow Border cock, or 3 hen Bullies, in exchange 4 good Linnets, well pencilled: John Fairweather, 8, Shore, Ashroath

FANCIERS to grow their own dandelion, large bundle roots, tender leaves, for transplanting, with packet seed, 1/-: Davies, Ferndale, Craven Arms.

WILL give 6/- per pair for good colour-fed Norwich and Yorkshires, 10/- per pair for good Crests; also wanted 10 pairs Scotch Fancy, reasonable: M'Keand, Hamilton Place, Castle-Douglas.

WANTED, Goldfinches, Bullfinches, Linnets, Canaries, any amount wanted for immediate cash: Haynes, Bird Merchant, Bournbrook, Birmingham.

WANTED Lancashire Plainhead hen, also Belgian hen and yellow Yorkshire hen, none but genuine sellers need apply: Drye, 45, Arthur-rd., Windsor.

WANTED, Canaries, foreign birds, Campbell's chromatic melodeon; give silver watch value 20/-; approval: Green, Great Bowden, Mkt. Harborough.

WANTED, Canaries and other birds, Dogs, Monkeys, Parrots, Pigeons, Rats, Guinea Pigs, Poultry; purchase or exchange: Barlow's Aviaries, Greenwich.

WANTED, six Seifert songsters; exchange 2 pair Norwich, 1 pair Yorkshires, from winning strains; yours first: Whitehead: 69, Grasscroft-st., Stalybridge.

WANTED, for prompt cash, Canaries, Mules, etc., either sex; please state lowest price: Trask, Bird Specialist, Chesham House, Broadway, Deptford, London.

NOTICE.—What offers in Norwich, Yorkshire, or Roller Canaries for lady's gold watch, almost new, cost £4; approval: M'Keand, Hamilton-pl., Castle Douglas.

TWO Norwich hen Canaries in exchange for black ebony walking-stick, value 10/6; approval both ways; silver-mounted: T. Wilson, 4, Meldon-terrace, Annfield Plain.

WANTED long, slim, high-class buff Yorkshire hen, 1911; exchange 1911 buff cock or cocks, Ambler's, to value; approval: Phillips, Donnington, Moreton-in-Marsh, Glos.

WANTED cash offers, Dipper, 1st Palace, only caged specimen living, grand cock Grey Wagtail, show cage, 12/6; Jenny Wren show cage, 10/-: Fishburn, Silsden.

WANTED, Norwich and Yorkshire Canaries, also breeding requisites; exchange pure bred Dutch and Flemish rabbits: Barney, Junr., Trent Villas, Stokenchurch, Bucks.

WANTED, Goldfinches, Bullfinches, and other British birds; also pure-bred Yorkshire hen Canaries; state lowest cash price: H. Jinks, 2, Bramall-lane, Sheffield.

WANTED 1911 yellow Norwich hens; exchange Corn Bunting, Redpoll, fit to win, or sell 10/-; or Border Fancy cocks; approval: David Lambie, Whitburn, Linlithgowshire.

WANTED 1911 Crest and Crest-bred hens; must be good, for cash; or exchange winning Borders; approval first: Robert Lambie, The Aviaries, Whitburn, Linlithgowshire.

WANTED two clear yellow Norwich hens or buff cock, 1911 bird; exchange 66 coloured plates, perfect, and cash: James Eachus, Smithriding, Linthwaite, nr. Huddersfield.

WANTED, second-hand clothing, fit boys 5 to 9; exchange pair of proved mulers, Canary and Linnet, in breeding cage, sell 10/-: Mills, 23, Alston-rd., Tooting, London.

WANTED, cock and hen, colour fed (yellow) Norwich, size essential, will give new 10-inch double-sided records, any selection, to value: 390, Grove Green-rd., Leytonstone.

WANTED, good young yellow green Yorkshire hen; exchange either Green Yorkshire, Border, or Green Norwich cocks; approval; sell 6/- each: Johnson, Greetby Hill, Ormskirk.

WANTED, Crest cock, exchange self buff Border cock and self yellow Border hen and clear buff Crest bred hen, first cross of coppy, value 50/-: W. Irvine, 37, Low Craigends, Kilsyth.

WANTED, stock Yorkshire cocks, in exchange for solid leather square suit case, value 30/-, quality, not quantity; yours first: Richards, Penybryn, Cynwyd., near Corwen, N. Wales.

WANTED, Canaries, Mules, Goldfinches, Bullfinches; cash or exchange laying pullets, prize pigeons, rabbits, bantams, puppies: Simmonds, 64, Stean-st., Haggerston, London.

WANTED, good large year-old feeding hens, also Cinnamon ticked yellow Yorkshire cock, must be 7in. long, all cold room bred; will deposit: Forsyth, Chapel Square, Coleraine, Ireland.

WANTED, 200 Norwich and Yorkshire Canaries and cock Goldfinch Mules; must be in good type and feathered, and in full song: Enock Power, 91, Schater-st., Shoreditch, London, E.

WANTED, Yorkshire cocks to value of £2, or one really good pair; exchange a high class pedigree Pomeranian dog, 6 months, by Little Daudy: Brown, 7, Wasnidge-st., Hulme, Manchester.

WANTED, few good Norwich, in exchange for 5 good singing cocks, sells, 5/- each; 6 hens, 2/- each, or offers the lot; approval: Mr. William Connell, 72, East Main-st., Darvel, Ayrshire.

WANTED, good cock Siskin and mealy Redpoll, to moult, will give nice marked Goldie mule and H.M. cock Woodlark, both in full song; approval with pleasure: Richards, 36, New-st., Exmouth.

WANTED, yellow Yorkshire hens in exchange for one Yorks. ticked buff, one heavy marked buff cocks, 1911 birds, or sell 10/- each: Turner and Roberts, Havelock-st., Ripley, Derbyshire.

WANTED, an extra large house-moulted Siberian cock Goldfinch, must be a good muler; approval, deposit; will pay 10/-; send particulars to: W. White, Seed Establishment, Park-st., East Cowes.

WANTED, pair good Crests and Crest-bred hen; will give three pairs good Norwich; also wanted two Yorkshire hens; give Yorkshire and Norwich cocks; no rubbish: A. Brewitt, West Gate, Sleaford.

WANTED, extra large Siberian Goldie, must have good square face; exchange first-class pair of Border Fancies; approval both ways, stamp: Robert Lawson, Millbrae-terrace, Maxwelltown, Dumfries.

WANTED, few Canaries, British Birds, Budgerigars, or Parrakeets, exchange magnificent greenheart trout rod, fishing tackle, Winchester garden rifle, air gun: Fred Kings, Tobacconist, Erdington, Birmingham.

WANTED, large colour-fed Norwich; will give 7/- to 8/- per pair; must be large birds or useless; will deposit cash with Editor; send particulars and stamp for reply: Gledhill, Fleet-lane, Queensbury, Bradford.

WANTED, extra large yellow Norwich cock and 2 yellow hens for stock, must have massive heads, wide entrances, with deep broad chests, in exchange handsome silver back brush, comb, and mirror, in case (new), value 35/-, and gent's umbrella, value 25/- (new); approval each way; birds first (no rubbish): Cyril Brown, Fancy Stores, Scunthorpe

GOLDFINCHES, LINNETS, LARKS,

etc.; beautiful coloured cock Goldfinch, in pink of condition, 2/-, three 5/-, six 9/-; large, specially selected for showing, muling, singing, 2/6, 3/-, 4/-, three 6/-, six 11/-; hens 1/-, three 2/6; cock Bullfinch, 2/-, 2/6; hens 1/3, 1/6; cock Linnets 1/-, three 2/-, six 3/6; selected cock Linnets, for showing, muling, 1/6, 2/-; large cock Larks, 6d., three 1/-, six 2/-, 3/- dozen; singing cock Larks, with new cage, 1/6; best bird lime, 7d. ½-lb., 1/- ½-lb., 1/8 lb; postage free: Matt Hopkins, Bird Specialist and Cagemaker, 11, Fylde-st., Preston, Lancashire; est. 1895.

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Exhibitors, best selected of my catching; Goldfinches, 3/- each: Bramblefinches, Chaffinches, Greenfinches, Linnets, Yellow Buntings, Larks, 1/- each; pairs for aviary, 1/- pair; Blackbirds, Thrushes, coming in song, 1/- each; cock Larks, 3/- dozen; Greenfinches, 1/- dozen; 24 mixed seed-eaters, 1/2; 12 brighter mixed, 9d., well on food: J. Fenn, Bird Specialist, Pleasant-terrace, Isleham, Cambs.

CANARIES.

Belgians.

FOR sale, 20 high-class Belgians, same strain as my winners: Lady Verhees, Grens 56 Mortsel, Antwerp, Belgium.

ON sale, four grand Belgian cocks, fit for the show bench: Apply, John Walmsley, Horse Shoe Inn, Ormskirk.

BELGIANS, grand birds for sale, strain, my champions, winners Barnstaple, Plymouth, Edinburgh; approval: G. S. Baker, Georges-avenue, Barnstaple.

SEVERAL good high shouldered (1911) Belgians, cocks, hens, both sexes, colours, champion strain, reasonable, approval: Barker, 3, Kingsley-avenue, Barnstaple.

Border Fancy.

GREEN and Cinnamon marked cocks, 4-pointed; also few hens, state wants, cheap: McVittie, 20, John-st., Langholm.

PRIZE-BRED Borders, cocks from 5/-, hens from 2/6, pairs from 7/-; approval: Davidson, 10, Kings-rd., Portobello.

PRIZE Borders, clears, yellows, buffs and variegated cocks, 5/-, hens from 3/-: Lyall, 31, Montrose-st., Brechin.

BORDERS, bred from winners and fit to win; cocks, full song, 6/6; hens, 4/6 each; ten days approval: W. Powick, Dewsbury.

BORDER hens, buff 2/6, yellow marked 3/6; exchange clear yellow Norwich cock: Linggood, 28, Milton-rd., Westcliff.

BORDERS, see Palace report; have plenty same strains, also greens and Cinnamons, reasonable; stamp: Craig, High-st., Brechin.

FEW matched pairs winning Borders, even marked, bred, 10/6 pair, yellow and buff cocks from 5/-, hens 3/-: J. Logie, 35, Park-rd., Brechin.

CLEARING out, this season's winners for sale, also two buff green cocks and 5 breeding pairs; approval: Cunningham, 6, Barclay-st., Paisley.

BORDER Fancies. A few typical yellow hens, good feather and quality, 4/- each; approval: J. Hogg, East End, Earlston, Berwickshire.

SPLENDID prize-bred Borders, clears, Cinnamon marks, buffs, yellows, cocks 6/-, hens 4/- upwards: Blair, Postman, Kippen, Stirlingshire.

BORDER cocks from 5/-; hens from 3/-; three uneven marked buff cocks, 7/6 each; good birds: Levason, Mossewell House, Whitehaven.

FEW high-class Borders for disposal cheap; also winners leading shows, including Palace; approval, stamp: Ellwood, Papcastle, Cockermouth.

EVEN marked buff cock, 1910, 1st prize winner, 10/6; variegated buff Cinnamon cock, 7/6; both fine order; approv.: Moore, 6, Preston-st., Whitehaven.

BORDERS, few good cocks and hens for sale, clears, marks, and greens; cocks from 5/-; hens, 3/6; approval: J. Studholme, Dryfe Bridge, Lockerbie.

AN ideal pair for even marks; yellow cock, splendid wings, ticked eye, almost even buff hen, grand eyes, 12/6: Meekley, Maryport Cottages, Carlisle.

A FEW good pairs from 10/- to 15/- a pair, same strain as my winners; also a few for even mark breeding; approval: Metcalfe, 68, Brunswick-rd., Liverpool.

I HAVE for disposal yellow Cinnamon cock and hen, buff green cock (parent of my winning greens), and ticked buff cock, cheap to clear: Robert Ellwood, Weybridge.

FOUR Cinnamons, one foul green hen, 2/6 each; yellow green cock, 10/-, or would exchange same for yellow green hen: mutual approval: Allan, 47, Gilbert-st., Glasgow.

1911 rich yellow and buff variegated, bred from two yellows, hens 3/6, cocks 6/6, also large variegated Norwich cocks from 8/6, hens 4/-: Cross, 20-Empress-avenue, Cranbrook Park, Ilford.

PRIZE bred Borders, yellows and buffs, clear and marked cocks, from 6/-, hens from 4/- up, good type and quality; on approval with pleasure: Eliot, 3, Jubilee-terrace, Edmondsley, Durham.

SPECIAL yellow cocks, from 7/6, buff cocks from 6/-, hens from 3/6, Patterson's, Bennet's strains, tip-top quality, all related to my winners; approval with pleasure: Rea, Embleton, Cockermouth.

BORDERS, buff variegated hen, 2nd Buckhaven, etc., 7/6; buff variegated hen, 5/-, never been shown; buff hen, 3/-; approval; stamp reply; all 1911 birds: John Yule, Woodlea Cottage, Loanhead, Mid-Lothian.

PRIZE Borders; having selected my breeding stock, so can spare 10 cocks from 4/6 up; 4 hens, 3/- each; related to my winning yellows; see reports Crystal Palace; approval: Roberts, Gwyddfor, Penygroes, Carnarvonshire.

BUY from the actual breeder of Cinnamons; first and second at Palace; exceptional value offered in pairs, or single birds; greens, clears, variegated, all colours, from 12/6 pair; stamp reply; approval: Walter S. Wilson, Glendyne, Hamilton.

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Asthma Cure	2d. and 6d. bottles	Saffron Tincture	1d. and 6d. bottles
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MUST clear, high class Cinnamon Borders, cocks 10/-, hens 4/-, pairs from 12/6; greens and clears, cocks 7/6, hens 3/6, pairs 10/6; also 12 single, 6 double breeders, 1/6 and 2/6 each, 25/- the lot: Woodman, Liscard Village, Liscard, Cheshire.

"FACTS are chiels that winna ding." See my last week's advertisement. The man to buy the winners from or the birds to breed them; birds are selling quickly, so don't delay; first come first served; state your wants: Dan Hamilton, Lowwaters, Hamilton.

A FEW choice Borders for disposal from several best winning strains; two clear yellow cocks, 6/6 7/6; two buff cocks, 5/6, 6/6; three clear yellow hens, 3/6 each; four yellow variegated hens, 2/6, 3/6; four buff hens, 3/- each; approval: Lothian, Shoemaker, Lauder, Berwickshire.

WILLIAM MOSSIE, Shieldyards, Annbank Station, by Ayr, has clear buff cocks, also yellow cocks and buff variegated cocks for sale; all good birds, and well worth having; nothing better in Fancy; same as my Palace strain, having won three Border medals this season; sent on approval; stamp reply.

BURTON BROS., 126, Lee Road, Lee Green, S.E., have the following for disposal:—Buff cock, nice yellow hen, 9/6; yellow cock, buff hen, good colour and quality, 10/6; yellow cock, vhc, typical buff hen, 12/6; seen any time; prize bred: see reports Palace, L.C.B.A., Wimbledon, Portsmouth, Clapham, etc.

Cinnamons.

IF you want Cinnamons, see my list: Rudd.

A FEW good Cinnamon Norwich for sale, cocks 7/6 hens 5/-: Thompson, 57, Nun Mill-st., York.

CINNAMONS: cocks from 7/6; buff and yellow, good pair, cheap; no odd hens: Johnson, 40, Cobden-st., Leicester.

WANTED, monster big headed yellow Cinnamon variegated Norwich cock, also hen: exchange grand Yorkshires: 88, York-rd., Southend-on-Sea.

TWO buff cinnamon cocks, 1911 bred, third Gateshead, second Gretton, 12/6, 15/- each; approval: Bewick, Newfield, S.O., Newcastle-on-Tyne.

LARGE yellow Cinnamon cock, 10/6; exchange large unflighted yellow Norwich hen; approval: Reed, 271, Ladywood-rd., Edgbaston, Birmingham.

CINNAMON CRESTS. Breeder, William Tatman, 111, Midland Road, Wellingborough.

Crests and Crestbreds.

BREEDER'S CARD.

WILLIAM TATMAN, 111, Midland Road, Wellingborough, has for disposal few good Crests and Crest-breds, yellows and buffs, cocks and hens.

CRESTS and Crestbreds for sale cheap, or exchange: 435, Old Kent-rd. Stamp reply.

TWO Crest-bred hens, 10/- each: Twine, 38, Carlingford-rd., Hucknall Torkard.

FEW Crest and Crest-bred cocks for sale, cheap; no hens; approval: J. Miller, 43, Sandy-lane, Mansfield.

CREST and Crest-bred; few breeding cages for sale: Boulter, 52, Palmerston-rd., West Hampstead, N.W.

FEW good Crest cocks, 17/6 each; also two pairs, 25/- per pair: 24, Little Welbeck-st., Cavendish-sq., London, W.

CHAMPION large massive Crests and Crestbreds, from 7/6 to 15/6 each, ten days' approval: W. Powick, Dewsbury.

SPLENDID young green Crested cock, 25/6; Crest-bred cock, 15/-; good birds: Young, 76, Newbury-rd., Bromley, Kent.

CRESTS, Crest-breds, 1910 and 1911; cocks from 8/6; hens from 5/-; or lot cheap to clear: Payne, 29, Alma-st., Coventry.

FOR sale, few Crests and Crest-breds cheap; same strain as these winners: Dobson and Son, 105, James-st., Blaydon-on-Tyne.

GOOD 1911 Crested hen, 10/-; Crested cock, 8/6; worth double; good feather: approval: Smith, 124, Rupert-st., Nottingham.

PAIR neat well-covered Norwich Crests, 1911, healthy, clean, nicely wing marked, soon nest, 7/6: Lanham, Ripley, Derby.

CREST and Crest-bred, few pairs and singles to part with, reasonable price: Pettit, 146, Moscliffe-avenue, Wood Green, N.

MASSIVE clear Crested cock, 30/-; variegated Crest-bred hen, 15/-; both winners: Miss F. Brown, Harold-rd., Sittingbourne.

VARIEGATED crested cock, green Crestbred hen, pair 30/-, 1911 birds, Joyce's strain direct: Rev. G. Mullens, Chedzoy, Bridgewater.

HIGH-CLASS Crests, Crest-breds, few pairs, from £5 to 20/- single birds: also few good Norwich: approval: Lewis, Pilling, Garstang.

GIVING up Crests; Crest-bred cock and Crested hen, well matched pair, 40/-; feeders, 7/- pair: Renwick, 126, Ingleby Drive, Glasgow.

BARNETT'S direct, Crests and Crest-breds, good reliable stock birds cheap: approval: Bushell and Dewing, 56, Wodehouse-st., Norwich.

THREE good Crested, six Yorkshire yellow cocks cheap; wanted good 1911 Crested hen: W. Young, Hill View, Station-rd., Kingswood, Bristol.

F. W. Barnett has some very useful stock Crest pairs from his world's champion strain, cheap: Address, Greenway House, Fakenham, Norfolk.

MATCHED pair Crests, 37/6; Crested cock, £1; grand Crest-bred cock, £1; 1911 variegated Crest-bred cock, 20/-: McDougall, Carronvale-rd., Larbert.

WELL-BRED young Crested and Crest-bred Canaries, 12/6, 10/6; Crest-bred hens, 10/6, 7/6; approval: Miss B. Hacker, 1, Elsworthy-terrace, Hampstead.

LATEST success, championship diploma, second Crystal Palace; have a few really good birds to part with cheap: Bewick, Newfield, S.O., Newcastle-on-Tyne.

TWO large variegated 1911 Crestbred cocks, best blood obtainable, 10/6 each: yellow Lancashire Plainhead cock, 12/6; approval: H. Webber, 15, Temple-rd., Exeter.

I HAVE a large stock of Crests and Crestbred from 7/6, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, £1 upwards; week's approval; apply: A. Fiddament, Postman, 105, Trinity-st., Norwich.

BARNETT'S strain direct, Crest and C.B.'s, to suit all pockets; state requirements and price by letter only; approval, deposit: Rev. Moss, Ladywood Vicarage, Birmingham.

CRESTS and Crestbreds, best blood, can spare a few pairs and cocks, from 60/- and 30/-; stable price prepared to give; stamp: Rev. G. W. Joyce, Wellington, Somerset.

JOHN CORKE, 300, London-rd., Lowestoft, Crest breeder (not dealer), exhibitor, prizes, 1911: Norwich two, Lowestoft six, two spls., best feathered exhibit from 10/- each; approval.

OVERSTOCKED, massive Crest and Crest-bred cocks, 15/6, few pairs cheap to clear, good reliable birds (See reports Lowestoft, Norwich, Manchester Ipswich): Roper, Constitution Hill, Ipswich.

CANARIES, Crested, Crest-bred, pairs 10/- to 15/-, 1911 birds, and 1910, well bred from prize strain; approval on deposit; particulars given on receipt stamp: Farrow, 77, Ladgate-lane, Crookes, Sheffield.

A. LISTER, 106, Rectory-rd., Gateshead, breeder and exhibitor, can spare big dark Crested and variegated Crestbreds, cocks or hens, 7/6, 8/6, 10/-, 12/6, 15/-, 20/-, 25/-, 30/-, 35/-, 40/-, 45/-, 50/- each; approval.

BREEDER of Crests for 30 years; having bred scores of winners, and won hundreds of prizes, have some nice young birds for sale; prices to suit everybody; on approval: G. Williams, 50, Lower Union-st., Torquay.

H. HORTON, 18, years Crest breeder, winner of hundreds of prizes with birds of my own breeding; surplus healthy young birds, from 10/-; approval; 18, The Avenue, St. John's Park-rd., Blackheath, London, S.E.

LARGE lightly marked Crested cock, 25/-, good stock bird; clear, large Crested cock, 20/-; green Crested cock, neat crest, good stock bird, 20/-; or pairs from 30/- upwards: W. Brown, Bargate, Holbrook, nr. Derby.

EVINS BROTHERS having finally selected stock for own breeding, can spare two pairs of our champion bred crests, 40/-, and 30/- pair; smaller pairs 15/-; crest-bred cock, 15/-, worth double; approval: 259, High-st., Exeter.

BARNETT'S strain direct, Crests and C.B.'s to suit all pockets; a few Yorkshires and Siberian Goldfinch; state requirements and price by letter only; approval, deposit: Rev. Moss, Ladywood Vicarage, Birmingham.

LARGE perfect grey Crested cock, green Crest-bred hen, 25/-; large variegated Crested cock, yellow hen to match, 35/-; very large variegated Crest-bred cock, Crest hen, 20/-; cheap at double; approval: Day, 15, Everilda-st., London, W.

HIGH-CLASS Crests, large healthy birds, of the best blood, no little rubbish, from 25/- pair; I guarantee it's not a third their value; no time to breed this season; exchange poultry; no cards: Pennington, Thornton Lodge, Goxhill, Lincolnshire.

HIGH-CLASS Crests, Crest-breds, grand birds, cocks or hens, several with crest to end of beak, from one of the best strains in England; have sold as many winners as any fancier anywhere; reasonable approval: T. Billington, Hambleton, Poulton-le-Fylde.

W. RADMORE has for disposal a few Crests and Crest-breds; grand stock birds, large, with plenty of feather; this strain has been carefully selected for 30 years, and has produced many winners, 10/-, 15/-, 20/- each; stamp: 17, Chaddlewood-avenue, Plymouth.

HAVING had a successful breeding time, I must reduce my stock of Crest and Crest-bred, no better blood can be bought at double price; pairs from 15/-, single birds from 7/6, on approval; deposit with Editor: Tetin, 124, Chestnut-ave., Forest Gate, Essex.

C. ROBERTS' noted Crests and Crest-breds; can spare massive green Crested cock, and lightly marked Crest-bred hen, £7 10s.; capped and wings marked Crest-bred cock and grey Crested hen, £5 5s.; single cocks or hens from 12/6; state wants; approval: Stannah Hey, Newton-drive, Blackpool.

MASSIVE feathery variegated dark Crest cock, lovely crest, 10/6; large feathery ditto, 8/6; grand variegated Crest-bred cock, 10/-; another gem, 7/6; massive feathery variegated dark Crest hen, 10/-; ditto, 8/-; massive variegated Crest-bred hen, 8/6; another, 6/6; all large healthy stock; approval: Hatton, Aviaries, Belper.

MUST sell immediately; dark crested buff cock, marked wing, winner, 40/-; clear buff Crested hen, light crest, 30/-; ditto, 20/-; heavy variegated dark Crest cock, 20/-; ditto, 15/-; these birds are all bred from winners, are well feathered, of rare type and quality; they were got together regardless of expense by a gentleman who has now gone abroad; approval, deposit: Williams, Min-Afon, Trefriw, North Wales.

A. H. CAMPBELL has for disposal green Crest cock, £5; clear body dark Crest hen, £5; 18 months variegated C.B. cock, £2 10s., 18 months; variegated C.B. cock, unflighted, £3; all Barnett's strain; genuine reliable stock; see winnings Plumstead, Woolwich, Watford, Crystal Palace; inspection invited; also few grand Norwich Plainheads, £1 to £5 each; Vardy and Midgley's strain: Manor Lodge, Harrow-on-the-Hill.

MONSTER variegated Crest-bred cock, grand head, 17/6; monster green ditto, nice skull, 14/-; massive feathery yellow variegated ditto, 12/-; monster green Crest cock, grand dense crest, 17/-; monster variegated ditto, 14/-; ditto, 11/6; massive feathery variegated dark Crest hen, lovely crest, 15/-; massive feathery ditto, 11/-, nice neat crest; massive feathery variegated Crest-bred hen, nice broad head, 15/-; green ditto, 11/-; having selected my breeding stock must dispose of above at half value to clear; all grand stock birds from winning strain, in perfect feather; approval with pleasure: Miss Stone, Fleet, Belper.

BILL GUTTERIDGE, Supply Stores, Haliburton-rd., St. Margarets, Twickenham, is compelled to reduce his stock of champion Crests, Crest-breds, through increase of business, offers following at sacrifice prices: Clear buff Crest-bred cock, £4; ditto, £3; ditto, £2; dark Crest cock, clear Crest-bred hen, 30/-; ditto, 25/-; ditto, 21/-; clear yellow Crest-bred cock, dark Crest hen, 21/-; yellow green Crest-bred cock, dark Crest hen, 17/6; yellow green Crest-bred cock, grey Crest hen, 21/-; yellow green Crest cock, variegated Crest-bred hen, 21/-; dark Crest cock, green Crest-bred hen, 17/6; approval with pleasure; cash or deposit.

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4/6, 5/6, 6/6, 8/6, 10/6 up.

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7/6, 8/6, 10/6 to 100/-.

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Some large feathery birds—simply given away at
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All on approval. Cages, 3d. extra. All guaranteed marvellous value.—See my advt. on page 127.

W. RUDD, The Bird Specialist, NORWICH.

Dutch Frills.

DUTCH Frill Canaries, Vulture shape, Dutch and French Canaries; catalogue free: Bernard Blanquart, Lille, France.

DUTCH and French Frills, hens 10/6, 15/-, 20/-, 30/-, up; cocks 20/-, 30/-, 40/-, up; pairs from 25/- to £5: W. Rudd, The Bird Specialist, Norwich.

Greens.

YORK. Greens; a few godo pairs and singles, reasonable; state wants: Gore, 377, Walton Breck-rd., Liverpool.

YORKSHIRE Greens, few good birds for sale, reasonable approval: Tabberner, 22, Greta-st., off High Park-st., Liverpool.

THICK-necked chubby yellow green Norwich cock, 10/6; ditto buff green hen, 6/-: Eastoe, 88, York-rd., Southend-on-Sea.

YORKSHIRE green cocks, related to my winner Palace show; stamp reply: Walker, 7, Tomlinson-place, Carbrook, Sheffield.

YORKSHIRE and Norwich, type and quality combined with colour, no better blood; approval with pleasure: Metcalfe, 68, Brunswick-rd., Liverpool.

YORKSHORE, Norwich, and several pairs of Border Greens, the best, see reports Palace, etc.; state wants early (reasonable): F. Handley, 23, Coventry-rd., Wavertree, Liverpool.

SPLENDID lot of best pedigree strain Yorkshire and Liverpool greens in England, cocks, 7/6, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6; hens 3/6, 5/6, 8/6; also grand Border greens, very cheap; cages, 3d.; W. Rudd, The Bird Specialist, Norwich.

NORWICH, best blood obtainable, right type, colour; having purchased entire stock of Mr. Deacon's noted strain, winnings with same, Preston, L.C.B.A., etc; state wants, price': Harding, 29a, Market-st., Wellingboro'.

Lancashires.

LANCASHIRES, Plainhead cocks or hens, 10/6 each, ten days' approval: W. Powick, Dewsbury.

A. HORDERN has a few good Lancashires for sale, cocks and hens, yellows and buffs: Feru Cottages, Shaw.

TWO yellow Plainhead hens, one buff, coppy hen, 15/- each; approval; stamp: E. Lowe, 4, Grange-st., Oldham.

VERY large yellow buff Plainhead 1911 cock, now in grand song, 10/-; bargain: Talbot, 16, South-st., Romford.

FEW good birds for sale, yellow and buff cocks and hens, reasonable price; all on approval; stamp address for reply: Smith, 50, London-rd., Oldham.

Lizards.

WHIPP, 483, Rochdale-rd., Shaw, has all his grand stock of Lizards for sale; pairs 10/-; odd cocks 7/- each; approval.

THIRTY birds to dispose of; pairs from 15/-; no better blood in the Fancy: Barker Clegg, 7, Russell-sq., Hulme, Manchester.

I HAVE a few matched pairs left to breed winners, from 10/- pair; also odd cocks from 6/-, cold room; approval: Heetor Oliver, Hadfield-st., Glossop.

1911 GOLD and Silver Lizard cocks, clear and broken caps, 7/6 and 10/- each, the old strain; approval: J. Green, 256, Chapel-st., Leigh, Lancs.

YOU can obtain some of the best blood in the Lizard Fancy from 10/- a pair, or 6/- each, from E. Ollerenshaw, 37, Freetown, Glossop, Derbyshire.

JOHN HAMER, 67, Stoncleigh-st., Oldham, champion Lizards for sale; fountain-head for winners or stud birds; 25 years' strain; prices reasonable; stamp reply.

CHAMPION Lizards, all my Palace winners and most my stock birds for sale; best strain living; stamp reply: John Dewsnap, 68, Princess Street, Glossop.

W. P. BARNES.

Cage Bird Judge, breeder of champion Lizards; properly matched pairs from 17/6, hens from 6/-; every bird from my champion strain; no better obtainable; every bird in perfect health and condition; approval: 23a, London-rd., Grantham.

Norwich.

BREEDERS' CARD.

E. BAKER, 14, High Street, Cowes, I.W., Breeder and Exhibitor High-class Norwich Plainheads, winner at most big shows. Write for prices.

J. HODDER, Breeder of Champion Norwich, winner of championships; typical pairs from 15/-, singles from 7/6; approval: 6, Banner-st., St. Luke's, London, E.C.

MORE, 62, Drive, Gt. Yarmouth, good Norwich Plainheads for sale, own breeding, related many this year's prize winners.

W. READ, Chellowdene, York-road, Guildford, breeder and exhibitor of high-class Norwich; surplus stock only for sale; over 100 to select from; seen any time; from 15/6 pair; approval.

WANTED Norwich: Barnes, Aviaries, Merthyr.

NORWICH cocks 6/-; approval willingly: Gibson, Vernon-avenue, Nottingham.

FINE large cocks and hens for sale: Smith, 41, Outram-st., Copenhagen-st., London, N.

LARGE healthy 1911 yellow Norwich hens, 2/6 each: Green, 96, Alma-rd., Winton, Bournemouth.

W. MILES, Aviaries, Chichester, has a grand lot of Norwich including many winners; cheap, approval.

E. GODLEY has few grand Norwich for disposal, single or pairs, also Cinnamons: Rishton, Blackburn.

HAVE still a few clear and variog. buff cocks for sale, grand birds, no Sunday visitors: Thomp, Lenzie.

H. BAILEY, Tower Street, Launceston, has several Norwich cocks for disposal, also a few nice hens still left.

10 YOUNG variegated hens, 2/6 each; one variegated cock, 6/6: Baldock, Sandrock Villas, Hawkhurst, Kent.

PRIZE-BRED Norwich Canaries for sale; cocks 5/-, hens 2/6: E. Hewitt, Pickst., Shepshed, Leicestershire.

TWENTY young Norwich hens, strong, clean, healthy, 2/6 each: Mrs. Moore, 93, Portland-rd., Hove.

FEW Norwich cocks and hens, good size and type; cheap to clear; approval: Myles, 4, Queen st., Arbroath.

J. ECCLES has good Norwich for sale, pairs 12/6 to £6, approval: 32, Kay st., Ardwick Green, Manchester.

NORWICH greens, yellows and buffs from 10/ each: see reports of Palace show: Jenkins, 82, Church st., Widnes.

MUST sell; grand Norwich, both sexes, yellows and buffs, very cheap to clear: Breeder, 58, Midmoor-rd., Balham.

THREE pairs good birds for disposal, cold room bred; cocks, 5/; hens, 2/6: W. Martin, 34, Oban st., Leicester.

FEW typical Norwich, yellows and buffs, for sale; approval: Hindle, Mayfield-ter., Cherry Tree, nr. Blackburn.

PRIZE-BRED Norwich Canaries, 6 cocks, 3 buffs, 3 yellows, 5/- upwards: W. Spoor, Library place, Whickham.

NORWICH, a fine colour-fed for sale: J. E. Kirk, 21, Daresbury-st., Green Mill-rd., Cheetham Hill, Manchester.

SIXTY Norwich Canaries, cocks, 5/-; good breeding hens, 2/6; Crested hens, 3/-: Bolton, 105, Blackman-lane, Leeds.

GRAND 1910 buff Norwich cock, non-fed (from Miles' direct), nutrid, £1: Clark, 63, Barclay-rd., Leytonstone.

F. PEBERDY has few good Norwich for disposal, bred from winners; prices reasonable: 39, Twycross-st., Leicester.

HIGH-CLASS Norwich, large buff hens, 4/-; matched pairs, 10/6; colour fed: Timbrell Bros., Bootmakers, Chipping, Lancs.

Mr. H. SCHNEIDER, Pretoria House, Fairfield-rd., Winchester, has a few good birds left, hens from 6/6; cocks, 10/6.

PRIZE winning Norwich cocks from 8s., hens from 5/-, seen any time: Chamberlain, 12, Beyer-st., Gorton, Manchester.

NORWICH Cinnamons, pairs 7/6 to 10/6; Norwich yellow and buff, pairs 5/6 to 7/6: Gurteen, The Mount, Haverhill.

T. IRONS can spare several good pairs, 20/-, 30/-, 40/-; cocks from 10/-; approval; stamp: Ivy-rd., Northampton.

CLEARS and variegated, related to my winners, cocks from 7/6, hens from 3/6: White, 3, Cornwallis Grove, Edmonton.

TYPICAL Norwich buff cock, buff green hen, buff varieg. hen, cheap; approval: James Smith, 12, Bridge-st., Brechin.

WM. HINDMAN, 26, Sarah Ellen Street, Blackburn. Few good Norwich for sale; prices reasonable; singles or pairs; approval.

TWELVE Norwich show cages, no worse than new, 12/- lot; also good songsters, 4/6 each: Jackson's Aviaries, Guisbro'.

SIX pairs good foster Norwich Canaries, 18/6; cash with order; guaranteed healthy: G. Briggs, Godfrey-st., Heanor, Notts.

SEVERAL good large hens, yellow and buff, 3/- to 7/6 each; own breeding; approval: Baker, Bowthorpe-rd., Norwich.

BIG clear yellow cock, related to winners, good stock bird, 15/-; approval: Thos. Johnson, 111, Heysham-rd., Southport.

NORWICH yellow cock, buff hen, 8/6 the pair; large buff cock, 6/- approval: John Starling, Barney, Guist, Norfolk.

NORWICH for sale, cold-room, prize bred, cages, etc., cheap; approval; stamp reply: Hunt, 55, Richmond-st., Gateshead.

TYPICAL, short, thick, unflighted buff hens, same strain as my winners, 7/6 each; approval: Devoy, George-st., Stranrear.

FRED BARRACLOUGH has a few choice Norwich Plainheads, both sexes, for sale, inspection invited: 25, Railway-st., Hyde.

FIVE pairs Norwich Canaries, male birds, full song, 5/6; hens, 2/6; 30/- lot: Miss Fox, 65, Benford Street, Leicester.

THIRTY large Norwich, good stock birds: cocks, 7/6 and 10/-; hens, 3/6 and 5/-; cold-room: Exton, 31, Chartley-rd., Leicester.

NORWICH pair, cost 30/-; take 15/-; another pair, with extra hen, 15/-; approval willingly: Williamson, High-st., Riddings.

CANARIES, good singers (Norwich), cocks 7/-, hens 2/-, reduced to clear, giving up breeding: 22, Montrell-rd., Streatham Hill.

PAIR large typical Norwich, 12/-; typical Norwich hens 3/-, 3/6, 4/- each; seven days' approval: Poore, 43, Guildford-rd., Ilford.

STRONG, healthy Norwich, cold room, breeding condition; cocks, 4/-; hens, 2/-: A. Wale, Boot Maker, Charnwood-rd., Shepshed.

CLEAR yellow and buff Norwich cocks and hens, cheap, cash; approval: Twine, 38, Carlingford-rd., Hucknall Torkard, Notts.

CANARIES, 25 cocks, good size, 3/6 each; 23 hens, 1/6 each, or £5 10/- the lot: C. Humber, Barrow-on-Soar, near Loughborough.

CLEAR yellow and buff Norwich cocks and hens, cheap, cash; approval: Twine, 38, Carlingford-rd., Hucknall Torkard, Notts.

WANTED clean healthy Norwich Plainheads, any quantity bought for prompt cash; approval: Cooper, 29, Junction-rd., Norwich.

FINE healthy Norwich Canaries, 1911, cold-room bred, pairs 10/-, single cocks 7/-, hens 3/-: Whitechurch, Fordham, Cambs.

NOTICE. Grand lot Norwich, many winners; prices low; easy payments taken; approval: M'Keand, Scabright-villa, Castle-Douglas.

TWO large unflighted yellow cocks, 25/- each; buff cocks, 7/6 each; see wins Carlisle: Bell, 35, Clementina-terrace, Carlisle.

J. HAYHURST, breeder of high-class Norwich, single pairs 15/-, bred from my winners; approval: 217, Brunshow-rd., Burnley.

THIRTY clean healthy young Norwich hens, yellow, buff variegated, 3/- each; approval: Roper, 134, Chester, Seven Kings, Essex.

COCKS and hens, related to my winners at Manchester, Warrington, Preston; 7/6 upwards: Vint, 42, Bute-st., Moston, Manchester.

NORWICH Plainheads, related my winners Dulwich, London Federation, South London, 7/6 to £1: Tomsett, 34, Endwell-rd., Brockley.

NORWICH cocks, two yellow 6/6 each, three variegated 5/6 each, 1911 birds, lot 25/-; approval deposit: A. Thorpe, 24, Vivian-st., Derby.

FIVE 1911 cold-room Norwich hens, 3/- each, or five for 13/6; three cocks, 7/6 each; seen any time: Terry, 200, Lordship Lane, London, S.E.

HENRY, 52, Sixth-avenue, Bush Hill Park; seven pair Norwich, Iron strains, unflighted, large prize birds, 8/6 pair; make good stock.

HANDSOME Norwich cocks, grand songsters, 4/6, 5/-; hens, 2/6; pairs, 6/6, 7/-; value unapproachable; approval: Hatton, Aviaries, Belper.

HENS; with 7 birds I took 7 firsts at Sandy last week; can spare a few clear yellow and buff hens at 5/- each: Wilmot, Arcade, Bedford.

A LOVELY collection of typical young Norwich Canaries; cocks, 5/-, 7/6, 10/6; hens, 2/6 and 5/-; seen by appointment only: Shepherd Smith, Colwall, Malvern.

MATCHED pairs, 1911 bred, from T. Iron's champion strain, 25/- to 30/- pair; 2 odd hens, 4/6 each: Miss Edwards, 54, Reigate Hill, Reigate.

TWO Norwich cock Canaries and six hens, young; and breeding cage, 23/6 the lot; approval, deposit: Thos. Rose, Helperton, Trowbridge, Wilts.

PRIZE bred Norwich, cocks, in full song, 4/-, 5/- each; hens, same strain, 1/9, 2/6 each; satisfaction guaranteed: Heathcote's Aviaries, Leicester.

VARIEGATED yellow and buff cocks and hens, splendid quality; prices reasonable; approval, cash or deposit: Smith, 30, Castle-terrace, Aberdeen.

YELLOW variegated Norwich cock, 10/-; hens, clear buff, 10/-; buff variegated, 5s., bred from winners; approval: Ramsay, 36, Brechin Road, Arbroath.

EXCEPTIONAL bargain; typical unflighted buff Norwich, cock gem for size, type, style, 3rd L.C.B.A., accept 15/-: Hawkes, Grove Green-rd., Leytonstone.

LARGE typical Norwich, fed to perfection; cocks from 5/- to 10/-; hens from 4/-; inspection invited; approval willingly: Burdett, Dares-walk, Hinckley.

HIGH-CLASS Norwich, clears and variegated, from 7/6 each; cold room; approval; 30 years' breeder: Sidgwick, Elwick-terr., Hutton, Rudby, Yorkshire.

E. MITCHELL has few exceptionally fine colour-fed Norwich, bred from winners; cocks 7/6 to 40/-; buff hens from 4/-: 10, Barrow Hill-terr., Ashford, Kent.

TYPICAL Norwich, winners and stock birds, must clear, cocks from 10/-; pairs, 15/-; stamp reply: Kent, 174, Ladykirk-rd., Newcastle, Northumberland.

NORWICH, two 1911 variegated green cocks, 4/6 each; ditto 2 hens, 2/3 each, one buff cock, 4/6; singing, approval: Allen, 36, Poplar-st., Wellingboro'.

GOOD Norwich cocks in full song, 4/6, 5/-, 6/6; hens, 2/-, 3/-, 4/-; clean and healthy; cash; approval, deposit: T. Sanders, 131, Upper Conduit st., Leicester.

GOOD, healthy Norwich hen Canaries, own breeding, cold-room, 5/6, 6/6, carriage paid; approval willingly: Long, Stationmaster, Hellesdon Station, Norwich.

LARGE Norwich; parents bred light Mules; pairs 9/-; large Crests, Crest-breds; Barnett's strain; pairs 12/-; stamp reply: Carwell Cooke, Wavendon, Bucks.

NORWICH; well-bred unflighted colour-fed, just a few left; cocks 7/6, 10/-; hens 4/6, 7/6 each; approval: Chas. Makins, 18, Palace Green, Berwick-on-Tweed.

BARGAINS.—Unflighted yellow cocks, 15/-, 25/-; same strain as my winners, Palace, L.C.B.A., and principal shows in the South: H. Banbury, Prestonrd., Yeovil.

TO clear.—Six pairs Norwich, breeding condition; buff cock, yellow hen, cost 16/6; sell 12/6; others, 10/6, 9/6, 8/6 pair; particulars free; 49, Connaughtrd., Preston.

PAIR variegated, buff cock, yellow hen, unflighted, £1; related to my winners, Chatham, Rochester, Wimbledon, L.C.B.A., etc.: Wickham, 28, Rainhamrd., Chatham.

WANTED unflighted buff Norwich hen, short wings and tail, good head; if winner state what wins; also lowest possible cash price: Wright, 189, Millrd., Wellinghoro.

R. HANFORD, Derby, offers 50 correctly matched pairs Norwich Plainheads, lovely size, type, and quality, 10/6, 12/6; cage, 3d.; beginners' splendid chance; approval.

I HAVE seven good cold room bred Norwich for sale; what offers or will sell, 5/6 each; cash or deposit; three days approval: B. Minshall, Claypit-ter., Whitchurch, Salop.

GOODMAN'S Crystal Palace strain direct, large buff cock, 10/6; ticked buff hen, 4/6; cock Goldfinch, 3/6; approval deposit: Thomas Herbert, Headless Cross, Redditch.

TWO buff variegated cocks, 15/- and 12/6; two buff variegated hens, 15/- and 12/6; also yellow variegated cocks from, 7/6; approval: A. Pirie, 255, Montrose-st., Brechin.

CLEAR yellow cock, 7/6; large hen, 4/-; smaller, 2/6; Goldfinch-Canary cock, 5/-; wanted typical lightly marked yellow hen: Barker, 123, Kingsavenue, Clapham, S.W.

HIGH-CLASS Norwich cocks, 4/6, 5/6, 7/-, 8/-; hens 2/-, 2/6, 3/6, 4/6; guaranteed healthy; not suited, money returned: Alfred Riley, Grocer, Lower Church Gate, Leicester.

TYPICAL variegated buff Norwich hen, massive framed, grand head and neck, with plenty of substance, accept 12/6; valuable stock bird: Hawkes, Grove-green, Leytonstone.

PRIZE-bred Norwich Canaries, cocks, warranted in full song, 4/6, 5/6, 6/6 each; hens, same strain, 2/-, 3/-, 4/- each; satisfaction guaranteed: Fred Johnson, 22, Goswell-st., Leicester.

J. TRISTEM can spare 10 pairs of his high-class Norwich from 15/- per pair; also breeding and flight cages, cheap; approval, stamp reply: 82, Winchester-rd., Brislington, Bristol.

GEO. THOMAS can spare unflighted yellow cock, clear buff hen, grand type and quality, 30/- pair; another pair £1; also few hens from 5/- each: 79, Larcom-st., Walworth, London.

SPLENDID pair of Norwich P.H., big yellow cock, winner every time out, and grand buff hen, rather overstocked, will accept 25/- the pair: T. Weedall, 82, High-st., Winsford, Cheshire.

NOTICE, several grand pairs of Norwich from winners; from 8/6 pair; cocks from 6/-; hens 3/- each; approval; bargains to clear at once: Green, Beaconsfield-terr., Street, Somerset.

PRIZE-BRED colour-fed Norwich pairs, matched for breeding, 12/6, 10/6, 8/6; few odd cocks for sale cheap; warranted cold-room bred; approval with pleasure: Blower, Manor-st., Hinckley.

ROMPING big ticked buff cock, natural colour, bold head, deep broad chest, sound health, rare stock bird, 15/-; approval; good sized buff hen, 8/-: Bounds, 50, Melville-st., Northampton.

TO slightly reduce my breeding stock I offer yellow cock and lightly marked buff hen, 55/- the pair; buff cock and yellow hen, 45/- the pair; all unflighted: W. Midgley, Chesham House, Winslow.

CHAMPION Norwich; few grand birds; cocks or hens; Bullfinch type, good heads, fine silky feather, best strain in England; reasonable, approval: T. Billington, Hambleton, Poulton-le-Fylde.

IRON'S strain direct; splendid quality; matched pairs ready for breeding, 15/-; odd cocks yellow or buff, 7/6 to 10/6; no odd hens; approval, deposit: Russell, Hampton-in-Arden, Warwickshire.

IMPORTANT: I have for disposal several grand Plainhead Norwich, bred from the same strain as my winner which won at the Crystal Palace: 13, Dinnaford-st., Stonehouse, Devon. Stamp reply.

SEVERAL good pairs Norwich; cocks, 4/-, 4/6, 5/-; hens, 2/-, 2/6, 3/6; matched pairs, 6/-, 7/-, 8/6; good healthy birds: approval, deposit; not approved, money returned: Foxon, Boot Dealer, Hinckley.

DEEP colour-fed yellow Norwich cock, unflighted, real model for size, shape, style and quality, won at Windsor, Woolwich, L.C.B.A., accept 35/-; approval: Hawkes, Grove Green-rd., Leytonstone.

NORWICH for sale, first prize yellow hen, and large buff cock, 17/6; second prize yellow hen, cock to match, 15/-; all unflighted, good pairs; approval, deposit: Peter Thomson, 7½, Kirk-st., Peterhead.

A. L. HAWKES offers several buff and yellow Norwich hens, real monster and giant, with style, type and quality, exceptional stock birds, 10/-, 12/6, 15/- each; approval: Hawkes, Grove Green-rd., Leytonstone.

AT Norwich open show I won special, 3 2nds, 4th, with 6 entries; have few large cobby hens, same blood, at 4/-, 5/-, 7/6, 10/- each; yellows and buffs; approval: G. Brown, 44, Waterloo-rd., Norwich.

PRIZE strain Norwich cocks and hens, colour fed, cold room, in breeding condition, cheap to clear; see show reports Shields, Jarrow, Sunderland; on approval: 34, Wenlock-rd., Simonside, Tyne Dock, Durham.

BUFF saddle-marked hen, 1st Cheltenham, 30/-; cinn. variegated yellow hen, a beauty, 25/-; two variegated buff cocks, 20/- each; also buff hen, 7/6: Hodgson, 10, Lovaine-place, Newcastle-on-Tyne.

CLEAR yellow cock and buff hen, big, sound, healthy birds, mated to breed winners, 10/6; large house-moulted hen Bullfinch, for muling, 3/6; approval, deposit: Ridley, Jeweller, Kirkby Stephen.

YELLOW and buff cocks from 10/-; also a few buff hens, from 7/6; all unflighted; won at Morpeth, Blaydon, Jarrow, Wallsend, and Carlisle; all on approval: Wm. McGinn, Airey-terrace, Walker-on-Tyne.

J. HODDER will spare several cobby yellow and buff cocks and hens, grand Norwich type, from 6/6 each, pairs equally cheap, cannot be surpassed at price; approval: 6, Banner-st., St. Luke's, London, E.C.

GIVEN away, cap-marked buff Norwich cock, massive framed cobby specimen, 1st Woolwich, 3rd L.C.B.A., 21/-; another similar cock, 2nd Woolwich, 15/-; approval: Hawkes, Grove Green-rd., Leytonstone.

NORWICH Canaries, 2 cocks, 6/- each; 2 large hens, 5/-; 3 cock Goldfinches, 9/-; 1 cock Goldfinch, bred Mules last season, one H.M., 5/-; 1 hen, 9d.: Mr. Bickerton, Waterloo, Whixall, nr. Whitchurch, Salop.

BARGAINS.—Four-pointed yellow, 8/6; clear buff (show bird), 10/-; grizzle, double buff bred, 10/-; all unflighted cocks, colour-fed, cold-room; cash; approval: Reed, 271, Ladywood-rd., Edgbaston, Birmingham.

MR. ECKERSLEY can still offer a few A1 stock yellows and buffs. Three specially selected pairs, 20/- and 25/- each, that will at once put the novice on the road to success: 51, Francis-rd., Edgbaston, Birmingham.

UNEVEN marked buff Norwich hen, grand bird, winner of several prizes, 40/-, bargain; clear yellow Norwich cock, winner, 15/-; varieg. buff hen 5/-; approval willingly: Muscott, 1, Boundary-terrace, Llandrindod Wells.

PURE Norwich cock Canaries, in full song, 6/6 and 7/6 each; good stock pairs, from leading Norwich strains, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, 20/-; others, 7/6, 8/6; 20 years a breeder: Burton, Hairdresser, St. Augustine's Gates, Norwich.

GREAT sacrifice; deep colour-fed unflighted yellow Norwich, hen winner L.C.B.A., and many other fixtures, perfect model for shape, style and quality, accept 25/-, worth treble: Hawkes, 390, Grove Green-rd., Leytonstone.

BUFF Norwich cock, latest wins: Mumbles, Pembroke, Cardigan, Pembroke Dock, Gorsienon, all 1sts; many other honours, 30/-, with show cage and case; cash or deposit: Price, Glanbrydan, Manordilo, South Wales.

CHAMPION Norwich; can spare 1910 ticked buff cock, 4th Hull, 30/-; 1910 clear buff cock, 3rd Grimsby, 25/-; unflighted clear buff cock, winner two 1sts Hull (champion members), 25/-: Geo. Harland, 63, Welbeck-st., Hull.

HIGH-CLASS Norwich cocks, in full song, 6/-, 7/6, 8/6, 10/-; hens 3/-, 3/6, 4/-, 5/- each; pairs matched for breeding, 8/6, 9/6, 10/6, 12/-; stamp reply; money returned if not approved: Stewarts, Earthenware Stores, Surrey-st., Norwich.

GOOD typical unflighted yellow cock, 10/-; one 1910 yellow, 12/-; buff unflighted, 8/6; one 1910, 10/-; broken yellow Green cock, 1910 bred, 9/-; all on three days' approval; cash or deposit: F. Tesseyman, Church Hill, Camp-rd., Leeds.

EXTRA good surplus stock, very large choice buff cocks, exquisite quality, from 20/-; unflighted yellow and buffs, from 10/-; hens from 7/6; healthy typical birds, own breeding only; approval: Miss Gwyn, "Somerville," North-avenue, Ramsgate.

GRAND stout cobby buff Norwich cock, nice head, 10/6; lovely stout yellow hen, 7/-, 16/- pair; grand stout yellow cock, 10/6; big cobby buff hen, 6/6, 15/- pair; all big bold healthy birds from my winners; approval with pleasure; bargains: Miss Stone, Fleet, Belper.

GEORGE WELLER has a graud pair of Norwich Green Canaries for sale, 1911, 10/6; also a 1910 Green cock bird, 8/6; 1911 Norwich yellows and buffs in beautiful condition; cocks 6/6 and 7/6; hens 3/-; approval; travelling cages, 3d. extra: Sherfield-English, Romsey.

I HAVE ten pairs Norwich Plainheads for sale, prize bred; this strain has won all over the North for men I have sold them to; this strain is Irons, Grey, Dobinson, and Cowling; prices reasonable; deposit, approval; John Hagon, 39, Double-row, Seaton Delavel, Northumberland.

R. HANFORD, Derby, offers splendid collection Norwich Plainheads; massive cocks, 5/6, 6/6, 7/6, 8/6, 10/6; smart hens, 3/6, 4/6, 5/-, 6/6; correctly matched pairs for breeding winners, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, 17/6; cages, 3d.; approval, deposit; trial solicited; absolute satisfaction guaranteed.

NORWICH, best of blood, good birds, cheap, bred from and related to winners; 1910 yellow cock, 1911 buff-marked hen, 25/- pair; 1910 ticked buff cock, 1911 yellow hen, 25/- pair; 1911 buff cock, 1910 yellow hen, 20/- pair; approval: Smith, 172, Prince Consort-rd., Gateshead-on-Tyne.

WM. BOWYER, Gladstone-st., Leek, exhibitor over 40 years, can spare several really good show birds reasonable; stock birds, cocks from, 7/6; hens from, 5/-; from one of the oldest and most reliable strains in the Fancy; every bird guaranteed the same blood as my winners for years; approval.

C. ROBERTS must clear some of his noted Norwich cheap, to make room; clear yellow cock, 40/-, worth, 60/-; variegated yellow cock, 30/-, worth 50/-; clear buff cock, 30/-, worth 45/-; champion hens to match from, 10/6 each; also few cheaper cocks; all on approval: Stannah Hey, Newton Drive, Blackpool.

STRAIN second to none; to be sold without reserve; no time to show; cocks and hens, all colours, young and healthy, from 12/6 each; approval; also stock of breeding cages, Jerome style, 2/- each; show cages, 1/6; inspection invited: G. Scaif, Stationmaster, Haywood, near Lanark, late of Fauldhouse.

HAVE 60 best Norwich; grand buff cock, 1st Hinckley, £2 extra good yellow, 1st Cannock, £2; real good buff, 2nd Tideswell, 25/-; some good matched pairs from 15/-; some of the largest stock birds in the Midlands; single buff hens from 5/-; approval; all my own breeding: T. Dipple, 176, Well-st., Hockley, Birmingham.

CHAMPION pair correctly matched high-class exhibition Norwich Plainheads, rare size, type, colour and quality, winners and certain to breed winners in keenest competition, only, 21/-; honestly worth, £3 for stock alone, rare chance for beginner; genuine bargain; approval: Warminger, 28, Guernsey-rd., Norwich.

WILLIAM JUDD, Specialist, Midland Counties Aviaries, 120, Belgrave Gate, Leicester; the largest stores in the Midlands; high-class Norwich Canaries, cocks, 4/6, 5/6; orange yellows, 7/6, 10/- each; good young healthy hens, ready for nesting, 2/3, 3/-; orange yellows, 4/-, 5/- each; pairs, properly mated, 8/6, 8/6, 10/6 and 15/- pair; carefully packed and satisfaction guaranteed.

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I AM giving away double-compartment breeding cages to all purchasers of my prize-bred winning Norwich, at 8/- and 9/- pair; don't miss them; worth double; warranted healthy; only five pairs left; the pick of the Fancy; must clear; cash or deposit: Coombes, Wensleydale-st., West Hartlepool.

J. C. BARNES, 113, Northfield-rd., Walkley, Sheffield; well-known strain, of 20 years standing; Sheffield Challenge Cup winner (3 years in succession); having selected own breeders, can now spare few choice specimens, true to type, and full of quality and colour; cocks from 20/-, hens 10/- upwards; inspection cordially invited; approval with every pleasure; matched pairs a speciality.

AT the late Palace show several of the Norwich taking premier honours were bred from birds sold by me or bought direct from my rooms. I have proofs of this statement, no bounce. There are but few so-called champion strains that have not been built up from my great original strain; see my other adverts. under this column: Judge Silk, Whitstable.

WRIGHT & SON, 84, HEATH ROAD, NORWICH.
for good large prize-bred Norwich Plainheads, properly matched pairs, 10/6, 12/6, and 15/-; ditto cocks 7/6, 10/6, and 15/-; lot of good hens, well bred, 4/-, 5/-, and 7/6; approval.

POWICK'S CHAMPION NORWICH.
The same strain as the winners at all the leading shows, large typical cocks, in full song, 7/6, 10/6; hens, 5/6, 7/6 each; sure winners, 15/6 each; ten days' approval at my risk: W. Powick, Dewsbury.

A. PAYNE & SON,
Champion Norwich, reliable, typical stock birds, cocks 6/6, 7/6, 10/6, 15/-, 20/-; buff hens 4/-, 5/-, 7/6, 10/6; yellow hens, 5/-, 7/6, 10/6, 15/-, 20/-; pairs, matched for breeding, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, 20/- upwards; approval; satisfaction guaranteed: 24, Clarke-rd., Norwich.

BARGAINS IN NORWICH AND YORKS.
Foul yellow green cock, unflighted, 10/6; foul buff green hen, unflighted, 6/6; green marked buff cock, winner, 15/6; another unflighted, 10/-; green marked yellow cock, 8/6; also few pairs Yorkshires from 15/- pair; approval: Brierley, 24, Cromer-avenue, Bolton, Lancs.

GIVING UP.
Owing to removal I have for disposal five cocks, nine hens high-class typical Norwich. Three 2ft. breeding cages, with partitions, and 3ft. flight, together with all necessary utensils. No reasonable offer refused. Inspection invited. Splendid opportunity for beginner: W. A. Breeze, 88, Moundfield-rd., Stamford Hill.

CHAMPION NORWICH.
Winner of silver cup at Wimbledon for best unflighted Norwich, have still a few good birds to spare, all bred from this winning strain, single or pairs from 15/-; several good buff hens from 5/-; can guarantee they will breed something good; inspection invited: Dixon, 14, Claremont Avenue, New Malden.

NORWICH CANARIES.—14 days' trial our risk. Splendid Types. Cocks, 5/-, 6/-, 7/6, and 10/- each. Hens, 2/6, 3/6, and 5/-. Well-matched pairs, 7/6, 10/6, and 15/- per pair. Cages and all appliances, cheapest and best in Kingdom. Catalogue free. Patronised by Royalty, Experts, and Judges.—**Northern Aviaries, Ormskirk Road, Preston.**

CHAMPION STOCK NORWICH PLAINHEADS
I have one or two pairs of champion Norwich, guaranteed properly mated to breed winners, at the low price of 12/6, 15/- a pair, quality here, not quantity; one nest alone off these pairs will be worth the money; approval; cash or deposit: Edwin North, Breeder and Exhibitor, 477, Manchester-rd., Bradford.

SILK'S CUPS.
During next show season I am giving 10 cups valued at 21/- each, to purchasers of my champion Norwich at shows held in Scotland, England and Wales. Six will be given for unflighted birds bred from my champion strain. The four remaining to birds other than unflighted which have been purchased after the date of this advertisement, January 12th, 1912. Particulars of shows where these cups will be competed for will appear in "Cage Birds" at a later date. This will give fanciers in various districts a chance to view the really high-class Norwich bred from this strain.—Judge Silk, Whitstable.

A STRAIN THAT WINS.
Large yellow 1910 cock and buff unflighted hen, cock worth price of pair, 30/-; extra large unflighted buff cock, hot colour, very stout, 20/-, with good yellow unflig. hen 27/6; two nice unflig. yellow cocks at 10/- each; four grand unflig. buff hens at 7/6 each; very large 1910 buff hen, heavy varieg., 7/6, worth double; neat unflig. varieg. buff hen, very typical, 10/-; really fine 1910 cl. yell. cock, 25/-; two ticked yellow hens, both unflig., 7/6 each. See wins at Bolton, Rochdale, Manchester, Sheffield, Great Harwood, Preston, Derby, Crystal Palace; all open champion classes. Winner Whitehead Challenge Cup 1910 and 1911. Inspection by appointment, or approval: R. Allen, 196, Blackburn-rd., Bolton.

GOOD VALUE
ALL my stock, including Crystal Palace winners, must be sold; price very low to clear; list sent; stamp reply: Mr. M. Scholes, Woodcote, Ottery St. Mary, Devon.

WANTED,
Clear Unflighted Yellow Cock
a large, clear, unflighted, yellow cock, a winner, or fit to win in good company; send description, list of wins and price to: Richard Anderton, Breeze Hill, Cadley, Preston.

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invite 5,000 fanciers to send for their latest illustrated catalogue of Norwich and other Canaries; cheapest and best in the world; post free to any address.

A. FIDDAMENT, POSTMAN
can still supply pure Norwich yellow and buff cocks, 6/-, 7/6, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-; also typical hens, 5/-, 7/6, 10/6, 15/-; week's approval; deposit; apply: 105, Trinity-st., Norwich.

NOT BREEDING THIS SEASON
Can offer all my Norwich Plainheads at quarter their cost and value; none reserved; send early for following special bargains:—Extra large 1910 clear yellow cock, rare head, neck, and chest, champion for stock, 30/-, bargain; large typical 1911 clear yellow cock, topper all round, one of the very best of Norwich, £1; massive 1910 clear buff cock, slashing head and chest, £1, cost 50/-; monster variegated yellow cock, 1911 bred, rare head, chest, and colour, bargain at 25/-; marked buff cock, extra large, best of quality, 20/-, worth £2; massive clear yellow hen, 1910, bred last season five birds, I sold for £12, accept 20/- for her; 1911 bred, large, big-headed clear yellow hen, 12/6; variegated yellow hen, good size, big head, price 10/6; clinking 1911 clear buff hen, ideal Norwich, rare head, short wings and tail, beautifully frosted, price 20/-; marked buff hen, clinker, good quality, only 10/6; 1911 bred clear buff hen, one of the right sort, short and thick set, 10/6; best yellow hen living, such size and substance, real marvel, 1911 bred, price £3; above can breed great winners; none better ever offered at these low prices; first orders get them; satisfaction guaranteed to all buyers: Apply, George Cubley, Luttou Gowts, Long Sutton, Lincs.

JUST WHAT YOU WANT.
Big buff cocks, 15/- to 60/-; grand heads, necks, type and quality; bred from prize winners; worth double; a few fine yellow cocks; no single hens; stamp, approval; application by letter only.
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W. N. TURNER'S
champion winning Norwich have now scored
1st & 2nd CRYSTAL PALACE
and he has a few good stock birds for disposal at reasonable prices; see show reports of Bolton, Rochdale, Manchester, Sheffield O.S., Pendleton, and Salford, Stratford-on-Avon, Runcorn, Sheffield C.B.S., Blackburn, and Crystal Palace. This strain has been winning for the past 15 years, and still wins every time shown. A few pairs at 15/- and £1, would suit beginners; inspection invited: 3a, Percival-st., Hightown, Manchester.

RICHARD ANDERTON,
BREEZE HILL, CADLEY, PRESTON, LANCS.
has still the following Norwich for disposal. All are home-bred except the last two; they are guaranteed genuine and correct as advertised, in age and colour, and will be sent on approval to known fanciers. This strain has won many prizes this season at Burnley, Bolton, Newcastle, Liverpool, Gateshead, Preston, Great Harwood, Blackburn, Glasgow, and Scottish National, and finished third in the Norwich Plainhead Club Champion Cup competition. Fanciers should not miss this opportunity of getting stock birds from the same strain as the young yellow hen, only 9 months old, which was claimed at the Scottish National Show for £6 catalogue price. (1) Unflighted marked buff cock, nice type and quality, price 20/-; (2) unflighted marked yellow cock, 20/-; (3) clear buff cock, bred 1910, 20/-; (4) unflighted variegated yellow hen, 15/-; (5) clear buff hen, bred 1910, large, but bit rough, 12/6; (6) clear buff hen, bred 1910, natural colour, splendid type and quality, 12/6; (7) unflighted variegated buff hen, 10/-; (8) clear yellow hen, bred 1910, very large, with grand head, but rather long in flights, 30/-; (9) unflighted cinnamon marked buff hen, 12/6.

GREAT REDUCTIONS
I am, as an advertisement, offering for a few weeks, the most wonderful value ever offered to the Norwich Plainhead fanciers; my birds need no bounce. Most of the leading exhibitors have been supplied from my rooms. Grand pairs, which will do you some good. Don't waste valuable time and money on buying birds which have no pedigree. Silk's strain is unrivalled; champion, 30/-; pairs at 21/-; the best, 40/-; pairs at 30/6. The price is right and the quality wonderful; few pairs same blood, 15/-, not monsters. Don't hesitate, send now and secure something really high class; hens, yellow or buff, from 10/6 to 21/-; cocks, ditto, 8/6 to 21/-; every bird has a reputation, and all on 3 days' approval; satisfaction guaranteed: Judge Silk, The Norwich Specialist, Whitstable.

SPECIAL OFFER.
Champion Norwich Plainheads

Fanciers wishing to win or breed winners, or improve their breeding stock cannot do better than state their full requirements to me, as I have a really grand selection of extra choice high-class Norwich Plainheads. These birds have plenty of size and substance, grand type and quality, at very reasonable prices, and with these birds I defy competition. Large typical **yellow cocks, 9/-, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, 17/6, 21/-,** and upwards. Large typical **buff cocks, 8/6, 9/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, 17/6, 21/-,** and upwards. Large typical **yellow hens, 5/-, 6/-, 7/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, 17/6, 21/-,** and upwards. Large typical **buff hens, 4/-, 5/-, 6/6, 7/6, 8/6, 10/6 12/6, 15/-, 17/6, 21/-,** and upwards. Also judiciously matched pairs, to breed winners, **10/6, 12/6, 15/-, 17/6, 21/-, 25/-, 30/-,** and upwards. Any of these pairs would give novices a rare start in the Fancy, as they are bred from champion blood, and are correctly matched by a practical fancier of life experience. Many noted winners have been supplied by me, including Palace and other leading shows. Scores of unsolicited testimonials received from well-known breeders and exhibitors. Remember, I breed to sell; my customers buy to win, as I do not exhibit myself. Kindly state your requirements and price you wish to pay, and I will guarantee you full satisfaction. All cold-room bred; approval, cash or deposit.

L. WARMINGER, 28, Guernsey Rd., Norwich.

Crystal Palace, 1912.

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20/-; 25/-, 30/- 40/- per pair.

Also few grand yellow or buff cocks, 10/-, 12/6, 15/-, 20/-, 25/-, 30/- each, upwards. Champion yellow hens, 7/6, 10/-, 12/6, 15/-, 20/-, 30/- each, upwards. Splendid buff hens, 5/-, 7/6, 10/-, 12/6, 15/-, 20/- each, upwards. All pairs are personally matched by me for breeding winners. I have also a few good pairs at 10/6, 12/6, and 15/- per pair. Every bird on 7 days' approval. Easy payments arranged if desired. I guarantee absolute satisfaction to every customer. Send a P.C. for my free illustrated catalogue.

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Having selected my stock birds have few good hens to spare related to my winners Crystal Palace, Scottish National, Manchester, Birmingham and all the leading shows; prices, 10/6 upwards: Bob Johnson, Longton, Preston, Lancashire.

SPECIAL THIS WEEK!
20 Selected Pairs, 20/- Pair—approval.

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direct from our noted strains and Mr. Midgley's noted Crystal Palace strain this last few years. Not exhibiting this season can offer some of the best blood in the Fancy. Won year 1902 38 1sts, etc., 1903 50 1sts, gold medal International Show, also N.P.C. Challenge Cup, 1904 42 1sts, also N.P.C. Challenge Cup, second year in succession, 1906 38 1sts, etc., 1907 33 1sts, etc., 1909 30 1sts, etc. What more proof? All in best and keenest competition. Have some grand yellow cocks and hens, 10/-, 12/-, 15/-, 20/-, 30/- each. Buff cock and hens, 8/-, 10/-, 12/- 15/-, 20/- each. Grand Matched Pairs, specially selected by myself, 15/-, 20/-, 25/-, 30/- pair. Any on approval with pleasure. Breeders 30 years.

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PAIR genuine Hartz Roller Canaries, complete in cage, only 3/6: Broxup, Whittlefield, Burnley.

PURE bred Seifert Rollers; cocks from, 7/6; hens, 2/6; pairs Green, 12/6: Decker, 108, Kennington-rd., S.E.

SIX healthy 1911 English-bred Seifert Roller hens, price 3/6 each, £1 lot; approval: Carrington, Bridge st., Bakewell.

GRAND Hartz Mountain Roller cocks, full song, 5/6, 6/6, 7/6; hens 2/6; approval, deposit: Allen, Albert st., Wednesbury.

ROLLER organ, large flight cage, eight German singing cages complete, for 35/-, or near offer: 36, Morat-st., Brixton.

PURE Seifert cock, two hens, 1910 birds; what offers? sell or exchange good Norwich: Allmand, Sydney-st., Boston.

ROLLERS; bred in cold room; inspection invited; cocks, 10/6, 12/6; hens, 4/-: Wright, 17, Recreation ter., Holbeck, Leeds.

SEIFERT Rollers, 1911 rung, trained under Schoolmaster; cocks from 6/-; hens, 2/-; 7/6 pair: Dew, 41, Leicester-rd., Lewes.

GOOD home-bred Roller cocks, in full song, 6/-; hens, 1/6, 15/- dozen: Dolcman, No. 1, 2 Court, Market-st., Shaw, Oldham.

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GOOD Seifert hens, bred from 30/- parents, 2/6 each; approval, stamp: Bosworth, 265, Alcester-rd., King's Heath, Birmingham.

WHAT offers in Roller cocks, full song, for lady's gold watch, quite new, cost £4; approval: M'Keand, Hamilton-pl., Castle Douglas.

CANARIES, Rollers, many changes, 8/-, 9/-, 10/-; hens, 2/6 each; approval; stamp reply: Miss Hughes, 7, Wembrook-rd., Wem, Salop.

SEIFERT Rollers, no choppers, cold-room; cocks from 7/6, hens 3/-; approval willingly: Smith, 3, Torquay Villas, Rosmead-st., Hull.

ROLLERS cold room bred, in full song, 1911 cocks, 6/6; carriage paid; approval: John Noble, 10, Thornham-rd., High Crompton, Shaw.

CHOICE Roller Schoolmasters, and hens to match, at working-men's prices, cheap; approval, deposit: Yearsley, 118, Revidge, Blackburn.

LOVELY Leipsig cock Roller, 8/6, perfect tour of song, few hens same strain, rung 1911, 3/6: Mrs. Hermann, 489, Cambridge-rd., London.

WANTED Schoolmaster and shutter cage, exchange champion pair Yorkshires and breeding cage; mutual approval: Davies, Ipstones, Stoke-on-Trent.

ST. Andreasberg cold-room bred cocks, 6/6, 7/6, and upwards; hens 2/6; two for 4/6; cash or deposit: Simmonds, Gardener, 59, Emery-st., Walsall.

HIGH-class Rollers, from cup winner (Provincial 1911). B.R.C.C. rung, 1911 cocks from 20/- upwards, hens 10/-. Hanbury, 13, Railway-terr., Llanelly.

HIGH-CLASS Rollers, cold room, B.R.C.C. rung, organ and schoolmaster trained (Tweed's, Roehl's, Fould's), 7/6, 10/-; hens, 4/-: Lawrie, Kirkby Stephen.

NOTICE. Extra good St. Andreasberg Roller cocks, day and night songsters, 15/-; approval, easy payments taken: M'Keand, Seabright-villa, Castle-Douglas.

FOUR Seifert hens left; Corkindale and Fould's strain, kept in cold room, 2/6 each: honestly worth double; approval: Etherington, 226, Fletcher-rd., Preston.

HIGH-CLASS Rollers (Tweed's), cold-room bred, B.R.C.C. rung, splendid songsters; cocks from 7/6, hens 3/-; satisfaction guaranteed; approval: Bogue, Kirkby Stephen.

HIGH-CLASS Rollers at moderate prices; call and hear them; decent exchanges entertained; cocks 10/6 upwards; "Glucke" hens 5/-: Best, 5, Almaplace, Beckett-st., Leeds.

ENGLISH bred Seifert Rollers, cold-room bred, perfectly trained birds; cocks in full song 10/-, 12/6, 15/-, 21/- each; hens 2/6, 5/- each; approval: Walsh, Bird Specialist, Blackburn.

ONE Quock's organ, one glucke cock and hen, cost £7, take £5; one B.R.C.C. rung cock and two hens, 15/-, cage included: Powell, Confectioner, 381, Lower High-st., West Bromwich.

GLUCKE Rollers; two 1910 birds, cost, 32/6 each; sell for, 15/- each; three 1911 birds, 7/6 and 15/- each; in full song and ready for mating: Harrison, Fruiterer, Bradmore, Wolverhampton.

SEIFERT hens, B.R.C.C. 1911 rung, cold room bred; better blood impossible to get; 4/-, 5/-, and 7/- each; four last season's hens, unrung, 3/6 each: J. Leigh, 37, Bold-st., Altrincham, Cheshire.

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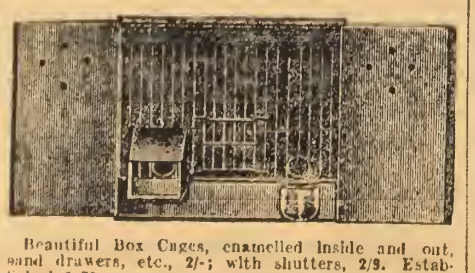

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HIGH-CLASS Yorkshires, 50 pairs, splendid length, type and quality, cocks 5/-, hens 3/-, inspection invited; approval; satisfaction guaranteed: Priestley, 131, Gaythorne-rd., Bradford.

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THREE grand pairs of Yorkshires for sale; cocks, 11/-; hens, 6/-; or 15/- pair; two Norwich hens, yellow, 9/- the two; approval, deposit: Hy. Jelley, 37, Penmaesglas, Penygraig, Glam.

LARGE buff cock, commended at Palace 1912, 15/-; also wing-marked buff cock, 8/6; also large ticked yellow cock, 7/6; hens, 4/- and upwards; approval: Gniffick, 1,048, Leeds-rd., Bradford.

CHAMPION Yorkshires, 40 high-class birds, my well-known winning strain, grand buff hens, from 15/- pair; inspection invited; approval: Rorke, 50, Ringmer-ave., Munster-rd., Fulham.

HIGH-CLASS Yorkshires, own breeding, still some grand birds left: cocks, 7/-, 8/-, 10/-; hens, 3/-, 4/-, 5/-; inspection invited; approval: Whiting, Ravensbury, Mordenrd., Mitcham, Surrey.

JUDSON'S high-class Yorkshires, colour-fed, splendid type and quality, cocks 5/- upwards, hens 3/- upwards; carriage paid; approval: Tobacconist, Market-st., Heddon Bridge, Yorkshire.

CHAMPION Yorkshires, bred from my winners; see reports, Clapham, Southend, L.C.B.A., Wimbledon, etc.; matched pairs from 12/6; odd cocks, 7/6: Penton, 1, Commercial-st., London, E.

HIGH-CLASS grand feathered Yorkshires; buff cock and yellow hen, or yell. cock and buff hen, 9/6 pair; nice buff marked hen, 3/6; approval: Jackson, Station-rd., Skelmanthorpe, Huddersfield.

EXCEPTIONAL bargain, unflighted yellow Yorkshire cock, won every time shown, now in better trim and make valuable stock bird: accept 25/-: Hawkes, Grove green-rd., Leytonstone.

EXTRA large yellow cock, 1911 bred, 12/6; another, 10/6; grand bird: variegated yellow hen, 1910 bred, grand position, 7/6; good strain; approval, deposit: McVicar, 21, Woodst., Tunbridge Wells.

GOOD Yorkshires, cocks from 6/-, hens from 2/6; three specially matched pairs, 10/- each; approval, deposit; exchange anything; exhibition British preferred: Lowe, 10, Station-rd., Kensal Rise, N.W.

NOTED winning colour-fed marked unflighted yellow Yorkshire cock, won under Robson, Heath, Vardy, Enfield Norman, accept 45/-, worth treble for stock; approval: Hawkes, 390, Grove Green-rd., Leytonstone.

GOOD type legged Yorkshires; buff cock, check and wings marked, 1 6; yellow marked cock, 15 6; hens to mate, 4/- each: Green cock, 16 6; hens to mate, 4/6 each: buff hens, 4 - each; buff Cinnamon hen, 4/6; Green hens, 4 6 each; buff variegated hen, 5 6; these birds are in breeding condition: Kightley, Mount Pleasant-rd., Finsbury Park, N.

HIGH-CLASS Yorkshires, splendid length, type and quality; cocks from 5/-, hens from 3/-; pairs 8/- upwards; few grand pairs 12/6 and 15/- pair; approval; satisfaction guaranteed: Greenwood, Colne-rd., Crosshills, Keighley.

YORKSHIRES, best blood obtainable, cocks from 5/-, hens from 3/-; pairs, properly mated for breeding winners, 7/6 upwards, full of quality, carriage paid; approval: Edgar King, Fairfield, Hebden Bridge, Yorkshire.

WINNERS cheap; Frank Potter, winner Hull challenge cup three years in succession, can spare unflighted buff, 17/6, winner 2nd; unflighted cap-marked yellow, 15/-; clear, 12/6; also few hens; approval, stamp: Thornby-st., Hull.

CHAMPION Yorkshires, bred from my winners, Bolton, Sale, Sheffield, etc.; must clear, owing to removal; cocks 7/6, hens 5/-, worth double; satisfaction guaranteed: Radford, 114, Second-avenue, Trafford-park, Manchester.

YORKSHIRES, bred from winners at Chopwell, Gateshead, Newcastle, Blaydon, Hartlepool, Sunderland, etc., cinnamon-marked and clears, cocks from 7/6, hens from 5/-, pairs 12/6; approval: Cattell, Wingrove-rd., Newcastle-on-Tyne.

J. ROBERTSHAW finds that he must still further reduce his breeding stock, which are all related to or bred from his winners in open competition at all the leading shows, prices from 12/6 per pair: 151, Bolton-brow, Sowerby Bridge, Yorks.

KING'S celebrated Yorkshires, splendid length, type, and quality, bred from my cup winners; cocks from 5/-; hens from 3/6; perfectly matched pairs, 8/6 upwards; approval, deposit; carriage paid: Sydney B. King, Mytholm, Hebden Bridge.

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YORKSHIRES; owing to illness, must reduce my stock of Yorkshires; three yellow unflighted cocks, 10/- each, worth double: three buff cocks, 8/- each; three yellow hens, from 4/- each; approval, cash deposit: Atherton, Worsbro' Common, Barnsley.

CLEAR yellow cock, winner two firsts, one third, vhc Palace, 42/-; ticked buff cock, good size, with big clear yellow hen, 15/-, few long yellow and buff hens, 10/- each; several smart hens cheap to clear; approval: Knight, Beech Holt, Shelford, Cambridge.

HEALTHY Yorkshire stock, consisting of 6 cocks, 12 hens, 9 double breeders, 2 good flights, with movable partitions, 8 show cages, 2 cases, nest pots, wires, extra drinkers, egg pots, etc., to be sold reasonable: Newiss, Park-grove, Keighley, Yorkshire.

GRAND long slim buff Yorkshire cock, 10/6; grand reachy yellow hen, 7/6, 16/- pair; grand reachy yellow cock, 10/6; long reachy buff hen, 7/-, 16/- pair; another grand pair, 12/-; grand healthy birds; bargains; approval willingly: Miss Stone, Fleet, Belper.

FOR sale, five yellow, one buff Yorkshire hens, 1910 bred, good and cheap, 18/-; also two clear and one variegated smart buff hens, 5/- each, 1911 bred; all bred from best of stock; room wanted; cash or deposit with Editor: J. Skinner, 4, Alma-rd., Millfield, Peterboro'.

CHAMPION Yorkshires, long leggy upstanding birds, just the sort to breed winners, 6/6, 7/6, 8/6, 10/6, upwards; hens, 5/6, 6/6, 7/6, 10/6; pairs, properly mated, breed winners, 12/6, 15/-, 20/-; approval, 4 days; 26 years' breeder, exhibitor; Frank Stevens, Great Ayton, Yorkshire.

GOOD typical Yorkshires, nearly all 1911 bred; cocks, 5/-, 5/6, 6/-; pairs, 7/6, 8/6; properly matched for breeding; one cinn. marked yellow cock, 1910, with 1911 clear buff hen, 9/6; guaranteed cold-room bred and kept, colour-fed; approval, deposit; satisfaction guaranteed: Foxon, Boot Dealer, Hinckley.

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40, Raleigh-rd., Southville, Bristol, has a few really good Yorkshires, for disposal: cocks, 7 6, 10/-, 12/6; hens, 5/-, 7/-, 9/- upwards.

W. G. ANDREWS,

to make room for breeding, has still a few pairs for sale, at 10/-; single cocks from 7/6; no single hens: approval: 1, Hayes-st., West Bromwich.

CUTHBERTSON'S

Yorkshires still to the front; owing to having to reduce stock, several this season's winners for sale, and also grand stock birds very cheap for quick sale; approval: Manor House, Heighington, R.S.O.

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Stylish Yorkshires, clear and cinnamon marked: cocks or hens, 7/6, 10/-, 20/- each; bred from my winners Bolton, Manchester, Bradford, Crystal Palace; approval: Ramsbottom-st., Accrington.

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The Southern Champions, have still a few good birds to spare, single or pairs, same way bred as our Palace and other winners, from 15s.; pair best obtainable; approval; stamp reply; inspection invited: 73, Fermoy-rd., Paddington, or Oakley, Brill, Bucks.

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Unflighted Yorkshires; yellow hen, winner 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th only times shown, 25/-, bargain; ticked buff hen, 12/6, same nest as supplied to Parker, 2nd Palace; unflighted yellow class (claimed), two yellow hens, 7/6 each; two buff hens, 6/-; approval: T. Walker, 4, Dimsdale-parade, Wolstanton, Staffs.

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The same strain as the winners at all the leading shows; length, type and quality; cocks in full song, 7/6, 10/6; hens, 5/6, 7/6 each; sure winners, 15/6 each; ten days' approval at my risk: W. Powick, Dewsbury, Yorkshire.

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Long stock bird; cocks from, 7/6; hens, real gems, from 6/-; all colours, matched pairs; real bargains from, 12/6; satisfaction guaranteed; approval; cash or deposit: 12, Angel-st., Baildon, Yorks.

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I have a few specially matched pairs of selected Yorkshires, guaranteed to breed winners, direct from one of the finest Bradford strains in the Fancy, at 10/6, 12/6, 20/-, 25/- a pair, also a few winners to spare, that have won on the bench this season, at reasonable prices; stamp particulars; please note, these pairs are honestly worth double the amount I am asking for them, and are genuine healthy stock, not rubbish; week's approval, cash or deposit: Edwin North, Breeder and Exhibitor, 477, Manchester-rd., Bradford.

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It is absolutely ridiculous for those wanting first class specimens thinking they can get them from the men with the small quantities, the three or four winners they have cannot be bought at any price, as they must keep them to sell their surplus on their reputation. We have the largest and most wonderful stock of winners that has ever been in one room; over 40 first prize winners this season, and 20 of them for sale, reasonable. We have shown more winners that we have bred this season than any other six exhibitors put together. For proof see our winnings this season. Winning Carl's Trophy, the G.M.Y.C.C. Trophy outright with birds bred by exhibitor; both Y.C.C. competitions; the Yorkshire challenge trophy, Ramsden 6-guinea cup, £10 Yorkshire Union trophy 5 years in succession, which now becomes our own property with an aggregate of 1,418 points, only 3 birds to count, nearly 200 more points than any exhibitor; another world's record, champion diploma at Crystal Palace, 1911; also we have bred and sold four of the first prize winners at Palace, 1912; four years in succession winning the C.M.Y.C.C. Our strain has won more competitions and trophies than any other; so write direct to the breeders who breed their own winners and can give an honest pedigree and all details how bred. Cocks or hens 7/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/6, 20/-, 30/- each. We guarantee the best value in England. Inspection invited, all birds sent on approval; deposit: Ogden Bros., Dudley Hill, Bradford.

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Members Shows.

Warrington C.B.S.: Pair show, held Feb. 1st, Mr. Knowles judging. Principal winners, Yorks., Mr. Hardy; Nor., Mr. Nelson; Borders, Messrs. Nelson and Barrett; Muling, Mr. Nelson.—G. M. Nelson, sec.

New Cross and District C.B.S.: Pair show, held People's Hall, Deptford, Feb. 1st. Forty entries received. Messrs. Weston and Childers accepted members. Mr. Gillard special for best Nor. pair; Mr. Rouson, best Yorks; Mr. Pope, best muling pair. Mr. E. Meades judged. Principal winners: Champ. Nor., Mr. Pope; Novice Nor., Mr. Gillard; Novice Yorks., Mr. Rouson; Bord., Messrs. Burton, Bros., Culham; Brit. muling, Mr. Pope; Foreign muling, Mr. Pope.—Barton and Barton, joint hon. secs.

Leyton C.B.S.: Held Feb. 5, Grange Park Hall, Sp. for best bird (a Norwich hen), Mr. F. Marshall. Judges, Messrs. W. Morris (Nor.), and A. B. Forse (Yorks.). Principal winners: Yorks, Messrs. Farmer, Wilkins; Nor., Messrs. Webb, Marshall.—Forse and Son, Hon. Secs.

Glasgow (West End) C.B.C.: Held Feb. 9, Co-op Hall, St. George's Cross, for matched pairs. Principal winners: Crests, Messrs Hamilton, Whyte; Nor., Mr. Miller; Borders: Mr. Miller; Yorks, Messrs. Hendry, Pinnock; A.O.V., Mr. Hamilton; Muling, Messrs. Prentice, Proudfoot; Hybridising, Messrs. Seath, E. Taylor, dark Mule, Messrs. E. Taylor, D. Taylor.—W. Proudfoot, Hon. Sec.

Widnes C.B.S.: Muling and Norwich pair show held Feb. 8, Grosvenor Hotel, Judge, Mr. J. Guy (Runcorn). Principal winners: Muling, Messrs. Johnston, Leicester, Murray, Bleor; Brit., Messrs. Leicester, Johnston, Murray; Norwich, Messrs. Andrews, Johnston; Nor. Greens, Messrs. Jenkins, Jones; Borders, Mr. Andrews; Yorks., Mr. Higham.—S. Andrews, Hon. Sec.

Walkden C.B.S.: Held Bull's Head Hotel, Feb. 6. The room is an ideal one. Several Eccles members visited us, and a few new members were elected. Judge, Mr. Clowe. Decided to hold another how before long. Principal winners: A.O.V., Mr. Toothill; pairs, Mr. Howard; British, Messrs. Gaskell, Mullineut, Doyle, Moss, Howard, Mann.—H. Howard, Sec.

Clydebank C.B.C.: Pair show held Higgins Hall, Feb. 10; Judge, Mr. C. Campbell (Glasgow). Principal winners: Nor., Mr. McNeil; Borders, Mr. Buchanan; Yorks, Mr. Kane; A.O.V., Mr. Adams; Muling, Messrs. Adams, Simpson.

Gt. Horton O.S.: Held Feb. 10, Club rooms, 83 birds staged; Judge, Mr. T. Bennett. Principal winners' Yorks., Messrs. Hainsworth and Son, Ormondroyd, G. Midgley, E. Self, S. Midgley, Gaunt, Myers and Lumb, Lister, Hudson, F. Self, Hodgson, Fieldhouse.—J. Holroyd, Sec.

Mansfield C.B.S.: Pair show held "Horse and Groom," Feb. 10. Principal winners, Nor., Mr. Hawkesley; Crests, Mr. Norwood; Yorks., Mr. Oscroft; Hybrids, Mr. Mallatrat. B. Gabbitass, Press Correspondent.

Ashton-u.-Lyne O.S.: Held Feb. 6, P.S.A. Rooms (the first of a series at which points will count for cash prizes). Judge, Mr. J. Sharples (president of the Oldham C.B.S.). Principal winners: Nor., Messrs. Foxall, Lawton.—J. R. Colville, Sec.

Attercliffe C.B.S.: Pair show, held Horse and Jockey Hotel, Feb. 8. Principal winners: Nor., Mr. Haveuhand; York., Messr. Webster, Walker, Yorks. novice, Mr. Exton; Muling, etc., Messrs. Hailstone, Havenhand. W. Hailstone, Hon. Sec.

Rotherham C.B.S.: Pair show held Mail Coach Inn; Mr. F. Gregory judge. Principal winners: Yorks., Pairs, Mr. R. J. Smith; Nor. and Mule, Mr. W. Bagnall.—B. Bailey, Sec.

Leicester (Hand-in-Hand) C.B.S.: Held White Swan, Feb. 6th. Judge, Mr. E. Noakes. Principal winners: Messrs. Neal, Gibbins and Freestone; Novices, Messrs. Jolly, Moores, Reeves and Hewitt.—A. Freestone, Sec.

Leicester C.B.S.: Held Feb. 8th. Judge, Mr. T. Claypole, for A.V. Nor. hens (except unflighted). Principal winners: Open, Messrs. Adams and Harrison; Novice, Messrs. Wortley, Smith and Moore.—G. H. Groocock, Hon. Sec.

Hull C.B.S.: Held Feb. 5, Oddfellows' Hall, where 71 matched pairs were staged. Judges, Messrs. G. Harland (Yorks. and A.O.V.), and T. Perkins (Norwich. Principal winners: Nor., Messrs. Walker, Harland; Nor., Messrs. Ridley, F. F. Potter, Cross, P. Potter, Smith, Girling, Lambert; A.O.V., Messrs. Pepper, Sowden.—E. R. Ridley, Hon. Sec.

Dunfermline C.B.S.: Breeding pair show held Co-op. Hall, Feb. 3. Judges, Messrs. A. and J. Anderson and A. Dickson. Principal winners: J. Anderson and A. Dickson. Principal winners: Crests, Mr. Howie; Nor., Messrs. Wildridge, Prentice; Borders, Messrs. Kennaway, Campbell; Common, Messrs. Campbell, Rankine; Mules, Messrs. McLaren, Rankine.—R. T. Campbell, Sec.

Queen's Park C.B.A.: Pair show, held Feb. 10; 72 pairs shown. Mr. J. Robson judged. Principal winners: Champ. Nor., Mr. Roberts; novice, Messrs. Warwick, Clark; Yorks. champ., Messrs. Hawes Bros.; amat., Mr. Lloyd; novice, Mr. Lawrence; A.O.V., Mr. Warwick; Mules, Messrs. Clark, Birch.— J. C. Birch, hon. sec.

Llandudno C.B.S.: Held headquarters, Feb. 7th, Mr. H. W. Sheldon judging. Best bird in show, J. L. and J. Pike. Principal winners: Nor., Messrs. Jones, Griffith; Yorks, Messrs. Pike, Thomas; A.O.V., Mr. Thompson; Mule or Hyb., Mr. D. G. Jones; Brit., Messrs. Hughes, England, Hartle; Wood and D. G. Jones.—F. S. Berry, Hon. Sec.

West of Scotland O.S.: Matched pairs show held Nelson's Temperance Hotel, Feb. 3, 50 pairs on show; Mr. J. Lawrie judged; points spl. won by Mr. H. Graham, with 22 points, also special for best 1st and 2nd in muling pairs; spl. Crests, Mr. Summerhill; best Nor.; Mr. W. Hutchinson; best Borders, Mr. J. Munro. Principal winners, Messrs. Summerhill, Tweedie; Nor., Mr. Hutchinson; Borders, Messrs. Munro, Brownlie; Mule, etc., Mr. Graham.—W. Hutchinson, Sec.

Border City (Carlisle) O.S.: Pair show, held headquarters. About 50 cages were put before the judges, Messrs. Dolan (Canaries) and G. Davidson (Hybrid Pairs, British and Foreign). Principal winners: Borders, Messrs. Higgins; Macartney; Nor., Messrs. White, Higgins; Hybrid pairs, Messrs. White, Holmes; British, Messrs. Chaplin, Holmes; Palfrey; For., Mr. Bell.—J. C. Bell, Sec.

Walkley C.B.S.: Held Feb. 8. Principal winners: British, Messrs. J. and C. Scott; Muling Pairs, Messrs. J. and C. Scott, Bailey; Novice, Yorks., Pairs, Messrs. Chadwick, Smith; Norwich Pairs, Messrs. Bailey, Curley.—C. Tomlinson, Sec.

Springburn, Possil Park C.B.C.: Held Feb. 7th, Reid Hall. Judges, Messrs. J. Brown and M. Craig. Principal winners: Norwich, Messrs. McLeod, Crawford; Crests and C.B., Mr. Lindsay; Borders, Messrs. Crawford, Swan, Hughes; Muling Pairs, Messrs. Donachy, Dunlop; Bullfinch Hyb. Pairs, Mr. Crawford; A.V. Hyb., Mr. Gordon.—J. Waugh, Sec. and Treas.

Boldon Colliery C.B.S.: Held Co-operative Hall, Feb. 10. Judge, Mr. A. Widdowfield. Principal winners: Nor., Messrs. Stephenson, Mason; Yorks., Mr. Stern; Borders, Crest, C.B., Mr. Tracey; Mule, Mr. Stephenson; British, Messrs. Tucker, Urvin, Stephenson.—A Widdowfield, Sec.

Oxford C.B.S.: Pair show held Feb. 1st, headquarters. After the judging Mr. Lewin demonstrated his reasons for placing the awards as he did. Principal winners: Nor.: Messrs. Lees, Wren. A.V. Amat.: Messrs. Wood and Tombs. Stock, 30s.: Messrs. Lees, Castle. 15s.: Messrs. Lees, Castle. Pair show, March 7th, for Hybrid pairs.—A. F. Fifield, Sec.

Holmfirth C.B.S. Held Feb. 2nd. Judge, Mr. R. Greensmith. Principal winners, Messrs. Bray, Hellawell, Lee, Charlesworth, Beaumont, Sandford.—T. Smith, Sec.

I am delighted with your Birthday Number of CAGE BIRDS. The photos in themselves are well worth threepence. We have also a large collection of information—in the huge advertisements where everything that is wanted can be had; and in interesting articles, correspondence, and general advice. The issue is worthy of being retained in the treasury of the bird lover. The occasion of such an issue is a fitting opportunity to your regular readers to purchase an additional copy of the Birthday Number, and present it to a new reader, one who keeps birds. I do so to awaken an interest in your premier publication on cage bird subjects. I wish you every success in the year CAGE BIRDS has now entered upon.—Thomas Smith (Glasgow).

Allow me to wish you many happy returns of the day. Long may CAGE BIRDS live and help the novice, amateur, and champion alike. What a grand Birthday Number you have given us! The calendar is extra good, the British, Canaries, and a foregn bird looking extra fine; every bird fancier should procure one for his bird room. The plate of Goldfinch Hybrids appeals to me very much, and I am going to make a bold bid to breed one or two like them this season. The supplement is a treat indeed, and reflects great credit upon your artist-in-chief, Mr. H. Norman. The number is a real bumper for advertisements, and I have made a few purchases through it. My society wishes me to thank you for the report of our show of Dec. 26.—Arthur H. C. Legg, hon. sec., Mid-Rhondda C.B.S.

The Birthday Issue of CAGE BIRDS is more than up to its previous issues, and issuing the calendar a week or two after the New Year commences is a good business policy, for one gets so many calendars all at once about Christmas time that one is surfeited, while your beautiful art one coming later is all the more appreciated. I was particularly in love with that gorgeous plate of "Indian Jewels" (a worthy title) and it renewed covetous longings in my bird-loving mind to possess that "prince of songsters," the Shama. But the fates (in the shape of an empty exchequer) forbid that luxury yet awhile. The letterpress is delightful to the eye, and it is crammed full of good things, and should be appreciated by all your many readers. I trust 1912 will be a good year for CAGE BIRDS circulation.—Dan McArthur (Edinburgh).

CLUB & SOCIETY NOTICES

ONE notice of any forthcoming Society meeting inserted free. It should reach us not later than Tuesday morning's post. Specially printed Club Notice Postcards may be had free on application to our Manager. Secretaries should always use them.

Ardwick and Manchester C.B.A.—Feb. 20, Onward Hall, 8. Table show of Yorks. pairs. Judge, Mr. G. Pike (North Manchester). Will members return all unsold tickets for amalgamated show?—J. Spencer.

Ashton-under-Lyne O.S.—Feb. 20, P.S.A. Rooms, 7.30. Table show of Yorks, matched pairs; 2 classes, yell. and buff cocks, A.V. Judge, Mr. J. Stirrup (Manchester). Staged 7.30.—J. R. Colville.

Bramley O.S.—Feb. 17, Old Unicorn Hotel, 7. Presentation of prizes. Fanciers and friends invited.—W. H. Steel.

Bradford West C.B.A.—Feb. 17, Shoulder of Mutton, 8. Special meeting to consider and vote on new Union rules.—Kilburn and Western.

Bradford East O.S.—Feb. 20, Park Chapel Schools, 8. Presentation of Union ballot paper. Voting for Union officials, new rules, etc. Members requested to attend and register vote. New members invited. —H. Hill.

Bankfoot C.B.S.—Feb. 17, Red Lion Hotel, 2.30. Open show. Entry 6d. per cage. Good specials. Champion and novice classes. Entries taken Friday night, or up to 2.30 p.m., on Saturday. Judge, Mr. J. Bailey, also Tuesday, Feb. 20, monthly meeting. —F. Gelder.

Birkenhead C.F.A.—Feb. 20, Abbett's Cafe Room, Market Street. Birds to be staged at 7.45, points to count. Pair show: Yorks. 2 classes, Greens 2, Nor. 2, Nor. Greens, Bord., Crest, 1, A.O.V. Judge, Mr. J. Burns. New members enrolled after show.—A. E. Lloyd.

Coventry O.S.—Feb. 21, Sydenham Palace, 8.30. Judge for annual show, etc.—A. J. Barratt.

Cheltenham C.B.S.—Feb. 21, Sydney Arms Hotel, 8. Pair matching competition.—A. S. Treasure.

Cowdenbeath C.B.S.—Feb. 21, Breingan's, 7. Club show, balance sheet, etc.—J. R. Reid.

Clitheroe C.B.S.—Feb. 17, Bennett's Tea Room, 2 o'cl. Pair show birds to be staged at 2 o'cl. Judge, Mr. L. Grainger. Fed on tables at 5 o'cl., after which a lecture by Mr. Briggs.—J. Southworth.

Dunfermline C.B.S.—Feb. 24, Co-operative Hall, 7. Consideration of open show.—R. T. Campbell.

Derby C.B.S.—Feb. 24, Derwent Hotel, 7. Question of open show and important financial business. Wharam and Bamsey.

Ealing, Hanwell F.S.—Feb. 22, Hanwell Library, 8 o'c. Annual general meeting.—W. Bird.

Edinburgh C.B.S.—Feb. 20, Cairns Memorial Hall, Gorgie Road, 7.30. General business and lecture by Mr. J. Steel (Dalkeith), "Birds, vari-vorous, from Field to Bench." All questions must be written. New members and friends welcomed.—J. I. Mackie.

Eccles C.B.S.—Feb. 21, Diamond Inn, 8. New members.—J. Hall.

Green C.A.—Feb. 22, Oldham Hall, Liverpool, 8. Table show, Brit.; notices of motion; nominations for officers; re annual dinner, etc.—G. Green.

Great Horton O.S.—Feb. 27. Clubhouse, 8. Special business.—J. Holroyd.

Hartlepools C.B.S.—Feb. 21, Y.M.C.A., Whitley Street, 8. Annual pair show. Visitors invited.—Woodhead and Pyman.

Haltwhistle C.B.S.—Feb. 19, Mr. Nicholson's, 8 o'c. Election of officers, judges, etc.—Nicholson and Tallantyre.

Halifax O.S.—Feb. 17, Plummet Line Hotel. Members' pair show. Birds staged 7.30. Judge, Mr. S. Drake (Halifax).—F. Burdekin.

Jarrow C.B.S.—Feb. 20, Lockhart's Cafe, Ormonde Street, 8.—M. Coltman.

Kelty and Blairadam C.B.A.—Feb. 20, Headquarters, 6. Important; judges for pair show.—A. Dickson.

London and Counties A.C.B.—Feb. 17, Earl Cathcart, Osnaburgh Street, N.W., 7.—R. J. Pretty.

Llanelly P.P.C.B.S.—Feb. 17, Headquarters, 8. Important matters to be considered.—D. Griffiths.

Lalsterdyke B.F.A.—Feb. 20, Railway Hotel, 8.15. Very important business for the Fancy in general; vote on Union; ballot paper matter.—J. E. Hudson.

Larkhall C.B.A.—Feb. 24, Miners' Hall, 5. Pair show: 4 Can. classes, 4 Muling and Hybrid; 3 good special prizes; admission free.—J. Pollock.

Leicester C.B.S.—Feb. 22, Saracen's Head Hotel. Table show: A.V. Nor. Nat. col. ck., open and novice; and ditto hen.—G. H. Groocock.

Leicester Hand-in-Hand C.B.S.—Feb. 20, White Swan, 8.30. Cl. or tkd. buff; mkd. or variog. buff; ditto novice.—A. Freestone.

Mid-Rhondda C.B.S.—Feb. 20, White Hart Hotel, Tonypandy, 7. General business and fixing of pair show, also washing exhibition.—A. H. C. Legg.

Metropolitan C.B.A.—Feb. 17, All Saint's Mission Hall, Prince of Wales Road, Battersea, S.W., 8.30. Payment of prize money, etc.—J. Best.

Manchester N.C.O.S.—Feb. 19, Deansgate Hotel, 7.45. Table show of Yorks.—H. Boothman.

Manningham C.B.A.—Feb. 17, Headquarters, 7.30. Social, prize distribution; fanciers invited. Feb. 19, members attend to vote ,on Union ballot paper dates for members' shows.—H. Grange.

Musselburgh O.S.—Feb. 24, Gray Horse, 7. Discussion on open and members' show, rules, etc. Full attendance requested.—W. Nisbet.

North Shields C.B.C.—Meetings held first Wednesday of every month (members please note), at 37, Howdon Road, North Shields.—R. P. Fox.

Northowram C.B.S.—Feb. 17, Yew Tree Inn. Pair show. Birds staged 2.45.—S. Sykes.

Pudsey Stanningley C.B.S.—Feb. 19, Fleece Hotel, 8. Yorkshire Union ballot paper.—H. Raistrick.

Queen's Park C.B.A.—Feb. 22, Emmanuel Hall, 8. Prize distribution. Lecture by Mr. J. Robson, subject "Breeding and Pairing," etc. Visitors invited. —W. J. Lethbridge, jun.

Sheffield O.S.—Feb. 20, Rose and Crown Hotel, 8. Very important.—Bishop and Colton.

Stockport B.F.A.—Feb. 20, Boar's Head Hotel, 8. Pair show for members; fanciers invited.—W. Stafford.

South Manchester C.B.S.—Feb. 22, Headquarters, 8. Decide future of the society. Please return unsold tickets.—W. Knight.

Spen Valley C.B.S.—Feb. 19, Commercial Hotel, 8. Members' show, birds to be staged 3 o'c. Judge, Mr. J. Wilson. First show of season (see schedules).—J. Lewis.

Shipley O.S.—Feb. 20, Prince of Wales, 8. Union ballot paper.—A. Tillotson.

Sale C.B.S.—Feb. 19, Volunteer Hotel, 8. Table show business.—A. Royle.

Tong C.B.S.—Feb. 17, Hand and Shuttle Inn, Dudley Hill. Members' show. Birds staged 3. Judge, Mr. F. Allen (Cleckheaton); also Feb. 20, 7.45, ballot paper discussion.—W. Walker.

Wimbledon C.B.S.—Feb. 20, 6, Broadway, 6. Annual pair show. Judge, Mr. J. Robson.—H. Smith.

Walsall C.B.S.—Feb. 21, White Hart, Caldmore, 8. Settling for tickets, etc. Arranging date for Mr. Davis's lecture.—F. Price.

Walkden C.B.S.—Feb. 20, Bull's Head Hotel, 7.30. Classes for table show, Mar. 2, 1912.—H. Howard.

Wibsey C.B.S.—Feb. 17, Horse and Groom Inn, 8. Annual general meeting.—H. C. Crossley.

Wandsworth F.S.—Feb. 22, "Red Lion," 8.—W. Lightfoot.

The Young Naturalist.

*"The Coals Have Come."

A lady was anxiously waiting for a load of coals which she had ordered from the stores. "Eh, dear," she said, "I wish the stores people would bring that coal." Shortly after there was a loud peal of thunder, and the Parrot was startled for a moment, and then exclaimed, "I say, mother, t'coals come." (From "Co-operative News.")—Sent by Doris Allsop (aged 10). No. 5, Cavendish Street, Mansfield, Notts.

*Polly's Impertinence.

My mother told me about a photographer in Falkirk who had a Parrot which was a splendid speaker. It hung in the kitchen, which was at the back. He had a paint shop in one of the front rooms. One day a woman went into the shop on business; and Polly called out: "Are you a beggar? Go to the back door." The woman was very angry, and said to the mistress: "Aye, that's an impident servant o' yours, asking me if I was a beggar and telling me to go to the back door." The mistress said it could not be the servant, as she was out; it would be the Parrot. "Na, na, ye mauna tell me that." Nor would she be convinced until she was taken into the kitchen to see Polly hanging up in its cage.—James Dick (aged 12), 7, Brodie Street, Bainsford, Falkirk.

**The Wise Robin.

One day a Robin built its nest in our garden hedge and laid three beautiful eggs, but the hedge began to fall away on that side, and stones came down and broke the eggs. Then the Robin left the nest, and we knew not where it had gone. About a month after this my father was cutting the hedge on the other side, and just as he had cut away some grass and leaves, he saw a nest with four young Robins, almost ready to fly. He fixed up a shelter of sticks and bushes, which he had cut down, to prevent the cats from getting at the birds. He then left them, and soon after we saw them hopping about on the same hedge. This was the same Robin which had built its nest on the other side of the hedge, and came regularly for its food in the backyard every morning. We often find birds, such as Sparrows, in the pantry eating the egg food and biscuits prepared for the cage birds.—Sent by Marie Whell (aged 12), The Parade, Mousehole, Penzance.

OUR PICTURE PUZZLE.

Result of the "Jumbled Canaries" Competition.

A very large number of readers entered for our Birthday Number "Jumble" competition. It will be remembered that the front page of that issue contained an illustration of two Canaries, but the artist's original was caretully cut into many and variously shaped pieces; being reproduced in a form which required not a little skill in placing together. The competition (in which we offered one Guinea for the best attempt at pasting up the pieces so as to resemble the artist's first drawing, a copy of which was kept as a "key") proved both popular and (to us) entertaining. The prize of one Guinea, we are glad to be able to announce, goes to

Mr. A. W. Mantach,
Glenesk Lodge,
Dalkeith,
Scotland,

to whom a cheque will in due course be sent. This gentleman's attempt is exceedingly neat.

Following very hard after, come the attempts of Mrs. Walter Gamble (South Wigston, nr. Leicester), and Messrs. T. P. Pratt (Dudley) and G. Pridham (Plymouth).

A very artistic coloured effort was sent in by Mr. G. Fuidge, of Southampton, but as it was not specified in the conditions that coloured solutions would be admitted into competition we had to pass this over, otherwise it would no doubt have been one of the four leading attempts.

Creditable attempts were also sent by Mrs. A. Lawford (Huddersfield), Mrs. A. Leslie Miller (London, S.E.), Mrs. F. Terry (Stamford), Mrs. E. W. Waldock (London, N.), the Misses Gertrude Fishburn (Keighley), Lily Golledge (London, S.W.), Dorothy Hawkes (Leytonstone), A. Johnson (Lancaster), Quarter Master Sergeant J. H. Beale, R.E. (Devonport), Messrs. W. Audley (Edmonton), W. Bailey (Bury St. Edmunds), T. P. Baxter (Runcorn), H. F. Bowring (London, S.W.), L. J. Bonfield (Bridport), W. Cutton (Great Yarmouth), W. Hale (Leicester), F. Hammond (Bradford), T. Hoey (Bristol), S. Linzmann (London, E.C.), A. Moorman (Carisbrooke Castle), E. C. Munday (Worcester Park), A. Pressey (Bridlington), A. T. Southwood (Liverpool), Matt Stapley (Whitby), H. Tate (Leeds), C. Wetherill (Wetherby), P. E. Woodhouse (Reigate), and H. Yorke (Badminton R.S.O.); and Masters R. E. Brenchley-Bendall (Aldershot), and J. Maxwell (Wallsend).

Club Reports.

BORDER CITY (Carlisle) O.S.

In connectinn with the pair show held last week, a judging competition took place amongst the members, points being taken according to the set judge's decisions on the first three birds in each class. Winners: 1, T. Holme, with a score of 29 points; 2, W. Wilson, with 27; 3, R. Thomlinson, 26; 4, T. J. Robson and G. Higgins, 22; 5, H. C. Palfrey and J. G. White, 21.—J. Bell, Sec.

WEST OF SCOTLAND O.S.

Meeting and show of matched pairs held Feb. 3rd, Nelson's Temperance Hotel, Mr. P. Thorn presiding. A large turnout of members. Following gentlemen accepted as members: Messrs. J. Brownlie, T. Lindsay, C. Bannatyne, H. Nimmo, G. McGavin, C. Pollock, R. Herd. Mr. Laurie was accorded a vote of thanks for judging. Agreed to nominate judges for annual at March meeting. New members now being enrolled.—Wm. Hutchinson, Sec.

NORTH SHIELDS & DIS. C.B.S

First annual meeting held Feb. 7. Reports of club and show read out, and a very substantial balance shown; £1 15s. 6½d. balance of club; £1 19s. 2½d. balance of show; total, £3 14s. 9d. Members highly appreciate the efforts of all workers. Officers all unanimously re-elected, whilst a few of our noted townsmen had their names put forward for vice-presidency. Miss Crawford re-elected president. We have the names of 34 new members—a grand start, and if we keep on progressing we will soon rank among the best of clubs.—R. P. Fox, hon. sec.

BRADFORD WEST C.B.A.

Annual tea, social, and prize distribution held Feb. 10th, "Shoulder of Mutton." An excellent repast provided and greatly appreciated. After tea the president (Mr. W. A. Cowgill) opened the programme with a few choice words. Songs were rendered by Messrs. A. Star (comic), F. Western and A. Whitley, and Miss Richardson. Prizes were presented to winners:—Champion section: 1st and cup, W. Crabtree, 110 points; 2nd, A. Whitley, 84, silver teapot; 3rd, Cowgill and Son, 46, knives and forks. Novice section: 1st and cup, Mr. T. Tidswell, 87 points; 2nd, T. Smith, 64, set of vases; 3rd, A. Bennett, 52, knives and forks; 4th, A. Craven, 47, set of painted jugs. After the presentation songs were continued.—W. Kilburn and Western, Secs.

BELFAST NORWICH, CREST AND Y.C.C.

Meeting held Feb. 3rd, Clarence-place Hall, Maystreet, President Mr. J. Adams in chair; a good muster of members. Nomination of judges and new members. Nominated by Conn Tansey: Messrs. J. Tansey, sen., D. Sloan, A. Verner, C. McPeake, W Hunter, and D. Malcolm; all the above are, I believe, Yorkshire breeders. Several other names were held over until next meeting, when we shall be pleased to see others wishing to join. Subs. very reasonable, namely, 2s. entrance fee and 6s. per year. Also decided to admit honorary members subs 2s. 6d. per year. Mr. J. Barkly was admitted honorary member. Meetings held first Saturday in each month at 8; all fanciers invited to attend, as the club embraces the whole of Ulster We shall be pleased to hear from friends outside Belfast.—W. Connell, Hon. Assist.- Sec. and Treas.

CUMNOCK C.B.S.

General meeting held Co-op. Hall, Auchinleck, Feb. 10, President Mr. Kinnear in chair, with a good turn-out of members. Report and balance sheet for 1911 gave every satisfaction, with a good subetantial balance to carry forward. Secretary gave a very satisfactory report of the society's business for its second year. Election of office-bearers: all present office-bearers unanimously re-elected with additionals in Messrs. W. Mossie, J. Hainey, A. Wyper, J. Boyes, J. McNorland, and J. Weir, making a substantial working committee. Decided to hold a show in Public Hall this year, as we were very much hampered last. It will be held Nov. 30. It was intended last year to have a cup for each section; it would come very hard on finances of the society to get a cup for each section and give a gold medal along with it; but instead they are going to give a gold medal to the one with the highest points in each section, so the present cup will just go as formerly decided on—to the one with most points in any one section. Next meeting to be a "smoker," April 6th, Co-op. Hall. J. Nutt, Sec.

"CAGE BIRDS" PRIZES FOR YORKSHIRE SOCIETIES.

Results of the 1911-12 Competitions.

Yorkshire Union.—(Secretary, H. Hill, 15, Settle Terrace, Thornton Lane, Bradford).—Champion Section: 1st prize (value £3), J. Bailey, 194 points; 2nd, (£2 10s.), Ogden Bros., 192; 3rd (£2), W. H. Shackleton, 171; 4th (£1 10s.), H. H. Towers, 163, and J. Thomas, 127 (winner in O.N.P.C.); 5th (£1), L. Dykes, 126; 6th (£1), J. Chippendale, 73; 7th (£1), Sutcliffe and Son, 63; 8th (£1), F. Allen, 54; 9th (£1), J. Helliwell, 54; 14 amateur cash prizes of 10s. each: 1, C. Morrison, 186; 2, Brown and Son, 144; 3, E. Stobart, 57; 4, L. C. Casey, 47; 5, C. E. Hall, 36; 6, Allan Radley, 35; 7, T. Elsegood, 33; 8, Burdekin Bros., 28; 9, A. Wright and Son, 23; 10, J. Lunn, 8; 11 to 14, not won.

Open Norwich Plainhead Club.—(Secretary, pro tem., F. Hammond, 70, St. Margaret's Road, Bradford):—Champion Section—1st (value), J. Thomas, 226 points; 2nd (£1), A. Humphries, 155; 3rd (15s.), Greenwood and Pickles, 127. Amateur Section—1st (value £1 5s.), S. Heap, 144 points; 2nd (£1), W. Johnson, 67; 3rd (17s. 6d.), J. Jackson, 27.

Yorkshire County British Bird and Mule Club.—(Secretary, J. Lane, 15, Aberdeen Terrace, Lidget Green, Bradford).—Champion Section—1st prize (value £1 5s.), Martin and Archer, 119 points; 2nd (£1), T. H. Inman, 103; 3rd (15s.), not won. Amateur Section—1st prize (value £1 5s.), J. Lane, 127 points; 2nd (£1), B. H. Wilson, 35; 3rd (17s. 6d.), J. Isherwood, 18.

It is with sincere regret that I am compelled to delay the publication of the results in the amateur competitions of the Yorkshire Union and the three Yorkshire specialist clubs owing to an omission on the part of the secretary of the National Greenmarked Y.C.C. to forward me the result for that section. The results given above have been supplied by the respective secretaries (whose names and addresses are given); should there be any errors or omissions, it is particularly requested that all communications on the matter be sent direct to the secretary of the club concerned.—Fred Hammond, hon. sec.

BEAMISH AND DIST. C.B.S.

General meeting held Feb. 10, Club Room, Bird Inn, Mr. J. Davidson in chair. Moved, that we have Nest Feather Show July 6; nomination of judges for same, Messrs. J. Hands, W. Reid, F. Swan, J. Hanger, and J. Riseborough. Nomination of new members: Messrs. J. Jackson, M. Beacroft, M. Bradley, R. Fletcher. After meeting 28 sat down to our annual supper, provided by Mrs. Cowell, who catered in her usual first-class style, and the arrangements were excellent.—W. Knowles, sec.

BURY AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

Meeting, held Seven Stars, Bolton Street, Feb. 6th. Credit is due to the landlord, as he set his best room at our disposal. An enjoyable evening was spent. Through the absence of Mr. Brough, Mr. Pilling was voted to the chair, and a right jocular chairman, too; some of his remarks he may be called upon to answer for when the minutes are read at next meeting. Business was gone through, and a pair show arranged to take place next meeting, March 5th, birds to be staged by 7.30, judging at 8.—H. Jameson, Sec.

GRANTHAM C.B.S.

Meeting held Brewers' Arms Feb. 12; a large turn-up of members. Three new members enrolled. Pair Show arranged for March 2, Co-op. Hall. Medal winners for 1911:—Champions: E. Bond; Novice, W. Ward; British, also Mules or Hybrid, C. Cyrer. Afterwards vice-chairman (M. Ratcliff) gave a few notes on different subjects, namely the feeding of the Goldfineh and Bullfinch, and at the request of a few new members, gave a short address on Canary breeding. Arranged to hold a washing exhibition Feb. 19, Brewers' Arms, Brewery Hill; all fanciers heartily invited, as we are now commencing a new year, and should like to see all local fanciers join us.—W. E. Allen, sec.

PUDSEY, STANNINGLEY AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

Annual distribution of prizes held Feb. 10, Fleece Hotel; a good muster of members and friends present. Secretary read a short report of the past show season, close on 400 birds having been shown at the five shows held. Mr. W. Richmond again wins society's cup and medal, value £7 10s.; Oddy and Galloway, second (value 15s.); E. Marsh, 3rd (value 12s. 6d.); Towler and Hargreaves, 4th (value 10s.); Butler Bros., 5th (value 7s. 6d.); Ackroyd, 6th (value 5s.); Bracewell, 7th (value 2s. 6d.); Maltby, 8th (value 2s.). Mr. H. H. Towers, in a few well chosen remarks, presented prizes to winners. Rest of evening spent in harmony, the musical part being well sustained by Messrs. C. Noble (baritone), C. Hargreaves (tenor), Raper (tenor), Towers (tenor), and Cockram (comedian), with Mr. B. Galloway at the piano.—H. Ralstrick, Sec.

CITY & SUBURBAN A.C.B.

Meeting held Feb. 12, Church Institute, 60, Paddington Street, Mr. W. Shepherd in chair, Mr. H. Dickinson (hon. sec.) and 25 members present. Letters read from four members resigning membership. On the proposition of Mr. Curtis, seconded by Mr. F. Knight, sec. was requested to write Mr. A. C. Burn expressing regret at receiving his resignation and heartily thanking him for past services. Five new members elected, and prizes won at recent Pair Show presented. On the motion of Mr. Curtis, seconded by Mr. Pooley, a unanimous vote of thanks was passed to Messrs. Heath and Frostick for kindly judging at the Pair and Finch Show. Votes of thanks also passed to stewards and to Mr. Sanders for ably undertaking the erection of staging. Letter read from hon. solicitor regarding the interpretation of rule for competition for Wyse Cup; the thanks of members were given him for the trouble taken in framing his decision. Question of amending rule held over. Decided to continue support to the London Federation of C.B.S., and Messrs. Chard and Sayer were appointed delegates. —Fred Thynne, assist. hon. sec.

LEICESTER (Hand-in-Hand) C.B.S.

Meeting held "White Swan," Mr. W. A. Gibbins presiding; a large muster of members present While Mr. E. Noakes judged the table show, a few minor items were dealt with. Society to continue to pay 6s. special for most points gained at each night show. Decided to have two more silver cups raised by voluntary subscription, a nice sum being handed in. Six new members elected. A lengthy discussion took place regarding clashing of a Midland C.B.C. next open show with ours, members considering it will be a serious blow to both societies. Balance sheet of All-England show presented, showing a balance on the right side of 11s. 3d. Accounts gave every satisfaction, showing a balance on the year of £12 10s. The president said he was pleased to see the Hand-in-Hand in such a flourishing condition, cash in hand, six grand cups, and up-to-date show staging, making the assets of the society well over £20. Also pleased to see the interest taken in various shows and lectures. The open show had proved a success, and no complaints had been received. Following officers elected:—President: Mr. W. A. Gibbins; vice-presidents, Messrs. Noakes, Hulse, and Reeves; trustees, Messrs. Hulse and Noakes; committee, Messrs. Allen, Walton, Wood, Yarson, Moores, Kilsby, Hale, Bell, Pole, North, Neal, and Green; sec., A. Freestone. Any fancier desirous of joining will have a hearty welcome; subs. are very small, and valuable prizes are given in competition at members' shows, novices being well catered for.—A. Freestone, Sec.

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SHIREMOOR C.B.S.

Meeting held Blue Bell Inn, Feb. 12. Question of closed rings eventually left over till next meeting. Three new members enrolled; we bid fair to have a strong society this year. At our next meeting we will arrange schedule of classes for show, also fix show date.—G. R. Henderson, sec.

LOANHEAD C.B.S.

Meeting held Masons' Arms, Feb. 10th, Mr. W. H. Nelson (vice-president) in chair. Secretary was instructed to get a fancier to give an exhibition of hand-washing for next meeting on second Saturday in March, and Mr. James Hamilton (Eskbank) has kindly consented to give an exhibition; further notice of time and place of hand-washing exhibition will be given later on. Young fanciers ought to keep this in mind. This society is still flourishing. New members enrolled: Messrs. J. Smeaton, A. Fleming, and A. Moffat (Musselburgh), R. Smith (Roslin).—W. B. Smart, Sec.

BOLTON WOODS C.B.S.

Annual supper, concert and presentation of prizes, held February 10th, at Victoria Hotel. A record attendance; supper excellently provided by Mr. and Mrs. H. Shepherd. The concert thoroughly enjoyed by all, the artistes being delightful to hear. Councillor P. L. Craven presided, and presented the prizes to following: J. A. Taylor (cup and gold medal), W. B. Atkinson (pair of silver photo frames), L. Dykes (set of cutlery), J. Cooper (gold medal), H. Bryant (clock), J. Pullan (silver medal and albert). The cup winner's health drunk at the expense of Mr. J. A. Taylor, who has been the champion exhibitor of the season. Councillor Craven passed cigars round, and also gave some of his experiences in South Africa, which were very instructive. An enjoyable time was spent.—M. Skirrow, Hon. Sec.

STOKE-ON-TRENT C.B.A.

Meeting held headquarters Feb. 5th; capital attendance. A nice table show of novices' matched pairs, Messrs. Roberts, Lea and Davis judging, afterwards giving their opinions on the merits and suitability of the various pairs. Mr. C. Beckett (Birches Head) elected a member. Decided to purchase a handbag for the use of the secretary. Re cup presented the society by Mr. Pitchford, it was the general opinion it could not be competed for more fair, or with more advantage to the society, otherwise than tho one recently won by Mr. Roberts; so this will be competed for on same conditions. Mr. J. Davis promised a handsome silver medal for runner-up, so that competition promises to be very keen. Arranged to have a smoking concert at next meeting, when we shall discuss the advisability of holding an open show.—J. Pitchford, Sec.

WOLVERHAMPTON C.B.S.

Meeting held Feb. 8th, headquarters, Duke of York, Princess-street, when Mr. F. J. Weaver presided. Letter read from Leicester Hand-in-Hand Society about the difficulty re next annual show date. I must express the feeling of our committee when they knew of such occurrence; it was now impossible (as far as this society was concerned) to alter date, as we have engaged Mr. Robson to judge, and he has booked that date. So if it is possible for Leicester to arrange with their judge to go a week later, I am sure such a favour would be greatly acknowledged. We fixed up date for next show March 2nd at Duke of York. Classes as follows: Nor. 6 classes, Yorks. 3, Brit. 5, Mule 1, 1 A.O.C., 1 For. Judges, Messrs. J. Crundell (Yorks.), Tonks (Nor.), Weaver (Brit.). Special invitation given to Walsall members to exhibit at this show.—J. Gibbons, Hon. Sec.

CHATHAM AND DISTRICT F.A.

General meeting held Ropemakers' Arms, Newroad, Jan. 30th. Mr. J. Smith presided. Balance-sheet received with enthusiasm and adopted, great praise being given to the secretary. Chairman remarked it was the best balance-sheet placed before them since their formation. He thanked all who so kindly subscribed to the funds and special prize list. Decided again to open annual show to Kent Oct. 24th and 25th, and new members be allowed to join without nomination fees till April 30th. Several new members made. Officers and committee elected as under:—Chairman, Mr. J. Smith; vice-chairman, Mr. T. W. Clifford; treasurer, Mr. W. Roberts; secretary, Mr. H. Wray; committee, Messrs. J. Hyde, E. Lyle, C. Whittingham, A. Wyatt, T. Jones, A. Phillips, W. Tyler, A. Pankhurst, A. Thomas, G. Clayton, W. Gwynn and J. Tyler; auditors, Messrs. W. Bradley and C. Whittingham; provisional auditor, Mr. L. G. Bourne.—Hy. Wray, Sec.

KILMARNOCK C.B.F.C.

Annual general meeting held Temperance Hall, Feb. 8th, president, Mr. J. Jones, in chair. Balance-sheet submitted showed a balance in hand of £3 14s. 3d., which was considered favourable and adopted. Election of office-bearers: President, Mr. Jones wished to retire, and vice-president Mr. G. Blair was elected president; vice-presidents, Messrs. W. Muir and J. Johnstone; committee, Messrs. J. McFadyean, F. Jardine, W. Robertson, G. Adamson, J. Jones, H. Train, J. Dunsmuir, A. Watson, A. Bowie; auditors, Messrs. W. Guthrie, W. Robertson; secretary, R. McCaw. Mr. Blair proposed a vote of thanks to Mr. Jones for services as president for past two years. Unanimously agreed to have a F.F. show July 20th, and it is hoped, as a first venture in Kilmarnock, members will try and make same a success. Mr. Train made a suggestion to have meeting in March and discuss benefits of inbreeding. Members are requested to attend; due notice will be given.—R. McCaw, Sec.

MIDLAND COUNTIES Y.C.C.

General meeting held Crown Hotel, Birmingham, Feb. 8, Mr. W. Wells in chair. Challenge cups (champ. value £5 10s., novice £2 2s.) were brought for presentation, but neither the champion (P. Victor Williams, Esq.) nor the novice champion (P. Lane, Esq.) were present. Chairman, in presenting prizes to runners-up (Mr. W. G. Andrews with a very fine rose bowl and Mr. Earnshaw with a beautiful silver medal) remarked that the club was now in a sound position, and all that was now needed to make it a grand success was more members. More support was given to Midland shows on the whole by Yorkie fanciers than by fanciers of any other variety, conclusively proving the large number of Midland breeders; and yet our membership did not total 30, which was very discouraging to the few who had welfare of the Yorkie at heart. "Unity is Strength," and one has only to look North or South to see what great strides our favourite variety has made under well-supported specialist clubs. Now, Midland fanciers, do rally round us. We have not to find £5 10s. for another champion challenge cup for at least two more seasons, so shall be in a position to give more specials and arrange a more attractive programme for 1912, particulars of which will be given later. Our entry fee is only 1s., and annual sub. 2s. 6d.—Beck and Andrews, hon. secs., School House, Rookery Road, Handsworth, Birmingham.

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Entries close Feb. 23rd

Enter from this, or send for Schedule to J. BELL Ingramgate, THIRSK.

CLASGOW (West End) C.B.C.

Meeting held Co-op. Hall, St. George's Cross, Feb. 9, Mr. C. Campbell presiding, F.F. show fixed for July 6, and annual members' show for Nov. 16. Twelve new members enrolled, viz., Messrs. D. Somerville, S. Crawford, A. Ferrier, G. McGown, W. Campbell, W. Foster, A. Gillespie, A. Brown, B. Dunn, W. Hunter, jun., J. Stewart, and P. Allan. Members please note that it was decided to give points specials of 5s. for most points, 3s. for second, and 2s. for third, these count over three shows, viz., February 9, matched pairs; March 8, British and For. birds; and July 6, F.F. show.—W. Proudfoot, Sec. and Treas.

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Twitterings.

I have sold my winning field-moulted Linnet to a Welsh fancier at a good figure, writes Mr. George Hodge (Kirkcaldy).

Will Mr. J. Longbottom, who sent an advertisement for insertion under "Miscellaneous" kindly let us have his address?

We understand that the Dulwich and Peckham C.B.S. hold their Y.B. Show on July 2; judge, Mr. Geo. Gardner.

The young bird show of the London and Provincial O.S. is fixed for July 4, when Mr. Geo. Gardner will, we hear, judge.

Our members are delighted with CAGE BIRDS ANNUAL, and they wish it every success.—T. C. Summers, hon. sec. of the Leeds Linnet Club.

We have secured the services of Mr. J. H. Payne as judge for our open show on Oct. 30, writes Mr. J. N. Jeffery, sec. of the Torbay O.S. (Paignton).

Wood Green F.S. are, we learn, holding an evening show of Canaries on July 9, when it is hoped members will muster well. Mr. Geo. Gardner will judge.

Mr. Arthur Wake has been invited to adjudicate upon the annual pair show of the Hartlepools C.B.S. on Feb. 21, write Messrs. Woodhead and Pearson, the secs.

The committee of Lurgan C.B.S. have arranged the annual show on Dec. 13 and 14, writes Mr. S. M. Collum, hon. sec. Will secs. of other shows please note so as not to clash?

We hear that Mr. John Frostick (Balham, S.W.) has booked engagements to judge Hybrids, British and Foreign birds, at Cheltenham on Oct. 30, Leyton Nov. 7, and Luton Dec. 11.

CAGE BIRDS ANNUAL is a masterpiece. Every fancier should have one. I was sold out the same day I received them. I enclose cheque for another three dozen copies.—J. M. Metcalfe (Liverpool).

I was very pleased with the sketch in CAGE BIRDS of my green-marked Yorkshire diploma winner at the Palace, and think it a very good likeness of him. Your report of the show was a grand one.—L. Dykes (Bradford).

Members are requested to attend the next meeting, to be held in the Co-operative Hall, on Feb. 24, when an open show is under discussion, writes Mr. R. T. Campbell, sec. of the Dunfermline C.B.S.

Our secretary is now Mr. H. Young, Fitzadam St., Spring Gardens, Wigan, and the assistant secretary Mr. E. Fairhurst, of the same address, writes Mr. W. Ridge, late hon. sec. of the Wigan and Dist. C.B.S.

On Mar. 7 Mr. R. Jenkins will read a paper on "Canaries: Their Management, etc." writes Mr. S. Andrews, hon. sec. of the Widnes C.B.S. Will members and friends interested in the cage bird fancy please attend?

Our show dates are as follows, writes Mr. P. W. Jeffries, hon. sec. of the North London C.B.A.:—Young Stock, July 6, judge, J. Hobson; Tenth Annual Show, Nov. 22 and 23; judges, J. Robson and A. Silver.

On getting your splendid Palace Number of CAGE BIRDS and the two handsome plates, which I much appreciate, I felt I must wish you every success in future, which will you allow me now to do.—A. Blair (Kippell).

We acknowledge the receipt last week of advertisements from M. Phillips, Cage Works, Ladywood, Birmingham, but we shall be glad to receive his correct address, as a letter we wrote to him has been returned to us.

CAGE BIRDS is the first paper I look for when I come home on Friday night; it is a grand pennyworth for a lover of birds. You get some grand information from it, and I wish it every success.—E. McCulby (St. Helens).

We have decided to have a Roller Canary Contest at our next meeting on Feb. 27; also a lecture (the lecturer's name to be announced in society's notice next week), writes Mr. Jas. Cope, hon. sec. Oldham and Dis. C.B.S.

Messrs. Hallam and Lovatt have resigned the secretaryship of Longton and Dist. C.B.S., writes Mr. Geo. Lea, corres. sec., and all communications should be addressed to Mr H George, 54, Raglan Street, Fenton, Staffs

Mr. J. Wilson (Sandy Lane) will judge at our show on Feb. 17, writes Mr. J. Lewis, hon. sec. Spen Valley C.B.S. This being our first show of the season, I hope there will be a good entry, as we have some very fine specials.

Allow me to thank you for the splendid report of the Palace Show. The picture of my self buff green Yorkshire, 1st and diploma, is wonderful, and reflects great credit on your artist. The coloured plate is very beautiful. Continued success to CAGE BIRDS is the wish of W. Walker (Sheffield).

Allow me to congratulate you on last week's Crystal Palace Number and the splendid coloured plate. I obtained two new readers for CAGE BIRDS by merely showing the same to people of my acquaintance.—O. E. Brooks (London, W.C.)—(Many thanks.—Editor.)

Our British Bird Show is on Feb. 17, and any fancier wishing to join may do so then on application to the sec., Mr. R. Blincoe, 160, Drake Street, Rochdale, writes Mr. C. Whitehead, Press Correspondent to the Rochdale O.C.

Will members of the Musselburgh O.S. please note that the business of the proposed open and members' show will be finally discussed and voted upon on Feb. 24, when all are earnestly requested to attend, writes Mr. Wm. Nisbet, hon. sec.

Through a business promotion by Mr E. Hartley, I have accepted the post of secretary once again to the Rochdale Good Intent C.B.S. All correspondence to the society to be addressed to me at 75, Osborne Street, Rochdale, writes Mr. T. Holt.

Mr. J. Green, 18, Leonards Buildings, Old Ford Road, London, E., answered an advertisement of Mr. C. Leese, 5, Prospect Road, Euston Road, Bentley, and had his letter returned. Mr. Green will be glad to know Mr. Leese's proper address.

I am pleased to inform you that I have been re-elected sec. of the North Shields and Dis. C.B.C., writes Mr. R. P. Fox, 8½, West Street, North Shields. Anyone requiring information regarding the Club can have same by dropping me a postcard.

I have been a reader of CAGE BIRDS for four and a half years, and have found it very interesting and helpful; in fact, everything in CAGE BIRDS is good—I have yet to see a "dry" number. I wish CAGE BIRDS the best of luck.—J. White (Horley).

I thank you very much for reproducing in CAGE BIRDS the picture of my ticked Buff Yorkshire in the Novice Section at the Crystal Palace Show. It is a young bird, and has done a bit of winning for me this season.—Isaac E. Hirst (Yeadon, near Leeds).

I regret to say my mother died on Feb. 10th after a long and painful illness at the age of 73, writes Miss M. Hall (Brixton, London, S.W.).

Our annual Pair Show will be held on Feb. 21, at headquarters, write Messrs. E. Woodhead and T. Pyman, hon. secs. of the Hartlepools C.B.S. Mr. Rand (Middlesbrough) will place the cards. Will members have their birds down not later than 7.30 o'clock?

Secretaries and others are asked to note the following changes of address:—Mr. R. P. Harper, from Stoke Newington to 7, Douglas Terrace, Breamore Road, Seven Kings, Essex; and Mr. W. Sherrington from Harrison Terrace, to 65, Eldon Street, Preston.

We have secured the Helio Troupe of Entertainers for the concert to follow our dinner on Feb. 22, when we shall be pleased to see all our members and friends, ladies specially being invited (dinner at 7.30), writes Mr. J. Woolhouse, assist. sec. of the Sheffield C.B.S.

We have been unable to get the hall where we usually hold our Pair and Finch Show, but have secured a hall at the "Clock House," Clapham Park Road (private entrance), on Feb. 24 (open to public 5.30), writes Mr. A. L. Priest, sec., Clapham C.B.A. Birds must be there at two o'clock.

Thanks for your kindness in sending the results of the Palace judging so quickly. I was delighted at having won a 1st and special (medal) and a 4th with my two birds. I wish your valuable paper, CAGE BIRDS, of which I have been a reader from the beginning, every success.—W. King (Colne).

The Gillette safety razor for most points in the open Cage Bird Section has been awarded to Mr. W. C. Smith (Balquhidder), and Mr. J. Kerr (Dundee), who tied with Mr Smith, has been awarded a sum of money as an extra special, write Messrs. Cameron and Watt, the secs. of Crieff C.B. and P.A.

I cannot refrain from congratulating CAGE BIRDS and its staff upon the excellent and unique report of the Crystal Palace Show. The plate also is a grand one, and a splendidly conceived idea. CAGE BIRDS resources seem quite inexhaustible.—J. N. Jeffery, hon. sec. Torbay O.S. (Paignton).

Your report in CAGE BIRDS of the Crystal Palace Show is the grandest I have seen. I wish CAGE BIRDS every success; I have, I may add, derived great benefit from it. I have been a reader of it for the last three years, and I always look anxiously for my copy every Friday morning.—A. H. Campbell (Harrow-on-the-Hill).

A judging competition will be held on Feb. 24, and all members and friends will be given a hearty welcome, writes Mr. Bernard Gabbitass, press correspondent of the Mansfield C.B.S. We are having a subscription list for a cup, and any small donation will be thankfully received. Our secretary, Mr. Hawkesley, has not been able to devote as much time to his duties as he would have liked, through the illness of his wife, and I am sure all of his friends will wish his wife a speedy recovery.

Our Essay Competition.

We hope next week to be in a position to announce the full awards in our recent Essay Competition. Two sections are still under consideration, there being a heavy entry and keen competition therein.

THE PRESTON AND FLOWER DEFENCE FUND.

Balance in Hand Paid Over to Mr. S. Bennett.

On the occasion of the R.S.P.C.A. prosecuting Messrs. Preston and Flower (two well-known bird-dealers) in an endeavour to stop newly-caught birds being brought into London, although caught in an unprotected (i.e., legally open) district, readers of CAGE BIRDS very generously subscribed a sum of money to defray the expense of having the magistrate's decision (which went against the dealers) tested in the Appeal Court. As we announced after the appeal had been heard, a balance remained in the hands of Mr Geo. Crabb, the respected President of the London and Provincial O.S., who so kindly acted as treasurer to the fund, the amounts subscribed being placed by him in the Post Office Savings Bank.

Then the R.S.P.C.A. officials turned their attention to Mr. S. Bennett, in an effort to have it declared that the description "newly-caught" might be applied to a bird which had been in captivity six months or under. The Society met with deserved defeat in this outrageous contention, both before the magistrate and in the Divisional Court But although Mr. Bennett won his case, he was left considerably out-of-pocket, as the costs recovered from the R.S.P.C.A. did not defray the whole of his own law costs. So we decided to hand over to him the balance remaining from the Preston and Flower Fund (with, of course, the concurrence of the subscribers thereto). Messrs. Ody and Wilmot certified that Mr. Bennett was over £13 out-of-pocket, this sum not including any purely personal expenses. We had a sum of £12 7s. 7d. at our disposal, and on Dec. 1 last this was duly paid over to Mr. Bennett, whose receipt we hold and a letter from whom is printed below. We also publish a balance-sheet of the fund, the receipts and other documents concerning which have been duly inspected and certified as correct by Mr. T. R. Trower (the treasurer of the National British Bird and Mule Club), and Mr. J. W. Ramsden (the manager of the Crystal Palace Show). We take this opportunity of thanking these two gentlemen; also Mr. G. Crabb for the services and time he so ungrudgingly devoted to the matter.

Mr. Bennett Returns Thanks.

9, Prince's Terrace, Peckham,
Dec. 2, 1911.

Dear Sir,—I beg to express my most hearty thanks to you and to the contributors to the Preston and Flower Fund, for the grant of £12 7s. 7d. kindly made to me out of that fund towards the expenses I have been put to by the recent proceedings taken by the R.S.P.C.A. against me. In expressing my grateful thanks for the help given to me, I venture to hope that it will lead persons interested in cage birds to feel that they can rely on support from their fellows in such cases.

Yours faithfully,
S. BENNETT.

To the Editor of CAGE BIRDS,

Owing to severe pressure upon our space in recent issues, the publication of the above has been unavoidably delayed.—EDITOR.

BALANCE SHEET.

RECEIPTS.			PAYMENTS.		
Amounts subscribed by readers of "Cage Birds" (as acknowledged in our columns)	63 7 11		Batterell and Roche (solicitors)	10 0	
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I regret having to advertise my birds for disposal, writes Mr. G. Scaife (Haywood Station, near Lanark), but since my appointment here I find I cannot give them the attention they require. I have had also to give up my judging appointments except one. I hope, however, that in a year or so I shall be as busy amongst the birds as ever.

Allow me to congratulate you upon the splendid report that you have given us of the Palace Show. It is a great improvement having the illustrations of various winners at the headings of the different sections. All our members are singing very loud this week in the praise of "Good old CAGE BIRDS"; never better, though once younger.—A. J. Notley, sec., Hetton-le-Hole and Dist. C.B.S.

At a meeting of the CAGE BIRDS Prizes (for Yorkshiremen) Committee, held on Feb. 10, at the Market Tavern, Bradford (Mr. R. Halliday presiding, in the absence through indisposition of Mr. Sunderland), the ballot for the eight societies at which points should be counted for the champion section of the Yorkshire Union competition, resulted in the following being drawn:—Laisterdyke, Bradford (West), Huddersfield, Great Horton, Brighouse, Halifax, Queensbury and Skelmanthorpe.—Fred Hammond, hon. sec.

A Jovial Gathering.

Messrs. Van Oppen and Co., Ltd., held their fifth annual Bohemian concert at the Connaught Rooms (Great Hall), Great Queen St., London, W.C., on Saturday, Feb. 10. Mr. W. Van Oppen occupied the chair, and a most enjoyable evening was spent, no less than twenty-two items appearing on the programme, all of which were heartily appreciated by the very large number present.

Just Before the Battle.

A happy and jovial band of well-known fanciers and judges were housed at "Ye Old Bell," Queen Victoria Street, on the eve of the great Crystal Palace Show, writes a correspondent. Such notabilities as Messrs. J. Dewar (Edinburgh), H. W. Battye (Huddersfield), W. Mundell and H. Broadley (Bradford), J. Brotherton, of Crest fame (Bolton), and J. C. Barnes, R. Colton, and G. Fletcher (Sheffield). Jokes and merriment were the order of the day, not forgetting a little "sight seeing" down the Strand.

Mishap to Noted Mule.

In your splendid report of the Palace Show, writes Mr. Alf. Shellam (Cardiff), your reporter, when on the Dark Linnet Mule class says: "he, Shellam, one of the finest in class, but if the L.C.B.A. and Scottish National winner, it seems to have gone off a little in colour and condition." For the benefit of my friends in the Fancy, of which I have many, I may say that this bird's stable companion was the above winner, but he had his flight feathers in the bottom of his cage. The "h.c." bird had not been out before this season. I wish CAGE BIRDS every success.

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A Marked Mavis.

Master Alastair Donald, Pitmedden House, Inverurie, during the recent stormy weather, caught a Mavis (Song Thrush) with a ring bearing the following marks: "Aberdeen University, 19,626." The bird is being carefully tended by its captor, who intends (says our informant) to release it after the passing of the severe weather.

A Dinner at Peckham.

We are having a dinner at headquarters, "The Reindeer Hotel," Rye Lane, Peckham, on Feb. 20, with our president, Mr. James Bright Crowe, in the chair, writes Mr. W. Hodson, hon. sec. of the Dulwich and Peckham C.B.S. A good musical programme has been arranged. Friends and fanciers who would like to join us on this occasion can have particulars and tickets from me at 39, Friern Road, East Dulwich.

The Roller Judge.

We are extremely sorry that the name of Mr. F. Oldroyd was not mentioned in our introductory notes to the Crystal Palace Show as officiating as judge upon the Roller Canary Section, in which capacity he gave the highest possible satisfaction. Mr. Oldroyd's appointment being made somewhat late in the day, his name did not figure amongst the list of judges given on the front page of the catalogue.

A "Nap Hand" en route.

On the eve of the Crystal Palace Show, seated in a compartment of the Midland express bound for St. Pancras, I spotted, writes a correspondent, four well-known fanciers (two from Bradford and two from Sheffield) fighting for honours and cash specials. They were playing nap! The "Cutlers" claimed the plums; Bradford has a lot yet to learn as regards shuffling and dealing!

A Little Difference ettled.

We are pleased to hear that the differences recently reported in CAGE BIRDS as existing between the management of the Crystal Palace Show and the chief officials of the British Roller Canary Club have been satisfactorily settled with an apology and payment of costs. The two apologies, signed respectively by Messrs. Norris and Slade and Lowe, appear on page 173.

The Palace Show.

In reply to many correspondents, please allow me, writes Mr. J. W. Ramsden, to state again that all birds (except one which was to be called for) left the Crystal Palace between four and ten o'clock on Tuesday, the day of closing. Prize and sales money is now being paid in alphabetical order. Medals will be sent to winners when received from the makers. Medals cannot be sent in lieu of prizes in half-money classes. Applications for prizes to be sent by return cannot be entertained.

Novice Cinnamons at the Palace.

We regret that the class for Novice Cinnamon Canaries was overlooked in our report of the Palace Show, owing to its being a late addition, and thus not included in the schedule. The awards were:—1, Wagstaff; 2, 3, hc, Bevan; 4, Andrews Bros.; vhc, c, Proctor. Mr. J. Wones, who judged, writes: "The novice Cinnamons were a good lot, many being of high merit; the best class seen for many years, and probably the best ever seen. Birds numbered 1245, 6, 7, and 8 were not judged, as they were not according to rules in schedule; coloured string was used in fastening on the cage labels."

Fascinating Foreign Birds at the Palace.

Hints on How to Keep Them.

By WESLEY T. PAGE, F.Z.S., &c.

(Concluded from page 141.)

Black-headed Caiques must not be trusted till quite tame and fully accustomed to their owners, for their beaks are really capable of making a very nasty ragged wound, and they are absolutely fearless, and will not desist until disabled. The above is merely a warning, for it would be grossest libel to stigmatise this species as vicious, but Parrots, like humans, are creatures of moods. For instance, my Hawk-headed Caique was happier being fondled and nursed than in its cage, yet a neglect to observe its moods meant an occasional nasty bite; then how much more so with a recent acquisition!

Diet, etc.: The seed mixture given for Brown's Parrakeet will answer admirably for this species, and also as to the other items of the menu. A roomy cage, periods of liberty in the room, and protection from draught will suffice to secure a long and contented life for this charming and beautiful, yet quaint looking species.

Blue-rumped Parrot.

This species (*Psittacus incertus*) is a rare one, and as regards form and size more of a Lovebird than a Parrot. The pair exhibited by Mr. L. W. Hawkins were quite young, and exhibited but little of the true colouration of the species, being much greyer and more subdued than adult birds. Mr. Beaty possessed a pair of this species in either 1910 or 1911, but unfortunately they did not recover from importation troubles; they were, however, almost in adult plumage, and the skin of the male came into my possession. It is quite a deep rich green, glossy and silken above, with a suspicion of a golden sheen in parts, and some of the feathers of wings and back narrowly margined with yellow; the crown of the head is dullish blue; rump, bright blue. Their brightest spot of colour is under the wings, where it is mostly bright red, making them look almost brilliant when on the wing. It is about seven inches from tip of beak to tip of tail.

It ranges over Tenasserim, Borneo, and near districts. A diet of seed (principally canary and millet), ripe fruit, green food, and an occasional piece of plain biscuit will about meet their simple needs. But little is known as to their demeanour in captivity, but all the *Psittacidæ* are interesting captives, differing as they do in all respects from our native birds.

The Yellow (Gold and Green) Tanager.

This is not the first specimen of this beautiful species (*Calliste flava*) which Mr. S. M. Townsend has possessed, as he had one in 1902, and others have possessed the species as well. It was staged in Mr. Townsend's usual faultless style, and is indeed a lovely creature. Pen and ink pictures may indicate the bare colours, but can never describe the glowing iridescence of the *Tanagridæ*. Will my readers turn to the figure on the plate; the light areas are shining guinea-gold; the dark patch on face across throat and down of centre of body is black, as also are the dark wing and tail feathers, but according to the angle at which the light catches the plumage, the outer of the former are deep green or deep blue, and the same applies to the latter as to colour, but the central tail feathers show the blue or green as a broad margin all round.

It is very plentiful in N.E. Brazil, especially in gardens and fruit plantations, and also in forest areas wherever fruit is abundant.

Treatment in captivity: Tanagers, perhaps as much as any order, suffer from prostration consequent upon the hardships of importation; nevertheless, once this critical period is passed, the group as a whole are tolerably long lived. They are somewhat fastidious feeders, and their tastes must be consulted, especially as to ripe fruit, for if this does not suit their palate, even hunger will not force them to eat it, so if one kind is not taken they must be offered another. The fruit should be fully ripe—"soft ripe"—but not rotten. Some individuals practically take nothing but fruit, and hardly touch the soft food mixture. I also am a firm believer in milk sop—condensed milk, boiling water, crumbled sponge cake, honey, and a little liquid malt. Thus their requirements are not difficult to meet, for though the fare reads rather formidable, it is not so in practice. Such individuals as will take mealworms or other insects may have two or three per diem. Tanagers in cages must be kept under observation, as they are liable to over-eating—many die from this cause alone—and if noticed to be "fat and lazy," then diet must be carefully regulated, and the cage perches and food hoppers so arranged as to force the bird to use its wings. The Yellow Tanager "swears" by fruit for the major portion of its dietary, taking very little else.

If an opportunity occurs of acquiring this species, I certainly advise my readers to seize it, as if the above precautions are observed, it should do well, and will prove a beautiful and interesting acquisition.

The Ribbon Finch.

This species (*Amadina fasciata*) is common, therefore a plebeian and a cutthroat at that and the behaviour of some pairs support this character. Nevertheless, these charming, if common, birds are not so "black as they are painted," and they so readily adapt themselves to the conditions of life in captivity, being free breeders and hardy, that they usually maintain a place in most collections. Personally, the writer has a warm place in his affections for them, as they were the first species of foreign birds he succeeded in breeding, now some twenty-five or thirty years ago.

Breeding in cages: A roomy cage is required, with the fittings so arranged as to force the birds to take exercise. Though this species are rather greedy for live food, I think they are better without it (unless ill) under the conditions of cage life. At all times the following simple diet will meet their needs: Canary, white and spray millet, ants' eggs as bought, green food, grit, cuttlebone, and water. In the aviary there will be no difficulty; they will help themselves to a little of everything there is about, and do well without any trouble at all, usually rearing two or three broods annually.

Mr. Goodchild's characteristic drawing shows that, even if common, they do not lack beauty. Their principal colouration is golden-brown, barred and streaked with dark brown; the male has a crimson throat band and a chocolate patch on the abdomen, which the female does not possess. Observation must be kept that their cage does not become infested with parasites.

The Ribbon Finch figured on our plate was exhibited by Madame Feist Madewell, for whom it gained fourth prize and it is one of the best we have seen.

The Green Cardinal.

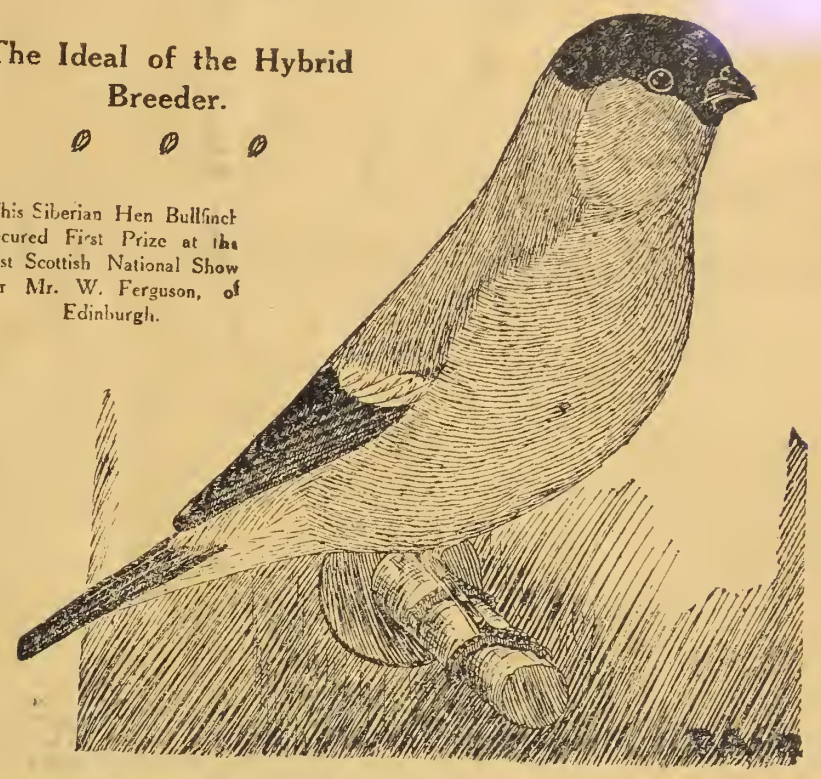
This citizen (*Gubernatrix cristata*) of the Argentine Republic, is a charming and interesting bird, both for cage and aviary. In the former it is beautiful, intelligent, and interesting; moreover, it soon becomes steady and acquainted with its owner; in the latter the above holds good, and a pair soon settle down and set about the business of reproducing their kind.

The bird exhibited by Mr. J. M. Walsh was, I suspect, a colour-fed specimen, which imparted an orange tint to the beautiful yellows and green of the natural bird. Again I must ask my readers to take Mr. Goodchild's drawing as a diagram—the crest, lores, dark eye streak, and throat patch, deep black; the light areas of eye region, cheeks, and sides of throat, golden-yellow; ear coverts, nape, back of neck, mantle, back, and wings, olive green, variegated with blackish-green; outer webs of flight feathers, belly, and under tail coverts, bright yellow; the tail, with the exception of the two central feathers, which are green, is golden yellow; beak and feet, dark blackish-grey.

It is a bold, active, and striking bird, with some quaint, mellow, staccato notes as its song. On the wing he is a glorious creature, the golden-yellow tail and wing feathers being then fully displayed. I have found them amiable in a mixed series.

The hen is more dusky than her mate, lacks the golden yellows of his plumage, and the light areas of her face and sides of throat are whitish, though the respective areas and markings are similar in both sexes.

Diet: Canary, white and spray millet, with a little hemp, oats, and sunflower seeds; ripe fruit, and one or two live insects per diem.



The Ideal of the Hybrid Breeder.

This Siberian Hen Bullfinch secured First Prize at the last Scottish National Show for Mr. W. Ferguson, of Edinburgh.

THE YORKSHIRE CANARY A "MADE-UP" BIRD.

Instructive and Entertaining Discussion, opened by Mr. Broughton, of Wilmslow, before the Members of the Manchester and Northern Counties O.S.

Meeting held, Deansgate Hotel, Feb. 5, Mr. Bladon in chair. We had a very good attendance to hear Mr. Broughton, of Wilmslow, open a discussion on the Yorkshire Canary.

A Made-up Bird.

In opening the discussion Mr. Broughton said that the Yorkshire Canary was what he called a made-up bird, being got from a mixture of the Belgian and the Lancashire Canaries, and having a small proportion of Norwich blood. The three main points which went to make up a good Yorkshire bird were: type, position, and quality. These he thought were all derived from the hen. Taking the first of these, viz., type, meaning shape. He found that the best means of improving this was to double-buff. By double-buffing we got a bird which was more round and shapely in the back; the breast also was not so inclined to be sharp and pointed, which obviated the tendency to frilliness—an objectionable feature in a Yorkshire. The main point to watch in double-buffing was to have the cock not too large, or the progeny would have a tendency to coarseness.

Position undoubtedly came from the Belgian blood. Here, again, one must look to the hen. The main thing to watch in breeding for position was that the legs of the hen were not too long. Have them right as regards shape and position on the body by all means. This point was not so important in the cock.

Cinnamon Blood Advocated.

For quality and colour Mr. Broughton advocates an introduction of cinnamon blood. This should be on the cock side only, the reason being the tendency of the cinnamon to fail in type. Do not, he added, expect much improvement in colour from the first cross. He generally found that a good undercolour was imparted the first year, this coming to the surface in the following generation.

Length in the Stock Bird.

From the cock bird we got what Mr. Broughton called the secondary points such as head and neck properties. In selecting a stock cock go for length, not merely size. Length of wing and tail were most important. A cock with a square shoulder need not on this account alone be discarded for breeding purposes as these usually bred good wing carriage—a very noticeable point in a bird with such long wings. If the bird had good long legs, so much the better, as this helped to bring the progeny well up on the perch.

"Big cock to small hen" was not advocated, the reason being that such pairs usually bred some very big and some very small birds, very few being good medium-sized birds, such as were required on the show bench. One should always match up a pair for stock birds. For this we wanted a good big cock and a good big hen.

Advice to the Novice.

The advice to the novice on starting in the Fancy was: "Go to the man who breeds his own winners: buy the best your means will allow, and buy both cock and hen from the same room." Indiscriminate buying was apt to lead to reversion to original stock. Line breeding, or inbreeding, while useful to the experienced fancier, was not recommended to the novice. Unless one knew his stock and knew what they would throw, one would do a great deal of harm. Do not forget, he added, that inbreeding fixes bad points as easily as good ones. Mr. Broughton said he firmly believed one might even fix size by inbreeding.

Mr. Bladon quite agreed, he said, that you must first breed the birds before you could thoroughly understand them, and he advised breeders to be very careful in parting with birds that they had bred, especially hens.

Mr. Broughton was asked how to increase the percentage of yellows. He said he had found that double-buffing often increased the number of yellows. There were two distinct shades of buff from this mating, one very much paler than the other. The deepest of these should be mated to a good yellow.

In answer to another question Mr. Broughton did not think it necessary to introduce Belgian blood now to keep up the position. This position he thought had been firmly fixed by inbreeding.

How to Get Rid of Frills.

Following this, he was asked how to remove frills; also if sufficient objection were taken to them on the show bench. In replying, Mr. Broughton caused some amusement by saying that the frills did not always show when the birds were being judged. There were different ways of getting rid of them. They could be either washed out, pulled out, or bred out. The best means he knew for breeding out frills was to double-buff. Frills were caused by pointed breasts and long feather, and both of these defects could be remedied by double-buffing.

Replying to another question, Mr. Broughton said that he did not advocate double-yellowing. If for some particular reason he tried this, he would get a cock as stout and as good in colour as possible, and a hen as pale in colour as he could.

Concerning Colour-feeding.

Next we got to colour-feeding. Our visitor did not advise taking away the seed. Neither did he care for the feed to be too hot in colour. He used one egg for the whole of his stock—about ninety birds. He mixed 1oz. of hot pepper to 1lb. of cool; this he passed through a fine sieve to break up all lumps. He did not care to add oil, but strongly recommended whole meal bread and plenty of sugar. The quantity he used was, equal parts sugar and pepper, mixed with bread, egg, and tea biscuit to make a nice salmon colour. He mixed this overnight, giving to birds next morning. As a rule his birds got colour food every day; but he sometimes found very good coloured birds in the flight, these only getting the leavings of the other birds. He covered up only the old birds during the moult, and this by means of a very light curtain hanging about a foot from the front of the cages.

Linseed and Hot Pepper.

Speaking of linseed, we were advised to use the seed in preference to the meal, as the meal was apt to go rancid, especially in warm weather. His reason for using hot pepper was because he found the colour did not last so long if obtained from cool pepper only.

He did not recommend the use of tonics as a regular thing during the moult. If he thought a tonic was needed, he would prefer citrate of quinine to iron. Mr. Cook thought that it was no use expecting a good colour unless your birds were in good health and had a quick moult.

Mr. Atkinson, in moving a vote of thanks to Mr. Broughton, said he wished we could see him amongst us more often, as he—and he was sure the rest of those present—had had a most enjoyable and instructive evening. This was heartily backed up by the meeting generally. In response, Mr. Broughton said he would be glad to come amongst us oftener; but for one thing he was a very busy man, having many interests in the country. Another thing was he did not like the Manchester weather. He was glad if his few words had been appreciated. After this, the prize money won at the January members' show was distributed to members present. This brought to a close a very enjoyable evening.—E. H. Fulcher, hon. treasurer.

The Favourite of the Finch Family.

By J. KERSHAW (Llanrwst.)

A Keen Welsh Fancier discourses upon the Goldfinch.

(Concluded from page 134.)

The Bird to Find to Win.

As you are aware good exhibition Goldfinches are not manufactured, or else they would be sold at 6½d. bazaars and made in Germany. No; a good Goldie, from an exhibition point of view, is caught, yes, one in a hundred; and an extra outstanding one comes out about one in a thousand. Wales has notoriety for exhibition Goldies, and a few have crossed the Border, the two latest being Capt. Hurst's from Carnarvon and Mr. Harris' Finch from Llanrwst, purchased by myself from Messrs. Evans and Roberts, and sold to the above-named gentleman. Mr. Herbert's Palace winner, I understand, came from the district. It is curious to note that the 1911 sensation was shown at Menai Bridge and got no higher than Reserve. Why it was so, it is hard to tell, for the bird as it presented itself that day was easily the best bird in the show, the writer making a desperate effort to buy, but no, the luck was not in favour of the Welshman. I congratulate the owner, as it is considered one of the very best that ever crossed from Wales, though it has been beaten by the one sold to Mr. Harris. When selecting a Greypate for exhibition, never be guided by a good glance at first sight. It is absolutely essential that the ideal bird should be framed in your mind. If a bird seems to get better the more you look at it, you probably have found the right one, providing you have the right judgment to select. On the other hand, don't take a bird because it has some particular good point, such as a large blaze on a small body, or a bird that seems to "wear out" the more you look at it. Don't, at the same time, be misled by your too eager convictions, but rather weigh up the bird in your mind and compare it with your ideal; or, better still, with the bird that has done a lot of winning in the district.

A Criticism of the Standard.

The standard, as drawn up, reads as follows: (1) size, 5 points; (2) shape—well proportioned, not too stout or angular, or thick at waist, to stand at an angle of 45 degrees on perch, 20 points; (3) head and blaze—head fairly large, with wide skull, blaze large, well back over eye, and down the throat, free from black stripes or breaks, and as rich as possible in colour, 20; (4) wings—bars large and bright, buttons well defined and regular, 15; (5) body—colours to be as clear and pure and well contrasted as possible, especially on breast, where the markings should be seen, other markings clean cut and pure in colour, 10; (6) condition—healthy, tight in feather, no broken or missing plumage, 20; (7) steadiness, 10; total 100.

Now, to allow only 5 points for size is absurd, for the simple reason that it is much more difficult to get a good big one, than a small good one. No doubt the idea primarily was to throw out the foreigner from British bird classes; but I presume, inasmuch as nothing is mentioned about the Foreign birds in the standard, neither does it state that the standard is intended for the British Goldfinch, that this standard of points is for both British and Foreign Goldfinches. Again, it is ridiculous to think that on account of this 5 points clause for size, even in a good Siberian we must not look for size. Nothing is mentioned about these facts, and I draw attention to them as I know several novices who hold to the opinion that a good little one is the bird wanted, which, of course, is wrong.

The head and blaze come next under discussion. The standard states "head fairly large, with wide skull, though the blaze must be large." This is difficult to understand by those who have not seen the best specimens. Had it been the skull to be wide at entrance, and continued to the back of the head, it would be more "understandable." How is it possible to get a large blaze without a big head and face, with a wide skull? Again, the show reports say, "Grand square blaze." Nothing is mentioned in the standard about a square blaze, yet the wider the blaze the better; at least the wide-blazed birds win, and rightly so, in my opinion, for a wide blaze is better than a square blaze if it is horizontal at the base and comes fairly well down. It is impossible to get a square blaze, strictly speaking, unless the blaze be confined to the front (or face) but in a wide face you can expect width of the sides of the blaze, and look for it to be square at bottom. The idea to have it well over the eye and down the throat is quite obvious; but the Goldie is a better bird if it has a curved width of blaze extending right into the cheeks and square under.

Is it Helpful to the Novice?

There is evidently something lacking in the standard; it is hardly descriptive enough to the novice. Taking things into consideration, nothing is said about bird crossing its wings. There is nothing nicer in a Finch than a good even-balanced wing carriage; yet nothing in the standard is said about the formation of the wings at the shoulder, but it simply dwells on technical colour points.

The bars are to be large and bright, and the buttons well defined. The fact that bars are to be large and bright is curiously a question of colour, and should come under another heading; "it is best to have buttons regular" comes under markings really. The bar and its brightness are nothing, but what width of yellow colour nature has given it is everything. "Buttons well defined" is a question of colour for all Goldies have buttons; some good, some bad; some small, some large; but whether they are large or small, unless they are verging on white in colour they cannot be well defined in the correct sense of the word, and consequently it becomes a question of colour.

"TOMMY." A Pet Owl belonging to Mrs. Horton, of Hightown, Lancs.

THIS BIRD HAS NEVER BEEN IN A CAGE, BUT ROAMS ALL OVER THE HOUSE, AND IS GREAT FRIENDS WITH ITS OWNER'S TWO DOGS.

The Bird to Select.

Now, leaving the standard as it is, my advice to the novice is this: Select a large bird with a big head and a wide entrance, and continued so, and a wide rich-coloured blaze, clean cut, square at bottom, free from breaks or blackness, plenty above and below, extending well beyond the eye. Mind it has a deep rich tan, extending right down to the tail and across the chest if you can get it. Have one with long wings and tail, with rich coloured wide bars, distinct buttons, jet black otherwise. Don't take one leggy; and ignore the 45 degrees angle, for if you get a fairly short-legged one, it usually stands in the correct position. Get it thick across chest, and well filled at back, not forgetting a good coloured one throughout. Feed as I have stated, look into its daily needs, moult it over well, send it to the show when ready and win the prize.

Climbing the Norwich Plainhead Tree.

By W. SPILLMAN (Devonport).

A Famous South Country Breeder tells how the top is to be reached.

(Concluded from page 158.)

Do not speculate in breeding with two yellows or two buffs until you are the master of your stock. As a passing hint, I may say that the breeding of the yellows would throw spare and open-feathered birds, and probably not so strong in constitution; whilst the buffs would increase the width of feather and possibly put the increase on where it was not wanted. Please note, no bird with a square-cut or heavy appearance behind is wanted in the show cage. There may be no reason to introduce fresh blood for several seasons, and even when you do, insist on the upkeep of size. Presuming you have bred on methodical lines, you will of necessity have stamped certain properties into your strain that even you can afford to introduce something not so pleasing to the eye, but yet looks like making up a defect in which you fail; such as a cock bird that carries too much feather. But, then, you know you can counteract that, and it is bound to be advantageous. What is the odds how much feather a bird carries so long as it is carried right?

Is it Blood that Tells?

It cannot be said that like produces like so far as our favourite is concerned, for there always seems to be a tendency for the birds to deteriorate in size, which is only natural when we think from whence it came. On the other hand, when a system has been adopted which is crowned with success, it is pretty sure that winners will crop up from these "bred right" when least expected. As an example, they may have been poorly fed or may not have had a good moult. Many a present-day winner was not a promising youngster, and when the last-named looks as though he were the best that was ever bred, very often you are sadly disappointed. Why? I remember in one instance that I bred from a yellow hen which I called "Tiny" (a name most appropriate)—a buff cock that was the finest all-round buff cock I ever had, and in another instance where a sweet young buff hen of medium size and failing in head bred me one of the most typical yellows ever seen our way. Are not such proofs convincing testimony even to the most biassed against pedigree breeding? Not that it is absolutely necessary to breed with close relations, although that may be done at times with astounding results. Still, there is a limit to all things, and without you have a special object in view it need not be reverted to.

Strengthening the Head Properties.

You may say I have an idea of increasing head properties, and that may be classed as my "special object." Select a pair of the best bred from those that excel in head properties, and mate two of the best hens back to their father, whilst a couple of the young cocks may be mated back to their cousins—that is, if you are fortunate enough to possess them—of course, bearing in mind what you have in view. No doubt your wish is attained. Do not go mad in pedigree breeding because this has turned up trumps; have a bit on the surface as well, and that a big bit.

Select your stock for future breeding directly the moult is over, and on no account part with any or deviate from your usual rule. I find a Norwich show cage double its ordinary length, with other dimensions precisely the same, makes a splendid "mating-up cage." The birds show themselves better, you can discern the good and bad points to a nicety, and, what is more, if you care to run three or four in at the same time, they are not in one another's ways. Quality can only be appreciated by experience, and colour can easily be maintained by the use of green blood. Do not overdo it, or you will regret the day.

I had almost forgotten to mention "bastard flights" or overhanging secondaries, which, if they once get the upper hand, will cause you great trouble.

Wild-Bird Life.

During Frost and Snow.

The unusually severe weather experienced during the end of the month played havoc among wild birds, but fortunately it did not last very long; and now at the time of writing there is every indication of getting back to milder, although rather moist conditions. The frost had not been in progress more than a day or two before we noticed changes in the behaviour of the birds. Many left the fields, woods and uplands, and found their way to the larger gardens and private grounds. No doubt in the first instance they do this with a view to securing warmer quarters, for most gardens have a wall or fence round them, which gives a little relief from the cold wind; and the evergreen shrubs and trees are much more cosy as roosting quarters than the ordinary hedgerow or exposed copse. As the frost continued, food became more scarce; the neighbourhood of buildings, chicken-runs, and refuse heaps, were then diligently searched for stray morsels.

Blackbirds and the Thrushes generally appear to feel the effects of the cold and scarcity more than the smaller kinds. They look as miserable as birds possibly can—simply bunches of feathers with hardly strength enough to fly over a decent fence. Are these birds more delicate than others? Or do they need more sustenance? We can hardly think it is the latter, as they are not nearly such big eaters as the Starlings, and the cold and shortage of supplies do not appear to affect them very much. Perhaps they are of a more cheerful disposition, and do not so easily succumb to adverse conditions. Anyway, among the visitors to the bird table none looked so well as these spangled beauties. They are no respecters of persons or sex, a masterful cock keeping all comers at bay. Occasionally a bold one would challenge him, and while they fluttered and fought, the others would nip in a good and fair share of some of the good things going. During the frost many unusual visitors found their way to the garden, among them a lovely cock Bullfinch, whose rich dress made him particularly conspicuous, among the snowy surroundings. But he would fare tolerably well, as berries would no doubt form his staple food, at such times.

No Longer Breeds with Us.

The Black Tern is no longer a breeding species in England, but in former times it used to nest on the marshes of the East Coast.

Birds and Berries

Where Woodpigeons are plentiful, small birds do not manage to get a fair share of the berries of the hedgerows and woods, for these birds have such wonderful appetites that they clear a privet hedge or yew bush in double quick time. When the snow is on the ground, and acorns, and beech mast are buried, Pigeons have recourse to berries, and soon clear the wilder districts.

Under the White Rose.

SKIPTON Society are making great progress. At their last members' show held a fortnight ago they had a grand turn up, comprising Yorkshires, Norwich, Greens, British, Mules and Foreign, some 120 birds in all being staged; and from a society that has only been established or really re-established for just over 12 months, it shows somebody is working hard in the interests of the members, and that the members are responding well. I believe it was in 1893 that the last open bird show was held at Skipton, and by the way things are moving I think it will be no very long time before we see them again in the list of shows. Will it be under the rules of the Y.U.?

LAST Saturday was a happy day for those who like to attend to meetings. The Market Tavern from 5 o'clock to, well, somewhat late was attended by different kinds of fanciers, commencing with "cinnamon marked-uns" and finishing up with "green marked-uns," there being no less than half a dozen meetings—C.M. Y.C.C. the Y.C.C. the N.G.M.Y.C.C. the Y.C. B.B. and M.C. the Cage Birds prizes committee and the sub-committee who have the annual gathering for the prize distribution in hand. Of course, the principal business of the specialist clubs was the winding up of the competitions for the past season, and of course there was the usual objection or two to contend with; but as a rule they do not take much smoothing down, though they certainly cause a little discussion as to the ways and means of avoiding them in future.

THE annual prize distribution came up for consideration and the arrangements for talent, etc., put into order. Then it must be noted that this year a "knife and fork tea" is to be served instead of the dinner at a charge of 1s. 3d. per head, and the committee hope that this will meet with the approval of all, and that there will be more than ever present. Fanciers can rest assured that the evening's entertainment will be quite up to the usual standard, if it does not surpass all previous records. As regards the prizes there will be much more than usual to be presented, and the display before the commencement will be a sight to be remembered. I have tried to total it up but failed. It will represent a very large sum of hard cash.

LAST Saturday was in other respects a big day. Several societies were holding their annual dinners etc., and socials and the two Great Horton Societies were each having members' shows, the old society having a good entry of close on a hundred and the other a fair turn up, especially in the British bird section, a new departure that paid well and added to the interest of the show to a great extent.

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A GARDEN AVIARY FOR FIFTY SHILLINGS.

By B. C. BRIARS (Enfield.)

HOW IT WAS BUILT, FITTED-UP AND STOCKED.

NOTHING gives a greater air of refinement to the small suburban garden than a well-built aviary, particularly if the remaining portion be planted with bright flowers. By far the most effective aviary is that which is planted with living trees and grass. The shape is immaterial, although I personally favour the "-X by 4ft. 6ins." type, with a height of about 8 feet. In this, birds can be driven into the shelter and cannot pass anyone in the aviary.

In making the outdoor flight the supports should be as unobtrusive as possible, and the appearance of a fowl-run should be avoided. One long beam may be used down the centre, and secured to the shelter with a bracket at one end and a post at the other. One post at each side at back is sufficient. The use of posts along the roof edges can be avoided by plaiting three strands of wire with an iron bar after they have been loosely secured to shelter and flight; the covering wire can be strung to these. The middle supports of the aviary shown in the photograph are the side lengths of a bedstead.

Keep off the Grass!

During the summer I fasten some wide boards under the flight roof at intervals of 4ft., fixing Hartz travelling cages and cocoanut husks under. This secures dry nesting sites, whatever the weather. The shelter is a transformed fowl-house, which was a bargain at the 7s. 6d. I paid for it. The window is where the door stood in the original structure, while the door is to be seen upon the outdoor portion. The false floor is still used, the under one being of cement, the inroads of vermin are thus prevented, while the birds are saved from an unsuitable floor.

The inner door pushes back. It is of little use to endeavour to grow grass close to the shelter door, as refuse and the continual trampling of feet when feeding the birds destroy it, in addition to which it is decidedly unpleasant to encounter wet grass on one's clean boots or slippers when feeding. I therefore dig the grass back for a yard or so, and fix a strip of garden edging across, and the remaining portion is covered to a moderate depth with sand. A good rustic fountain can be made by filling a cheese box with sand and cement, forming into shape, and burying in the ground. The box should, of course, be cut down to the requisite depth.

The Shrubs and the Flowers.

Protection from draughts is afforded by a couple of lengths of corrugated iron, and a 6in. board. The iron is let into the ground about 4in., and bricks laid lengthwise under it. This again "does the mice in." Some small perches fixed below this among the trees are much appreciated on a sunny, but windy day. The trees in the aviary greatly counteract the effect of the sun upon the iron. The large one at end is a syringa, and those along the back are Cuba laurel, tree campanula, euonymous, Arabian snowball flower, and St. John's Wort. The latter is a prolific bearer of pretty yellow flowers, and a Cordon nestling among these makes an effective picture. I always remove the flowers before the succeeding berries appear, although I do not know that they are injurious. The grass was dug from a piece of common land, and carried home in an old bath! It was set by saturating the ground with water, and then trampling the sections of turf in. It is much better than the sown grass, as the birds do not seem to be able to destroy this as they do the seed-sown grass.

The food vessels are generally kept in the shelter, but I find that some of my birds (chiefly those introduced when freshly caught) "lay out" practically all the fine weather; so for their benefit I have a couple of seed-boxes fixed under a protecting board.

Cuttlefish should always be placed out of the rain; the cheap "grips," universally sold, being as good as anything for securing it. Nesting material is best placed in racks; one intended for soap being useful for this purpose. A box of grit should never be omitted. Much of the damage done to aviary trees is, in my opinion, caused by the neglect to supply green food. This should be given in shallow vessels containing water. Groundsel, chickweed, various flowering grasses, bents, and other weeds are relished, as are also plantains, dandelion leaves (young), thistle and teazle heads; but these do not need to be placed in water. The receptacles should be taken away at night, as green food that has stood over a day is not a good thing for birds to feed on in the early part of the next morning.

The Giving of Banana—a Warning.

Apple and similar fruits should be on hand, and blackberries, raspberries, and currants are favoured. A piece of biscuit is also liked by many species. I have found that a banana, placed in the aviary for some foreigners, disagreed with a Bullie and a Chaffinch; so I would warn others as to its uses.

I have been told that the consumption of millet seed by Canaries produces asthma, but it does not seem to disagree with my own birds, two of which have free access to it. During the warm weather the birds remaining in the trees all night is apt to lead to trouble during bright moonlight, as I have known birds that can be picked from the perch during the day suddenly to become panic-stricken during the night, and dash against the wires of the aviary. I have never been able actually to ascertain the cause, but I suspect that possibly the distorted shape of some feline marauder may have been responsible. I know that a nervous bird will "set off" others, and the inmates of the aviary will "stampede" at next to nothing. The best way is to secrete oneself and discover the alarmist; then remove it to a cage indoors until it is sufficiently steady to enable you to make another attempt with it.

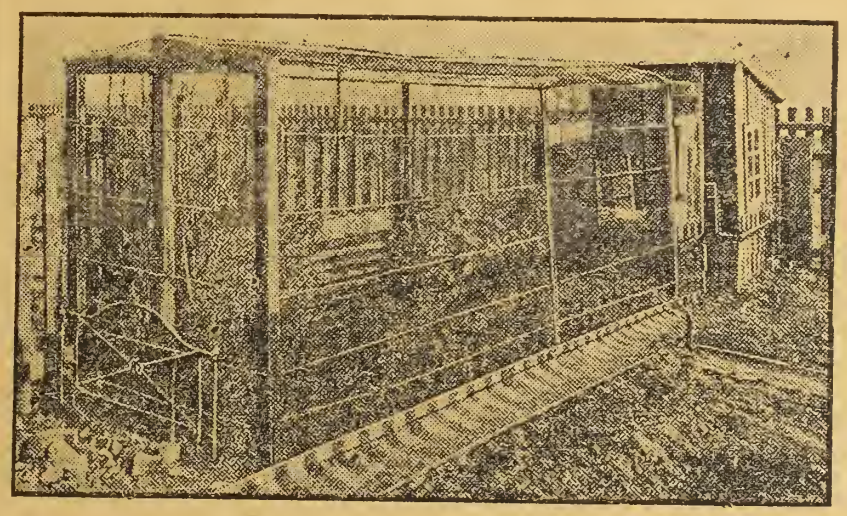
He Came Home Cured.

The cage may be hung out all night, if in a safe place. A Yellowhammer was facile princeps at the "rousing" game in an aviary I kept some five years ago, and as the "stampedes" ceased on his removal I made heroic attempts to quieten him, as he was of the finest colour I have ever seen. After steadying him in a large box cage (2ft. by 1ft. 6in. by 9in.) I sent him over 20 miles by rail to a friend, and here his cage was hung for varying periods in (1) a 6-horse stable, (2) beside a pigeon cote, (3) in a tall tree adjacent to a Rookery, (4) in the local blacksmith's shop. He came home cured, and is in a garden aviary at the present time!

The cat is a great burden to the suburban aviculturist, but I should strongly urge upon that long-suffering individual on no account to mete out to the creatures the death it so often heartily merits. If this is done, ill-feeling is engendered which adds difficulty to that already existent, while in addition, the cat may be as great a treasure to its doting owner as the most glorious specimen in a lovely collection. To fence against the cat takes some doing, but, if yours is a small garden, a length of wire about 2ft. high stretched along the fence-top (with a strong wire in the top of it) is often a good investment. In that case, of course, some large mesh wire should be nailed over the fence lower down. Where one possesses a good dog, a splendid plan is to place the wire round the garden beds, and permit the dog to roam around the paths during the night; the dog's presence will soon be a matter of indifference to the birds, while the cats will shun the garden as if it were infested with the ten plagues of Egypt!

Cost Not a Deterrent.

With regard to the cost of an aviary, unless of an elaborate design (which is quite unnecessary) its cost need on no account deter the would-be owner from participating in this most interesting phase of the enjoyable hobby of bird-keeping. The approximate cost of the subject of the photograph was:—Wire (2 rolls—1ft. wide 50yds. long), 17s. 6d.; strand wire, various thicknesses, 2s. 6d.; window (second-hand) 2s.; glass to replace broken panes, 6d.; posts at sides, 2s.; long beam for roof, 1s. 3d.; 2 lengths corrugated iron, 6s.; shelter house, 7s. 6d.; cement, 1s.; bricks (second-hand), 1s. 9d.; tar, 1s. 6d.; 6in. board at back, 1s. 10d.; i.e., £2 5s. in all. The outside flight is 18ft. by 4ft. 6ins. and 6ft. high; the house is 5ft. square, and 6ft. 6ins. high.



The Garden Aviary belonging to Mr. B. C. Briars.

THOUGH ERECTED AT A SMALL OUTLAY, IT IS A VERY USEFUL AND PRACTICAL TYPE OF AVIARY FOR FOREIGN AND BRITISH BIRDS.

The inmates are: Canaries (4), Siskins, Bullfinches, Twite, Goldfinch, and Spicebirds, Cordon Bleus, Lavender Finch, Weavers, Combassous, St. Helena, Orangecheek, Red-eared and Gold-breasted Waxbills, Bib Finches, Grass-finches, and Bengalese. I have carefully watched for any attempts at persecution by larger birds, but with the exception of the insignificant-looking Twite, which is prone to pursue smaller creatures, and the Grenadier Weaver, which is apt to monopolise the food vessel (even after satisfying itself) they all seem to live in perfect amity, while with the near approach of natural conditions, the pleasures of observing the birds in a spacious aviary lends added charm.

A Parrot Lover Chats About His Pets.

INTERESTING REMINISCENCES BY THE REV. G. H. RAYNOR.

(Concluded from page 158.)

In the later nineties I acquired a male Blossom-head (Palaeornis cyanocephalus), and although his plumage was beautiful in a way, he proved stupid and uninteresting as a pet, so I parted with him. These old-world Parrots, forming the tribe Palaeorni-Thinae, and inhabiting the Indian and Malayan regions, are no doubt intelligent, but they seem to me to be lacking in charm and grace, and I have consequently never invested in any other species. About the same time I bought of a London dealer a pair of rare Conures, of which I failed to discover the scientific name. They distinguished themselves by escaping from the house they lived in out of doors, and in desperation I watched them flying, close together, round some of my fields, perhaps thirty feet up in the air. Although a rustic, scaring birds in a neighbouring field, emptied both his barrels at them to no purpose, I found them a little later on, clinging, safe and sound, to the wire-netting of the house they had been living in.

The Itch of Acquisitiveness.

In 1899 I noted from an advertisement in the "Bazaar," that Mr. H. J. Fulljames was selling off his noted stock of foreign birds, and I still possess the price list which he sent me. Among the items it contained were a Hyacinthine Macaw, great winner, for £25; a Princess of Wales' Parrakeet for £40; a pair of Ganga Cockatoos for £10, Blood-stained Cockatoo, very rare, £5; a Bronze-winged Parrot, rare, finger-tame, a fine specimen, £5; a Meyer's Parrot, in fine condition, very rare, £3; and many other deeply interesting birds. Unfortunately I, like my esteemed brother of the cloth (whose wit, alas! is quite inimitable!) the Rev. C. D. Farrar, am always itching to buy rare birds, which are quite beyond my purse, so after much excited cogitation, I determined on the comparatively cheap, but very rare, Meyer's Parrot.

Of the bargain I then made I have never since repented, for "Bessie" has turned out a most affectionate and lovable friend, moults regularly with much facility, and whenever shown under competent judges, come out very near the top of her class. Her first appearance was with her late lamented husband at the Crystal Palace, in 1897, when all other competitors were placed below them. This species has a blackish-brown ground colour, with patches of brightest yellow on the head and wings, whilst the breast is of a vivid emerald hue. A small bird, not much larger, but thicker, than a Blackbird, it is a member of the genus Poeocephalus, frequenting Africa. To this genus also belong the Senegal and Jardine's Parrot, both of which are most delightful cage-birds, but unfortunately they do not reach us in any considerable numbers. Bessie is fond of bathing herself, even in the coldest weather, and is never happy unless she is allowed to come and sit on my shoulder at breakfast and at tea, at each of which meals she is allowed a lump of sugar, broken up into pieces about the size of a pea, and, if I am slack in offering her a supply, she gives my ear an unmistakable tweak. She is now about 20 years old, twelve of which she has spent in the bleak climate of Eastern Anglia, far away, and far different from her native land—

"Where Afric's sunny fountains
Pour down their golden sand."

The Great Secret of Success.

This article has, I fear, already run to such considerable length that I must not now tarry to describe or comment on the other Parrots I have kept, including the Purple-capped Lory (a handsome bird, but noisy), the Cuban or White-headed Parrot (like all the Amazons, sluggish but tractable), Brown's Parrakeet (red blue, and lemon, with graceful pencillings), Everett's Parrot (of uniform yellow green, sedate, but very rare), and sundry others. But I may say this—that I believe the great secret of success with Parrots is plenty of fresh air (both indoors and out), a varied diet, including canary, millet (especially spray), hemp, oats, sunflower, nuts, budding boughs, seed-heads of marigold, and of hard-heads, shepherd's purse, apple-pips, and, last but not least, a little gentle exercise in the shape of a fly round the room every day, if possible. Do not coddle them, but talk to them and make real friends of them, and they will respond in such a way as to make you think that they are the most accomplished and delightful members of all the feathered tribe.

The Black Swan.

From Australia we get one bird added to our domesticated races—the Black Swan. When first introduced it was thought it would not succeed, as it nested in January, but now it has accommodated itself to our seasons, and breeds at the usual time.

Rooks During Severe Weather.

Rooks are well-known to be general feeders, and during the recent severe weather were seen in one district chasing small birds, and even Blackbirds and Thrushes had to scuttle for their lives. No doubt during prolonged frost, when small birds are weak, Rooks could easily catch them.

Correspondence.

A Bullfinch Wearing a Rubber Ring.

Sir,—A cock Bullfinch was caught in this district (Horley, Surrey) with a rubber ring on its leg. There was no mark visible, as the ring was perished, and had been pulled about when I saw it. There was a flat portion where no doubt it was marked. If it was put on to mark the bird, it would be interesting to know if any of your readers have seen birds marked the same way. J. WHITE.

Carnarvon 1912 Open Show.

Sir,—In your issue of Feb. 3, under "Twitterings," we read that Mr. J. W. Metcalfe is judging an open show at Carnarvon on August Bank Holiday. Is this show the North Wales Cage Bird Society's open show for 1912? If so, we members don't know about it, as we have had no general meeting, although the Secretary was asked by letter to call one on Boxing Day last, when practically all members were at Carnarvon the whole day, and a meeting could easily have been held. Will the Secretary please let us know whether he received the letter; also is a general meeting to be called to select the Committee for 1912 and carry business through?

A MEMBER, N.W.C.B.S.

Palace Winning Skylarks at Five and Five Pence Each.

An Incident at the Late Show.

Sir,—Allow me through the columns of your widely read paper, to thank the Manager of the Crystal Palace Show, Mr. Ramsden, for his great kindness and courtesy. By a clerical error I filled in the price of my exhibits in the Skylark class at five shillings and fivepence each, but intended this for five guineas. The birds were naturally soon claimed, and I would have lost them but for the kindness of the Manager. Both were returned me in faultless condition. Also allow me to thank the gentleman who claimed my birds for giving them up. Such sportsmanlike treatment of exhibitors cannot be made too widely known. A. C. ALLAWAY.

Bird Shows in the Potteries.

A Suggestion for Novice Competitions.

Sir,—I see that we are having another Society in the Potteries—at Burslem. I think this makes five. I wish Mr. L. James, Sec., and his members every success. I should like to make a suggestion, the same to be an annual affair, i.e., that the Novice Norwich members (let the Yorkies look after themselves, also the pros.) of the five societies join together and show their birds at each show, as if they were members, in members' classes. I think there are about 60 members and if they would each subscribe 1s., making £3, it would buy a nice cup value about £2 for the novice member getting most points at all the shows, also a 15s. gold medal for 2nd most points, and a 5s. silver medal for 3rd most points. I think this would help to fill the shows and make the Novice more enthusiastic. They would also be able to gain experience before launching out among the pro's. I should like to hear what the Novice members think or if they could suggest something else.

T. DUNN.

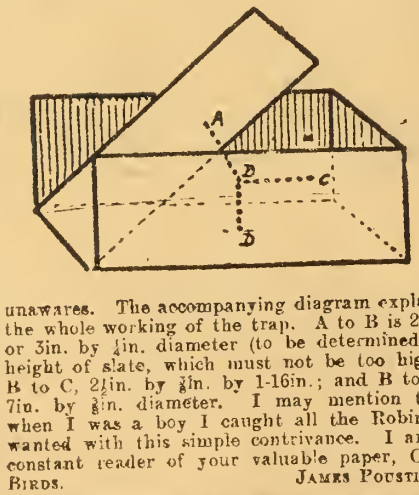
Vice-President, Hanley C.B.S.

The Redwing: How to Procure and Keep it in Captivity.

Sir,—The Redwing, or, as it is sometimes called, the Wind Thrush, is one of our winter migrants, and can be seen about the fields generally in flocks. It is a native of Norway and Sweden, where it breeds; but I knew some years ago of a nest being found in England. The bird is much like a small Thrush, but under its wings is a rusty red, which no doubt it takes its name from. These birds have no song to speak of, and are but seldom kept in cages; but now and then one is placed on the show bench. I have in my time caught a good many; also shot hundreds in the sharp weather when the snow was deep on the ground and food scarce; in fact, the flocks of these birds were very large some twenty years ago. They have not been no numerous about Ramsay of late years. During the time the snow was on the ground in January small flocks were seen. It is very seldom that any are caught now; or even shot for pies, etc., as they used to be years ago. As time goes on, and as all kinds of British birds have been taken on by fanciers, the day is not far distant in my humble opinion that at our leading shows classes will be given for most kinds of our native birds. It does seem quite astonishing what CAGE BIRDS has done for all classes in educating them and helping them to keep all rare kinds of our native and migratory birds. We now only want the classes at our shows to further yet more the keeping of all kinds as the hobby is not only interesting, but instructive—especially so for children, and classes should be given at most shows for these, if only for educational purposes. Now these birds would make very desirable pets for children, as they are very hardy, and can be kept out of doors in any cage made out of a box, with only a wire front. They must be kept out of draughts. The food which you give the Thrush or Blackbird would suit them very well indeed. They are very fond of bathing, so it would be as well to use plenty of sawdust at the cage bottom to keep them clean. As they do not breed in England, there would be no chance to hand-rear them; you would have to depend upon the catcher to get you one, which could be procured for a few pence. I have found them to be very hardy birds indeed, for I have kept one for over ten years merely as a pet. The keeping of such hardy birds gives young beginners encouragement, as the birds stand a lot of rough treatment, and are not likely to die, as some of the more tender birds are; not that I wish them to receive any bad treatment, but I do know that young beginners soon get sick of birds if any die, although it is their own fault. If, however, they are successful, it encourages them to take up other kinds and so blossom out into good fanciers. These few lines are written for the encouragement of the young, and as this is the season when these birds visit us, and are easily caught, one or two can easily be procured. NIMROD.

The Catching of Robins.

Sir,—In reply to "Yorkshire," for his benefit I would like to pass on this simple, inexpensive and very reliable trap. "Yorkshire" would first require to procure three slates and a half (ordinary blue house slates about 10in. long by five and a half inches broad); also three small pieces of wood. Make a pin about 7in. by ⅜in. diameter, also make one about 2½in. by 1-16in. thick by ⅜in. broad; the other one may be anything from 2½in. to 3in. long by ¼in. diameter. Under a hedge in the garden, where Robins are chiefly to be found, make a hole and fix in two slates for sides; make the half-slate the front. These must be flush with the surface of the ground, and made firm. Then fix in the 7in. pin about the depth of half a slate; then the other two pins and the slate for the lid (make this slate the heaviest one, as on this entirely depends the action of the trap). This completes the trap. Bread crumbs or anything are suitable for bait, and of course must be placed inside. Whenever Mr. Robin alights on the protruding pin he is caught



unawares. The accompanying diagram explains the whole working of the trap. A to B is 2½in. or 3in. by ¼in. diameter (to be determined by height of slate, which must not be too high); B to C, 2½in. by ⅜in. by 1-16in.; and B to D, 7in. by ⅜in. diameter. I may mention that when I was a boy I caught all the Robins I wanted with this simple contrivance. I am a constant reader of your valuable paper, CAGE BIRDS. JAMES POUSTIE.

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Egg-Flake and the Rearing of Young Birds.

Sir,—Will any fancier tell me if they have tried Egg Flake at 1s. 3d., per lb; as obtained at the bird shops? Will this egg food rear young birds from the shell without anything else added to it—just given in a dry state? Has any fancier had good results from its use? ERNEST FOLKARD.

A Little Auk Captured in Huntingdonshire.

Sir,—On Jan. 25 a gent asked me to identify a bird which was caught in a fen dyke in Ramsey Hollow. It proved to be a very fine specimen of the Little Auk. It was in good condition and in beautiful plumage. It was seen in the dyke and caused some trouble before it could be caught as it kept diving. It is very rare that this bird comes so far inland. No doubt it was driven by the gales from its Northern home. It is now being set up by a naturalist. I have heard speak of one taken in this district some years ago, after some strong weather. We often get some rare birds in the Fen districts, but they are soon taken in some way or shot. A Hoopoe was shot some time ago near the town. NIMROD.

The Sea Gulls Have a "Bad Time."

Two Marked Birds Found.

Sir,—During the recent spell of severe weather the Sea Gulls appear to have had a bad time judging by the numbers in the fields here (Southampton). I found one, a small brown Gull, dead, apparently starved, with a ring on its leg marked (Museum Leiden 644) and another of the same species got caught in a net set for small birds. That also had a ring, marked, Witherby, High Holborn, London. This one of course I released none the worse for being examined. J. HAYTER.

The Secrecy of the Ballot.

Sir,—I must thank you, Mr. Editor, for publishing my last letter. Since then I have received a communication from Mr. Holley, which I think the members should know of. I sent a requisition, duly signed, to Mr. Holley to summon a general meeting for the purpose of preventing anyone from opening ballot papers, also to appoint two auditors. I enclose you, Mr. Editor, Mr. Holley's reply; which is as follows:—"At a meeting of the Council of the Y.C. and C.B.S. of Ireland, held on Thursday, 1st February, the requisition sent in by you for a special meeting to consider a resolution in reference to the handling of voting papers prior to annual meeting was considered. It was resolved by the Council to put the matter on the minutes of the meeting, as a resolution, which was carried, the secretary being instructed not to open any ballot papers marked as such. Your reference to the appointment of auditors was entirely uncalled for as the rules of the Society govern this matter." I wish now to ask Mr. Holley the following questions: 1. Does Rule VIII. of the Society bind him to call a special general meeting when applied for by a requisition duly signed by six members? What was the reason that the meeting I applied for was not summoned? 2. Is it not a fact that up to the time Mr. Holley received my requisition no auditors were appointed? Still Mr. Holley says my reference to the appointing of auditors was uncalled for. I have just received a copy of the Balance Sheet for last year and I notice that it only contains the signature of one auditor. I am sure that Mr. Holley will explain to the members.

J. R. HYLAND.

Sir,—The members of the Yorkshire C. and C.B.S. of Ireland—and the requisitionists for a special general meeting in particular—will be pleased to know that their Council, in meeting assembled, on the 1st February unanimously passed a resolution as follows: "The seal of any envelope marked 'Ballot Paper' received by the Hon. Secretary shall not be broken by him, only by the Scrutineers appointed at the annual general meeting." I think this action on the part of the Council should meet the requirements of the critical situation.

C. HOLLEY, Hon. Sec., pro tem.

Where Beginners often Beat "Old Hands."

The "Luck" of the Hybrid Breeder.

Sir,—A few lines on this subject at this time of the year may be the means of starting some beginners in this the most fascinating of all cage bird breeding—i.e., according to the writer's opinion, for I have always had a great interest in this most uncertain hobby. Let me encourage the young hands by telling them quite straight that they can often beat the old hands, and those who know the most and have been the longest tryers at the game. There is, of course, science to be used in Mule and Hybrid breeding, but most generally it is "luck" which you require, with, of course, patience as well. But a young beginner, even at the first time of asking, can accomplish what it has taken older hands years to do. Now, as the season is approaching when all kinds of wild birds will be taken, those who live in towns can go to the dealer's and make their selection or they can get some from the catchers. Your outlay need not be much for either a cock Greenfinch and hen Bullfinch, as the pair can be bought for 1s. 6d. Then with a cage made by yourself out of a good-sized box, either with a ready-made wire front or one you have made yourself (the thing is done quite easily and cheaply), a good Hybrid may be produced worth perhaps pounds. If you do not know how to go on with them or manage them, as the season comes on either ask the Editor of CAGE BIRDS what to do—he will most readily answer any question in the columns of that paper or write a letter for information on the subject. And there are books and booklets published by CAGE BIRDS which would soon put anyone on the right path. Only just think that a young beginner might breed a Palace winner for 1s. 6d. from two of our most common birds. If you would like to spend a few more shillings and buy another pair, a cock Siskin and hen Bullie, and should be fortunate enough to raise a bird, you would have a very rare and interesting Hybrid indeed, and one which, I believe, as yet has not been produced. Another very good and rare Hybrid, and oh, so cheap! would be from the Redpoll and hen Bullie, but the Lesser Redpoll would have to be used. Both of these would not cost more than 1s. 6d.—i.e., if the British birds were used. I should not advise any young beginner to use the foreign Bullfinches or Goldfinches, because they are more expensive and would take more management. The produce, of course, would be larger and more valuable, but the result would be more uncertain, as the writer has never found the foreigner such a ready breeder. After you have tried one or more pairs of these cheap [illegible] other crosses might be tried when you have gained the experience in managing them during the breeding season. If a pair of these birds were procured and put together at once, they would get on friendly terms with one another, or they might be kept apart in the same room, so that they could see and hear each other, and if no other birds of their species were in the room they would soon begin to answer and talk (in their ways) to each other. From one single pair only you might stand a good chance. Now, when you have the eggs from the Bullie, it is, of course, best to place them under hen Canaries, so as to make more certain of their being hatched. I hope these few lines will be the means of several young hands starting in this hobby. This would also equally apply to young hands who have just started with Canaries. HYBRID.

Nests of Birds, Poultry, etc., should be regularly sprinkled with KEATING'S POWDER. Especially when hens are sitting. Don't forget to do this just previous to the eggs hatching, to destroy the Red Mite. Kills all insects. Harmless to everything else.

Proposed New Society for Thornton Heath and District.

Sir,—Will fanciers who think of joining, communicate with me at 44, Frant Road, Thornton Heath, so that a meeting may be called at an early date to consider the formation of the above? Will members of CAGE BIRDS LEAGUE in Thornton Heath and Croydon also communicate with me as early as possible.

H. W. CHILD, Hon. Sec., pro tem.
44, Frant Road, Thornton Heath.

A Roller Canary Club for Blackpool, Fylde and District.

Sir,—A general meeting was called at the Raiki Hall Hotel, Blackpool with the object of drawing Roller fanciers together, to form, if possible, a Roller Canary Club, and I am pleased to say that the object was achieved. There will be another meeting on March 5th, when I hope to enrol more members. At present there are six; not many but a good start.

R. TOMLINSON, Hon. Sec., pro tem.

Does the L. and P.O.S. Need Waking Up?

Sir,—Does the L. and P.O.S.. need waking up? This question was asked recently and I would reply yes—most emphatically yes. I called at the Palace show for a friend's birds on Tuesday evening, and found most of the members of the L. and P.O.S., conspicuous by their absence. Balance sheets of the society prove that the national shows are run at a profit for their benefit. They therefore get both honour and profit. The least members can do in return is to attend at the close of their shows to see the valuable specimens entrusted to their care are properly packed for the return journey. A few officials of the L. and P.O.S., were in attendance, doing their best to superintend a crowd of hired labourers. I hope these remarks will be noted by those members of the L. and P.O.S., who have not yet recognised that they have a duty to perform, both to their society and to exhibitors.

A CANDID FRIEND.

A Useful Early Green Food and How to Obtain it.

Sir,—For a green food for early use, and especially so for fanciers living in towns where they cannot easily get a good supply of young and tender green food to hand just when they want it most, an old plan of mine will be found very useful. This I used over twenty years ago, when unable to get either dandelion or chickweed. Take a large shallow dish, and cover the bottom with cole seeds or winter rape. Then just cover it with water, which will cause it to sprout readily. When sprouted about one inch, or even less, you can then dig out a little, and with seed, roots, and tops, chop it up with the egg food, which then becomes a very tasty food, and is readily eaten by all birds. This will also help to bring them into condition, and I have found it also a good preventative of egg-binding in the early spring. It might also be sown in boxes and slightly covered over with soil like mustard and cress, and kept in a warm place.

OLD BREEDER.

The Weather and the Crystal Palace Show.

An Exhibitor's Thanks for the Excellent Management.

Sir,—During nearly a score of years in which I have visited the annual national show at the Crystal Palace, I have experienced many and various kinds of weather, but for a real sample of the Arctic regions the recent show holds the record so far as we are concerned, for, according to the daily papers, London has not undergone such a severe cold snap for forty-five years, and I can well believe it. Some seventeen years ago we had it pretty sharp, and I well remember one keen fancier wrapping up his birds in blankets and lining the van conveying them to the Palace with hot water bottles! There is something about the idea of a win at the Palace that draws, and will continue to draw entries until the end of time, but a more unsuitable place to hold a cage bird show at this season of the year, under the present penurious circumstances, would be difficult to find. At one time the managers of the Palace could afford to have the cage bird show held in a huge marquee. the canvas sides and top of which afforded every protection from draughts. Then the whole of the Palace was heated, and the place generally was comfortable and suitable. Now the show is held in a dark place where it is sometimes difficult to get a proper view of the birds, and the present conditions allow the wind to come in. Small wonder that the Palace has lost its popularity with exhibitors of tropical birds, and that the classes for foreigners were so badly filled—even the hardy Britishers felt the exceptional severity of the weather. When I wended my way to the show on the Monday morning it was with a very heavy heart. I expected at every step to meet some friend who would tell me all my birds were dead, and, much to my surprise and delight, I found them all very much alive and none the worse for their terrible experience with the weather. The show manager for the L. and P.O.S., Mr. J. W. Ramsden, was to be thanked for this. From the moment we unpacked the birds till the close of the show he gave us every possible assistance, and allowed us many privileges for which we are extremely grateful, the result being that my exhibits, including such delicate living jewels as the Indian Sunbirds, Dartford Warbler, and others are, if anything, in better form than when they went to the show; all are in full song, and not a feather has gone wrong. I tender Mr. Ramsden and his able stewards and attendants my heartfelt and sincere thanks for their courtesy and conscientious treatment of each and every exhibit. The two huge hot-water pipes inside the show enclosure were kept as hot as it was possible to make them, and nothing was left undone which they were able to do under the circumstances for the comfort of exhibit and exhibitor alike.

JOHN FROSTICK.

Late Entries at the Crystal Palace Show.

Sir,—In reply to Mr. Rnkin, permit me to state that no late entries were taken; those arriving Monday were the last to be accepted. In the Lizard Section I had eleven entries in one class and nine in the other, which means that full prize-money was paid and a loss suffered. Had I accepted late entries therein, I should hardly have been likely to have refused Mr. Rnkin's, for the acceptance of his entry money would naturally have reduced the loss sustained upon these classes. It is true that "A" and "B" entries (two) appeared in one class, but this was solely due to a clerical error in posting this exhibitor's birds from his entry form. I might add, Mr. Editor, that your representative has always been in the habit of calling upon me on the Tuesday to obtain full details of the entry (for publication in CAGE BIRDS of the same week), and he has then always found the birds numbered up ready for the catalogue to be placed in the printer's hands.

J. W. RAMSDEN, Show Manager.

Roller Canaries at the Palace Show.

An Explanation by the Judge.

Sir,—I feel it my duty to put the true facts before the Roller Fancy and show them that we were mislead when we were told that the birds would be judged in a "lavatory.' I was told that the birds were judged in the same room last year, and it is a splendid room for judging. The only drawback (if it can be called one) is that they have to be judged by artificial light. We all know that in any room artificial light has to be used at the latter part of the day and then some of the birds have the advantage of being judged by daylight and the rest by gaslight, which gives one lot of birds the advantage over the others. So you see in this room all birds were on equal terms. I think Mr. Ramsden must have given strict orders that no one had to come in, as I was not disturbed. I can only say that anyone who has seen the room will agree with me that they saw no signs of the "lavatory." Now, as regards the birds being staged in the open show, I have an open mind; but if it is allowed at one show why not at another? I have been told by several that the Rollers at the Club Show can hear the other birds, if they don't see them. So there is no difference. I must also, sir, thank you for your report of the B.R.C.C.. meeting, as it was the first news I had of what took place. I was a bit surprised to see the hon. sec. taking the very unusual course of moving propositions when there were plenty of members present.

F. OLDROYD.

Apologies.

In Re L. & P.O.S , and Norris and others.

Feb. 9th., 1912.

Dear Sirs,—With reference to the letter written by me to the Roller Canary Journal in January last, I find I was in error in stating that the birds would be judged in a lavatory, which I find is incorrect. I also understand that other arrangements were made by the Manager of the show with which I was not acquainted at the time I wrote such letter, and am sorry if any expressions therein contained caused damage to the show or annoyance to the managers, and apologise for having used them.—Yours faithfully (Signed), J. W. Norris.

The Managers, Great National Cage Bird Show, Crystal Palace.

Feb. 9, 1912.

We having now satisfied ourselves that the statements in the Roller Canary Journal of January, 1912, contained in a letter signed by J. W. Norris, in regard to the accommodation of the Roller Canary Section at the Great National Cage Bird Show at the Crystal Palace, Sydenham, are incorrect, we therefore unreservedly withdraw the same, and regret if any inconvenience has been caused to the managers of the show.—(Signed) P. Slade, Chas. H. Lowe (for Lowe, Aston and Co.).

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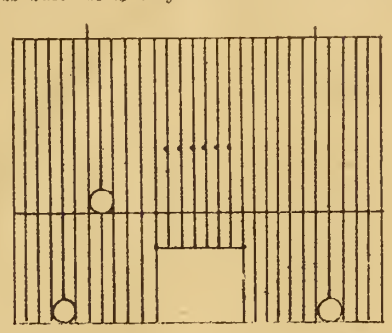
No. 567.
Useful for Colour-feeding, etc.
Sent by Mr. W. Tolson, 1, Vuleen Road, Dewsbury.

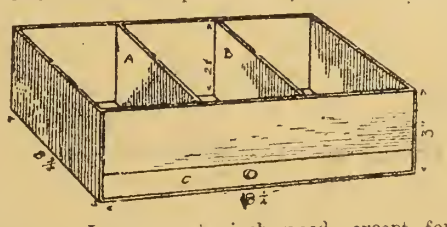
Enclosed please find illustrated a cage front with extra head hole (for colour-feeding or separate seed diet) fixed at the end of perch. I find it a very usefnl idea for colour-feeding of young birds by putting a water tin on the cross bar. It is easy to remove to refill with-



ont frightening the birds or disturbing the hen from her nest. It also saves soft food as the young birds cannot get their feet into it and dirty the perches. It is easy to fix. Get an extra "Bob-Hole." Cut about 1 in. of the wire; insert "Bob-Hole" and solder. I think some of your readers will find it beneficial at all times, as it does away with opening the cage door and having to put soft food glass through the wires.—W. Tolson.

No 568.
A Training Device for Yorkshires.
Sent by E. Humphries, Stockland Green, Speldhurst.

When training Yorkshires for the show bench, I find it useful to make a box, as shown in the sketch, on which I fix three of the removable wire-tops from Yorkshire show



cages. I use quarter-inch wood, except for the partitions A and B, which are half-inch. It is 8½in. long and 8¾in. from front to back. This box bottom can easily be cleaned out, and by its use the bottoms of the show-cages do not get dirtied.—E. Humphries.

A Proposed Roller Canary Club for Scotland.

Sir,—All Scottish Roller fanciers able to be in Glasgow on Saturday, Feb. 24, are invited to attend a meeting to be held at Neilson's Temperance Hotel, 83, Ingram Street, Glasgow, at six o'clock, when it is hoped that the foundations may be laid of a Scottish Roller Canary Club. There will be a few Rollers at the meeting. If those interested, but unable to come to the meeting will communicate with me I shall be pleased to send them all particulars of the proposed club.

A. FORREST.

An Open Letter to Members of "Cage Birds League."

Fellow members of CAGE BIRDS LEAGUE: It is a far cry from this hurrying, bustling twentieth century back to the Creation, but I would like for a moment to carry your minds backwards as far as that epoch. Man was given dominion over the beasts of the field, the fowls of the air and the fish of the sea, and he was endowed with intelligence to use that dominion aright. That, fellow members, is as much the charter of the Bird Fancier as it is of the highest in the realm to shoot tigers, pheasants or other wild creatures, or of the Humanitarian to eat his Lark pie. The great matter is to use that dominion with intelligence and with common sense, and not to abuse it. In course of time, man has framed laws defining what we all must do in carrying out his mandate, and unfortunately the more recent legislation in this country (partly through the supineness of those most interested) has been badly tainted by maudlin sentimentality, so that it is necessary for fanciers to bestir themselves and see that legislation is put on a commonsense basis. The Lord Chief Justice, in his recent decision, interpreted the "unintelligible" laws to mean that the Humanitarians (who consist chiefly of old women of both sexes, blessed with more money than common sense) can still have their Larks caught and killed and sent to London for pies, but that the bird dealer cannot bring into London a single newly-caught bird, although it may have been quite legally caught. Why? Because, presumably, it is cruel. Since that decision the Humanitarians have even had the effrontery to argue that a man cannot send a bird to London for six months after it has been legally taken in the country, but in this contention they have overreached themselves, for they lost their case in which they sought to establish this doctrine, and were mulcted in costs. Fellow fanciers, we abominate cruelty as much as the humanitarian or any one, and one object of our LEAGUE is to improve bird shops, and steps are being taken to this end, and we contend that deer hunting, fox hunting, hare coursing, for sport, and so on are more cruel than keeping birds contented and in perfect health for years. The laws are not God-made but man-made, and it is clear that the humanitarians have no consideration for the large body of agriculturists whose crops are spoiled by the over preservation of destructive birds; no consideration for the workman from the country, who, in the town, wishes to have a bird as a cheap companion, the attending to which has a tendency to keep him out of the public house; no consideration for the effecient bird catchers, the bird-shop keepers, the sellers of seeds and other requisites, all diligent workers in the community who are earning a small but in most cases an honest livelihood from their work; no consideration for the poor invalid in the back street whose burden might be lightened by listening to the song of a neighbour's Lark—Indeed their policy reminds one of the very true lines of the poet.

"Man's inhumanity to man
Makes countless thousands mourn."

A MEMBER.

SHOW DATES FIXED.

England.

1912.
Oct. 9 & 10.—**Clapham.**—(A. L. Priest, 28, Kyrle Rd.), J.R., C.A.H., H.J.F., H.N.
Oct. 10 & 11.—**Norwich Alliance.**—(R. Roll, 62, Ashley St.). W.E.G., J.R., W.V.
Oct. 12.—**Leeds** (W. A. Wilson, 75, Bayswater Mount, Roundhay.). J.H.R. and W.M.
Oct. 12.—**Morpeth.**—(E. Cowling Market Place.)
Oct. 15 and 16.—**Western Counties O.S.**—(T. Pope, 98, Embankment Rd., Plymouth.). J.R., T.H.
Oct. 23 & 24.—**London and P.O.S.**—(C. W. Law, Brimley House, Woodhouse Rd., N. Finchley, N.).
Oct. 25 & 26.—**S. Shields.**—(W. S. Smith, 3, Queen Street.).
Oct. 30.—**Torbay O.S. (Paignton).**—(J. N. Jeffery, "Sartor House," Winner Street, Paignton.
Oct. 30 & 31.—**Cheltenham.**—(A. S. Treasure, Idahoe, Oakland Ave.).
Nov. 1 & 2.—**Sheffield O.S.**—T. Bishop, 60, Alexandra Road.). W.M., C.H., W.V.
Nov. 1 & 2.—**Wolverhampton.**—(J. Gibbons, 64, Napier Rd.). J.R.
Nov. 1 & 2.—**Liverpool** (Metcalfe and Hillmen, 68, Brunswick Rd.). H.W.B., J.W.
Nov. 2 & 4.—**Leicester Hand-in-Hand.**—(A. Freestone, 79, Clarendon Street). J.H.P.
Nov. 7 & 8.—**Leyton.**—(Foree and Son, 31, Thornhill Rd.).
Nov. 8 & 9.—**Old Shildon.**—(J. H. Elwell, 35, Church Street, Shildon).
Nov. 8 & 9.—**West Stanley** (W. Elliott, 15, Fairford Terr.)
Nov. 9.—**Warrington.**—(G. M. Nelson, 466, Knutsford Rd.).
Nov. 15 & 16.—**Hull.**—(E. R. Ridley, 19, Lambton Street.) J.R., H.W.B.
Nov. 22 & 23.—**Haltwhistle.**—(Nicholson and Tallantyre, Westgate.)
Nov. 30.—**Coventry Godiva.**—(R. Symonds, 29, Melbourne Rd., Earlsdon.) H.W.B.
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Dec. 7.—**Rotherham.**—(B. Bailey, 47, Craven Street, Parkgate, nr. Rotherham.) J.C.B.
Dec. 11.—**Luton.**—(E. Bloomfield, 22, Hitchin Rd.) J.R., J.F.
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Scotland.

1912.
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Oct. 19.—**Kelty and Blairadam.**—(A. Dickson, 37, Adams Terrace.)
Nov. 16.—**Cowdenbeath.**—(J. R. Reid, 7, Woodland Place.)
Nov. 30.—**City of Dundee.**—(A. Miller, 3, Park Ave.)
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Ireland.

Nov. 7 & 8.—**Banbridge.**—(A. McCagherty, Banbridge).
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CANARY QUERIES.

Answered by CLAUDE ST. JOHN.

A Cure for Asthma.

Beeston.—Surely you must have seen remedies in these columns almost every week for months past, and also some in the correspondence columns? Asthma is more easily prevented by correct treatment than cured. Cure by drugs and nostrums, though useful enough to help the system to throw off the attack, is rarely very satisfactory once the disease has got a firm hold. The first step must always be to remove all causes by keeping bird in a well-ventilated place with plenty of fresh pure air, but quite free from cold draughts, extremes of heat and cold, damp, or fumes from burning lights. They should be kept in a bright and cosy place, but not necessarily very warm. If these simple rules were observed from the beginning asthma would rarely occur, unless birds were predisposed to it by breeding. When these points have been duly attended to, and a suitable diet given, as frequently detailed here, if the case is mild give first a mild aperient for one or two days, and afterwards twenty drops of whiskey, five each of ipecacuanha wine, and oxymel of squills, and two of eucalyptus oil well shaken together, two days in every three for a week or so. In obstinate cases, instead of the latter mixture get a chemist to mix you two drams each of oxymel of squills and ipecacuanha wine, one dram each of chlorodyne and chloric æther, and eight grains of iodide of potassium. Give 15 drops of this in the water every second day for a fortnight, then miss a week, and give again for another fortnight; and so on as long as is necessary.

Wheezing and Soft Moult.

Ignoramus.—(1) The fact that your birds generally become wheezy after you have had them a short time is sufficient proof that your kitchen is scarcely a suitable place for them. You are quite correct in thinking that if suitable remedies are offered at the very beginning of the trouble there would be a fair chance of getting them right again, but would it not be far better to go a little farther and adopt suitable measures of prevention, and thus dispense with the beginnings of the trouble? See reply to "Beeston" and follow that advice. (2) So many of your birds going into soft moult is evidence that the place is faulty. In addition to the staple diet give half a teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake with four drops of sherry and two of cod liver oil emulsion mixed in it and sprinkled with maw every second day, and give also on these days a pinch of hemp. On the alternate days give a similar quantity of summer rape and a morsel of banana. In the water give a mild aperient for one day, and afterwards six drops tincture of gentian and four of tincture of steel every second day for a fortnight or so. You will find this subject more fully dealt with in CAGE BIRDS ANNUAL just issued. Your feeding might be better. Add a little rape every second day, a little egg-food, sponge cake, or bread and milk, once or twice a week, a pinch of mixed seed as often, and a little fruit or green-stuff three or four times a week.

MATE FOR BORDER (Mate).—You ought to have said what marks the hen possesses and whether they are heavy or light marks. If she is rather heavily marked, mate her with a clear yellow pink-eyed cock, bred of a marked strain. If she is lightly marked, and especially if she has very small eye-marks, mate her to a yellow cock, also with light eye-marks, again bred from even-marked birds, with Cinnamon markings. Do not under any circumstances mate her with a green bred cock. It would totally defeat your object.

EGG-FOOD SUBSTITUTE (C. H. H.). I have dealt with this subject in article in CAGE BIRDS ANNUAL. The food you name is, I believe, very good, and I also believe many fanciers have succeeded in rearing young from the shell upon it without the aid of the orthodox egg-food; therefore, I see no reason why you should not be equally successful, especially as your old birds are very fond of it. This is all I can say, as I have not myself attempted to bring up young from the shell solely upon it, though I have used it in other ways, such as a substitute for egg-food out of the breeding season, etc. One word of advice I would give you: If you adopt it solely for the breeding season, get your supply direct, then you will be sure it is fresh.

SONG TOO LOW (K. A. I.).—I suppose you are quite satisfied about the sex. Personally I should be a little doubtful. In addition to the staple diet give half a teaspoonful of sponge cake moistened with four or five drops of sherry and sprinkled with a mixture of equal parts maw, gold of pleasure, and sesame seed, every third day. On the alternating days give first a leaf of dandelion if obtainable in good condition, or, otherwise, a spray of watercress or morsel of banana, and next a pinch of a mixture of equal parts hemp, inga, and teazle. Mix together in a warm galipot a tablespoonful of pure honey, a teaspoonful of cod liver oil emulsion, as much chlorate of potash as will lie on a shilling, the same quantity of grain of paradise, and a sprinkling of maw, and make into a soft paste with a little finely-powdered biscuit. When cold, cut off a piece and stick in the wires for the bird to peck at when it likes. Continue this treatment for a month.

KEEPING MICE OUT OF CAGES (Rodents).—You mis-read my reply a few week ago on this subject; I certainly did not mean to imply it is an easy matter to prevent mice getting into cages, but rather the reverse. Now you have got rid of the mice your best plan is to search out every hole you can find and fill it up with cement in which you have mixed a little finely-broken glass or china. Keep walls as smooth as possible—if paper is used it should be of the smooth sanitary kind—and keep surface of the skirting board painted and varnished quite smoothly. Around each leg or support of the rack secure closely a piece of tin or zinc four inches wide, the lower edge about three or four inches above the floor. That no curtains or other draperies hang near, or overhang, cages. If the room is used solely as bird-room, you could quite prevent mice climbing wall by nailing a strip of tin or zinc three inches wide to the top of the skirting board, and then bending it to point downwards at an angle of forty-five degrees.

WHICH MATE (White Star).—It depends upon what you would like to breed. If you want to try for Mules then mate the Yorkshire hen with the Linnet. They should make a suitable pair. But if you want to get young Canaries there is nothing for it but to mate hen with the buff Yorkshire cock. A marked or ticked yellow cock would be more suitable than the buff, but as you have no other, there is no choice, unless your replaced him through a sale or exchange.

BRINGING CINNAMONS INTO CONDITION (C.B.L. Member).—Yes, feed and treat the Cinnamons generally just the same as the Norwich and you will not go wrong. I take you are now beginning to supplement the diet of canary and rape with a little mixed seed about twice a week, egg-food ditto, and a spray of green food when obtainable in good condition, as detailed in "Canary Breeding for Beginners," and CAGE BIRDS ANNUAL. If not, begin to do so at once.

DIARRHOEA (A Young Beginner).—You should have said how you fed the bird. Get the Nutshell booklet on "The Canary," and see that you are correct in this way. See that all foods and water are perfectly sound and sweet, and vessels quite clean. In addition to staple of plain canary, give half a teaspoonful of summer rape daily. Every second day a morsel of banana and a pinch of maw, and on the alternate days a pinch each of hemp and crushed dry plain biscuit. Give no green stuff at present. If this is not soon effectual, add six drops of tincture of gentian, and four of tincture of opium to the water for two or three consecutive days.

WHICH RING (G.M.O.).—As a safe and permanent mark and index to a bird's pedigree, the closed ring is undoubtedly much the best. In some cases, as Rollers intended for contests, the closed ring is essential. Mistakes are apt to arise when open rings are used by misplacing them when they are removed for any purpose. Closed rings should be put on when the young are from 7 to 9 days old—the larger breeds at the earlier age, and the smaller ones at the later age. Full particulars and illustration of method of ringing are given in Part viii. of "Our Canaries."

QUIET BIRDS (W. T. Blair).—It is quite possible there may be nothing more serious the matter with the two birds in question than the weight of a few extra winters, which generally curtail the restless activity of youth more or less. In addition to the staple seed diet, give half a teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake with two drops of cod liver oil emulsion, and four of sherry mixed in it, and sprinkled with equal parts of maw, sesame, and gold of pleasure seeds every second day, and on the alternate days a pinch of a mixture of equal parts hemp, inga, teazle, and millet, and either a morsel of banana, or a leaf of dandelion, if procurable. Add ten drops of syrup of buckthorn to the water for two days, and afterwards four drops each of tincture of gentian, tincture of calumba, and aromatic sulphuric acid every second day for a week. Continue above diet for two or three weeks as may seem necessary.

COLOUR-FEEDING IN NEST (Hillsboro').—(1) If properly done, using only pure sweet tasteless pepper and not given in excess, I do not think there is the least bit more risk of the young dying when they are so fed from the nest. I should, however, consider it quite sufficient to begin feeding at, say, five or six days old. But, upon the whole, there is now so little to be gained that I should scarcely recommend feeding from the nest. (2) You would find this question fully dealt with in Part V. of "Our Canaries." In addition to the staple of plain Canary seed give half a teaspoonful of rape every second day. Twice a week on the alternate days give a small teaspoonful of egg-food, and on three other days a similar quantity of a mixture of equal parts hemp, inga, and millet, with a sprinkling of linseed and teazle. If the birds seem backward at the end of this month give the rape and egg-food, the latter sprinkled with equal parts maw and gold of pleasure, both on same day, and the mixed seeds on every alternate day, and add a leaf of dandelion daily. There needs no tonic, unless birds were really out of condition from ill-health.

WASH FOR BREEDING CAGES (Breeding Cage).—I take it you mean a purifying or disinfectant wash. A fairly strong carbolic solution, such as two teaspoonfuls of Jeyes' Fluid or fzal, in a pint of water, is as good as anything, and most simple to use. It can be applied quite freely, and the birds returned to cages as soon as they are dry. It is purely a matter of personal taste whether you leave them in the bare wood, or paint or distemper them afterwards. I prefer seeing them with a pale tint inside—electric green for choice, though sky blue is a very popular shade. A hard drying enamel paint, which is not too glossy, or one of the water paints, or sanitary distemper, are the best dressings. After using these you must see that the cages are thoroughly dry before returning the birds.

ONE COCK WITH TWO HENS (J.F.).—It is quite a simple matter to run one cock with two hens. On the whole, I prefer the hens to be in single breeding cages, as when in adjoining compartments of a double breeding cage the hens are sometimes too much distracted with each other. But if you have only the double breeders, it will serve the purpose well enough. Keep the wood slide in, and one hen in each compartment. The cock must be kept in a separate cage until they are quite ready to mate. Then mate him first with one hen, and when she has laid and commenced to sit, remove cock and mate him with the other. When this hen has commenced to sit, remove cock and cage him separately again until the first hen is ready to go to nest for the second brood. Then repeat the process. The hens are left to hatch and rear the broods by themselves. If both are equally forward at same time, run the cock with each for one half of each day until both have gone to nest.

DIFFICULTY IN PERCHING, ETC. (R. T. Wyn).—(1) See that the perches are kept scrupulously clean, and of a convenient size for the bird to grip. Bathe the feet and shanks for a few minutes daily in a lukewarm solution of extract of Wych Hazel—say a small teaspoonful of the extract in a teacupful of warm water. After bathing, dry gently, and anoint sparingly with zinc ointment. Continue this for a week, and if not then well, write again. (2) For treatment of wheezy hen see reply to "Beeston" in this or last week's issue. It is interesting to know she hatched four strong birds last season, but it would be much more so to hear if and at what age these youngsters, if still living, develop the same symptoms. I cannot advise you to continue breeding with her unless she is quite cured.

CANARY QUERISTS,

should consult St. John's "Canary Breeding for Beginners" (7d.); House's "Canary Manual" (1/2); Battye's "Yorkshire Canaries" (1/1½); House's "Norwich Canaries" (1/1); Weston's "Stock Book" (7d.); Dr. Clarke's "Septic or Bird Fever" (7d.); Dr. Creswell's "Hygiene of Bird-keeping (1/1); Norman's "Aviaries, Bird-rooms, and Cages" (2/3); Ramsden's "Colour-feeding" (3½d.); "Seeds and Foods for Cage Birds" (1/2); or the "Nutshell" booklets (2½d. each): No. 5 "The Pet Canary," No. 6 "Ailing Birds and How to Cure them," No. 9 "The Disinfection of Cages, Bird-rooms, etc.," No. 10 "The Roller," No. 23 "The Border Fancy," No. 24 "Green Canaries." All thoroughly practical and instructive. Prices quoted are post free, from "Cage Birds," 154, Fleet Street, London, E.C.

BRITISH BIRDS, MULES, AND HYBRIDS.

Answered by G. E. WESTON.

Getting Goldie into Condition.

New Reader, Coventry.—I dealt with this matter only about a week ago; it is now quite a familiar topic. Don't forget that the Goldie is naturally a late breeder, May generally being the month he selects to "keep house" in. House-moulted birds come into breeding condition earlier than those in field plumage. Feed your bird on the following seed mixture—Teazle four parts, Canary and hemp three parts each, linseed one part, sunflower, safflower and summer rape half-part each. The sunflower and safflower I crack lightly by passsing them through a seed-crushing machine. In addition I have two other mixtures, of which I give a small teaspoonful daily—one, one day, the other the next day, and so on. They are (1) niger three parts, and maw one part; (2) thistle three ounces, dandelion and sesame two ounces each, lettuce, gold of pleasure, and cornflower one ounce each. All the others are mixed by measure. These seeds are those I have found by long experience the Goldfinch is particularly partial to, and as "tit-bits" they help to bring them into song and condition quicker than anything else I know. Plenty of dandelion, young tender leaves, and flowering and seeding heads are essential also, to bring them along into breeding condition. When they are in full, vigorous song, and drooping and spreading their tails and wings as they "sway" to and fro on the perch in the manner so peculiar to this species, then Goldfinches can be looked upon as "fit" for pairing up, especially so if they have a clear beak (free from any dark mark at the tip of the upper mandible). They will breed, however, even if the beak is not quite clear; I have had plenty do so.

MEALWORM BREEDING (C. B.).—I dealt fully with this (as doubtless you would note) in last week's issue.

IDENTITY OF BIRD (Lincolnshire Lad).—The body you send is that of a Snow Bunting. Value very small (about 1s. 6d. to 2s. each retail for cocks), as this species is quite plentiful this winter.

THE SAD CASE OF A JAY (R. Philpot).—I fear nothing can be done to stave off the blindness which is overtaking your Jay, seeing that the pupils of both eyes are almost white. It is incurable, I regret to say. If you do not care to keep him when blind, then have him chloroformed by a chemist (or your family medical man). Nine years is not a particularly old age, though a fair span.

HYBRID BREEDING (J.D.).—The house you mention would be a useful one for hybrid breeding, but you must not put many pairs therein. The best "mixture" you could try would be (hens) two or three Canaries, one Greenfinch, one Bullfinch, one Siskin; (cocks) two Linnets, two Goldfinches, one Mealy Redpoll, and one Chaffinch. Don't try to use the cock Bullfinch.

A SONG THRUSH (13th Hussar).—Treat this bird as advised "'C.B.' Reader" in this issue. If the bird is troubled with red mite, or the grey bird lice its plumage, and its cage must of course, be freed of these pests. How to do it will be found explained in CAGE BIRDS ANNUAL for 1912.

A QUARTETTE (Kingston).—(1) About two dozen to thirty birds would be ample, though less than half would be the limit if you want success in breeding. (2) The selection is a very good one, though I should limit (on the score of room) the number of Canaries. (3) You cannot very well hope to breed Hybrids when you are keeping true pairs of each species in the aviary. (4) The seed sample sent is a very good one for a mixed collection of birds, though the niger should be left out of it. Give some sunflower seed in a separate dish; also a good wild seed mixture.

HAWFINCH'S HEAD ("C.B." Reader). Some people do not find it a pleasant job to handle a Hawfinch, but you will have to catch him and anoint the place on the head daily with just a little sulphur ointment (obtainable from any chemist). It will be necessary to do this five or six times.

TWO ITEMS (E. C. D.).—I have never seen a bird that I felt convinced was a Chaffinch-Canary Mule, and one has yet to be put upon the show bench that is generally accepted as being an example of this cross. The value of a genuine bird none could fix without seeing it; if a cock, and unique, it would not be less than £10, and more likely in excess of this figure. Marking rings for Canaries are advertised in CAGE BIRDS; see the "Appliance" columns. All the large fanciers' providers stock them; they are very cheap.

CAGE AND FOOD (Novice).—The cage known as a "Finch stock cage" is the best pattern for both Linnet and Bullfinch. Size 16 to 18 inches long, 10 high, and eight to nine wide. All the large cage makers and dealers keep them. I gave very full details of the food of the Bullfinch a week or so back, and both this bird and the Linnet are dealt with in the "Nutshell" series of booklets (2½d. post free). Let the stock seed mixture be: Canary and teazle, 3 parts each; summer rape, 1 part. Twice a week give a dessertspoonful of cracked sunflower seed; also a teaspoonful of a good wild seed mixture (not both on the same day). Bullies should not have hemp as a regular thing; feed them plainly, and offer some ripe fruit frequently.

DOVES AND CHAFFINCHES (Wertyniop).—Ring Doves breed freely enough, but I do not think you ought to keep above one pair in your place; and the last remark applies precisely in the case of the Chaffinch. Neither species would be likely to harm the smaller foreign Finches. Budgerigars are well known to be dangerous companions for small birds, however, and Parrakeets (what kind do you mean?) would be even worse. You ought to have addressed this part of your query to our foreign bird specialist, Mr. W. T. Page. I dealt fully with the feeding of Doves in, I believe, last week's issue. With regard to the Chaffinch, you would do well to get the "Nutshell" booklet dealing with this bird (post free 2½d.). It gives very full details as to its food and management. In an aviary, of course, they would have to take their share of the seeds supplied the other birds; being very hardy, they require no special treatment in the seed line beyond, perhaps, a little sunflower occasionally.

BRITISH BIRD & HYBRID QUERISTS

should consult Houlton's great work, "Cage-Bird Hybrids" (7/6); Norman's "British Bird Manual" (2/3); or Part 1 "Hardbills" (1/1), Part 2 "Softbills" (1/1); "Aviaries, Bird-rooms, and Cages" (2/3); "Seeds, Foods, and Wild Plants" (1/2); "Secrets of Hybrid Breeding" (1/2); Dr. Creswell's "Hygiene of Bird-keeping" (1/1); Dr. Clarke's "Septic or Bird Fever" (7d.); "Colour-feeding" (3½d.); or the "Nutshell" booklets (2½d. each): No. 1 "Goldfinch," No. 2 "Linnet," No. 3 "Skylark," No. 4 "Song Thrush and Blackbird," No. 11 "Bullfinch," No. 13 "Chaffinch," No. 15 "Greenfinch," No. 22 "Siskin, Redpoll, and Twite," No. 25 "Small Insectivorous Birds," No. 26 "Large Insectivorous Birds," No. 6 "Ailing Birds and How to Cure Them," No. 9 "Disinfection of Cages, Birdrooms, etc.," No. 12 "How to Moult British Birds." All thoroughly practical and instructive. Prices quoted are post free from "Cage Birds," 154, Fleet Street, London, E.C.

ABOUT A BULLFINCH (C. Hampton).—It really is impossible for me to tell you how to prevent your cock Bullfinch "calling," since it is not practicable to "muzzle" him. It is a natural proceeding, and the notes to which you apparently object are merely indicative of vigorous health. You must not put another cock Bullie with him; there will be a rare old rumpus if you do. In fact, I expect he would commit "assault and battery" upon any intruder about his own size and weight. Do not risk the Linnet, anyway, as you value him and his song. When Bullfinches (both cocks and hens) get into breeding condition they can be very nasty-tempered, though quiet enough during the autumn and early winter months.

MEALWORM BREEDING (T. P.).—(1) The mealworm "breeding" may be said to take place during the summer and autumn. One notices very few large worms then, because they have turned into beetles. The eggs laid by these beetles duly hatch out into very tiny worms, and these latter take until the following summer (broadly speaking) to grow to a size suitable for use. The box should be kept fairly warm, and the mixture of bran and meal be renewed (or added to, rather) as is necessary. Your box should be left untouched until the early summer. It is rather a lengthy process, and I have found it always best to have two boxes to work at.

A CINNAMON SPARROW (No Name, Auchenheath).—I only received the first sheet of your query, so cannot tell whether you gave a nom-de-plume. I presume your bird is a House Sparrow (cinnamon-coloured specimens have frequently been found), and if so, all it needs is a good ordinary seed mixture, when it should thrive well. A good maker's packet mixture for Canaries would do for the staple food, varied occasionally with a little packet Finch mixture and a few cracked sunflower seeds.

FOUR ITEMS (Bullfinch).—(1) I think the British hen Bullie is the earliest to settle down to breeding operations in captivity, though when the Siberian hens have been house-moulted, I find there is very little in it, if anything at all. (2) Yes; both seeds are very good. But early dandelion from the fields (tender young leaves and roots, and the flowering heads) is better than dried seeds stored from the previous season. (3) I do not find that sunflower when given in moderation (as should always be the case) is fattening; not nearly so much as hemp, for instance. Dandelion is not fattening. (4) A small piece of ripe, sweet apple is most excellent, given fairly frequently during the winter.

SEX MATTERS (British).—In the winter, both cock and hen Robins as well as Hedge Accentors, are alike in plumage. In the spring the cock Robin acquires a very much ruddier tint on his breast, and he carries a greater expanse of this—it extends further on to the cheeks and head part. In winter both sexes undoubtedly sing, but I do not think the hen sings during the spring and summer out of doors, though she certainly will do in captivity, for I have had hens that have laid eggs in the cage and sang well all the time. The hens I have had have always been a little smaller than the males, less bold in the head, and not so defiant and "cocky" in carriage. The hen Hedge Sparrow is quite appreciably greyer and more dingy looking in plumage than her mate during spring and summer; the song, too, is a sure sexual sign.

CONCERNING STARLINGS (Je ne suis pas).—It is not at all difficult to hand-rear Starlings, and the procedure is described in "Nutshell" booklet No. 26, which you would find very useful to have

hy you. Or the method described in the booklet on the Thrush (if you have bought this) would answer perfectly. You are not at all likely to breed Starlings in a cage; though with a hand-reared pair you would probably succeed in a large outdoor cage (or flight). Starlings build in holes (cavities in trees, etc.), and use hay, straw, grass stalks, a few feathers, etc., when making the nest. You would need to supply a good soft food, and plenty of live food (gentles, black beetles, mealworms,, small garden worms, etc.).

FOUR ITEMS (Novice).—(1) Your aviary would hold six cocks and eight or nine hens quite easily, and you should get some Mules from them. (2) Turn the birds out at the end of February, if the weather is mild and open; if otherwise, leave it until the first mild spell we get in March. (3) It will not be necessary to put up the shutters (for shelter) except during wild (windy) cold weather, or during severe snowstorms. (4) It would hold 9 or 10 pairs of Canaries. Put up about 20 nestboxes. Use different kinds—both earthenware and wood. You can easily contrive some out of suitable wooden boxes, at very little expense. The wooden Roller Canary travelling cages are fine things, removing the bars at one end and the inside fittings.

FOREIGN BIRDS.

Answered by WESLEY T. PAGE, F.Z.S., etc.

An Ailing Grey Parrot.

W. Q.—Stop giving the milk, keep the bird warm, yet not in the stagnant corner of the room. While it is off its food, try it with the following sop: Take a plain biscuit, break it in small pieces, sprinkle it with sugar, spot over it half-a-teaspoonful of Byno-phosphates, then as much boiling water as the biscuit will absorb. Put a little honey and borax in its mouth once or twice daily; it will keep it clear. Use a camel-hair brush or quill, and clean it after each occasion. Once a week put one teaspoonful of Dinneford's Magnesia in the drinking water (about two tablespoonfuls), and on the other days the same quantity of the following mixture: Ipecacuanha wine, oxymel of squills and glycerine in equal parts. Get our Nutshell Booklet, the Grey Parrot, 2½d. post free, from our Manager; it will help you in the general treatment of your bird.

Aviary Queries.

W. L. Boyce.—If the query reached me, it has been replied to. I remember, at any rate, a similar one. The open portion of flight would be better turfed, and patches of it sown with wheat, oats, canary seed, and other cereals. I expect turf will need renewing annually. It is no use planting trees and bushes, as such are soon cut to pieces by this group. I do not think they would let even hops grow. It would accommodate about 50 birds all told—that is, old and young. Following would make a good series:—2 pairs Yellow Budgerigars, 1 pair green ditto, 1 pair Cockatoils, and one pair each Madagascars, Blue-wing and Black-cheeked Lovebirds. Also add cocks for variety of Red-crested, Virginian, and Green Cardinal, and a couple of any species of Foreign Thrush obtainable. It is not practicable to always give dimensions of aviary, owing to qualifying conditions which space does not permit us to print. If need is not covered, please repeat query.

Acclimatising a Shama.

"Shammos."—(1) A Shama is not a difficult bird to keep, but at times they come to hand in a very prostrated condition, the consequences of importation; but, as this species always make a struggle for existence, they are not unduly difficult to acclimatise, and soon become tame and confiding. (2) Soft food (several good mixtures are advertised under "Foods"), live insects, green food; and if it will take it, a little milk-sop will help it over importation troubles, prepare as follows:—One teaspoonful Nestle's milk, half teaspoonful Scott's Emulsion, one tablespoonful of crumbled sponge cake, and sufficient boiling water to make it just sloppy. Keep warm and out of draught while cold weather lasts. Once acclimatised, the species is hardy and enduring. (3) No; but if you care to send me a stamped addressed envelope, per Editor, I can be a little more explicit.

Aviary for Parrakeets & Lovebirds.

W. L. Boyce.—Your aviary would accommodate about 50 birds, that is, old and young together—the arrangements you propose should answer well. You cannot well mix Parrakeets and Finch-like birds together, but a few Cardinals and Thrushes can be kept with the odd cocks or pairs to give variety of form and colour. I would suggest two pairs Yellow Budgerigars, and one pair Green ditto, and one pair each of Madagascar, Blue-winged and Black-cheeked Lovebirds, and Cockatiels. Java Sparrows are usually able to look after themselves in any company, as also are Saffron Finches, and you could include pairs of these. For the larger birds, not Parrakeets, I advise cocks only. The following should do well, but they are not cheap, though handsome: Red-crested, Green and Virginian Cardinals, Grey-winged Ouzel, Orange-headed Ground Thrush, Black-headed Sibia. Such a series would make a really great show, and all are hardy. I have proved them all. I should certainly have turf, weeds, and cereals growing in flight. Such would have to be renewed annually, and should not get unduly fouled, as growth of the herbage would absorb much. Arrange your perches so that they do not cover whole of flight, then underneath, if necessary, can be cleaned and soil turned over occasionally.

More About Budgerigars.

Esperance.—Watch adverts. for a time for tame Budgies that will come on finger are at times offered. They are rather troublesome birds to tame, but this is all a matter of quietness, kindness, and patience. Yes, it will be better to have two cocks. Yes, they will do in your sitting-room, but both fire and gas must be protected by screens of some kind, and their cage must be below gas level. Of course, as soon as the birds are tame enough to come on your finger, that will be the method of returning them to the cage, otherwise I expect they would remain in the room, as a rule, till they are hungry. The "song" of the Budgerigar is a chattering sort of warble (there have been talking Budgies), and not a song as compared with the Canary. I can hardly advise you which to get—it's a matter of taste and purpose; a Roller Canary would be quicker and more easily tamed as a pet, but probably not so entertaining as the Budgies, which are very beautiful and active where they have space to use their wings. Get our Nutshell booklet "Budgerigars," 2½d. post free from our manager. If the above does not make all clear, send me a stamped addressed envelope per the Editor, and I will try and meet any difficulties that arise after you have read this reply.

WHAT BIRD? (T.H.L.).—I can only make a guess; it rather reads like the Sulphur-coloured Seedeater (Serinum sulphuratus), which is a Greenfinch-like bird, but of a much richer colour. If you will send me a description of the colours on the different parts of your bird's body and compare it as to size and form with some well-known species, I shall then be in a position to confirm or otherwise, the above name.

SAMPLE OF SEED (Nemo).—The sample sent is commonly sold as Indian millet; it is of average size, rather dusty, and not quite sweet. Are you keeping it in a damp place? It is a variety much liked by Waxbills, and the small ornamental Finches, but in conjunction with it canary seed and white millet, also millet sprays should be given.

WILL IT PAIR AND BREED (Broken Sledge).—Yes, they would undoubtedly pair and breed in an outdoor aviary, or even in a large aviary cage. However, before putting them together, the cages should stand side by side for them to get acquainted; at first the cage should stand about six inches apart, later quite close, and the birds allowed to caress each other through the wire. After this they might be allowed out of their cages together, and later be put and left together, supplied with a nesting barrel or log, and left to take their own course. No nesting material will be required, but a plentiful supply of green food, fruit and pieces of plain biscuit should be on hand when they are feeding young.

AVIARY FOR BUDGERIGARS (Wm. Hallam).—It all depends on the space available. Send me a rough ground plan of the space available, a stamped addressed envelope, and I will send you a rough plan. Generally speaking, it is better to have a house and flight, but if the aviary is only small, then have only the front wire netting, and no shelter, using a screen or shutter for winter nights and severe periods. The seed and water vessels in a small aviary should be placed so that they can be reached through small hinged flaps from the outside, only entering the aviary for cleaning purposes.

BRINGING BIRDS HOME (W. Stowe).—So far as I can gather, the cage should answer well enough, but it should have some arrangements by which it can be cleansed and the birds fed, without much opening of cage doors. Most of the birds you name would find a ready sale over here, save perhaps the Him. Blue Thrushes, and the birds with long tails, Blue-pies, only a few of these would sell, as not many aviculturists have convenience for such large species. The other (not the blue one) appears to me to be the Wandering Tree-pie. Hill Tits would sell, also the Indian Goldfinch, Greenfinch and Siskin. I think the bird you have flying with your Canaries is one of the Buntings, of which there are several. Your Black and Yellow bird is the Oriole. These also would sell, but you would have to be well provided with soft food (insectile mixture), live insects and ripe fruit to bring over the birds referred to. There is no time to search before going to press, but I will see if I can be a little more definite about the birds' names in our next issue. A few notes of the birds of your locality would interest "C.B." readers. If I have not covered your query, write again.

CUTTHROATS, ETC., IN CAGE (Cutthroat).—(1) Not an unusual occurrence with first nests, and weather is all against them, but you will find they will ultimately settle down and deposit their eggs in the nest. They are not like Canaries, and the eggs should not be interfered with. The nest box is about right for size. (2) The wild species, Grey Javas, have bred in a cage, but they are not free breeders under any conditions, but the domesticated species, the White Java, would breed regularly, and their progeny should command remunerative prices. (3) Repeat this query to Editor.

INDIAN MYNAH ("Constant Reader").—This bird requires a roomy cage, which will require constant attention, as they are large feeders, and void accordingly. When it is tame and accustomed to its new quarters, let it have its liberty in the room occasionally. As regards food, they are almost omnivorous in captivity, but in a state of nature live on fruit and insects. Supply ripe fruit ad lib, some good insectile mixture (soft food), and live insects (beetles, mealworms, spiders, caterpillars, etc); also it can have sweetened boiled rice, and also table leavings, such as cooked vegetables, and scraps of meat; but, in any case it should have as much ripe fruit (any kind) as it cares to eat.

BUDGERIGAR OUT OF CONDITION (A. H.).—This bird is altogether out of condition, and appears to me to be constitutionally weak, as its feathers are not fully developed; nevertheless, its present weakness may be due to the illness it has passed through. Every fourth day, so long as the voidings are not watery-loose, give three drops of Dinneford's magnesia direct to the beak, and on the other days the same quantity of byno-phosphates, also to the beak; the latter can be given morning and afternoon. Supply canary, white millet, millet sprays, and keep a tin of crushed oats in the cage, also a piece of clean cuttle bone. A small leaf of fresh lettuce two or three times a week, and as soon as frost has disappeared, give seeding grass ad lib, as soon as it is obtainable. Report progress a month hence.

BUDGERIGARS AND LOVEBIRDS. (C.M.D.).—(1) I should not interfere with these birds; let them follow their own sweet will. If young are hatched when the weather is exceptionally severe, at least husks should be left up, as in case of exceptionally severe weather these will be needed as shelters. (2) All will do well together, though some pairs of Black-cheeked Lovebirds are apt to be spiteful to Budgerigars, if they are at all crowded. All are very probable breeders, but in a query of this kind size of aviary should always be given, and I must qualify the above reply with—providing aviary is roomy enough for them.

BITING FEATHERS, ETC. (O. D.).—If the cage was badly infested with mites, it would partly account for bird's condition. I hope you thoroughly cleaned cage and position it had occupied when exchanging it for the clean one, otherwise you will only be spreading the pest. See reply to "Crown" on this point. In addition to usual seed staple, give half a teaspoonful of egg-food or crushed sponge cake, liberally sprinkled with a mixture of equal parts maw and gold of pleasure every second day for a fortnight, and on the alternate days twice each week the same quantity of a mixture of equal parts hemp, inga, millet, and teazle. On each of the remaining days give a morsel of sweet fruit, or green food, if the latter can be got in good condition. Add 20 drops of whisky, as much Epsom salts as will cover a sixpence, and half as much chlorate of potash to the drinking water for three or four days.

ANOTHER FEATHER PULLER (G. R.).—See our reply in this issue to "Salisbury," and carry out the advice given there in every respect, but for your bird add half-a-pint of maize to the seed mixture. You cannot be sure as to insects, some of these are only visible under a microscope, so carry out the whole treatment. The cage should either be removed from the window, or the sides of it covered round, while the room is being aired and cleaned. No birds can stand draught, however hardy they be.

BARBETS AND OUTDOOR AVIARY (J. C.).—I cannot advise Barbets being left out of doors in the winter (unless the house was heated), even in South Devon. Barbets never have bred, but that is no reason why they should not; but if you make the attempt, I cannot advise you keeping anything else with them. The same applies to Blue and other Jays. A nice series would be one pair foreign Thrushes, one pair Green Cardinals, and one pair Black-headed Silias. Diet: Ripe fruit, ad lib., soft food, milk sop, and live insects. As regards the Thrushes, Orange-headed Ground Thrush, White-throated Ground Thrush, and Grey-winged Ouzels are all handsome species.

BUDGERIGARS AS PETS (C. Hampton).—If the bird is let out each day for a fly, then a comparatively small cage will do, but it ought not to be less than 12in. square at base by 15in. high, a larger size would do, but if it has a daily fly, the above will suffice. Many very handsome and roomy wire cages are now made, and at very reasonable prices. Write to one of those advertising in our columns, and ask for a young cock just able to feed itself, and then by quietness, gentleness and kindness you should soon win its affections and get it tame enough to come to finger. Once it gets accustomed to you, and is petted, it will not be melancholy alone; keep it in your living room, so that it will have plenty of company as soon as it is tame. An all-wire cage must not be stood where wind can blow through it. The object to gilt (brass) cages is, that unless they get constant and careful attention a green substance (verdigris), which is very poisonous, forms in the crevices and corners; if this is carefully looked for and removed by regular cleaning a brass (gilt) cage is permissible. Their song (?) is a sort of chattering warble, not unmusical.

A FEATHER PULLER (Salisbury).—You give me no idea how it has been, or how you are feeding and treating it, and thus I am unable to form any idea as to cause. I can only say, spray it twice a week (guard carefully against it taking a chill) with a solution of quassia chips or fir tree oil, and dust the nape, under wings, and lower back with Keating's insect powder, also pour boiling water into all the cage crevices, thoroughly swill them. Every fourth day put one teaspoonful of Dinneford's Magnesia in the ordinary supply of drinking water (about two tablespoonfuls), and on other days put the same quantity of Byno-phosphates in the drinking water, and continue this treatment for a couple of months. It will not be easy to check the feather pulling. You might also try rubbing bitter aloes on the bare parts. Confine its diet to seed mixture, one quart each canary and white millet seed, one pint oats and hemp, and half-a-pint each wheat, paddy rice and sunflower seeds, and a gill of grit (not sand); well mix and keep a supply in cage; ripe fruit, nuts, green food, and plain biscuit. Keep a piece of clean cuttlebone hanging in the cage, and supply it with a piece of branch, cotton reels, etc., to play with and cut up.

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MISS A. M. MENCE.—Post-mortem on Fire Finch revealed acute double pneumonia, but whether of sporadic or contagious origin, I cannot determine from the one examination; possibly a second post-mortem, if others die, will further aid me in arriving at a definite conclusion.

GENERAL.

Answered by THE EDITOR.

A MEDICINE SYRINGE (H. Beckett).—We can assure you that this notion has often been mentioned in our columns.

AN ADDRESS (R. Dracup).—The address given in the Crystal Palace catalogue is 5, Albert Road, Richmond, Surrey.

PRESS CUTTINGS (A. Watson, T. H. Kinch, T. Jeff, T. Robson, and others).—Many thanks for newspaper cuttings sent us.

A REPORT (E. H. Fulcher).—We are much indebted to you for your kindness in sending this interesting report.

A LETTER (C. Hampton).—Your letter has been duly forwarded.

THE CASE OF AN OWL (Tommy's Mother).—You certainly need not fear interference by any policeman with your Owl. The "man in blue" would have no ground whatever for taking action.

AN ACT OF PARLIAMENT (W. Pilbeam).—Thanks for your letter. We will give the matter consideration, but may say at once that we do not think the clause in question affects birds kept in cages. It is not a new Act, remember, but only a new edition of an Act which has been in force for 10 years past.

THE CRYSTAL PALACE SHOW (Kay).—The number of exhibits was 2,550; exhibitors, 650. It is impossible to ascertain the number of visitors, as there is no separate turnstile for the show. With regard to the other matter, naturally the more catalogues that are sold the better pleased are the show officials.

SEVERAL ITEMS (Indian).—Your questions respecting Indian birds will be answered by our foreign bird specialist, Mr. Page. Glad to know you like our paper. Perhaps if you are in London when visiting England towards the end of the year, you will call and leave a drawing of your cage. Pleased to see you.

THE NOVICE PROBLEM (Bangorian).—A special prize cannot under any circumstances count as a "first prize." The latter term clearly means that a bird has been placed first in a certain class by the judge. It frequently happens that a bird wins a special prize, yet does not get even a commended card from the judge. Further, the classes you mention cannot be termed "open classes," for the competition is restricted to birds fed on somebody's food, or pepper, or the like, and oftimes restricted to members, or to a certain radius.

BETTER BIRDS (W.E.R.).—Sorry, but it has always been a strict rule of ours never to recommend any particular breeder or dealer. It would not be fair of us to single out any special individual or individuals. One or other of the well-known breeders advertising in our columns would be sure to serve you well; write to one or two, explaining the exact circumstances of the case.

A PHOTO (E. McCulby).—Thanks for the photograph, for which we shall hope to find a corner in a future issue.

The Yorkshire Union.

Proposed Alterations of Rules, etc., for the Coming Year.

The ballot papers for the election of officers, alterations of rules, new rules, etc., for the Yorkshire Union are now in the hands of the respective secretaries; not as before when they were sent to individual members. Now, if you want to have a say in the working of the Union, you have to attend the meeting when it is brought forward and register your vote with your own secretary. No doubt it saves a lot of expense and labour; but will it be as successful? It really cannot be much worse than before, however, so meagre were the returns.

Firstly, fellow members, we have the vice-presidentship. The elected one will take the chair the year following. Here you have a choice of three. Vote for the one who, you think, knows how the Union should be ruled. Then, for the first time, you have a vote on the secretaryship and for trustees and auditors; you have plenty of choice, including the retiring officers; keep your eyes open.

Alterations of rules are always interesting, and the first we have to study refers to the payment of judges' fees. Should all societies pay equal, or only those who hold the shows? Those that hold no show say it operates harshly on them, as they have no chance to get anything in return.

Next we have someone wanting to dock a few words off the rule relating to the date of closing of entries. These words were originally put on to provide for the special contingency of shows taking place on a holiday—Christmas, for instance—where sometimes a day later has been fixed so as not to operate harshly on such occasions. The next is a good addition, in my humble opinion; it gives the sub-committee power to revise the rules before they are issued on the ballot paper, to make them workable and clear to all. The method of counting only the points gained at certain shows to be drawn for, and not at all shows, as before, appears not to have pleased somebody, as it is open to be deleted. Also the old question of the limit in the novice classes is down for consideration; it is open to be withdrawn if the novices are sure it will be better for them: they have it in their own hands.

Shall a society have a members' show when another society is holding an open show? This "hardy annual" comes as regularly as the breeding season, and seems to pass one way and then the other. Some think that it is not fair to those who run the risk of open shows for others to have a members' show on during the same hours. Then we have the rule about sending the copy of ballot paper to the secretary to bring it before his society. Someone wants to delete this, but he does not say how the ballot has to be carried out otherwise. Some other plan might have been stated. The only other alteration now left is of minor importance, and refers to ties for specials.

We have eight new rules to talk about. The first proposes that there shall be as many novice classes as open classes at all shows. Many times they are not far behind in number now. We have also a proposal to alter the perch from the present one in use to a square one with chamfered edges; the question to me is, can a standard thickness be arrived at that will suit all feet? Does not the extent of grip in Canaries' feet vary considerably? Provision of medals for intermediates is another point for consideration. The novices, too, have a rule to vote upon, to the effect that the judge's name shall be printed in schedule with the classes he will judge; certainly it is an advantage to know whom you will have your birds under, and sometimes the novices have been hardly dealt with in this respect; the assistant judge has always had to take their section. That no judge shall officiate at his own society's show seems a good rule that should come into force; it will be better for all concerned.

A uniform subscription is on the boards, and the amount is also stated. It is reasonable enough, but it will perhaps hurt one or two societies that have managed fairly well on less. We have also an item in regard to honorary members; they also must pay the minimum subscription. It was said at one time that many were taken at a very low figure to swell the number.

There is no doubt that these matters will be well thrashed out at most meetings, and those present will be able to learn something in regard to the general working of that most successful body, the Y.U.

"STRAIGHT 'UN."

"Cage Birds" Visitors' Book at the Crystal Palace Show.

We have pleasure in publishing below the names of those visitors to the Crystal Palace Show who signed CAGE BIRDS' "Visitors' Book."

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Will secretaries kindly note that the following are the dates, judges, etc., fixed for the Sheffield O.S. Shows during 1912, writes Mr. T. Bishop, the sec.:—July 6, Nest Feather Show, Foresters' Hall; judge, Mr. J. C. Barnes. Nov. 1 and 2, All England Show, Cutlers' Hall; judges, Messrs. W. Mundell, C. Houlton, and W. Vardy. Dec. 7, Members' Show, Foresters' Hall; judge, Mr. J. Robson.

We have been notified of the following corrections to show reports:—Port Glasgow and Gourock, 1st and spl in field-moulted Bullfinches, Mr. A. M'Gregor (not Brown); Scottish National, 1st Nor. Green buff cocks, and 3 and vhc in buff unflighted hens, Mr. Jas. Skinner (not Rinner); Irvine, 3rd in Yorks hens and in Common cocks, Mr. Liles (not Moyles), and vhc in British Goldfinches, Mr. Liles (not Myles); Tunbridge Wells, 3rd in yellow Yorks, Mr. Lockett.

Our annual show will be held on Nov. 20 (judges, Messrs. J. Robson and H. D. Astley, F.Z.S., M.B.O.U.), writes Mr. W. H. Pyke, sec. of the Reading and Dis. C.B.S. Two new silver cups, given respectively by S. Pike, Esq., and G. H. Acton, Esq., have been added lately, one for most wins with birds bred by exhibitor, and the other for best bird bred by an amateur or novice. These are causing a rare lot of interest amongst members, and competition ought to be keen

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More Lark Pies.

I have received a mass of correspondence referring to the consignment to the London market last week of a ton and a half of dead Larks in one lot from Cambridgeshire. Excepting that the individual consignment was a large one, there is nothing unusual in the news. The traffic in dead birds as food for the table has been going on for many scores of years, and the number consumed in London alone amounts to hundreds of thousands weekly in the season. A ton and a half represents only a portion of the weekly slaughter, but we will see for a moment what even this amount means. The bodily weight of a Skylark is an ounce and a-half, so that there would be nearly 36,000 Skylarks in this one consignment! Who can calculate the gross number of birds slaughtered in a single season? The figures could only be expressed in millions.

And the Humanitarians say that the catching of birds for the purpose of keeping them alive in cages and aviaries for our own study or as pets leads to the thinning of their numbers in freedom! Is there one Lark kept in a cage for each thousand slaughtered as food? Not more, for certain. It is doubtful whether all the birds, of whatever species, caught for the former purpose would, if added together, number one thousandth part of those sent dead to the poulterers' shops.

What Would Happen?

It is not our concern to enter into the question whether birds, if left free from human interference, would increase so as to be a pest to agriculture, horticulture, and fruit-growing, or to decide whether if all the birds were wiped out fruit growers would be the gainers by their absence from their fruit gardens, or would have no fruit at all because of the multiplication of insect pests. Neither need we consider whether if all the birds hatched in any one spring were to live without loss to rear families the following spring there would be anything either in the way of seeds, fruit, or insects left upon which they might in their myriads exist.

Nor have we to enquire whether the snaring of birds to supply the poulterers provides to a number of very poor people a much-needed means of earning a living throughout the worst part of the year, nor whether man has a right to kill the smaller animals for food.

All that concerns us is to point out that, as stated above, the number of British birds kept in cages is of infinitestimal proportion compared with the number slaughtered for food, and that the professional humanitarians have much greater scope for their energies in endeavouring to stop the wholesale killing of our wild birds than in persecuting the keeper of a song bird in a cage or aviary. In all their propaganda they claim that if they are successful in obtaining legislation making it illegal to keep a bird in a cage they will be taking a proper first step. "If there were no bird-keepers," they say, "there would be no bird-dealers, and no bird-catchers."

How much more effectual it would be to make it illegal to *eat* a bird, for, by their own reasoning, if there were no bird-eaters there would be no bird killers. If they stopped bird-eating they would preserve the lives of millions of wild-birds, whereas by putting a stop to bird-keeping they would in any case only preserve the liberty for so long as they escaped the bird-snarer of a comparatively insignificant number of British birds, and in so doing they would abolish the pleasure and hobby of the many thousands of fanciers throughout the country who take a delight in the breeding of Canaries and who have no wish to keep either British birds or foreign birds.

New Legislation Predicted.

That legislation in one form or another is imminent would seem apparent from an editorial note in "The Animal World" for the current month. Herein it is stated that "a keen worker for the R.S.P.C.A. has for some time been busy on the consolidation and very necessary amendments of the various and very confusing Acts to protect wild birds, and we hope that we shall be able to introduce this Bill into the House of Commons at a very early date."

What We Have to Do.

This is plain enough, in all conscience, and we have to be ready to see that when it is proposed to consolidate and amend the existing bird-law the consolidation and amendments are made with a knowledge on the part of our legislators of the subject upon which they are legislating. This knowledge must have been conspicuously absent from the minds of those responsible for the existing Act and its amendments, and, unless our present members of Parliament are better informed than were their predecessors, the last state of affairs will be worse than the first, for they will snatch at any suggestions offered by the rabid opponents of bird-keeping, and our hobby will be brought to an end. Individual fanciers without an organisation behind them will be helpless when the time comes. CAGE BIRDS LEAGUE is here to help them, but they must help the LEAGUE by becoming members. It will be too late when the blow has fallen. Action must be taken quickly. Members of Parliament must learn that there are votes behind our side of the question, and I want every keeper of birds throughout the country to join our ranks so that the point may be brought home to them.

Two Special Letters.

I have received such a large number of letters from members expressing gratification at having been present at the first great meeting of our LEAGUE that it is quite impossible to reply otherwise than by this general acknowledgment. Will members kindly accept my appreciation of their good wishes and an assurance that nothing will be wanting on my part in my endeavours to cement the good fellowship existing among members of the LEAGUE, and to further its objects in every possible direction. The following are examples of letters received both from those present and from those who were prevented from attending:—

Sir,—I was simply delighted that our first annual meeting of CAGE BIRDS LEAGUE was such a gigantic success. When I tell you that this was my first visit, although I have been a birdy man for twenty years, and have often longed to see the great Palace Show, you will know what a treat I had. I think, as members, we all ought to tender you our hearty congratulations for bringing the meeting to such a successful issue.

Uttoxeter. C. E. MILLER

Sir,—As I am sitting at home to-night bound to business, my thoughts are travelling towards the Palace for to-morrow, and its great event, and I cannot refrain from sending you and CAGE BIRDS LEAGUE very best wishes for a bumper attendance at the Meeting, Tea, and Photo. If I could possibly tear myself away I would be at all three. Anyway, I have pleasure in letting you know that during the five days I have been your hon. sec. I have obtained five members and the promise of several more.

Besides others, I have made a member of Mr. W. Jones, for years past the key of the Fancy hereabouts, who has recently somewhat dropped out of the Fancy through having lost about £60 worth of his champions. He is coming back to the old love, and we are trying to reinstate the Fancy in Margate and go strong once more.

Margate. C. W. EVANS.

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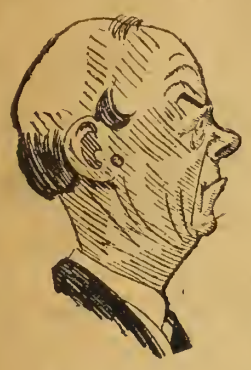

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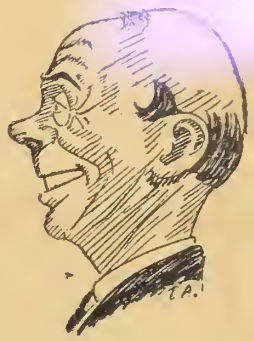

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The Shows.

LEEDS ROLLER C.C.

Annual members' contest held Feb. 10 at 55, Briggate, where 39 birds faced the judge, Mr. Walton.

CLASS 1, YOUNG BIRDS (22): 1 and cup (kindly given by Mr. Lester), W. Tasker, holl. roll 8, holl. bell 2, bass 6, schockel 2, flutes 4, bell tour 2, effect 5, total 29; 2, H. L. Davis, holl. roll 5, holl. bell 3, bass 4, glucke 4, flutes 4, bell tour 2, effect 4, total 26; 3, C. Newland holl. roll 7, holl. bell 3, flutes 3, D.B.W.T. 2, bell tour 2, bell roll 2, effect 3, total 22; vhc, H. Healy, 22 points; hc, C. Hopkins, 22 points; c, R. Sagar, 20 points. CLASS 2, ANY AGE (13): 1, A. M. Firth, holl. roll 8, holl. bell 3, bass 7, schockel 3, glucke 4, bell tour 2, effect 5, total 32; 2, J. Bland, holl. roll 8, schockel 4, glucke 5, flutes notes 4, water glucke 3, effect 4, total 28; 3, H. Healy, holl. roll 6, schockel 5, glucke 3, flutes 3, bell tour 2, effect 3, total 22; vhc, J. Bland, 20; hc, Hunter, 20; c, W. Sykes 17. CLASS 3: 1, H. Speight.—H. L. Davis, sec.

HEBDEN BRIDGE AND CALDER VALLEY O.S.

An Inter-Club Show.

Inter-club show held Neptune Hotel, Jan. 27th, in connection with Hebden Bridge and C.V.O.S., Hebden Bridge C.B.A., Heptonstall C.B.A., and Sowerby Bridge C.B.A. Entries totalled 121 in 19 classes. Mr. J. Robertshaw won special for best Yorks. with a splendid yellow hen. Special for best Nor., Mr. A. Pickles; Mr. J. W. Ingham won special for most points gained by a novice. Mr. R. Leonard (Nelson) placed the cards.

CL. YELL. YORKS. (7): 1, Simpson and Son; 2, Barnes; 3, Sutcliffe. BUFF (6): 1, Simpson and Son; 2, Barnes; 3, Lye. TKD., ETC., YELL. (6): 1, Crossley; 2, Smith Bros.; 3, Judson. BUFF (8): 1, Simpson and Son; 2, Jackson; 3, Townsend. CINN., TKD., ETC. (2): 1, Walker; 2, Spencer. HEAVILY VARIEG. (4): 1, Stobart; 2, Townsend; 3, King. UNFLIG. YELL. (10): 1, Judson; 2, W. Spencer; 3, Jackson. BUFF (8): 1, Lye; 2, Townsend; 3, Jackson. YELL. HEN (8): 1, spl best York., Robertshaw; 2, Roberts; 3, Wbt. Spencer. BUFF (8): 1, Wbt. Spencer; 2, Barnes; 3, King. UNFLIG. (16): 1, Stobart; 2, Judson; 3, Highley. YELL. NOR. (3): 1, 3, spl best Nor., Pickles; 2, Coad. BUFF (5): 1, Pickles; 2, Coad; 3, Ingham. YELL. HEN (7): 1, 2, 3, Ingham. BUFF (6): 1, 2, 3, Ingham. A.O.V. CAN. OR MULE (4): 1, Wm. Spencer; 2, Sutcliffe; 3, Greenwood. BRIT. (7): 1, C. Pickles; 2, King; 3, Harrison.—A. Pickles, Sec. Hebden Bridge and Calder Valley O.S.

COWDENBEATH C.B.S.

First Club show, held Masonic Hall, Feb. 10th. The hall is well suited for the purpose, being well lighted and ventilated. The exhibits numbered 125, which for a first venture was a splendid response and an encouragement to the officials and management. Secretary Mr. J. R. Reid worked with a will, and is to be congratulated on the success which has crowned his efforts. He was ably assisted by Mr. J. C. Murray (president), and a host of splendid workers. The quality of the exhibits was of a high standard, especially in the Mule and British bird section, where the feature was the any other species hardbill class, with 20 entries. Mr. T. W. Peel (Lochgelly) judged the Borders and Yorks., Mr. J. Grewar (Lochgelly) the Nor. and Crests, and Mr. W. Cullen (Dunfermline) the Mules and British birds. All were through in good time, and their awards were well received. The show was well patronised by the public. We understand that over £7 was taken at the "gate."

SCOT. YCY CK.: 1, 2, A. Simpson, 1st cl. yell., good shoulder and reach, nice position, 2nd, buff, nice action. HEN: 1, 2, T. Menzies, 1st, foul buff, immense reach, good position, massive bird, rare worker, 2nd, also buff, splendid action, fine top end and reach, understand this was sold for £6 10s.; 3, 4, A. Simpson. BORD. YELL. CK.: 1, Holms, sweet exhibit, beautiful type and feather, wins; 2, Sneddon, another nice exhibit, good colour and condition; 3, Rice, yellow green, nice polish, well shown; vhc, Simpson. YELL. HEN: 1, B. Rice, another yell.-green, sweet bird, feather like wax, jaunty style; 2, Anderson, very taking, rare type and quality; 3, Fotheringham, nice shape; vhc, Kirk; hc, Smillie; c, Dick. BUFF CK.: 1, Fotheringham, good type and quality; 2, Sneddon, smart wee Border, good shape and col.; 3, Baxter, even col. throughout; vhc, Kirk; hc, c, Dick. HEN: 1, Anderson, even-marked about the best in section, rare style and condition, faultlessly shown; 2, Rice, nice quality, well shown; 3, Fotheringham. YORKS., CK.: 1, 3, c, Clayton, 1st, buff, good head and neck, nicely filled in, fine position, 3, yell., good head and neck; 2, vhc, hc, Reid, second marked buff, nice exhibit, rare quality and condition; c, Beveridge. HEN: 1, 2, vhc, Reid, sweet yell. leading, good type, well up on leg, good wing carriage, 2nd, cl. buff, fine length, all there for quality; 3, Clayton, yell.-green, nice shape and style. NOR. YELL. CK.: 1, 2, Langan, two good ones, fine size, grand head and neck, 2, not quite same size, but all there for quality; 3, Murray, cobby bird, nice position and col.; vhc, Rice. YELL. HEN: 1, vhc, Murray, best Nor. in section, rare size, teeming with quality; 2, Langan, good head and wing carriage; 3, vhc, Baxter, looks a bit down in condition. BUFF CK.: A good class: 1, vhc, Murray, another good one, all there for quality, rare thickness and col.; 2, Rice, nice clean cut; 3, Baxter, good col.; hc, Holms; c, Stewart. HEN: 1, 2, Langan, first, cl., nice quality, good col., 2nd, not quite same quality, good one; 3, Rice; vhc, Murray. CREST: 1, Sneddon, nice dark Crest, good droop and feather; 2, Simpson, nice crest. C.B.: 1, T. Cowan, nice large bird, good head, well browed; 2, Simpson, nice entrance, good feather; 3, Sneddon; vhc, Stewart. COMMON: 1, Murray; 2, Kirk; 3, Fotheringham; vhc, Clayton; hc, Cowan. MULE OR HYB.: 1, Walker, nice Goldie Mule, steady, in grand condition; 2, Murray, another nice one, ditto, not quite so steady; 3, Wright, sweet Siskin-Redpoll, Hybrid; vhc, hc, Dick. GOLDFINCH, ETC.: 1, 2, Anderson, two nice Goldies, nice blaze and tannings; 3, Drylie, very good Bullie, fine size and col., dense cap; vhc, Beveridge; hc, Rice; c, Robertson. A.O.S. HARDBILL: Best class in show. 1, 2, 3, 4, Anderson, splendid team, which could hold their own anywhere, 1st greenie, 2nd, Twite, 3rd, greenie, 4th, Yellow Bunting; hc, Cunningham; c, Simpson. SOFTBILL: 1, Anderson, well-known Waxwing, nice exhibit, just slightly broken in tail; 2, Cunningham, nice steady Lark. FOR. GOLDIE, ETC.: 1, Walker, goldie, nice blaze, good moons and tanning; 2, Steward, fine big bullie, splendid col. and condition; 3, Rice, nice goldie; vhc, hc, c, Murray. Winning numbers in draw for birds: 317, 300, 208, 9, 793, 857, 275, 186, 251, 924, 872, 923.

AUCKLAND (N.Z.) C.B.S.

Second annual Nest Feather Show of the North Island, N.Z., held Forester's Hall, Newton, Dec. 3. Entries were a record for the Dominion; 52 birds being benched. Mr. T. Brown (late of Bradford) placed the cards, and his awards gave satisfaction. The arrangements for show were made by the committee and secretary, Mr. Vercoe. There was a good attendance of friends and fanciers. Mr. W. H. Murray (Mayor of Greylynn) opened the show; he was much impressed, he said, by the class of birds exhibited. Special secured by Mr. Vercoe (a real typical Yorky); special for yell. and buff Nor., Mr. J. Cornwall; Mr. T. Hanson was the runner-up; in the mkd. Nor. section, spl. Mr. W. Cummings; Crest trophy, Mr. H. P. Finn. The eye-opener of the show was bred and owned by Messrs. G. and S. Eastways Bros., with a magnificent cinnamon.

YORKS., CL., YELL., ETC.: 1, 2, A. J. Vercoe; 3, Jansen. BUFF: 1, spl., Knight; 2, Bain; 3, A. Vercoe. YELL., MKD., ETC.: 1, spl., A. Vercoe; 2, Edwards; 3, Brain. BUFF: 1, Brain; 2, Edwards; 3, Knight. NOR., YELL., ETC.: 1, Hanson; 2, Cornwall; 3, Edwards. BUFF: 1, spl., Cornwall; 2, Eastway Bros.; 3, Cummings. YELL. MKD., ETC.: 1, Cornwall; 2, Moody. BUFF MKD., ETC.: 1, Cornwall. DARK CREST: 1, sp, H. Finn; 2, 3, Brain. LIGHT: 1, Eastway Bros. C.B.: 1, Finn. CINNA., SELF Col.: 1, spl, 3, Eastway Bros.; 2, Syres. CINNA. MKD.: -, Edwards.—W. H. Lindley (Wombwell, nr. Barnsley).

DALMELLINGTON AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

Third annual show, held Chapel Hall, Main Street, Feb. 10. Entries were over forty up on former years. We were pleased to see Mr. Gemmell back in the list of exhibitors, carrying off special for best Nor. or Border with a really fine Border cock. Mr. Murphy won special for best in show with a good Goldie-Greenie showing parentage well, and was hard pressed by Mr. McKinley's Bullie hen, being one of the best hens we have seen for some time. Mr. Jos. Brown, sporting the Cage Birds League badge, wrought hard to get more members, in which we think he succeeded. The "Derby" day was the Greenfinch class with twelve grand birds. The sec., Mr. J. Logan, worked hard for the benefit of the show, and was well backed by an able and willing committee. Mr. W. Conkie (Ayr) judged, and his awards were well received. There was a good attendance of visitors, especially ladies, who seemed to take a deep interest in cage birds in this district. We hope that the club will go on as they are doing, and that before long they will be able to have an open show second to none in the West of Scotland.

The Critique.

BORD. CK.: 1, two spls, Gemmell, lovely type, shown in faultless condition, wins well; 2, Gilmour, nice buff; 3, McKinley, grand buff, neat head and type, must have pressed; 4, Gilmour. HEN: 1, Gemmell, jaunty yell. hen, splendid head and beak, like wax; 2, Gilmour, good bird, natty all through; 3, McKinley, sweet buff marked. NOR. CK.: 1, 2, Ritchmond, wins rather easily; 3, Gemmell, fine nat. buff; 4, Logan. HEN: 1, 2, 4, Ritchmond, another easy win; 3, Orr, buff marked, large; 5, McKinley; 6, Gemmell; 7, Logan. A.O.V.: 1, Brown, grand Crest, in faultless condition; 2, Logan, Yorks, stands at the right angle, again well shown. GOLDFINCH: 1, McCluny. BULLFINCH: 1, spl, McKinley, romping fine Bullie hen, great cap; 2, Orr, large, nice one; 3, Gibson, best of type and col., wants a wash. LINNET: 1, Murphy, nice head and pencilling, good col.; 2, 4, Brown, very steady for field-moulted birds; 3, Graham. GREENFINCH: 1, Herron, topper for size and col., looks like Ayr winner in fresh hands; 2, Murphy, familiar face, nice size and type, F.M.; 3, Bertillottie, best of col., rather small; 4, Orr; 5, McCluny; 6, Gemmell. LESSER 'POLL: 1, McCluny, good field-moulted 'Poll, well pencilled; 2, Gibson, a wee gem, rare col and markings; 3, Graham, largest in class, fails only in col. and markings; 4, Brown; 5, Logan; 6, Campbell. MEALY 'POLL, ETC.: 1, McCluny, sweet Siskin in faultless condition, good col. and flank markings, no bib; 2, Logan, grand Mealy 'Poll, good head and markings; 3, Gemmell, capital Siskin, splendid bib, only beaten in col.; 4, Orr. BRIT. A.O.S.: 1, spl, McFarlane, Bramble, A1 breast col. and spangling, rare bloom. MULE OR HYB.: 1, spl, Murphy, Goldie Greenie Hybrid, in rare trim; 2, McKinley, good big Goldie Mule, grand face; 3, Logan, Siskin, any of the three could have won; 4, Gemmell; 5, Findly; 6, Bertillottie. CROSS CAN. FOR SINGING: 1, Ritchmond; 2, McCreadie; 3, Miss Murray; 4, Brown.

DUBLIN.

St. James' Gate Fanciers' and Industrial Association fourth annual evening show held Workmen's Rooms, Bellevue, 10th Feb. A total of 64 birds graced the bench, some of which figured successfully at the recent Crystal Palace Show. The show was well patronised by the public. British birds were in the majority. Officers: President, Mr. F. E. Greene; hon. treasurer, Mr. T. S. Carey; hon. sec., Mr. G. S. Green; sub-committee Messrs. P. A. H. Shaw, C.E., R. H. B. Scott, J. W. Heaslip, D. Graham, F. R. Buckley, W. Bowie, J. Anderson, W. Costello, T. Farrell, D. Wilmot, A. Brady, J. Moore, R. Balfe (senior), and Mr. G. R. Heaslip secretary. The officers are a good hard-working lot, Mr. F. R. Buckley and Mr. G. R. Heaslip working like Trojans, making both exhibits and exhibitors comfortable. Judge, Mr. J. Dowling, his awards giving general satisfaction.

The Critique.

YORKS., CL., ETC., YELL. (6): 1, spl, Smyth, tkd., very slim and stylish, grand position, good feather, long flights, well cut away; 2, Callaghan, cl., good feather, long flights, position A1, down in condition, or would have won; 3, Callaghan, nice bird, good col. stands well; vhc, hc, Farrell. BUFF (4): 1, spl, Callaghan, hen, beautiful feather, good length of wings, well carried, well filled neck, showing nice bit of shoulder; 2, Farrell, variег. cock, good long flights, nicely braced, well filled shoulders; 3, Callaghan, nice bird, good position; vhc, Farrell. NON-FED. (7): 1, spl, Callaghan, cl. yell. ck., fine well drawn bird, beautiful feather, position A1, shows nice bit of daylight; 2, Farrell, cl. buff hen, good feather, nice round shoulder, neat pipe tail; 3, Callaghan, cl. buff hen, nice boxy feather, good round chest and back; vhc, hc, c, Farrell. NOR. (6): 1, 2, 3, vhc, c, Farrell, 1st C.B., cl. yell., great size, fine broad skull, good brow, fine length of feather, well carried; 2nd, yell. Crest, not quite so large as winner; 3rd, var. C.B., grand length of feather, not quite so broad in skull as winner; hc, H. Farrell. DARK MULE (4): 1, 2, 3, vhc, Kennedy, buff Linnet-Can., fine size, good position, lacing perfect, wins; 2nd, Goldfinch, Can., yell., great blaze, fine col., good size, young bird, with another moult will make a stormer; 3, Linnet-Can., nice feather. GOLDFINCH (13): A good class; 1, spl, c, Mulcahy, fine deep square cut blaze, very firey, tanning perfect, good buttons, lovely wing bar; 2, vhc, hc, Spillane, grand type, good feather, well tanned, larger head than winner; 3, Kennedy, nice bird, good size, large blaze, inclined to be wild when handled. GOLDFINCH, FIELD-MOULTED (4): 1, Mulcahy, fine large blaze, good col. and wing bars, splendid tanning; 2, Jackson, fine deep square cut blaze, not quite so rich in tanning as winner; 3, vhc, Jackson. LINNET (5): 1, spl, 3, Mulcahy, 1st large bird, good col., splendid lacings, good breast and wing bar; 3rd, nice bird, fine col.; 2, vhc, Jackson, fine type and wing bar, a wee bit open in breast; hc, Kennedy. LARK (4): 1, 2, Mulcahy, 1st fine bold bird, good chest and markings; 2nd, good bird, fails only in size and col.; 3, vhc, Jackson, good sized bird. BLACKBIRD, ETC.: 1, 2, Mulcahy, 1st Blackbird, large bird, beautiful feather, good sheen, beak and eye cere; 2nd, Missel Thrush, grand bird, beautiful feather, nice markings; 3, vhc, Furlong, better type than winner, but fails a bit in col.; hc, Dobbins. A.O.S. (6): 1, spl, 3, Mulcahy, Chough, late Crystal Palace visitor, large bird, beautiful feather, grand sheen, beak and legs well coloured; 2, Kennedy, variег. Linnet-Can. Mule, good feather, long flights, Yorkie type; vhc, Jackson; hc, c, Heaslip.

WALSALL & DIS. C B.S.

Inter-Club Show.

The society is to be congratulated on the inter-club show in conjunction with the Wolverhampton C.B.S. held Feb. 10th, White Hart Hotel, Caldmore. The compliment is thus returned, that at Wolverhampton being held earlier. These inter-club shows can but augur good for those concerned, and might well be encouraged in districts boasting more than one society. The room was ideal, being large, well lighted, and free from draughts. Wolverhampton members took a keen delight in helping a younger society; so much so, that they provided most of the Canary classes. Walsall also threw their heart and soul into the work, the members sending some grand British. Mr. Baker (Birmingham) judged in an efficient manner. The genial secretary, Mr. F. Price, had his work well in hand. A grand Cockatoo, shown by Madame Jones-Tack, proved an interesting attraction.

The Critique.

NOR. CK. (7): 1, spl, Garfield, lovely yell., grand head and chest, splendid wing carriage; 2, Gibbons, a shade smaller, similar shape, good exhibit; 3, Hampton, variег., grand size and shape; 4, vhc, c, Weaver; hc, Robinson. A.O.S. (3): 1, Tonks, grand Hawfinch, good thumb-nail shaped bib, nice head, splendid colour throughout; 2, Rollins, Chaffinch, good colour, distinct whittles on wings; 3, Thomas, Chaffinch, larger. FOR., SMALL (7): 1, spl, 2, 3, 4, vhc, hc, c, Price, 1st and 2nd two topping Siberian Goldies, leader Scottish National winner, marked "soft" at Palace; 2nd, another smasher, looks likely to be top with a moult; 3rd, Ribbon Finches; 4th, Weavers; remainder, Mannikins. LARGE: 1, Madame Jones-Tack, large Lemon-crested Cockatoo. LOCAL CANARY, CK. (5): 1, 3, Thomas, both buff Nor., leader grand bird, splendid head and chest; 2, Hinton, variег. yell. Nor., large bird; 4, Robbins; vhc, Barrett. HEN (4): 1, Spencer, grand variег. Nor., fine big chested bird; 2, Price, variег. yell., good col. and shape; 3, Madam Jones-Tack, tkd. yell., good shape; 4, Barrett. MULES (2): 1, Spencer, nice dark yell. Linnet; 2, Thomas, good dark buff Greenie. GOLDFINCH, ETC. (12): 1, spl, 2, Tonks, leader grand bird, wonderful col., very bright expansive blaze, good wings and buttons; 2nd, a little smaller, again good in col.; 3, Thomas, nice blaze, good col.; 4, Gibbons, Bullfinch, medium size, grand cap; vhc, hc, Platt; c, Roberts. LINNET (6): 1, spl, Tonks, nice size, rich col., beautifully laced; 2, vhc, Platt, larger, nice tone of col., not quite so well laced; 3, hc, Price, similar to 2nd, nice back and wings; 4, Purchase. GREENFINCH (4): 1, Tonks, nice sized jonque, lovely col., grand condition; 2, Platt, nice buff; 3, Gibbons, another buff; 4, Lines. SISKIN, ETC. (7): 1, spl, Price, nice coloured yellow Siskin, good cap and wings, well laced thighs; 2, Tonks, Mealy Redpoll, good bib, nicely laced; 3, c, Thomas, Lesser, rich col., well laced, in splendid condition; 4, Gibbons, field-moulted Mealy; vhc, Keay; hc, Lines. HEN (6): 1, spl, 4, Hampton, 1st lovely yell., good size and shape, neat wings and tail; 2, Garfield, splendid buff, large, good head and chest; 3, c, Weaver, nice size and shape, in splendid fettle; vhc, Robinson; hc, Gibbons. UNFLIG. (6): 1, spl, Hampton, buff marked wings, neck and eyes, lovely shape, feather and col., well packed flights and tail; 2, 4, vhc, Weaver, 2nd grand yell., size and shape, all there, staged to perfection; 3, Gibbons, another good marked yellow, nice shape and feather; hc, Garfield. YORKS. CK. (3): 1, 2, Millincamp, brace of gems, hardly anything to choose between them, grand col. and qual.; 3, Hall, buff ticked, very typical, nice flights and tail. HEN (7): 1, spl, 3, vhc, Millincamp, 1st nice position, good feather, neat wings and pipe tail; 3rd, good close feather, nice col. and quality; 2, c, Gibbons, 2nd good long-sided bird; 4, hc, Hall. UNFLIG. (6): 1, spl, 4, hc, Gibbons, leader grand feathered yell., nice position; 2, vhc, Hall, 2nd lovely yell., grand feather and quality; 3, Millincamp, nice head and shoulders, neat wings and tail.

CORK.

The Cork C.B.A. held its annual show on Jan. 24-25 in the City Hall, when a nice lot of birds faced the judge, Mr. J. Robson. Yorkshires came up well, numbering 72 birds in the six classes provided; the five Norwich classes mustered 32 birds in all. There was a small but select lot of 17 Mules and Hybrids in three classes, and the seven classes in the British Bird Section contained 77 birds in all, with some extra fine specimens amongst them.

The Awards.

YORKS CL. YELL. (8): 1, spl, 2, hc, c, Neville; 3, vhc, Devins. HEN (12): 1, spl, Neville; 2, Hawkins; 3, Buckley; vhc, Devins; hc, Forrest; c, Cottrell. BUFF (13): 1, 2, Buckley; 3, Devins; vhc, Neville; hc, Hawkins; c, Lee. HEN (12): 1, c, Devins; 2, Deville; 3, vhc, hc, Hawkins. YORKS A.O.C. (14): 1, Devins; 2, 3, Buckley; vhc, Hawkins; hc, Forrest; c, Neville. HEN (13): 1, 3, Hawkins; 2, vhc, Neville; hc, Forrest; c, Devins. CREST OR C.B. (5): 1, spl, 3, Lee; 2, Thornhill. NOR. CL., ETC., YELL. (6): 1, Mulligan; 2, hc, Miss Travers; 3, vhc, c, Forrest. HEN (6): 1, Alexander; 2, Mulligan; 3, Forrest; vhc, hc, Miss Travers. BUFF (8): 1, spl, 3, O'Reilly; 2, Miss Travers; vhc, Mulligan; hc, c, Forrest. HEN (7): 1, 2, 3, Forrest; vhc, hc, Miss Travers; c, Mulligan. YORKS CK. (confined to persons who have never won in open classes) (8): 1, 3, Mills; 2, Taylor; vhc, hc, Keeshan; c, Cottrell. HEN (8): 1, vhc, hc, c, Mills; 2, 3, Keeshan. A.V. CAN. (confined to Cork artisans) (7): 1, Sheehan; 2, 3, Kelleher; vhc, c, Wade; hc, Reardon. CAN. A.V. LIMIT £1 (9): 1, Mills; 2, vhc, Buckley; 3, Hawkins; hc, Devins; c, Forrest. MULE, CL., ETC. (5): 1, 2, 3, vhc, hc, c, Dawson. DARK (5): 1, Dawson; 2, Forrest; 3, Cronin; vhc, Casey. A.O.V. MULE (7): 1, Alexander; 2, 3, vhc, Dawson, vhc, Casey; hc, Allshire. BRIT. GOLDIE (13): 1, spl, Mulcahy; 2, Goode; 3, Dawson; vhc, Carleton; hc, Cottrell; c, Armstein. LINNET (9): 1, 3, Armstein; 2, Dawson; vhc, O'Leary; hc, Mulcahy; c, O'Callaghan. BULLIE (14): 1, Devins; 2, hc, Armstein; 3, Sheehan; vhc, Sullivan; c, Dawson. SISKIN, ETC. (11): 1, 2, c, Dawson; 3, vhc, Armstein; hc, Mulligan. LARK (10): 1, spl, Armstein; 2, c, Dawson; 3, vhc, Patterson; hc, Barry. BLACKBIRD, ETC. (10): 1, hc, Armstein; 2, vhc, Mulcahy; 3, Hawkesworth; c, Daly. A.O.S. BRIT. SMALL (10): 1, c, Armstein; 2, Mulcahy; vhc, Dawson; hc, Cottrell.

Singing Contests.

NEWTOWN (Leeds).

Linnet contest held Feb. 11, Prince Albert Inn, when a large number of members attended; 15 birds were entered. Judges, Messrs. C. Lorriman and S. Nevins. 1st, A. Binns; 2nd and 3rd divided between H. Playforth and T. Chippendale.—R. Wood, Hon. Sec.

BLACKBURN.

Blackburn Quality Linnet S.A.C., contest for quality held last week-end, Old Red Lion, Snig Brook; 17 birds competed. Winners: 1, C. McGreevey; 2, W. H. Topping; 3, T. Kirk. Next open-to-all-England contest at above house on Feb. 24, singing to commence 2 p.m. Prizes for time and quality.—R. Haylhurst, sec.

TYLDESLEY.

On Feb. 11th members brought out a large number of birds, and some fine singing was heard. Decided to send a large number of birds to Salford Alliliation Contest, Feb. 17th. There will be an open-to-all-England Lark contest at Union Arms, Castle-street, at some future date. Will secretaries please note my address?—J. Harrison, 3, Lune-street, Tyldesley.

WESTHOUGHTON.

First Linnet sing held Feb. 10; some very good singing was done. After the sing 20 members sat down to a good feed, and we distributed 100 back numbers of "Cage Birds." We are holding an open-to-all-England contest on Feb. 17 for time and quality, when Mr. Ratcliffe will give £1 to entrance fees.—J. Woodward, sec.

WIGAN.

Wigan Linnet C.B.S. held open-to-all-England contest Colliers Arms, Frog Lane, Feb. 10th; 35 birds from all parts of Lancashire. 1st for quality, W. H. Topping; 2, R. Halcroft; 3, W. Barnes 1st for time, J. Poole, 169; 2, R. Fairhurst, 102; 3, G. Randal, 86. Judges for quality, Messrs. W. Milligan, T. Statham. Referee, Mr. W. Barns. Timers, Messrs. G. Milligan, E. Peat, and R. Leyland. Tappers, Messrs. R. Fairhurst and H. Moss.—J. Ashurst, Sec.

LEIGH.

Week-end contest, Feb. 11; 23 birds competed for six prizes—half-minute face on and 3 minutes otherwise; and to show the amount of time done, 63 was the first to miss a prize. The few that have been judging for quality are fast qualifying for judges at open contests. Seeing there is an affiliated contest at Boat House, Oldfield Road, Salford, for quality and time, and open to all England, will club secs. kindly inform delegates there will be a delegate meeting after the contest, when I hope they will be fully represented; important business.—J. M'Allister, Sec.

SHEFFIELD.

Linnet singing contest, Royal George, Brightside Lane, Feb. 11th, when 18 birds entered. 1, Thompson (with Mr. Clarke's bird), 71sec.; 2, Driver, 50; 3, Callaghan, 48; 4, Driver, 46; Rawson, 44; Brooker, 43; Rawson, 43. Whitsuntide club going strong; new members join at once before levy is put on. Contest every week-end, first pair hung at 1 o'c. I am surprised at Mr. Brown, of Sheffield, wanting to sing me for £1 to £10, when he knows I am not in a position to accept. Still, if he wants to sing, Thompson will sing him for £1 with one bird, 3 minutes time singing, man and money ready any time.—A. Thompson.

SALFORD.

Manchester fanciers specially invited to affiliated contest at Boat House Hotel, Oldfield Road, on Feb. 17, when the champion quality and time singers from the following clubs have consented to compete:—Blackburn, Leigh, Wigan, Tyldesley, Atherton, Westhoughton, and others. It will be the biggest contest ever held in this town under the new system of fixtures. First pair up at two o'clock prompt. For the first annual supper on Feb. 19 all intending to be present are requested to send names to headquarters, so we shall know number to cater for. Tables ready 8 p.m. For the concert we have secured the services of Mr. Harry Murray, Mr. W. Wilson, Miss I. Cootes, and many others.—B. Wharton, hon. sec.

LEEDS.

Contest for quality held Old Bird House, King's Head, Shannon Street, Feb. 10th, when 18 birds sang. 1st prize, T. Stead; 2, Wigfield; 3, T. Johnson. Judges, Messrs. Naylor and Jennings. Also Feb. 11th, when 32 birds faced the judges, Messrs. Summers and Hardcastle, who were delighted to hear the best singing possible. 1st and 2nd prizes, W. Farrar; 3, Wigfield; 4, T. Stead. Timekeeper, Mr. Walt. Naylor.—T. C. Summers, Hon. Sec.

Quality singing for Linnets held Skinner's Arms, Buslingthorpe, February 11, when 18 birds sang. 1, Ward; 2, J. Chippindale; 3, Sheard; bye, Ward and Playforth. Judges, Messrs. C. Clayton and C. Lorriman. Also February 12, when 24 best birds in Yorks. sang. 1, Chippindale; 2, Ward; 3, Sellars. Judges, Messrs. Green and Siggons.—C. Clayton, Hon. Sec.

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Club Reports.

CHESTER C.B.S.

Meeting held Nags Head, Cocoa House, Foregate Street, Jan. 30th, Mr. F. C. Parker in chair, before a splendid gathering. Rules were gone through in quite a businesslike fashion. It will be interesting to fanciers in district to learn that this society is being established on a sound footing, and the fact that 10 new members were made is strong evidence in that direction; and several have taken out books with a view to building up a fund.—R. N. Williams, Hon. Sec.

PARTICK AND DIST. C.B.C.

Meeting and show of breeding pairs held Trades Halls, 2nd Feb., Mr. Park presiding. Although the night was very cold, there was a splendid turn-out of members and exhibits. Plainheads, Borders, Yorks were a grand lot, numbering nearly 50 pairs. Messrs. Walker and Sinclair judged. Principal winners:—Crests: Mr. McMillan. Plainheads: Messrs. Maxwell, Henry. Borders, Messrs. Walker, Henderson. Yorks., Messrs. Park, McRobbie. Hybrids, Messrs. Park, Aitkenhead. Agreed to hold show of mating pairs at next meeting, 1st March (8 classes). Six new members proposed, Messrs. A. Dykes, A. Walker, W. Simpson, T. Fraser, J. Roberts, J. Grunt. Vote of thanks to Messrs. Walker and Sinclair for judging; also to Mr. Park for presiding. Will be glad to hear of any new members.—J. Henderson, Sec.

EDINBURGH N.C. AND M.B.S.

Meeting held Halls, High Street, Feb. 1st. A splendid attendance. Usual business finished. Mr. Couper (President) stated he had visited Mr. Sykes (Musselburgh), who informed him he would be pleased to conduct members and friends through Lord Elphinstone's estate. The invitation met with a hearty response, and the 2nd and 3rd Saturdays in May were suggested. It was left in the hands of Secretary to make arrangements for a lecture at May meeting. Mr. Fairbairn was admitted a member. Mr. T. Todd was proposed a member. Mr. Holmes was the principal speaker in a general discussion on birdie matters, which was greatly appreciated. A few names of fanciers were submitted and Secretary promised to write them and if desired to give information regarding the society, which provides classes for all kinds of Canaries (except Scotch Fancy), Mules, British and Foreign birds, and also special classes for novices. Fanciers residing within a radius of 12 miles from Edinburgh invited to join at once, as no new members are admitted after April meeting.—J. Welsh, Sec., 67, Raeburn Place.

LOCHGELLY C.B.S.

Meeting held Jan. 27, in Central Bar, Mr. T. Wildridge presiding. Delegates' report from West of Fife C.B. League read, and generally approved. With regard to "smoker" by League at "Masonic Arms," Cowdenbeath, on Feb. 17, the majority of members present intimated their intention of being present. Following were elected League delegates for ensuing year:—Messrs. P. McCue, I. Grewar, T. Wildridge, W. Whiteford. Agreed, that a sum be granted from funds toward buying two specials held from show. Re nomination of judges, it was agreed to let this lie over till next meeting. Meeting held Jan. 30, Drill Hall, Mr. T. Wildridge presiding. There was a good turn-out. Mr. D. Grant (Lochore and Glencraig C.B.S.), who was present on invitation from society, intimated he had spoken to Lochore members, who were unanimous that Lochgelly should take in their district. Agreed, that society be called "Lochgelly and District Cage Bird Society." Matter of cups and rules to be left till next meeting. Messrs. J. Phillip, T. Peel, P. McCue, T. Wildridge, were appointed on deputation with Mr. D. Grant, to secretary of Lochore, Gothenburg, on Feb. 1. Nomination of judges then took place for 3rd annual show. Agreed, to hold a "smoker" on Feb. 24, and Messrs. T. Wildridge, J. Reid, J. McGregor, J. Roeburn, and W. Duff, were appointed committee to make arrangements and report at next meeting.—W. Whiteford, Sec.

EDINBURGH AND DIS. C.B.S.

Smoking concert held Jan. 27, when members and friends to the number of between 60 and 70, met and spent a most enjoyable evening, reckoned by some one of the best outside London; the unanimous feeling was it really was a "guid thing," and had come to stay. Talent was of the highest order, including several professionals. Vice-president Mr. A. W. Watson, occupied the chair, and made a nice little speech. This society was striving at a comparatively low membership fee, he said, to meet the working man fancier's pocket, and at the same time coach, interest, and instruct the novice. Thereafter songs and stories were rendered in a fashion that only Scotmen can do, which included President J. Charlton, G. Brown (Leith Sec.), W. Smart (Loanhead), J. Stormont, and a host of others. Mr. J. Cooper (president Norwich Club, Edinburgh), was the pianist, his selections and accompaniments being all that could be desired. Mr. J. Winter (Scottish National President) proposed the toast of the "Visitors," which was responded to in fine style. Mr. J. Stormont replied, and complimented the management on their "ideal" smoker, which, he felt assured, would long be remembered. The secretary also made a few remarks, stating, amongst other things, that a syllabus for the session was being drawn up, and would be in the hands of the members by next meeting. "Auld Lang Syne" brought concert to a close.—J. I. Mackie, Sec.

SCOTCH FANCY CANARY (National Derby) O.S.

Annual meeting held January 30, Mr. Wright (pres.) in chair. Balance sheet submitted, showing a balance on the right side. Secretary read communications from Mr. Councillor Hogg (Oakley) and Mr. Carmyllie (Broughty Ferry). The former expressed regret that he would not be able to be present, he having been confined to his bed for 9 weeks. The members expressed sympathy with him, and hoped he would soon be fully restored. Mr. Carmyllie asked that his name be taken off the roll; the members, however, considered he had in the past proved so worthy a member that they would like him to reconsider his decision. He remains on committee for the current year. Agreed, that the half-yearly meeting be on June 10, and that next show be September 21. Following appointed to the Executive for the current year:—Hon. president, W. Hart (Paisley); president, R. Wright (Greenock); vice-president, County Councillor J. Hogg (Oakley); secretary and treasurer, T. Smith, 10, Lochside St., Crossmyloof (Glasgow); auditors, Messrs. Gray and McClure; committee, Messrs. J. McLennan, W. Allan, W. Thornton (Edinburgh), G. G. Aitkenhead, J. F. Renwick, and J. Ward (Glasgow), J. Begg (Leith), E. B. Bullions, A. Galston, T. Ferguson, T. Fleming, W. Gray, A. Jardine, W. Lees, J. Muir, and W. McClure (Glasgow), H. R. Caldwell (Bathcastou), R. Carmyllie (Broughty Ferry), W. B. Cobb (Leeds), J. Dalgleish (Edinburgh), J. Kennedy, J. Donnelly, and J. Hart (Paisley), R. N. D. Fernie (Renfrew), G. Futton (Partick), W. Hunter, W. Gibb (Wishaw), J. Hannay (Dumfries), W. D. Hogg (Oakley), D. Molden (Muirkirk), W. Hutchison (Slamannan), R. Johnstone (Musselburgh), J. Lavery (Lurgan), P. McAdam, A. H. Maclean (Balloch), A. Martin (Maryhill), W. Niven, J. D. Maxwell (Falkirk), J. Park, J. Miller (Govan), W. Mitchell (Perth), J. Morrison (Helensburgh), N. O'Donnell, A. McDonald (Paisley), J. Price, N. Neil (Barrhead), J. A. Steward (Cathcart), F. Strathearn (Alloa), and R. Thoms (Dundee). A friendly discussion ensued upon the present position of the open shows, and the Scotch Fancy. Instructive reminiscences were given by Messrs. McClure, Fleming, Buchanan, Bullions,, the president, and others.

HEBDEN BRIDGE AND CALDER VALLEY O.S.

Annual meeting and election of officers, held Nutclough Tavern, Feb. 1st. Following were elected: Chairman, Mr. W. Spencer; vice-chairman, Mr. J. M. Maiden; treasurer, Mr. A. Barnes; auditors, Messrs. J. Maiden and C. Greenwood; Yorks. Union delegate, Mr. W. Spencer; hon. sec., A. Pickles. Decided to remove from present headquarters to the White Horse Hotel, Hebden Bridge, where our next meeting will be held.—A. Pickles, Sec.

LANCASTER AND DIST. C.B.S.

General meeting held Feb. 3rd. There was a fair muster of members. Balance-sheet read and adopted showing a good balance in bank, thanks to the hard-working officials. Messrs. R. Mason and F. Swainson were elected Chairman and Treasurer respectively for the 5th year; Mr. Bostock Hon. Sec., and Mr. Hoyle Assist. Sec.; Committee, Messrs. Mercer, Pennington, Jackson, T. Fisher, Hawthornthwaite, Whalley, H. Durston, and E. W. Durston. Five new members enrolled shows how the Fancy is booming in Lancaster and district. Our worthy Chairman presented Mr. J. Johnson with the rose bowl he won at annual show.—J. Bostock, Hon. Sec.

SHIPLEY O.S.

Annual presentation of prizes and smoking concert, Jan. 30, Prince of Wales Hotel. During an interval, Mr. H. Hill (sec. of the Yorks. Union), who had kindly consented to come amongst us, presented the prizes. Mr. Hill, who was well received, said that it gave him the greatest pleasure to come to Shipley and present the prizes, and he was also very pleased to see such a splendid array of prizes. He congratulated the society on the good progress they had made, and hoped they would still keep advancing and bring the hobby of cage birds up to the standard which it should hold. Refreshments were served, and the usual toast to the cup winner drunk. The musical part of the programme was contributed to by Mr. P. Cordingley (an aspiring local baritone) and the following society members: Messrs. L. Crossland, H. H. Towers, B. Barker and H. Martin. Mr. Butterworth was a clever humorist, and Mr. A. Ackroyd an efficient accompanist. The season's prize winners were: Messrs. J. A. Taylor, L. Crossland, H. Martin, Brown and Son, H. H. Towers, H. Hudson, H. Long, and A. M. Craven. Mr. J. B. Martin won a special given by Jeyes. Mr. J. A. Taylor a special given by Sandiford. Novices: Messrs. H. Robinson, J. Holmes. T. Cooper, and J. W. Gait.—A. Tillotson, sec.

RUNCORN C.B.S.

Annual general meeting held Feb. 2. Secretary read his report for the past 12 months. Treasurer presented annual statement of accounts, also detailed financial statement of first annual open show. This showed a net loss of five guineas. We are highly pleased to be in a position, brought about by economy, to possess a fund which amply covered the aforementioned loss, and to report that the society has still a balance in hand of £2. Members have every reason to congratulate themselves on the success which attended their efforts in running so successfully the open show held in Dec. last. Members take this opportunity of thanking those friends who supported us with their entries and presence, and especially those who acknowledged by letter their appreciation of the management. We hope to hold our 2nd annual open show on or about the same date as last year. Meeting was unanimous in re-electing the following officers for ensuing year: President, Dr. Cullen; chairman, Mr. W. H. Cawley; vice-chairman, Mr. J. L. Glover; treasurer, Mr. E. Peck; secretary, Mr. T. P. Baxter; committee, Messrs. Bradbury, Wood, Whyte, Farrell, Looker, and Ratcliff. Next meeting (first Friday in March) will take the form of a lecture and discussion on "Pairing Stock"; when it is hoped all members will make it convenient to attend. Several new members will be proposed. We hear with regret that a new society has been formed in the town, and that the friends who hold the reins could not see their way to work hand in hand, as it were, with us, and unite amicably in every effort made for the extension of the Fancy in this town, and for the hobby at large.—T. B. Baxter, sec.

LEEDS C.B.S.

Meeting held headquarters, 3rd Feb., Mr. H. J. Mennard in the chair; an excellent attendance. Re syllabus for 1912, decided that we delete June F.F. show from counting for specials, so same will be held this season at headquarters as a table show. July Y.B. show also cut out from being a cup show, several members contending that in many cases it was the lucky competitor who had his birds about six weeks old that had the best chance. By a large majority it was decided that Leeds and President's cups be competed for at November and Boxing Day old bird shows; the majority also thought eight classes each for Yorks. and Nor. too many for a members' show, so we unanimously agreed to cut out clear classes, and make them clear, ticked, or variegated. Three gold medals will be given as section specials for most points in Yorks., Nor., and British, six highest birds to count at three members' and open shows. A grand list of members' specials will be open for competition. Intending members kindly let me have names before 20th Feb., to be included in 1912 Year Book. Messrs. J. H. Roe and W. Mundell have been elected to officiate at our open-to-all-England show, Oct. 12th, and we are hoping to be able to secure the St. James's Hall. Pair show headquarters, 2nd March, birds to be staged 8 p.m.; entrance fee 3d., all returned in prize-money; 2s. 6d. special for most points in all classes except A.O.V. Class 1, champ. Yorks.; 2, champ. Nor.; 3, A.O.V.; 4, Mule or Hyb. pairs; 5, novice Yorks.; 6, novice Nor.; judges, Messrs. C. E. Hall and W. Johnson. Two new members elected in Messrs. Leach and Hutton. Will all who would like to give a special, or who would like an advert. in 1912 Year Book, kindly let me know at earliest possible convenience?—W. A. Wilson, Hon. Sec.

SUTTON IN ASHFIELD, EASTFIELD SIDE C.B.S.

Meeting and members stock pair show held Mason's Arms, Feb. 3rd. Decided to hold members' show, March 2nd, 2 classes for Nor., 2 for Crests, 2 for Brit. Mr. Richards judge. Decided to have a tripe supper same night. Anyone wishing to join in the same to give names to Secretary. Mr. J. Simms judged stock pairs. Principal winners: NOR.: Messrs. Waldran, Hawkesley. CREST: Messrs. Norwood, Nuttall Bros., Shaw and Booth. Vote of thanks given Mr. Simms for judging. Mr. Simms promised a special for each class for March show. Four new members were enrolled.—B. Gabbitass

WOODSIDE O.S. (Aberdeen).

A highly successful smoking concert was held at the Bon Accord Hotel, Market Street, Jan. 27, for the purpose of doing honour to the late secretary, Mr. A. Thomson, who is about to emigrate to Australia. Mr. J. Strachan (vice-president) in chair; and in presenting Mr. Thomson with a purse of sovereigns on behalf of the members and other fanciers in Aberdeen, he referred in eulogistic terms to the strenuous work Mr. Thomson had performed on behalf of the society during his seven years' term of office, and which he had left in a sound financial position. Mr. Thomson feelingly replied, and urged on all fanciers present to put their shoulders to the wheel and put the society in a still better position. Songs were rendered by Messrs. J. Strachan, A. Ewen, A. Taylor, J. Lyon, W. Rae, P. Craighead, P. Stewart, and Mr. Dick, while Mr. Thomson gave a couple of recitations. The proceedings terminated with the singing of "Auld Lang Syne."—"Woodside."

HEYWOOD AND DISTRICT O.S

Annual meeting held Jan. 23, Mr. J. Perry (president) in chair. Balance sheet for past year read; society again starts year with a nice balance in hand. Officers elected for 1912:—President, Mr. J. Perry; vice-presidents, Messrs. H. F. Turner, E. Barlow, J. W. Howarth, J. Lees, Wright, Scholes, T. Dodson, H. J. McNab, T. Greenhalgh, W. Barlow, Counc. A. Firth, and Counc. S. Stansfield; treasurer, Mr. R. Schofield; auditors, Messrs. J. Waddington and F. Howarth; sub-committee, Messrs. J. W. Howarth, W. Marsden, F. Howarth; hon. secs., A. H. Meadowcroft and V. H. Barlow. On Jan. 20 a meeting and judging competition of Yorks. pairs took place. Mr. Richard Schofield (Heywood) paired the 6 yellow cocks and 6 hens, buffs. Afterwards 13 of the members tried their hand at mating and judging. Opinions were varied, which helped to make the evening amusing and instructive. Mr. P. H. Barlow won 1st prize in competition for judging, Mr. J. Lees 2nd. The event proved so interesting that members decided to hold another competition at next meeting, Feb. 27. This event will be for Nor. pairs, buff cocks, and yellow hens. Mr. J. Lees (Rochdale) kindly promised to place the pairs. 2s. 6d. 1st prize will again be given, 1s. 6d. 2nd, to nearest to Mr. Lee's. Fanciers welcomed.—A. H. Meadowcroft, Sec.

ANFIELD, EVERTON & DIS. C.B.S.

Meeting held Jan. 29th, School Rooms, St. Cuthbert's Church, Robson Street, Anfield, Liverpool, Mr. W. Bell (chairman) presiding. Several new members joined, including Messrs. W. Walker (the crack Norwich breeder of the city), Foscroft, G. Sinclair, G. Moreton, C. Eaton, J. Blackburn, C. Sinclair, bringing our total up to 169. Following rule passed unanimously: "Should the committee decide that a member has shown birds which he is unable to prove are his bona fide property, the said committee shall have power to expel the said member, take possession of the birds, and dispose of them for the benefit of the society and take legal action, if considered necessary; the said member shall also forfeit all entry fees and prize money, specials, etc. This rule to be rigorously enforced. Several other important items were got through. Membership cards, rules, and syllabus for 1912 will be sent out to members as quickly as possible. Annual general meeting takes place in above school rooms, Feb. 12th, 8 p.m. sharp; important business to be transacted, statement of accounts, etc. Sec. has more draw tickets and hopes members will endeavour to take a few and dispose of them for such a worthy object. Secretary would be pleased if all those members who have not already done so would place their orders for "Cage Birds' Annual" with him at once, as he wishes to get down a definite quantity. Order this book and post yourself up on all matters appertaining to all kinds of cage birds. Our open show is arranged to take place on Boxing Day, 26th Dec. District societies please note. I am desired to publicly thank Mr. Bell for the very willing and able assistance he is rendering the society; to have a man with the ripe experience and ability of Mr. Bell is one of the most valuable assets a society can possess.—R. B. Wright, Sec.

VALE OF LEVEN C.B.C.

Meeting and pair (Canary) show, held Feb. 1, Village School Room, Alexandria, Mr. P. Hannah in chair, supported by hon. vice-president J. W. Bell and a large attendance of ladies and gentlemen. Chairman introduced Mr. C. Hunter (Glasgow). That gentleman having stated which soap he preferred washing birds with, poured out hot water into three bowls, and having reduced the temperature of same till he could hold the elbow in it with comfort, in each dish he added half a teaspoonful of borax, with glycerine in the third. Taking hold of a bird, he showed how it should be held—with head between the thumb and first finger, laying on its back across his palm. He proceeded to wash with a short stubble camel-hair brush, well lathered with soap, turning the bird over and carefully showing each position held and brushed, laying great stress on how the neck and head should be washed. Taking a longer camel-hair brush, he proceeded to wash the soapsuds from off the bird, which he repeated in the third dish, and left bird entirely free from soap. He did not believe in using a sponge. He wrapped bird up in a silk cloth and laid same on a board before the fire, an operation repeated with another. Later he put the birds in an all-round wire cage, with a dry cloth over the back and a wet cloth in front of fire; in a remarkably short time he was holding up for inspection two birds which were a credit to him. He received much applause. Mr. Hunter judged the pairs. Principal winners: Nor., Messrs. Davidson, Hannah Bros.; Crests, Messrs. Ritchie, McLean; Borders, Mr. Gillies; Scotch Fancy, Messrs. McLean, Thorn; Yorks., Messrs. Liles, McLean; A.O.V., Mr. W. Taylor. Twenty-four new members admitted, viz., Messrs. Currie, Storrie, McIntosh, Maxwell, Kerr, Love, Malton and Gibson, of Dumbarton; Messrs Anderson, Finlanson, McDermott, Scullion, Riley, Duffy, McKay, Murray and Dow, of Alexandria; Messrs. Leslie, McEwan and Barker, of Bonhill; Messrs. McFarlane and McArthur, of Balloch; Mr. Duffy, of Jamestown, and Mr. McColl, of Renton.—A. H. McLean.

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Meeting held Feb. 10, Queen's Head, Reddings, when a good number of members attended. Mr. J. Martin, in chair, read a letter from the treasurer announcing his resignation as treasurer; accepted. Mr. B. Simpson elected treasurer. Two First Feather Shows, June 8 (to be held at Reddings); July 20 (at Eastwood). Also arranged to hold Stock Pair Show Feb. 24, at Queen's Head, Reddings, when we are again giving two singing birds away; tickets 2d. each. Birds to be staged by 3 p.m.—J. H. Mitchell, hon. sec.

PENTREBACH AND DIST. F.S.

General meeting held Feb. 8th, Hall. Auditors' report and balance-sheet adopted. We have in hand a few shillings with which to commence 1912, and we intend to hold another show this year, and we hope we shall be able to extend classification, etc. Election of officers:—Chairman, Mr. G. L. Harber, M.R.C.V.S.; vice-chairman, Mr. T. C. Jones; treasurer, Mr. A. Goode; show manager, Mr. J. H. Jones; secretary, Mr. A. E. Brown. The following new members elected: Messrs. G. Davies, G. Jones, W. Evans, M. Jenkins, D. Powell, and Wm. Williams. Next meeting 22nd Feb., Hall, and I hope new members will make every effort to attend.—A. E. Brown, Sec.

NORTHERN BORDER & S.F.C.

Meeting held Jan. 15th. Correspondence read, Mr. Shepherd tendering his resignation owing to his leaving district for London. Mr. Ellwood proposed we accept it, seconded by Mr. Montgomery. Expressions of regret were heard on all sides, and it is our earnest hope that Mr. Sheppard will be successful in his new home. The novices here are indeed losing a valuable friend. Mr. Shepherd made a few remarks. Tickets for the combined social and distribution of prizes, March 27th, are now on sale; Mr. Potts will be pleased to supply all needing them, and every member should buy his tickets early to enable secretary, Mr. Hutcheson, to know how many have to be catered for. This is going to be a big night; all members should turn up and help make it a huge success—March 27th. Messrs. Potts and Smith were appointed auditors. The pair show was a huge success, 14 pairs facing the judge, Mr. Johnston, and he was good enough to explain where some of the pairs failed. The pairs were in nearly every case well matched, some of them being beauties, both in type and quality. 1st, Mr. Montgomery; 2nd, Mr. Ellwood; 3, Mc. Craig.—J. N. F. Scott.

SHEFFIELD C.B.S.

Meeting held February 1st, Wentworth Cafe, Pinstone Street, Mr. F. Jones (President) in chair, supported by Vice-Presidents, Messrs. J. Thorpe and T. Hemming. A very good muster of members turned up. Secretary read the recommendations of committee re year's programme, which consists of lectures by such men as Mr. D. Hunter (Scarboro') and Mrs. Dean (Bradford), washing exhibition by Mr. T. Tow, and a competition for novices; specials already promised for same. Also a special series of four table shows and four rambles are to be held first Saturday in May, June, July, and August, and one Sunday ramble. Nest feather show, June 29th; final members', Oct. 26th; annual open, Dec. 14th, Montgommery Hall has been engaged for all three. Judges for same proposed and will be announced later. Unanimously decided to have a dinner and concert, Feb. 22nd, Hudson's Restaurant, Charles Street; time, 7.30; single tickets 1/6, double 3/-; cups and specials will be presented. The success of the venture is assured as something like 50 names were given in. Will those intending to go kindly give names to either of the secretaries? Our Hon. President, Mr. H. Barber, is expected to present prizes. Secretaries and Mr. J. Thorpe appointed to buy specials; if winners would please intimate to them what they would like, it would help them greatly in their choice. Following are winners of point specials, etc.: Yorks: 1, F. Elliott; 2, H. E. Wilkinson; 3, W. H. Champion; 4, tie, J. Sorsby and W. T. Furness. Nor.: 1, A. Lawton; 2, T. Hemming; 3, J. Woolhouse; 4, F. Bainbridge; 5, T. Tow. Brit.: 1, P. Walsh; 2, A. Hobson; 3, H. Lockwood; 4, L. Falding; 5, tie, A. Bailey and G. Fletcher. Most points Novice both shows (Yorks); J. Forsby (Nor.), A. Lawton, most points in all Yorks. classes, F. Elliott; Nor., J. Woolhouse. Details re special table shows left in hands of committee. Election of following gentlemen as new members greeted with loud applause, viz., Messrs. J. Baxter, T. Smith, M. Hogan, A. H. Waters (Wombwell), A. Wardley, L. Woolhouse, F. Farnell, J. W. Furnell, and J. Smith. Table show of matched pairs for novices a great success, no fewer than 29 pairs being on view. In the absence of Mr. J. C. Barnes at the Palace, Messrs. J. G. Cowley and C. Tomlinson were appointed judges. Next meeting, March 14th, table show of Mules and Hybrid pairs; no entry fee. Members joining same night can compete; all fanciers welcome.—J. Woolhouse, Assist. Sec.

GLASGOW (West End) C.B.A.

Second annual "smoker" and presentation of trophies won at annual show held in White's Restaurant, Gordon-street, Jan. 31st, when a large number of members and fancier friends met (between 150 and 200 strong). Chair occupied by the hon. president, Douglas Pearson, Esq., supported by hon. vice-president W. Gibb Macnab, Esq.; president, Mr. C. Campbell; vice-president, Mr. A. Miller; and Messrs. Brown, Bells, Ferrier, Campbell, J. Young, R. V. Raine, R. H. Livingstone, and McMillan. The chairman, in opening the proceedings, said he was well pleased to see such a large gathering. He added, their society, although only two years old, was growing by leaps and bounds. In Douglas Pearson, Esq., the members have a thorough gentleman, a born fancier, and staunch supporter of everything pertaining to the Fancy, and especially to the club. In toasting his health, the company lustily sung "He's a Jolly Good Fellow." The hon. vice-president, W. Gibb Macnab is also very popular, and, like the hon. president, is ever ready doing whatever lies in his power for the advancement of the club and the Fancy in general. Then there is Mr. C. Campbell (president), Mr. A. Miller (vice-president), and the ever-smiling secretary and treasurer, Mr. W. Proudfoot. These gentlemen are all "true type and quality" fanciers, who will leave no stone unturned in their efforts to raise the society to the pinnacle of fame which it is approaching. It would be bad in us not to make special mention of the secretary, as we never met a better; he is genuine and true to the core, and a man of brain and full of life and go. Artistes: Messrs. J. B. Preston, W. Gibb Macnab, Ferrie, Hendry, Chalmers, Morrison, McOlree, Forbes, Bingham, Bells, Douglas, Gallelly. To one and all great praise is due for the efficiency displayed and the merriment and laughter enjoyed through their kindly help. The presentation of trophies (an interesting affair) was as follows: Pearson challenge rose bowl: Mr. P. Houston; Macnab challenge cup, Mr. A. Hendry; School of Music cup, Mr. G. G. Henderson; Macnab gold medal, Mr. E. Taylor; and Border Fancy Club medal to Mr. A. Miller. A pleasing feature was the filling of the Macnab cup and passing same round to toast the health of the donor, afterwards joining in the singing of "He's a Jolly Good Fellow." In giving the toast "Kindred Societies," Mr. Young spoke to the pleasure it gave him to see so many prominent fanciers and friends present, and the great amount of friendly spirit that seemed to exist amongst members. The health of the secretary was toasted, and amid loud cheers and shouts of "a speech," he was obliged to get up and say a few words. He told them that his success was due to the co-operation of, and kindness shown to him by, the members, and he could assure them he was ever willing to do his duty.

HETTON-LE-HOLE & DIS. C.B.S.

Meeting Feb. 11, at headquarters, Mr. Hy. Wilson in chair. Decided to hold two table shows; first Feb. 17 at the house of Mr. J. Gray, Eppleton Arms. Classes: 1, Nor. cock A.C.; 2, hen A.C.; 3, A.O.V. Can. (single); 4, pairs, A.V.; 5, Brit. bird, A.V. Birds to be on tables at 5 p.m. prompt. Smoker, Feb. 24, at headquarters, commence 7 p.m. Entry fee for table shows 1s. per man (this covers both shows), and exhibitors are allowed to make as many entries as they think fit.—A. J. Notley, sec.

ASHINGTON AND HIRST C.B.S.

Annual meeting held Feb. 10th, at new headquarters, Harmonic Dining Room, Mr. J. Miles presiding. Balance sheet considered satisfactory. Office bearers elected: President and treasurer, J. Miles; vice-president, G. Hall; secretary, W. Hall; Committee, S. P. Lackey, T. Thompson, E. Floyd, J. Graham, F. Barron, M. Lawson, G. Hall, A. Carr, J. Tomlinson. Decided to have next meeting Feb. 24th, committee to attend 7, to discuss important business; other members 7.30. I kindly ask members to try and secure new members for next meeting.—W. Hall, Sec.

STRATFORD & E. LONDON F.S.

Cup and prizes won at 24th annual show were presented, Feb. 8th. New members elected: Messrs. W. Chapman (Forest Gate); J. Watson (Poplar); H. Marchant (Poplar). Members joining now will be in time for name and stock kept to be inserted in 1912 year-book. Particulars gladly supplied by Sec. A very old member, Mr. H. Day, having to undergo two serious operations within 12 months, and being still seriously ill, a collection from members present was made, resulting in 23s. 6d. If any member wishes to send a small donation, I shall be pleased to receive same. Annual general meeting Feb. 22nd. Important alterations of rules on the agenda. Prize winners absent on 8th kindly attend to save club unnecessary postages.—W. Maxey, Hon. Sec.

GLASGOW & W. OF SCOTLAND.

Annual general meeting held Jan. 31, College Hall, 28, Spoutmouth St., when there was a good turn-out of members. Following office bearers elected: President, Mr. J. Brown; vice-president, Mr. F. Bowman; sec. and treasurer, F. Taylor, 134, Earlston Avenue, Townhead, Glasgow, with a splendid committee of 22; auditors, Messrs. Fyfe and Rankine. Agreed to advertise in the Fancy Press, staging to hold 600 birds, as we found we had too much. Also agreed, to adopt "Leith Observer" prize cards for evening shows. Messrs. Brown, Craig, Sloan, Barron, Bowman and Hughes offered badges or valuable prizes to be competed for at evening shows, and to include F.F. show; these were accepted. Also agreed, to hold a cake and candy sale; a small committee formed to work same. Following new members accepted: Messrs. Hughes (Springburn), McPhee (Glasgow), and R. G. Clubb (Langside). Agreed to hold pair show, Feb. 21st, College Hall, Spoutsmouth Street; 8 classes, Nor., Crests, Yorks., Borders, A.O.V. Can. and Mule and Hybrid pairs. As three of the points badges are for novices, it is hoped they will be out in full strength.—F. Taylor, Sec.

BANKFOOT AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

Annual general meeting held headquarters, Red Lion Hotel, January 30th, when a very large number of members turned up. Balance-sheet passed; it disclosed a very successful year and a profit to be carried forward. Balance-sheet for whist drive held January 27th also read; receipts showed a balance of £1 14s. Mr. H. B. Wood elected president. Meeting adjourned until Feb. 6th, when another fair number of members turned up. Mr. H. B. Wood took the chair. Following gentlemen elected: Vice-Presidents: Messrs. J. Lawson, B. Wilman, and J. Mitchell; Treasurer, Mr. G. Hudson; Secretary, Mr. F. Gelder; Assistant Sec., Mr. W. North; Auditors, Messrs. J. Smith and W. Myers; Trustees, Messrs. W. Lightowler and R. Hinchliffe; Management Committee all officers. Following specials allotted for show, February 17th (open to all within a radius of 5 miles from Bradford Town Hall): Bottle of special whisky for most points with 4 highest birds, 3 sectional specials of 3s. 6d. each in novice classes 1 to 2, 4 to 6, 7 to 9; sectional specials of 2s. 6d. each in open classes, 1 to 3, 4 to 6, and 3s. 7 to 9. Members please note: Future meetings third Tuesday (instead of last) in month. Prize winners at our whist drive: Gents, Messrs. A. Slater and S. Dean tie for 1st and 2nd; 3, F. Taylor. Ladies: Miss Birtwistle 1st, Mrs. Foster 2nd, Mrs. Boyes 3rd.—W. North, Assist. Sec.

YORKSHIRE PRIZE DISTRIBUTION COMMITTEE.

Meeting held Market Tavern, Godwin Street, Bradford, Feb. 10th, Mr. R. Halliday in chair. Arrangements were considered with regard to annual prize distribution. Unanimously decided to substitute dinner, by a knife and fork tea, at 1s. 3d. per head, the committee being of opinion this would meet with general satisfaction. The event is to be held at the Market Tavern, March 9, tea on tables at 4.30 prompt, and the social evening to commence at 6. Secretaries of all specialist clubs will meet at 2.30 to arrange prizes. Order of presentation will be as follows: Yorkshire C.C., Linn. Mkd. Y.C.C., Open Nor. P.C., National Green Mkd. Y.C.C., Yorkshire Union of C.B.S., CAGE BIRDS prizes, Yorkshire County B.B. and M.C. Also unanimously decided again to invite Mr. D. Sunderland to officiate as chairman. Committee expressed regret on hearing that illness had prevented him from attending meeting, and sincerely hope he may have a speedy recovery. Committee decided to engage a few good artistes for the musical portion of the programme; this will undoubtedly be up to its usual reputation. All who are desiring to attend tea will do secretary a favour by sending names early, in order that proper arrangements may be made. Tickets will be issued in a few days, and these can be obtained from any of the secretaries of Yorks. specialist clubs, or from the secretary of the prize distribution, Mr. H. Hill, 15, Settle Terrace, Thornton Lane, Bradford.—H. Hill, Sec.

ATTERCLIFFE AND DIST. C.B.S.

Meeting held Feb. 8th, headquarters, Horse and Jockey Hotel, Mr. Havenhand in chair. After usual business Mr. Bagnall criticised our pair show. There were not a large number staged, but we attributed this to the bad weather. Quality, however, made up for quantity. After judging, Mr. Bagnall answered all queries put. Proposed to have a lecture on the Norwich by an old fancier, also a table show for British, at next meeting, March 14th; judge, Mr. Welton. I hope all members will turn up.—W. Hailstone, Hon. Sec.

CINNAMON C.C.

Following members, winners of specials throughout the season, including all points in foul classes:—Club trophy, Mrs. F. E. Deacon 84 points, Mr. E. Godley 73. Pair of pictures (value £4 4s.), W. Dormer, 319; gold medal, E. Godley, 290; 3rd most points, Mrs. F. E. Deacon, 222; 4th most points, A. Bentley. Novice Specials: Lawrence Memorial medal, J. H. Heys, 83; 2nd most points, T. Proctor, 63; 3rd, W. Hales, 56. Members not agreeing with above count must notify me at once. We have had a most successful season, the classes paying at most of the shows. We are offering special inducements to novices this season. All Cinnamon fanciers are invited to join the club at once to reap the benefits.—J. W. Metcalfe, Hon. Sec., 68, Brunswick-road, Liverpool.

CINNAMON-MARKED Y.C.C.

Committee meeting held Feb. 10, Market Tavern, Bradford, Mr. R. Garnett presiding over a very good attendance. Secretary read out the number of members with subscriptions outstanding. As we are nearing the annual meeting, when all dues and demands should be met to keep clubs on a good footing, will all members whose subs. are still unpaid, kindly remit to secretary at the earliest opportunity? Results of annual competitions:—Open competition: 1st prize, H. H. Towers, 169 points; 2nd, Ogden Bros., 128; 3rd Bailey, 101; 4th, A. Cooper, 91; other members gaining following points: F. Allen 71, J. Thomas 47, J. E. Priestley 28, H. J. Chittenden 24, S. Metcalfe 16, A. Hirst 17, Mallinson and Son 10, and P. Mason 10. Open Novice Competition: 1st, Brown and Son, 109 points; 2nd, C. Morrison, 93; 3rd, D. Thornton, 42. Results of Junior Novice Competition will be published next week. Mr. Ramsden's colour food trophies: H. H. Towers, 200 points, and S. Grayshaw, 81. The open competition and the open novice competitions have been run as a sealed handicap, points to count at 10 shows only. Name of each patronage show was placed in envelope, and shaken together, the one withdrawn being Manchester. Decided, to join with other specialist clubs in the annual prize distribution, to be held March 9th, in the Market Tavern, Bradford. Will all members compare their points with results herewith published, so that any inaccuracy may have prompt attention.—Grayshon and Allen, Secs., Wormald Street, Flush, Beckmondwike.

ARDWICK AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

General meeting held Onward Hall, Feb. 6th; Mr. W. Robinson presided. Report of the management committee (instructed to deal with the business left over from annual general meeting) read. The change in society's name came in for a lot of discussion. What was the object in making any alteration when under the present name we were making progress? But quite a different view was taken when it was explained why the alteration was thought necessary. The word Ardwick was purely local, and was no guidance to outside fanciers as to where the society was located. It was thought the time was nearing when the members might desire to hold an open show, and to do any good as an advertising medium we would have to put the word Manchester in brackets. Why not now? Still we should keep the word Ardwick as our premier name with this explanation. Carried unanimously; so in future we shall be known as the Ardwick and Manchester Dist. C.B.A. The new novice British rule (which affects Rule 12), in defining the novice, we give preference to amateurs and novices to show Brit. and For. birds in open competition, and allowed to win three first prizes without its affecting their status in our own society. Following this we had a table show of Nor. pairs; Mr. W. Robinson judged. Principal winners: Messrs. Buckley and Spencer. Next meeting table show of Yorks. pairs; judge, Mr. G. Pike; two sections, entry fee 6d., pay out 5d. sliding scale, special given. F.F. show July 6th.—J. Spencer, Hon. Sec.

YORKSHIRE CANARY CLUB.

Result of 1911-12 Competitions.

The Bailey trophy competition:—1st, value 7 guineas, and gold medal, Ogden Bros., 140 points; 2nd, value 21s., and Ramsden's teapot, L. Dykes, 136; 3rd, value 10s., J. Bailey, 124; 4th, Sandiford's cup, F. Allen, 111; 5th, Ramsden's medal, Thornton and Bower, 108; runners-up: H. H. Towers 106, C. Morrison 101, and W. H. Shackleton, 86 (latter gentleman not nominating at three shows). The Ramsden cup and money specials:—1st, cup value 6 guineas, and medal, Ogden Bros., 147 points; 2nd, cash 20s., L. Dykes, 141; 3rd, cash 15s., and Ramsden's teapot, J. Bailey, 103; 4th, cash 10s., and Ramsden's medal, H. H. Towers, 94; runners-up: W. H. Shackleton 75, J. Thomas 66, J. Chippendale 55, and A. Cooper 54. The open novice competition:—1st, value 20s., A. Brown and Son, 89 points; 2nd, value 10s., and Ramsden's ernet, C. Morrison, 88; 3rd, value 5s., and Ramsden's medal, T. Elsegood, 37; runners-up: Burdekin Bros. 29, and A. Radley, 22. Junior novice competition:—1st, value £2, S. B. Grayshon, 102 points (37 points deducted for not nominating); 2nd and 3rd tie for value £2 10s. Sutcliffe and S. Tyas, 75 points each; 4th, value 10s., H. Simmett, 72 points (again 12 points deducted). Cash prizes for most points with 3rd, 4th, and 5th birds at competition, shows.—Bradford (West): Third birds, J. Thomas and H. H. Towers; fourth birds, J. Bailey; fifth, J. W. Dewhurst; Huddersfield: Third birds, Ogden Bros., and F. Allen; fourth birds, J. Helliwell and L. Radley; fifth birds, Dyson and Shaw; Bolton: Third birds, C. Morrison; fourth birds, F. Allen, C. Morrison, and Thornton and Bower; fifth birds, J. Thomas; Newcastle-on-Tyne: Third birds, Brown and Son, and Thomas; fourth birds, T. T. Crawhall; fifth birds, A. Hirst, J. Thomas, and H. H. Towers; Manchester: Third birds, H. H. Towers and F. Allen; fourth birds, Brown and Son, H. H. Towers, and W. Broughton; fifth birds, L. Dykes, F. Allen, and A. Cooper; Great Horton: Third birds, Shaw Bros., A. Wright and Son, J. Harvey, W. B. Arkinson, L. Dykes, and S. Midgley; fourth birds, L. Dykes, J. Wilson, J. Wilcock, F. Allen, H. Shaw, E. Townsend, L. C. Casey, A. Cooper, D. Mallinson and Son, A. Sutcliffe, H. J. Chittenden, and S. Midgley; fifth birds, C. E. Hall, L. Dykes, and J. Wilcock: Liverpool O.S.: Third birds, Shaw Bros., Brown and Son, Sutcliffe and Son, and J. E. Priestley; fourth birds, Sutcliffe and Son; fifth birds, Sutcliffe and Son; Windhall O.S.: Third birds, L. Dykes; fourth birds, J. Chippendale; fifth birds, A. Wright and Son, A. Whitley, Brown and Son, L. Dykes, W. B. Swaine, H. Pearson, H. Shaw, T. Elsegood, and S. B. Grayshon; Swansea: Third birds, not won; fourth birds, Esterling and Carson; fifth birds, not won; Brighouse: Third birds, A. Radley, F. Taylor, F. Townsend, Sutcliffe and Son, C. Stebbings, T. Tidswell, and L. Dyson; fourth birds, J. Chippendale; fifth birds, S. B. Grayshon; Halifax O.S.: Third birds, F. Townsend and S. Tyas; fourth birds, A. Sutcliffe and E. J. Cundell; fifth birds, C. E. Hall, W. H. Shackleton, Thornton and Bower, F. Townsend, A. Ross, H. W. Walsh, and Brown and Son; Bradford National: Third birds, L. Dykes; fourth birds, Wright and Son, H. Charlesworth, D. Mallinson and Son, A. Hirst, W. Helliwell, and F. Townsend; fifth birds, H. Shaw and W. Broughton; Queenshury: Third birds, J. H. Fowle and Messrs. Thornton and Bower; fourth birds, J. E. Priestley and S. B. Grayshon; fifth birds, S. Tyas, L. C. Casey, F. Townsend, and Shaw Bros.; Skelmanthorpe: Third birds, C. E. Hall, L. Dyson, M. Peel, H. Charlesworth, and A. Ross; fourth birds, E. Radley, J. Helliwell, Wilkinson Bros., and H. Lodge; fifth birds, A. Radley; City of Bradford: Third birds, F. Allen; fourth birds, A. Hirst, T. Elsegood, Sutcliffe and Son, Brown and Son, and S. Tyas; fifth birds, S. B. Grayshon, F. Townsend, and Sutcliffe and Son; Crystal Palace: Third birds, A. Cooper; fourth birds, Brown and Son; fifth birds, W. H. Shackleton.—John Greaves, Secretary.

ANNFIELD PLAIN AND DIST.

Meeting Feb. 17, Smith Arms; paying of prize money and important business. Will members note that a supper has been arranged for March 2; price 1s. 6d. each? Friends cordially invited. Those wishing to partake of supper, kindly send names at earliest moment. We have about 70 members, and are still open for more.—J. W. Christon, hon. sec.

NORTHERN BORDER & S.F.C.C.

Meeting held February 5th. Agreed, to notify annual general meeting through Fancy Press only members please note it is on March 4th. Change of meeting night discussed—to get a more comfortable room, but this was left over till next meeting. Mr. Johnston gave us an interesting account of the Crystal Palace show, which was much enjoyed.—J. N. F. Scott, Sec.

GRANGEMOUTH AND DIST. O.S.

Meeting held Town Hall, Feb. 2, Mr. D. Smart (president) chair. Judging competition postponed owing to the poor turn-out of members. Mr. D. Smart promised a medal for runner-up to cup in the Norwich or Border section. When we had elected judges for annual show, we had a quiet discussion on birds, especially the Nor. I do hope members will turn out better and show the office bearers they mean business. Will be glad to hear of any new members.—J. Woodhouse, Sec.

PRESTON O.S.

General meeting and pair show held club room, Feb. 1st. Business through, an interesting judging competition was entered into by members, who judged the pairs on view, the one whose result came nearest judge's to win the competition; this was won by the chairman, Mr. Dent, and some of the younger members suggested that a handicap be placed on the old hands in future. Principal winners:—In the open section for Nor., Mr. R. Anderton: in the novice section, Mr. T. Burton. Mr. W. Sherrington (a former member, re-elected a member again) judged. Six new members elected.—J. P. Leeming, Sec

YORKS COUNTY B.B. AND M.C.

Meeting held Market Tavern, Feb. 10th, Mr. S. Dean in chair. Mr. Chittenden proposed, seconded by Mr. S. Dean—That the secretary make out a balance sheet, to be shown at next meeting, to enable members to see how club stands. Proposed by Mr. Dean, seconded by Mr. Parkin—That it be left in Secretary's hands to see to details as regards the prize winners, also that Messrs. Chittenden and Lane see to buying same and arranging for distribution. Mr. Chittenden proposed, Mr. Dean seconded—That we have a general meeting about an hour or so before prize distribution. Also proposed that Secretary write members for subs., which are badly needed, to enable us to get a good balance sheet in; members are respectfully asked to send in subs., also for advts. Proposed that election of officers, patronage and classification be left till next meeting. Points were read out and approved, winners being notified in Press. Don't forget meeting same day as prize distribution.—J. Lane, Hon. sec.

WARRINGTON AND DIST. C.B.S.

Meeting held 25th January, Blue Bell Saleroom, Mr. W. Weston presiding. Present: Messrs. Knowles, Warburton, Weston, Barnett, Hardy, Clare, Wilkinson, Pitchford, and Secretary. Balance-sheets for open show and 1911 presented and adopted, audited by Messrs. Knowles and Warburton; there was a nice little balance on the show account, altogether leaving a balance £9 5s. 6d.—very creditable, seeing we only had £2 5s. 9d. with which to begin the year. The society is in the most flourishing condition it has ever been in, which speaks well for the executive. Three new members proposed (Messrs. P. Clare, J. Buckley, and G. Mounfield), and others are joining next month. After a lengthy discussion it was decided to hold a pair show following Thursday, Mr. Knowles judging. Entry fee 6d. per cage, to be divided between 1st and 2nd pairs, 4d. and 2d. Messrs. Knowles, Hardy, Weston, and Nelson each gave 2s. 6d. special for best pair in each section, Mr. Nelson giving best Border and not competing for same. Mr. Knowles kindly promised a lecture at our next meeting on "Rearing Canaries"; I trust there will be a good muster, especially of novices, as they are bound to get some useful tips for the coming season. Also decided to hold open show on our old date, November 9th.—G. M. Nelson, Sec.

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WANTED, yellow Yorkshire cock, exchange cage moulted cock Bramble, hen Chaffinch; will give clear crest cock, green C.B. hen, for yellow marked Norwich cock (offers): Prentice, Clive House, Trafalgar-rd., Newport, I.W.

WANTED, gold watch or cash register; exchange 5 Seifert Roller cocks, full song, value £3; also 5 new roller cabinets and cages, value £1 10/-, or best offers; approval: Underwood, 36, York-st., Hulme, Manchester.

WANTED, two singing cock Canaries in exchange for following articles, brass cased roasting jack, complete, cost 8/6, also nickel silver candle reading lamp, cost 7s. 6d.; both perfect condition; approval: Pennal, Totteridge, High Wycombe, Bucks

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WANTED, two massive Norwich stock cocks, yellow, buff, good heads, necks, give outdoor aviary, 6ft. 6in. by 5ft. 6in., in sections; 3 compartments, suitable hybrids, poultry, etc.; cost £3 last summer; nothing but high class stuff considered: Phillips, Temperance Hotel, Portishead.

WANTED Seifert Roller cock, good specimen, will give in exchange 55 6d. editions, unbound, illustrated Book of Canaries and Cage Birds, with beautiful coloured plates; many uncut, clean; Roller first; mutual approval: James McLean, 70, Radnor-st., Radnor Park, Kilbowie, N.B.

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ALL 2/6 each; two Glucke hens, four grand cock Song Thrushes, cock Skylark; exchange: 15, Tyler-st., Broadway, Cardiff.

TWO cage-moulted cock Greenfinches, 5/6, or exchange hen Canaries, cock Siskin, 5/-: Rozier, 143, Princes-st., Ipswich.

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EXCHANGE two good cock Goldfinches for cock and hen Norwich or Yorkshire Canaries; yours first: W. Marsh, Sunnyside, Wareham.

SELECTED cocks, two Greenies, one Blackbird, also hand-reared Skylark, sell 10/-; exchange hen Canaries: Pound, North-st., Raunds.

MASSIVE cock Greenie, house-moulted, perfect, 4; also Black Orpington cockerel, 6/-; Budgerigars or Norwich: Conie, Newtown, Raunds.

COCK Goldfinch, winner, hen Canary, mulers, 12/6; exchange Crested hen, must be young topper: F. Morgan, Pinfold Gate, Loughborough.

BEAUTIFUL cock Bullfinch, cock Greenfinch, and two h.m. hen Chaffinches, 5/-; or exchange anything to value: Nott, Hawkshead, Hatfield.

EXHIBITION cock Bullfinch, with show cage, 12/6; exchange Siberian cock Goldfinch or two Norwich yellow hens: Stubbs, 23b, Well-st., Winsford.

FOUR steady hen Goldfinches, cock Bullfinches, cock Chaffinches, good birds, 6/6; exchange muling hen Canaries: Bert Rice, Raunds, Wellingboro'.

LOVELY cock Chaffinches, 1/- each; hens, 6d.; exchange Bullfinches, two cock Goldfinch Mules, 7/6 each: W. Steanes, 338, Wheeler-st., Birmingham.

EXHIBITION cage moulted cock Bramblefinch, 3/6, very large steady cock Greenfinch, cage moulted, 2/6, show cage 1/6: Westrope, Jeweller, Chesterton, Cambridge.

EXCHANGE liver Bedlington dog, eight months, broken to ferrets, parents winners, for write-legged cock Goldfinch, or offers Rollers: 73, Woodville-rd., Cardiff.

SPLENDID black and white Blackbird, in fine condition, 25/-, good chance to breed white Blackbirds, or exchange: E. Haddrell, South Godstone, Surrey.

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EXHIBITION British, including winners (open competition), cheap, or exchange exhibition Cinnamons, or Lizards; stamp particulars: Lathbury, 442, High-st., Manor Park, E.

TWO twice house-moulted cock brown Linnets, and four British show cages; exchange thistle or dandelion seed or good phonograph records: 66, Nelli-st., Ardwick, Manchester.

EXCHANGE, dark Linnet Mule cock, 1 h.c., Hartlepool, the Yarm, value 14/-, for good singing Linnet or Goldfinch: T. Medley, 40, Watson-st., Hartlepool.

PAIR Crossbills, finger-tame; exchange pair Canaries, cock Hawfinch; exchange cock Canary, cock Reed Bunting, for hen Canary: Manning, 149, Eardley-rd., Streatham.

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LARGE Goldfinch, also Linnet, both bred Mules, 2 Goldfinches, 3 Linnets (cocks), Andreasburg Roller; offers, exchange exhibition Norwich, Yorks: Newman, 6, Station Parade, Eastbourne.

EXCHANGE exhibition light cock Goldfinch Canary Mule, also two cocks and two hen Goldfinches, all Canary reared, for gramophone, or Norwich, or sale 35/-; yours first: R. Bartlett, Woodstock.

EXCHANGE, twice aviary moulted hen Bullfinch, one hand-reared hen Linnet, pair aviary moulted Redpolls, for pair 1911 outdoor aviary Zebra Finches, or offers: Lashmar, 21, Bank-st., Ashford, Kent.

TWO grand cock Bullfinches, 1 hen, 1 grand, pink breasted Redpoll, fit to show; exchange Norwich cock or Linnet Mule, with pure Linnet note, or sell 5/6 lot: H. Casey, 20, Sidney-st., Iffley-rd., Oxford.

EXCHANGE, single pairs of Blackbirds, Starlings, Larks, Yellowhammers, Snow Buntings, Greenfinches, Chaffinches, 3 pairs of my H.M. cock Linnets, call birds for gent's bike: W. Drinkell, 69, Tunnard-st., Grimsby.

EXCHANGE good pair Chaffinches for Norwich hens; four years' issue "Cage Birds," five beautiful pictures, unframed, "Monarch of Glen," etc., 3/- each; or exchange Budgerigars; offers: Wright, Limpsfield.

EXCHANGE Corn Bunting, 3rd Avonbridge only time shown, for good British Goldie; also good Bramble, make winner with moult, for two good Ballie hens; offers: approval; yours first: Gentleman, Avonbridge, Stirlingshire.

COCKS, Bullfinch, Goldfinch, Linnet, full song, cage-moulted, 2 hen mules, 1 large dark Linnet mule, cock, fit for exhibition and splendid songster, would exchange Seifert Rollers, matched pairs, or sell the lot, 30/-; yours first; letters only: F. Gunn, 36, Pageant-rd., St. Albans.

EXCHANGE large house-moulted cock Greenfinch muler, and extra big cock Goldfinch for large unflighted Norwich Cinnamon hen, yellow preferred. Exchange two cock Goldfinches, four hens, one cock Bullfinch, two hens, two cock Linnets, singing, for breeding cage sets or wire fronts: Ryan, Ballinacarrow, Ballymote, Sligo.

Mainly Canaries.

CRESTED cock, splendid feather; exchange Border cocks: Exhibitor, 10, Guion-rd., Fulham.

EXCHANGE clear buff Yorkshire cock for clear yellow cock, or sell 7/6: Miller, Bootmaker, Shortlands.

GOOD pair Crests; exchange pair Norwich or pair cinnamons; must be good: A. Payne, 29, Alma-st., Coventry.

FOUR buff Yorks., hens, 3 buff cocks, from 10/- to 15/- each; exchange, offers: Cundy, Priory-avenue, Prittlewell.

EXCHANGE, two Roller cocks, for Crossbred pullets, or anything useful: Guest, 9, Bank-st., Lye, Stourbridge.

SEVERAL stylish leggy Yorkshire Canaries from 8/6 pair; exchange household goods: Middleton, Fell-lane, Keighley.

ONE cinnamon-marked, one marked, two clear, 1911 Yorkshire hens, 10/- the four: Whitburn, 18, Whiteford., Stratford, E.

GOLDFINCH Mule (1911), full song, pure Finch notes, 10/6; or exchange Roller: Close, 33, Chesterfield-rd., Blackpool

PRIZE Borders, cock, five hens, Chaffinch cock, 20/-; exchange good pair Glucke Rollers: Male, 11, Suez-rd., Cambridge.

EXCHANGE prize-bred Crests, for show, British, or sell, 25/- per pair: 24, Little Welbeck-st., Cavendish-sq., London, W.

TWO Crested cocks, value 70s., for Crest-bred cock and Crested hen for change of blood: Calam, Baxtergate, Whitby.

EXCHANGE a good pair of Yorkshires for a camp bed complete; offers: T. Brown, Ivy Cottage, Foxhouses, Whitehaven.

EXCHANGE pair Borders, Goldfinch hen Mule, for large buff Norwich hen, sell 6/6, yours first: Elliott, Gould's Ground, Frome.

SALE or exchange, few Norwich marked cocks, unflighted, 12/6; hens from 4/-: Johnson, 30, Old Butt-lane, Talke, N. Staffs.

SALE or exchange, 2 pair of prize-bred Yorkshires for Cinnamon Norwich, or sale 25/-; yours first: W. Kirkwood, Tanpits, Church.

EXCHANGE pair 1911 well-bred Borders for large 1911 yellow Norwich cock; approval: Holmes, 22, Cook-st., Barrow-in-Furness.

NORWICH yellow cock, fed, and variegated hen, 10/6; odd yellow cock, 6/-; pair nice Yorkshire, 7/6: Cotton, Draper, Northallerton.

CHAMPION slim green Yorkshire cock, 1911, show cage and case, sacrifice 15/-; or exchange: Finch, 231, Southwark Park-rd., S.E.

TWO green-crested cocks, full song, 12/6 each; exchange good Norwich or Yorkshires: Orange, 6, Stanley-rd., South Woodford.

WILL exchange Canaries, muling or exhibition British, for cycle accessories, coaster hub preferred: Ross, St. Leonards-rd., Forres.

FOUR grand Yorkshire hens, 4/- each; or exchange for good yellow cock to value, or anything useful: Town, 158, Park-lane, Keighley.

PRIZE-BRED Norwich Canaries: exchange for scrap brass, copper, zinc, lead, pewter, or anything useful: 61, Havelock-st., Leicester.

EXCHANGE good big buff clear Norwich cock for good big yellow hens: yours first; approval: Hall's, Central Bird Stores, Patricroft.

EXCHANGE two 1911 buff Yorks. cocks for 1911 yellow cock, 7 inches long: Haworth, 239, Manchester-rd., Haslingden, Lancs.

BATHGATE for Palace winning Greenies; two selected specimens, 5/- each; exchange muling hens: Wm. Sharp, Mid-st., Bathgate.

FOUR grand pair upstanding Yorkshires, 12/6 pair; or exchange offers: A. Bradbury, Tideswell.

SIX hen Canaries, 4 cock Greenfinches, mulers, from outdoor aviary, sell 12/-, or exchange anything useful: Childs, 44, Manor-rd., Leyton.

EXCHANGE two yellow Norwich cocks for two unflighted clubby Norwich hens, variegated preferred: Bourton, 19, Waller-st., Leamington.

WANTED in exchange for prize-bred Canaries and cages, good ½-plate stand camera, or offers: Buglass, 3, Meadowbank-crescent, Edinburgh.

CINNAMON Norwich cock, 1911, fine bird, 6/-; or exchange for good 8ib. hen, or for Cinnamon hen: Mrs. Soames, "Lyncroft," Bromley.

PAIR Crests (King's); exchange for large Norwich hens (yellows); offers; yours first: A. Pritchard, Woodham Mortimer, Maldon, Essex.

YELLOW Cinnamon cock, two Cinnamon Norwich cocks, young, on song, 6/- each, or offers: Alfred Peters, Panton Hall, Wragly, Lincs.

WHAT offer for two Crested cocks, one Crest-bred cock, one Crested hen, 1911, cold-room bred?: J. Ford, 76, College-rd., Bromley, Kent.

CREST-BRED cock, feather to bill end; exchange buff cinnamon cock, sell 12/6; no rubbish: Coutts, 122, Brinkburn-st., Newcastle-on-Tyne.

SACRIFICE two pairs of Yorks, cock winner with each pair; overstocked; approval; cash or deposit; 12/6: Batten, Roseveor-rd., Penzance.

EIGHTEEN grand Rollers for sale; cocks 7/-, hens 2/, 8/6 a pair; or exchange anything useful: Blythe, Russell-st., Gardens, Bacup, Lancashire.

BORDER hen, buff, variegated cock, splendid songster, 12/6 pair; three Border show cages, new, 6/-; approval: McKinnell, Mill-st., Dalbeattie.

SLASHING buff Yorks. cock, 20/-; or exchange gent's gun-metal dress watch; mutual approval: Rennicks, Bassenthwaite Lake, Cumberland.

EXCEPTIONAL bargain, yellow cock, 7in. long, smart buff hen, winner, 27/6, exchange watch and chain: Middleton Bros., Fell-lane, Keighley.

EXCHANGE eight Yorkshire Canaries, four cocks and four hens, for anything useful; sell 7/- pair: Bolton, Hairdresser, Mornington-st., Keighley.

LARGE 1911 stock Crest cock (Barnett's direct), 40/-; Crested hen, 10/-; exchange good Norwich or offers: approval: Clark, 44, Queen-st., Peterhead.

EXCHANGE three hen Roller Canaries, Walton strain, in fine condition, for good Yorkshire cock, or anything useful: W. J. Doherty, 64, Stafford-rd., Bow.

TWO splendid buff Yorkshire hens: exchange cock Goldfinch Mule, on full song, or Roller cock, or sell 10/-; approval: T. Sanders, 181, Upper Conduit-st., Leicester.

PAIR of Borders, hand-reared cock Linnet, house-moulted Goldfinch cock, sell or exchange Rollers; yours first: Henry Palmer, 129, High-st., Dudley, Worcester.

EXCHANGE four big prize 1911 Norwich cocks, pair Yorkshires, for good gramophone and records; no rubbish: yours first: Askew, 55, Dalmatia-rd., Southchurch, Essex.

BEAUTIFUL china tea-set, 30/-; large pair hand-painted plaques, 20/-: oil paintings on canvas; exchange Canaries, anything useful: Gribbin, Elliot-st., Newcastle, Staffs.

CLASSICAL Yorkshires (Bailey's noted winning strain), sell or exchange scrap copper, brass, anything useful; inspection invited: Cooper, Taylor-st., Batley, Yorkshire.

LARGE buff capped Crest-bred cock and variegated Crested hen, value 30/-; exchange for pair Cinnamon Norwich; must be good birds: Paterson, Craigton-place, Winchburgh.

THREE healthy hen Canaries, two yellows, one variegated; exchange for house moulted Linnet or Goldfinch, yours first: Harris, 37, Newland-rd., Small Heath, Birmingham.

SEVEN-INCH 1910 Yorkshire cock, from even-marked strain; exchange good quality 1910 buff hen, ditto 1911 cock; exchange for two clear buff hens: Goldsmith, Stationer, Maidenhead.

YORKSHIRES, yellow cock, buff hen, both winners, breeders and feeders, 40/-; two smaller yellow hens, 7/6 each; exchange linoleum, boots, or matchboards: Soper, Vernon rd., Sutton, Surrey.

EXCHANGE Yorkshire hen and Linnet, bred mules, splendid Chaffinch, fertilised eggs last year for 1911 Yorkshire and Roller hens, Green Yorkshire cock: J. S. Greaves, 16, Toft-st., Liverpool.

PAIR good Canaries, 12/6, one big cock Canary, 10/-, or exchange ladies' boots, threes, table cloths, lace curtains or hair brushes: approval, yours first: Richardson, 6, Lower Orchard-st., York.

MARKED strain Yorkshire cock and two beautiful Cinnamons, marked hens, certain to breed winners, healthy cold room bred, sell 25/-, worth double; offers: Marsden, 26, Shadsworth, Blackburn.

FOR sale, Scotch Fancy hen and Norwich hen and house-moulted cock Bullfinch; or exchange for small Yorkshire bitch, or good singing Mountain Roller or offers: Carle, 2, Barr Mill-rd., Galston, Ayrshire.

SEIFERT Rollers on full song 10/6, 12/6, contest singers 15/-, 20/- each, hens 5/- each; week's approval; or exchange British or common Canaries, songsters; yours first: Day, 77, Porter-st., Hull.

EXCHANGE buff Norwich cock, three hens, 1910 cock Goldfinch, and cock Linnet, mulers, and breeding cage, for good carpet, 4 x 3½, sell 30/-; yours first: Delves, Maidstone-rd., Paddock Wood, Kent.

GRAND cock and two hen Canaries, 10/-; or exchange good cinnamon marked yellow Yorkshire hen, also large hand-reared cock Bullfinch, 5/-; or exchange h.m. cock Goldfinch: Tolley, Old Windsor, Berks.

TWO pairs Norwich, 10/6 pair; cock Goldfinch, hen Canary, bred Mules, 7/6; three hen Canaries, 2/6 each; exchange for good gramophone and records: Clarke, "The Green," Great Bowden, Market Harborough.

HOUSE-MOULTED cock Linnet, 2/6; buff Norwich cock, 7/6; three buff Norwich hens, 2/6 each; four hen Goldfinches, 6d. each; exchange good yellow Norwich, anything: Rawlings, 284, Oundle Road, Peterborough.

THREE prize-bred Yorkshire hens (medium size), sell 8/-; good Crestbred cock, 8/6; exchange pair lengthy slim Yorkshires (yellows): approval; yours first: Hodkin, 1, Bright-st., South Normanton, Alfreton, Derbyshire.

FINE typical buff Norwich cock, 25/-; ticked yellow hen, 15/6; dark Crested buff cock, £2; variegated yellow Yorkshire cock, 15/6; buff hen, 7/6; first-class birds, and all winners; exchange: Robinson, Broad-st., Windermere.

YORKSHIRE cocks; buff variegated, 6/-; yellow, 7/6; hens, yellow, 3/6; common green, 2/6; Chaffinch cock, 2/6; hens, Greenfinch, 6d.; Linnet, 6d.; Goldfinch, 2/-; all house-moulted; offers: H. Grandfield, Portishead, Bristol.

FOR sale, yellow hen, one year bred, good substance, 25/-; exchange for buff or buff variegated hen with good head; yours first: John Goodon, 6, Sanfield Place, Peterhead, Aberdeenshire, Scotland.

FOLLOWING well-bred Norwich cheap to make room: buff green cock from Cinnamons, 8/6; cobby variegated buff cock, 8/6 Cinnamon marked buff hen, 3/6; exchange any for typical unflighted yellow variegated hen; approval: Smith, 13, Bedford-place, Aberdeen.

THREE Border hens, Greenfinch cock, has filled eggs, Greenfinch Mule cock, and Canary-reared Greenfinch hen; exchange powerful airgun, small Forceners, anything; offers cash or other birds; yours first: Crawford, 56, East Main-st., Whitburn, Linlithgowshire.

Mainly Foreign.

WILL exchange Green Parrot and cage for [illegible] hens (Norwich), Bullfinch type: Wash[illegible] Mount-terr., Lewes, Sussex.

PEKIN Nightingales, cock (full song), two hens, 6/- lot; exchange adult Budgerigars, 52 "Cage Birds," 1/-: Woodhouse, Ashline-rd., Sheffield.

BUDGERIGARS for sale, one pair yellow, 7/-; one pair green, 6/-; or exchange for Borders: H. Cunningham, High-st., Inverkeithing, Fife.

BREEDING pair Cockatiels, outdoor, 9/-; or exchange good pair Buggies, Zebra Finches; offers, anything: J. Fox, Portland-st., Sutton-in-Ashfield.

EXCHANGE Australian Red and Grey Parrot and large cage for pair of good Yorkshire Canaries; or sell 12/-: Dransfield, 588, Coleridge-rd., Attercliffe, Sheffield.

RED and Grey Australian Parrot and new cage, talking few words, bargain £1; or exchange for Light Mule cock, 1911 bird, or three 8ib. hen Canaries; birds first: D. Betty, Goodwick, Pem.

I AM wanting Canaries or British in exchange for my Indian Parrot and cage, bell top, and splendid condition, sell £1; another, with square cage, beginning to talk, 10/-; bargain; also the "Smallholder," 96 numbers from beginning, 5/- lot; exchange anything; cash or deposit: Wm. Coombes, 14, Wensleydale-st., West Hartlepool.

Miscellaneous.

12 FANCY mice and wheel cage; sell or exchange birds: R. Jones, Sheriffhill, Gateshead.

GENT'S silver watch for good Rollers; yours first: 14, Marsland-st., off Oxford-rd., C on M., Manchester.

WILL exchange three good hollow-ground razors; Canary or Mule, full song: Hall, Quarry Uneton, Sheffield.

CANARIES wanted; exchange gent's silver English lever or sell, 15/-; deposit: 74, Victoria-rd., Surbiton.

EXCHANGE three yards pillow lace insertion, 2¾ inches, 9/-, for pair Canaries: Watts, 2, Rutland-rd., Ilford.

WILL exchange a B flat cornet in case, value about 30/-, for ware or Canaries: F. Fowler, Dolphin Hotel, Chard.

¼-PLATE hand camera, good condition, sell 7/6, or exchange Canaries: A. Cheese, 39, Albert-st., Lye, Stourbridge.

WILL give new 2/6 double-sided records to value for pair colour-fed Norwich. 390, Grove Green-rd., Leytonstone.

GOOD gas cycle lamp; good condition; exchange Norwich hens; sell 8/6; yours first: Oliver Cooper, Long Buckby.

TWO pairs high flying tipplers, best strain, 5/- pair; what offers cage birds: Welch, Rock-rd., Midsomer Norton.

BLACK pom dog, beautiful coat, good house dog, 15/-; or exchange Canaries: J. Wilshire, Lower Castle-st., Bristol.

EXCHANGE good gent's silver Geneva watch, good timekeeper, for good pair of Rollers: Spriggs, Scotgate, Stamford.

EXCHANGE single muzzle-loading gun for Roller cock; yours first: Joseph Pearson, Mason-terrace, Goole, Yorkshire.

EXCHANGE 8 yards flannelette, value 6d. per yd. for Norwich Canaries: Stanley, 38, Duke-st., Basford, Nottingham.

GRAND pair Pigmy Ponters, large doe rabbit, white Fantail hen; exchange Canaries: Hill, 20, North-st., Horsham, Sussex.

SALE or exchange good bred whippet bitch, five months; what offers in birds; sell, 15/-: Hague, Chapel-st., Belper.

EXCHANGE gent's quite new fawn raincoat and fancy vest, 36 chest, anything to 20/-: Brown, 183, Dorning-st., Wigan.

HUGHES' patent corner cramp, mitre box, shooting board; exchange for clear Norwich hens: Allmand, Sydney-st., Boston.

WHITE Pomeranian puppies, prize pedigree, exchange Canaries or Parrot; particulars: Hallstone, Brightside, Sheffield.

EXCHANGE pair of new carvers for 3 Yorkshire show cages; approval both ways: L. Dale, 9, Parliament-st., Sheffield.

EXCHANGE zither harp in case, 30/-, and cock Goldfinch: for good melodeon or sell, 25/-: Morris, Cilmery, Builth Wells.

TWO 1911 hen Canaries, 5/-; man's jack boots, soiled, cost 50/-; take 20/-; exchange useful: Miller, Bootmaker, Shortlands.

CLAPNETS, ten yards, hardly used, hand made; exchange Canaries, Goldfinches, sell, 12/6: Cutler, 98, Paddock-lane, Walsall.

EXCHANGE rolled gold hunting lever watch, 15/-; for pair of Canaries; yours first: Drummond, 15, Hutcheson-st., Glasgow.

WHAT offers in Roller hens, B.R.C.C., rung, for lady's 9ct. gold bracelet: N. Henderson, 275, Chester-rd., Hulme, Manchester.

BIRCHEN Game Bantams, cockerel, and pullets, from winners, sell 10/- or exchange Norwich hens: Wm. Binns, Alne, York.

WHITE Pom bitch, child's pet, good house dog; sell 25/-; exchange birds or anything: Shackleton, 8, Albion-terr., Keighley.

EXCHANGE case drawing instruments, value 12/-, for best offer Seifert or Glucke Rollers: Marwood, 79, Evelyn-st., Deptford.

EXCHANGE new cycle chain, ½-in. pitch, Perry's make, for good buff Norwich hen; approval: Baker, 38, Fazeley, nr. Tamworth.

PAIR or black Owl Pigeons, show specimens; sale or exchange for anything useful; offers wanted: Collinge, Bankside, Bacup.

EXCHANGE pair prize-winning dragoons for good pair Yorkshires, or what offer: H. Lock, Rayne Lodge, Cottages, Braintree.

WILL exchange 100 "Hobbies," also designs, all clean, for Norwich hen Canaries: Robinson, Pollard-st., Todmorden Yorkshire.

EXCHANGE Violin School (cost 31/6) for pair Norwich; sell book 18/-: Dixon, 22, Eden-terr., Chilton-buildings, Ferryhill.

EXCHANGE 40 7d. parts Harmsworth Encyclopedia; for cock Yorkshires, clear or ticked: Rowe, Brinns-

FOLDING film camera, value 35/-; exchange Yorkshires or Cinnamons to value 18/-, or offers: Johnstone, Quinton-st., Earlsfield.

wick-rd., Shoreham, Sussex.

DOUBLE breeder, loose fronts, three back cages, small hanging cage, for Norwich songster: Caretaker, Grammar School, Halstead, Essex.

FIFTY-SIX clean coloured plates of Canaries, British and Foreign Birds, 4/6; or exchange: Amery, Fieldside, Crowle, Doncaster.

PAIR Bluebars, pair Blue Checks, 50 miles' strain; Rosewing Tumbler cock, 1st Forfar; exchange Douglas, Bridge-st., Brechin.

GOOD phonograph 21 records; new condition, 25/-; exchange, Eggintou, Bk., 25, Brittain-st., Sheffield.

AIREDALE dog, six months, sire Crompton Oorang, dam Graigwen Pryde; exchange; offers; particulars: Caddy, Ivy-ter., Pantygraigwen, Pontypridd.

SPLENDID push chair, green leather lined, adjustable back, and detachable sunshade, 17/6; exchange poultry: 46, Albert-st., Lye.

12 FLYING homers, 15/-; 12 cock brown Linnets, 4/-; exchange for Goldfinches: J. Griffiths, The Aviaries, Long Sutton, Lincs.

GRAND pair of Indian Game Bantams, bred from big winners, accept £1; or exchange: T. Weedall, Fruiterer, Winsford, Cheshire.

WHAT offers in Canaries or British for 21 7d. parts Cassell's latest dictionary, Gardening, sell, offers: Hornby, Mint, Holbeck.

EXCHANGE Harenet, pair Yorkshire or Norwich; will send it on approval: Johnson, Braeside, Townhill-rd., Dunfermline, Scotland.

EXCHANGE new pigeon basket to hold 18 birds; for double breeding cages or Canaries: F. Moss, 2, Airey-st., Ardwick, Manchester.

OVERCOAT, good condition, suit man about 5ft., sell 5/-; exchange birds or anything useful: Walter, 1, Henrietta-st., Bulwell, Notts.

SELL or exchange, 6 cocks, flying homers, 4 trained and rung N.U.R.P.; write for particulars: A. Coggins, 99, Stanley-rd., Gloucester.

SINGLE breeder, used once, nursery cage "Walsh's make"; no rubbish; young singing Norwich for both: Rink, 86, Oswald-st., Blackburn.

A GOOD black spotted Dalmatian bitch pup; exchange; offers anything; sell 10/-: Gregory, 51, Bright-st., Cotmanhay, Ilkeston.

WHAT offers in Yorkshire hens or Goldies for six 10in. double-sided records, new, cost 15/-?: Strong, 103, Hornsey Park-rd., Hornsey.

GRAND Goldfinch Mule, cheap or exchange shoes, common pigeons, dog pup, anything: Smedley, 60, Boulton-st., Hanley, Staffordshire.

EXCHANGE pair good brown riding boots, sevens, for twelve Linnets, twelve Skylarks, cocks; birds first: Carr, South-rd., Wimbledon.

PRIZE bred black Magpie Pigeons, 1911 birds, cock and two hens, 10/-; exchange hen Canaries: Roper, 134, Chester, Seven Kings, Essex.

PAIR field glasses in case, 10/6; exchange Canaries or offers; mutual approval: P. Muscott, 1, Boundary-terr., Llandrindod Wells.

EXCHANGE two Bovril pictures, new, unframed, for Siberian Goldfinches or Norwich; approval: Rawston, 53, Swallowfield-rd., Charlton.

GOLF clubs and bag, £1, for nice pair Yorkshire Canaries for breeding; birds first; approval both ways: W. Neal, Amherst, Guernsey.

WANTED, offers in Norwich or British birds; exchange pair opera glasses; mutual approval: T. Robinson, 34, Goodfellow-st., Tunstall.

GAME BANTAM cockerels, two hens, 9/-; handsome Sebright Bantam cockerel, Wheaten hen, 6/-; good. Hayden, Bell Green, Sydenham.

EXCHANGE new overcoat, dark grey, worn once, latest style, chest 40in., for Canaries; sell 25/-; cost 40/-: Rendle, 21, Bridge-st., Homerton.

EXCHANGE handsome Yorkshire terrier bitch, long coat, for Norwich pair; offers; sell 20/-: Chilton, 4, Kenyon-st., Gorton, Manchester.

WHAT offers, rabbits or poultry; for black and tan whippet dog pup, four months and good ferret: Green, Ragedale-st., Rothwell, Kettering.

CLAP nets, hand made, as new 25 by 3ft. 6in.; exchange Norwich hens; sell 10/-; offers: Forge, 15, Lambeth-st., Hightown, Manchester.

EXCHANGE eighteen good racing homers, for two good yellow Yorkshire cock Canaries: Bone, Broomfield Cottage, Oakhanger, Bordon, Hants.

EXCHANGE gent's gold albert and locket for best offer in Norwich; yours first; sell £3: H. Utting, Green-lane, Kessingland Beach, Lowestoft.

HAND lockstitch sewing machine, 25/-; pair field glasses, case strap, 7/6; exchange Canaries: Pulman, 14, Rendle-st., North Kensington, London.

EXCHANGE Manchester terrier bitch, splendid pedigree and companion; also 20in. frame road racer, alluminium rims: Drew, Plumber, Dowlais.

ON SALE, black pom, 16 months, pedigree, immense coat, 25/-; or exchange unflighted buff Norwich cock; must be good: Leach, Percy-st., Rochdale.

EXCHANGE Black Pomeranian dog, ten months, sound, for greenhouse or good outside aviary; sell 30/-: J. Almond, 10, Victoria-grove, Ripon.

SMALL gramophone in case, and horn, perfect order; exchange good pair Rollers, no choppers; birds first: Snell, Rea Barn, Brixham, Devon.

50/- SILVER English lever, well-known maker, absolutely perfect, 27/6, or part exchange: Knell, 35, Grosvenor-buildings, Manisty-st., London, E.

EXCHANGE 100 raspberry canes (Superlative) for clear yellow non flighted Yorkshire: Arthur Sussex, Mendowside, Roxbro Park, Harrow, Middlesex.

LARGE Pomeranian (female), black and white; exchange for Canaries, British, or seed-eating Foreigners; approval: Murrell, Stationer, Spalding.

OFFERS, birds or Bantams for black vicuna morning coat and vest, 38, in chest; good as new, cost 45-: Haigh, Chapel Hill, Linthwaite, Huddersfield.

EXCHANGE Bull Terrier bitch, 11 months, all white, not deaf, champion pedigree, for anything, or sell 16/-: Thos. Dowell, 6, Greenfield-st., Rhyl.

NORWICH cross, 2 cocks, 5 hens, large, healthy birds, 1911, what offers; exchange poultry, rabbits, no cards: P. Thornton Lodge, Goxhill, Lincolnshire.

EXCHANGE Sandow's seven spring grips for two good yellow Norwich Plainhead hens or offers: Jas. Campbell, 46, White-st., Walker, Newcastle-on-Tyne.

FISHING rod, incubator, gun, go-chair, musical box, fretwork machine, 74 CAGE BIRDS, offers, Canaries, anything: Gordon, 41, Murray-st., Marylhill, Glasgow.

RED breasted Linnets, full song, caged separately, 2/- each; mixed wild seed 1/6 stone; sample, 2 stamps; exchange outer covers: Geo. Frith, Crowle, Lincs.

EXCHANGE complete, 48 parts Harmsworth Self-Educator, cost 29/-, for good Norwich, or sell 16/-; yellow hens preferred: Wilson, 67, Burdett-rd., Bow, London.

ANGLO concertina (Lachenal), three rows keys, steel reeds; exchange, with cash, Canaries, for good English organ, anything: Johnson, 21, Abbey-rd., Hanley.

EXCHANGE two Norwich cocks and good fox terrier; wanted good stock brush; offers in anything for decorator's use: G. Brighton, All Saints-rd., Newmarket.

EXCHANGE two Angora does and two cross bred rabbits for Rollers, cock-; offers; approval for particulars: Loands, 6, Rothosay-rd., Normacot, Stoke-on-Trent.

DRESSMAKER'S Singer treadle sewing machine, perfect condition guaranteed, bargain, 25/-; or exchange cock Canaries, full song: 2, Tidy-st., Brighton.

GIVE oaken biscuit barrel, or half doz. knives, pair lady's cutting-out scissors, butter platter, and silver knife, for 2 cocks or 6 hens: G. Boston, 71, Otley-st., Sheffield.

GENT.'S free-wheel cycle, in good condition, dark green enamelled; sell £2; exchange typical Norwich; offers: Marsden, 26, Shadsworth, Blackburn.

BULL Terrier bitch, prize winner, and month-old puppy, both pure white; what offers; Rollers wanted: Richards, 10, North-rd., Catchgate, Annfield Plain, Co. Durham.

WHAT offers in Norwich hens or Crest pairs for Singer's sewing machine, in case, in good working order; birds first: W. Edwards, 3, Andrew-st., Llanelly, Carm.

FOUR-COMPARTMENT stock cage, sliding partitions; also 3-compartment cage, sliding partitions; for sale or exchange birds: W. Grainger, Mayfield-terrace, Harrogate.

MAGNETO medical electric machine; few Greenfinches, been with Canaries four months; exchange 1911 Canaries: T. Elderkin, 6, Conygree-rd., Stanground, Peterboro.

THREE slide aviary, joiner made, 5 ft. 9 in. x 2 ft., height 3 ft.; sale, 30/-; or exchange Norwich cost, £6; genuine bargain: J. McCann, Carnegie Park Gardens, Port Glasgow.

GENT.'S cycle, free wheel, two chains, lamp, two extra wheels, lot 12/6; hand camera, splendid lens, dishes, lamp, and all accessories, 17/6: White, 82, Cornwall-rd., Brixton.

YORKSHIRE Terrier pups, eight weeks, pedigree, good coats and colour; dogs, 20/-; bitch, 16/-; useful exchange, household: Rayner, 196, Bentinck Villas, Stanley-rd., Wakefield.

SISKIN Mule, winner Wolverhampton, Cradley, West Bromwich, 15/-; exchange early Buff Orpington and Black Leghorn cockerels; offers; cards sent: Hunt, Thompson-st., Bilston.

FLYING SPUR; one of the finest whippet bitches alive, real model, bench or track, rag or rabbits, 30/-; exchange cage birds or offers; approval: Laidlaw, Painter, Langholm.

SEVEN crossbred pullets, nine months, 15/- cash; five cock singing Canaries, 19/-; sell separate, or exchange Norwich: James, 9, Abbots Cottages, Hatherly-rd., Cheltenham.

TWO well-made double compartment breeding cages, roomy, equal new, nest pans complete, loose fronts, 5/- each; cock Greenfinch, very tame, 1/6; exchange: Howland, Ockendon, Essex.

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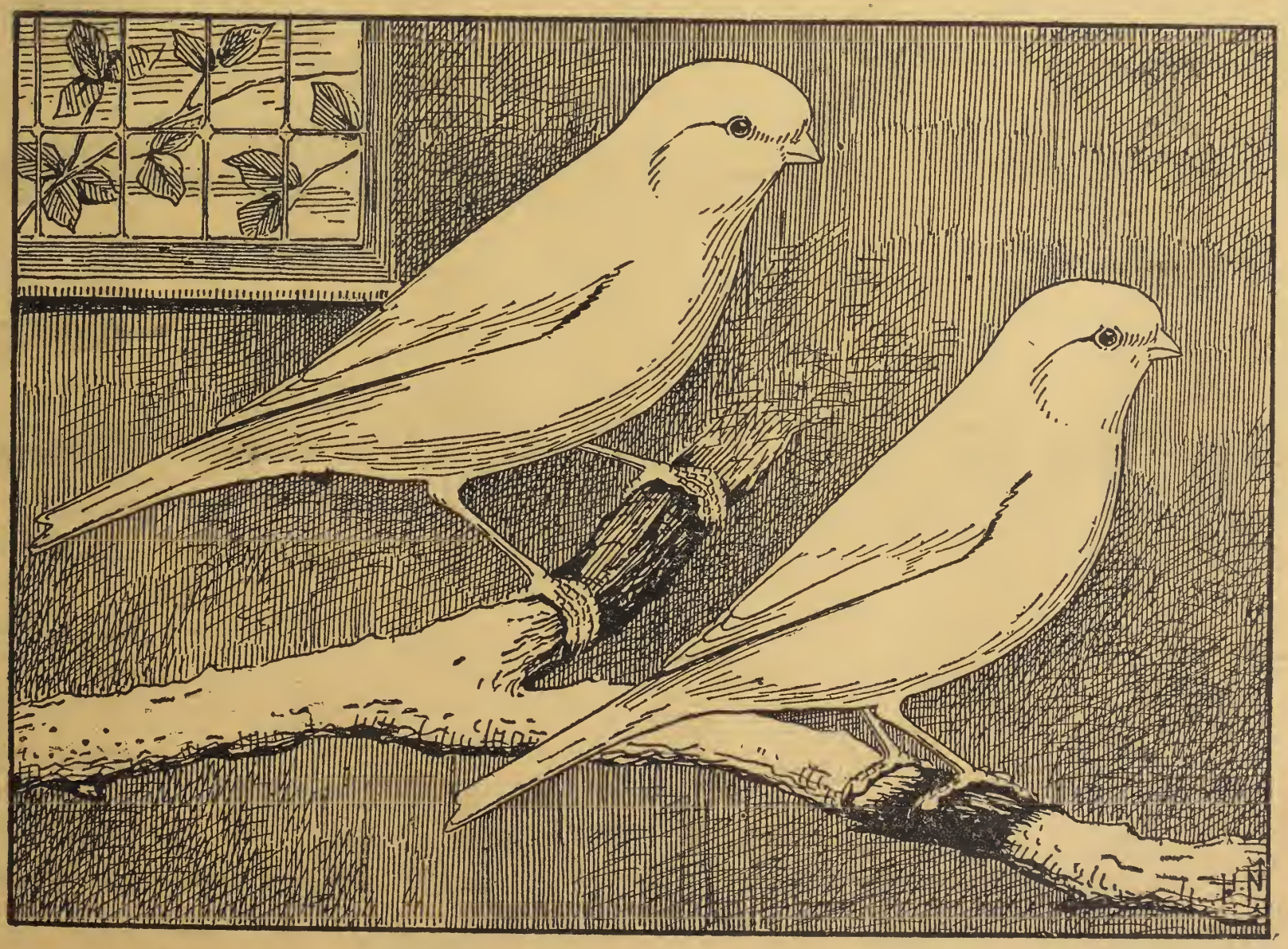

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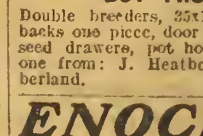

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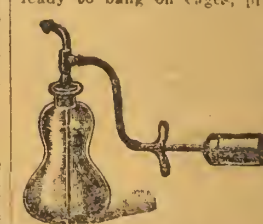

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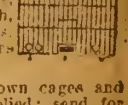

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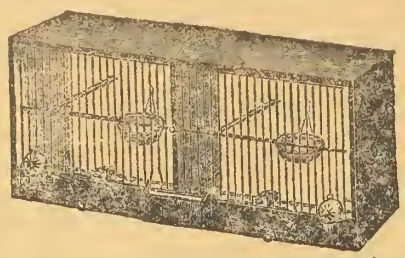

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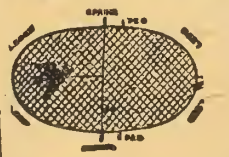

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"THE CHAFFINCH," by H. J. Fulljames; its proper feeding, caging, and management in captivity, with hints on sexing, hand-rearing, moulting, and exhibiting, is contained in Nutshell booklet No. 13, price 2½d. post free, from CAGE BIRDS, 154, Fleet-st., London, E.C.

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I am the only real direct importer of above in England, direct from Siberia to Preston. No middle London men profit on above, and no picking at them only by me. Lots are offering Siberians, which are only small Russians. I sell Russian cock Goldfinches, 3/- and 4/- each; Russian cock Bullfinches, 3/-, 4/- each. Wholesalers requiring 3 or more of above, send for special quotation. Send for Catalogue of Testimonials. Show cages for any of above, 2/-; three, 5/6. Established 1879. Telephone 440. See back numbers for winning testimonials.

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Goldfinches. Bullfinches,

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TWO grand buff hens from my winners of champion cup, accept 5/- each; approval; deposit: W. Dodge, Selwood Cottage, Frome.

PRIZE Borders, clears, yellows, buffs, and variegated cocks, from 5/-; hens from 3/-; all 1911 bred—Lyall, 31, Montrose-st., Brechin.

TWO young yellow marked hens, 3/- each; Silver Lizards, hens, 3/-; yellow Cinnamon cock, 5/-: Ballantyne, 5, The Square, Melrose.

SPLENDID prize-bred Borders, Clears, Cinnamons, Marks, Buffs, Yellows; cocks 6/-, hens 4/- upwards: Blair, Postman, Kippen, Stirlingshire.

BORDERS, clears, marked, greens, cinnamons, reasonable; wanted, class buff-green hen and yellow-cinnamon cock, exchange: Craig, High-st., Brechin.

ROBERT LAMBIE, The Aviaries, Linlithgowshire, has for sale his Borders, including his well-known winners, often described in "Cage Birds"; approval, stamp.

A FEW good pairs from 10/- to 15/- a pair, same strain as my winners; also a few for even mark breeding; approval: Metcalfe, 68, Brunswick-rd., Liverpool.

PRIZE bred Borders, yellows and buffs, clear and marked cocks, from 6/-, hens from 4/- up, good type and quality; on approval with pleasure: Elliot, 3, Jubilee-terrace, Edmondsley, Durham.

SPECIAL yellow cocks, from 7/6, buff cocks from 6/-, hens from 3/6, Patterson's, Bennet's strains, tip-top quality, all related to my winners; approval with pleasure: Rea, Embleton, Cockermouth.

PRIZE Borders, Clears, Marks, Yellow, and Buff cocks, 6/-, 7/6 upwards; smart pairs, 8/6, 10/-; all related my winners Palace and leading shows; approval: Nicholson, Westgate, Haltwhistle.

CLEAR yellow cock, grand stock bird, 15/-; uneven buff hen, winner, 12/6; two yellow and two buff hens, 5/- each; all bred from my noted strain; approval: Jenkins, 71, Argyle-st., Swansea.

JOHNSTONE, Buccleuch-terr., Langholm, is compelled to retire from the Fancy; the whole of his well-known marked strain for sale cheap, including winners; good opportunity for beginners; state wants.

GREEN self yellow Border hen, splendid colour, type, and quality, cheap, 7/6; also two buff varieg. hens, right style and quality, 2/6 each; all unflighted: E. Hendry, High-st., Fraserburgh.

WANTED, first-class pair of clear or lightly marked Borders in exchange for good pair of unflighted Norwich; not entertained unless good; mutual approval: C. Hillman, 12, Ellel-grove, Liverpool.

GRAND buff uneven cock and yellow hen, 10/6 pair; also 2 yong self-green buff cocks, 6/6 each; best blood in the fancy, and bargains to make room; approval: John Young, 80, High-st., Rutherglen.

MR. R. H. SAMPSON, Pontardulais, has several choice young Border hens for disposal; closely related L.C.B.A., Wimbledon, Swansea winners; prices nominal; or exchange for really good buff cock or songsters.

PRIZE strain Borders; customers please note; sold all for disposal with exception of three nice buff hens, 3/6, 4/- each; would entertain exchange for good 1911 clear yellow cock: Stevens, 51, Nigel-rd., Forest Gate, E.

MRS. W. FILDES, Rookfield-avenue, Sale, Cheshire, has a few high-class Green Borders for disposal; same strain as her winners at L.C.B.A., Palace, Liverpool, Swansea, Newcastle, Derby, Manchester, Altrincham, etc.; reasonable prices.

SPLENDID opportunnitly for beginners; can spare few matched pairs Green Borders or buff cocks alone; best blood in the Fancy, winning strain; also few pairs clears, reasonable; approval; satisfaction guaranteed: Green, 36, Lord Nelson-st., Liverpool.

THOMAS MORGAN, 35, Raven-st., Carlisle, has for sale clear, ticked and uneven yellow cocks and hens; clear, ticked; even and uneven buff cocks and hens; buff and yellow-green cocks and hens; self buff cinnamon cocks and hens; and yellow hens; all from the best strains; approval.

BURTON BROS., 126, Lee Road, Lee Green, S.E., have the following for disposal:—Buff cock, nice yellow hen, 9/6, yellow cock, buff hen, good colour and quality, 10/6; yellow cock, vhc, typical buff hen, 12/6; seen any time; prize bred; see reports Palace, L.C.B.A., Wimbledon, Portsmouth, Clapham, etc.

CAN spare following winners from my cup winning strain: Clear yellow, marked yellow, clear buff, marked buff cocks, 15/- each; clear yellow, marked yellow, clear buff, marked buff hens, 7/6 each; all above are choice 1911 birds; approval before payment: Moore, 7, Dulka-rd., Clapham Junction, London.

Cinnamons.

IF you want Cinnamons, see my list: Rudd.

YELLOW cock, 15/-; ditto, 7/6; buff, 7/6; two buff hens, 5/- each; all unflighted: Norman, High-st., Rishton, Blackburn.

T. J. KING, Ingogo, Cheltenham, has about six pairs of Cinnamons left, which he must clear out. These are bred with a strain of Cinnamon Crest to broaden the head and increase size, and should prove grand stock birds. I prefer to sell in one lot, and if I can do so will accept £1 a bird.

CINNAMON CRESTS.—Breeder, William Tatman, 111, Midland Road, Wellingborough.

Crests and Crestbreds.

BREEDER'S CARD.

WILLIAM TATMAN, 111, Midland Road, Wellingborough, has for disposal few good Crests and Crest-breds, yellows and buffs, cocks and hens.

CRESTS and Crestbreds for sale cheap, or exchange: 435, Old Kent-rd. Stamp reply.

CREST and Crestbred from 8/6 to £2: Boulter, 32, Palmerston-rd., West Hampstead, N.W.

GREEN Crest cock, big bird, 10/-; variegated buff cock, 7/6: Sheldon, Hosier, Wanstead, N.E.

CRESTBRED hens, clear and ticked, 10/- each: Twine, 38, Carlingford-rd., Hucknall Torkard.

FEW Crest and Crest-bred cocks for sale, cheap; no hens; approval: J. Miller, 43, Sandy-lane, Mansfield.

FEW good Crest cocks, 17/6 each; pairs 25/- per pair: Offord, 24, Little Welbeck-st., Cavendish-sq., London, W.

CHAMPION large massive Crests and Crestbreds, from 7/6 to 15/6 each, ten days' approval: W. Powtick, Dewsbury.

FEATHERY 1911 dark Crest hen, 7/6; call, or stamp reply: Wm. Danks, 14, Smith-ter., Rutherglen, Glasgow.

SPLENDID young green Crested cock, 25/6; Crestbred cock, 15/-; good birds: Young, 76, Newbury-rd., Bromley, Kent.

CRESTS and Crest-bred, young, 5/- to 40/-: H. Steen, Slateford, Midlothian, N.B.; National prize breeder; approval.

FROM champion Crests to part with, 15/-, 25/-, 30/-; all from Palace winning strain: A. Lazarus, 55, Old Compton-st., London.

MONSTER variegated 1911 Crested cock, grand stock bird, 12/6; approval anywhere: Ross, Canary Breeder, Forres, N.B.

YOUNG hen Crested, 10/-; Crestbred, 10/-; double crested and yellow bred: Todd, 15, Readhead-aven., Westoe, South Shields.

LARGE typical variegated 1911 Crest cock, splendid crest, good show bird, 20/-; approval: Viggers, 85, Warwick-rd., Banbury.

TWO Crest hens, clear yellow, variegated buff D.C. 10/- each, or exchange green Crest cock, approval: Heywood, Duke-st., Leek.

WANTED, large 1911 green Crestbred hen, with good head and neck; on approval; state price; John Sharp, Ashfield, Uphall.

YOUNG Crests and Crestbred cocks and hens for sale; home-bred, healthy birds; moderate prices: 84a, Salisbury-rd., West Kilburn.

CHAMPIONSHIP diploma Palace, two Sunderland; few to part with, breeding Goldfinch, 10/-: Bewick, 7, Newfield-st., Newcastle-on-Tyne.

BARNETT'S direct, Crests and Crest-breds, good reliable stock birds cheap; approval: Bushell and Dewing, 56, Wodehouse-st., Norwich.

BARNETT'S direct, Crestbred cock, Crested hen, 1911, 17/6; Crested cock, Crestbred hen, 1910, 30/-; approval, deposit: Blake, Church-lanes, Fakenham.

C. ROBERTS' noted Crests and Crest-breds.—Matched pairs from 30/- to £10; single birds from 12/6; approval: Stannah Hey, Newton Drive, Blackpool.

WELL-bred young Crested and Crest-bred Canaries, 12/6, 10/6; hens 5/-, 7/6, 10/-; large Crested hen, 15/-; approval: Miss B. Hacker, 1, Elsworthy-terr., Hampstead.

WANTED large 1911 green or variegated Crested hen good thick frontal crest; approval, deposit Editor; price and particulars to: James Hill, Halebank, Widnes.

EXTRA large second-cross C.B., 1910, lightly marked cock, clinker, 40/-; Crestbred hen, 1911, 12/6, 15/- each; greens or variegated: G. Colledge, Kilburn, Derby.

BARNETT'S strain direct, Crest and C.B.'s, to suit all pockets; state requirements and price by letter only; approval, deposit: Rev. Moss, Ladywood Vicarage, Birmingham.

I HAVE a large stock of Crests and Crestbred from 7/6, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, £1 upwards; week's approval; apply: A. Fiddament, Postman, 105, Trinity-st., Norwich.

CRESTS and Crestbreds, best blood, can spare a few pairs and cocks, from 60/- and 30/-; state price prepared to give; stamp: Rev. G. W. Joyce, Wellington, Somerset.

JOHN CORKE, 300, London-rd., Lowestoft, Crest breeder (not dealer), exhibitor, prizes, 1911: Norwich two, Lowestoft six, two spls., best feathered exhibit, from 10/- each; approval.

VARIEGATED Crested cock, 40/-; green Crested cock, 30/-; green Crestbred cock, £4; grey Crestbred cock, 30/-; grey Crested hen, 35/-: Hesketh, 29, Kirkland-st., St. Helens.

ONE large variegated buff Crested cock, good crest, 20 months, 15/-; two 1911 ditto, 12/6 each; healthy, cold room, own breeding, good strains; approval: Payne, 3, Ormond-rd., Holloway, London.

COLD room bred, parents cost £2 5s.; seven cocks, three hens, Crest, Crest-bred, six bred 1910, three 1911, and old cock; what offers cash for lot?: Beavan, 35, Dunraven-pl., Ogmore Vale, Glam.

VARIEGATED Crest-bred cocks from 15/- to 25/- each; young birds, same strain as our winners; all our own breeding; approval: Walter Radley and Son, Paradise-sq., Skelmanthorpe, near Huddersfield.

BREEDER of Crests for 30 years; having bred scores of winners, and won hundreds of prizes, have some nice young birds for sale; prices to suit everybody; on approval: G. Williams, 50, Lower Union-st., Torquay.

H. HORTON, 18, years Crest breeder, winner of hundreds of prizes with birds of my own breeding; surplus healthy young birds, from 10/-; approval: 18, The Avenue, St. John's Park-rd., Blackheath, London, S.E.

A. LISTER, 106, Rectory-rd., Gateshead, breeder and exhibitor, can spare big dark Crested and variegated Crest-breds, cocks or hens, 7/6, 8/6, 10/-, 12/6, 15/-, 20/-, 25/-, 30/-, 35/-, 40/-, 45/-, 50/- each; approval.

EVINS BROTHERS having finally selected stock for own breeding, can spare two pairs of our champion bred crests, 40/-, and 30/- pair; smaller pairs 15/-; crest-bred cock, 15/-, worth double; approval: 259, High-st., Exeter.

TWO large rich buff C.B. cocks, 1st cross coppy 1911, 15/- each; grand Cinnamon marked C.B. hen, feathers over beak end, £2; Crest pairs from 17/6 upwards; C.B. hens from 7/6 up: Compton, Waddesdon, near Aylesbury, Bucks. No cards.

W. RADMORE has for disposal a few Crests and Crest-breds; grand stock birds, large, with plenty of feather; this strain has been carefully selected for 30 years, and has produced many winners, 10/-, 15/-, 20/- each; stamp: 17, Chaddlewood-avenue, Plymouth.

HAVING had a successful breeding time, I must reduce my stock of Crest and Crest-bred, no better blood can be bought at double price; pairs from 15/-, single birds from 7/6, on approval; deposit with Editor: Tetin, 124, Chestnut-ave., Forest Gate, Essex.

J. DARLINGTON, 9, Osborne-rd., Birkenhead, has for disposal Crestbred 1909 variegated buff cock, 40/-; also 1910 same description, 40/-; Crested 1910 variegated buff cock, 35/-; also 3 Crestbred 1911 yellow green hens, 25/- each; high-class stock birds from winners.

CRESTED pairs, final clearance; variegated Crestbred cock Grizzle, Crested hen, 1910, £3; yellow variegated Crested-bred cock, variegated, crested hen, 1911, £5; variegated Crested-bred cock clear, Crested hen, 1911, 15/-; approval: Tyson, 169, Sloane-st., London.

CHAMPION Crests, Crest-breds, grand birds, for sale; cocks or hens; 35 years breeder; judge of 100 shows; I don't exhibit now; I breed for my customers to win; advertised 25 years; sold as many winners as any fancier; reasonable approval: T. Billington, Hambleton, Poulton-le-Fylde.

HAVING no hens, must sell Crest-bred cocks, two very fine birds, plenty of feather, 1910 birds, price 15/- each; one buff green Crest-bred cock, won threo 1sts, price £2 10/-; two green Crest-bred cocks, 1911 birds, 10/- each; all cold room bred; three days' approval: J. Osborn, High-st., Belper, Derbyshire.

WILLIAM TATMAN, Midland-rd., Wellingborough, has massive dark crested cock, lovely crest, cap and wing marked Crest-bred hen, £6; clear body dark Crest yellow cock, green Crest-bred hen, £3; he has also three pairs left which he is offering at 25/-, 30/-, and 40/- to clear; full particulars on application.

MASSIVE feathery variegated dark Crest cock, lovely crest, 10/6; large feathery ditto, 8/6; grand variegated Crest-bred cock, 10/-; another gem, 7/6; massive feathery variegated dark Crest hen, 10/-; ditto, 8/-; massive variegated Crest-bred hen, 8/6; another, 6/6; all large healthy stock; approval: Hatton, Aviaries, Belper.

MONSTER variegated Crest-bred cock, grand head, 17/6; monster green ditto, nice skull, 14/-; massive feathery yellow variegated ditto, 12/-; monster green Crest cock, grand dense crest, 17/-; monster variegated ditto, 14/-; ditto, 11/6; massive feathery variegated dark Crest hen, lovely crest, 15/-; massive feathery ditto, 11/-, nice neat crest; massive feathery variegated Crest-bred hen, nice broad head, 15/-; green ditto, 11/-; having selected my breeding stock must dispose of above at half value to clear; all grand stock birds from winning strain, in perfect feather; approval with pleasure: Miss Stone, Fleet, Belper.

T. J. KING, Ingogo, Cheltenham, offers clear buff cock, grey cap, 21/-; two large variegated Crest-bred cocks, 21/6 each; clear body, dark crest cock, 3rd L.C.B.A., 50/6; large yellow dark crest cock, 60/6; variegated yellow dark crest hen, 50/6; clear buff Crest-bred hen, 25/6; variegated ditto, 25/6; variegated yellow Crest-bred cock, vhc Cheltenham, 35/6; grey crest yellow cock bred from two Crests, 30/6; evenly marked yellow dark Crest hen, show bird, £5; clear buff cock Cinnamon grey Crest, £3; variegated dark Crest cock, very stylish, £2; variegated yellow dark Crest cock, 25/6; variegated crested cock, 15/6; grey Crest hen, 15/6; variegated crested hen, 25/6; stylish grey crested cock, 30/6; variegated dark Crest hen, 30/6; immense grey Crest 1911 cock, 40/6; yellow green cock, large crest, 40/6; evenly marked dark Crest cock, 35/6; clear hen, large grey crest, 50/6; yellow green cock, immense crest, £6; variegated dark Crest cock, double crest, 40/6; yellow green Crest-bred cock, show bird, 60/6; green crested cock, 17/6; variegated Crest-bred cock, sire 1st L.C.B.A., sold for £16, 30/6; dark Crest cock, marked one wing, from two Crests, 35/6; large, evenly-marked dark Crest cock, ditto, 40/6; large variegated dark Crest hen, 40/6; green crested cock, 25/6; large variegated half coppy Crest-bred cock, bred my best Crest last year, 50/6; lovely yellow green crested hen, 60/6; large green crested hen, perfect shaped crest, 60/6; approval.

CRESTS. CRESTBREDS.

Yellows and buffs. If you want big bargains see my advertisement on page 209: Rudd, The Bird Specialist, Norwich.

Dutch Frills.

DUTCH Frill Canaries, Vulture shape, Dutch and French Canaries; catalogue free: Bernard-Blanquart, Lille, France.

Greens.

YELLOW and buff Yorkshire Green hens, 4/-; approval: Gibson, Vernon-av., Nottingham.

BUFF Green Yorkshire cock, yellow foul hen, 12/- pair; yellow variegated hen, 5/6: Eastoe, 88, York-rd., Southend-on-Sea.

YORKSHIRE and Norwich, type and quality combined with colour, no better blood; approval with pleasure: Metcalfe, 68, Brunswick-rd., Liverpool.

YORKSHORE, Norwich, and several pairs of Border Greens, the best, see reports Palace, etc.; state wants early (reasonable): F. Handley, 23, Coventry-rd., Wavertree, Liverpool.

NORWICH.—Deacon's noted strain; having purchased entire stock, my winnings with same, see leading show reports; prices from 10/-: Harding, 29a, Market-st., Wellingborough.

Lancashires.

LANCASHIRES, Plainhead cocks or hens, 10/6 each, ten days' approval: W. Powick, Dewsbury.

THREE good bred Lancashire Plainhead hens, 12/- the lot; bargain: Hindle, 66, Easson-rd., Darlington.

YOUNG birds on sale, Lancashires, yellow and buff; two hens, two cocks: King, 118, Dale-st., Milnrow

A. HORDERN has a few good Lancashires for sale, cocks and hens, yellows and buffs: Fern Cottages, Shaw.

TWO yellow Plainhead hens, one buff, coppy hen, 15/- each; approval; stamp: E. Lowe, 4, Grange-st., Oldham.

LANCASHIRE cocks, large birds, 10/6, 12/6 each; hens 7/6; P.O. or deposit: W. Sanger, Ellerhayes, Villas, Hele, Cullompton.

FRED HAMER, 35, Pitt-st., Oldham.—Three good Lancashires for sale; two yellow Plainhead cocks, one buff coppy cock; stamp reply.

LARGE buff Plainhead cock, yellow Plainhead cock, Crested cock, Crested hen, 20/- the lot; giving up; cold-room: Fitton, 14, Vavasour-st., Rochdale.

FEW good birds for sale, yellow and buff cocks and hens, reasonable price; all on approval; stamp address for reply: Smith, 50, London-rd., Oldham.

VERY large 1911 buff coppy cock, fit to show and win, sound health, £2 10s/-; worth £5; approval: T. Billington, Wyre Villa, Hambleton, Poulton-le-Fylde.

TWENTY breeding cages and racks, loose fronts, seed boxes, drawers, baskets, utensils, three show cages; lot £2: Robt. Taylor, 50, Durnford-st., Middleton, Manchester.

LANCASHIRES.—Two yellow Plainhead hens, 10/-, 15/-; two buff Plainhead hens, 15/- each; two yellow coppy hens, 15/- each; few cocks; approval: Swalwell, 146, Middleton-rd., Oldham.

F. J. GREEN, winner championship diploma Crystal Palace and hundreds cups, medals, etc., offers following grand young Lancashires:—Large buff Plainhead cock, yellow coppy hen, 35/- pair; yellow coppy cock, buff Plainhead hen, 35/- pair; good clear buff coppy cock, 20/-; yellow coppy hen, 20/-; large ticked buff coppy cock, 15/6; yellow coppy hen, 12/6; stamp reply: Albert-pl., Loughborough.

Lizards.

SILVER hens, 2/6; crossbred hen, 2/-: Sheldon, Holly House, Chingford.

FOUR Lizard hens, sell or exchange for pair Yorkshires: Smith, 9, Carrington-st., Barnsley.

FEW high-class clear capped Lizard hens, 3/6; cocks 6/6, 9/6 pair: Lees and Son, Portland-st., Newark.

LIZARDS, clear and broken capped, to be sold cheap to clear; pairs from 8/6: Wood, 4, North-rd., Hythe, Kent.

MY winners, matched with hens, from 10/- pair; winning cocks from 6/-; cold-room; approval: Hector Oliver, Glossop.

WHIPP, 13, Rushcroft-rd., Crompton Shaw, has his grand stud of Lizards for sale; pairs 10/-; odd cocks 7/- each; approval.

FOR quality Lizards, send to where the winners are bred; some real good stock birds for sale: Fred Hamer, 35, Pitt-st., Oldham.

CHAMPION Lizards, all my Palace winners and most my stock birds for sale; best strain living; stamp reply: John Dewsnap, 68, Princess Street, Glossop.

THE Lizard Prince offers Gold and Silver Lizards, winners; cocks from 10/-, hens from 7/6 each; specially matched pairs from 15/-; every bird on approval; inspection invited: John Rukin, 44, Hall Car-rd., Rawtenstall, Lancashire.

W. P. BARNES.

Cage Bird Judge, breeder of champion Lizards; properly matched pairs from 17/6, hens from 6/-; every bird from my champion strain; no better obtainable; every bird in perfect health and condition; approval: 23a, London-rd., Grantham.

Norwich.

BREEDERS' CARD.

E. BAKER, 14, High Street, Cowes, I.W., Breeder and Exhibitor High-class Norwich Plainheads, winner at most big shows. Write for prices.

J. HODDER, breeder of champion Norwich, winner of championships; good typical birds; low prices; approval.—6, Banner Street, St. Luke's, London, E.C.

MORE, 62, Drive, Gt. Yarmouth, good Norwich Plainheads for sale, own breeding, related many this year's prize winners.

W. READ, Chellowdene, York-road, Guildford, breeder and exhibitor of high-class Norwich; surplus stock only for sale; over 100 to select from; seen any time; from 15/6 pair; approval.

WANTED Norwich: Barnes, Aviaries, Merthyr.

BUFF cocks, 5/-; buff hen, 2/6: Sheldon, Holly House, Chingford.

NORWICH hens, 3/- each: 41, Swaffield-rd., Earlsfield, Wandsworth.

COCKS 7/6, hens 3/-, pairs 10/-; cold room bred: Miss Fooks, Brentwood.

HENS, yellow and buff, 4/-; approval: Gibson, Vernon-avenue, Nottingham.

THREE good colour-fed hens, 1911 birds, 9/6 each: K. Older, 64, Kingsland-rd., Bristol.

SIX 1911 Norwich hens, 2/3 each; 12/- the lot; 5/- each: Salter, 34, Offord-rd., Barnsbury, N.

NORWICH cocks from 6/6 each; hens from 2/- each: W. Gilbert, 2, Cromwell-st., Red-lane, Coventry.

E. GODLEY has few grand Norwich for disposal, single or pairs, also Cinnamons: Risbton, Blackburn.

NORWICH Canaries, hens from 3/- to 4/-, cash or deposit: Miss Bucknall, Copsale, Nuthurst, Horsham.

GOOD clean healthy cocks, full song, 4/-; hens, fine young birds, 2/-, 2/6: E. Warner, 3, Park-st., Leamington.

A FEW pairs from 10/6, also Yorkshires and Borders, room wanted: C. Baker, 41, Cumberland-st., Pimlico, S.W.

HENS. Twenty Norwich for sale, from 2/6; cocks from 6/6, 1911 bred: Slatcher, Hugon-rd. School, Fulham.

R. T. PARR has still four pairs left, must clear to make room for breeding, 15/- a pair; 6, Norman-rd., Ilford.

GOOD Norwich cocks, 8/6; hens, 5/-; pairs, 12/6; cash or deposit: Bindoff, 24, Niton-rd., Richmond, Surrey.

COCKS and hens, colour fed, cold room, fit for breeding, cheap: 5, Arundel-place, Barnsbury; no Sundays.

WANTED Norwich Canaries, will give 5/6 cocks, 6/- colour-fed cocks; 1/6 hens: Mrs. Jones, 117, Hessle-rd., Hull.

W. H. AYLING has a few good Norwich cocks and hens for sale; cheap: 54, Croyland-rd., Lower Edmonton.

NORWICH cocks, two clear, six variegated, 6/- to 18/6 each: G. Haylett, 14, Garfield-rd., Newtown, Gt. Yarmouth.

FEW typical Norwich, yellows and buffs, for sale; approval: Hindle, Mayfield-ter., Cherry Tree, nr. Blackburn.

SIX grand typical 1911 buff hens, 10/- each; approval, stamp: Greenwood and Burson, 28, Haydon-st., Swindon, Wilts.

NORWICH, 12 pairs, colour-fed, for sale cheap: J. Kirk, 21, Darebury-st., Greenhill, Cheetham Hill, Manchester.

WANTED, yellow hens; exchange large buff cocks; also Yorkshire hens wanted: Horne, Stanley-rd., Herne Bay.

GRAND pair Norwich Plainheads, winners 1st Norwich, £2, bargain, cash or deposit: Dawson, Bishurgate, Beccles.

F. PEBERDY has few good Norwich for disposal, bred from winners; prices reasonable: 39, Twycross-st., Leicester.

YELLOW cock, buff hen, cheap for want of room, 5/- pair; healthy: Green, 96, Alma-rd., Winton, Bournemouth.

S. JONES, Lydgates, Lynton, Devon, has few choice cocks left at 10/-; Bullfinch type, grandly bred, worth double.

FOUR prize bred buff Norwich hens, 4/- and 5/- each; approval: J. Lawry, Illagan Highway, Redruth, Cornwall.

TWENTY young Norwich for sale; clears and variegated; cocks 5/6, hens 2/6: Chambers, 97, Melville-rd., Maidstone.

ARTHUR WAKE can spare few good young buff hens, 7/6; buff cock, 10/-; approval: 128, Princes-rd Middlesbrough.

NORWICH cocks from 5/-, hens from 3/-; own breeding: Twine, 38, Carlingford-rd., Hucknall Torkard, Notts.

BUFF cock, yellow hen, Irons' direct, sell 25/-; approval with pleasure: G. Bennett, Bootmaker, North-st., Lynn.

Mr. H. SCHNEIDER, Pretoria House, Fairfield-rd., Winchester, has a few good birds left, hens from 6/6; cocks, 10/6.

PRIZE winning Norwich cocks from 8s., hens from 5/-, seen any time: Chamberlain, 12, Beyer-st., Gorton, Manchester.

NORWICH Cinnamons, pairs 7/6 to 10/6; Norwich yellow and buff, pairs 5/6 to 7/6: Gurteen, The Mount, Haverhill.

T. IRONS can spare several good pairs, 20/-, 30/-, 40/-; cocks from 10/-; approval; stamp: Ivy-rd., Northampton.

SEVERAL good quality Norwich hens for disposal, 5/- each; yellow and buff: Cayless, 237, Uppingham-rd., Leicester.

PRIZE BRED Norwich. Can spare 2 cocks, 4 hens, good healthy birds, £1 to clear: Smith, Chequers, Wattington, Oxon.

W. POUND, Carlisle, has a few good Norwich left after selecting breeding stock; cocks from 10/-, hens from 6/-; approval.

WM. HINDMAN, 26, Sarah Ellen Street, Blackburn. Few good Norwich for sale; prices reasonable; singles or pairs; approval.

SEVERAL good large hens, yellow and buff, 3/- to 7/6 each; own breeding; approval: Baker, Bowthorpe-rd., Norwich.

FRED BARRACLOUGH has a few choice Norwich Plainheads, both sexes, for sale, inspection invited: 25, Railway-st., Hyde.

FIVE pairs Norwich Canaries, male birds, full song, 5/6; hens, 2/6; 30/- lot: Miss Fox, 65, Benford Street, Leicester.

CANARIES, good singers, Norwich cocks 7/-, hens 2/-, reduced to clear; giving up breeding: 22, Montrell-rd., Streatham Hill.

FIVE large buff cocks, rare heads, neck and chest, from 15/- to 35/- each, or the lot £5 5s.: Angus Pharmacist, Lancaster.

ALL my Norwich Plainheads for sale; winners and bred from winners; singles from 5/- pairs 10/-: Flemons, Northampton.

TWO very good buff 1911 hens, 4/6 each; yellow variegated Yorkshire hen, 4/-; approval: Eddy, Bellevue-terr., Penzance.

OWING to removal, selling 17 Norwich hens, 2/6, each; 1910 cock Goldfinch, twice house-moulted, 3/-: Slee, Main-st., Pembroke.

FINE healthy Norwich Canaries, 1911, cold-room bred, pairs 10/-, single cocks 7/-, hens 3/-: Whitechurch, Fordham, Cambs.

TWO foul buff green Norwich cock Plainheads, large stock birds, 8/6 each; approval: E. Cash, Quarry-bank, Birkenhead.

MISS EDWARDS has 2 good pairs of Norwich to dispose of, £2 5s. and 30/- pair; 2 good hens, 4/6 each: 54, Reigate Hill, Reigate.

NOTICE. Grand lot Norwich, many winners; prices low; easy payments taken; approval: M'Keand, Seabright-villa, Castle-Douglas.

GOOD healthy Norwich, cold-room bred, pairs properly matched, from 7/6 to 10/6; deposit: William M'Kinney, Maglora, Derry.

GOOD clean healthy Norwich cocks, 4/-, 4/6; hens, 2/-, 2/6; young birds; approval, deposit: Foxon, Boot Dealer, Newbuilding, Hinckley.

GOOD Norwich cocks in full song, 4/6, 5/-, 6/6; hens, 2/-, 3/-, 4/-; clean and healthy; cash; approval, deposit: T. Sanders, 131, Upper Conduit-st., Leicester.

[illegible] Lodge-rds., related my winners Dulwich, [illegible], South London, 7/6 to £1: Tom-[illegible] Rodwell-rd., Brockley.

FEW unflighted yellow hens and buff cocks still left; cocks 7/-, hens 6/-; approval; inspection invited: Ashcroft, Farnworth-st., Widnes.

HANDSOME Norwich cocks, grand songsters, 4/6, 5/-; hens, 2/6; pairs, 6/6, 7/-; value unapproachable; approval: Hatton, Aviaries, Belper.

TWO yellow Norwich hens, 15/- each; buff hens, 10/- and 15/- each; buff cock, 15/-; yellow cock, 12/6: Kelly, Dean-rd., Kilbirnie, Ayrshire.

STRONG, healthy Norwich, cold room, breeding condition, cocks 4/-, hens 2/-: A. Hewitt, Co-operative-terr., Forest-st., Shepsbed.

J. OVENSTONE, Helenica, Wallace-st., Grange-mouth, can spare one good pair, 20/-; yellow cock, 10/-; buff ditto, 7/6, 5/-; approval.

1911 YELLOW Norwich hen, 2nd against cock's, size, substance, quality, 15/-; sister, 10/6; approval: Harry Smith, Connah's Quay, Chester.

MR. SMITHERS, Hadlow, Tonbridge, can spare few high-class hens, yellows, buffs, 5/-, 7/6; beautiful feather, medium size; approval, deposit.

THIRTY clear, healthy buff Norwich hens, 3/- each; variegated, 2/6; large hens, 3/6; approval: Roper, 134, Chester, Seven Kings, Essex.

TYPICAL buff cock, plenty of size, grand head, 15/-; two yellow hens, grand size, with big heads, 8/- each; approval: Jenkins, 71, Argyle-st., Swansea.

FOR SALE, four pairs real good Norwich yellow cocks, Buff hens, grand stock birds; or exchange anything useful: Pepper, 5, Greek-st., Hull.

PRIZE-bred Norwich, cocks, in full song, 4/-, 5/- each; hens, same strain, 1/9, 2/6 each; satisfaction guaranteed: Heathcote's Aviaries, Leicester.

A few good large surplus yellows and buffs to clear, cheap; can be seen any time; or on approval: G. Ward, 21, Warwick-st., Pimlico, London.

LARGE Norwich cocks, 6/-; yellow buff, 5/6 each; hens, yellow, 4/-; buff, 3/6 each; money returned not approved: Haithwaite, 41, Blossomgate, Ripon.

HANDSOME yellow Norwich cock Canaries, 1911 hatched, healthy, singing, 7/6 each; ditto hens, 2/6: Mrs. Mossop, The Shrubbery, Ketton, Rutland.

HIGH-CLASS Norwich, clears and variegated, from 7/6 each; cold room; approval; 30 years' breeder: Sidgwick, Elwick-terr., Hutton, Rudby, Yorkshire.

LARGE typical clear buff cock, big winner, 50/-; nest brother, winner, 40/-; also some grand stock birds cheap; approval: Miles' Aviaries, Chichester.

NORWICH; well-bred unflighted colour-fed, just a few left; cocks 7/6, 10/-; hens 4/6, 7/6 each; approval: Chas. Makins, 18, Palace Green, Berwick-on-Tweed.

NORWICH Canaries for sale. Buff and yellow clear cocks, 5/- each; hens 2/6; good strong birds; outdoor bred. Call any evening: Findlay, 8, Bickerstetb-rd., Tooting.

BARGAINS.—Unflighted yellow cocks, 15/-, 25/-; same strain as my winners, Palace, L.C.B.A., and principal shows in the South: H. Banbury, Preston-rd., Yeovil.

TO make room for breeding; four pairs of grand colour-fed Norwich, 12/6, 15/-, 17/6, 20/- pair; yellow cocks from 7/6 each: Taylor, 65, Bowden-rd., Smethwick.

CLEARING out; must sell 24 Norwich, strong healthy singing cocks, 6/-; hens, 3/-; or good reasonable offer for lot: C. Smith, Valley-ter., Leiston, Suffolk.

FOUR Buff Norwich hens, 1911; two clear, one ticked, one variegated, also green cock, 15/- lot; bargain; approval willingly: Jarrett, 19, Tong-rd., Sittingbourne, Kent.

BUFF cock £1; yellow cock £1; large birds; two yellow hens, moderate size, good type, rare quality, 15/- each; Eckersley's strain: Barrows, Wardington, Banbury.

FOR sale, 3 good yellow, 1 green hen, 2 single breeding, 5 box cages, good condition, the lot 30/-; or exchange good Crystal Palace aviary: Fox, 52, Kent-rd., Gravesend.

GRAND lot of Norwich birds, in splendid condition; yellows, buffs, and variegated; cocks from 5/-, hens 3/-; less by taking quantities: Plank, Carlyle Cottage, Shepton-Mallet.

TYPICAL unflighted colour-fed buff cock Norwich, gem for size, shape, and style, 3rd L.C.B.A., etc., recently, accept 15/-; approval: Hawkes, 390, Grove Green-rd., Leytonstone.

HIGH-CLASS Norwich cocks, 4/6, 5/6, 7/-, 8/-; hens 2/-, 2/6, 3/6, 4/6; guaranteed healthy; not suited, money returned: Alfred Riley, Grocer, Lower Church Gate, Leicester.

FOUR good buff hens, one clear, 5/- each; massive green Crested-bred cock, ditto Crested, Crooke's strain, 20/- each; unflighted; approval: Taylor, 53, Walsgrave-rd., Coventry.

SEVERAL good Norwich cocks for sale, 6/6, 7/6; also large aviary, 5ft. x 4ft. 6in. x 2ft. 6in., made in sections, with centre partition, 25/-: Drew, 82, Lower Court-rd., Epsom.

PRIZE-bred Norwich Canaries, cocks, warranted in full song, 4/6, 5/6, 6/6 each; hens, same strain, 2/-, 3/-, 4/- each; satisfaction guaranteed: Fred Johnson, 22, Goswell-st., Leicester.

I HAVE for disposal several grand Plainhead Norwich, bred from the same strain as my Palace winner: W. Neame, 13, Durnford-st., Stonehouse, Plymouth. Stamp reply.

HIGH-CLASS Norwich clear buff cocks, 10/-, 12/6, 15/-; yellow cocks, 7/6, 10/6; a few matched pairs from 15/6; bargains; approval: James Brown, Jeweller, Catrine, Ayrshire.

C. ROBERTS, Shannah Hey, Newton Drive, Blackpool, can spare few more pairs of his noted Norwich; rare type; 30/-, 40/-, 50/-; single birds from 10/6; state wants; approval.

TYPICAL Norwich cocks (Bowyer and Vardy's strain), same type and related to my Palace winner (claimed), from 7s. 6d. each; approval; stamp: Williams, Pharmacy, Ashbourne.

FOUR yellow Norwich cocks, 2 buff cocks, and a few yellow hens, all unflighted, plenty of size, real good stock birds; reasonable prices; inspection invited: Lackey, Bothal, Morpeth.

UNFLIGHTED variegated buff cock, 2nd in class of 18, 12/6; another 6th in same class, 10/-; off good winning strain; approval: T. Simpson, Canal-st., Grahamstown, Falkirk, Scotland.

TYPICAL hens to spare, good size and quality, also grand cocks in full song, 7/6 upwards; noted strain, own breeding only, cold room; approval: Miss Gwyn, Somerville, N. Avenue, Ramsgate.

MR. ECKERSLEY has only a few good ones left to spare, and immediate application is advisable; six young cocks and hens, 10/- each to clear: 51, Francis-rd., Edgbastnn, Birmingham.

T. H. MASON, winner of Hull C.B.S. champion cup, has a few birds for disposal, same strain as my winners at Newcastle, Middlesbrough, Sheffield, York, Hull: 11, Victoria-sq., Ella-st., Hull.

UNEVENLY marked buff hen, splendid type and quality, winner of several prizes, 40/-; clear yellow cock, winner, 15/-; variegated buff hen, 5/-; approval willingly: Muscott, 1, Boundary-terrace, Llandrindod Wells.

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The hen arrived quite safely and in good condition. She is a sweet pretty bird and I like her very much.

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FOR sale yellow cock and buff hen, 30/- the pair; buff cock and yellow hen, 30/- the pair; one or two buff cocks from, 15/- each; all related to my winners: McNaughton, Dunipace, Larbert.

COLD-ROOM bred and healthy; 11 Norwich hens, 2/3, 3 Norwich cocks 5/6, 2 common cocks 4/-, 1 common hen 1/-, or £2 5s. the lot or nearest cash offer; all 1911: Davies, Bond-st., Newport, Mon.

IRON'S strain direct; splendid quality; matched pairs ready for breeding, 15/-; odd cocks yellow or buff, 7/6 to 10/6; no odd hens; approval, deposit: Russell, Hampton-in-Arden, Warwickshire.

GRAND colour yellow ticked cock, 10/6; good clear buff hen, 4/6, or 14/- pair; clear buff cock, 10/-; ticked yellow hen, 5/-; or 14/- pair; approval; pairs or single: John Smedley, Gilt Brook, Notts.

GIVING up; two pairs Norwich (cold room), good size and colour; sacrifice 10/- pair; two Norwich hen, 1911, 3/6 each, worth double; exchange Roller Glucke cocks; approval: Evans, Cycle Dealer, Aberystwyth.

RICH deep colour-fed yellow Norwich cock, real model for size, shape, style, and quality, recently won under Heatb, Vardy, Robson, etc., 35/-; great sacrifice; approval: Hawkes, Grove Green-rd., Leytonstone.

TIP-TOP Norwich stock; one pair at 10/-; two pairs at 9/-; three pairs at 8/- per pair; unflighted, colour-fed; parents never out of cards; working men's prices: J. Collins, 168, Longford-st., Warrington.

GREAT sacrifice.—Having selected all I require, offer several colour-fed Norwich, hens, gems for shape and style, and bred same as all my winners, 5/-, 7/6 each; approval: Hawkes, 390, Grove Green-rd., Leytonstone.

WINNERS.—Frank Potter, winner Hull challenge cup three years in succession, can spare massive clear yellow, 25/-; buff, 20/-, he, big class; unflighted wing-marked buff, 17/6; clear, 15/-; approval; stamp: Thoresby-st., Hull.

SEVERAL good stock Norwich for sale; buffs, buffs and yellow variegated hens and cocks, colour-fed, winners and related to winners; hens from 4/-, cocks from 8/-; approval, deposit: Crawford, 14, Wilton-drive, Glasgow.

HIGH-CLASS Norwich cocks, in full song, 6/-, 7/6, 8/6, 10/-; hens 3/-, 3/6, 4/-, 5/- each; pairs matched for breeding, 8/6, 9/6, 10/6, 12/-; stamp reply; money returned if not approved: Stewarts, Earthenware Stores, Surrey-st., Norwich.

SONGSTERS.—Pure Norwich Canaries, full song, 6/6, 7/6; typical stock pairs, well matched, best strains procurable, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, 20/-; others, 7/6, 8/6; life experience: Burton, Hairdresser, St. Augustine's Gates, Norwich.

LARGE clear yellow cock, 1st Clapham; 4-pointed natural colour buff hen, £1 pair; large, ticked yellow cock, vhe Oakham; buff hen by 1st Clapham, £1 pair; songsters, 5/-; hens, 2/6: Eaton, Kettering-rd., Rothwell, Kettering.

A. L. HAWKES has 2 unflighted winning buff Norwich hens for disposal, at 12/6 and 15/-; also the L.C.B.A., Wandsworth, Windsor winning unflighted yellow hen, 20/-; all clears; approval anywhere: 390, Grove Green-rd., Leytonstone.

GOOD typical unflighted yellow cock, 10/-; one 1910 yellow, 12/-; buff unflighted, 8/6; one 1910, 10/-; broken yellow Green cock, 1910 bred, 9/-; all on three days' approval; cash or deposit: F. Tesscyman, Church Hill, Camp-rd., Leeds.

HIGH-CLASS Norwich: Three yellow cocks, good quality, 10/6 and 12/6 each; also yellow cock, with splendid buff hen, 25/- pair; two yellow hens, 10/6 and 7/6; all unflighted, bred from my winners; approval: Palmer, Newby-st., Ripon.

SPECIAL clearance offer, 5 grand young cocks; clear buff, 15/6; variegated, 12/6; ticked, 10/6; yellow, 14/6; large feathery Crestbred, 15/-; all 1911 winners, easily worth double; accept £3 lot; approval: Shearer, Viewmount, Thurso.

HAVING selected my breeding stock I find I have a few pairs left, to clear at half value, Norwich cocks from 10/6, matched pairs from 12/6; all bred from my noted winners; approval, deposit; stamp reply: Woodall, 18, Carlton-rd., Sheffield.

NOTED winning cap-marked colour-fed unflighted buff Norwich cock, massive framed, short, thick-set, cobby specimen, recently won L.C.B.A., Woolwich, Burton-on-Trent, etc., accept 30/-; worth double for stock; approval: Hawkes, 390, Grove Green-rd., Leytonstone.

CHAMPION Norwich, large, with good heads, fine silky feather, 35 years breeder, judge of 100 shows. I don't exhibit; I breed for my customers; advertised 25 years; sold as many winners as any fancier in England; approval: T. Billington, Hambleton, Poulton-le-Fylde.

GRAND stout cobby buff Norwich cock, nice head, 10/6; lovely stout yellow hen, 7/-, 16/- pair; grand stout yellow cock, 10/6; big cobby buff hen, 6/6, 15/- pair; all big bold healthy birds from my winners; approval with pleasure; bargains: Miss Stone, Fleet, Belper.

J. HODDER has following typical birds to spare: 4 buff cocks, 8/6 each; 3 yellow cocks, 9/6 each; 6 buff hens, 6/- each; 3 buff hens, 10/6 each; 2 buff hens, 15/- each; all these are excellent value and from purest blood; approval: 6, Banner-st., St. Luke's, London, E.C.

FRANK F. LAWSON, 14, Pugin-st., Carlisle, offers grand Buff cocks, size, shape, quality, 30/-; three large unflighted, 15/- each; unflighted Yellow, short, cobby, grand colour and quality, 20/-; unflighted Buff hens, good heads, short wings and tail, 10/- each; one Yellow, 7/6.

I HAVE ten pairs Norwich Plainheads for sale, prize bred; this strain has won all over the North for men I have sold them to; this strain is Irons, Grey, Dobinson, and Cowling; prices reasonable; deposit, approval; John Hagan, 39, Double-row, Seaton Delavel, Northumberland.

GOING abroad; must sell five grand Norwich, two yellow cocks, one buff cock, two buff hens; winners and bred from winners; breeding cages, show cages, cases, and appliances; will sell lot or separate: approval; stamp reply: Wilkinson, "Ashfield," Appleton-rd., Hale, Cheshire.

STRAIN second to none; to be sold without reserve; no time to show; cocks and hens, all colours, young and healthy, from 12/6 each; approval; also stock of breeding cages, Jerome style, 2/- each; show cages, 1/6; inspection invited: G. Scaif, Stationmaster, Haywood, near Lanark, late of Fauldhouse.

SPLENDID unflighted marked yellow cock, rattling size, 15/-; two ditto, bit smaller, 7/6 each; all grand colour and quality, best blood obtainable; same as my winners, Longton, Coventry, Northampton, Cannock, etc.; approval: Arthur Brotherhood, Newport, Salop.

TO obtain room for approaching breeding season I am offering 2 pairs matched Plainheads (unflighted) at 20/- per pair; also a few odd birds equally cheap; approval: John Young, 80, High-st., Rutherglen.

FOUR Norwich cocks, 5/6 each, £1 lot; good size; pair of good Norwich and new double breeder for 12/6; grand stack of 6 new double breeders, slide for breeding young, and large flight and new rack, 30/- complete: Grice, 24, Brynn-st., St. Helens, Lancashire.

WM. BOWYER, Gladstone-st., Leek, can spare two yellows, three buff cocks; splendid short, thick-set birds 15/- each; honestly worth double; also three unflighted yellow hens, four buff hens, 10/- each; several yellow and buff hens, rather small; all right for type; guaranteed from the same strain as my winners; 5/- each; approval.

CHAMPION pair correctly matched high-class exhibition Norwich Plainheads, rare size, type, colour and quality, winners and certain to breed winners in keenest competition, only, 21/-; honestly worth, £3 for stock alone, rare chance for beginner; genuine bargain; approval: Warminger, 28, Guernsey-rd., Norwich.

R. HANFORD, 263, Osmaston-rd., Derby, offers exceptionally fine collection Norwich Plainheads; massive cocks 5/6, 6/6, 7/6, 8/6, 10/6, lovely hens 3/6, 4/-, 5/-, 6/-, 7/6; correctly matched pairs, to breed winners, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, 17/6; cages 3d. Inspection invited. If you cannot call, state requirements; approval, deposit; absolute satisfaction guaranteed; send for illustrated list.

32 NORWICH paired for season 1912 intended to be bred by Mr. Westley; winners; some never been beaten in any company; 15 breeders, mahogany, lift-off wire tops, complete, as new 22x11½; also ten breeders 22x9, complete; eight boxes carrying from three to twelve cages; four flight cages, one four-compartment, 6ft. long; drying cage to dry thirty birds, lined with cloth; twelve British cages and all bird room requisites; improved heater, water tank and flues, for lamp or gas; approval to known fanciers: R. B. Jarvis, 21, Skirving-st., Shawlands.

J. C. BARNES, 113, Northfield-rd., Walkley, Sheffield; well-known strain, of 20 years standing; Sheffield Challenge Cup winner (3 years in succession); having selected own breeders, can now spare few choice specimens, true to type, and full of quality and colour; cocks from 20/-, hens 10/- upwards; inspection cordially invited; approval with every pleasure; matched pairs a speciality.

WILLIAM JUDD, Specialist, Midland Counties Aviaries, 120, Belgrave Gate, Leicester; the largest stores in the Midlands; high-class Norwich Canaries, cocks, 4/6, 5/6; orange yellows, 7/6, 10/- each; good young healthy hens ready for nesting, 2/3, 3/-; orange yellows, 4/-, 5/- each; each pair properly mated, 6/6, 8/6, 10/6, and 15/- pair; carefully packed and satisfaction guaranteed.

AT the late Palace show several of the Norwich taking premier honours were bred from birds sold by me or bought direct from my rooms. I have proofs of this statement, no bounce. There are but few so-called champion strains that have not been built up from my great original strain; see my other adverts. under this column: Judge Silk, Whitstable.

HIGH-CLASS Norwich Plainheads.—Short typical birds, with good heads, fine quality feather, related to Greens, and should be a fountain of colour to purchasers; two big clear yellow cocks, massive unflighted clear buff cock, large typical ticked buff cock, at 20/- each; grand typical buff cocks at 10/- each; four variegated and clear yellow hens and two variegated buff hens at 15/- each; buff green hen (a splendid bird), 20/-; other good hens from 6/-; a few good pairs from 20/-; every bird my own breeding, and satisfaction guaranteed; inspection invited; approval, deposit: J. Almond, 20, North Londsdale-st., Gorse Hill, Stretford.

E. THOMAS, WINNING NORWICH.
Buff cock yellow hen, 1911, 30/-; yellow cock, 17/6; yellow cock, 19/6; Spillman strain: 48, Craddock-st., Cardiff.

GIVING UP THE FANCY.
Show and stock birds, price from 10/- to £3; only want seeing; stout chubby birds; stamp reply; this strain has won over 400 prizes: A. A., Breitenfeld, 69, Allen Road, Northampton.

G. F. CRAWFORD, 217, Rotherhithe New Rd., S.E.
Having selected my breeding stock I have a few choice birds for sale; no reasonable offer refused; state wants; approval, deposit; for wins see Palace, Clapham, Wimbledon, South London, Dulwich and Peckham and Bermondsey reports.

WRIGHT & SON, 84, HEATH ROAD, NORWICH.
for good large prize-bred Norwich Plainheads, properly matched pairs, 10/6, 12/6, and 15/-; ditto cocks 7/6, 10/6, and 15/-; lot of good hens, well bred, 4/-, 5/-, and 7/6; approval.

POWICK'S CHAMPION NORWICH.
The same strain as the winners at all the leading shows, large typical cocks, in full song, 7/6, 10/6; hens, 5/6, 7/6 each; sure winners, 15/6 each; ten days' approval at my risk: W. Powick, Dewsbury.

J. W. DALZELL,
20 good Norwich for sale, bred from my winners; Oldham, Tunstall, Leek, Runcorn; cocks from 7/6, hens from 4/- each; approval; inspection invited: 4, Ormrod-st., Oldham.

ROBINSON'S CHAMPION NORWICH,
Few clear yellow and variegated yellow cocks for sale, also buff cocks; prices reasonable; inspection invited; approval: Five Alls, Hoyland, nr. Barnsley.

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GIVING UP.
Owing to removal I have for disposal five cocks, nine hens high-class typical Norwich. Three 2ft. breeding cages, with partitions, and 3ft. flight, together with all necessary uteusils. No reasonable offer refused. Inspection invited. Splendid opportunity for beginner: W. A. Breeze, 88, Moundfield-rd., Stamford Hill.

A STRAIN THAT WINS.
A really good unflighted yellow cock, ticked neck, 20/-, winner; large clear yellow stock cock, 1910 bred, dirt cheap, 20/-; very large, 1910 cl. buff cock, 20/-; ditto varieg., 10/6; large unflighted buff cock, hot colour, grand stock cock, 20/-; large 1910 clear yellow hen, 20/-; ticked unflighted yellow hen, 10/-; ticked unflighted yellow hen, 7/6; clear ditto, 7/6; few extra good buff hens, lovely type and quality, the right sort of breeding hens, 7/6 and 10/- each. See wins at leading shows, 1910 and 1911: R. Allen, 196, Blackburn-rd., Bolton.

A. FIDDAMENT, POSTMAN

can still supply pure Norwich yellow and buff cocks, 6/-, 7/6, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-; also typical hens, 5/-, 7/6, 10/6, 15/-; week's approval; deposit; apply: 105, Trinity-st., Norwich.

JUST WHAT YOU WANT.

Big buff cocks, 15/- to 60/-; grand heads, necks, type and quality; bred from prize winners; worth double; a few fine yellow cocks: no single hens; stamp, approval; application by letter only.
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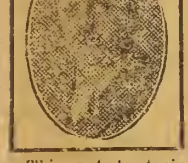
1st & 2nd CRYSTAL PALACE
and he has a few good stock birds for disposal at reasonable prices; see show reports of Bolton, Rochdale, Manchester, Sheffield O.S., Pendleton, and Salford, Stratford-on-Avon, Runcorn, Sheffield C.B.S., Blackburn, and Crystal Palace. This strain has been winning for the past 15 years, and still wins every time shown. A few pairs at 15/- and £1, would suit beginners; inspection invited: 3a, Percival-st., Hightown, Manchester.

Crystal Palace, 1912.



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20/-; 25/-, 30/- 40/- per pair.

Also few grand yellow or buff cocks, 10/-, 12/6, 15/-, 20/-, 25/-, 30/- each, upwards. Champion yellow hens, 7/6, 10/-, 12/6, 15/-, 20/-, 30/- each, upwards. Splendid buff hens, 5/-, 7/6, 10/-, 12/6, 15/-, 20/- each, upwards. All pairs are personally matched by me for breeding winners. I have also a few good pairs at 10/6, 12/6, and 15/- per pair. Every bird on 7 days' approval. Easy payments arranged if desired. I guarantee absolute satisfaction to every customer. Send a P.C. for my free illustrated catalogue.

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During next show season I am giving 10 cups valued at 21/- each, to purchasers of my champion Norwich at shows held in Scotland, England and Wales. Six will be given for unflighted birds bred from my champion strain. The four remaining to birds other than unflighted which have been purchased after the date of this advertisement, January 12th, 1912. Particulars of shows where these cups will be competed for will appear in "Cage Birds" at a later date. This will give fanciers in various districts a chance to view the really high-class Norwich bred from this strain.—Judge Silk, Whitstable.

W. JOHNSON

Runner-up for O.N.P.C. novice trophy, seasons 1910-11, 1911-12, cup winner Leeds, 1911; see my winnings in open competition: Huddersfield, Hull, Stamford, Halifax, Bradford, National, City of Bradford. Have both show and stock birds for sale; inspection invited; cash or deposit; stamp reply: 22, Haddon Avenue, Kirkstall-rd., Leeds.

VARDY'S NOTED CHAMPION STRAIN

Two unflighted buff cocks, extra good quality and type and colour, 15/- each; two good unflighted yellow cocks, grand type, 15/- each; also few grand cobby unflighted buff hens, 10/- each; three nice pairs mated up for breeding, 15/- per pair on approval; W. Vardy, The Aviaries, Huthwaite, Notts.

GREAT REDUCTIONS

I am, as an advertisement, offering for a few weeks, the most wonderful value ever offered to the Norwich Plainhead fanciers; my birds need no bounce. Most of the leading exhibitors have been supplied from my rooms. Grand pairs, which will do you some good. Don't waste valuable time and money on buying birds which have no pedigree. Silk's strain is unrivalled; champion, 30/-; pairs at 21/-; the best, 40/-; pairs at 30/6. The price is right and the quality wonderful; few pairs same blood, 15/-, not monsters. Don't hesitate, send now and secure something really high class; hens, yellow or buff, from 10/6 to 21/-; cocks, ditto, 8/6 to 21/-; every bird has a reputation and all on 3 days' approval; satisfaction guaranteed: Judge Silk, The Norwich Specialist, Whitstable.

RICHARD ANDERTON,

BREEZE HILL, CADLEY, PRESTON, Lancs. has decided to further reduce his stock by selling the following: No. 1, marked yellow cock, winner of 4th Glasgow this last New Year, in a strong class of variegated buffs and yellows; see reports, price £2; No. 2, unflighted variegated buff cock, price 15/-; No. 3, unflighted variegated buff hen, price 10/-; No. 4, large unflighted cinnamon-marked hen, price 12/6; approval to known fanciers.

SPECIAL OFFER.

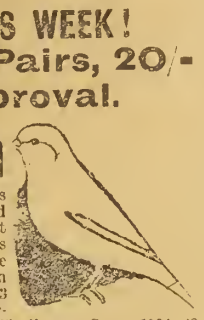
Champion Norwich Plainheads

Fanciers wishing to win or breed winners, or improve their breeding stock cannot do better than state their full requirements to me, as I have a really grand selection of extra choice high-class Norwich Plainheads. These birds have plenty of size and substance, grand type and quality, at very reasonable prices, and with these birds I defy competition. Large typical **yellow cocks, 9/-, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, 17/6, 21/-,** and upwards. Large typical **buff cocks, 8/6, 9/6, 10/6, 12 6, 15/-, 17/6, 21/-,** and upwards. Large typical **yellow hens, 5/-, 6/-, 7/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, 17/6, 21/-,** and upwards. Large typical **buff hens, 4/-, 5/-, 6/6, 7/6, 8 6, 10/6 12/6, 15/-, 17/6, 21/-,** and upwards. Also judiciously matched pairs, to breed winners, **10/6, 12/6, 15/-, 17/6, 21/-, 25/-, 30/-,** and upwards. Any of these pairs won'd give novices a rare start in the Fancy, as they are bred from champion blood, and are correctly matched by a practical fancier of life experience. Many noted winners have been supplied by me, including Palace and other leading shows. Scores of unsolicited testimonials received from well-known breeders and exhibitors. Remember, I breed to sell; my customers buy to win, as I do not exhibit myself. Kindly state your requirements and price you wish to pay, and I will guarantee you full satisfaction. All cold-room bred; approval, cash or deposit.

L. WARMINGER, 28, Guernsey Rd., Norwich.

SPECIAL THIS WEEK!
20 Selected Pairs, 20/- Pair—approval.

Pure Norwich



direct from our noted strains and Mr. Midgley's noted Crystal Palace strain this last few years. Not exhibiting this season can offer some of the best blood in the Fancy. Won yedr 1902 38 1sts, etc., 1903 50 1sts, gold medal International Show, also N.P.C. Challenge Cup, 1904 42 1sts, also N.P.C. Challenge Cup, second year in succession, 1906 38 1sts, etc., 1907 33 1sts, etc., 1909 30 1sts, etc. What more proof? All in best and keenest competition. Have some grand yellow cocks and hens, **10/-, 12/-, 15/-, 20/-, 30/-** each. Buff cock and hens, **8/-, 10/-, 12/- 15/-, 20/-** each. Grand Matched Pairs, specially selected by myself, **15/-, 20/-, 25/-, 30/-** pair. Any on approval with pleasure. Breeders 30 years.

SANDIFORD, Canary Breeder & Judge PRESTON, LANCS.

Rollers & Singing Canaries

BREEDERS CARD.

ARTHUR CHILLCOTT, Breeder and Trainer, celebrated Water Glucke Rollers (pure Randall's), 151, South Avenue, Southend-on-Sea. Member B.R.C.C. Birds for sale, THE finest strain in England.

ALEXANDER PATTISON, Breeder and Exhibitor, Glücke, Water Glücke, Rollers (pure Randall's), 31, The Terrace, Gravesend. Member B.R.C.C.

DR. READ'S strain of Glucke and Water Glucke Rollers, 4 silver cups, 8 championship diplomas, 33 gold, silver and bronze medals (including 8 Crystal Palace and 20 B.R.C.C.), Championship diploma and gold medal for excellence in Roller exhibits at Crystal Palace, 1912: 56, Villa-st., Walworth, London, S.E.

T. W. WALTON, Breeder and Exhibitor of high-class Roller Canaries; write for prices: 20, Cecil Grove, Armley, Leeds.

WANTED Rollers: Barnes, Aviaries, Merthyr.

WANTED German Canaries, will give 6/- cocks, 1/3 hens: Mrs. Jones, 117, Hessle-rd., Hull.

HARTZ Rollers, in full song; cocks, 7/6; hens, 2/- each; cold room bred: 8, Devon's-rd., Bow, E.

SEIFERT Roller cock variegated, good deep tone, 7 days' approval; 30/-. deposit: Barnes, Draper, Bacup.

1 - WEEKLY.—For this you can have finest Roller hens, all young and healthy: Laurence, Kimbolton, Leominster.

TWELVE splendid 1911 singing cock Canaries, 5/-; hens 2/6; matched pairs, 7/-, 8/-: Morley, Baker, Linton, Cambs.

ROLLER cocks and one Linnet-Canary Mule, fine singers, 7/6 each; Roller hens 3/6: Bruce, Marine-rd., Dunbar.

EIGHT pure Seifert hens and cage, 4/- each, or what offers for lot: James Goode, Foley Park, Kidderminster.

MR. WHITTLESTONE, 54, Lindsay-st., Kettering, has pure Glucke hens for sale (Mr. Randall's strain), price 7/6 each

ROLLERS, cold room bred, own breeding; approval; cocks 10/6, 12/6; hens 4/-: Wright, 17, Recreation-terr., Holbeck, Leeds.

WATER Glucke Seifert hens, best strain obtainable, all in grand breeding condition, 4/- each: Taylor, Chanters-rd., Bideford.

SEIFERT Rollers, cocks, rung 1911, trained under Schoolmaster, from 6/-; hens 2/6 to 8/- pair: Dew, 41, Leicester-rd., Lewes.

ROLLER hens, 1911, Fisher-Randall strain, healthy, cold room, 3/6 each; all cocks sold: Hibbard, 12, Edward-rd., Folkestone.

FOUR good trained cocks, 7/6 each; splendid lot of hens, clean and good, 2/-, 2/6 each: E. Warner, 3, Park-st., Leamington

BARGAIN Seifert Roller on full song, used to hanging cage, sell, 10/-; offers: Day, 12, Blackwood, Stacksteads, Manchester.

WHAT offers in Roller cocks, full song, for lady's gold watch, quite new, cost £4; approval: M'Keand, Hamilton-pl., Castle Douglas.

CANARIES, Rollers, many changes, 8/-, 9/-, 10/-; hens, 2/6 each; approval; stamp reply: Miss Hughes, 7, Wembrook-rd., Wem, Salop.

SINGING Canaries, 9 1911 cocks in full song, 5/- each or 40/- the lot; approval, cash or deposit: Everitt, Redmile, Nottingham.

CHOICE Roller Schoolmaster, with hens to match for breeding; cheap; easy payments taken: Yeatsley, 118, Revidge-rd., Blackburn.

HIGH-CLASS Roller hens, B.R.C.C. rung, cold-room (Tweed's, Fould's), 4/-; cocks 12/6, 15/-; approval willingly: Laurie, Kirkby Stephen.

FIFTY pairs Roller Canaries ready for brood; guaranteed; 8/- pair; send disbursement: Lady Verhees, Grens, 56, Mortsel, Antwerpen.

1911 GRAND bred Seifert hens (ticked), 2/6; approval willingly; stamp reply: Bosworth, 265, Alcester-rd., King's Heath, Birmingham.

SEIFERT Roller hens; best strains; beautiful birds; bright green, yellow, and variegated, 2/6: Mrs. Buttress, Dry Drayton, Cambridge.

ST. Andreasberg cold-room bred cocks, 6/6, 7/6, and upwards; hens 2/6; two for 4/6; cash or deposit: Simmonds, Gardener, 59, Emery-st., Walsall.

NORWICH cock Canary, 7/-; Roller and Norwich cock, 6/-; fine singers; Yorkshire hen, 2/-: Rothwell, 7, Wellfield Hall, Wellfield-st., Rochdale.

HIGH-class Rollers, from cup winner (Provincial 1911), B.R.C.C. rung, 1911 cocks from 20/- upwards, hens 10/-: Banbury, 15, Railway-terr., Llanelly.

SEIFERT Rollers, 1911 from rung birds, cocks, 7/-; hens, 3/-; cold room bred and healthy: inspection invited: Robinson, Vernon-avenue, Basford, Notts.

HIGH-CLASS Roller cocks, 7/6 up; hens same strain, 2/6, 3/6 approval; six cabinets complete with cage, 3/9 each: J. Allen, Albert-st., Wednesbury.

HIGH-CLASS Rollers (Tweed's), cold-room bred, B.R.C.C. rung, splendid songsters, 12/6 each; satisfaction guaranteed: approval: Bogue, Kirkby Stephen.

NOTICE. Extra good St. Andreasberg Roller cocks, day and night songsters, 15/-; approval, easy payments taken: M'Keand, Seabright-villa, Castle-Douglas.

HIGH-CLASS Rollers at moderate prices; call and hear them; decent exchanges entertained; cocks 10/6 upwards; "Glucke" hens 5/-: Best, 5, Almaplace, Beckett-st., Leeds.

GLUCKE Rollers; two 1910 birds, cost 32/6 each; sell for 15/- each; three 1911 birds, 7/6 and 15/- each; in full song and ready for mating: Harrison, Fruiterer, Bradmore, Wolverhampton.

SEND me P.O. 8/6, I will send one of the best singing Seifert Roller cocks in England; five hens left, 2/- each, 8/- the five, cold-room bred, all 1911; approval: Harris, Ground-rd., Penistone.

THREE Roller hens, 1911, Rochl's Glucke strain direct, parents cost 70/- each; accept 6/6 each; approval willingly; exchange Glucke cocks: Evans, Cycle Dealer, 16, Northgate-st., Aberystwith.

SEIFERT hens, B.R.C.C. 1911 rung, cold room bred; better blood impossible to get; 4/-, 5/-, and 7/- each; four last season's hens, unrung, 3/6 each: J. Leigh, 57, Bold-st., Altrincham, Cheshire.

HIGH-CLASS Roller hens, Rochl's champion strain, for sale; clear and variegated; good breeders and feeders from 2/6 to 5/6; approval; deposit: Apply Sidney Sarll's Aviaries, Gamblingay, Sandy.

T. J. SMITH has a few high-class Rollers for sale; bred from own winners 1911, B.R.C.C. rung; cocks from 15/-; strong healthy hens same strain from 6/-; approval: 10, Hall-st., Wolverhampton.

PURE strain St. Andreasburg cock Rollers, 8/6, cannot be excelled for purity of song, breeding hens, same strain, rung 1911, 3/6; approval, deposit Editor: Mrs. Hermann, 489, Cambridge-rd., London.

GENUINE bargains: 3 Glucke cocks, 10/- each; 2 good deep Glucke Roller schoolmasters £1 each, B.R.C.C. rung; guaranteed same strain as my winners at Bolton and Manchester: Johnson, Jeweller, Bacup.

SEIFERT Rollers Schoolmasters, two cocks, three hens, 20/-; one cost that; will exchange pair Crested or Norwich; or anything useful to value of 25/-; approval: Macdonald, 37, Ambleside-rd., Willesden, London.

ROLLERS, Glucke hens for sale, same strain as won two 1sts at Bolton, silver cup, and 2nd in open and 2nd in team Manchester, P.R.C.C. rung, cold room bred, 5/-, 7/6 each: Turner, Plumber, Openshaw, Manchester.

CANARIES; lovely Rollers, direct from the Hartz Mountains, in full sweet song day and gaslight, a rare bargain, 7/6; real schoolmasters, 10/6; worth treble; no better songsters at any price: Goodbourn, Walgrave-st., Hull.

HIGH-class Seifert Rollers, Crystal Palace winning strain, 1911 rung; cocks 10/6, 12/6, 15/6; hens, same strain, 5/6, 7/6; satisfaction guaranteed or money returned: J. C. Banks, 49, St. Hubert's-rd., Great Harwood, Blackburn.

GERMAN Roller Canaries, in full song, cold room, English bred: parents and young ones for sale; cocks from 6/6, hens 2/6; inspection invited: travelling cages 3d. extra: J. Hardman, 25, Withington-st., Broad-st., Pendleton, Manchester.

NOTICE.—I won a special (Class 2, Novice) for Glucke at Wolverhampton in November; some very good cocks and hens for sale, cocks 12/6 upwards, hens 5/-; Glucke and Water-Glucke strains: Harry Dimmock, 49, Providence-st., Cradley Heath.

WINS this season: Champion classes, Wolverhampton, two 1sts, 4th, he, c, specials, cup, bass, hollow roll; Leeds, 2nd, 4th, 6th, vhc, c; Horticultural Hall, London, 2nd, 4th, vhc, bc, specials, two for bass, one water glucke; cocks, same strain, 15/-, 20/- upwards; hens 7/6, 10/- each; approval: Willows, Draper, Wednesbury.

SPLENDID OPPORTUNITY FOR BEGINNERS.—Am compelled to dispose of the whole of my breeding stock of Seifert Rollers, Rochl's strain, consisting of three grand cocks (two prize-winners) and ten hens, all in perfect health; majority B.R.C.C. rung; also three large wire double breeders, 5ft. flight, quantity of nest boxes, six singing cages, training boxes, contest cages, numerous water and seed pots, all complete; will accept £10 the lot, or will split; must be sold: Orton, 59, Muswell-rd., N.

HIGH-CLASS SEIFERT ROLLER

cocks, full rolling song, 8/6, 10/6, upwards; hens, 3/6, two for 6/6; seven days' approval: John Wyre, Colley-lane, Cradley, Staffs, Breeder.

GRANDEST STRAIN OF ROLLERS

in the country; cold room bred; trained under Roller organ; cocks 10/-, 12/6, 15/- upwards, hens 2/6; seven days' approval; cash or deposit: F. Cartwright, Breeder and Trainer, 15, Farfield, Kidderminster. Established 25 years.

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related to his cup winners, from 15/- to 50/-, club rung; satisfaction guaranteed: Welcome Hotel, Great Marton, Blackpool.

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trained to perfection under Nightingale, Woodlark and water-bubble runs, in pink of condition; sure to please wherever they go; 6/6, 7/6; hens 2/3 each, two 4/-; Norwich Canaries, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/- pair: Matt Hopkins, Bird Specialist and Cagemaker, 11, Fylde-st., Preston, Lancashire. Est. 1895.

Pure Seifert Rollers.

Superb Songsters; thoroughly trained under Nightingale and Woodlark, and with good long hollow and double rolls, water-bubble runs, etc., etc. Free from chopping or any objectionable tours. Every cock guaranteed in full rolling song by day and gaslight. I invite you to come and select one for yourself, but if you cannot do so I will send one for your approval with pleasure. Cocks, **10/6, 12/6, 15/-, 17/6, 20/-** each; hens, same strain, **3/6, 5/-, 6/-, 7/6, 10/-** each. A few real contest singers at **25/-, 30/-, 40/-,** and **50/-** each. Just let me send one on for your approval. Send a P.C. for my free illustrated catalogue.

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One Testimonial selected from Hundreds:—February 2, 1912.—Mr. M. Beaumont, 5, Stepney Place, Llanelly, says: "The Contest Roller you sent me on the 27th of December, 1911, has taken special and fourth prize at our Roller Contest Show."

Deposit with Editor. Send for one of these on trial, and also send for one from any other dealer at any price up to **40/-** and judge for yourself. Hens **3/6** and **4/6** each, same well-known strain. St. Andreasburg Rollers, in full rolling song, **5/6, 6/6,** and **7/6** each. Catalogue free. Patronised by Royalty, Experts, and Judges.

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Three pure Seifert Rollers [illegible] one with few faulty notes, splendid [illegible] 7/6, same strain, my Boston winner B.R.C.C. rung; six Roller hens left lot, B.R.C.C. rung; approval, deposit [illegible] Curzon-rd., Southport.

THE HALL MARK

of quality in Roller Canaries is the name "Weber." If you get a Weber's Leipzig Roller you may depend upon having a bird that is absolutely "top notch." For years past I have publicly stated that for quality of song, variety and number of changes, and lowness of price, no other Roller on the market can approach the Leipzig Roller, of which I am sole importer. Won't you test the truth of this statement by having one on week's trial, and test it side by side against any other higher priced one from elsewhere. It does not matter if you have no intention of buying the bird, I shall be pleased to send it just the same. I now have about 1,500 genuine Leipzig Roller cocks, all 1911 bred birds, and guaranteed in full song day and gaslight, with long hollow and double rolls, sweet silvery trills, soft roulades, waterbubble runs, piccolo trills, jug-jug of Nightingale, bell, harp, flute, and gong notes, etc., etc., and warranted entirely free from titlark, chopping, or other objectionable notes whatever, price 8/- and 9/- each. Special bandmasters, which excel in the deep bass and hollow bell tours, 10/- and 12/6 each. Hens, guaranteed same strain as above cocks, 5/- each, two 5/6. I also have a few extra special contest Roller cocks, in glorious song, at 15/- and 20/- each. These contest birds are guaranteed of the original Seifert blood; their song is exceptionally soft and mellow, which is like a cascade of ever-flowing melody. Hens of same strain as contest cocks, 4/- each, two 7/6. I also hold a very large stock of loud free singing Hartz cocks, all in full vigorous song day and gaslight, real ceiling lifters, and just the thing where plenty of loud song is required, price 6/- each. Hartz hens, 2/6 each, two 4/-; singing-box cages, 1/6 each. Special Roller singing cabinet cages, with loose fronts and folding doors, 2/6 and 3/6 each. Following few letters are entirely unsolicited, and will give an idea of quality of Leipzig Rollers. "16, Thomas St., Tonypandy, Feb. 19.—Sir, I am quite satisfied with Leipzig Roller you sent on Dec. 1st. He is a grand songster, singing all day and every day. Thanking you for splendid bird and straightforward dealing with strangers.—Yours, D. Davies." "Victoria St., Stocksbridge, nr. Sheffield, Feb. 16.—Sir, Please send another Roller as good as one you sent a year ago. He has turned out a splendid songster, and all who have heard him say so.—Yours, W. Rodgers." "Chester-le-Street, Feb. 16.—Sir, Roller and cage arrived safe, and am quite satisfied. Bird gives every satisfaction. Unpacked 9 in morning, and singing grandly in afternoon. Thank you very much.—Yours, J. Sewell, senr." "Phyllis St., Barry Island, Feb. 17.—Sir, I am more than satisfied with Roller. You will take some beating with Rollers, as I have paid £2 for one and not near as good as yours, at 12/6.—Yours, Fred Westall." "65, Balfour Rd., Normanton, Feb. 17.—Sir, Contest Roller doing splendidly. I am highly satisfied; he is a gem. I again thank you for such a beautiful songster. It's the best I've heard lately.—Yours G. Taylor." "Beech View, Whaley Bridge, Feb. 14—Sir, Roller I had from you on Dec. 13th is singing splendidly and I am very pleased, as it sings night and day. Please send two hens.—Yours, F. Wyld." "87, Connsbrook Avenue, Belfast, Feb. 7.—Sir, Please send following. I may say Roller I had 4 years ago is still singing hard every day.—Yours, T. McCaughan." "17, Durham-St., Scarborough, Feb. 5th.—Sir, Please send following. I must tell you I got a cock Roller from you last season, and he gives us more than satisfaction. Grand songster.—Yours, C. Youngman." Please note.—Every genuine Weber's Leipzig Roller is stamped on wing, "Hans Weber, Leipzig," and I am the only importer of this strain. They can not be obtained only from me. All are safely and warmly packed in special travelling cages, and sent on full week's trial at my risk immediately on receipt of cash, if same is deposited with Editor, and unless you get perfect satisfaction and your every expectation realised, your money is refunded in full.

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Wolverhampton, 1st, 2nd, vhc, champion class; Leeds, 2nd, hc, c, open limit class.

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Wakefield, 3rd, 4th, hc, champion class.

Bolton, 1st, 2nd, 3rd, champion class; Bolton, 2nd, amateur class; Bolton, 1st, 3rd, 4th, limit class.

Manchester, 2nd, vhc, hc, c, champion class; Manchester, 1st and 4th, amateur class; Manchester, 1st, 2nd, 4th, 5th, Limit class.

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SCOTCH Fancies, 2 buff cocks, 2 buff hens, 3 yellow cocks; young: Wm. Neil, 30, Stirrat-place, Barrhead.

SCOTCH Fancies, 2 buff pied cocks, buff hen, or exchange for yellow cock: D. Watson, Woodside, Douglas, Lanark.

YELLOW green hen, good blood, very stylish, 25/-; or exchange good Persian female cat; approval: Low, Tannery, Cupar.

SCOTCH FANCY yellow cock, Buff pied cock, buff and buff pied hens, prize strain: D. Burgess, 17, Colinton-rd., Edinburgh.

SEVEN pairs Scotch Fancies, 1st and 2nd crosses, 1910 birds, price reasonable: H. H. F. McConnell, 193, Templemore-avenue, Belfast.

SCOTCH FANCIES.—Surplus stock; six hens, five cocks, mostly young; cheap to clear: Mitchell, Riverbank-st., Mewmilns, Ayrshire.

SCOTCH Fancies, 1911 birds; pairs or single, from high-class birds; sound condition; moderate; approval: Rosehank Cottage, Newmilns.

GIVING up; 12 Scotch Fancies for sale, also Norwich feeders, breeding and show cages; also large flight: Wm. Prentice, Millbank, Yoker, near Glasgow.

SCOTCH FANCY.—Two yellow cocks, two buff cocks, four buff pied cocks, two green cocks, one buff hen, two buff pied hens, one green hen: Hugh Moore, 21, Kelburn-st., Barrhead.

SCOTS Fancy 1910 buff cock and yellow hen, 25/- pair, good birds, sound condition, overstocked; also young Border Fancy hens, cheap, approval: Mills, 29, Royal Park-terrace, Edinburgh.

SCOTCH Fancies for sale; two buff pied cocks, two clean yellow cocks, buff pied hen, also yellow hens; young birds; good strain; prices moderate: James Little, 130, Cross Arthurlie-st., Barrhead.

GRAND lot, tip-top Scotch Fancies, 20/-, 25/-, 30/-, 40/- each, including actual winners; birds full of nerve and well up on legs, good shoulders and position: W. Rudd, The Bird Specialist, Norwich.

SCOTCH FANCIES.—One yellow pied cock, one yellow green cock, one yellow green hen; all young birds and of grand strain; 12/6 each to clear: Pringle, 61, Cambridge-drive, North Kelvinside, Glasgow.

SCOTCH Fancies 6 1911 bred, 4 1910, all bred from show birds, with long sides, fine heads, good shoulders, standing well on legs, 2 yell. hens, 2 yellow cocks, 3 buff cocks, 3 buff hens, from 15/- to £3 each; approval: Little, 140, Raby-st., Byker, Newcastle-on-Tyne.

Yorkshires.

BREEDERS' CARDS.

Messrs. AMBLERS (late of Bradford), Langton Lodge, Scotton, Knaresborough, Yorkshire, the champion Yorkshire breeders. Fountain head for winners or stud birds; 30 years' strain. See winnings at big shows.

J. BAILEY, Breeder and Exhibitor of high-class Yorkshire Canaries.—8, South View terrace, Sandy-lane, Allerton, Bradford, Yorks.

SAMUEL DEAN, Breeder of high-class Yorkshires, in clear, ticked, variegated, or green; prices to suit all.—6, Ash Mount, Gt. Horton, Bradford.

JONAS KNIGHT, over 20 years' breeder high-class Yorkshire Canaries in all varieties; home and shipping orders for show and stock birds a speciality: Allerton, Bradford, Yorkshire.

WANTED Yorkshires: Barnes, Aviaries, Merthyr.

BUFF cock 6/6, two yellow cocks 7/6 each; yellow hen, 3/-: Cowlen, Outfitter, Portland.

YORKSHIRE cocks, 8/6; hens, 3/6; pairs, 11/- pair: 41, Swaffield-rd., Earlsfield, Wandsworth.

CLEARING out six pairs Yorkshire Canaries; £2 5/- lot: Robinson, 15, Wheat-st., Ingrow, Keighley.

SIX grand 1911 bred Yorkshire, hens, yellow or buff, 3/6 each, or 10/- lot: A. Brammer, Armitage, Staffordshire.

YORKSHIRES, best blood obtainable, cocks 6/6 and upwards, hens 4/- upwards; pairs, 10/6 upwards, full of quality: Barber, 31, Sydney-rd., Enfield, Middlesex.

LONG slim yellow or buff Yorkshire cocks, 5/- 6/-, 7/6; hens 3/6, 4/6: Lister, 166, Rectory-rd., Gateshead.

YORKSHIRES, all colours; cock 6/- to 12/6; hens 2/6 to 6/-; inspection invited: Rolfe, 2, Newton-st., Hoxton.

GRAND long Yorkshires, pairs from 16/- upwards; inspection invited: W. South, 30, Melbourne-rd., East Ham, E.

YELLOW marked cocks, 12/6 each, worth 15/-, 20/-; and others, 7/6: Miss M. Walker, 56, Queen's-rd., Wimbledon.

LONG typical Yorkshire cocks, 5/6, 7/6, 10/6; racy hens, 5/-, 6/-; pairs, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-; approval: Hanford, 263, Osmaston-rd., Derby.

HIGH-CLASS Yorkshires and Belgian crosses, some fine, from 7/6; stamp reply: Fletcher, Home House, Whitby, Yorks.

HAVE selected own stock; can spare six cocks, four hens; grand young birds; 35/- lot: Barfe, Pateley Bridge.

YORKSHIRES.—Cocks, 1911, singing, 5/-; no hens sent for cocks; warranted: Duckworth, Hammerton Yard, Burnley.

A FEW grand Yorkshire hens, buffs, cheap, 3/6 each to clear: O'Hagan, 50, Monkton-rd. Back, Jarrow-on-Tyne.

TYPICAL Yorkshires, grand quality; cocks from 6/-; hens from 4/-: E. Stobart, 26, Bairstow-lane, Sowerby Bridge.

WANTED Yorkshire Canaries; will give 5/6 cocks, 6/- colour-fed cocks; 1/6 hens: Mrs. Jones, 117, Hessle-rd., Hull.

YORKSHIRES, long and slim, to make room, will sacrifice matched pairs 10/6, worth 20/-: French, 702, Fulham-rd., S.W.

BUFF Cinnamon marked Yorkshire cock, 8/6; clear yellow cock, 8/6; yellow hen, 4/-: Eastoe, 88, York-rd., Southend-on-Sea.

YORKSHIRES, three pairs, grand type, 1911, 12/6 pair; two 1910 yellow hens, 7/6 each: Wills, Fireman's Cottage, Wadebridge.

HIGH-CLASS Yorkshires. Have a few good birds for disposal; reasonable: Morgan, 20, Lessingham-avenue, Tooting, S.W.

HIGH-CLASS Yorkshires, grand quality pairs, from 8/6 and upwards; cold-room bred: George Harding, 30a, Larch-rd., Balham.

FIVE pairs of high-class Yorkshire Canaries, Battye's strain; also double breeding cages, cheap: 294, Wyld's-lane, Worcester.

THREE real good pairs Yorkshires, cheap, 15/- pair, bred off winners; room wanted: Rand, 47, Wicklow-st., Middlesbro.

PAIR high-class long, slim, stylish Yorkshire Canaries, properly matched, price 10/6: E. Parratt, Edderthorpe-st., Bradford.

YORKSHIRE Canaries, cocks 5/- to 10/-, hens from 3/6; good pair for breeding, 15/-: Sykes, 31, Kaye-st., Saviletown, Dewsbury.

YORKSHIRES. Several good pairs for sale, 10/6, 12/6, 15/- pair; satisfaction guaranteed; cold room: Hunt, 31, Cotton-st., Poplar.

J. BURTON has some grand Yorkshires to spare, inspection invited, Sunday morning preferred: Flat 6, 87, Great Titchfield-st., W.

FOUR good stock buff cocks, unflighted, 12/6 each; clear, marked and ticked; approval, deposit: Bullen, 43, Walpo'e-rd., Bromley, Kent.

HIGH-CLASS Yorkshires; cocks from 10/-; hens from 5/-; seen any time by appointment: Atkinson, 124, Stamford-st., Old Trafford.

YORKSHIRES.—Good yellow and buff hens for sale; prize-bred, or exchange for cocks: Inwood, Pippbrook Lodge, Dorking, Surrey.

SEVEN unflighted Yorkshire hens, clears, high-class breeding stock; sell cheap; offers; exchange Budgerigars: Clark, Arbor-hill, Slough.

HANDSOME Yorkshire cocks, grand songsters, 5/6, 6/-; hens, 4/-; pairs, 8/6, 9/6; value unapproachable; approval: Hatton, Aviaries, Belper.

CLEAR buff Yorkshires, 2 cocks and 2 hens, 1911 birds, cocks 10/- each, hens 4/- each: Coombe, 5, Sedgeford-rd., Shepherd's Bush, W.

HIGH class Yorkshires, singles or matched pairs, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, 18/-, 21/-; approval: Ernest Cheshire, 26, Crawford-st., Bradford.

TWELVE pairs Yorkshires for sale, green and cinnamon marked, also clears; approval: Smith, 2, Gooseberry-place, Allerton, Bradford.

NOTICE. Grand lot Yorkshires, many winners; prices low, easy payments taken; approval: M'Leand, Seabright-villa, Castle-Douglas.

SEVER many first-class clear yellow cock, 7½ inches, gift, 15/-; approval; Norwich pairs, 10/-: Holt, Holland House, Hawick, Scotland.

FOR sale, clear or green marked Yorkshires Canaries, 1911 cocks, from 8/6; hens, 4/-; cold-room: Thompson, 49, Banstead-grove, Roundhey-rd., Leeds.

GOOD lengthy Yorkshires, stock birds, cinnamon marked and clears, cocks 5/-, hens 3/-; approval: Fred Blackburn, Brompton, Northallerton.

OUTDOOR, healthy uncoloured Yorkshire hens, yellow 3/6, buff 2/6; buff cocks 5/-, related own breeding: Pain, Fairview-rd., Chigwell, Essex.

GRAND Yorkshires, superior quality, every bird standard length; pairs from 12/6; also few hens: J. Neal, 13, Humber-st., Eccles New-rd., Weaste.

SACRIFICING at half value, magnificent matched pairs, prices up to £2, approval, satisfaction guaranteed: Negus, 4, Monmouth-rd., Abergavenny.

LONG slim yellow Yorkshire cocks and hens; healthy birds, 1911 bred; cheap; cash or deposit system: J. Brown, 47, Goldhey-st., Blackburn.

CINNAMON marked and Cinnamon Yorkshire cock Canaries, strong, good birds, from 8/6: Mills, Elsmore, Westwood-avenue, Timperley, Cheshire.

TWO yellow Yorks hens, unflighted, left; well up on leg and feathered like wax; 5/- each or 9/6 the two: approval willingly: Anton Bros., Spalding.

1911. Buff and yellow, typical Yorkshire hens, related, big winners, parents cost pounds, 4/-, 5/- each; approval: Harry Smith, Connah's Quay, Chester.

MASSIVE buff cock, 1910; over 7 inches, proved excellent stud bird, good feeder, 12/6; yellow 1911 hen, 5/6; pair 16/6: Clegg, 178, Bentley-rd., Doncaster.

TYPICAL colour-fed healthy Yorkshire, fouls, clears, cocks 5/-, 6/-; pairs, 7/6, 8/6; approval, deposit: Foxon, Bootdealer, Newbuildings, Hinckley.

FEW very nice Yorkshires, reasonable, related to winners at Eastbourne, Portsmouth, Brighton, Wimbledon: Brooks, 2, Devonshire-rd., Horsham.

HAVING selected my breeding stock, have two pairs of Yorkshires left, very cheap to clear: Holliday, Rockholm, Vincent-avenue, Shirley, Southampton.

CLEARING out. Pairs 9/-; cocks 7/-, hens 3/-, 1910 and 1911 birds, cold-room, healthy; stamp particulars; approval, cash or deposit: Fry, 16, Charles-st., Bridgend.

ATKINSON and Firth can supply dealers with large or small quantities of large colour-fed Yorkshires; prices reasonable; apply: 403, Rooley-lane, Bradford.

GOOD Yorkshires for sale, long straight birds; cocks from 5/-; pairs, 7/6 upwards; on approval; cash or deposit: Dearden, Spriog-st., Brighouse, Yorkshire.

LOVELY pairs Yorks., matched, from winning strain, cocks, full song, 7/6; hens, 3/6; approval, deposit, or call: Mrs. Hermann, 489, Cambridge-rd., London, E.

NINE 1911 hens, cold-room, warranted healthy, 2/- each; offer for lot: Stringer, 176, Droop-st., Queen's Park, W.

GEO. BUTLER, breeder and exhibitor, has high-class Yorkshires for sale; cocks from 7/6; hens from 3/6 and upwards; cold room: 26, Burrowlee-rd., Owlerton, Sheffield.

YORKSHIRES, breeding sets, yellows or buffs; cock and two hens, own breeding; cocks in full song; 14 days' approval; 15/- set: Greaves, 105, Boothtown-rd., Halifax.

25 YORKSHIRE cocks, 12 hens, some clinkers, cocks full song; must clear, room wanted; what offers for lot; quick sale for best offer: W. Penton, 1, Commercial-st., London, E.

HIGH class Yorkshires, 50 pairs, splendid length, type and quality; cocks 6/-, hens 4/-; inspection invited; approval; satisfaction guaranteed: Priestley, 121, Gaythorne-rd., Bradford.

H. C. HEDWORTH has 5 Yorkshires for disposal, buff cock, 12/6, one buff, 3 yellow hens, 7/6 to 15/- each, good birds, cold room, Ambler's pure strain; approval: Dudley-rd., Grantham.

YORKSHIRES (genuine) cocks, 1911, clear and ticked, good songsters, 6/6, clear buff hen, 1910, reliable, 3/6, healthy, cold room, overstocked: Hibbard, 12, Edward-rd., Folkestone.

GRAND pair of Yorkshire Canaries, nesting, and large breeding cage, cock, winner, rare chance for beginner, 12/6 lot; rare bargain: H. Hawkes, 29, Russell-rd., South Tottenham, N.

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CLUB & SOCIETY NOTICES

ONE notice of any forthcoming Society meeting inserted free. It should reach us not later than Tuesday morning's post. Specially printed Club Notice Postcards may be had free on application to our Manager. Secretaries should always use them.

Abersychan C.B.S.—March 2, Queen's Hotel, 6. Very important.—F. Sweeting.

Adwick-le-Street C.B.S.—Feb. 24, Forester's Arms. Table show for pairs: Yorks. 1, No. 1, Crest and C.B. 1, Mules 1, Hyb. 1; staging 5. Judge, Mr. F. Barker. Members' subs. now due. New members enrolled after show.—G. H. Robinson.

Anfield, Everton C.B.S.—March 11, St. Cuthbert's Schoolrooms, Robson St., Anfield, 8. Distribution of members' cards, syllabus, 1912, and CAGE BIRDS ANNUALS; lecture, "Pairing up," by Geoff Benson, Esq.; election of an extra vice-chairman, etc.—R. B. Wright.

Bradford National Show Committee.—Feb. 28, Market Tavern, Bradford, 8. Selection of judges for next show; special meeting; all interested please attend.—H. Hill.

Brighouse C.B.S.—Feb. 29, Round House Inn, 8. Table show, pairs. Judge, Mr. T. Bentley (Cleckheaton).—F. Mitchell.

Bonnyrigg C.B.S.—Feb. 24, Forrester's Arms, 7.30. General; enrolling new members.—G. Harper.

Boldon Colliery C.B.S.—Feb. 24, Store Buildings, 7. Table show. Judge, Mr. A. Widdowfield.—A. Widdowfield.

Barrington and Choppington C.B.S.—Feb. 24, Social Club, 7. Take subs, etc.—T. Griffiths.

Blaydon C.B.S.—March 2, Co-op. Library, 7.30. Election of judges for annual show, etc. Fanciers invited.—G. Hayver.

Birmingham (South) O.S.—Feb. 24, Large Showroom, Sydenham Hotel, Small Heath, 6 p.m. Members' show and social; numerous attractions, admittance free; ent. close same evening.—J. Sheppard.

City and Suburban A.C.B.—Feb. 26, Church Institute, 60, Paddington St., 8.15 p.m. "Egg-food" competition; decision by ballot. Intending competitors to bring ingredients and tools. Interested visitors welcomed.—H. W. Dickinson.

Choppington C.B.S.—Feb. 24, Railway Hotel, 7.30. Classification; new members, etc.—G. H. Seely.

City of Wakefield O.S.—Feb. 24, Crown and Anchor, 8. Important; balance sheet, etc.—J. Isherwood.

City of Bradford O.S.—Feb. 24, Market Tavern, Godwin Street, 5.30. Annual tea, social, and members' prize distribution; fanciers invited; tickets 1/6 each.—F. Rhodes.

Chester C.B.S.—Feb. 26, Nag's Head Cocoa House, 8.30. Arrangement for show, etc.—R. N. Williams.

Dalton C.B.A.—Feb. 24, Y.M.C.A. Rooms, 7.30.—F. Houldsworth.

Eccleshill C.B.A.—Feb. 24, Fountain Inn. Annual supper and distribution of prizes, supper at 7 p.m, —W. Nettleton.

East Ham F.S.—Feb. 26, Earl of Wakefield, Old Street, East Ham, 8. General meeting. All matter for handbook to be in by that date. Judges for shows, and nominations for lectures.—H. Rutter.

Falkirk O.S.—Feb. 24, King's Head, Roberts Wynd, 8. To appoint judges.—W. Niven.

Gateshead C.B.S.—Feb. 27, Lockhart's Cafe, 7.30. Adjourned annual meeting; judges, rules, etc.—A. Holden.

Grangemouth O.S.—March 1, Boilermakers' Hotel, 8. Enrolling new members.—J. Woodhouse.

Great Horton O.S.—Feb. 24, Butchers' Arms, 8. Special business; new rules, etc.—J. Holroyd.

Grimsby O.S.—Feb. 29, Slatter's Rooms, 8. Yell. cock and buff hen; buff ck. and yell. hen; A.O.V. Can.; A.O.V. Novice; Goldfinch or Bullfinch, Linnet, Siskin, Twite, or Redpoll, Greenfinch, A.O.S. Brit.—Towl and Smith.

Glasgow and Western Counties C.B.S.—Feb. 24, Good Templar's Hall, 122, Ingram St., 6.30. Pair show, six classes (cl. Nor. pairs, variegated, ditto, ditto Borders, A.O.V. pairs, sell. Nor. pairs., 30s.). Numerous specials.—W. Connelly.

Grimsby and Cleethorpes Roller C.C.—Feb. 24, Brunson's Rest, birds 3, tea 6 p.m. Members' show, tea, and whist drive. Members please attend accompanied by wife or lady friend.—H. Mason.

Huddersfield O.S.—Feb. 26, Old Hat Hotel, 8. To discuss ballot paper sent out by the Yorks. Union.—F. J. Sykes.

Hetton-le-Hole B.B.S.—Feb. 24, Crown Inn, 7. "Smoker," all members expected to attend and bring a friend.—A. J. Notley.

Highgate and Hampstead C.B.S.—Feb. 24, 2 till 9.30. Pair show. Judge, Mr. J. Robson; all members and friends kindly note.—G. T. Clark.

Holmfirth C.B.S.—March 2, Headquarters, 2.30. Members' pair show; selling class.—T. Smith.

Heywood O.S.—Feb. 27, Rochdale Hall, Pine St., 7.30. Mating competition of Nor. pairs. Judge, Mr. J. Lees (Rochdale).—A. H. Meadowcroft.

Hebden Bridge C.B.F.A.—Feb. 27, Sello's Dining Rooms, 7.30. General meeting; election of officers and pie supper.—A. Roberts.

Ilkeston C.B.S.—March 2, Royal Oak, 7. Election of officers; paying out members' show.—T. Smith.

Kelty and Blairadam C.B.A.—Feb. 24, No. 1, Gothenburgh, 5. Breeding pairs show. Judges and classification for open show.—A. Dickson.

Lancaster C.B.S.—March 2, Market Hall, Coffee Tavern, 7.30. Important; now friends make this a record meeting and bring a new member.—J. Bostock.

Luton C.B.S.—Feb 27. Table show; 2 classes for mule pairs, 2 British, 1 For. Mr. Driver, judge.—E. Bloomfield.

Leigh C.B.S.—Feb. 28, Railway Hotel, 7.45. Electing judge for table N.F.S. show.—R. Charleson.

Longton C.B.S.—Feb. 27, Castle Inn, 7.30. Table show, No. 2, prizes and single; Yorks., ditto; Mule, 1; Hyb. 1; Goldfinch, 1; Linnet, 1; A.O.S. Brit. 1. 4d. per cage; 1s. to society's funds. Mr. C. Birks, judge.—G. Lea.

Morley C.B.S.—Feb. 17, Sycamore Hotel, 7.30. Schedules, etc., for season 1912 shows.—D. Holliday.

Midland Roller C.C.—Feb. 29, Swan and Peacock, Wolverhampton, 8. Important.—T. J. Smith.

Northern Crest Club.—Feb. 28, Station Cafe, Fawcett Street, Sunderland, 7.30. Balance sheet; election of officers, etc.—J. G. Hutchinson.

Northern B.B.M. & F.B.C.—Feb. 28, Lockhart's Cafe, 65, Grainger St., Newcastle-on-Tyne, 8.15 p.m. General business; selection of medallions, etc. Table show, three classes: 1 Linnet (F.M.), 2 Greenfinch (F.M.), 3 For. (small).—G. Taylor.

North Shields C.B.C.—March 6, 37, Howdon Road, N.S., 7.30. Talks on interesting topics, by heads of club.—R. P. Fox.

Newsham C.B.C.—Feb. 24, Willow Tree Inn, 7.30. Fanciers wishing to join invited, or give games to.—C. Snowdon.

Northern Counties Norwich Club.—Feb. 28, Lockhart's, 65, Grainger St., 7.30. Final selection of medals, table show (4 classes); fanciers invited.—W. Curry.

North Manchester C.B.S.—Feb. 27, St. Stephen's Schools, Conran St., Harpurhey, 8. Washing demonstration by Mr. H. Robinson; fanciers and friends invited.—J. Davey.

National B.B. and M.C.—Feb. 29, Feathers Hotel, Gt. Chapel St., Westminster, 8. Adjourned annual general meeting for election of officers.—Plumbridge and Carr.

Oldham C.B.S.—Feb. 27, Textile Dining Rooms, Shaw Road, 8. Lecture on the Roller, also contest for same; fanciers and friends invited.—J. Cope.

Partick C.B.C.—March 1, Trades Halls, 8. General show of muling pairs and consideration of rules.—J. Henderson.

Pentre C.B.S.—Feb. 24, Headquarters, 8. General. —Geo. Lingard.

Paisley, Tannahill O.S.—March 2, Lockie's, 2, St. James's St., 7.30. Admission of new members, etc. —J. Stewart.

Provincial Roller C.C.—Feb. 24, Old Boar's Head, Corporation St., Manchester, 6. Members and friends please attend.—A. Percival.

Pendleton and Salford O.S.—Feb. 26, Irwell, Castle Street, Bronghton, 8. Prize cards; important; re-inter-club show.—Critchley and Metcalfe.

Rochdale Good Intent C.B.S.—Feb. 28, Temperance Club, Toad Lane. Pairing class: Lancs., staged 7.30 sharp. Judge, Mr. W. Adams.—T. Holt.

Rycroft B.C.B.—March 2, Queen Hotel, 8. Admission of new members, etc.—W. Wilshaw.

Rochdale O.C.—Feb. 26, Club Rooms, 8.30. Committee meeting.—R. Brincoe.

Runcorn B.B.A.—March 1, Mariners' Arms Hotel, Percival Lane, 7.30. Lecture on pairs for breeding, by Mr. S. Hadwin (Sec. Border Fancy Club). Fanciers and friends heartily invited.—J. Fearnett.

Rotherham C.B.S.—Feb. 24, College Inn, 8. General meeting and presentation of bird and cage to a friend. Fanciers invited.—B. Bailey.

Sowerby Bridge C.B.S.—Feb. 29, Wharfe Hotel, 8. General meeting.—Sutcliffe and Walker.

Stirling C.B.S.—March 2, Douglas Hotel, 8. Annual general meeting. Financial statement; election of office bearers, etc.—W. Bishop.

Scottish National C.B.S.—Feb. 24, 142, High St., Edinburgh, 5. Financial statement; election of office-bearers, etc.—A. W. Watson.

Sunderland C.B.A.—March 2, Fawcett St. Cafe, 7.30. General.—J. Jeffrey.

Swansea C.B.A.—Feb. 27, Market Coffee Tavern, 8. Match pair show, Nor. 2, Yorks. 2, Bord. 4, Mules 3, Hyb. 1; visitors cordially invited free. Judge, Mr. J. W. Ford.—S. H. George.

West Stanley C.B.S.—Feb. 24, Town Hall, 7.30. Election of judges.—W. Elliott.

Wibsey C.B.S.—Feb. 24, Horse and Groom Inn, 8. Adjourned annual general meeting.—H. C. Crossley.

Wigan C.B.S.—March 2, Legs of Man, 8. Lecture on the pairing of Canaries, by Mr. Dyer. Fanciers invited.—H. Young.

West Bromwich C.B.S.—Feb. 27, Dartmouth Hotel, 8. Lecture by Mr. F. J. Weaver (Wolverhampton) on "Pairing Norwich Plainheads: Anticipations and Results." All invited.—W. G. Andrews.

Warrington C.B.S.—Feb. 29, Blue Bell Sale-rooms, 8. Paper by Mr. Knowles, on "Rearing Canaries."—G. M. Nelson.

GATESHEAD & DISTRICT C.B.S.

Annual General Meeting.

Annual general meeting held Feb. 14th, Mr. R. Tindale presiding over a good attendance. Correspondence read. Secretary presented copy of his balance-sheet for 1911, which, after discussion, was passed, Mr. Taylor generously offering to have them typed. They will be sent out before next meeting. Election of officers: President, Alderman Grilles; Vice-presidents (names of four gentlemen put forward, having given their consent, viz., J. Knox, Esq.; J. W. Wakefield, Esq.; J. Davidson, Esq., and Dr. Clayton)—elected; Chairman, Mr. Tindale again, he having filled his post so well during the past year, it was felt we could not do without him, though it had been his intention to resign. Vice-chairman: Mr. T. Almond (one of our late chairmen) again brought into harness. Secretary: Mr. Holden having tendered his resignation at previous meeting, 3 or 4 names were proposed, but none seemed inclined to accept, and after some little discussion, Mr. J. Davidson, of Low Fell, volunteered to take office for 1912. In taking office he expects to have the united support of all members, and hopes the year 1912 may prove the best Gateshead Society has had. Treasurer: Mr. T. Almond; Committee also elected. Show date fixed for 13th and 14th Dec. Will other societies please note? Mr. W. Longstaff's resignation considered, he having been a member for over 12 years, and one of our best supporters. Three or four expressed their sorrow at his leaving us, and it was decided that he be made an honorary member. New members accepted: Messrs. A. Walker (Monkwearmouth), W. Marshall (Blyth), R. Armstrong (Tyne Dock), J. Gray and T. Thwaites (Gateshead), T. Bewick (Windy Nook), G. Willis and J. E. Foster (Newcastle). Meeting adjourned until Feb. 27th for election of judges, rules, etc.—A. Holden, Sec. and Treas.

LOCHGELLY AND DIST. C.B.S.

Meeting held Drill Hall, 3rd Feb., Mr. Wildridge presiding. Moved, that any deputation get a reas- presiding. Moved, that any deputation get a reasonable allowance from club funds towards expenses. Moved, that Stephen cup be open to Bowhill and Lochore District. Moved, that three of committee be appointed to draw up rules, seeing it is now a district show. Classification was then entered on. Scotch Fancies: Moved and seconded to let lie over; Borders: Moved that Forfar schedule be adopted; Yorks.: Same as last year; Crests: That Grizzles be put together; 2 limit classes, 20s. and 15s.; Nor.: Moved, that they remain as they are, non-feds to include Greens. "Smoker" to be held at Bay Horse Tavern, 24th Feb., at 7 o'clock.—Whiteford and Young, Sec.

SHEFFIELD O.S.

Meeting held "Rose and Crown," Waingate, Feb 6th, Mr. T. Dawn presiding. Very large and enthusiastic attendance. Chief event, a table show of matched pairs (prize money 5s., 2s. 6d. and 1s. 6d., and no entry fee). Champions and novices had a class each. Our secretary judged. During judging the assistant secretary took charge of the books. A fishing club was formed, the committee instructed to draw up a scheme for working same, also rules and regulations to be submitted. Several new members enrolled. Next meeting Mar. 5, lecture on the Yorkshire Canary, by Mr. H. Wilkinson (Stockebridge), fanciers, especially novices, invited. Principal winners in table show: Champions, Messrs. T. Ridale, Bagnall; novices, Messrs. Sissons, Webster.—J. A. T. Woodall, Press correspondent.

DARLINGTON C.B.S.

Annual general meeting held Labour Hall, Feb. 14, Mr. R. Todd presiding over a good attendance. Balance sheet showed the society had still a balance in hand of £3. The members have every reason to congratulate themselves on the great success, as the society had paid specials to members to the sum of £5 for members' shows. Election of officers: Chairman, Mr. Brown; treasurer, Mr. Cornor; sec., Mr. Todd; assist. sec., Mr. R. Todd. Decided to hold pair show Mar. 6, at 7.30. Classes: Yorks, Nor., A.O.V., Muling pairs, Hybrid pairs, and two classes for British (Linnet, Siskin, Redpoll, and Twite, and A.O.V.); cash special for each class. There will be two cash specials for most points for coming year, one for Canary section and one for British birds.—H. Todd, sec.

NATIONAL GREEN-MARKED YCC

Committee meeting held Feb. 10th, Market Tavern, Bradford, Mr. W. H. Shackleton (President) in chair. Decided, that the objection by Mr. L. Dykes be deferred, as he was unavoidably absent. That the Sec. write the Liverpool O.S. and Palace Secs. respecting another objection on account of omissions from catalogues, either by show officials or defendant. Union Sec. reported that all those belonging to Union shows were perfectly in order. That Sec. call a meeting as early as possible after receiving entry forms. That resignation of Mr. J. Crowther (Bradford) be accepted with regret, as he has retired from the Fancy. Following are the results of the various competitions promoted by the club for the past show season. Open competition for the Shackleton Trophy etc.: 1, L. Dykes, 133 points; 2, W. H. Shackleton, 115*; 3, Sutcliffe and Son, 94; 4, Ogden Bros. 92; 5, H. H. Towers, 75; 6, F. Townsend, 67; 7, Thornton and Bowers, 65; 8, J. E. Priestley, 64. Amateur or Open Novice Competition: 1, A. Brown and Son, 55; 2, C. E. Morrison, 54; 3 (not won, no competitor having complied with bye-law) 11.—Breeders' Competition: 1, Ogden Bros., 70 points; 2, F. Townsend, 41; 3, Sutcliffe and Son, 20; 4, H. Ramsden, 8; 5, W. H. Shackleton, 7; 6, L. Dykes, 5; 7, tie, H. H. Towers and Thornton and Bowers, 4 each. Many competitors have lost points on account of not marking "Breeder" on all entry forms. Ramsden Competition: 1, L. Dykes, 153 points; 2, Ogden Bros., 130; 3, W. H. Shackleaon, 128*; 4, R. Sutcliffe & Son, 122; 5, H. H. Towers, 77; 6, Thornton and Bower, 69; 7th, F. Townsend, 65; C. E. Morrison, 55; J. Bonley, 44; and others with less than 12 points. Junior Novice Competition: 1, S. Moore, 44; 2, T. Tidswell, 35; 3, S. Smith, 24; 4, A. Sutcliffe, 21; 5, F. Packer, 21; 6, G. N. Smead, 6; 7, J. Firth, 5; 8, A. Gledhill, 4; 9, H. Lord, 3; 10, tie, S. B. Grayshon and W. B. Swaine, 1 point each. Those marked with an asterisk have to be adjudicated upon at our next meeting on Wednesday. I regret delay in publication as I only received the last entry form on Feb. 18th in respect to these objections. Will all members kindly check the above and notify me if there are any errors, on or before the 28th?—F. Armstrong, Hon. Sec., 28a, King Cross Road, King Cross, Halifax.

SCOTCH FANCY CANARY NATIONAL DERBY O.A.

Membership for 1912: R. Carmyllie (Broughty Ferry), H. Crawford (Helensburgh), R. Wright (Greenock), J. Hogg (Oakley), W. McClure, E. B. Bullions, and T. Smith (Glasgow). Membership cards are in course of circulation, and the executive would like a hearty response. They recognise that to become an associate of the Derby is a strong inspiration to breed superior Scotch Fancy Canaries. Secretary will be pleased to send membership cards to gentlemen who wish to join, or may have a friend who would like to participate in the annual show in September. R. Wright, chairman; County Councillor J. Hogg, vice-president; Thomas Smith, secretary and treasurer, 10, Lochside Street, Crossmyloof, Glasgow.

CLAPHAM AND DISTRICT C.B.A.

Judging competition held at headquarters, after the usual business, on Feb. 12th, numerous members competing. The only birds staged were four Norwich—the property of the Hon. Sec. (Mr. Priest). The Chairman (Mr. W. H. Vale) made the final awards, and not a single member's judging paper agreed with his. Four members tied for 1st, and the four members judged again for the sexes of the birds; this time Mr. Wildbore was placed 1st, Messrs. Askew and Hose tieing for 2nd and 3rd. The latter competition caused considerable speculation as to the sex of one bird, but it was finally agreed it was a young cock. Mrs. Thynne (Thames Ditton) and Mr. Longden (Swansea) were elected vice-president and member respectively. An intimation was received from the landlord of the Avondale Hall that the room in which the small shows are held by the Society would not be available on Feb. 24th, owing to the whist drive craze in the neighbourhood. After discussion, it was arranged to hold pair show at "The Clock House" Hotel, Clapham Park Road.—S. A. Sandy.

AMALGAMATED YORKSHIRE SOCIETIES' TEA AND PRIZE DISTRIBUTION.

Tickets for this annual event are now in the hands of the following Specialist Club Secretaries: Messrs. F. Hammond, Open Norwich Plainhead Club; J. Greaves, Yorkshire Canary Club; F. Armstrong, National Green Marked Y.C.C.; S. B. Grayshon, Cinnamon Marked Y.C.C.; J. Lane, Yorks County British Bird and M.C.; and H. Hill, Yorkshire Union of C.B.S.; and all those intending to be present at the tea should get into touch with any of the above gentlemen immediately, or otherwise communicate at once with H. Hill, who will be very pleased to make all necessary arrangements for visitors in order that they shall not be disappointed. This annual event during the past few years has been well attended, and an early application for tickets is essential. Tea will be on tables at 4.30 prompt, price 1s. 3d. per head, social evening to commence at 6 o'clock prompt. Good talent provided, magnificent array of prizes, enjoyable company. Don't forget date and place: March 9th, at Market Tavern, Bradford.—H. Hill, Secretary.

SOUTH BIRMINGHAM O.S.

Meeting held Sydenham Hotel, Small Heath, 14th Feb., Mr. E. T. Willmott in chair, supported by the Vice-Chairman, Mr. Huges and a splendid gathering. Mr. Bayliss was made a member. Balance sheet passed after a small item had been removed. A balance is carried forward of £9 5s. The Chairman considered it a splendid result, and with the Society increasing in popularity, they could look forward to the coming year with pleasure and pride. Decided, to hold a pair show and social evening Feb. 24th, Mr. G. Baker judge; birds staged by 6 at latest. Committee please attend to hold a special meeting, also to act as stewards and allot the numerous useful specials. An interesting judging competition is being prepared, and a special, value 4s., is given, also a 5s. special for most entries. Note: The open show rule will be used for the first time at this show. Public admitted free, and we shall welcome any fancier or friend. Many useful suggestions had to be left over, including Mr. Jones' proposition that the Society purchase two cups (one for each section) by voluntary subs., to act as challenge cups for members' competition at all shows; and several other members are anxious to form a fund at about 1s. per month, so that a pleasant day may be spent at the annual Crystal Palace show. It is surprising the number of ideas brought forward by members attending meetings. Decided, to have all important items settled at March meeting. Mr. Jeffery was then introduced by the Chairman to give us his lecture on "The British Bird, its treatment in feeding, etc." Every member was delighted with Mr. Jeffery's lecture. He dealt chiefly with the Softbill birds, and gave some valuable hints on the feeding and rearing of Nightingales—a great favourite with the speaker—and how to pair and breed the birds, and make a correct aviary, were amongst the special tit-bits of the discourse. Chairman thanked Mr. Jeffery, who suitably responded. Meeting closed by the Secretary proposing a very deep and heartfelt vote of sympathy to the Chairman on the great loss he had sustained through the death of his wife. This was passed, the members standing in silence.—J. Sheppard, Sec.

KIPPAX F. AND F.S.

General meeting, held Commercial Hotel, Feb. 19. Decided, to change headquarters to a more suitable place—the Commercial Hotel. Also to abandon the old title and call it the Kippax and Dis. Linnet Club. Mr. O. Potter presided. Officials elected: O. Potter, president; W. Partridge, treasurer. (re-elected): R. Plows, secretary, in place of J. W. Henshaw, who is going abroad (the members wish him luck in his new venture on foreign soil); committee, J. Wallace, J. Nicholson, J. W. Smith, G. Lambert, and Exley. General meeting, Feb. 25, 7 p.m. Members' sing, March 2nd, first bird hung 3.15 p.m. Members please note that all correspondence for Kippax Linnet Club must be sent to me.—R. Plows, Hon. Sec., Kippax and Dis. Linnet Club, High Street, Kippax, near Leeds.

"CAGE BIRDS" PRIZES COMPETITIONS.

Amateur Sections: Results for Season 1911-12.

Yorkshire Union.—1st prize (value £1 5s.), C. Morrison, 186 points; Brown and Son, 144 (winners in Y.U.C.); 2nd (value 17s. 6d.), E. Stobart, 57; L. C. Casey, 47 (winner in N.G.M.Y.C.C.); C. E. Hall, 36 (winner in Y.C.C.); 3rd (value 15s.), Allan Radley, 35.

Yorkshire Canary Club.—C. Morrison, 234 points (winner in Y.U.); 1st prize (value £1, Brown and Son, 164; 2nd (value 17s. 6d), C. E. Hall, 54; 3rd, (value 15s.), Burdekin Bros., 42.

Cinnamon Marked Y.C.C.—C. Morrison, 167 points (winner in Y.U.); Brown and Son, 121 (winners in Y.C.C.), 1st prize (value £1) D. Thornton, 48; 2nd and 3rd prizes not won.

National Green-marked Y.C.C.—Brown and Son, 55 points (winners in Y.C.C.); C. Morrison, 54 (winner in Y.U.); 1st prize (value £1), L. C. Casey, 9; 2nd (value 17s. 6d.), H. Ramsden, 8; C. E. Hall, 4 (winner in Y.C.C.); 3rd, not won.

The above points have been supplied by Mr. H. Hill, 15, Settle Terrace, Thornton Lane, Bradford, for the Yorks. Union; Mr. John Greaves, 279, Hollings Road, Bradford, for the Yorks C.C.; Mr. S. B. Grayshon, Wormald Street, Flush, Heckmondwike, for the Cinnamon-marked Y.C.C.; to whom any communication regarding the above points in the respective sections should be addressed. Not having yet received the official figures from the National Green-marked Y.C.C., I have felt compelled to go through that section of the competition, and should any error appear I shall be glad to rectify same if notified. Any objection to the above points or those published last week, must be in my possession on or before February 29th, 1912.—Fred Hammond, Hon. Secretary.

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Members Shows.

Hamilton (Cadzow Oaks) O.S.: held Feb. 3. Mr. R. Davidson, Mossend, judged. Principal winners:—Nor, Messrs. Braidwood, Morrison, Shearer, Marlin; Borders, Messrs. Allan, Hamilton; Muling, Messrs. Marlin, Watson, Shearer, jun.—G. Marlin, sec.

Leeds C.B.S.: Pair show held Railway Hotel, Feb. 14. Mr. H. Parkinson (Bolton) judged; 25 pairs staged. Principal winners:—Nor., Messrs. Collier, Bailey and Son; Yorks, Mr. Charnock; Muling, Messrs. Hart, Charleson.—R. Charleson, sec.

Hawick O.S.: Held Drumlanrig Hall, Feb. 17. Mr. T. Arnot judging. Principal winners:—Borders, Messrs. Middlemass, Ford; Nor., Mr. Amos; Mules, Messrs. Graham, Welsh; Brit., Messrs. Young, Thorburn, Murphy, Graham, Brydon, Laidlaw, Bell, Amos, Armstrong, Middlemass, Dryden.—T. Dryden, sec.

Tong C.B.S.: Held Feb. 17, "Hand and Shuttle" Inn. Judge, Mr. F. Allen (Cleckheaton); 52 birds staged. Principal winners:—Yorks, Messrs. Hodgson, Walker, Gledhill, Casey, Crabtree, Clarke, L. Hodgson, sen., Padgett. Mr. W. Walker won spl for best col-fed bird.—W. Walker, sec.

Honley C.B.S.: Held at the "Waggon and Horses" Hotel Feb. 17. Judge, Mr. A. Lawford. Principal winners:—Messrs. Mosley (best bird in show), Shaw, Schofield, Dickinson, Duckenfield, Knutton, Ellis, Castle, Thornton.—F. Castle, sec.

Hetton-le-Hole C.B.S.: Held Feb. 17, "Eppleton Arms." Judge, Mr. A. J. Notley. Principal winners: Nor., Messrs. Wilson, Dixon, Vipond; A.O.V., Messrs. Gowland, Dixon; Pairs, Messrs. Allen, Wilson; 34 birds staged.—A. J. Notley, Sec.

Northern Counties Norwich Club—Held Jan. 31, 65, Grainger-st. Mr. J. Maddison judged. Principal winners: Messrs. Smith, Ayre, Holden.—W. Curry, Sec.

Bedford and Beds. O.S.: Pair show, held Ham's Restaurant, Feb. 15. Judge, Mr. A. Keech. Principal winners: Messrs. Wilmot, Beanland. A competition was held before prize cards were affixed; 17 of those present re-judged. Mr. H. Gentle won with 25 points, 2nd divided between Messrs. Timaeus and Carroll (15 each). Decided to hold stock show Mar. 14.—J. C. Wilmot, Sec.

London and Provincial O.S.: —Pair show, held Feb. 15, "Raglan" Hotel, Aldersgate-st. Entry: 47 pairs, and 30 British birds. Judges: Messrs. T. Heath (Canaries) and H. Norman (British). Special prize winners: L. and P.O.S. silver medals, Messrs. Lazarus, Campbell (2), Mortlock, G. Crabb, Day; bronze medals, Messrs. Hodder, Salter, Tatten, Bullen and Ramsden. Principal winners: Champ. Nor., Mr. Hodder; Yorks., Mr. Bullen; Crests, Mr. Lazarus; A.O.V., Mr. Oldaker; Muling, etc., Mr. Mortlock; novice Nor., Messrs. Campbell, Cooper; novice Yorks., Messrs. Salter, Bamber; A.O.V., Mr. Campbell, Mrs. Salter; Muling, Mr. Tatten, Madame Madewell; Brit., Messrs. Mortlock, Bullen, Dring, Kilby, Matthes, and Madame Madewell; Mules, etc., Messrs. Ramsden, Crabb; For., Mr. F. S. Day, Madame Madewell.—C. W. Law, Hon. Sec.

Aintree, Fazakerley F.S.: Held Church Hall, Long Lane, Aintree, Feb. 12. Mr. J. W. Metcalfe, judge. Principal winners: Messrs. Eaton, Gregory, Skilling, Green. Committee was brought to full strength by the addition of Messrs. Wickstead and Molyneux. Twelve new members elected. Decided to hold next show Mar. 18, entries requested for March 16.—J. A. Anderson, Sec.

Darwen C.B.S.: Held Feb. 13. Judges, Mr J. M. Walsh (Blackburn) for British, and Mr. F. Walsh for Canaries. Principal winners: Nor., Messrs Tomlinson, Cocker; Yorks., Mr. Sharples; A.O.V., Messrs. Bolton, Harwood; Brit., Messrs. Riley, Gorrich, Marshall, Harwood, O'Donnell, Entwistle, Singleton; For., Messrs. Neville, Riley.—W. T. Singleton, Sec.

South London Col. and F.A.: Pair show, held headquarters, Feb. 8; 31 pairs staged. Judge, Mr. J. Robson. Principal winners: Nor., Messrs. Kilby, Richardson, Tringham; novice Nor., Mr. Tomsett; Borders, Messrs. Burton Bros., Blain, Muling, Mr. Richardson; spl. for best pair, Mr. Kilby; 2nd best, Mr. Richardson; spl. for best novice pair, Messrs. Burton Bros. Special meeting also held (50 members present) and several names proposed for membership.—G. F. Crawford, Sec.

Rochdale O.C.: British and Foreign bird held Feb. 17, about 50 birds staged. Judge, Mr. Butterworth. Principal winners: British, Messrs. Barrass, Rabish, Blincoe; Foreign, Messrs. Blincoe, Mills; Mule, etc., Messrs. Wilson, Naden.—C. Whitford, Press Correspondent.

Nottingham Permanent O.S.: Held Feb. 17, Grapes Inn. Judges, Mr. W. H. Rave (Brit.) and W. Harris (Crests and Nor.). Spl. to most points in Crests, Mr. J. Bowers; in Nor., Mr. G. Hill; in Brit., Mr. Wagg. Principal winners: Nor., Messrs. Hill, Caunt; Crests, Messrs. Bowers, Ethelington; Brit., Messrs. Wood, Caunt, Wagg. We are open to membership to a radius of 10 miles Nottingham.—J. Bunn, Sec.

JUDGES OF CAGE BIRDS

The attention of Show Secretaries is directed to the following list of gentlemen willing to act as Judges.

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T. BENNETT, Glendare House, Lidget Green, Bradford. Judge of Cage Birds. Long and practical experience.

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GEORGE BENNETT 46, Wenlock Street, Luton, Beds., judge of all varieties of cage birds; life experience; terms moderate.

J. W. BRUCE, Coldstream. Judge of all varieties of cage birds; Border and British Bird specialist. Terms moderate.

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GEO. GARDNER, 11, Haverstock Road, London, N.W. Judge of all kinds of Cage Birds.

C. A. HOUSE, 82, Upper Walthamstow Road, Walthamstow. Judge of Canaries, Mules, British and Foreign Birds.

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W. MUNDELL, 6, Carlisle Place, Manningham, Bradford. Judge of Canaries and Cage Birds.

J. W. METCALFE, The Yorkshire Aviaries, 68, Brunswick Road, Liverpool. Judge of Cage Birds Specialist Yorkshire and Norwich.

H. NORMAN, The Lytle, Salisbury Road, Carshalton, Surrey. All varieties of Cage Birds. Specialist Hybrids and British Birds.

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W. VARDY, The Aviaries, Hucknall Huthwaite, Notts. Judge of all varieties; specialist in Norwich Plainheads. Life experience. Terms moderate.

G. WILSON, 14, Frizington Road, Frizington, Cumberland. A.V., 25 years' practical experience; specialist British and Mules. Terms moderate.

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Twitterings.

The Middlesbrough Teesside C.B.S. are holding their Pair Show at Grangetown on March 2, writes Mr. A. Wake, the sec.

I have been elected secretary of the Barrow and Dis. C.B.A., writes Mr. J. S. Fleming, 11, York Street, Barrow-in-Furness.

Will secretaries and others please note that I have removed from St. Kew to St. Teath, Cornwall, writes Mr. T. H. Boundy.

The Wimbledon C.B.S. have fixed on Nov. 18 19, and 20 for their next annual show, with Messrs. Halliday, Robson, and Norman as judges.

Ralf Beckett's subscription sale postponed to the 2nd March; all books outstanding to be returned by that date.—Hector McIver, sec.—(Advt.)

Mr. A. Wellings will judge our annual open show on Boxing Day, Dec. 26 next, writes Mr. R. B. Wright, hon. sec. Anfield, Everton, and Dist. C.B.S.

A balance of £3 14s. 3d. is carried into the 1912 accounts of the Kilmarnock C.B.F.C., showing an advance on the previous year's amount of £1 14s.

I have been elected secretary of the Bingley O.S., and all correspondence to the society should be addressed to me at 27, Knight St., Bingley, writes Mr. Asa Livesay.

A cash balance of £8 19s. for 1911 has given the members of the Ashton-under-Lyne and Dis. O.S. every satisfaction, thanks to the work of the sec. (Mr. J. R. Colville) and the other officials of the society.

The first of the Great Horton Good Intent O.S. 1912 shows for members was held on Feb. 10. Four others are, we understand, to be held, including two for First Feather birds on June 15 and July 13.

Will secretaries please note that our Young Bird Show is fixed for July 2, Mr. George Gardner judging? writes Mr. W. Hodson, hon. sec. Our annual Autumn Show is fixed for Nov. 5; Mr. J. Robson, judge.

My copies of CAGE BIRDS ANNUAL are to hand, writes Mr. R. Charleson, sec. of the Leigh and Dist. C.B.S. The ANNUAL is a very useful directory if one wishes to find anything of importance regarding birdy matters.

An attractive programme of events for 1912 has been issued by the Walkley and Dis. C.B.S. It includes lectures on Canaries and British birds, washing exhibitions, etc., and should be an inducement to local fanciers to join.

We hear that the very old-established business carried on by the late Mr. J. Flower (one of the defendants in the well-known "Preston and Flower Case") in Sclater Street, Shoreditch, is now being conducted by his son.

Clean prize cards, sales and prize money, medals and specials have been sent out, the diplomas to follow next week, writes Mr. J. W. Ramsden, Crystal Palace Show Manager. Anyone inadvertently overlooked should write me at once.

I am a regular reader of CAGE BIRDS, and I think it is an excellent paper. Your coloured plates are very good. I have had the Birthday Number ones framed. By the way, that was a splendid issue!—P. John Sievwright Streatham, London, S.W.).

Ramsden's Coupon Competition for 1911.—The extra prizes were won by the Hull Cage Bird Society, Manchester Ardwick Society, and the Bradford East Society. The prizes have been forwarded to the respective secretaries.—Advt.

Your Birthday Number was the first issue I had taken of CAGE BIRDS. I thought it was splendid. I take "C.B." now every week, and I intend to take it every week onwards, as I find it contains valuable information.—Wm. Spencer (Liverpool).

Mr. J. W. Reid, of 218, Ladykirk Road, Newcastle, has been appointed secretary and treasurer of Newcastle C.B.S., and all communications should be addressed to him after March 7th 1912, writes Mr. J. E. Atkinson, retiring secretary and future show manager.

The judges appointed for our season's shows are:—Nest Feather, June 29, Mr. J. C. Barnes; Members', Oct. 26, Mr. J. H. Roe; Annual Open, Dec. 14, Messrs. J. Robson and H. W. Battye; all three shows to be held in the Montgomery Hall, writes Mr. J. Woolhouse, the assist. sec. of the Sheffield C.B.S.

At the annual general meeting of the Scottish National C.B.S., to be held this Saturday (Feb. 24), an abstract of accounts will be presented showing an income of £384 6s., and a credit balance of £49 18s. 10d. The latter amount shows a somewhat considerable decrease compared with the 1911 balance—due, we believe, to decreased receipts at the New Year Show.

The Windhill, Shipley O.S. balance sheet and statement of accounts for 1911 discloses a credit balance of £1 9s. 8½d., which, in view of a loss on the open show of £5 10s., is a very creditable result, and it is also more than double the amount brought into the accounts from 1910.

Secretaries and others are asked to note the following changes of address:—Mr. Alex. Harris from High Street, Montrose, to 21, Francis Street, Lochgelly, Fife; and Mr. J. R. Crossley (sec. of Blackpool and Fylde C.B.F.S.) from Handsworth Road to 121, High Street, Blackpool.

Blackpool and Fylde C.B.F.S. are holding a Table Show of British birds on March 1, at 8.30, writes Mr. J. R. Crossley, sec. All fanciers are invited, and any fancier wishing to be a member can do so by giving his name to the secretary or to any of the officers; sub., 4s. per annum.

Owing to unfavourable replies received from the men appointed to judge, I am unable to announce name of lecturer for our Roller contest, but I shall try to get a capable man on the scene at the time stated in our notice, writes Mr. Jas. Cope, hon. sec. of the Oldham C.B.S. I hope to have all Roller fanciers and friends in the district with us, also a good number of birds.

I regret having to inform you of the resignation of the sec. of the Whitburn C.B.S. (Mr. Thos. Duncan), writes Mr. Robert Lambie, The Aviaries, Whitburn, Linlithgowshire. I have been appointed secretary in his place, and I hope, with the assistance of our hard-working committee and the support of the Fancy, and notwithstanding the loss of £8 on our last show, to be able again to place our show in a good financial position.

OBITUARY.

Mr. H. PRITCHARD (Hampstead, N.W.).

It is with regret, writes Mr. W. Kirby (Hampstead) that I have to inform you of the death of an Indian Mutiny veteran in the person of Mr. H. Pritchard, who died on Feb. 15, and was buried with semi-military honours at Hampstead Cemetery on Feb. 20. Birdy men in Hampstead, Highgate, and North London will be the poorer by his death, for as a Linnet and Chaffinch fancier his advice was sought by many of those young in the Fancy. The deceased lived to the good old age of eighty-two years. Our sympathy as fanciers goes out to his brother and nephews at Colchester and Woodham Mortimer, who, I am sure, must be proud of being connected with such a genuine supporter of the Fancy.

The 1911 balance sheet of the Newcastle C.B.S. shows a credit balance of 13s. 6d., but against this there is an item of £2 10s. 8d. overdraft at bank. We are, however, informed by the secretary that a number of small accounts have yet to be collected, which will just about clear the debit balance.

Mr. H. Hill, secretary of the Bradford National Cage Bird Show, writes: Kindly alter our show date in the "Fixed Shows" column in CAGE BIRDS to read December 6, 7, and 9, as my committee have decided to extend the show to the Monday in order that no delay will be caused in getting all exhibits back again. We found it very inconvenient in many ways at our last show to close on the Saturday, especially for birds coming from a long distance, these having to be kept over to the Monday morning; hence our decision to extend the show over the week-end.

"Bird Notes" for February contains, besides notes on the Scottish National and the Crystal Palace Shows by Messrs. Goodchild and Page respectively (both illustrated by Mr. Goodchild), articles on the "Breeding of the Red Ground Dove," by Mr. R. Suggitt; "Breeding of the Silver-eared Mesia," by Mr. O. Millsum; and of the Madagascar Love-Bird by Mrs. C. M. Davidson. Mr. Hopkinson continues his account of the "Birds of Gambia,' Mr. S. Williams, jun., contributes a chapter on the treatment of the Blue-crowned Conure, and Mr. Salt (the manager of Sir William Treloar's Cripples Hospital) writes of the birds in the aviaries at that institution, most of which were presented by members of the Foreign Bird Club.

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We have engaged Messrs. H. W. Battye and Jeff Walsh for our show, Nov. 1 and 2, write Messrs. Metcalfe and Deacon, secs. of the Liverpool O.S. We are also having a specialist judge for the Norwich section.

Ruthin Show will again be held in August—probably on Thursday, the 29th (in conjunction with the flower show), writes Mr. J. Butler, the sec., when we hope to have a good list of specials and extra prizes.

The next annual show of the Morpeth and Dis. C.B.S. is fixed for Oct. 12, when Mr. H. W. Battye and Mr. A. Brown will judge, writes Mr. E. Cowling, the sec. Fanciers of the district wishing to join this flourishing society should communicate with me without delay.

My 1912 CAGE BIRDS ANNUAL is ordered through the secretary of the Oldham C.B.S., writes Mr. J. Hampshire (Oldham). I have every confidence in its success, and I advise every fancier to order one at once, as no bird room is complete without the ANNUAL.

In sending us particulars of his society for CAGE BIRDS ANNUAL, Mr. R. Townsend, sec. of the Heptonstall and Dis. C.B.S., writes: I am only too pleased to send you the enclosed, as I think it an excellent idea; indeed, the ANNUAL is excellent all through.

Readers in California will be interested to hear that Mr. L. M. Grider (of "Birdland," claimed to be the ideal bird store of the country) has opened a branch at 216, Mercantile Place, Los Angeles, with a full stock of birds, cages, foods, etc

We hear that Mr. J. C. Barnes (Sheffield) has been appointed as judge at the following shows, viz.: Sheffield C.B.S., Nest Feather Show June 29; Sheffield O.S. Nest Feather Show, July 6; Newcastle Open Show, Oct. 18; Windhill (Yorks Union Show), Oct. 26, 1912; and Rotherham Open Show, Dec. 7.

The London and Provincial O.S. Autumn Show (open to all England) will take place on Oct. 23 and 24, writes Mr. C. W. Law, the hon. sec. The judges are Messrs. T. Heath, J. Robson, and A. Silver. Will secretaries please note dates, so as to avoid clashing? Same classification for novices as for champions throughout. The following friends have just joined the society:—Messrs. Ward, J. Wones, A. H. Campbell, J. P. Anderson, J. M. Williams, A. J. Smith, G. F. Crawford, Rudd, Sandiland, Day, Percival, A. J. A. Marley, E. Steed, Brook and Oldfield, R. C. Dawson, T. P. Grisdale, Wilmot, H. Bell, L. Dykes, Mrs. Thurling, and Mrs. Salter. Anyone intending to join should apply to the secretary at once, as another long list comes up for election early in March.

The Wren's Early Start.

A Wren's nest containing five healthy young birds was discovered in the vicinity of Eliock House, Sanquhar, the other day. This is particularly early in the season.

The Late Annan Show.

The committee of Annan Show request all winning exhibitors who have not received their prizes to make known same to the chairman, Mr. Johnstone, Johnstone Street, Annan.

Congratulated by His Friends.

We were pleased to see that Mr. O. Wilson, a member of the Bury and Dis. C.B.S., was amongst the successful exhibitors at the late Crystal Palace Show, writes Mr. H. Jameson, the sec., winning 2nd prize in the Buff Unflig. Norwich class—a marvellous collection of 26 birds—being beaten for first honours by Mr. Davies, who took the honour for best bird in show.

Wimbledon's New Cup.

The handsome silver cup presented to the Wimbledon C.B.S. by Mrs. L. M. Thynne, of Thames Ditton, was on view at the recent Pair Show. It was very much admired by the big company assembled, and should assist the popularity of the Borders, to which section it was given for competition. Already the society have many members interested in the "Wee Gems."

A Palace Show Protest: Result of the Enquiry.

We hear that as a result of the investigation by the L. and P.O.S. committee into the protest lodged against the light Linnet Mule (on the ground that marked flight feathers were missing), shown by Mr. G. Lawrance, of Coventry, at the last Palace Show (details of which were given in our report), the protest was upheld, and the exhibitor in question has been suspended from the society for twelve months from Feb. 15 last, and reported to the National British Bird and Mule Club.

News from Scotch Fancy Circles.

Mr. Robert Carmyllie, of Broughty Ferry, has added four pairs of Scotch Fancy Canaries to his stock. He has bred many really good birds, and we wish him every success with the latest acquisitions.

Mr. McClure, the famous breeder, has a splendid collection of Scotch Fancy Canaries. He has determined to breed something vastly better than what he has ever produced before, and he has reared some "guid anes."

Mr. A. H. Maclean, of Balloch, has gathered together a miscellaneous collection of birds, including several fine Scotch Fancy Canaries. He is secretary of the Vale of Leven O.A. Mr. Maclean means to succeed in 1912.

Mr. Montgomery has been laid aside from his usual calling (confined to bed for four weeks), but has recovered so far that he is able to sit up for a few hours daily. We wish him a speedy and permanent recovery. He has four pairs of bonny Scotch Fancy Canaries, which are his favourites.

Our "Nutshells" Appreciated.

"Please send on another fifteen dozen 'Nutshell' Booklets same as last week. They sell like wild fire. Cheque enclosed for same.—H. E. Cracknell, manager to J. Crosby and Son, 48, High Street, Gateshead."

A Regrettable Misfortune.

We regret to learn that one of London's most enthusiastic and respected lady exhibitors, Mrs. L. M. Thynne, has had the misfortune to have to enter a private hospital to undergo an operation of a rather serious nature. This, we are pleased to say, has been successfully performed. Mrs. Thynne's many friends will join us in wishing her a quick recovery and a complete restoration to health.

An Offer to Readers.

Readers should not fail to peruse the advertisement of the Waverley Book Coy., Ltd., which appears on page 187 of this week's issue. It contains an offer, made on the fairest and most equitable terms, which is of the greatest interest to all keepers of birds, and of which they should take immediate advantage. If they wish to do so, they can look over specimen pages and illustrations before deciding to purchase, and those will be sent on application (to 7 and 8, Old Bailey, London, E.C.) absolutely without charge.

Astonishing Railway Delays.

Mr. J. W. Ramsden informs us that he has had some difficulty in convincing certain exhibitors that their birds left the Palace Show early on Tuesday night, owing to a few packages not reaching home until some time after they might have done. He encloses us the appended postcard, which shows what the railway companies can do in the matter of "quick transit":—"Feb. 8, 1912.—Mr. J. W. Ramsden.—Dear Sir,—I received birds safe last night, per 6.50 p.m. train. I notice by the way-bill that they were despatched the same time as Mr. Sheldon's, which arrived here at 8.40 a.m. So it is not you who is to blame. Thanking you for your prompt reply.—I remain, yours truly, D. G. Jones (Llandudno)."

A Belgian Amateur's Success.

The sixth annual show of the Ornithological Society of Verviers, Belgium, was held on Jan. 13, 14, and 15 last, and was the greatest success on record. Mons. Pauwels had a grand display of his rare exotic birds, which were much admired. Mons. Emile Ruhl, the much-respected and venerable president and originator of the society, had a grand team forward, and among many other wins were 1st, 2nd, and 3rd for foreign Goldfinches in a class of forty-two entries, comprising many wonderful specimens. His winner was also awarded the 300-franc silver cup for the finest bird in the show—truly a wonderful performance. Many of our readers will remember Mons. Ruhl, as he has been a familiar figure at the Crystal Palace shows for nearly forty years. We wish him long life, and trust he may be spared for years to come to encourage the hobby of bird-keeping, at which he is so great an adept.

Gems from Australia.

A truly magnificent consignment of Australian Finches, etc., recently arrived at the well-known establishment of Messrs. De Von and Co. (114, Bethnal Green Road, London, E.), being specially imported direct by this noted firm, and totalling over 6,000 birds. They had a very favourable journey, and hardly a bird was lost en route. We have seen many consignments in the past, but never one in which the birds landed in such exceptionally fine condition, almost every one being in excellent feather and all in perfect health. Gouldians (both Black and Red-headed), Long-tailed Grass, Double-banded (Bicheno), Zebra, and the rare Crimson and Pectoral Finches are included, and English aviculturists desirous of obtaining specimens should write Messrs. De Von at once, as this consignment is likely to be the last, owing to the law lately passed preventing the exportation of these birds from Australia.

Off to Canada.

Mr. John Fairley, the well-known breeder and exhibitor of Belgian Canaries, will leave Coatbridge on March 2 for Parkdale, Tofonto. For many years Mr. Fairley has scarcely had fewer than 200 of the highest-bred Canaries in his possession at one time, says the "Airdrie and Coatbridge Advertiser." He holds the certificate for securing in one year three first prizes at the three leading shows in Scotland, England, and Ireland. Besides this great honour, Mr. Fairley has secured hundreds of prizes at all the leading shows in the kingdom. He has been first at London, Edinburgh, Belfast, Gateshead, Manchester, Paisley, and all local shows. He has decided to take fifty of his "gems" across the seas, where he is sure to gain further honours in the bird world. We are sure that the famous Coatbridge bird fancier will carry with him in his sojourn across the seas the best wishes of his many friends. There is every indication that a "right royal" welcome awaits him in Toronto from the fanciers there.

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How Winning Norwich Plainheads are Bred.

By Messrs. JEFFRIES and HUSBAND.
(Hartforth, Yorks.)

Instructive notes upon methods of feeding management, etc., by the exhibitors of the two birds portrayed on our frontispiece this week.

FIRST of all just a few words about cages. We use all double breeders, which are much better in every way than the single ones, as when the breeding season is over and you give them all a good clean out, they will do very well for flight or store cages. They are also very handy for moulting birds in, and for keeping all exhibition stock in, as these are best kept by themselves, so as not to get damaged or plucked by other birds.

We generally pair up about the last week in February or the first week in March; but, mind you, first all your cock birds should be well on song, and the hens flapping their wings, also uttering a merry "Chip, chip," continually flying up and down the flight cages. It is of no use pairing up till birds are quite ready. We feed them generally on three parts best canary seed to one part German rape. But for getting birds in condition we give egg food twice a week, also a little mixture of hemp, millet, rape, teazel, niger, charl, and maw seeds, which we find soon brings all backward birds into breeding condition. About every two days we give this mixture: A few drops of Parrishes Chemical Food in drinking water; we put great faith in this, as it aets as a good tonic.

Pairing and Starting.

We usually pair yellow to buff, and ticked birds to clears. We like type and quality on the hen's side; but where either the cocks or hens fail in certain points we try to remedy the faults by mates to them that are good in these points, so that the youngsters are very near the mark. So far, we have had some very fair results.

We find we have very little trouble when starting to pair up. When they are put in the breeding cages they must have their nails and beaks trimmed. The second day after putting the birds together, we supply them with an earthenware nest-pan with felt inside, also moss and cow-hair, not forgetting to give each a good piece of cuttle-fish bone. As soon as we see the hen starting building in earnest we give five drops of a mixture of half gin and half glycerine; this we find very good for preventing egg-binding. We have only lost one hen through egg binding, and it was before we started with the mixture.

As soon as the hen has finished building, and about two days before she lays, she will be hopping about in a very sleepy manner, and looking much puffed out as well. The hen generally sits on the nest all one day and night; and an egg may be expected in the morning. The hen should be given a pinch of maw seed each night after she has built her nest and she lays her first egg. We also take all eggs out and put a dummy egg in the place of each one taken away, till the evening the third egg is laid. We find that by doing this the birds all hatch out about the same time. Before we sit the hen on her own eggs we dust the nest out with Keating's Powder. If everything goes well the youngsters nearly always come out on the thirteenth evening. But on the twelth day of incubation we immerse the eggs in warm water for about half a minute as by doing this we find we are very seldom troubled with birds dying in shell. We also consider it a good thing to give the hen a bath twice a week, with a pinch of salt in it; she seems very much fresher after it.

How the Young Are Fed.

We do not take the cock birds away, as we find the hens then seem to rear the young much better; and the cock birds also take to them better. On the 13th day we supply the parents with a little yolk of egg only, just passed through a sieve. This we continue for two days after the young have arrived. On the third day we give all the egg (yolk and white) mixed with a little of Spratt's Cod Liver Oil Food—enough to make it crumbly moist. Also we add a little maw seed. We think the Cod Liver Oil Food is better than biscuits or ordinary bread-crumbs, and we consider too, that the old birds feed better on it and the young fledge quicker. We also give a little crushed hemp when the young are abont a week old, and, of course, increase the quantity of Cod Liver Oil Food put to the egg as the youngsters get larger.

We give for green food lettuce or dandelion; lettnce for preference; but only very young leaves. Should the old birds fall off in the feeding about the twelth or fourteenth day a little teazle seed scalded and dried with a cloth and given in a separate pan will generally keep them up to their duties. About the twelth day the nest-pan should be changed for a clean one; mind and boil the nest-pans before using them again. On about the 18th or the 20th day it is best to remove the nest and young from the hanger, and place them on the floor of the cage, as by this time the hen will be thinking of a second brood. She must be supplied with a clean nest-pan and nesting materials—plenty of it, or she may fancy the downy feathers of the first brood.

If she should start "plucking" it will be safer to remove the young to a nursery cage, where the cock bird will attend to their wants. But if the hen is all right and does not attempt "plucking," we think it best to leave them with the parents until they are a month old. Then when they start cracking the seed it is time they were put in a flight cage; but still continue to give them a supply of egg food (nice and dry) and a mixture of canary and rape of equal parts. When they are cracking this nicely, bring them on to a plain diet of canary seed only, and a little rape every second day and a pinch of hemp twice a week. Also, they must be kept clean, and be well supplied with gritty sand. We think if fanciers will attend to this, very few deaths will occur. Occasionally one or two may be noticed very much puffed out and very unwell. They should at once be taken out and placed in a cage by themselves, and be given a little bread scalded with milk, a pinch of sugar and a pinch of maw seed; also add a little Epsom Salts (as much as will lie on a sixpence) to the drinking water, and in a day or two this will always put matters right.

Obtaining the Finished Article.

Colour-feeding we start when the youngsters are about seven or eight weeks old, giving it, say, twice a week. When one sees a few feathers about the cage bottom, it is time they had the colour-food every day. We think it best to put them in couples when colour-feeding and to continue giving it a little stronger each day till it is at full strength; then we continue till moult is finished. It is also advisable to cover the cage with a muslin cover or put a darkish cover over the window to keep the strong rays of the sun out, it being best to keep the cages dark. We keep the seed boxes on, but only partly filled and with canary seed only. We give green food three times a week, also a piece of boiled carrot twice a week; and a little sulphate of iron should be given in the drinking water twice a week—a piece about as large as a pea to a wineglassful of water. The great secret of successful moulting is to keep the birds thoroughly clean, as most fanciers know. We give a bath twice a week. When all are over the moult, pick out any likely to be of use for show or as breeders. The rest may be sold to merchants.

A FORE-TASTE OF THE SPRING.

During the coming season we are sure to hear of many Robins' nests built in curious situations. The one in our photograph was found in an old kettle lying in a hedge-bottom.

Early Preparations for the Breeding Season.

By A. THOMAS (Frimley).

An account of how the author tackles certain work—work which every Bird-breeder should start upon at once.

BEFORE commencing to breed, I overhaul and disinfect all my cages, doing one or two each day, according to the time I have at my disposal, and here I will take the opportunity of putting in that very wise saying "That if a job is worth doing at all, it is worth doing well." To hurry through this job is courting disaster in the breeding season. I commence by removing all perches, sand trays, tit-bit drawers, etc. Having got a large bath of water as hot as I can bear to use, I place cage right inside for a few minutes, then I commence to scrub it with some strong carbolic soap. After thoroughly scrubbing inside and out, I commence on the perches and sand trays, and treat them similarly. When dry again (I do the drying outdoors in suitable weather) I soak them well with paraffin oil, as this is one of the best and cheapest disinfectants one can obtain. When again dry the cage is ready for use. It will be found that with cleanliness during the breeding season red mite seldom attack cages so prepared.

Points About the Cages.

Having prepared your cages, place them where they will receive the full light and sunshine. When the latter is too strong, it may be modified by drawing down the blind if necessary or by placing a cloth over window; but in doing this, leave plenty of light in the room. This, however, is a thing which is seldom necessary in most parts of England.

The partition or compartment cage has many advantages over the single breeder. If it is desired to remove the cock bird one may do it by simply putting in the partition in the case of the compartment cage, but in the single breeder one must remove the bird right from the cage. Very good double compartment breeding cages may be had for three or four shillings from many of the advertisers using CAGE BIRDS. The perches should not be less than ½in. wide and ⅜in. deep. The partitions I use for my own cages are all wood, but I keep a few, my own make, with wire along the bottom portion, so as to do away with the necessity of keeping a lot of nursery cages. When I have to remove the young from their parents on account of "plucking," I simply place the nest, if necessary, on the floor of cage on the other side of the partition; the old birds can then feed them through the wires.

Preparing the Birds for Breeding.

Having got our room ready, the cages overhauled and cleaned, we next turn our attention to the preparing of our stock. If we have taken the trouble of looking well after them during the winter there will be little difficulty experienced about this. Perhaps I had better tell you the way I treat my birds during the winter. I give them best Spanish canary seed as a staple diet. Every other day I give them a little summer rape, about a half-teaspoonful per bird, and three times a week a teaspoonful each of the following mixture: Two parts each of hemp and inga (or niger), one part each black rape and millet, and a half part each of linseed, teazle and maw seed. All Canaries enjoy a piece of boiled carrot, or a piece of suet occasionally. The latter is a splendid thing when the moult is finishing; it helps to tighten the plumage.

As a general rule with caged Canaries, and under ordinary circumstances, canary seed keeps the bowels moderately free; hemp, teazle, millet and maw seed are more constipating. Linseed, inga, black rape and new summer rape are all more or less relaxing. I give fresh water daily, and before I refill pots I rub them round with my finger and well rinse them. This reminds me of a visit I paid to a brother fancier about a month ago. Almost as soon as I arrived he invited me to go and see his birds. The first things I noticed were his water pots. On my asking him how often he changed the water, he replied, "Daily." The glasses were dirty with slime! I removed one, with his permission, and showed him the way I clean my glasses.

Extra Attention During Winter.

A little extra attention during the winter months will well repay you during the breeding season, for there is no doubt in my mind that your success or failure depends on the treatment of your birds during the winter.

I keep my cocks separate in large cages during the winter and my hens (about a dozen) in a large flight. I refer now, of course, to the stock I intend to keep for breeding purposes. The others I keep in cages according to value of bird. As I do not pair up my birds until about the last week in March or first week in April I give no egg food before the end of February. Then I give the hens about a teaspoonful each twice a week. The cocks come into condition much quicker than the hens, and require no egg food before the middle of March. Then I treat them the same as the hens.

Do not forget to keep the hens supplied with cuttlefish bone ad lib throughout the winter, and plenty of good gritty sand on the floor of the cage. Towards February allow a little extra inga seed, and you will have little or no trouble from that distressing ailment egg-binding. At the end of February you can begin and put your birds in their respective cages, placing the partition between them. Give the hen a little egg food about twice a week, and a little extra inga in addition to the ordinary diet used in the winter. Continue this treatment until the birds are both fit. The cock bird should have the same amount of egg food about the middle of March.

It will often be found that the birds come into breeding condition without the use of egg food; if they do, so much the better, as I do not believe in forcing a bird unless necessary. The hens require more watching at this time.

Should you see a hen getting ready too early, she is easily checked by stopping her egg food; if this is not sufficient, I stop all her extras, leaving her on her staple diet of plain Spanish canary seed only. This I have always found quite severe enough for the purpose.

When Birds are Ready for Pairing.

When I see a pair ready about the last week in March out comes the partition, and together they go. The hen when ready will be restless, flapping her wings a good deal and chirping or continually answering the cocks. To make sure, catch the hen and blow up the feathers at the vent; if the vent is very full and distended, there is no doubt about her being ready. I like my cock birds to be in full song, as then they appear to pair satisfactorily. A cock that seldom or never sings very often gives considerable trouble during the breeding season. Mind you, I do not say that the fact of a cock singing proves him ready for breeding; the only sure sign he gives you is when his vent is very prominent.

When my birds are like this, I clip the feathers away from the vent of the hen and I clip the nails of both birds, taking care not to cut them too high. This nail clipping does not hurt the birds, but it may often save you a valuable bird; a pricked egg causes the young bird inside to die almost immediately; and dragging an egg, or young one out of the nest can be traced to long nails.

I have often been asked which do I think is the best covering, sand or sawdust, for the cage floor? Personally, I think it is a matter of opinion. I have tried both well both have advantages and disadvantages. If we use sawdust, this must be pitch pine if possible, as it assists to keep down that pest of the bird-room (red mite), and it gives off a pleasant odour to the room. A young bird dragged out of the nest gets an easier fall, and will live longer struggling about on sawdust than it would on sand. Of course, if you are going to use sawdust then you must supply a tin with sand in each cage, as birds do not thrive without it. Again, when using sawdust, I find it gets blown about the room when the birds are flapping their wings or flying about; it also gets in the birds' food and water. You can, therefore, make you own choice.

Ending the Birds Quarrel.

I do not trouble about the birds quarrelling a little, when first put together, because if this becomes too severe, which is very rare, I simply separate them with a wire partition for a couple of days, and then let them have another try. This, I generally find, ends all serious dispute.

I usually put a nest in after about 6 or 7 days. Use sanitary nest pans and linings if you wish to keep down red mite, as when I used wooden nest-boxes I was constantly troubled with keeping down these pests, and, of course, I had to change my nests oftener. Always keep a tin of Keatings' insect powder in the bird room; it is one of the best red mite killers; use it in the nest.

Through a Bird-Room Window.

By the Rev. C. D. FARRAR.

This entertaining contribution upon Siberian Titmice is No. 20 of the New Series by this popular author and well-known aviculturist.

IT is not always possible to live up to one's reputation. I believe I am supposed to be invariably successful, either owing to luck or my immense aviaries; here then is a simple record of failure to encourage others. It is not for want of trying. As an old man once said to me after looking at my birds, "I don't think you'll ever set the Thames on fire, but you're one that'll keep striking matches when t'others go out." We mortals should chiefly live to talk to each other out of good will and fellowship, not for the sake of hearing revelations or being stimulated by witticisms, and I have generally found that it is the very ordinary person who appears to be disgusted with his contemporaries because they are not always strikingly original, and to satisfy whom the party at a country house should have included the Prophet Isaiah, Plato, Francis Bacon, and Voltaire. With this brief exordium, let me begin this paper. Some of my readers may know the following lines, written by a certain poet, concerning mice playing round a trap.

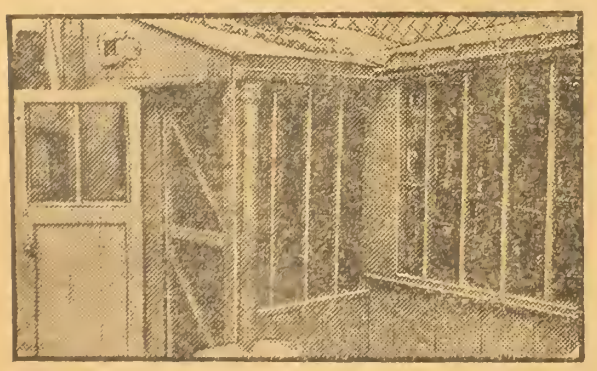
Alas! regardless of their fate,
The little creatures play;
No sense have they of ills to come,
Nor care beyond to-day.
Yet see how all around them wait
The ministers of human fate.

I behaved like the mice, and in my case the minister of fate was a bird-dealer, who once dwelt at Hull; but has since, I fear, retired into private life. One morning he wrote asking me, on one of his insinuating postcards, if I wanted some Northern Tits. With the audacity of a school miss for forbidden novels, I answered, "Yes." In order to make a man covet a thing, it is only necessary to write that they are difficult to obtain. It is the satisfaction of doing something which no one else has ever done that spurs one on. It was some such thought as this that led me to send for these Siberian Tits.

So Near and Yet So Far!

It seemed such a safe and easy way of getting a medal. Here were the birds; I had only to get them to breed, and the medal was mine. I almost felt like Lady Macbeth as she says to the dagger, "Is this a dagger that I see before me? Come let me clasp thee." Somehow, when the Tits arrived the medal did not seem such a dead certainty as I had pictured it; for the cock bird was suffering—not like myself with swelled head, but from swelled eye; he had also apparently been existing on a diet of peameal, and was altogether in a very parlous state. By judicious feeding I managed, as I thought, to pull him quite round, but, alas, after some weeks of perfect health, all the old symptoms returned with tenfold force, and nearly all the feathers came off his head. I went away for my holiday on a Monday morning in July with many sad forebodings.

On the Wednesday I received a letter from my youngest boy, direct and pointed in its simplicity. He evidently had no notion of breaking ill tidings gently. Some of us have heard of the old gardener who, when a favourite dog



'The Bird-room of Mr. D. C. Williams, of Plumstead.
Note the inner wire door, to prevent the escape of birds which accidentally get loose.

died in his master's absence, wrote somewhat as follows, on three separate postcards, with the evident intention of preparing his master for the blow about to fall. No. 1 ran: "Dear and Honoured Sir. Belle be very bad"; No. 2, "Belle be no better"; No. 3, "Belle be dead." My boy's letter ran as follows: "Dear Father, I don't know how it is with you, but everything here is going wrong. The cock Tit is dead. It is no use to worry; he had plenty of maggots; the hen is alright." Bang, then, had gone my chance of the medal. I recalled the words of an ancient dame I once knew: "We sometimes forgets that pride must 'ave a fall, an' no feather bed to fall on.' They say that every dog has his day, and every cat her afternoon, that day I got my evening.

Any intelligent man will understand that it was a situation calculated to amuse the ungodly, but without any real fun in it. My feelings belonged to that kind known as indescribable. My jaw fell like a signal flag, and the three queens, as they steered King Arthur to Avalon, could have afforded no sadder pageant than I was that morning, as I studied that letter.

Some day, of course, I hope to succeed. Why do we always hope for the possible? Why does the cat waste time sitting at a mouse-hole? Because she knows the mouse is there, and hopes it will come out presently. I knew that my mouse existed somewhere; perhaps, some day, he will come my way.

The Fruits of One's Labours.

Meanwhile, I can only write these notes for the guidance of those who may be lucky enough hereafter to light on Parus siberieus. That deep saying of the Master, "Other men labour, and ye are entered into their labours" is preeminently true of bird culture. The man who labours for himself and not for posterity, is a poor thing; he loves not the dignity of labour. There was a primæval England, a mighty forest, wherein wild beasts roamed and were scarcely kept under by those rude savages, our forefathers. Yet those savages cut the forest tracks, hewed down the first trees, fashioned the first caves. Later the tracks became roads; through infinite labour the forests were harnessed to man's use—not merely for brutes' shelter. The caves were not the caves, perchance the nucleus of cathedrals and grim castles?—other men's labours, into which, after centuries have rolled by, we calmly enter. No man lives for himself, or if he does, it is a very sorry existence. Hence I feel that in spite of my many failures,

THE GOLD-FRONTED GREEN BULBUL.

A Winner of numerous prizes for Messrs. Pitchford and Stocker (Stoke-on-Trent) at the leading exhibitions.

I have not lived in vain; aviculturally I have been a pioneer, and on my mistakes and over my aviary experience, future generations will press to glory.

The Siberian Tit is an inhabitant of the Northern parts of Europe and Asia. The outer surface of the bird is a deep ash colour; the quills, secondaries, and tail feathers edged with white; throat black; upper part of chest white; under side greyish white; slightly rufous on the flanks; bill and tarse lead colour, crown of the head black.

The birds, in marking, remind me very much of the English Blackcap or the American Catbird. The cock has rather a pretty song and warbles at the end of a branch waving his tail from side to side. The hen is much smaller in every way, and the spot under her chin is less than in the cock, and her wings are not so clearly edged with white.

Drawing the Line at Howling.

I felt very annoyed that the cock had seen fit to die; we all of us like to have someone to blame when things go wrong; but there's no one to throw the blame on when we've done it ourselves. In this particular case I felt that if I had stayed at home, things might have been different; but seeing I had elected to go, I didn't see clearly anyone I could blame except myself. I could have wept over my lost chances, but as a howler I am not a success. It has always appeared to me to be more the part of the man to do the best he can under the circumstances, without kicking up a row like a pig in a gate, and worrying other people to keep him out of the mud. The bird was dead, and all the crying in the world would not bring him back to life. I consoled myself with the thought that I still had the hen to admire.

Siberian Tits are exceedingly friendly little birds, and soon become perfectly tame, and will at any time take live food from the fingers. Like all Tits they run and climb among the branches in all sorts of strange positions.

I feed mine on my own soft feed mixture, and they require also a regular supply of maggots. Fortunately I can always get these at a fishing tackle shop at Leeds, winter or summer. Maggots are chilly things, and must be kept warm. In very severe weather the best place is the kitchen cupboard—so long as you are not found at it. Generally in about 40 minutes the aroma begins to rise, and then everybody goes running about and asking wildly, where is that awful stench coming from, there must be something "bad" somewhere. At first they try the pantry, meat, suet, dripping, all are suspiciously tested in turn. You catch fragments of conversation. No, the meat is perfectly sweet; no, it isn't the dripping; what in the world can it be?

Easing His Mind.

Presently they are near my cupboard; then the scent gets warm. I think it's in this corner. Then the cupboard door opens, and then I think it time to go out for a time. Generally when I return, I find the maggots have been thrown out into the garden, and I have to go to Leeds for a fresh supply. Once the man at the shop asked if I was fond of fishing? I said I hadn't touched a rod since I was a lad, and that then the rod had touched me. He looked so pained and surprised as to what I could need with a quart of

A continuation of the bird-room seen below, showing the outer flight, also the owner, Mr. Williams and his Wife. He is a member of the Plumstead and Woolwich C.B.S.

maggots weekly, as I did not fish, that I felt obliged to enlighten him. I was afraid he would think I ate them, so I whispered across the counter, "Birds, I feed my birds on them." He looked quite relieved!

Tits are inordinately fond of maggots, and a good mealworm will send them wild with excitement. The way they eat a mealworm is heartrending to witness by an onlooker, as doubtless it is to the mealworm! They get hold of him by one end, and they eat him up steadily bit by bit; the last part often being very much alive when the fore part has been long swallowed. They have also a curious habit of hiding what they cannot eat at the time. I have often watched mine take a maggot to a hollow branch of elder and put him down, then ram him in tight, and after a time go and fetch him out and eat him with the same gusto as an old lady eats oysters, and with as little compunction. Tits evidently regard maggots as a young lady does a vanilla ice, cold, but very sweet.

A Feminine Terror.

One day, to my astonishment, I got the offer of another Siberian Tit. I wired off for him, so terrified was I of losing him. He was a fine robust bird, and I thought he looked like a good liver, but, alas, the hen took a deadly dislike to him—she would not give him a moment's peace. Wherever he alighted she went for him like a veritable little fury, until at last, what with constant chasing and loss of food, she fairly wore him out, and he sought peace in a better world. I suppose it is not an easy matter for one who has lived alone to put up with company; or perhaps she felt as Jane Welsh Carlyle said of Carlyle, he was "gey hard to live with."

These Siberian Tits are naturally birds that cannot stand heat, but they do not mind any amount of cold. The present pleasant weather would suit them admirably.

My hen always enjoyed "brute health," which is all the more annoying, as according to all the rules of the game, she ought to have been the weaker vessel. I am sure she would have gone to nest, if I could have found her a mate to her taste; I never did, as a matter of fact. There are three things, so the Arabs say, which never return, the sped arrow, the spoken word, the lost opportunity. For one brief moment I had my opportunity—and now, I fear, it is gone for ever.

I think I had better now draw this paper to a close, or some of you will be saying to me what a member of his flock said to a certain Scottish minister. Asked how he liked the sermon, the old shepherd replied diplomatically, that it was "a verra satisfying sermon." Asked what he meant, he rather spoilt himself by further definition—"Because nobody wants to hear ye again." And if I don't pull up you will be saying to me what a father once said to his little girl, that her tongue was like a dock root, so long that there was no end of it.

A Huge Flock of Chaffinches.

Mr. H. Franklin tells me that on Sunday, Dec. 31, his attention was attracted by a great flock of small birds which were flitting about in the fields and hedgerows on his farm near Shrewsbury, writes Mr. H. E. Forrest in the "Shrewsbury Chronicle." On closer examination they proved to be Chaffinches, or Piefinches, as they are always styled hereabouts. He estimated their number as at least five hundred. They seemed to be very restless, but did not appear to be travelling in any definite direction, as if on migration. Unfortunately he did not notice the sex of the birds, or whether males or females preponderated. This point is of considerable importance, as it has long been understood that in winter many of the hen Chaffinches leave the country, whilst the cocks flock together. It was for this reason that the scientific name "Fringilla Cælebs" (Bachelor Finch) was bestowed on the Chaffinch by Linnæus. I have often seen flocks of twenty or thirty male Chaffinches going about together in winter, but I never saw or heard of such a huge flock as that described by Mr. Franklin.

THE CAMERA AND WILD BIRD LIFE.

An Interesting Outdoor Pastime for Bird Lovers.

By A. L. BONAS.

Now that the nesting season is within measurable distance, these hints upon the apparatus useful to the would-be photographer of bird-life and the manner of using it, will doubtless be acceptable to many of our readers.

THE Camera has done a lot in preserving wild bird life, and numbers of once egg-collectors or rather egg-destroyers have given up egg-collecting and taken to bird photography, which is more interesting.

Anyone with just the ordinary amount of knowledge of photography may start, and with patience and perseverance will succeed in obtaining a number of good photographs. "If at first you don't succeed, try, try again," should always be in the bird photographer's mind. When I first started I exposed a number of plates (I am very pleased to think I have forgotten the exact number) before I got a good picture. A ¼ plate stand camera will do to start with, with a shutter of various speeds and a strong tripod. Always use the fastest plates obtainable, because a slow plate will give the bird a chance to move and so spoil the picture.

When you go out with your camera, go alone and move about quietly, taking care not to wave the hands about more than necessary, as this will frighten the bird. Don't hurry over one nest to get on to the other, but take time with every nest as one good photograph is worth twenty medium ones.

The Best Way to Begin.

The best nests to start with are some of the open ones, such as the Lapwing's and Waterhen's. Arrange the camera about a foot or eighteen inches from the ground, and focus the eggs with the largest stop you have; then (if it is a still day) use the smallest stop, and give a longer exposure; by using a small stop more of the picture will be in focus and it will be of sharper detail.

You may sometimes find a nest situated in a most difficult position to photograph; in that case you must wait until the young are old enough to be moved on to a suitable branch for you to snap them. Don't try and photograph some of our shyest birds when they are sitting as they are very apt to forsake the eggs altogether; wait until she has some young ones, as it's not often she will forsake a nest full of youngsters. Young birds are very interesting and extremely easy subjects to photograph. When "taking" a bird always try and show the eye and the beak, especially the eye, as you will find that if you have these features in the print it is greatly improved.

A HIDING TENT IN POSITION.

A canvas erection on poles disguised with natural branches and leaves for use when photographing birds on their nests, etc.

The Question of Exposure.

To photograph a bird, an exposure of less than one-fifteenth of a second is rarely of any use, except in the case of one sitting on the nest. A bird flapping its wings, etc., will require one seventieth to one hundredth part of a second, and a good picture is only possible on the brightest of days.

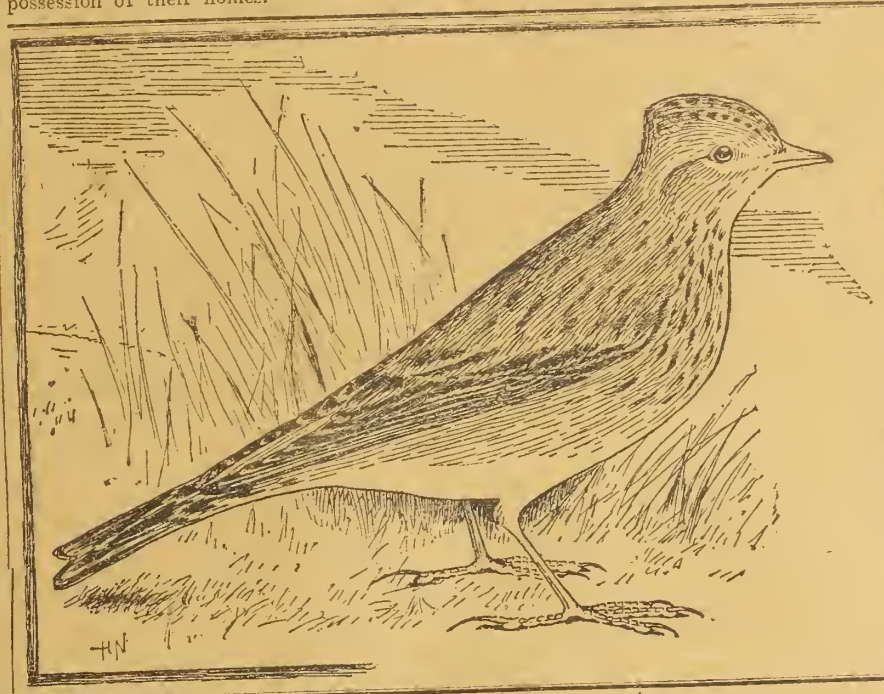
A hiding tent is very handy, but the beginner should be satisfied with a few good open nests, and then go in for a tent which can be easily made as he gains experience.

Some Birds which make good Sitters.

Mallard or Wild Duck can generally be photographed on the nest, as they are very close sitters. Some birds are less timid than others; and often after I had placed the young birds on a bough the old ones came and fed them within a few feet of my camera. Always remember that a photograph of a bird's nest must show its surroundings and should never be removed, but photographed *in situ*. Sometimes it will be found necessary to cut away some of the foliage in order to obtain a good, clear view. Take care that the stubs of the twigs removed do not show as it will spoil the picture. When a nest is built high up in a bush so that it is impossible to reach it by aid of the ordinary tripod, the legs may be lengthened by some splints of wood or sticks, bound to them; then you can focus with a pair of steps.

After a hard day's tramp on a common, by the river, or in the woods in search of nests you may, on your way home, at dusk, hear the call of the Pheasant and the hoot of the Owl, and the bird photographer has another opportunity.

It is a very anxious time he has when in the dark room waiting for the picture to appear on the plate; and after he has seen the result of his day's sport he is further satisfied and happy to think that although he has a record of the bird's lives, nevertheless they are still left in happy possession of their homes.



A World-Famous Vocalist.

This drawing of the Skylark, a favourite amongst feathered minstrels, was made from the grand specimen exhibited by Mr. J. King, Percy Main, Newcastle, which won many honours, including 1st prize at the Palace Show.

A FRIENDLY NUISANCE!

AN APPRECIATION OF THE STARLING.

By D. MacARTHUR (Edinburgh).

A ready talker and mimic, hard to equal as a pet, and so friendly-disposed towards its owner as to be almost a "nuisance," is Mr. MacArthur's alluring summing-up of the qualities of the Starling.

THE Starling is one of our handsomest and most intelligent native birds; he is also one of the easiest to obtain, and is soon quite at home in captivity. Its song, even if mostly an acquired one, is full, varied and cheerful, and his ability to learn to speak, his confiding ways and interesting mannerisms endear him to all bird lovers. I make no apology, therefore, in selecting him for the subject of my paper, and trust my remarks will prove both useful and interesting to your readers.

A Love for the Old Home.

The bird is always plentiful in this country, and is found practically everywhere. He moves about a good deal, certainly, but does not leave us altogether for warmer climes during our winter. They very often return year after year to the same nest, and quite frequently do not leave their quarters at all during the autumn or winter. For four springs now I have seen the same pair in our back garden, and it was a sort of "Red-Letter Day" in our bird calendar when for the last two years, the old birds brought their four little ones down to the window, where a few crumbs never fail to lie. One felt more than rewarded for any trouble taken in aiding our little feathered friends. But that is straying from my subject, I fear.

Opinion differs as to whether the bird is a friend or foe to the farmer and gardener. Of late years many have asserted that from being a grub and worm eater he has deteriorated into a grain and fruit pest. Much can be said, no doubt, on either side; but personally I think he fully earns all he takes by good work in other ways, and my one regret is that he is caught and sold for mere shooting purposes in such large numbers.

Almost Too Friendly in His Ways.

As a pet the Starling is hard to equal among the larger Softbills. He is very easy to keep in health, is most affectionate to his owner, has many little quaint habits that charm one, and can be made to obey and do a few "tricks" if patience and kindness are used. His friendly manner becomes almost a nuisance, in fact, if he gets out of his cage, he won't leave you alone. That has been my experience at least. As a show bird he is often "in the money" at provincial shows, and if in good condition can always command attention, and compare favourably with his glossier foreign cousins. True, his colour may be sombre, but the rich metallic polish on his feathers, the glorious purple sheen on his neck and shoulders, and the white spangles on his breast make him a thing of beauty to behold. The sharper the spangling and the deeper the sheen the better show specimen he is.

A word as to food. Starlings are most accommodating in this respect, and need cost very little to keep properly. Mine are fed on a stock mixture of equal parts chicken meal and best broken biscuit, crushed very fine, and a quarter part of barley meal. This is about the cheapest diet you could give them. It is made moist enough with a little grated carrot, lettuce, cabbage, or even milk, as comes handiest. In addition, I give a teaspoonful of ants' eggs or dried flies (dry) and half-a-dozen mealworms daily or a dozen maggots.

Appreciated Dainties.

Here I might say say that I have practically given up mealworms for maggots the past six months, with good results. They are so much cheaper to start with (a third cheaper almost) and whether as maggots, cocoons or (if kept long enough) flies are always acceptable to the birds. For taming a Softbill they are wonderfully useful. My own birds would "sell their soul" for a maggot, and steal them wholesale if they got the chance. There is quite "a flutter in the dove-cotes" when the tin is observed in my hands. A little shredded meat or suet are also useful for them and, of course, chickweed and groundsel when in season. Even a "rat's tail" (plantain) is sometimes taken greedily, and a berry—whether fresh or out the jam pot—is also appreciated. A little salt in the drinker now and then is beneficial and prevents worms; likewise a pinch of Glauber salts will do a lot of good.

An Unjust Aspersion.

I have heard fanciers say the Starling was too dirty a bird to keep. But they surely hadn't kept him properly, or the bird couldn't have merited that bad character. Of course, if fed on bread and sop, and pease meal, a sloppy cage would be inevitable, but fed on the right lines he will be found little trouble. And it is in this direction that "Cage Birds League" will do good work in teaching how to treat all sorts of birds properly. Then our foes will be unable to turn round and say: "What a filthy cage"!

A healthy bird demands a bath! Such has been my experience of Starlings. They will eat anything, in fact, if you give them a good bath; and give it as often as you can manage. Mine gets one daily, in a big basin set on the floor. If tame you can teach them to take it in the kitchen sink, and so save "domestic ructions," as the guid wife may object to a miniature deluge on her "clean floor."

Give the bird a big cage, even though it be a packing case with a wire netting front. A box cage is always best, and if enamelled a contrasting colour to the bird will show off his dark gloss all the better. But let him out as often as practicable. It steadies him and "keeps the fat down." For his cage bottom, clean, coarse pine sawdust is best, as it absorbs the wet quickly and is easily procured; but give him sand as well to peck at, and the always useful cuttle-fish bone hung up will keep his beak the right length. I simply pierce a tiny hole through the bone and tie it up with a hairpin. It lasts for months.

A Ready Talker and Mimic.

There is no doubt that many Starlings talk; and that they are easy to teach, I have found from personal experience. They should be taken and hand-reared to give them a chance of being capable linguists. A hen is quite as easy to train, remember, as a cock. To rear young birds I think the simplest food is the best. Barley meal sop made with newly boiled milk will take a lot of beating. Gradually wean them on to the mixture given above for old birds. In teaching them bear this in mind, that they seem to pick up words with an "R" sound in them easier than others. So start with a short phrase like "Pretty bird," and *keep at it* with the persistency of a suffragette or an insurance canvasser! It means constant repetition remember, and plenty of patience to achieve any result. But one morning you'll waken up to hear him "trying it over" to himself, and probably something else you were *not* trying to teach him. So be careful!

A whistle (just a bar or two) might be tried at the same time. That comes more natural to them. They will learn well through the moult, too, I have found. Once perfect in one sentence they'll pick up others, but it is advisable to run over the old phrase occasionally, as they sometimes forget. Birds vary in their abilities, like ourselves, and for one brilliant talker you'll get a dozen "thinkers"; but "Nil desperandum" must be your motto. Lastly *don't cut the tongue*. You might just as well cut their throat; or, preferably, that of any stupid person who advises such treatment.

Correspondence.

Goldfinch Mules Hatched in February.

Sir,—A fancier friend of mine says he never knew of such a thing as Goldfinch Mules so early as February, but I had a nest of three hatch Feb. 1, and all are now on the perches. Are these extra early?

H. PYBUS.

Redcar.

[They are certainly very early indeed; we have heard of one or two similar instances, however.—Editor.]

More Little Auks Meet Their Fate.

Sir,—I have had a Little Auk sent to me to be stuffed. It was caught in some yards of a local farmer in Lincolnshire, no doubt being driven in-land by the sharp weather. It was feeding at some pig troughs and was easily caught. They are very seldom seen South of the Orkney and Shetland Islands.

F. POPPLE.

Deeping St. James.

[Another of these birds was caught in a garden at Seaton Delaval, in an exhausted condition.—Editor.]

Prize Money at Crook Show.

Sir,—On Nov. 18, 1911. I showed four birds at Crook Show in the Yorkshire Section, and gained one 1st, two 2nds, and one 4th. Since then I have never had a word from them, in spite of writing three times at long intervals. I may point out that I had to get a friend to wash and stage the birds, take them to the station, also bring them back, as I was in bed at the time. Further, this was my first venture in the open, as I had just been put out of the novice section. I would like to ask readers and the Crook Society if they consider this a fair way to treat an exhibitor who makes an effort to support shows?

J. E. ATKINSON.

A New Cage Bird Society for Ramsgate and District.

Sir,—A meeting of fanciers interested in cage birds was held on Feb. 15, and a society was formed, to be known as the Ramsgate and District Cage Birds Society. Fanciers residing within a radius of twenty-five miles will be eligible for membership. It is proposed to hold a show early in November, but more about that later on. One thing I noticed was that, with but one exception, all were readers of CAGE BIRDS, and some of the new recruits in the Fancy spoke in high terms of praise concerning the very useful information to be gathered from its pages. I distributed some of the CAGE BIRDS LEAGUE leaflets, and hope to secure some new members for it. I shall be pleased to hear from anyone willing to join living within the district mentioned.

FRANK THOMAS.

Local Hon. Sec., CAGE BIRDS LEAGUE,
29, Chatham Street, Ramsgate.

The Dipper: Our New Addition to the British Bird Classes.

Sir,—In your report of the Crystal Palace show I read with interest your remarks on this most interesting bird which has made its first appearance on the show bench. I may say that about twelve years ago I had a good acquaintance with the Dipper, as I lived beside a river (about six miles from Belfast) which this bird frequented. There is nothing so amusing as to watch two or three of them on a stone in the bed of a river, twisting themselves into all sorts of curious shapes and singing (in their own way) for all they are worth. Their song is not without attractions. It is also interesting to watch them flying over the surface of the water catching the flies whilst on the wing. They are very fast fliers, they have a very sharp shrill cry which they repeat continually when on the wing. I discovered a nest of these birds placed between two stones in the bank of this river. The nest was composed of dried grass, moss and leaves, and contained three newly hatched young ones. I might mention that the nest was placed beside a deep pool in the river. I watched the nest carefully until the young were fully fledged. One day I thought I would like to have a good look at the young ones in the nest. But in this I was disappointed. When I approached they all flew into the water, and I thought I was going to be the cause of getting them drowned. To my surprise they all dived under, and moved along below the surface, using their wings as if they were flying, until they got to a place of safety. After they were hidden, I found them very difficult to locate. I have seen the Dippers often since then. I hope these few remarks may prove interesting to your readers and I should be very pleased if some one with more knowledge of the habits of this bird would give us his or her experience, and also the treatment in confinement. In conclusion I may say that these birds left the district of which I speak for a number of years, but on a visit last Christmas day I noticed a pair again at the same place, so I expect if nothing disturbs them they will breed again this season. If so I will have a look for the nest, and give fuller particulars to CAGE BIRDS, a paper I wish the success it well deserves.

ROBERT CODAIN.

On the Right Road.

A Prospect of Young Thrushes Being Bred in an Aviary.

Sir,—Some time ago I wrote you that my hand-reared Thrushes were in full song—indeed, they have been for at least two months. I am pleased to be able to tell you that now a pair of them are busy as can be building. I trust the eggs will prove fertile. I have every confidence that I shall have young Thrushes born in my aviary, and I am looking forward to the event with great interest.

P. BURNS CONLY.

The Siskin-Bullfinch Cross Encouraged.

Sir,—Your correspondent "Hybrid," in a recent issue, drew attention to the desirability of Hybrid breeders trying for the Siskin-Bullfinch cross, and I heartily endorse his eulogistic remarks on our little friend the Siskin, as a more desirable little chap I do not know. As far as I am aware, the above-named cross has not appeared on the show bench. By way of encouraging Hybrid breeders to try, Mr. Crabb some twelve months ago, through the N.B.B. and M. Club, offered a silver medal for the first Siskin-Bullfinch or Bullfinch-Siskin Hybrid that obtained a place in the cards at an open show.

J. P. CARR.

A Proposed Roller Canary Club for Birmingham and District.

Sir,—I am continually receiving letters and cards from fanciers of Roller Canaries who wish to know if we cater in the South Birmingham O.S. for the Roller Fancy. In the first place we have only one member so far who breeds and shows Roller Canaries, and I can assure all we will cater and interest 100 if they will only let me know their wants and how they would like to hold their competitions; and I shall be pleased to meet Roller Canary fanciers at our free admittance pair show in the large room adjoining Sydenham Hotel on Feb. 24, at 7.30. In the second place, nothing will be too much trouble for me to do to get all these fanciers in the South Birmingham Society and serve them well with plenty of attractions and good company.

J. SHEPPARD.
Secretary, South Birmingham O.S.

Back to the Old Home.

The Peckham Skylark's Choice.

Sir,—Other readers of CAGE BIRDS might like to know of a little experience I had with one of my Larks. On Sunday morning, Feb. 11, at about eight o'clock, I noticed that one of my Larks looked ruffled, and I thought it best to give it its liberty. I did this from my front bedroom window (in Peckham), and, to my great surprise, I saw the same bird in my back garden at four o'clock in the afternoon; so I tried to catch it again, but it flew away, only to return an hour later. I have several other Larks hanging in the garden, and it tried to get into their cages, so I had several empty cages hung up in their places, and this same Lark flew straight into the cage that I had let it out of. I still have it, and intend keeping it. I have several witnesses of this.

C. SANDERS.

The Approach of the Breeding Season.

Some Useful Hints to Beginners in the Hobby.

Sir,—As we are approaching the breeding season, a few hints will doubtless be of use to the many amateurs who will no doubt be thinking of starting in our interesting hobby, especially to those who, like myself, may make their own cages, which, to my mind, is one of the many pleasures connected with bird-keeping. When I first had a room all to myself and my birds four years ago I bought some nice big boxes with which to make breeding cages. These to my inexperienced eye looked fairly comfortable. The apertures I pasted over on the outside with strips of brown paper. I whitewashed the interiors and made the front with ordinary cage wire. The result of my inexperience was the red mite fairly swarmed in the crevices and under the strips of paper. The nest boxes I made myself—wooden ones—and when I lifted up the nest I could hardly see the wood, the pests were so numerous. This happened to nine cages, including two double breeding cages. The very mention of red mite now makes me wonder how my birds survived, although I had good results for the first season. I gained a little knowledge anyway. My advice to the novices who may be thinking of making their own cages is, if making same with boxes or tea cases, to take them carefully to pieces and thoroughly glue up all parts when putting them together again. Glue is most essential in cage making; glue up all parts—front rails and strips on sand trays. Give the inside and outside two coats of paint or one coat of paint and one of enamel. These preparations take a little time and trouble, but will be found most beneficial in the long run. I do not mean that this will stop the red mite altogether, but it will minimise the evil. White or limewash is, of course, cheaper, but when it dries it has a tendency to cause the wood to shrink and crack, which was partly the undoing of my first attempt. Three-ply wood is useful for the backs, but should not be used unless the ¾in. or thicker board is used. I make all my perches removable. The fixed perches are a failure—an abomination. Through the advertisement columns of CAGE BIRDS boards are to be obtained, ready planed, at prices equal to buying boxes—ready for cutting to suitable lengths and easy to glue up. The loose fronts are also cheap and easy to fix, and most useful to remove for wiping out (so to speak) the cages. I do not remove any eggs. I give the birds their nests, supply their wants, and leave them to go their own sweet way. The less fuss, the better they like it. I am referring to Canaries. All my Canaries (about thirty) are good parents, and need but little help other than the necessary attentions. Any ill-behaved bird does not find a home in my room. Always bear in mind the necessity of a change of diet. I mix my own seeds. Canary and German rape form their staple diet for one week; the following week to two quarts of Canary and half a pint of German rape I add half a pint each niga, linseed, a quarter-pint white millet, and hemp. Green food in season and a piece of ripe apple are appreciated. I have no trouble with egg-binding. I believe the reason of this is that my birds are all kept in large roomy cages, where they have plenty of wing exercise, and can expand their lungs. This treatment generally tends to success in the breeding season. Always be sure that all their food is of the best possible quality. I use sawdust for the bottoms of the cages; I find it keeps them much cleaner and sweeter than sand. I keep their sand tins well supplied with clean sand and a piece of cuttlefish bone is hung up for them to nibble; this keeps their beaks in good order. Always have handy a supply of paraffin and a brush, and put some on any parts which have a white powdery appearance, also on the ends of the perches next to the backs of cages, and round the doors of the cages and any likely places where red mite are discovered. I hope these few remarks may be of some use to the amateurs. In conclusion, study CAGE BIRDS, and you will soon gain the knowledge which is so necessary to the welfare of keeping birds happy and contented. I wish all fanciers a successful breeding season, and CAGE BIRDS every success which it so well deserves.

H. E. SMITH.

Combined Northern Specialist Clubs

Social and Prize Distribution.

Sir,—I have been asked by Mr. Hutchinson to take charge of the musical arrangements for the above-named social. I have already the promise of an accompanist, a comic, a baritone, and a juggler. I shall be pleased to hear from members or friends who will volunteer to give their services and so make the new venture a perfect success. The date is Wednesday, March 27. I hear that tickets are selling well, and as the hall only accommodates 200, it will be well for those who have not secured theirs to do so early. The charges are 1s. 6d. single, 2s. 6d double ticket, including refreshments. Tickets can be obtained from the various secretaries, or from me.

THOS. C. CRAWHALL.

121, St. George's Terrace, Newcastle-on-Tyne.

Bradford National Show.

An Appeal to Local Secretaries.

Sir,—Will the secretary of each cage bird society in Bradford and dist. who wishes to be represented on the committee of the above show, to be held on Friday, Saturday, and Monday, Dec. 6, 7, and 9, 1912, kindly see to representatives being elected immediately, in order that the committee may get to work in connection with this show? It is preferable that two representatives be elected from each society, and as it is intended to make an increased classification, which will include, in addition to last year's show, Cinnamons, Crests, and Belgians, it is hoped that each society will send its quota of representatives to assist in the hundred and one things to get through in a show of this description. Secretaries would greatly oblige by dropping me a postcard with the names of the two representatives on it as soon as elected, and also instruct them that all meetings in connection with the show will be announced through the Fancy Press. The Central Baths have again been engaged, and it will be quite possible to stage 2,500 exhibits in this great hall comfortably, with the adoption of the three-tier staging down each side of the hall. We are one and all looking for a magnificent entry.

H. HILL, Secretary.

The Size of the Wryneck.

Sir,—I should like to ask the opinion of readers as to whether the first prize Wryneck at the Palace Show was in its proper class, which read (Class 135): "A.O.S. Insectivorous or Seed-eating migratory bird not larger than and including the Wheatear." But in 1909 (note the catalogue and reports) two Wrynecks were shown in the class headed "larger than a Grey Wagtail or Wheatear," and Mr. Maxwell's bird took 3rd prize. According to this, a Wryneck could win a prize in each class! Surely there must be something wrong! The Crossbill, too, in 1909 was shown in the class for birds larger than the Wheatear, and in 1912 it appears in the class for birds not larger than the Wheatear!

C. LEAN.

[The point raised by Mr. Lean has always been recognised as a very ticklish one. Is "size" to be gauged by the length, the weight, or the appearance of the birds? If by the former, then (to give an instance) the Hawfinch becomes the same size as the Grey Wagtail! On mere length, too, the Wryneck, according to leading ornithological works, is larger than the Wheatear. But if the average person were asked to decide the "larger" bird as it appeared in the show cage, then we think he would unhesitatingly select the thick-set, heavily-built Wheatear. The latter species, too, differs remarkably in size, the birds coming from the far North (Greenland, etc.), being much larger than those generally found in England. Until what one might term a more definite method of deciding the eligibility of certain birds for certain classes is adopted, different judges will be likely to have different ideas—as, for instance, on the relative size of the Wheatear and the Wryneck.—Editor.]

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A Bullfinch Wearing a Marked Ring.

Sir,—I see that Mr. J. White has a Bullfinch which was caught whilst wearing a rubber ring I had a cock Bullfinch sent me from Dartmouth about three weeks ago wearing a white metal ring No. 51—07.

H. BARTON.

Birmingham.

[Our correspondent does not state whether his bird was a newly-caught one—i.e., had not previously been in captivity.—Editor.]

Sir,—I see by your most valuable paper, CAGE BIRDS, that a gentleman has caught a Bullfinch with a ring. I was out catching birds about Jan. 24 when we had a heavy snowfall, and I caught a Chaffinch with a brass ring on. It had no sign of any mark on it; the ring was very worn down.

D. FRASER.

Nairn, N.B.

Who Won Special No. 4 at Launceston Show?

Sir,—Being one of the successful exhibitors at Launceston Show, held on Nov. 27, 1911, I thought I had a perfect right to ask who won special No. 4, which was 10s. cash for the best bird entered on or before Nov. 21. I asked the secretary on three different occasions on day of show, but each time did not get the desired information. After I got home I sent to him twice to know the exhibitor's name who had won the above special. He then told me that Messrs. Rosser and Son did so with their Wryneck. I wrote a few lines to them, and their answer is as follows:—"Our Wryneck won special for best in show." Now, sir, where is special No. 4? By what I can gather, this special was withheld and not awarded. I think if secretaries advertise specials in their schedules, they should let the judges award them; if not, the Fancy will soon die. I wish CAGE BIRDS all the prosperity it so well deserves.

T. H. BOUNDY.

Does the London & Provincial O.S. Need Waking Up?

Sir,—When "Candid Friend," being a member, and therefore sharing in the profit and honours of the National Show, saw so many other members absent, why did he not do his duty and set to work and help with the packing? Instead of the above reproach, a word of grateful thanks ought to be tendered for their kind and indefatigable efforts for the comfort of all, to the show manager, Mr. Ramsden, his wife, and son; also to the members of the committee, who made themselves conspicuous by their presence and help, several of whom, like our little feathered pets, were suffering from the effects of the bitter cold.

ANOTHER CANDID FRIEND.

Sir,—In answer to "Candid Friend's" remarks re Palace Show, I emphatically deny his charge. I, for one, could not get there on Tuesday evening; but I was there Friday and Saturday. All committee men cannot get away from business every night early; but all who could did so on the Tuesday to help pack the birds. If "Candid Friend" has such thoughts, why does he not join the L. and P.O.S. and attend meetings? Then he could get on the committee, and help at the next Palace Show, which will be greatly appreciated by the society. I take it "Candid Friend" gets away from business early every evening, whereas I for one do not get done till ten o'clock. I am only a working man, but do all I can for the society for the love of my fancy. "Candid Friend" ought to have been at our Pair Show last Thursday; then he would have seen if we want waking up or not.

C. BULLEN (a committeeman).

Bird Shows in the Potteries.

The Suggested Novice Competitions.

Sir,—In answer to your correspondent, re a suggestion for a novice Norwich competition in the Potteries, we, the Burslem and district fanciers, were somewhat undecided whether to call ourselves the Burslem and District Norwich and British Bird Club, seeing that the majority by far are Norwich and British fanciers. But, then, it does not do to jump too soon. We are out to build a club, and if your correspondent wants some competition, I would advise him to join us, seeing that our subscription is so moderate. We Burslem fanciers are entertaining a somewhat similar scheme to Mr. Dunn's. Our invitation holds to all the Norwich fanciers in the Burslem district where the member can regularly attend the meetings. There is only one thing I do not like about Mr. Dunn's letter, and that is where he states: "Let the pro.'s look after themselves." In my opinion I cannot for the life of me see where we are going to improve our hobby if we are going to ignore the men who taught us, and perhaps the men who gave us a start. I look at it like this: suppose a fancier who is not in a club pays his 1s. to this cup fund, as per Mr. Dunn's suggestion, is that 1s. going to put that fancier on a par, as regards reduced entrance fees, with members who are paying perhaps 5s. or 6s. per annum into a society, besides escaping all financial responsibility for these shows? I myself think that in such an area as Stoke-on-Trent we ought to have one specialist club for Norwich and one for Yorkshires. Then, if all fanciers would join their favourite club, it would be an easy matter to carry out Mr. Dunn's suggestion. One passage somewhat amuses me, and that is where your correspondent says "and show their birds at each show, as if they were members, in members' classes." I would not like the job of prophesying when some of our novices would become pro.'s! I think there were about four in arrear at Stoke-on-Trent that showed at the four local shows in the open Norwich classes. I do hope myself that something originates out of Mr. Dunn's suggestions for the benefit of all.

L. JAMES.

An Edinburgh Method.

How the Scotch Fancy Canary Cages Are Dealt With.

Sir,—The Edinburgh breeders are busy getting their rooms done up and the cages washed and painted. Some have as many as thirty cages to tidy up, which means considerable work. To begin with spick and span cages means a good start. Each cage should be washed with Jeyes' Disinfectant Fluid, and plenty of soap and tepid water. The corners, etc., should be thoroughly scraped and all dirt removed, and thereafter a coating of spirit varnish should be applied to every cage. The nest boards should get the same treatment. An excellent preventative against red mites is to paint the rim of the nests with full strength of Jeyes' Disinfectant Fluid. Nothing is so pleasant as to go into a bird room where everything is sweet and clean, the cages shining, and the inmates full of vigour. I do not care to mention names, but Edinburgh and the East can boast of model bird rooms.

NOTE TAKER.

Roller Canaries at the Palace Show.

Sir,—Mr. Lester is unable to reply to Mr. Oldroyd's letter re Rollers at the Palace, owing to a slight attack of influenza; but would like the privilege of doing so in your issue of next week.

E. J. LESTER.

Sir,—Arising out of my showing birds at the L. and P.O. Society's show at the Crystal Palace on the 15th of this month, I was requested by the B.R.C.C. to resign my membership of that club, on the ground, I believe, that my conduct in going against the wish of the committee of the B.R.C.C. was "ungentlemanly." Well, one cannot always be genile, but as to the manliness of my action in resisting pressure, as regarded a matter over which the B.R.C.C. committee had no control, I will leave your readers to judge. I flatly refused to resign. Mr. F. Oldroyd, of Wakefield, the well-known judge, resigned his membership of the B.R.C.C. before he judged the Rollers at the Crystal Palace as a protest against Mr. J. W. Norris' allusion to Rule 13 in his famous "open letter" of January, 1912. Having seen Mr. J. W. Norris' apology in your issue of Feb. 16, I, on the 17th inst., sent him a letter, a copy of which I send you for publication (as Mr. J. W. Norris declines to enter into correspondence with me on any matter concerning Mr. F. Oldroyd) in the hope Mr. Norris may see his way to reply publicly, if he will not do so privately.

ARNOLD W. READ.

(Copy of Dr. Read's letter to Mr. Norris.)

My dear Mr. Norris,—I was pleased to see your letter in yesterday's CAGE BIRDS, and am now quite willing that the hatchet raised over the Palace Show be buried between us. Mr. F. Oldroyd, perhaps wrongly reading your allusion to rule 13 in your "open letter," and considering it an attempt to "boycott" him from showing birds, or undertaking office at the L. and P.O. Societies' Show at the Crystal Palace, having resigned his membership of the B.R.C.C. as a protest, and you, at the last annual meeting of the B.R.C.C., having moved that his resignation be accepted, I should like to suggest, in a friendly spirit, that this misunderstanding between Mr. Oldroyd and yourself be at an end, especially as Mr. Oldroyd and yourself were members of the B.R.C.C. at its first formation, when Mr. Smith was secretary. Can you not, now, having reconsidered your position with regard to objections against the Palace Show, move in committee that under the present circumstances Mr. F. Oldroyd be asked to reconsider his resignation; or if that procedure be out of order, move that he be specially asked to rejoin the B.R.C.C. as a member? I am keeping a copy of this letter, and sending a copy to Mr. F. Oldroyd, and would like an answer from you, to be received by me on the morning of Tuesday, the 20th next, as failing your agreement in my suggestion re Mr. F. Oldroyd, I should like to publish this letter in CAGE BIRDS. As a member of all the Roller Clubs, I do now hope everyone will work in harmony for the good and fellowship of all the Rolier fraternity.

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Oct. 10 & 11.—**Norwich Alliance.**—(R. Roll, 62, Ashley St.). W.E.G., J.R., W.V.

Oct. 12.—**Leeds.** (W. A. Wilson, 75, Bayswater Mount, Roundhay.). J.H.R. and W.M.

Oct. 12.—**Morpeth.**—(E. Cowling Market Place.)

Oct. 15 and 16.—**Western Counties O.S.**—(T. Pope, 98, Embankment Rd., Plymouth.). J.R., T.H.

Oct. 23 & 24.—**London and P.O.S.**—(C. W. Law, Brimley House, Woodhouse Rd., N. Finchley, N.).

Oct. 25 & 26.—**S. Shields.**—(W. S. Smith, 3, Queen Street.).

Oct. 30.—**Torbay O.S. (Paignton).**—(J. N. Jeffery, "Sartor House," Winner Street, Paignton.

Oct. 30 & 31.—**Cheltenham.**—(A. S. Treasure, Idahoe, Oakland Ave.).

Nov. 1 & 2.—**Sheffield O.S.**—T. Bishop, 60, Alexandra Road.). W.M., C.H., W.V.

Nov. 1 & 2.—**Wolverhampton.**—(J. Gibbons, 64, Napier Rd.). J.R.

Nov. 1 & 2.—**Liverpool** (Metcalfe and Hillmen, 68, Brunswick Rd.). H.W.B., J.W.

Nov. 2 & 4.—**Leicester Hand-in Hand.**—(A. Freestone, 79, Clarendon Street). J.H.P.

Nov. 7 & 8.—**Leyton.**—(Forse and Son, 31, Thornhill Rd.).

Nov. 8 & 9.—**Old Shildon.**—(J. H. Elwell, 35, Church Street, Shildon).

Nov. 8 & 9.—**West Stanley** (W. Elliott, 15, Fairford Terr.)

Nov. 9.—**Warrington.**—(G. M. Nelson, 466, Knutsford Rd.).

Nov. 15 & 16.—**Hull.**—(E. R. Ridley, 19, Lambton Street.) J.R., H.W.B.

Nov. 22 & 23.—**Haltwhistle.**—(Nicholson and Tallantyre, Westgate.)

Nov. 30.—**Coventry Godiva.**—(R. Symonds, 29, Melbourne Rd., Earlsdon.) H.W.B.

Dec. 6, 7, & 9.—**Bradford National.**—(H. Hill, 15, Settle Terr., Thornton Lane.)

Dec. 7.—**Rotherham.**—(B. Bailey, 47, Craven Street, Parkgate, nr. Rotherham.) J.C.B.

Dec. 11.—**Luton.**—(E. Bloomfield, 22, Hitchin Rd.) J.R., J.F.

Dec. 14.—**Sheffield C.B.S.**—(A. Hobson, 66, Langsett Avenue) J.R., H.W.B.

Dec. 26.—**Anfield, Everton.**—(R. B. Wright, 9, Canon Rd., Liverpool.)

Scotland.

1912.

Oct. 5.—**Broughty Ferry.**—(R. Whitton, 2, Churchill Place).

Oct. 12.—**Lochgelly and Dis. C.B.S.**—(W. Whiteford, 81, Hall St.)

Oct. 19.—**Kelty and Blairadam.**—(A. Dickson, 37, Adams Terrace.)

Nov. 9.—**Hamilton Cadzow Oak.**—(G. Marlin, 21, Glebe Street).

Nov. 16.—**Cowdenbeath.**—(J. R. Reid, 7, Woodland Place.)

Nov. 30.—**City of Dundee.**—(A. Miller, 3, Park Ave.)

Dec. 14.—**Broxburn.**—(W. M'Laren, Church Street).

Dec. 31 & Jan. 1, 1913.—**Scottish National.**—(A. W. Watson, 58, Colinton Road, Edinburgh.)

Wales.

Nov. 13 & 14.—**Swansea.**—(S. H. George, 32, Fisher Street). J.R., J.F.D.

Ireland.

Nov. 7 & 8.—**Banbridge.**—(A. McCagherty, Banbridge).

Nov. 28 & 29.—**South County Dublin (Kingstown).**—(D. Smyth, 21, Eden Terr., Kingstown.)

Dec. 6 & 7.—**Ulster O.A. (Belfast).**—(R. Trimble, 11, Waring St., Belfast.)

Dec. 12 & 13.—**Larne.**—(T. Mayne, 35, Barnhill.)

Egg-Flake and the Rearing of Young Canaries.

Sir,—In answer to Mr. Folkard, I might say that last season was my first for breeding, and I reared two nests of Siskin Mules from the shell on Spratt's Cod Liver Oil Food. I find it much better for the man who has little time to spare, as he can mix plenty to serve all day, and it does not turn sour. My birds get it all the year round and enjoy it. Mr. Folkard will find it, too, a very cheap food. During the moult my birds get very little seed.

F. W. HODGSON.

Amongst the Linnets in the Fen District.

Sir,—From news brought to me since the harvest was over, there are this season more Linnets seen in the Fen districts than have been seen before on most of the farms. There are large flocks feeding in the fields, and also the stack yards. Some of the birds are in grand colour, which suggests that they have had a good moult. What they were feeding on, my informant, not being a naturalist, was unable to say; but it was not on either mustard or cole seed, as none had been grown on the farm in question. During the nesting season very few Linnets' nests were found in the hedgerows. What nests have been found in this district would not account for such large flocks that have been seen. There were also seen with them a few Greenfinches and Yellowhammers, and anyone with a pair of clap nets might have had a good haul. They must come from some other parts of the Fens at this season of the year for food in the fields, of which there is plenty besides the cole and mustard. Where these two seeds have been grown and threshed there are always plenty of Linnets to be found in the stack yards. Some of the Greenfinches around here are both exceptionally large and bright of colour, and I think the mustard seed has a lot to do with it. Yet if you give the Linnets and Greenfinches mustard seed when in cages they do not care much for it, preferring the other seeds. Such has for many years been my experience with these birds when fresh caught

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I had splendid results, so would you please thank all those who answered my advert. in "CAGE BIRDS"?—E. Haddrell (South Godstone).

I had so many replies for the Canaries advertised in your valuable paper, "CAGE BIRDS," that I could not reply to them all.—W. Westrope (Cambridge).

Through one advertisement in your valuable paper, "CAGE BIRDS," I had so many replies that I almost entirely cleared out my surplus stock.—D. O. Morgan (Tootiug).

Please thank all inquiries for our Linnet and Mule advertised in "CAGE BIRDS," as we could not answer all by post. We have sold both.—Hemmings and Brereton (Over, Winsford).

Kindly thank all those who replied to my advertisement of two yellow Yorkshire hens. I had over 30 letters from all parts, which speaks well for "Cage Birds."—J. Todd (Mid Calder).

Kindly thank all for their replies to my "ad" in "Cage Birds," re exchange, British and Borders, as I cannot answer all, which, I think, speaks well for "C.B."—Wm. Davison (Annfield Plain).

I have been a reader of your valuable paper "CAGE BIRDS"" for some years now, and have effected some capital exchanges through its advertisement columns.—J. Stables (12, South Market Street Durham).

Having had a good many replies to my advert. in "CAGE BIRDS" re Roller Hen for Goldfinch, I cannot answer them all. I have effected an exchange. This speaks well for your paper.—Mr. Whalley (Lancaster).

My first advert. in "CAGE BIRDS" has brought me a lot of work, and if the replies still keep on coming I shall have to start a clerk to acknowledge all of them, as it takes too much of my time.—G. W. Cripps (Richmond).

Kindly thank all who answered my advertisement in "CAGE BIRDS," as I had over thirty replies, and I could not answer them all. Wishing "CAGE BIRDS" and CAGE BIRDS LEAGUE every success.—G. Hodgetts (Newsham).

Will all who wrote me in reply to my advertisement in "CAGE BIRDS," kindly note, writee W. Aitken (Bangor), that I have sent my Yorkshire hen to South Wales. I had 14 enquiries for her, so that I am unable to answer them all.

I am pleased to say that my advt. in your valuable paper, "Cage Birds," brought me more orders for Bullies than I could execute at the time. I shall certainly use your paper again when I have birds on hand to sell.—B. Rand (Rayleigh).

Kindly thank all who replied to my advertisement in "CAGE BIRDS" re yellow hens. I had so many I could not answer all, but I replied to all who sent stamp. Some very good offers had to go unanswered.—A. Ford (Burton-on-Trent).

Please cancel my remaining advertisement in "CAGE BIRDS" of Yorkshire cocks for sale. I soon disposed of them, which speaks volumes for "CAGE BIRDS" as an advertising medium, and I wish the paper continued success.—L. Yates (Pokesdown).

Kindly thank the numerous applicants for my Goldfinch, which was claimed by wire before I saw "CAGE BIRDS." Have returned cash in two instances. A splendid advertising medium, without a doubt, is "CAGE BIRDS."—Harry Smith (Connah's Quay).

Allow me epace to thank all who replied to my "ad." in your Special Number, as I have had in all over 50 replies. That speaks volumes for your instructive and enterprising paper, "CAGE BIRDS." No bird fancier should be without a copy.—R. Irvine (Blairgowrie).

Re my advertisement in "CAGE BIRDS" to exchange Cock Greenfinch and Hen Bullfinch, I have been able to make the exchange by advertising in "CAGE BIRDS." I have received 25 replies up to the present, and I have not enough time to answer all.—Geo. Stares (Romford).

I have had good results from my last advert. in "CAGE BIRDS," and I am certain if succeesful to advertise all surplus birds this season in your paper, as I have had replies from distant places, which speaks well for the circulation of "CAGE BIRDS."—W. Hayle (Preston).

I am pleased to inform you that I have had a splendid sale for my birds through advertieing in your valuable paper "CAGE BIRDS." I have sold all my clear and mark buff cocks, also yellow hens and buff hens and self green yellow cocks and hens—about forty birds altogether.—W. Bayley (Altrincham).

I advertised 20 Canaries for sale in "CAGE BIRDS" of Jan. 20th; up to the Monday evening I had over 50 replies, besides two personal applications. If I were to reply to all letters sent I should be sadly out of pocket. Kindly thank all my correspondents for me. All the birds are sold. I think your paper a splendid medium for advertising cage birds of all kinds. A few weeks ago I advertised my Grey Parrot in your columns. This I sold to a lady in London, although I had other replies in answer to same advert. from Scotland.—W. M. Measures (Crewe).

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Canaries.—**Claude St. John.** British Birds, Mule and Hybrids—**G. E. Weston.** Foreign Birds—**Wesley T. Page,** F.Z.S., M.B.N.H.S., &c., Wild Bird Life—**H. Norman.**

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CANARY QUERIES.

Answered by CLAUDE ST. JOHN.

HOW AND WHEN TO RING (V. Britton).—The reply in last issue to "G.M.O." gives all particulars you want. Part VIII. of "Our Canaries" also fully describes and illustrates how this is done.

MARKING RINGS (G.R.H.).—Am making some enquiries and will reply more definitely next week. For a permanent identification mark and index to pedigree record the closed ring is without a rival, and will doubtless be much more freely used in the future.

OUT OF SONG (In Doubt).—Feed and treat the bird generally the same as advised to "K.A.I." in last issue under heading "Song Too Low." Provided you keep the bird quite free from draughts, and where the temperature is fairly equable, and the air pure, the kitchen would not necessarily account for the bird going off song.

BREEDING ROOM (J. B.).—Certainly, if you have sufficient space, and the room is sufficiently ventilated, free from draughts, and extreme fluctuations as to be generally healthful for yourself, there is no reason why you should not breed Canaries quite successfully in such a room as you describe. Lots of birds are kept and bred in similar rooms. Given the above requirements, it is all a question of one's own convenience. You would, of course, need to give the cages good attention in order to keep them scrupulously clean, and prevent mites getting a footing in them.

EXTERMINATING RED MITES (Kintore Foxe).—Your faith in the fluid named is well placed. You may use it quite freely, and of great strength without the least fear of harming the birds. You may even moisten the ends of perches, joints of door, etc., with the pure fluid (undiluted), wiping away all surplus that runs or spreads about, whilst the birds are in the cages, without any fear of harm. But in dealing with infested cages, after removing birds, do not wash them out before using fluid. Simply clean out all debris, kill all mites that are seen about, and then go over the cage with the pure fluid, running drops into every crack, joint, etc., likely to harbour mites, let it stand for an hour or so, then wash out well with a strong solution of the fluid.

MOULTING (J.E.M.).—Had you purchased the current issue of CAGE BIRDS ANNUAL, you would have seen that you made a big mistake in moving the bird to a cold room, where it started to moult. Your object should be to get the moult over as speedily as possible, and nothing would have aided this better than warmth. Remove it back to warm room; see that the heat is equable; that no draught exists, and in addition to the seed diet, give half-a-tea-poonful of crushed sponge cake, with four drops of sherry and two of cod liver oil emulsion mixed in it and sprinkled with maw seed every second day. On the alternate days, give a similar quantity of equal parts hemp and millet, and a morsel of banana or dandelion. Allow bird to bathe when it desires. Dissolve a dram of ammoniated citrate of iron and quinine in an ounce of sherry, add a teaspoonful of honey, and give 15 drops of this mixture in the water two days in every three until moult ceases. Bird will not resume singing until moulting is stopped.

WASTING SEED (Nelson).—It is due to derangement of the digestive organs, and is in no degree contagious. The following treatment for a fortnight or so will cure. See that surroundings are generally healthful and free from draught. Give a staple diet of plain canary only. Every second day give a piece of bread and milk, the size of a hazel nut, sprinkled with soft sugar, and half-a-teaspoonful of summer rape separately. On the alternating days give half-a-teaspoonful of a mixture of equal parts hemp, inga, millet, and teazle, and either a morsel of banana, or a fresh young leaf of dandelion. Stick a cube of hard common salt in the wire for a few days for bird to peck at if it desires. In the drinking water give six drops of syrup of rhubarb and a crystal of sulphate of soda, the size of a split pea every second day for a week, and in the next week give four drops each of tincture of gentian, tincture of calumba, and aromatic sulphuric acid every second day.

DOUBTFUL SEX (L.W.E.).—It is quite possible for a bird answering your description to be a hen, and also for the most experienced to make a mistake in the sex of a given bird occasionally. If there is considerable swelling and pulsation of the throat when the bird is singing, and the vent on examination appears somewhat pointed in shape and protuberant, instead of flat and on level with abdomen, you may safely conclude the bird is a cock.

MAKES THROATY NOISE (H. J. J.).—It entirely depends upon the cause of the noise. As the bird appears quite well, see that it is quite free from cold draughts or great fluctuations of heat and cold. Give ten drops of syrup of buckthorn in the water for two days, and afterwards 20 drops of whisky, five each of oxymel of squills and ipecac, wine, and two of eucalyptus oil, well shaken together every second day for a week. If the noise quite ceases after this I see no reason why you should not mate the bird when ready.

HOW TO MATE (Inquirer).—As you cannot be sure whether two of the birds are related, I take it you did not breed them, in which case, not knowing the parentage, you can only mate them up according to their face value of points so to speak. If you cannot add another cock to your stock, nor replace any, mate the old yellow self-green cock with the clear buff hen; and the clear buff cock with the clear yellow hen, and you may also if you wish mate him with the other hen running him with each alternately. By the way, is the brown mark on head of one hen cinnamon colour? If so, bird will be pink-eyed, and if there is no cinnamon blood in the cocks, you will get a very large proportion of green and heavily variegated from your stock. As regards feeding, see several of these replies the last few weeks, "Canary Breeding for Beginners," or CAGE BIRDS ANNUAL.

OUTDOOR CAGES (Ironmonger).—Yes, 16 ins. will be quite deep enough to make the cage. Much greater depth than this would tend to make the birds very unsteady. I note you have the eaves of the roof, or cover of cages well overhanging, but the front does not seem to have any projecting cover allowed. This should be provided for. Anything from one to two feet of roof jutting out over front of cages will be very useful as a protection from winds, driving rain and drippings. It would have been much better to have them in a south-east or even north-east aspect, but I suppose no other aspect is available.

PLUCKING FEATHERS (A.B.C.).—Give a diet of plain Canary seed only as staple. Every second day give separately half a teaspoonful of summer rape. On the alternate days for a fortnight give a piece of bread soaked in milk, drained, slightly dusted with flowers of sulphur, and sprinkled with maw.

CANARY QUERISTS.

should consult St. John's "Canary Breeding for Beginners" (7d.); House's "Canary Manual" (1/2); Battye's "Yorkshire Canaries" (1/1½); House's "Norwich Canaries" (1/1); Weston's "Stock Book" (7d.); Dr. Clarke's "Septic or Bird Fever" (7d.); Dr. Creswell's "Hygiene of Bird-keeping (1/1); Norman's "Aviaries, Bird-rooms, and Cages" (2/3); Ramsden's "Colour-feeding" (3½d.); "Seeds and Foods for Cage Birds" (1/2); or the "Nutshell" booklets (2½d. each): No. 5 "The Pet Canary," No. 6 "Ailing Birds and How to Cure them," No. 9 "The Disinfection of Cages, Bird-rooms, etc.," No. 10 "The Roller," No. 23 "The Border Fancy," No. 24 "Green Canaries." All thoroughly practical and instructive. Prices quoted are post free, from "Cage Birds," 154, Fleet Street, London, E.C.

Twice a week give a pinch of a mixture of equal parts inga, millet, black rape, and linseed. Give a spray of watercress or leaf of dandelion three or four times a week. Allow bird to bathe freely in mild weather. In the water add 20 drops of whisky, as much Epsom salts as will cover a sixpence, and half as much chlorate of potash every second day for a week.

A SUITABLE MATE (J.A.C.).—I'm afraid you are somewhat mistaken in describing the No. 2 cock as a green-marked and cinnamon-ticked. Better write again and enclose a few small feathers of what you term green and cinnamon colour on this bird, each colour wrapped separately, and also describe the position and size of the marks and ticks, and say what breed the birds are. For the No. 1 yellow pink-eyed hen you should get a cinnamon-marked or a cinnamon-ticked cock, bred from a marked strain, seeing, of course, that it is suitable in all other respects, such as size, type, and quality of feather. I do not think the No. 2 cock is likely to be a suitable mate, but cannot tell without the information asked for above. Are any of the parents of Nos. 3 and 4 cinnamon-marked or pink-eyed?

RETURN OF RED MITES (Puzzled).—You might have seen full details of dealing with this pest about a fortnight ago. Your operations seem to have been very thorough, and from the fact that the mites have again appeared I can only imagine that you got through the job too quickly, or some of the harbouring places were overlooked. In a thorough overhauling of this kind it is best to extend the initial dressings with insecticides over three or four days in order to repeat the dressings two or three times at intervals of a day, before the final stages of re-enamelling, etc., are begun. This gives hidden mites time to come out of the deepest haunts and be dispatched. Then perhaps the paper on walls is in bad condition, so that the mites harbour underneath. In this case the only serviceable remedy is to remove paper and cover walls with sanitary distemper. Continue using quassia in baths regularly, remove the perches every week, and after destroying any mites about them dip the ends in some insecticide. Also touch the joints of doors and every likely harbour with a camel-hair pencil dipped in the fluid. Perseverance in this method will keep the pest within bounds, and ultimately eradicate it as far as is possible. For the next few months use only the spirit and camphor solution named in Part II. of "Our Canaries."

BREEDING DIFFICULTIES (Rufus).—Where you went wrong in dealing with the second brood last season was in leaving the cock with the hen until the eggs were nearly due to hatch and then removing him. You should have removed him when you put the hen to sit, and kept him well away from her, not hung near by. If he could be taken out of sight and hearing, so much the better. Occasionally a hen will not sit when the cock is removed; in that case there is nothing to be done but leave him alone. To be provided for such a contingency this season, make up a pair of common birds at same time of a known good feeding strain and transfer the Yorkshire's eggs to this pair and vice versa. In this way you may save the Yorkshire's eggs and rear the broods, though the common eggs may be sacrificed.

INDOOR AVIARY (G.E.D.).—(1) One cock and three hens is the limit I should advise in aviary 6½ ft. by 4 ft. by 3½ ft. Put in five or six resting places, and do not place one considerably higher than the others. Use a strong, lusty cock between a year and eighteen months old. (2) Place the hens in aviary at once, but keep cock caged separately until all are in good forward breeding condition—probably in a month hence. (3) The object of No. 2 is to get all hens to start near together, but if they do not there is nothing for it but to supply the usual egg-food as soon as the first brood is hatched.

CANARIES WITH DIARRHŒA (F. Wells).—See all food supplied is perfectly sound and sweet. Keep all vessels, cage floor, and perches as clean as possible. In addition to diet of plain canary, give half-a-teaspoonful of summer rape separately each day; also every second day a similar quantity of equal parts good sound hemp and crushed dry plain biscuit, and on the alternate days a morsel of banana and a pinch of maw. Add 10 drops of syrup of buckthorn to the water for one day only, and after this 6 drops of tincture of gentian and four of tincture of opium for a few days as may be necessary. Stop it as soon as the droppings are normal. Give no green food until trouble is quite cured.

LOUD SINGING ROLLERS (Old Reader No. 2).—I presume you saw reply to "an old reader" on Feb. 10th. If not, turn up that reply. In your case I should certainly advise you to use the Yorkshire hen. In mere loudness the Yorkshire is, say, perhaps a twentieth part of one brake-horse power less than the Norwich, so that there is really little to choose in this respect, and the Yorkshire is quite loud enough to suit any taste, and it will give you a nicer-looking and more elegant type of bird.

LISTLESS NORWICH (R.P.C.).—Keep hen in a comfortable temperature, not overheated, nor yet very cold, but quite free from draughts. In addition to staple diet, give half a teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake with four drops of sherry and two of cod liver oil emulsion mixed in it and sprinkled with equal parts maw and gold of pleasure every second day for a fortnight. On the alternate days give a similar quantity of equal parts hemp, millet, inga, and teazle. If obtainable in good condition, give a leaf of dandelion every second day; otherwise, give instead a morsel of banana. Add 10 drops of syrup of buckthorn to water for two days, and afterwards 4 drops each of tincture of gentian, tincture of calumba, and aromatic sulphuric acid every second day for a week.

NO RESULTS WANTED (Puzzled).—As you do not want to hatch out any young birds, your best plan is to leave the hens flying loose as you did once before, and cage cocks up separately, keeping them for singing, preferably out of hearing of the hen. Feed hens on a strictly plain diet through the spring and summer, limiting them mostly to plain canary seed and green food. The latter may be varied according to season, but avoid dandelion altogether. Egg food also should be avoided, except as a rare treat and a small quantity of rape or mixed seeds once a week will suffice. It is quite possible you may get a few stray eggs from the more prolific hens, but the danger of egg-binding will not be the least bit greater—but rather appreciably less—than when the hens are mated. I cannot tell whether you would be able to sell the eggs if you mated the birds as usual. Possibly you might if you advertised them in our columns, but only the actual experiment could verify this point.

THREE IN ONE (H. B. H.).—(1) You do not say whether any of your birds are green or cinnamon-bred, nor how any are marked. It is therefore impossible to predict results of any matings with any degree of certainty. If the buff cock is well up to average in size, and is sound and healthy, and has not previously been inbred, you will not necessarily lose size by mating him with his daughter. This mating will fix to a great extent any peculiarities of the cock in shape, type, and markings, bad ones as well as good ones, in the young, so you need to be a bit careful. (2) Again I cannot say what the result from buff hen will be without knowing much more of their parentage. You may get some very nice quality feathered stock birds, which should be mated back to birds bred from yellow and buff—not double-yellows. (3) No, mate back as advised in No. 2.

CONSTIPATION (T. W. B., Bow).—Probably your diet is at fault. Give a staple of plain Canary only. Every second day for a week give a piece of stale bread the size of a hazel nut sopped in cold milk and sprinkled with maw. On the alternate days give a spray of watercress, if obtainable in good condition, and three times during the week half-a-teaspoonful of equal parts summer rape, black rape, and inga. Also break open a grape and stick on the end of a perch for them to peck at when they like. If they ignore it at first, drop a pinch of maw on the broken surface. Add six drops of syrup of rhubarb and as much Epsom salts as will cover a threepenny piece to the drinking water daily until the droppings are again normal.

HEN SITTING CLOSELY (Wertyinop).—What is your object in wishing to remove eggs after the hen has commenced to sit? Such a course is quite unnecessary. The first three eggs laid in each clutch are generally removed each morning, and a dummy substituted for the first. The eggs are returned on the evening of the third day, the dummy taken away again, and no further interference is necessary, save in very exceptional cases. The object is to get the young hatched very nearly at same time to give all an equal start in life. Some hens sit very closely from the first egg. If this is what you mean, there will be no harm in putting your finger to the side of nest and gently sending her off whilst you remove the egg. After the third day, when the eggs have been replaced in nest, leave her alone. Close sitting can only prove beneficial in the early part of season, and I doubt if it would hardly ever be responsible for eggs not hatching. Probably the eggs last season were infertile.

ROLLER AND YORKSHIRE (F. W. C.).—(1) Probably the Yorkshire is exposed to draughts from door. Keep it in a box cage in an equable temperature and free from draughts. In addition to staple diet, give half a teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake with four drops of sherry and two of cod liver oil emulsion mixed in it and sprinkled with maw every second day for a fortnight, and on the alternate days a similar quantity of equal parts hemp, millet, and teazle, and a morsel of banana. Stop all other foods. In the water add 20 drops of a mixture composed of a dram of ammoniated citrate of iron and quinine dissolved in a fluid ounce of sherry, with a teaspoonful of honey added to it. Give this two days in every three for a fortnight if necessary. (2) If the Roller is a trained singer there will be a risk of its developing bad notes, or becoming "choppy" if kept in same room as the Yorkshire after the latter comes on song. If only an ordinary singing Roller, probably no harm would result. There is no harm in keeping Roller in living room, provided it is in a fairly equable place, not overheated, and free from cold draughts.

A PAIR OF NORWICH (Printerdom, Walworth, S.E.).—A healthy young cock certainly ought to be in stout song now. Are you keeping the pair together in same cage? If so, this may account for his temporary silence. Separate them, and if he does not at once resume singing treat him as advised to "K.A.I." in last issue for a week or so. If the birds are quite well and active as you say, there is no reason why they should not breed successfully. It is, however, rather early to think of beginning just yet—have patience.

MATING TO COLOUR (Amateur Fancier).—Your stock is not altogether a very suitable one for matching up without any addition or substitution. Where you simply say buff or yellow I am assuming they are clear birds. If they possess any markings at all you ought to have described them. Another thing, you do not say whether the Cinnamons are yellows or buffs. Pair the largest Cinnamon cock, 6 or 7, with the Cinnamon hen, 4, if it is of the opposite colour, otherwise pair the one, if either, that is of the opposite colour with 4. The yellow cock, 5, mate with the largest and chubbiest hen, 1, 2, or 3, and the buff cock, 8, with the smallest, slimmest and leggiest one of 1, 2, or 3. The remaining one of these three hens mate with the spare Cinnamon cock. Then mate yellow Crestbred, 18, to green var. dark Crest 11, and lastly the clear dark Crest cock, 12, and green Crest hen, 9. The latter pair should only be mated if the Crests are of fairly faultless shape. A clear Crestbred hen would be much more suitable.

BRITISH BIRDS, MULES AND HYBRIDS.

Answered by G. E. WESTON.

WORK FOR THE ROLLERS (R. D. B.).—It is most decidedly possible for hen Roller Canaries to hatch out the eggs of a Bullfinch and successfully rear the young. Why not, indeed? Roller hens may be "wee mites," but they're "bonny mithers," as a rule.

HOW SOON? (L. A. D.).—It depends somewhat upon the part of the United Kingdom in which you live. British birds could safely be put into an outdoor aviary at once in the South of England, especially in South Devon and Cornwall and thereabouts. But if in the North it would be advisable to wait until towards the end of March. A deal, however, depends also upon how the aviary is sheltered, and what kind of erection it is.

FEEDING SKYLARK AND WHEATEAR (Interested).—Very full details of all the best foods, methods of preparation, etc., will be found in "Nutshell" booklets, Nos. 25 and 26 (price 2½d. each, post free). The insectile food you are now giving the Wheatear is a very excellent one indeed. Why not let the Skylark have some of it, too? I give it to my own Larks. There is also a special "Nutshell" booklet (No. 3) dealing solely with the Skylark.

ANOTHER SINNER (J. D. L.).—Note the opening remarks in the answer given "Softy" this week. Get half-an-ounce of crystals of citrate of iron and quinine from a chemist. Dissolve fresh daily in two tablespoonfuls of drinking water as much as will just lie on a threepennybit. Continue for one week; then give on alternate days (plain water in between) for another week or ten days. This should give your Linnet an appetite and "buck him up." Treat the Siberian Goldie as you would a Britisher, but be sparing of the hemp, substituting white (or grey) sunflower seed, lightly cracking it at first to get him used to it.

SEED MIXTURES ETC. (Esperance).—All the seed mixtures sent seem excellent in quality. The "stock mixture" contains a larger proportion of rape (both summer and English, especially the latter) than I care to use myself. Add more teazle and a little Canary. Give a little hemp seed now and again. You could give a feed of the packet mixture once a week, if you choose. If the cage stands two days after being enamelled, no harm will come to the bird; the brand you name is very good and dries quickly, also stands washing well.

A QUARTETTE (Indoor Aviary).—(1) The birds enumerated are almost more than enough for an aviary of this size. (2) They are very unlikely to breed. I am afraid you may find the Chaffinches quarrel later on. Remove the odd hen, anyway, and substitute a hen Greenfinch. Take out the odd hen Redpoll as well, and add a hen Goldfinch. (3) No. But if you have to remove one pair of the Chaffinches you could substitute a pair of Siskins. (4) You could do this if you think well. Pardon me being blunt, however, when I say that it is absurd to think seven pairs of British birds, kept in a cage four feet long and 30 inches wide, will "mate and breed naturally as they would in the open." One pair might nest in such a cage, or two if it were divided into two compartments by a central division.

A QUESTION OF VALUE (Puzzled).—I am sorry, but it is quite impossible to put a value upon birds which one has had no opportunity of seeing. If your Linnet Mules are of just average size and colour, then they will be worth 6s. to 7s. 6d. each (the cocks) as songsters. The jonques (the bright-coloured ones) are worth a little more than the buffs. Unless the muling Linnet is an extra big bird, he is hardly likely to fetch more than 7s. 6d.; probably less. I can't say anything about the hen; you do not state whether she is a yellow or a buff, what is her type, or whether she is large or small. The fact that she has bred Mules is not by itself any very great recommendation.

A. GREENFINCH (J. H. J.).—Try a course of the medicine advised "Softy" in this issue (the glycerine, etc., mixture).

IDENTITY OF BIRD (Fancier).—The bird you have caught is a cock Bramblefinch; it is a common species, visiting us in large numbers every winter.

BIRDS WITH "COLDS" (W. O. C. and Simplexo).—Try the medicine advised "Softy" this week, at the close of his answer.

IS IT THE WEATHER? (C. Sanders).—Yes; it would undoubtedly be the effect of the last spell of severe weather. Now that we seem in for a period of bright springlike days, your Thrushes will come strongly into song again, I feel sure. Give them five or six fat mealworms each every day for a week or so.

ANOTHER SNOW BUNTING (Northumbrian).—This species seems very popular just now. Your question is answered in another reply given by me this week.

WILL A GOLDIE MULE BREED? (Forge).—It is safe to say that as a general rule a cock Goldfinch Mule will not breed (i.e., fertilise eggs) when paired to a hen Canary. But I should hesitate to say it is impossible for there to be fertile eggs from such a mating. I think, in fact it has been clearly established, that in certain instances Mules have been successfully bred with.

FOOD OF KESTREL HAWK (S. Lingmann).—Only flesh food is of any use—mice, rats, small birds (for instance, Sparrows), black-beetles, pieces of rabbit flesh with the fur on, the "innards" of fowls, lights, cooked or raw beef, mutton, liver, etc., etc.

SEED SAMPLE (H. R.).—I have seen better hemp-seed, but I most certainly have seen much that has been decidedly worse. It is a very fair sample, with just a bad grain or two here and there amongst it. The manner of your Linnet's death was very singular; fancy him swallowing a flight feather and being choked! Better luck with the newcomer.

A GOLDFINCH MATTER (W. H.).—The term "white-legged" is applied to a bird which has been house-moulted, and gone light in leg colour by reason of this. It has nothing whatever to do with "breeding condition." Judging from the description you give, the prospects of the field-moulted Goldie you have breeding Mules are very bright indeed. Try him about the middle to the end of April.

A GOLDFINCH MATTER (Constant Reader).—I do not advise anything beyond two mild doses of sulphate of soda, given on different days (plain water in between). Let the bird have a change of diet. Give teazle freely, and some crushed sunflower seed. Get the following mixed: One ounce each of thistle (the best English), dandelion, sesame, cornflower, and maw seeds.

SEXING SNOW BUNTING (Bunting).—The hen is a smaller bird, generally speaking, than the cock, and is much dingier in colour. A good cock bird is a mixture of snow-white, black (on tail and wings and mottled on back), and light brown (on head, chiefly, and neck), the white predominating. The hen is a darkish warm brown, practically all over, with very little white (pure white) about her—it is a dull, ashen white, and the black a brownish-black.

A TRIO (British).—(1) It is no doubt useful, but I have seen wild seed mixtures that I think are very much to be preferred. It is a rough, crude sort of mixture. (2) I dealt with this point (the sexing of Hedge Accentors) last week or the week before. (3) If the small aviary is in an exposed position and can be "raked fore and aft" by every cold wind that blows, then I have no doubt the cause of the deaths can be put down to this. I advise you to have a post mortem examination made.

IN A GARDEN (E. Pascall).—(1) Try this as a stock mixture: canary and teazle three pints each, hemp two pints, summer rape, linseed and sunflower one pint each. Give the other seeds generally used (niger, maw, etc.) occasionally, as a treat, likewise wild seed mixture. (2) I take it you mean the place measures 8ft. each way, that is, length, width, and height. (3) Add another Canary and Greenfinch, two Bullfinches, one Siskin, and one Bramblefinch, all hens, with the following cocks: Mealy Redpoll, Lesser Redpoll, Siberian Goldfinch and Twite. (4) See reply given "L. A. D." this week.

IDENTITY OF BIRD, ETC. (Hybrid).—(1) The body sent is that of a Reed Bunting, a cock. It is quite a common bird, and of little value from the monetary point of view (note our advertisement columns). A first-class specimen, when steadied and moulted, is a desirable bird for exhibition; of practically no account as a songster though. Eat little except canary seed; like mealworm or two now and again, and an occasional feed of prepared insectile food, also live ants' eggs in season. (2) A house-moulted proved muling Goldfinch of fair quality might be bought at from 7s. 6d. to 10s. 6d. (3) A hen Linnet captured in January last might breed this coming season. One can never tell. A deal depends upon whether she gets reasonably steady, i.e., takes readily to caged life.

IN A CONSERVATORY (G. T. H.).—(1) It would hold twenty to twenty-four birds comfortably. They would enjoy the flight in the conservatory, I am sure, but you may have some difficulty in getting them back into their own particular portion. (2) Keep one pair of each species; failing this, keep cocks only. It is difficult to say how any birds are likely to behave. As in the case of the proverbial pudding, "the proof is in the eating." I have had Goldfinches which it was quite impossible to keep with others of their own species; also Bullfinches and Greenfinches. One cock Bullie (by name and by nature), belonging to a friend of mine, stripped three other cock Bullfinches which he had practically bare, and quickly, too—while he was wondering what on earth the trouble could be. Yet these birds agreed quite well all through the winter, the disrobing scene taking place early in April.

A PUZZLE: and one other (Prudence).—You could put the birds out of doors right away in a place such as you mention. If you wish to live up to your nom-de-plume, however, leave it until the middle of March, and be on the safe side. They should winter very comfortably, with glass panels protecting the front, providing the place is erected in a well sheltered spot. How to obtain good specimens for exhibition? That's a bit of a puzzle. The only cheap way is to visit the dealers' shops frequently and endeavour to locate a few "rough diamonds." You want plenty of patience, too—for they are few and far between—to say nothing of expert knowledge. Good birds, too, are no doubt to be found amongst the selected specimens offered by large dealers and catchers. And some winners are occasionally to be picked up cheaply at the shows. Weight of money, of course, can always command them.

THE SNOW BUNTING (W. Conolly).—A week or so ago I dealt at length with the feeding of this bird. The soft food is all right; but of the seeds, only canary is eaten in any quantity—sometimes a little groats or coarse oatmeal. Articles have appeared dealing with the Snow Bunting, but unfortunately I cannot tell you from memory exactly when or in what numbers. One by Mr. Lowne appeared in Nos. 346 and 348, and this covered the Bunting family; but possibly these issues are by now "out of print." Glad to hear you think the 1912 Annual such splendid value, and so interesting.

THRUSH IN POOR CONDITION (Softy).—You ought to have thought about remedial measures long ago. Why so many bird keepers leave cases until they become chronic or incurable before seeking advice, I can't for the life of me imagine. Get a bottle of combined cod-liver oil and hypophosphites emulsion from a first-class chemist, and stir a small teaspoonful into the bird's daily allowance of soft food. Its diet could be improved, judging by your letter. Consult "Nutshell" booklet No. 4 (post free 2½d.). Give the wheezing Canary a small teaspoonful of the following mixture in two tablespoonfuls of drinking water, fresh daily: glycerine, oxymel of squills and ipecacuanha wine, one ounce of each. Give every day for a week, then on alternate days (plain water in between) for a time, if needed. Don't keep birds in draughts; prevention is a great deal easier than cure.

NOT THRIVING (T. Brown).—It is curious that birds should fail to thrive, as both Blackbirds and Thrushes are very hardy, given proper treatment. I certainly advise you to try a change of food. You say that you have the "Nutshell" booklet; why not feed on the lines laid down therein? You should provide a few mealworms, blackbeetles, gentles (maggots), snails, small garden worms, etc., for newly-caught birds; one or other of these things is always obtainable. It seems to me that the birds get "indigestion" (through unsuitable food), go thin, and die. You could give a little finely-scraped raw lean beef or mutton amongst the stock food every other day for a time. Give the bird that is now beginning to look queer a small teaspoonful of malt extract amongst its soft food every day; not too much, but enough to just properly moisten the food. Your Lark would thrive on the same stock food; give a little canary seed and groats in a separate dish.

FOREIGN BIRDS.

Answered by WESLEY T. PAGE, F.Z.S., etc.

TURNING BIRDS OUT-OF-DOORS (Nemo).—Mannikins, Weavers, and Ribbon Finches from a heated room, should not be put out till first week in May, and it will be best to prepare them for the change by putting them into an unheated room during a mild spell, and leaving them there for a month before turning them out, much as you would harden off plants before bedding out. If the season is fairly forward, after, say, three weeks, in unheated room, they might go out first week in April, otherwise not till May.

RED CARDINAL (B. W.).—Presumably a Virginian. Your diet is not varied enough. This bird should have ripe fruit, two or three live insects daily, and a seed mixture of one quart each canary and white millet seed, and half a pint each of oats, hemp and sunflower seed. Well mix and keep a supply in the cage. I should catch the bird and give three drops of tasteless, castor oil direct to the beak from a quill, and if it is the sole occupant of the aviary cage, once a week put one teaspoonful of Dinneford's Magnesia into the drinking water, and on other days the same quantity of byno-phosphates. At this season give it a couple of mealworms each morning and afternoon, and later offer spiders, beetles, smooth caterpillars, etc. Give a little fresh lettuce or green-food, and keep a piece of clean cuttlebone in the aviary.

FOOD FOR HANGNEST (H. B. T.).—Some good softfood mixture, ripe fruit, as much as it will eat, and live insects (say 6 mealworms per diem), and when obtainable such spiders, beetles, earwigs, live ants' cocoons, smooth caterpillars, etc., as you can obtain. Some individuals are fond of milksop, and in my opinion they are the better for a little. They can also be offered a young mouse or fledgling Sparrow when such are obtainable, and scraps of cooked meat from the table (finely minced) will not come amiss occasionally. They are active birds. A roomy cage and a fly round the room occasionally will add to their well-being. A mealworm will always secure its return to its cage.

ACCLIMATISING A SHAMA (Shammos).—In our last issue we gave you the items of diet. On receipt of the bird, give it a roomy cage and a shallow saucer of water, but watch it, for the Shama loves its bath, and after being deprived of water for a day or so will so drench itself that it can hardly move, and in cool weather is liable to take a chill. After you have removed the water, and supplied it with food, leave it to itself for a time that it can rest and recover. At this period six to twelve mealworms will be none too many, and also a spider, beetle, or other insects if you are able to procure them. If you feed as advised in our last issue, unless the bird has contracted contagion en route, it should soon settle down and do well.

A PEKIN NIGHTINGALE (Beginner in Doubt).—I cannot give you a definite reply. From your statements you appear to have a young male, and its song should be at its best during the spring and early summer. Individuals vary, however, considerably as to their song capacity, some being quite equal to, if not excelling, the Blackcap, and others not going much further than your bird is at present; but I should say yours would certainly improve very shortly. They come on into song much as our Thrushes do in the spring—a sort of tuning up, and then the gladsome nuptial melody. You had better repeat this query in April, with full details again if there has been little or no progress. Add ripe fruit to its daily menu.

BITING ITS FEATHERS (C. R. Burton).—You must give me a little more of the history of this bird before I can help you materially. Tell me how long you've had it, how you feed and treat it generally, and then I hope to be in a position to assist you. In the meantime get a "mist" sprayer and spray the bird with quassia solution, occasionally using a weak solution of fir-tree oil in lieu of the quassia. You must carefully protect the bird from draught while its plumage is moist. Give it some pieces of stick with bark on to cut up and empty cotton reels to play with.

PECKING ITSELF (Derby).—It can have biscuit ad. lib., but I should only give chocolate as an occasional tit-bit. The supply of ripe fruit should be liberal. Give the following in lieu of your present mixture: One quart each of canary and white oats, one pint each white millet and hemp, and half a pint each of grit (not sand), paddy rice, wheat and sunflower seeds—well mix and keep a supply in the cage; also keep a piece of cuttlebone hanging in the cage. Give every fourth day one teaspoonful of Dinnford's magnesia in its drinking water (about two tablespoonfuls). Spray it every other day with quassia solution, carefully guarding against draught while its plumage is moist. When the plumage is dry rub in Keating's insect powder to be on the safe side. The cage should also be well examined for parasites, and if these exist, utensils, perches, and every crevice of cage must be well swilled with boiling water to get rid of the pests.

BREEDING GOULDIANS (Gould).—So far these have proved very shy breeders in a cage, but they breed readily enough in a garden aviary with natural surroundings. An aviary for Gouldian Finches should consist of a shed, covered and open flights. There would be a good probability of their breeding if left flying loose in a room the walls of which were hung with twiggy branches with nesting receptacles behind them. This is all you can do to encourage them. If young are hatched keep a little soft food in the aviary, they will take very little, and supply green food ad. lib.; also keep millet sprays in the aviary, and paddy rice and crushed oats in addition to their usual seed menu. They usually breed from July to October over here, and if you could give up your unheated room to them they would probably breed for you this coming season. If you care to send me a rough plan of the room, showing position of window, door and fireplace, I will send you a rough plan indicating how best to accommodate them. Cocoanut husks, Hartz travelling cages and small boxes are all favoured as nesting sites.

PUTTING FOREIGNERS OUT OF DOORS (L. A. D.).—Newly imported birds cannot go out of doors till May; birds which have been kept in a cold (unheated) room indoors for a time, could go out in April. Of course if you know any aviarist, who keeps his birds outdoors, in your locality, who has any spares, these could be transferred from one aviary to the other at the present time; but you must know for yourself that the birds you buy are straight from an outdoor aviary to make it safe to put them out now.

PLANTS FOR AVIARY ("One who wants to Know").—Put in good sized plants of berberis, aucuba, Douglas, and common firs, elder, privet, and as regards creepers, wild clematis (Traveller's Joy), hops, virginian creeper, rambler roses, honeysuckle, etc., but you must protect the bases of the creepers at any rate till well established. It would be a good plan to dig out a hole about 3 feet square and deep, fill in with good loam, and plant in that. With the pheasants you could keep some of the foreign Thrushes, pigeons, and doves, and Cardinals (arboreal species). As regards the Budgerigar aviary, you can only have a grass base. I know of no plant they will not destroy, and you will have to renew this annually, but you can have patches of wheat, oats, canary seed and other cereals, which look well growing, as well as providing provender for the birds when seeding.

BUDGERIGARS ETC. (H. J. Jones).—(1) Budgerigars are not malicious, but a playful nip from their beaks means a broken leg, or wing to any finch-like bird. They should be safe in roomy quarters. (2) In the past, when I kept a British species, I bred them freely. When feeding young they require branches with buds and other green food fresh three times daily. Certainly they should breed. (3) With Budgies could be kept Madagascar and Blue-winged Lovebirds, also Cockateels, and all would thrive on the same treatment. (4) I bred the Bullfinch freely in an outdoor cage (span roof), with a floor 18in. square and 2ft. high. The nest was built in the most sheltered part of the roof (see reply 3). (5) If your shelter ("barn") is roomy, it will not be necessary to board in any portion of the flight. Say you send me a rough plan of the aviary, showing respective measurements of shelter ("barn") and flights, and I will reply next week definitely on the point.

BREEDING ZEBRA FINCHES IN CAGE (H. H.).—It is full early yet for birds to commence nesting; it will be better every way if they do not do so before April at the earliest. As a rule, for a cage a husk is too bulky. Get one of the chip cages in which the Hartz Canaries are imported—almost any dealer will let you have one for about 2d.—take out perches and fittings, and cut away a couple of the bars to give the birds admittance; place a little hay over the bottom, and hang it up in one corner of the cage near the top; supply nesting material, and leave the birds to themselves. Do not treat these birds as Canaries; there is no need to examine nest, etc., or remove eggs; leave the birds to take their own course, and in due time you'll have some young Zebra Finches—once they start, they breed right up to the autumn moult, sometimes even the moult does not check them.

DOVES, COWBIRD, ETC. (Turtle Dove).—(1) The Half-masked or Cape Dove is rather a handsome, strikingly plumaged bird. Alive, it is olivaceous-brown, half face, chin, throat and centre of breast black, the underparts are mostly white, beak crimson, feet ruddy flesh colour. The female has no black mask on the face. The Turtle (chequered) Dove has the head, nape, wing coverts, and flanks bluish-ash; a patch of black feathers with white tips on each side the neck; mantle cinnamon-brown, variegated with darker; tips of tail feathers, abdomen and under tail-coverts white; throat and breast pale vinaceous. (2) The Chingolo Song Sparrow is really a Bunting, and is a pretty arrangement of brown, warm brown and ashy grey, with whitish underparts. The black stripes of the top of head and face are very striking on their ashy grey ground, and give the bird a handsome appearance. It has a fair song, and has been bred in this country. (3) The Bay Cowbird is, with some bay-coloured areas on wings, etc., size, form and treatment similar to the silky. (4) Keep warm, cage each pair singly; supply canary, white and French millet, also millet spray, green food, and if they'll take it, a little milk sop. The main thing at first is warmth (not stuffy warmth) and rest, with good food and clean water. A few ants' eggs are appreciated by some pairs, especially live ones. (5) This matter lies with the Editor.

Ailing Grey Parrot.

Golden.—Its diet has not been varied enough. Supply ripe fruit daily, as much as it cares to take—ripe banana, apple, orange, etc.; also biscuit and nut. Supply the following seed mixture: One quart each canary seed and oats, one pint each white millet, paddy rice and hemp; and half a pint each of wheat, sunflower seeds and grit (not sand)—well mix and keep a supply in the cage. Also keep clean cuttlebone in the cage. Every fourth day put one teaspoonful of Dinneford's magnesia in the drinking water (about two tablespoonfuls), and on other days the same quantity of Byno phosphates. Remove voiding promptly. Your letter rather points to its having taken something unwholesome with its food, and this must be got rid of. Unless there is something wrong which your letter does not reveal it should gradually recover tone. Report progress in a fortnight, earlier if necessary, that is, if unfavourable symptoms develop, and then give full particulars. Nutshell booklet, "The Grey Parrot," 2½d. post free from our manager should prove useful.

Blue Fronted Amazon, etc.

Kintore Foxe.—(1) It is a young bird, and the first moult in this country is always a protracted process. Give the following seed mixture: One quart each canary seed and oats, one pint each hemp and white millet, half a pint each wheat, sunflower; grit (not sand), shelled nuts, and maize—well mix, and keep a supply in the cage. For a couple of months put a teaspoonful of Byno-phosphates into the daily supply of drinking water. Keep its bowels moving freely by giving as required one teaspoonful of Dinneford's Magnesia in the water in lieu of the phosphates. The other items of your dietary are almost right: the supply of fruit should be liberal, and do not give any table slops or messes. Spray it once a week with a weak quassia solution. (2) Spray or bathe its nostrils with dilute glyco-thymoline daily while the trouble lasts. (3) I do not think you need trouble about this much, but if it continues to any extent anoint the vent with a little sweet oil and give three drops of the same direct to the beak, so as to clear out the bowels. Carry out the above diet and treatment and report progress a month hence.

Budgerigars Egg-bound.

H. W.—It is the changeable weather [illegible] responsible for most of your trouble. There [illegible] a risk when birds lay at this time of the year. Strange to say, it very rarely occurs when they are in an outdoor aviary. I am inclined to think your birds are overfed. Only give the oats while they have young to feed, and supply them with a millet spray or two weekly. Also every other day give them Dinneford's Magnesia in the drinking water, but do not scour them—they are small drinkers, so only use a small vessel and give two parts water to one of magnesia. Get some old mortar rubbish, smash it, and mix it with sand (gritty), an equal bulk of each, and use this for cage bottom. If you notice the bird's condition before death takes place, you can usually give relief by anointing the passage (vent) with a drop of sweet oil, and giving two drops of same direct to the beak, and if the egg is not got rid of in, say, 15 to 20 minutes, then take the bird in the hand and steam the vent over a jug of hot water. Place it in a small cage in a warm place for a short time, and the egg will soon be passed; and as soon as the bird has picked up a little, return it to its cage, which is a good one, and the birds should do well in it.

POST MORTEMS.

Mr. G. Yates, M.R.C.V.S., 2, College Road, Harrow, Middlesex, will examine and report upon dead cage birds for a fee of 1s. 6d. each bird; for reply direct, 2s. 6d.; analysis, 21s. Subjects for post mortem examination must be sent packed in a box direct to Mr. Yates, with the fee, this and any accompanying letter being kept from contact with the dead bird. Send by letter-post; it is cheaper and quicker than parcel post. Any bodies sent to the office of this paper will be thrown away, and if a fee is enclosed the loss will be the sender's.

J. B.—Pulmonary apoplexy, or rupture of a blood vessel on the lungs, was the actual cause of death. The lungs were congested and filled with blood owing to enfeebled heart action arising from fatty deposit around this organ. This bird would have thrived better in the outdoor aviary; its confinement, together with too liberal or indiscreet dieting, have been instrumental in producing this fatty deposit, and consequently impeding the heart's action.

W. WHITELEY.—Cordon Bleu.—The liver and intestines were undergoing decomposition, and impossible of examination. The only lesions discernible were in connection with the lungs, which were acutely inflamed at their borders. Death arose from pneumonia, but whether of sporadic or contagious origin cannot be fully determined, due, as I have stated, to the putrefactive changes that had occurred.

K. M. W.—Yours is not an unusual experience, particularly if the birds were not acclimatised, and is very commonly a cause of disappointment and loss. Fright during transit, exposure, etc., produce circulatory disturbance, and the respiratory apparatus, which is of delicate structure, is readily influenced by circulatory depression, and the birds fall an easy prey to pneumonia, which rapidly ends fatally. There was no suspicion of contagion, and in any case they should have been kept apart from others. It is always wise to allow a period of quarantine when introducing fresh birds. If this were adhered to, infectious disease would not become so rampant.

SILK.—Death occurred from the absorption into the system of poisonous products produced within the intestines, resulting from imperfect digestion, following on disease of the liver. This latter organ plays an important part in digestion, and when deranged its secretions become minimised as the result. The liver was fatty and altered in structure, and had been in this state some time. Many birds suffer from liver disease without showing signs of illness; again, others give evidence in their droppings, which are altered in consistence and colour. Where discernible, this is one of the earliest symptoms of liver disease.

GENERAL.

Answered by THE EDITOR.

A PHOTOGRAPH (R. T. Campbell).—Thanks very much; we shall be pleased to reproduce the photograph in a future issue.

AN ADDRESS (A. W. Farmer).—The address you want is Mr. T. Yates, 5, Albany-road, Reading.

TO COMBAT MICE (G. A. Whittaker).—We can well believe that the method mentioned is thoroughly effective, but we should be inclined to vote the remedy almost as bad a nuisance as the mice themselves.

THE ESSAY COMPETITION (G. Grant).—Evidently you overlooked the notice at foot of column 2 on page 168 of last week's CAGE BIRDS.

OUR JUMBLED CANARY PUZZLE (A. G. Hudson).—We are sorry to say that we cannot give you the information on the point you raise, as after the competition was decided all the attempts were destroyed, otherwise we should have been happy to have gone into the matter.

LANCASTER AND DIS. C.B.S. (Nemo).—We must ask you to please excuse us from publishing your letter. Much of it is personal, and calculated only to result in an acrimonious correspondence, while the whole matter is of purely local interest, more suited to be discussed in the Society's club-room than in our columns.

THE CATCHING SEASON (M.C.).—According to Trower's "Bird Dealers' and Catchers' Guide" (price 7d., from Messrs. Trower, 442, Caledonian Road, London, N.), the catching season in Northumberland opens on August 12th and closes on March 1st. But certain birds may be protected all the year round, as local authorities have the power to extend the protection at their discretion. Particulars of local bye-laws can be obtained from the Town Clerk, or Chief of Police, of the County Town, or principal towns; or from Messrs. Wyman, Ltd., printers and publishers, Fetter Lane, London, E.C. (price 2d., post free).

THE MEMBERS' MULE CUP AT PLYMOUTH SHOW (R. H. Rowe).—We have carefully perused your letter, but do not see that any good purpose could be served by its publication. It may well have been a surprise to you that the cup was awarded to a bird other than your own. But the judge's decision is final as regards the merit of birds. In this case you had officiating the best-known judge of the day, the genuineness of whose award you apparently do not call into question—you distinctly say that "as a sportsman I submit to his ruling." This being so, we do not see that any good can come of discussing the matter; and especially so seeing that the decision arrived at is in any case final. Better fortune may attend your efforts at the next show. As regards which bird was placed "reserve," an enquiry made of the secretary would settle the point.

Wild-Bird Life.

Victims of the Frost.

Fortunately, the severe frost did not last many days, but during that period wild birds had a rough time of it, and many succumbed to cold and want of food. In the writer's garden they did fairly well, as food was always put out for them; but we have since heard of many being caught by hand (in other enclosures) too weak to scramble over the boundary fences.

A walk over the fields and downs revealed to the searcher many evidences of loss. In some places were found the whole carcases of victims; in others only the wings and legs, the remainder devoured by the vermin of the fields. No doubt thousands of birds perished, for few of the number would be found, as it is the usual method of all wild creatures to crawl into some quiet nook when they feel death approaching.

Among the victims found, the Thrush family were the most numerous, and among them were Redwings and Fieldfares, birds from the far North, which we should naturally expect would be able to withstand any weather we are likely to get in England. But the frost was somewhat peculiar, inasmuch as it was most severe just before it broke, and when birds have existed for some days on a short supply they are not then in a state to withstand such a grip as we had on the fourth of the month. The natural shyness of the Redwings and Fieldfares is greatly against them during such times. They do not, as a rule, seek the neighbourhood of buildings; gardens are to them forbidden ground, and even small meadows near farm buildings are seldom invaded. Upon a continuance of frost they will loaf along the hedgerows or around the hillocks in the fields where the root crops are sometimes stored. At such times they will eat almost anything; small or partly diseased potatoes are greedily devoured, and the marks of their beaks may plainly be seen in turnips and other roots still left in the ground. Skylarks are birds that somehow manage to pull through a severe time fairly well. Being ground birds they creep under the large leaves of the turnips and vegetables in the open fields while the bad weather lasts, and feed during that time almost exclusively upon green food.

In the Courts.

THE NEW ACT PUT INTO FORCE.

A £25 Penalty for Each Bird.

A case under the new Protection of Animals Act was heard at Weston-super-Mare Sessions on Feb. 16, when George Davis, Alfred Street, was summoned by Inspector Walding, R.S.P.C.A., for cruelly ill-treating certain birds on Jan. 31 by neglecting to give them proper care and attention.—Prisoner pleaded not guilty.

P.C. Carter said that on Jan. 31 he was on duty in Alfred Street when he passed Davis's shop. Three cages of birds were exposed for sale. Sergeant Chapman entered the shop and pointed out to the female assistant the dirty condition of the birds and cages. The first cage contained two Larks, and measured 14in. long by 5½in. wide and 6in. high; the second cage contained five Bullfinches, one Green Linnet, and one Chaffinch, and measured 3ft. long, 8in. wide, by 2ft. 5in. high; the third contained five Brown Linnets, one Chaffinch, one Green Linnet, and one Canary, and measured 12in. wide, by 18in. high, and 18in. in length. The birds were in a filthy condition, and smelt very strongly. The tails and wings were covered with filth.

In reply to defendant, P.C. Carter said there was plenty of food in the cages. Of the nine birds in one cage, only one bird was "crumpled up."

P.S. Chapman gave corroborative evidence, and stated that the birds and cages were in a much better condition when he visited the house a second time.—Inspector Walding said he examined the birds, and was of opinion that they suffered a good deal through the dirty, neglected condition in which they were. He had twice previously cautioned defendant.

Defendant said the birds were kept in a condition most proper for wild birds.—Florence Bruford said she looked after the birds, and they always received ample food and water, and she cleaned them out once a week regularly. The bottoms of the cages looked untidy owing to the grit and seed.—Arthur Williams also spoke on behalf of defendant.

The Bench found the defendant guilty, but stated that inasmuch as that was the first case under the new Act they were going to deal leniently with him, and a fine of 5s. and costs would be imposed. He was liable, however, to a fine of £25 for each bird neglected.

REVIEW OF SCHEDULES.

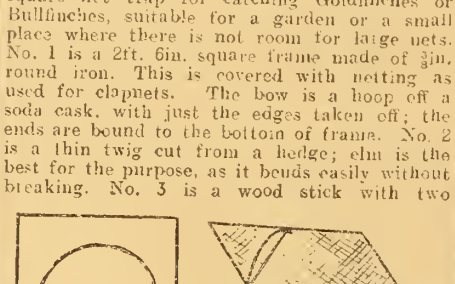
Thirsk, March 1. Public Rooms. Judge, Mr. H. J. Chittenden. Seven open classes: York. 4 (1 for novices); Mule 1, Brit. 2. Prize, 8s., 4s., 2s.; fee, 1s. Ent. close Feb. 23, to J. Bell, Ingramgate, Thirsk, Yorks.

Illustrated Ideas

Every "Illustrated Idea" used in this column will entitle the sender thereof to a postal order for two shillings and sixpence.

No. 569.
A Square-net Bird Trap.
Sent by Mr. M. Jarvis, 118, London Road, Grays, Essex.

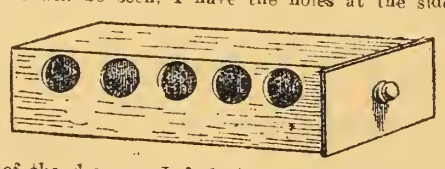
I enclose a sketch of a simple but useful square net trap for catching Goldfinches or Bullfinches, suitable for a garden or a small place where there is not room for large nets. No. 1 is a 2ft. 6in. square frame made of ¼in. round iron. This is covered with netting as used for clapnets. The bow is a hoop off a soda cask, with just the edges taken off; the ends are bound to the bottom of frame. No. 2 is a thin twig cut from a hedge; elm is the best for the purpose, as it bends easily without breaking. No. 3 is a wood stick with two



prongs on the end. When the net is set (as in No. 4) the bow is about three inches off the ground, the twig only just touching it, so that when a bird touches the bow (as it generally does upon entering the net for the feed that is inside the bow) the twig goes, and the net drops at once before the bird has had time to fly out. It is as well to have the call-bird close to the net, so that when a bird flies to it it will see the feed under the net, and as a rule, in this case, it jumps on to the bow and springs the net.—M. Jarvis.

No 570.
A Seed-drawer Contrivance.
Sent by Mr. E. Sim, Imber Rd. W'a'minster

I enclose a sketch showing the plan of a seed drawer I use for a large fly-cage. It prevents my having to blow out out the husks of seeds. As will be seen, I have the holes at the side



of the drawer. I find the contrivance a very useful one; the birds are prevented from messing up the drawer in any way, and a good lot of seed can be put in.—E. Sim.

The Young Naturalist.

Prizes of 1s. and two of 6d. each will be given weekly for the best three anecdotes about birds written on postcards. Competitors must be under sixteen years of age, and state whence stories are taken. Two stars indicate the Winning Contribution, one star the runners-up.

*A Tame Robin.

An old gardener in our village feeds birds regularly outside a tool shed. Amongst them is a Robin, which is so tame that it will fetch crumbs from his hands. The man generally goes into the tool shed, and the Robin follows him. He stands at the side of a box, puts the food on a corner, and the Robin feeds in that way.—Sent by Benjamin Wardby (aged 16), Wesley Farm, South Cave, E. Yorks.

*A Sparrow Feeds a Canary.

A lady kept a Canary. In summer the lady hung the bird on a tree in the garden, and a Sparrow came and fed the Canary. It repeated this several times during the day. Winter came, and the Canary was taken indoors. There were several others hung out in the gardens, but the Sparrow took no notice of them.—Sent by N. Nicholson, 6, Weardale Place, Stockton-on-Tees

**A Swim for a Canary.

A pretty story of a sailor's love for the pet of his ship comes from Sunderland. At present there is a ship by the name of Rubin lying in the Wear, and on Monday night a very precious portion of her cargo consisted of a Canary in a cage hanging under the bridge, but this morning the little bird was missing, and a search over the ship was in vain. Then one of the crew noticed something fluttering in the water, and this proved to be the missing pet. Without a moment's hesitation the sailor, though fully dressed, jumped into the water, swam out to the bird, and brought it back to the ship, where the rest of the crew at once took it to a fire to get it thoroughly resuscitated, while its saviour returned to fresh clothes and warmth.—Taken from the "Evening Chronicle" and sent by William McGinn (aged 13 years), 12, Airey Terrace, Walker-on-Tyne.

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Another Member from the Colonies.

Among the members in the list given above I have the pleasure of welcoming to our ranks yet another Colonial reader, Mr. Jno. Maxwell, of Newfoundland. Mr. Maxwell is now on a visit to this country, and is intending to establish a cage-bird society in Newfoundland on his return, and is kind enough to promise to do what he can to introduce more Newfoundland fanciers to Cage Birds League.

Another Local Hon. Sec.

This week I have to record the addition of yet another hon. sec. to our long list. I should like to have an hon. sec. for every town in the British Islands, especially now that we are getting a large number of bird-shop keepers who are willing to receive visits from a representative of Cage Birds League, and this number promises soon to be spread over the whole country.

Our latest Local Hon. Sec. is for Catford, and is—

Mr. D. R. Beck, Yula Villa, Ardoch Rd., Catford, S.E.

A Word to Bird-shop Keepers.

The R.S.P.C.A. is showing signs of renewed activity in the prosecution of sundry bird-dealers for "causing unnecessary suffering" to birds while in their hands, and birds-dealers, after they have been served with a summons, are seeking to join Cage Birds League.

It may save misunderstanding if I say at once that Cage Birds League does not want the membership of bird-dealers who cause unnecessary suffering to the birds which they have on sale, and that we certainly cannot admit to membership bird-dealers who are awaiting the hearing of a summons served on them. That they are served with such a summons is, of course, not evidence that they have been guilty of the cruelty alleged against them. The offence has to be proved in the police-court. Nevertheless, Cage Birds League cannot issue certificates of membership to bird-dealers while a charge of cruelty is hanging over their heads.

Drastic Penalties.

Bird-dealers should carefully note that under the Protection of Animals Act of 1911 it is an offence to "Cause any unnecessary suffering or permit any unnecessary suffering to be caused to any animal"; and "animal" includes birds. This offence, if proved, is punishable with a penalty up to twenty-five pounds *for each bird*, with or without hard labour, for any term up to six months.

There can be no doubt whatever that the Act is going to be used for all it is worth, and if only those dealers who keep their stock in insanitary and brutal conditions are prosecuted the Act can do nothing but good. As cage-bird lovers, we would be the last to deprecate the enforcement of deserved punishment upon those who bring discredit to the cage-bird hobby by inflicting cruelty upon the birds passing through their hands, but it is to be feared that there may be charges brought against bird-dealers who exercise every possible care in respect of their stock, and if evidence be not forthcoming in their defence, a magistrate may be led to believe any statements adduced against them.

Get On Our List of Inspected Bird-Shops.

We have among our members many bird-dealers, and the very fact of their being members of Cage Birds League would be, in some degree, a defence against any charge which may be brought, for in becoming members they express agreement with our aims and objects, one of which is the inculcation of the principles under which birds may be kept in humane and proper conditions, and if their names are on our list of bird-shop keepers who are receiving surprise visits from our local hon. secs., with a view of gaining one of our certificates to the effect that their shop is being properly conducted, an inspector would probably think more than once before lodging an information against them.

I hope, therefore, that every bird-dealer who is a member of Cage Birds League will write me signifying his willingness to have his method of conducting his trade reported upon by our local hon. sec., and I suggest to those bird-dealers who carry on their business under sanitary and humane conditions, and who are not yet members of Cage Birds League, that it would be of some value to them to be enrolled among our members, and to have their names on our list of bird-sellers who are receiving visits from our local hon. secs.

Our Prize Competition Nearing a Close.

Members are reminded that the twenty pounds worth of prizes to be given for most introductions to Cage Birds League will be won by some one in three weeks from now. There is time to make considerable alterations in the present state of the running for these prizes, and members should do their best in the time which remains. The prizes are as follows:—

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A Deserving Case.

In these League columns for Feb. 3, I referred to a little bird-show which the Swanley Cage Birds League members had organised for the benefit of a fellow-fancier. I have now received the following letter from our member, Mr. G. H. Peck, and I am sure that there will be many members who will be glad to have an opportunity of assisting in such a deserving case. Subscriptions, however small, may be sent either to Mr. Peck, 5, Baldwyn's Rd., Bexley, Kent, or to Mr. J. Shiers, Swanley Village, Kent.

> Sir,—I daresay you remember that at the great meeting at the Palace Show I was speaking to yourself and Mr. Carl respecting the poor fellow named Couchman, of Swanley Village, who had his child burnt to death and his wife seriously burnt, and his feathered pets destroyed in the flames. Now I have thoroughly investigated this case, and I find it a very deserving one. I am appealing to you to be kind enough to insert this letter in our valuable paper, Cage Birds, appealing to brother fanciers for a little support in aid of one of our brother Cage Birds League members. Mr. J. Cookham, another of our League members, of Newport, Mon., has already sent me a donation on this poor fellow's behalf, and I took this to him on Thursday evening last. I should much like to mention that Mr. J. Shiers, of Swanley Village, Kent, another of our League members, is witness to this poor fellow's misfortune, and I know this gentleman is doing his very best to assist this young fancier, as many can help one, but one cannot help many. So will you kindly allow this letter of appeal to all brother fanciers on his behalf? Any little assistance fellow-fanciers should think fit to render I should be pleased to receive, and I will see that it is put to a proper use.
>
> G. H. Peck.
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> 5, Baldwyn's Road, Bexley, Kent.

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Glasgow.
January.

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By CLAUDE ST. JOHN.

effect); or a little scalded and crushed rape, added to the food at this time is often invaluable in starting the hens to feed, or re-invigorating them. Green food is also a most valuable ally, and should be given in quite small quantities, fresh at frequent intervals, for a few days until the slackness of the hen has passed off. Do not trouble if the hen appears to feed exclusively on greenstuff; it will keep the young going, and, as a rule, all that is needed in these cases is to keep the hen "on the feed" for a few days until her maternal instinct returns in full vigour.

To assist this happy event it is a good plan to dissolve a crystal of sulphate of soda in the drinking water for one half of each day for a few days as soon as any signs of lag are noticed, and to offer daily a bath made slightly saline with the addition of common salt, which has a very good invigorating effect.

EARLY DESERTION.

For the first fortnight of their lives the chicks are usually brooded almost constantly by the hen, who only leaves the nest at short intervals to get a little food or water, and generally a few moments' exercise before going back, and at night sleeps on the nest. This is very necessary for the first fortnight or so, particularly in the early part of the season when the nights are chilly. After the first week the hen will begin to prolong her absence from the nest more and more each day, but a good hen will generally continue to roost on the nest until the young are getting well-feathered and almost ready to leave home. But occasionally one will find a hen which begins to roost on the perch when the young are only a few days old and quite bare of feathers. In the early season this will often mean the loss of the young, who perish with cold, so that every effort should be made to get her to sleep on the nest at this stage. First of all make sure that the nest is not "alive" with red-mites at night, nor yet made uninhabitable by any self-respecting hen by too liberal use of odorous insecticides or powders. Supposing the nest is not at fault a hen will sometimes pop on to it and stay there if one only goes near the cage or touches the wires just after she has apparently settled down on a perch. But for a really obstinate hen of this kind I believe the best management is one I have known carried out, with every success. That is, if she refuses to go on the nest when gently coaxed, remove the perch on which she has settled down, and if she goes to another, and another one, repeat the manœuvre each time until every perch is out, and no other roosting place is left but the nest and the floor. In practically every case she will choose the nest. Of course, the perches must be replaced early next morning, or even the same night just as all lights are about being put out. If it is necessary, follow up the same method nightly for a few nights, and the hen's obstinacy will be gradually overcome.

OVER-LAPPING BROODS.

When the hen begins to roost on the perches when her brood is between a week and a fortnight old, there is always a fair chance that she is about to recommence nesting again before the brood in the nest is able to leave it. This is sometimes the result of giving too liberal a diet during incubation, and also one outcome of a too liberal or too early supply of hemp for rearing the young. Where our directions for the early part of the season have been adhered to, these causes, of course, will have been avoided. In other cases it is just the result of excessive vigour or precocity. For the rest of the season it will be good policy to try moving the cock after the eggs are laid and leave the hen to hatch and rear the brood by herself.

Here again a crystal of sulphate of soda in the water for a portion of each day for a few days may help to cool the hen, but if she is really coming forward towards laying, the only rational course is to give her a fresh nest pan in another part of the cage when she begins to show signs of being bent on building. New nesting material must be given too, and sometimes things will run quite smoothly, the cock taking over the chief work of feeding the young when the hen begins nesting again. But you

CINNAMON-MARKED Y.C.C.

Result of Junior Novice Competition: 1, A. B. rayshon, 96 points; 2, H. Simonett, 55; 3, W. E. erguson, 49 (7 points deducted for omitting to ar competing birds); 4, F. Grange, 34; J. Lewis, ; H. Shaw, 13; E. Grange, 6; E. Field, 7; A. inkler, 5.—A. B. Grayshon.

HAMILTON (Cadzow Oaks) O.S.

Meeting held Lesser Town Hall, Feb. 3rd. Annual pen show fixed for Nov. 9th, some prominent specilist judges being nominated for each section. Also ettled, to hold a Y.B. show on first Saturday in uly; two judges appointed. Local fanciers wish- ig to join can do so on or before Y.B. show.—G. larlin, Sec.

BOOTLE AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

Annual meeting held Thompson Cafe, Rimrose oad. Balance sheet passed showing small balance n right side. Meeting unanimous in re-electing fol- owing officers:—Chairman, Mr. W. Rimmer; vice- hairman, Mr. J. Lobb; treasurer, Mr. J. Larkin; ecretary, Mr. L. S. Hamilton; assist. secretary, r. Bond; committee, Messrs. S. McNulty, McLean, night, Skillin, Fawcett, Ramsthorn, Wale; audi- ors, Messrs. J. Young, F. E. Hawkes. Please note: ext meeting Mar. 5, and I hope all will do their tmost to attend.—L. S. Hamilton, hon sec.

ROCHDALE O.C.

A discussion held Feb. 10th, on "The General aws of Nature," Mr. J. Naden in chair. Mr. Blincoe (our sec.) opened the discussion. In Mule reeding, he said it was very difficult to breed from Bullfinch cock and Canary hen; she would have othing to do with him. On the other band, colour- ng the Canary to resemble a Bullfinch might make ll the difference. By pairing two different varieties f Canary together they would, he thought, possibly reed back to the original wild Canary. He also told ow it would be possible to pick a winner from a ot of British birds, say Bullfinches or Hawfinches. Mr. Mills moved a vote of thanks, Mr. J. Naden econded it, Mr. T. Ashworth supporting. Mr. Blincoe was asked to open another disussion on the ame subject, to which he consented.—C. White- head, Press Correspondent.

WALKLEY AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

Meeting held Feb. 8, St. Philip's Mission Room, Westmorland Street, Mr. T. Ridal in chair, supported by Mr. J. G. Cowley (vice-chairman). Very good meeting, several subjects coming in for a fine lot of discussion. Balance sheet for 1911 read by late sec., Mr. J. Scott, showing a balance of £7 10s. in bank. Decided to have a change in prize cards; Hyde's finally adopted. The best thanks were accorded Mr. R. Smith, late treasurer. Following new members elected: Messrs. G. H. Cowley, G. Mason, A. Bailey, W. Staniforth, and J. Carr, making a total of 15 new members this year, and bringing our membership up to the half-century. A discussion took place as to how we should manage a series of table shows; ten specials have been promised by committee for highest number of points scored at the whole series. Decided that members (Messrs. J. Woolhouse and W. T. Furniss) judge Yorks and Nor. respectively at the June table show. Also decided that all birds count for points at these shows. Nest Feather Show, June 29, to be judged by Mr. H. Champion; annual show, Nov. 16, Mr. J. C. Barnes. Shall be pleased to welcome fanciers at next meeting, March; there is an alteration in date. Please watch "Notices."—C. Tomlinson, sec.

PENDLETON & SALFORD O.S.

First smoking concert held "Irwell Castle," Lr. Broughton, Feb. 10. Our esteemed chairman, Mr. G. W. F. Lythgoe, wired us saying he could not come, but wished all an enjoyable evening. Mr. Colley (Nortb Manchester) presided. Amongst the visitors we noticed Mr. Spencer, hon. sec. for Ardwick, and other well-known fanciers. Concert opened by Mr. G. Greenlees' pianoforte selection, followed by songs by Messrs. A. Robinson, F. Meadowcroft, R. J. Metcalfe, W. Slowley, Mr. Colley, Mr. Challoner, and others. Selections on the phonograph were given. On Feb. 12 pair show held headquarters; Mr. J. Beswick (Stockport) judged. Principal winners:—Yorks, Mr. Slowley; Nor., Mr. Lord; Muling, Mr. Thornton; Hybrid Pair, Mr. Lewis. Four good specials given, including two silver medals. Before the awards were placed we had a members' judging competition—silver medal given. Mr. H. Lewis won this; Mr. T. Butler runner-up. After the general business Mr. Metcalfe proposed, and Mr. W. Turner seconded, that we have a week-end ramble to Wales in Augnst under the guidance of Messrs. Meadowcroft and Hyde, whose knowledge of that country is great. Decided to have a fortnightly fund, the amount to be paid at members' own discretion. Funciers welcomed by sending names to sec.—R. J. Metcalfe, assist. sec.

ANFIELD, EVERTON & DIS. C.B.S.

Annual general meeting held St. Cuthbert's Church Rooms, Robson Street Anfield, Feb. 12th, Mr. W. Bell presiding. A number of rules were passed; 8 silver cups were presented, to be won outright this season, by T. Wright, Esq., J.P.; 3 solid gold medals runners up, also 3 gold centre medals for third runner-up. Cups and medals to be won on points, counting upwards, at each of the following shows: Nest feather, 13th July, Judge, G. Benson, Esq., night show, Nov. 11th, judge, S. Hadwin, Esq.; open, Dec. 26th, judge, A. Wellings, Esq.; night show pairs, Jan. 27th, 1913, judge, G. Bell, Esq. Decided to hold grand concert and social, Jan., 1913, when all prizes, cups, specials, etc., will be presented by F. E. Smith, Esq., K.C., M.P., and Harmood Banner, Esq., M.P. Syllabus for the year: Mar. 11, lecture, "Pairing," G. Benson, Esq.; April 8th, "Greens," S. Hadwin, Esq.; May 13th, schedules for all shows; June 2, Sunday ramble; July 13th, Nest feather show; July 8th, lecture, "Colour feeding"; Aug. 12th, lecture, "All kinds of birds in captivity, and general management," by G. Bell, Esq.; Sept. 8, Sunday ramble; Oct. 14, lecture, "Seeds," by G. Barker, Esq., and washing exhibition by G. Barker, Esq.; Sept 9, preparing birds for exhibition, by W. Young Esq.; Nov. 11th, night show; Dec. 9th, arrangements for annual show on Dec. 26th; Jan. 27th, 1913, night show, pairs. Members competing for cups, etc., to show at least two birds at each of the four shows. Will fanciers applying for membership kindly attend next meeting, March 11th; they will then be placed on the society's books. Members having books of draw tickets, kindly return duplicates and cash at once to the secretary. Members who won prizes at night show of pairs, kindly call on Mr. C. Frankham, the Treasurer, 43, Walton Lane, Everton Valley, for their specials. The Secretary is ordering 6 doz. "Cage Birds Annuals" as a first instalment, and members can have same, meeting night, 11th March, the night set apart for an excellent lecture on "Pairing up" by one of the leading exhibitors of the day, Geoff. Benson, Esq.—R. B. Wright, Hon. Sec.

BANNOCKBURN AND DISTRICT (NEW) C.B.S.

Meeting held Lesser Town Hall. Rules were drawn up. Members' subs. fixed at 2s. Anyone wisbiug to become a member can have information from me.—J. Auld, Sec., New Road, Bannockburn.

BUCKHAVEN AND DIST. C.B.S.

Meeting held Free Gardeners' Hall, Feb. 17, nearly all members being present. Open show fixed for Nov. 23 instead of Nov. 16, as in former years, the sole reason being to avoid clashing with Cowdenbeath; Nov. 23 will be more suitable for both societies. We hope other societies will note the date fixed.—R. Hazzard, sec.

WINDHILL, SHIPLEY O.S.

Annual tea and social held at "Blue Bell," Feb. 17th. There was a good attendance and an excellent tea provided. After tea the president (Mr. W B. Atkinson) opened the proceedings with a few words. Songs were rendered by Messrs. J. Edwards, H. Jackson, E. Hodson, E. Mason, and Miss Mason, in excellent style. A very enjoyable evening was brought to a close by the singing of the National Anthem.—Taylor and Gunn, Secs.

BOLTON AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

Social held Joiner's Arms, Feb. 14, when about 50 members and friends attended. Mrs. Taylor and Mr. J. H. Quinn (bass) contributed some fine songs, and the sec. gave us two songs. Other artistes were a concertina band and musical glasses, Mr. J. Kilshaw ably presided at the piano. During the interval refreshments were handed round. At this time Mr. Dooley joined us for a while, having left another engagement to visit us. He gave two good songs. The gathering was a great success, and hopes were expressed that we should soon have another.—J. Gerrard, sec.

EAST BOWLING B.F.A.

Annual coffee supper and social evening held Feb. 10th, when the prizes for the year were distributed. A good audience were entertained in admirable fashion by Mrs. and Miss Rainbow, and Messrs. Littlewood, W. Walker, and F. Booth, with Miss Walker as accompanist. The artistes were accorded a hearty vote of thanks. During the interval the President, Mr. Robinson, presented the following prizes: Open section, Messrs. Shaw, L. Hodgson, and Bywater, Novice Section: Messrs. Walker, Rawse, and Hall, besides numerous specials. Of course, coffee, buns, and a liberal distribution of fruit materially assisted towards one of the best of evenings.—L. Booth, Sec.

READING AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

Meeting held, Feb. 6th, Palmer Hall; very good attendance. Mr. Montgomery elected a member. Details of pair show for March 6th arranged: 8 classes (consisting of 3 Nor., 3 Yorks, 1 Crest, 1 A.O.V.) will be provided, details to be posted to members shortly. After judging, Mr. J. Robson will give a lecture on the birds. It is hoped every member will attend with his birds. Intending members please write hon. sec. for particulars. Sec. brought forward a suggestion for a trip to the Zoo, but it was decided to leave it till later on in year. We had intended having a judging competition, but owing to the inclement weather only two pairs turned up, so they did not take long. A new scheme was agreed to for the schedule and catalogue for annual show, which will save a lot of printing.—W. H. Pyke, Hon. Sec.

LONGTON AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

Meeting held, Feb. 13, headquarters; a good attendance, the best since open show, Mr. W. Lovatt in chair. That well-known successful breeder and exhibitor, Mr. J. Bagshaw, gave a washing exhibition. The way he went through the washing and handling the birds shows he is no novice at the game. There were several members who had not been to a washing exhibition, and they were thoroughly interested. Questions were put to Mr. Bagshaw and he answered them to the satisfaction of all. Members should be pleased to get the services of these experienced fanciers. We have on Mar. 12 Mr. T. Hawley (of Yorkshire fame) down to give a paper on "Canaries: breeding and rearing for the show bench." In May Mr. J. Pitchford (Secy. of Stoke C.B.A.) will give a paper on colour feeding. On Feb. 27 a member's show (9 classes), and it is hoped every member will bring a few specimens to be staged at 7.30 prompt. Mr. C. Birks will judge. It was decided to hold open show Oct. 5th. Messrs. Tebbutt, Holland, Mason, McMurtrie, were elected members.—G. Lea, Corres. Sec.

EAST PERTHSHIRE O.A.

Third annual general meeting held Temperance Hotel, Blairgowrie, 10th Feb. Mr. Chas. H. Scott (President) presided over a large attendance. Several new members admitted. Rules revised. Report of Secretary and Treasurer (audited by Messrs. Butchart and Prain) showed that the 1911 show was from all points of view the best yet held, entries being considerably higher, especially in the cage bird section. The interest taken in the show locally was unabated, and, what was better still, the donations received were no less. Report unanimously approved and general satisfaction expressed at the state of affairs. Office-bearers elected:—Hon. Presidents: W. D. Graham-Menzies, Esq. (Hallyburton), Capt. Rice (Persey), E. J Hall, Esq. (Clayquhat), President, Mr. C. H. Scott. Vice-President, Mr. T. Menzies. Hon. Sec. and Treas., M. Irvine, 17, Brown Street, Blairgowrie. Committee: Messrs. A. C. Prain, A. Anderson, J. Henderson, J. Rogers, D. Gow, R. Irvine, J. Keay, jun., D. R. Butchart, A. Blaikie, J. C. Hunter, W. Bryce, D. Adams, J. Prain, A. Moir. The 1912 show fixed for 23rd November. Selection of judges left over till first meeting of committee, 23rd March. Secretary reported that Capt. Rice had again kindly offered a gold medal for best Foreign, and silver medal for best British, and that he had accepted same. In view of the very handsome medal given by Capt. Rice for 1911 show, it was thought there would be more competition for them. Winner of silver medal, Mr. W. Robertson (Falkirk), stated he was more than delighted, as he had never expected anything so handsome. Various suggestions made to committee as to next show; these will be considered at first committee meeting.—M. Irvine, Hon. Sec.

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LEIGH AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

Table show (reported on another page) and meeting held Railway Hotel, Feb. 14th. We were very pleased to have the following specials promised for competition this year: 7s. each for 3 best birds in show at N.F. show, given by Mr. H. Taylor; 2s. 6d. for best young Mule at N.F. show, given by Mr. W. Ordish; medal for most points in selling classes and gift class at both shows, given by Mr. J. Dawson; medal for most first prizes at both shows, given by Messrs. Bailey and Son; two Nor. show cages and case for best bird in show at old show, given by Mr. P. Hart. So now's your chance, local fanciers, rally up to join.—R. Charleson, Hon. Sec.

BURSLEM AND DISTRICT C.B.S

Meeting held Feb. 15th, Barnfield Inn, Mr. A. Smith in chair. Classification of first table show (to be held at Barnfields Inn, Pleasant Street, on Feb. 24th) discussed. Decided, to run two cock classes each for Nor., and Yorks., also two hen classes each, and one pair class each; British birds three classes. Mr. T. Hawley (Birches Head) has accepted invitation to judge. The pleasantest part of the meeting was the allotting of specials, which have so generously been given. Two new members joined us, viz., Messrs. Sweetman (Cobridge), and A. Oakes (Burslem). Fanciers in district invited to visit us. We should like some of the older fanciers in the district to come and give us a lecture or two on Canaries or British.—L. James, Sec.

ROCHDALE (Good Intent) C.B.S.

Meeting held Feb, 7th, headquarters, Toad Lane. A goodly muster of members turned up for the second series of table shows, viz., a mating and judging competition on Nor. pairs. Mr. W. Banks (one of our Vice-Presidents) was to have judged, but was unable to do so owing to a family bereavement. Mr. R. Schofield (Heywood) again stepped into the breach. Members present were anxious to have "a cut in" at the placing for the 2 prizes given by the Society. Ten members judged. Mr. J. Dewhirst again tied with Mr. E. Lord, a novice member; so agreed to divide first and second prizes. It was very instructive to the younger members, and I hope they will appreciate the efforts of the committee. Our next event will be for Lancs. pairs, Feb. 28th, staged 7.30 sharp, when Mr. Wm. Adams will officiate; all welcome.—T. Holt, Hon. Sec.

GLOSSOP, HADFIELD C.B.S.

Meeting held 59, Hague Street, Glossop, Feb. 6th. A good number of members turned up in anticipation of the washing exhibition, which should have been given by our President. For some unknown reason he, however, failed to come, and it was deferred to the next meeting. Mr. H. Holehouse presided. Mr. H. Cartwright gave a first-class demonstration on the art of washing birds. This led up to questions being asked Mr. Cartwright, which he answered in an able manner as he washed the birds. Decided, to provide a costly rose bowl, to be competed for in place of cup, won outright by our old member and friend, Mr. C. E. Fisher in 1909. I might also state that the Society is in a very flourishing condition, and since our December show we have enrolled Messrs. H. Oliver, W. Watson, W. Hollingworth, J. Platt, and J. Barbour as new members, and we extend a hearty welcome to fanciers to join. —E. Thompson.

NOTTINGHAM AND NOTTS O.S.

Annual general meeting held Mechanics' Institute, Feb. 14th, Mr. R. Rhodes in chair; a good attendance. Next annual open show fixed for Nov. 9th and 11th. Two new members proposed. Resolved, that meeting nights in future be second Tuesday in each month. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded Messrs. Rhodes, Ley, and Wilkinson for their services during the past season. Election of officers: Committee: Messrs. Boaler, Bown, Cottingham, Clarke, Hill, Hodgkinson, Ley, Rhodes, Renshaw, Raven, Sharpe, Saywell, Wolfe, White. Chairman and Treasurer, Mr. R. Rhodes; Vice-Chairman, Mr. G. C. Ley; Auctioneer, Mr. G. H. Scottorn; Solicitor, Mr. G. Berryman; Auditors, Messrs. White and Wolfe; Hon. Secretary, Mr. G. E. Wilkinson, 86, Lenton Boulevard, Nottingham; Hon. Assistant Secretary, Mr. J. G. Royce, 29, Tennyson Street, Nottingham. There will be an attractive programme of table shows, bird washing competitions, etc., during the next few months, and it is hoped as many fanciers as possibly can will join the Society and get the benefit.—G. E. Wilkinson, Hon. Sec.

N. COUNTIES NORWICH CLUB.

Meeting held Jan. 31st, "Lockhart's," 65, Grainger Street. Chairman, Mr. Smith, presided over a fair attendance. Re medals won by members, it was decided that Secretary get some samples for next meeting, when a final selection will be made so as to have them ready for the social and presentation of prizes on March 27, in connection with the other specialist clubs in the North. Will members who intend to be present please apply early for tickets, price 1s. 6d. each, or 2s. 6d. for a double. A discussion ensued re our cup, when it was decided to open a sub. list to purchase same. Mr. Holden, being winner of same, headed the list by foregoing his claim to the gold medal, the cost to go to the fund; and the other members present all gave a donation. I shall be glad to hear from members who cannot attend our meetings, and who would like to give a donation, or from any fancier who would like to help us. All subs. will be acknowledged in "Cage Birds," when the cup is bought. Next meeting Feb. 28th; decided, to have another table show, with following classes: Old birds, cock any col.; hen, ditto; unflg., cock, A.C.; hen, ditto (4 classes); Mr. A. Hermeston, judge. Four new members elected.—W. Curry, Sec.

SITTINGBOURNE C.B.S.

Annual general meeting, held Feb. 12, George Hotel, Mr. G. Whatford presiding. In presenting report, Mr. B. Tidy (sec.) stated they commenced the year with eleven members, which number had been doubled. He was pleased to say they had finished the year's working with a balance in hand of £1 7s. 8d. Balance sheet approved, and officers re-elected: President, Mr. W. R. Elgar; Vice-presidents, Messrs. F. Filmer, G. R. Hulburd, E. F. Handcock, C. Town, E. Tidy, and T. Monk; Chairman, Mr. G. Whatford; Vice-chairman, Mr. H. Olive; Hon. Sec. and Treasurer, Mr. B. Tidy; Assistant Secretary, Mr. T. Attwood; Show manager, Mr. C. Town; Committee, Messrs. T. Attwood, W. Broadbridge, A. Jeffreys, G. Burley, S. Jacobs, and H. Olive. Mr. W. Land elected a new vice-president, and two new members, Messrs. W. Hester and J. Clayton admitted. Society's silver cup for most points in season 1911-12 handed to Mr. T. Attwood, and gold medal and reserve to cup to Mr. H. Olive, who was only two points behind winner. A pleasing incident was the presentation to the Secretary (Mr. B. Tidy) of a silver-mounted ebony walking-stick, suitably inscribed, for the energetic services he had rendered during the year.

SHERIFFHILL F. AND F.S.

Meeting held Feb. 3rd, headquarters, St. John's Mission Hall, Mr. G. Willis in chair. Question raised about our federating with the Boldon Colliery Society and several other societies. After the Secretary had read a letter and the members had given their opinions on the matter, it was carried by one vote that we do not join the Federation. At our next meeting, on March 2nd, that good Yorkshire fancier, Mr. W. Witherley, of Felling-on-Tyne, is to judge cage birds. A lot of important business was got over, and two more of our members joined CAGE BIRDS LEAGUE. Mr. Davison (Low Fell) was proposed for membership.—W. Stockton, Hon. Sec.

BARROW AND DISTRICT C.B.A.

Meeting and pair show for Yorks held club-room, Feb. 14th, Bro. Currie presiding. Splendid turn-out of members and exhibits. Mr. J. Wagstaffe judged. Principal prize winners: Messrs. Currie Johnson and R. Willison. After Mr. Wagstaffe had explained his awards there was a general discussion on the different pairs (in nearly every case well matched); many and varied were the opinions, but nearly all were agreed that first, second, and third were entitled to the honours. The event proved so interesting that members decided to hold another event on February 28th, for Scotch and Border Fancies. Messrs. Davis and Large promising prize money. Proposed new member, Mr. Woodman.—J. S. Fleming, Sec.

SUNDERLAND C.B.A.

Annual meeting held Feb. 17, Mr. J. Farrer presiding. Election of officers: President, Ald. Samuel Storey D.L.; vice-presidents, F. W. Goldstone, Esq., M.P., Geo. Bell, Esq., J. Cobb, Esq., C. Grimshaw, Esq., W. Hall, Esq., and J. Keenlyside, Esq.; chairman, Mr. J. Farrer; vice-chairman, Mr. W. F. Swan; committee, Messrs. G. Davidson, A. Elliott, T. Gray, J. Machin, J. Riseborough, W. Reid, F. Riseborough, W. F. Swan, C. Waters, and A. Walker; hon. treas., A. Walker; assist. hon. sec., F. Riseborough; hon. sec., J. Jeffrey, 8, Glenthorne Road, Sunderland. Prize-money paid, and we have a balance of £2 10s. to commence the year with. Several members paid their subs., and I shall be glad to receive others. Messrs. Kennerson, Hughes, Smith, and Clark elected members. Fanciers wishing to join please attend next meeting, Mar. 2, at Fawcett Street Cafe, or write me at above address. A vote of sympathy was passed to our members, Messrs. Hunt and Reid, on their recent bereavements.—J. Jeffrey, hon. sec.

NEWCASTLE C.B.S.

Adjourned annual general, held Feb. 15; chairman, Mr. J. G. Hutchinson. Following judges elected for annual show, Oct. 18th and 19th: Nor., Mr. J. C. Barnes (Sheffield); Yorks., Mr. J. Stewart (Whitehaven); Border and Scotch, Mr. J. Patterson (Chirnside); Crests, Mr. J. T. Clark (Sunderland); British and Foreign, Mr. A. Silver (London). Following new members were elected: Messrs. J. Lumley, W. Wellsburg, G. Willis, J. Greashon, J. P. Foster, Vallance Bros. Secretary presented the annual balance sheet and report, which were adopted after the auditors gave their report. Several officials retired, and the following were elected: President, A. J. Haggie, Esq., J.P.; whole of the Vice-presidents were re-elected, with the addition of Mr. J. Shepherd; Chairman, Mr. T. C. Crawhall; Vice-chair, Mr. M. C. Potts; Auditors, Messrs. Topping and Coutts; show manager, Mr. J. E. Atkinson, 8, Trewitt Road, Heaton; Committee, Messrs. T. Robson, J. Mackenzie, E. Young, A. Holden, A. C. Young, J. Maddison, T. Taylor, G. W. Taylor, J. Bertram, T. Wyndham, J. W. Coutts, R. Tindale, J. Milne, W. Scott, W. Curry, R. Hope, J. Brown, F. Laidlaw, J. Irving, M. Coxon. Our new secretary and treasurer is Mr. J. W. Reid, 218, Ladykirk Road, Newcastle, and his assistant is Mr. E. Coltman, 118, Ladykirk Road. Question of holding annual show and members' show on separate dates discussed; decided, to deal with this at later meeting. As it was too late to go on with the rules, these were left over till next meeting, March 7th, when Mr. Reid will take up his duties. A hearty vote of thanks passed the retiring officials.—J. E. Atkinson.

KENT COUNTY C.B.A.

Annual general meeting held Barton Road Boys' School, Dover, Feb. 14, Edwin Birch, Esq., in chair at the request of the Chairman. Secretary's report and balance sheet accepted. Messrs. Abbott and Austen consented to act as scrutineers, thereby allowing the correspondence to be dealt with without delay. Decided to deal with nominations en bloc, viz., County—G. Johnson (Deal), R. Webb (Strood), G. Burton and F. W. Burton (Burton Bros., Lee Green); Local—H. Wood and Master H. Wood and E. Leaver; proposed by Mr. Reeve, seconded by Mr. Rayner that they be accepted members; carried unanimously. Letter read from Dr. T. A. Bowes (Herne Bay), stating that as he was obliged to dispose of his birds last year he wished to relinquish membership. This is more than a pecuniary loss to the association as Dr. Bowes was a keen bird breeder and exhibitor, and took a great interest in the general management. Expressions of regret and hopes that he would see his way to have another "flutter" were freely expressed. Letter from Mr. Meades, suggesting leaflets be printed (containing list of specials offered for competition by the K.C. C.B.A., and the conditions under which they were to be competed for), and sold to societies receiving our patronage. Proposed by Mr. Reeve, seconded by Mr. Campany, that the proposition be not entertained as a general rule, but arrangements could be made for any society wishing it, providing they are not the first patronised show of the season, and sufficient notification be received; carried unanimously. Result of ballot was then read:—County Committee: Messrs. L. A. Brett (Folkestone), J. Broad (Brentford), H. Casemore (Canterbury), G. Johnson (Deal), E. Meades (Plumstead), R. C. Sales (Canterbury), R. H. A. Soames (Bromley), H. E. Taylor (Canterbury), W. H. Thomson (Deal), F. J. Wickham (Chatham), E. Wood (Hythe), and E. Heritage (Canterbury). Local Committee: Messrs. W. J. Abbott, W. Austen, N. Campany, C. Lockett, A. Bade, H. Osborne, H. Sergeant, and H. Wood. Office-bearers:—President, Mr. A. Burr; vice-presidents, Messrs. E. M. Worsfold, E. Birch, and F. J. Gibbs; chairman, Mr. E. C. Rayner; vice-chairman, Mr. J. Reeve; hon. secretary, Mr. A. Hendry. Result of ballot relating to protest lodged by Mr. Brett: In favour of committee's action, 19; against, 3. Proposition by Rev. H. A. Soames that exhibitors be not confined to two nominations per class or section; for proposition, 10; against, 12. New rule proposed by Mr. C. Lockett that exhibitors be debarred from nominating birds for Cup Competition in selling classes; proposition carried 20 to 1. Mr. Rayner proposed that two guineas be voted to Mr. G. Sanderson (late secretary) as a small honorarium for past services to the Association; seconded by Mr. Reeve; carried unanimously. The good wishes of members present were freely expressed. Vote of thanks to Mr. Birch for his interest in the Association and for presiding; carried.—A. Hendry, hon. sec.

The Shows.

ORKNEY O.S.

Twenty-fifth annual show held Drill Hall, Kirkwall, February 6th. Forty-two cage birds were benched, and these included some very nice specimens. Gold medal for best Canary and spl. for best Scotch Fancy won by Mr. John Muir; silver medal for 2nd best. Mr. J. Sclater, jun.; spl. for best Nor. (bred by exhibitor), Mr. Andrew Muir.

SCOT FCY YELL. CK.: 1, spl, 2, J. Muir. BUFF: 1, spl, J. Muir. BUFF HEN: 1, spl, Drever; 2, J. Muir. GREEN, ETC.: 1, spl, gold medal, J. Muir; 2, Drever. HEN: 1, spl, 2, J. Muir. NOR. P.H. OR CREST YELL. CK.: 1, spl, Buchanan; 2, 3, J. Muir. HEN: 1, spl, hc, J. Muir; 2, Sclater, jun.; 3 Drever. BUFF HEN: 1, spl, 2, J. Muir; 3, Sclater, jun. VARIEG.: 1, spl, Sclater, jun.; 2, A. Muir; 3, J. Muir. HEN: 1, sp., J. Sclater, jun.; 2, A. Muir. A.O.V. CK.: 1, spl, Sclater, jun. HEN: 1, spl, Sclater, jun.; 2, Drever. HEN: 1, spl, A. Muir; 2, J. Muir. BRIT.: 1, spl, Drever (Goldfinch ck.); 2, Goodwin Sutherland (Linnet ck.); 3, J. Muir (Linnet hen); hc, J. Muir (Goldfinch cock).

DULWICH AND PECKHAM C.B.S.

Annual pair show, held headquarters, "Reindeer Hotel," Rye Lane, S.E., Feb. 13. Entries were well up to the average; quality very good. A new feature was introduced, viz., a class for double buffs and double yellows, the judge making some very valuable remarks on these classes. A splendid number of fanciers visited the show, many ladies being amongst them. Four new members joined during the evening. The arrangements, as usual, were in the hands of the secretary, ably supported by Messrs. Tomsett, Cole, Botting, Stephens, and other members of committee. Catalogues with awards were on sale a few minutes after judging. Mr. J. Robson judged.

CHAMP. CLASSES—NOR. YELL. CK. BUFF HEN: 1, Martin; 2, 3, Richardson. BUFF CK. and HEN: 1, Richardson; 2, Martin; 3, Cole. DOUBLE BUFF OR D. YELL.: 1, 2, Cole; 3, Richardson. YORKS Y.C.B.H.: 1, 3, vhc, Tebbs; 2, hc, Carpenter. B.C. Y.H.: 1, Carpenter; 2, Tebbs. A.O.V.: 1, Martin. MULING: 1, L. J. Richardson. NOVICE CLASSES—NOR. Y.C.B.H.: 1, 2, Tomsett; B.C.Y.H.: 1, Tomsett. DOUBLE BUFF: 1, Linge. YORKS Y.C.B.H.: 1, Cornish; 2, Reeks; 3, Fairman. B.C. Y.H.: 1, Reeks; 2, Fairman; 3, Cornish. DOUBLE BUFF D.Y.: 1, Reeks. A.O.V.: 1, 2, 3, Mrs. W. Austin. HYB.: 1, Madam Madewell. MULING: 1, Mrs. W. Austin; 2, 3, Madam Madewell. BRIT.—GOLDFINCH: 1, C. Austin. LINNET: 1, 2, Botting. SISKIN, ETC.: 1, C. Austin; 2, Stephens. CHAFFINCH, ETC.: 1, Botting; 2, Austin; 3, Cole. A.O. SEEDEATING: 1, 2, 3, Botting. SOFTBILL: 1, Madam Madewell (Robin). FIELD-MOULTED: 1, Stephens; 2, Cornish; 3, Groombridge.

CORK.

Sixth annual show of the Cork and Provincial O.S., held in the City Hall, Feb. 14 and 15. President, D. Forrest; vice-president, C. Castle Sloane, F.Z.S.; committee—Chairman, Mr. J. Patterson. Cork—Messrs. C. Higgins, R. Casey, R. F. Thornhill, T. C. Butterfield, J. Sheehan, T. Coughlan, M. Arnstein, D. Buckley, A. Herbert, E. Mills. Provincial—Miss A. Travers, Messrs. W. J. Lee, E. J. Tighe, E. C. Dawson, C. J. Mulligan, L. Birch, J. A. Hanna, J. Devins, R. M. M. Bolster. Auditors, Messrs. J. J. Duggan, D. M. Foley. Hon. Treas., Mr. W. Neville. Hon. Sec., Mr. J. Cottrell, to whom great credit is due for the successful issue of the show. Entries totalled 450—50 up on last year. Mr. H. W. Battye judged. Four silver cups: Messrs. J. Devins, D. Forrest, E. Mills, and M. Arnstein in the open Yorks and Nor., and novice and British bird classes respectively.

The Awards.

SCOT.—FCY. OR BELG.: 1, 3, Motherway; 2, r, vhc, Birch. YORKS CL. YELL. CK.: 1, r, c, Neville; 2, 3, Devins; vhc, Forrest; hc, Dr. Lavery. HEN: 1, 3 Forrest; 2, c, Devins; r, Neville; vhc, Buckley; hc, Dr. Lavery. BUFF CK.: 1, Keating; 2, 3, Devins; r, Buckley; vhc, Hawkins; hc, Neville; c, Dr. Lavery. HEN: 1, Holley; 2, Keating; 3, Dr. Lavery; r, Devins; vhc, c, Forrest; hc, Hawkins. TKD., ETC., YELL. CK.: 1, r, Devins; 2, Hawkins; 3, Buckley; vbc, Neville; hc, Forrest; c, Keating. HEN: 1, Devins; 2, Forrest; r, hc, Hawkins; vhc, Neville; c, Buckley. BUFF CK.: 1, Hawkins; 2, Buckley; 3, Keating; r, Forrest; vhc Buckley; hc, Devins; c, Dr. Lavery. HEN: 1, 3, Forrest; 2, Hawkins; r, vhc, c, Neville; hc, Buckley. YORKS NON-FED CK.: 1, c, Sboledice; 2, Devins; 3, hc, Neville; r, O'Reilly; vhc, Thornhill. HEN: 1, Sholedice; 2, Neville; 3, Keating; r, Devins; vhc, Neville; hc, O'Hare; c, Cottrell. CREST OR C.B.: 1, Thornhill; 2, 3, r, Lee. NOR. CL. YELL., ETC., CK.: 1, Butterfield; 2, r, Travers; 3, vhc, Forrest. HEN: 1, Forrest; 2, hc, Mulligan; 3, r, Travers; vhc, c, O'Reilly. BUFF CK.: 1, O'Hara; 2, Forrest; 3, O'Reilly; r, Birse; vhc, hc, Mulligan; c, Travers. HEN: 1, c, O'Reilly; 2, vhc, Mulligan; 3, r, hc, Forrest. A.O.V. cancelled. NOVICE—YORKS CL. YELL., ETC., CK.: 1, Lattimore; 2, Power; 3, O'Reilly; r, Taylor; vhc, Morgan; hc, Mills; c, Coughlan. HEN: 1, Cottrell; 2, vhc, O'Reilly; 3, r, hc, Mills; c, Lattimore. BUFF, ETC., CK.: 1, 3, Power; 2, Lattimore; r, Coughlan; vhc, c, Mills; hc, Cottrell. HEN: 1, c, O'Reilly; 2, Mills; 3, M'Laine; r, Power; vhc, Cottrell; hc, Lattimore. NOR.: 1, 2, 3, O'Reilly; r, c, Riordan; vhc, Herbert; hc, Sheehan. LOCAL CAN. (confined to working men of the city or county of Cork); prize-money subscribed by C. Castle Sloane, F.Z.S.): A.V. CAN.: 1, Sweeney; 2, Kelleher; 3, vhc, Sheehan; r, Rearden. MULE OR HYB.—GOLDFINCH-CAN., ETC., CL., ETC.: 1, 3, r, vhc, Carroll Dawson. 2, Lavery. GOLDFINCH-CAN., DK.: 1, Kennedy; 2, Forrest; 3, Lavery; r, Devins; vhc, Cronin. LINNET-CAN., DK.: 1, Lavery; 2, r, Kennedy; 3, Devins; vhc, Allshire; hc, Walsh. BRIT. HYB. cancelled. A.O.V. CAN. MULE: 1, Birse; 2, Lavery; r, hc, Travers; 3, vhc, Carroll Dawson. BRIT. BULLFINCH CK.: 1, 2, Carroll Dawson; 3, Birse; r, Devins; vhc, hc, O'Reilly. HEN: 1, Sheehan; 2, r, Mulcahy; 3, Carroll Dawson; vhc, c, Arnstein; hc, Shine. GOLDFINCH: 1, 2, Lavery; 3, Good; r, Carroll Dawson; vhc, Birse; hc, Mulcahy. LINNET: 1, Mulcahy; 2, Arnstein; 3, Lavery; r, Carroll Dawson; vhc, c, O'Callaghan; vhc, Lavery. TWITE, ETC.: 1, O'Reilly; 2, r, Arnstein; 3, vhc, c, Carroll Dawson; hc, Butterfield. SISKIN: 1, Birse; 2, Cottrell; 3, r, vhc Carroll Dawson; hc, Arnstein. CHAFFINCH: 1, r, Arnstein; 2, Birse; 3, Kennedy; vhc, Carroll Dawson; hc, Drew. GREENFINCH: 1, Lavery; 2, c, Arnstein; 3, hc, Cottrell; r, Carroll Dawson; vhc, Shine. SKYLARK: 1, Mulcahy; 2, Carroll Dawson; 3, c, Arnstein; r, vhc, Patterson; hc, Keating. THRUSHES: 1, Mulcahy; 2, 3, Arnstein; r, O'Reilly; vhc, Carroll Dawson; hc, Casey. A.O. SEEDEATING: 1, hc, Arnstein (Hawfinch); 2, Sheehan (Yellowhammer); 3, Carroll Dawson (Bramblefinch); r, Birse; vhc, Mulcahy (Hawfinch). A.O.S. SOFTBILL: 1, 2, Mulcahy (Chough, Magpie); 3, Arnstein (Waxwing); r, Kennedy (Red Wing); vhc, Carroll Dawson (Robin). Special prizes won by Messrs. L. Birch, J. Devins, W. Neville, D. Forrest, W. Keating, C. Butterfield, S. O'Reilly, J. O'Reilly, E. Mills, R. F. Thornhill, E. C. Dawson, M. Arnstein, and J. Sheehan.

BANBURY (Oxon).

Twenty-third annual show, held Feb. 13th and 14th, in the Cadbury Memorial Hall, four classes being devoted to cage birds. Norwich made a good show, the British also making a fine collection, numbering thirty in the two classes provided. Mr. T. J. Ambrose judged.

NOR. (10): 1, Labraham, tkd. yell., nice bird; 2, sp, 3, vhc, Hall, leader cl. yell., good bead, well braced wings, followed by unflig. cl. yell., good head, sound col.; hc, Tyler; c, the Earl of Effingham. BRIT. LARGE (10): 1, sp, res, Levett, good Chough, shown in grand condition; 2, sp, 3, Parsons, Magpies, fine bird leading, latter might perhaps have given place to reserve; vhc, Labraham; hc, c, Gilbert. SMALL (20): Dissatisfaction was caused in this class concerning the exhibiting of Hawfinches, which some considered should have been wrong classed, but stood 1st and ex. 3rd respectively. 1, Tyler, Hawfinch, good bib and col., grand Finch; 2, Levett, Wheatear, shown in perfect condition, worth its place; 3, Jupe, grand Goldfinch, good blaze and tannings; ex 3, Burrows, nice Hawfinch, fails only in col. to others; vbc, Brooks; hc, Rowson; c, Gilbert.

BANFNOOT & DIS. C.B.S.

Five mile limit show held Feb. 17, Red Lion Hotel. Sixty-eight birds were staged in fifteen classes. Owing to the illness of the appointed judge (Mr. J. Bailey), Mr. R. Halliday officiated, and his awards proved entirely satisfactory. The various specials in the open classes were simply given away; three for most points in open section were won by Messrs. W. Ormandroyd, B. Wilman, and F. Self. Special for best cock, Mr. W. Ormandroyd; best hen, Mr. F. Self. In the novice section specials were won by Messrs. C. Bastow, F. Gelder, G. Hudson, and Ellis Self, the last-mentioned winning special for most points. Although entries fell short of expectations, it will in no way daunt the enthusiasm of the members, and a repetition of the venture will no doubt be made in the near future, when full advantage will be taken of advertising the show in a proper manner. The entry included some really fine specimens.

OPEN CLASSES—CL. ETC. YELL. (2): 1, 2, Ormandroyd. BUFF (1): 1, J. Fitzpatrick. EVEN, ETC., YELL. (2): 1, 2, B. Wilman. BUFF (1): 1, Ormandroyd. CL., ETC., YELL. HEN (2): 1, F. Self; 2, Fitzpatrick. BUFF (3): 1, F. Self; 2, 3, Fitzpatrick. EVEN, ETC., YELL. HEN (1): 1, Wilman. Remaining classes in open section, void. NOVICE CLASSES—CL., ETC., YELL. CK. (11): 1, C. Self; 2, Ellis Self; 3, Hudson; 4, hc, Lawson; vhc, Roe; c, Bastow. BUFF (14): 1, Ellis Self; 2, Gornall; 3, Myers and Lightowler; 4, Lawson; vhc, Baston; hc, c, Mitchell. EVEN, ETC., YELL. (6): 1, 3, Bastow; 2, Gelder; 4, Lawson; vhc, Smith and Carter; hc, Mitchell. BUFF (3): 1, Ellis Self; 2, 3, Gelder. CL., ETC., YELL. HEN (5): 1, Lawson; 2, Myers and Lightowler; 3, Gornall; 4, Mitchell; vhc, Roe. BUFF (10): 1, Myers and Lightowler; 2, vhc, c, Gelder; 3, C. Self; 4, Ellis Self; hc, Worth. EVEN, ETC., YELL. HEN (1): 1, Mitchell. BUFF (6): 1, Lawson; 2, vhc, North; 3, 4, Hudson; hc, Gornall. STOCK BIRD (1): 1, Hudson.—F. Gelder, sec.

CARDIFF CITY.

Pair show held Feb. 14th, Marsh's Royal Stores. Entries came up extremely well. That old "war horse," Mr. W. Sampson, had everything in apple-pie order and everything pointed to success. Mr. T. L. Castree judged.

NOR. YELL. CK. (9): 1, 2, Thorne, noted saddle-mark leading, followed by nice cobby bird of good quality; 3, Chidgey, presses hard, but just a little loose behind; 4, James and Wells; vhc, Maggs; hc, Allsopp; c, Whitton. BUFF (10): 1, Chidgey, good body; 2, 4, Thompson, very neat; 3, Wilson, good bird, fails only in secondary flights; vhc, F. Slocombe; hc, Allsopp; c, G. Slocombe. HENS (10): 1, G. Slocombe, lovely shape, nice and cobby and well packed up; 2, vhc, Thomas, good yell., nice shape and quality; 3, Hopson, nice cobby shape; 4, Maggs; hc, F. Slocombe; c, Chidgey. PAIRS. OR. YELL. CK., BUFF HEN (9): 1, vhc, Thomas, well matched, good substance and quality; 2, hc, Maggs, nice pair; 3, Chidgey, nice pair, not quite so good in head; 4, Hopson; c, F. Slocombe. BUFF CK., YELL. HEN (10): 1, 2, spl, Thomas, clinking fine pairs, leaders have the benefit of extra quality feather; 3, Chidgey, nicely balanced pair; 4, Whitton; vhc, F. Slocombe; hc, Baker; c, Hopson. NOVICE BUFF CK. (4): 1, Simons, cobby and good; 2, 3, Chidgey; 4, Baker. YELL. CK. (4): 1, 2, 3, Chidgey, well put down; 4, Baker. PAIRS (7): 1, Chidgey, well matched, in fine form; 2, c, Hopson, nice ones; 3, 4, Baker, well balanced; vhc, hc, Simons. YORKS YELL. CK. (9): 1, Whitton, short and compact, nice exhibit; 2, Smith, another good upstanding bird; 3, Merritt, good variegated, nice length and position; 4, Wilson; vhc, James and Wells; c, Wates. BUFF (8): 1, c, James and Wells, stands like a rush, good bird; 2, Merrett, fine length and quality; 3, Smith, well moulded, stands well; 4, Wilson; vhc, Whetton. HENS (10): 1, hc, Smith, beautifully moulded lady, well filled in; 2, c, James and Wells, nice length, stands well; 3, Weeks, beaten only in length, beautiful quality feather and stands well; 4, Wilson; vhc, Merrett; No. 7, Pentrebach winner, soft to-day. PAIRS, YELL. CK. BUFF HEN (9): 1, Wilson, lovely length, good stand, well balanced pair; 2, 3, Smith, two well matched pairs of the right stamp; 4, Phillips; vhc, c, James and Wells; hc, Merrett. BUFF CK. YELL. HEN (9): 1, spl, Wilson, we should think practically bound to breed winners; 2, Smith, another clinking fine pair, full of promise; 3, Merrett, nicely mated; 4, James and Wells; vhc, Whetton; c, Weeks. NOVICE, YELL. CK. (5): 1, 2, 4, vhc, Merrett, good all-round quartette; 3, Raymond, nice quality and type. BUFF (4): 1, Raymond, nice length and shape; 2, 3, Merrett. PAIRS (4): 1, Clift, nicely mated pair; 2, 4, Raymond; 3, Merrett. A.O.V. SINGLE: 1, Smith (Pairs); Lewis (Scotch); 2, Smith (Borders). CAN. MULING: 1, Morgan, Goldie-Can. A.O.V. MULING (6): 1, Sampson, good Greenie-Bullie; 2, vhc, Morgan, nice Goldie-Greenie; 3, Baker, Mealy Redpoll-Bullie; 4, Ford. BRIT. GOLDFINCH: 1, Morgan. BULLIE ETC. (4): 1, Maggs, 2, 3, Morgan; 4, Sampson. LINNET, ETC. (4): 1, 2, Morgan; 3, 4, Sampson. A.O. HARDBILL: 1, 2, Morgan; 3, Ford. SOFTBILL: 1, spl, Ford.

WALLASEY C.B.S.

Annual pair and British bird show held Fairhaven Institute, Liscard. There was not quite the numbers of last year, but still 60 entries must be considered good. The show was the wind-up for the season's specials, resulting as follows:—Young, Benson, Barker, Edwards, and Mallinson, Mr. Cooper winning the Hadwin Customers' Cup. During the evening Mr. R. B. Wright presented four very handsome water colours to the society, this being the prize promised by him for first most points. We were pleased to see present Mr. W. Bell, son of "Geordie" Bell, of Green fame. It is to be hoped the son will continue in his father's footsteps. Mr. S. Hadwin (Liverpool) judged.

YORKS YELL. CK. BUFF HEN (8): 1, Edwards, good size, well matched; 2, 3, Alston, good pair, not quite so well mated; vhc, c, Young; hc, Benson. BUFF CK. YELL. HEN (6): 1, Benson, clinking, well-matched pair, wins easily; 2, vhc, Edwards, good hen, cock loses just a wee bit; 3, hc, c, Alston. GREEN YELL. CK. BUFF HEN (6): 1, 3, Benson, cock good leg and position, fine quality hen; 2, vhc, Young, cock loses only in size, neat hen; hc, Chappell; c, Edwards. BUFF, ETC. (7): 1, 3, Young, 1st lovely match for size and quality combined; 2, vhc, Benson, not far behind winner; hc, Edwards; c, Chappell. BORD. (6): 1, 2, Young, both well-matched Greens, 1st better hen; 3, hc, Woodman, good Cinn.; vhc, c, Edwards. BRIT. GOLDIE, ETC. (6): 1, Alston, grand faced Goldie; 2, Edwards, Goldie in fine condition, loses only in head col.; 3, Benson, Bullie, good col. and cond.; vhc, c, Barker; hc, Mallinson. LINNET (6): 1, Barker, good marks, steady; 2, Chappell, not quite so dark, good pencillings; 3, vhc, Woodman, good one, not quite the condition of winners; hc, c, Edwards. A.O.S.(7): 1, Young, Chaffinch, a perfect picture; 2, 3, hc, Barker, Snow Bunting, leading well staged, 3rd Greenfinch, rare col., size, and cond.; vhc, Mallinson; c, Edwards. SISKIN, ETC. (7): 1, 2, vhc, Barker, Twite, leading good col. and cond.; 2nd Mealy, fine size and col.; 3, Benson, Lesser Redpoll, grand col.; hc, c, Mallinson.

LEITH O.S.

Members' fourth annual table show and judging competition held 10th Feb., Kinnaird's Hall, Kirkgate—an ideal place for the purpose. Nine classes were provided, and some capital exhibits staged. Mr. J. F. Dewar again officiated, and after making his awards he sealed them up and gave them to a neutral party to hold till after the members had tried their hands as amateur judges. Eighteen members took part in the competition, and it was very amusing to watch the expressions on their faces when they thought they had found the winners. After every one had handed in his card and compared it with Mr. Dewar's awards, the winner was found to be the secretary, Mr. G. Brown, with a total of 98 points; he holds the silver cup presented by Mr. Dewar, for one year, and also secured the beautiful hearthrug presented by a friend from Bonnyrigg. Second most points gained by Mr. J. McMillan, with a total of 85. Cake for lowest score carried off by Mr. R. M. Brunton, with a total of 33 points. We hope that when another year comes round a better attendance will be recorded. Special for best bird, Mr. R. Craig (Greenfinch Mule).

SCOT. FCY: 1, 2, Baxter. NOR.: 1, 2, Mainland. BORD. FCY.: 1, 4, Brown; 2, Stevenson; 3, Baxter; 5, 6, Brunton. A.O.V. CAN.: 1, 2, Ross; 3, Craig; 4, Milne. GOLDFINCH, ETC.: 1, Brown; 2, 4, Baxter; 3, Barclay; 5, Mainland. BRAMBLE, ETC.: 1, 2, Allan; 3, Brown; 4, Mainland; 5, Baxter. LINNET, ETC.: 1, 2, Allan; 3, Stevenson; 4, 5, Brunton; 6, Ross. SISKIN, ETC.: 1, 4, Ross; 2, Barclay; 3, Milne; 5, Stevenson; 6, Allan. A.O.V. MULE: 1, Craig; 2, Allan; 3, Barclay.

HARWARDEN C.B.S.

Above newly formed club's first members' show, held Jan. 27th, in the Institute—a most convenient room for the purpose. Mr. Lloyd makes an admirable secretary and had everything in A1 order. Special for best Nor. went to a smart yell. hen shown by Mr. H. Johnson, Mrs. Parkes taking special for best Yorks. with a lovely yell. hen, also best unflighted in show with a spanking fine yell Yorks. ck. The show was well attended, especially by the ladies, who are taking a deep interest in the cage bird fancy. We noticed CAGE BIRDS LEAGUE was very much in evidence, the badge being well to the fore. The judge, Mr. J. W. Metcalfe, had a good morning's work, and his awards were well received.

The Critique.

NOR. CL., ETC., YELL.: 1, Redfern, rare type and quality, of good proportions, put down in rattling fine style; 2, 3, H. Johnson, 2nd a stormer for size, bonny heads and necks, not quite the quality of winner; 4, Burrows, fine shape, broad back; 6, 7, 9, Mrs. Ball, wrong class, all buffs, would have won in their own class. BUFF: 1, 2, 3, H. Johnson, good team; 1st, cl., well mealed, jaunty carriage, fine head and neck; 2nd, bolder, lovely size; 3rd, good big one, grand stock bird. VARIEG.: 1, Wiliams. YELL. HEN: 1, H. Johnson. BUFF HEN: 1, Williams, cl., a storming bird, full neck, wel moulded head, bold eye; 2, c, Mrs. Ball, charming exhibit, clean cut, well rounded, good chest; 3, vhc, Redfern, good stock hen; 4, H. Johnson, well staged; hc, G. Johnson. UNFLIG.: 1, H. Johnson, fine tone of col., well finished; 2, G. Johnson, big one, full of go, broad back, nice head and neck. HEN: 1, H. Johnson, charming lady, takes sp. for best Nor., well rounded bead and neck; 2, Williams, excellent quality, well cut away. YORKS. YELL. (18): extraordinary good lot; 1, Redfern, real typical Yorkie, full of swank, straight as a rush, lovely feather and condition; 2, 4, Mrs. Parkes, great length, well filled in necks, good wing carriage, well staged; 3, Williams, another good one, grand back and shoulders, pipe tail; vhc, F. Johnson; hc, c, G. Johnson. BUFF: 1, Butler, wedge shape, good back and winds, round as a pencil; 2, F. Johnson, rare good bird, lovely feather, stands on good pair of pins, with a wash would probably have won; 3, Mrs. Ball, again a real good one, best type and quality in show, don't be afraid of the water next time you wash it, Mrs. B.; 4, hc, H. Johnson; vhc, G. Johnson. VARIEG.: 1, 3, H. Johnson, two real good Yorkies, put down in good form, both yellows; 2, G. Johnson, full of style and quality, grand pair of legs; 4, F. Johnson, grand flights and tail; vhc, Burrows; No. 55, Burkill, wrong class, only ticked. YELL. HEN: 1, 2, Mrs. Parkes, takes spl. for best in show, charming damsel, dressed to perfection, would hold her own in better company; 2nd, another bonny lady, we compliment Mrs. P. on having two such beauties; 3, Butler, a topper for style, exquisite feather, good legs and style; 4, Redfern, very typical; vhc, hc, Williams; c, F. Johnson. BUFF: 1, 3, Wilhams, 1st dainty miss, full of swank, shows plenty of daylight, high shoulders; 3rd, wing marked, grand back and tail; 2, Butler, variegated, good one, straight as an arrow, well mealed; 4, Redfern; vhc, H. Johnson; hc, G. Johnson. UNFLIG.: 1, sp. for best unflig., 3, Mrs. Parkes; 1st, straight as a gun barrel, stands like a guardsman; 3rd, var. yellow, good top end, neat back, clean cut away; 2, F. Johnson, cl. bull, well mealed, full of swagger, hard lines meeting above; 4, Butler, very typical; vhc, G. Johnson; hc, c, Burkill. HEN: 1, 2, Mrs. Parkes, two gems, both good feather, should come out well with a decent moult; 3, Butler, sweet head, long sided, grand legs and condition. GOLDFINCH: 1, Redfern, rare expansive blaze, well cut, nice collar, good finish to bead; 2, Butler, bigger, good blaze, not quite the col. or finish of winner at top, very steady; 3, Durham, wild, otherwise "a good 'un"; 4, Williams; vhc, Parkes; hc, G. Johnson. LINNET: 1, 2, Durham, two charming Linnets, well pencilled, excellent col., little to choose between them; 3, Ball, nice condition, good size. A.O.S. BRIT.: 1, 2, 3, Butler; leader, Hawfinch, markings good; 2nd, yell. Greenfinch, grand size and condition, broad skull; 3rd, similar, but wild, should moult out a good one; 96 and 97, Mr. Ball, absent.

Singing Contests.

ATHERTON.

An open-to-all-England Linnet singing contest will be held at the Rising Sun Inn on February 24th, when Mr. Brookes will give £1 to entrance fees. First pair up at 2 o'clock.—Sam Lloyd, Sec.—Advt.

BLACKBURN.

Blackburn Quality Linnet S.A. held singing contest for quality last week-end, club headquarters, Old Red Lion, Snig Brook; 13 birds competed. Winners: 1, W. H. Topping 2, R. Hayhurst; 3, C. McGreevy.—R. Hayhurst, Sec.

NEWTOWN (Leeds).

Linnet contest held Feb. 15th, Prince Albert Inn, and 14 birds sang. Judges, Messrs. H. Hayes and C. Lorriman. Result: 1, 2, divided between J. Chippendale and A. Binns; 3, P. Madden.—E. Wood, Sec.

TRIMDON GRANGE.

Most successful Linnet singing contest held Dove Cot Inn, Feb. 17; 28 birds faced the judge. Some very good singing heard. 1, 3, G. Bell (Chilton); 2, W. Allcroft (Wingate). Mr. J. T. Redfern (Trimdon Grange) judged; Mr. G. Brown, timekeeper,—G. Brown.

PONTEFRACT.

Open contest Woodman Inn, on Feb. 18th, before an audience of 52, when there was a lot of excitement. Result (one minute spring, two bluff): T. Piper 98; T. Dickinson 84; J. Martin 80; P. Wilson 72; H. Chadwick 52; P. Duken 46. Twenty-four birds competed. There will be another sing next week-end, open to all.—T. Martin.

LANCASHIRE FEDERATION.

An open-to-all-England Linnet contest for quality and time at Old Red Lion, Snig Brook, Blackburn, Feb. 24, and seeing they have attended all other contests, I should like to see all clubs represented at this their first open. Fanciers intending going may take advantage of the foothall excursion running from all parts to Blackburn.—J. M'Allister, sec., 1, Brunswick Street, Leigh.

WESTHOUGHTON.

Westhoughton B.C. open-to-all-England contest held Horse Shoe Inn, Wingates, February 17th, when 22 birds entered; some very good singing heard. 1, J. Woodward; 2, J. Hunt; 3, J. Holker; 4, J. Lowe. Timers, S. Woodward and W. Bradly: minute man, Boh Wood; tappers, R. Crompton and J. Brown. Anyone wishing to join may do so by applying to—J. Woodward, Sec., 7, Tithe Barn-st., Westhoughton.

CASTLEFORD.

Linnet contest held "George and Dragon," Bridge Street, Feb. 17, before a record number of fanciers and friends. Winners, 1, W. Nelson; 2, A. Sweeting; 3, W. Dobson; 47 birds entered. Also Feb. 18 we had birds to sing; winners: 1 and 2, W. Nelson; 3, W. Dobson. We have an open sing on Mar. 2, one spring, three bluff time singing (five seconds a break); hope this will draw some of the best birds from other Linnet clubs. First pair in the window at three prompt.—Walter Dobson, hon. sec.

SHEFFIELD.

Weekly Linnet contest held Royal George, Brightside Lane, Feb. 18; 22 birds entered (two minutes time singing), and some good singing was heard by a packed house. 1st, Booker, with 96secs.; 2nd, Wainwright, 73secs.; 3rd, Driver, 49secs.; Thompson 45; Brown, 45; Driver, 39; Rawson, 38. After contest Thompson and Brown sang a match, Thompson winning with 5secs. If Mr. Brown is not satisfied, Mr. Thompson will sing him with two birds (three minutes time singing) for £1 or £2, man and money ready. Contest every week-end.—A. Thompson, sec.

LEEDS.

Contest for quality held Old Bird House, King's Head, Shannon Street, Feb. 17, when 18 birds sang. 1st prize, T. Johnson; 2nd, T. Stead; 3rd, H. Wigfield. Judges, Messrs. S. Hardcastle and Walt. Naylor. Also Feb. 18, when 28 birds sang, 1st prize, H. Wigfield; 2nd, J. Bland; 3rd, T. Stead; 4th, W. Farrar. Judges, Messrs. T. C. Summers and Walt Naylor.—T. C. Summers, Hon. Sec.

Quality singing contest, held Skinner's Arms, Burliughorp Lane, Feb. 17, when 19 birds sang. Ward and Chippindale shared 1st and 2nd, Ward 3rd. Judges, Messrs. C. Clayton and C. Lorriman. Also Feb. 18, when 26 birds sang. 1, 2, Ward; 3, shared by Ward and Chippindale. Judges, Messrs. Turner and Green.—C. Clayton, sec.

SALFORD.

Open affiliated contest for quality and time held Boat House Hotel, Feb. 17, all the Lancashire champions being present from all the Linnet clubs. An entry of 60 birds competed for 8 good prizes, each also being presented with the Club's new prize cards. Judges' duties fully appreciated as the competition was so keen. Following clubs represented: Leigh, 16; Salford, 12; Atherton, 9; Tyldesley, 9; Wigan, 6; Blackburn, 6; Warrington, 2. Winners for quality: 1, Tom Statham; 2, W. H. Topping; 3, B. Cootes; 4, H. Brown. Time: 1, 3, J. Poole, 124, 60; 2, R. Statham, 100; 4, R. Leylaud, 43. Quality judges, Messrs. J. Dobson, J. Gibbons (Blackburn and Leigh); Timekepers, Messrs. J. Everett, J. Statham (Tyldesley and Leigh); Tappers, Messrs. W. Parkinson and W. Milligan (Atherton and Wigan); Minutemen and Birdkeeper, Messrs. W. Cain, Ben Jones (Salford); official, Mr. J. McAllister (Leigh). This contest was the largest ever held in this town, and was very well conducted. Owing to the great number of visitors special accommodation had to be arranged. Social evening was spent in the concert room, and Mr. and Mrs. Coates ably provided the refreshments. Salford Club's special meeting during the afternoon. Decided, that Messrs. Cain and Wharton represent us at Blackburn L.C., Feb. 24th. Will all members sending birds kindly leave them at headquarters to-night (Friday) with fees, 1s. Members' contest (quality and time) at Boat House, Feb. 25th, at 7.30 prompt. Fanciers and friends specially invited.—B. Wharton, Hon. Sec.

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YORKSHIRES—Continued.

THREE grand pairs of Yorkshires for sale; cocks, 11/-; hens, 6/-; or 15/- pair; two Norwich hens, yellow, 9/- the two; approval, deposit: Hy. Jelley, 87, Pennaesglas, Penygraig, Glam.

CHAMPION Yorkshires, 40 high-class birds, my well-known winning strain, grand buff hens, from 15/- pair; inspection invited; approval: Rorke, 50, Ringmer-ave., Munster-rd., Fulham.

HIGH-CLASS Yorkshires, own breeding; still some grand birds left; cocks, 7/-, 8/-, 10/-; hens, 3/-, 4/-, 5/-; inspection invited; approval: Whiting, Ravensbury, Morden-rd., Mitcham, Surrey.

HIGH class Yorkshires, related to winners, cocks from 7/-, hens from 4/-; variegated buff cock, show bird, 15/-; all on approval; few cheap breeding cages: Merritt, 45, Pearl-st., Cardiff.

JUDSON'S high-class Yorkshires, colour-fed, splendid type and quality, cocks 5/- upwards, hens 3/- upwards; carriage paid; approval: Tobacconist, Market-st., Hebden Bridge, Yorkshire.

TYPICAL Yorkshire Canaries, 1911, cold room bred, cocks 5/6, 6/6, 7/6, hens 3/- and 3/6; four days' approval; cash or deposit; inspection invited: Gant, 112, Churchfield-rd., Acton, London.

EXCEPTIONAL bargain, unflighted yellow Yorkshire cock, won every time shown, now in better trim and make valuable stock bird; accept 25/-: Hawkes, Grove-green-rd., Leytonstone.

HIGH-CLASS Yorkshires, related to my winners at Chopwell, Morpeth, Blaydon, Derwent Valley, Alnwick and Gateshead; cheap to clear; approval: Mather, 122, Woodbine-st., Gateshead.

TICKED buff cock, 10/-, clear buff 7/6, two clear yellow cocks 15/-, 10/-; two clear yellow hens, 7/6 each; ticked buff, 5/-; approval; Battye's strain direct: 15, Fort Royal Hill, Worcester.

LOOK here, buff Yorkshire cock, winner of three 1sts, with yellow hen one 1st; a chance seldom met with; 50/-; also a few good yellow hens, 10/- each: Apply Fancourt, Pork Butcher, Stamford.

GREAT sacrifice, must reduce stock immediately, unflighted colour-fed yellow Yorkshire cock, winner 1st, 2nd, two 3rds, 15/-; buff hen to match, 10/-; approval: Hawkes, Grove Green-rd., Leytonstone.

LEAVING Fancy; won 18 cards in 20 classes 1911; all my own breeding; Broughton's strain; just 20 left; cheap; approval; boy's tricycle wanted: Lucas, 21, Bedford-av., Whalley Range, Manchester.

SELECTED to breed winners, grand yellow-marked cock, two upstanding ticked buff hens, 21/-; few large hens, clear, and marked buffs, 4/6 each; approval: Hanbury, Somerford-booths, Congleton.

THREE long, slim yellow and one buff Yorkshire cocks for sale, well up on leg and grand feather; all bred from our winners; see show reports Leeds, Grimsby, Tunbridge Wells, and Palace; seven days approval willingly: Auton Bros., Spalding.

HIGH class yellow green Yorkshires, in full song, plenty of size, good type, feather, unflighted, must clear; cocks 4/6 each, hens 3/6, grand stock birds; apply: Wynn, Hill Top Cottage, Skipton-rd., Harrogate.

YORKSHIRE cocks (hens sold), splendid type, quality and length, 7/6 to 15/-; two rich salmon buff cocks, 20/- each; all in the pink of condition; best blood obtainable; approval: Relieving Office, Driffield.

E. RADLEY, King-st., Skelmanthorpe, near Huddersfield, has four grand young yellow Yorkshire hens to spare, 7/6 each; grand feather and shape; bred from my noted strain; worth double; approval.

NOTED winning colour-fed marked unflighted yellow Yorkshire cock, won under Robson, Heath, Vardy, Enfield, Norman, accept 45/-, worth treble for stock; approval: Hawkes, 390, Grove Green-rd., Leytonstone.

UNFLIGHTED colour-fed buff Yorkshire cock, 3rd L.B.C.A., r Woolwich, rare length, leggy bird, feathered to perfection and of exceptional merit, 15/-; great sacrifice; approval: Hawkes, 390, Grove Green-rd., Leytonstone.

YORKSHIRES, best blood obtainable; cocks from 5/-, hens from 3/-, pairs, properly mated for breeding winners, 7/6 upwards; full of quality; carriage paid; approval: Edgar King, Fairfield, Hebden Bridge, Yorkshire.

ONLY few left.—Five high-class typical buff cocks (one green-marked), 7/6; three grand feathered hens, 4/- each; cold bred; dirt cheap; double tin enamelled breeder (38x12x15), 6/6: Abery, 43, Queen's Gate-mews, Kensington.

CHAMPION Yorkshires, bred from my winners, Sutton, Sale, Sheffield, etc; must clear, owing to removal; cocks 6/-; hens 4/-; worth double; satisfaction guaranteed: Radford, 114, Second-avenue, Trafford-park, Manchester.

KING'S celebrated Yorkshires, splendid length, type, and quality, bred from my cup winners; cocks from 5/-; hens from 3/6; perfectly matched pairs, 8/6 upwards; approval, deposit; carriage paid: Sydney B. King, Mytholm, Hebden Bridge.

DISPOSAL, following splendid stock birds; cocks, four-pointed buff, 8/-; clear 8/-, green mkd. yell., 7/6; breedy yellow, 6/-; buff hens, monster clear, 5/-; pink-eyed clear, 4/-; Cinnamon marked, 5/-; four-pointed buff, 4/-: Simpson, Ironmonger, Otley.

GRAND long slim buff Yorkshire cock, 10/6; grand reachy yellow hen, 7/6, 16/- pair; grand reachy yellow cock, 10/6; long reachy buff hen, 7/-, 16/- pair; another grand pair, 12/-; grand healthy birds; bargains; approval willingly: Miss Stone, Fleet, Belper.

HIGH-CLASS Yorkshires, splendid length, type, and quality; cocks from 5/-; hens from 3/-; pairs 8/- upwards; few grand pairs, 12/6 and 15/- pair; some grand hens, cheap; approval; satisfaction guaranteed: Greenwood, Colne-rd., Crosshills, Keighley.

CHAMPION Yorkshires, long leggy outstanding birds, just the sort to breed winners, 6/6, 7/6, 8/6, 10/6, upwards; hens, 5/6, 6/6, 7/6, 10/6; pairs, properly mated, breed winners, 12/6, 15/-, 20/-; approval, 4 days; 26 years' breeder, exhibitor: Frank Stevens, Great Ayton, Yorkshire.

J. C. BARNES, 113, Northfield-rd., Walkley, Sheffield; Sheffield Challenge Cup winner (3 years in succession); few grand lengthy specimens of correct position, and well on leg, to spare; cocks, 20/- up; hens, 10/- up; matched pairs a speciality; approval with every pleasure, inspection earnestly requested; no better blood obtainable.

CHAMPION Yorkshires, same strain as my winners at Hull, Burnley, Peterborough, Stamford, Newport, etc., for sale to make room for breeding season; Yorkshire cocks, 7/6, 10/6, 12/6; hens, 5/6, 7/6, 10/6; feathered like wax, guaranteed to give satisfaction; approval; deposit: Beaumont, Carlton Aviaries, 62, Long Lane, Dalton, Huddersfield.

A. L. HAWKES offers several of his winning 1910 and 1911 colour-fed Yorkshire hens, both buff and yellows, at 10/-, 12/6, and 15/- each; 7 days' approval; these are real gems for length, style and type, and being offered at great sacrifice as pressure of business prevents me breeding half my usual stock: 390, Grove Green-rd., Leytonstone.

HEALTHY Yorkshire stock, consisting of 6 cocks, 12 hens, 9 double breeders, 2 good flights, with movable partitions, 8 show cages, 2 cases, nest pots, wires, extra drinkers, egg pots, etc., to be sold reasonable: Frank Newiss, 21, Park-grove, Keighley, Yorkshire.

GOOD type leggy Yorkshires; buff cock, cheek and wings marked, 12/6; yellow marked cock, 15/6; hens to mate, 4/- each; Green cock, 16/6; hens to mate, 4/6 each; buff hens, 4/- each; buff Cinnamon hen, 4/6; Green hens, 4/6 each; buff variegated hen, 3/6; these birds are in breeding condition: Kightley, Mount Pleasant-rd., Finsbury Park, N.

H. T. GRAHAM, 11, Linwood-grove, Longsight, being compelled through removal to dispose of my splendid stock of 20 Yorkshires, stock and show, splendidly colour fed; the pick for this season's breeding; also about 40 stock, flight and show cages, cases, accessories, etc., price £12 the lot, or separate; seen after 7 o'clock; thorough good exchange entertained.

IRISH FANCIERS.

C. A. O'Reilly, winner Drummond challenge cup outright, and also invites enquiries; inspection Saturdays after 3: 10, Dolphin-avenue, Dublin.

CINNAMON-MARKED

Yorkshires, buff cock, 2nd Bradford City, 60/-; clear or marked, 10/6, 15/-, 20/-, 30/-; hens, 7/6, 10/-; approval: Hirst, Ramsbottom-st., Accrington.

E. A. LOVELL,

40, Raleigh-rd., Southville, Bristol, has a few really good Yorkshires, for disposal; cocks, 7/6, 10/-, 12/6; hens, 5/-, 7/-, 9/- upwards.

BOUNDY'S YORKSHIRES.

The Western champion has still a few good birds to spare, single or pairs, same way bred as my cup and medal winners; state your wants: St. Teath, Cornwall.

CUTHBERTSON'S

Yorkshires still to the front; owing to having to reduce stock, several this season's winners for sale, and also grand stock birds very cheap for quick sale; approval: Manor House, Heighington, R.S.O.

CHAMPION YORKSHIRES.

E. W. Rogers winner of the Canary cup two years running, see reports, Portsmouth, Tonbridge, Wandsworth, Brighton, etc.; only a few pairs left from 10/6; grandly bred, best of type and quality; direct Ambler's and Frost strain; write stating wants: 155, Queen's Park-rd.

J. W. RENNIE,

The Junction Hotel, Andover, Hants, winner of the Southern Yorkshire champion challenge cup outright, and is giving up the fancy entirely, has the following left:—2 pairs at 50/-, 1 pair £1, unflighted buff hen, 30/-; unflighted buff cock, £1; 2 yellow hens, 1910, 30/- each; 1 yellow hen, 1910, 15/-.

HAWES BROS.

The Southern Champions have for disposal buff cock, first and second only times shown, 15/-, with hen to match 20/-, good long breedy buff cock, 25/-, with hen to match 30/-; four yellow cocks, can win, from 15/-; all the above unflighted; also rare long yellow stock and show bird, 35/-; approval, stamp reply; inspection invited: 73, Fermoy-rd., Paddington, or Oakley, Brill, Bucks.

KNIGHT, YORKSHIRE AVIARIES.

A recent attack of illness compels me to offer nearly the whole of my present stock of Yorkshires (about 200), at greatly reduced prices to clear, all cold-room bred, reared and kept, in pink of condition and health; for full terms and particulars, address: Jonas Knight, Allerton, Bradford, Yorkshire.

WILLIAM BINNS.

exhibits none but his own breeding. Has for sale about 12 pairs of champion Yorkshires from 15/- pair upwards; approval; cash or deposit; for wins see reports Palace, Scottish National, Glasgow, Liverpool and other principal shows: 9, Albert-ter., Blackpool, N.

HIGH-CLASS YORKSHIRES.

Being overstocked, must clear about thirty pairs before breeding season at one-half their value; pairs from 10/-, 12/6, 15/-, 20/-, 30/- upwards; single birds from 5/- upwards; satisfaction guaranteed; on approval; inspection invited: Apply Brooks, 320, Ainsworth-lane, Tong Moore, Bolton.

YORKSHIRE CANARIES.—14 days' trial, our risk. Very typical Cocks, 5/-, 6/-, 7/6, and 10/- each. Hens, 2/6, 3/6, and 5/- each. Well-matched pairs, 7/6, 10/6, and 15/- per pair. Breeding cages and all appliances. Catalogue free. Patronised by Royalty, Experts, and Judges.—**Northern Aviaries, Ormskirk Road, Preston.**

POWICK'S CHAMPION YORKSHIRES.

The same strain as the winners at all the leading shows; length, type and quality; cocks in full song, 7/6, 10/6; hens, 5/6, 7/6 each; sure winners, 15/6 each; ten days' approval at my risk: W. Powick, Dewsbury, Yorkshire.

CHAMPION PALACE BLOOD.

ARTHUR BROTHERHOOD, Newport, Salop, can spare several exceedingly choice specimens, type, style and quality combined, bred from sister of Bailey's Cinnamon marked champion at Palace, Bradford Cinderella, etc.; and from his other noted winners, purchased regardless of cost; yellow cock, winner 20/-; buff cock, winner, very stylish, 15/-; several charming buff hens, 15/- to 25/-; approval.

ALL ONE PRICE, 10s. 6d. PAIR.

20 pairs Yorkshires, 10/6 pair; birds from this strain have won at all the leading shows, some of my matched pairs include birds that have cost nearly £5 each, but I have decided to clear 20 pairs at 10/6; somebody will get a bargain, all colour fed and in the best of health; try one pair, my risk, 10 days' approval; satisfaction guaranteed: Clegg, Victoria Schoolhouse, Dewsbury.

ACTUAL WINNERS.

Buff Cinnamon-marked cock, with yellow hen, 25/-; buff variegated cock, with yellow hen, 20/-; buff unevenly marked cock, with yellow hen, 17/6; also a few odd birds, in clears and ticked, parents to some of these birds have cost from £6 to £10 each, and have taken premier honours at Yorkshire and Lancashire shows; also Liverpool, Newcastle, Birmingham, Crystal Palace; week's approval: S. B. Grayshon, Wormald-st., Flush, Heckmondwike.

W. H. SHACKLETON

can now supply some splendid stock birds, bred from his noted champions. The honours awarded to my birds during the last 10 years is conclusive proof that this is the purest and most reliable strain of the present day. Cocks, 7/6, 10/6, 15/6, 20/-, to 40/-; hens, 7/6, 10/6, 15/6, 20/-, 30/- each; pairs, 15/6 to 60/-; approval, cash or deposit; stamped address for reply: Melrose Aviaries, Lytton-rd., Girlington, Bradford.

H. W. WALSH, HALIFAX,

Having selected own breeding stock, have about 20 matched pairs to dispose of; also few single birds; pairs 10/- to 20/-; cocks 6/6 to 15/-; hens 4/- to 10/-; entire satisfaction guaranteed, or money returned; approval with pleasure, cash or deposit: 12, Cecil-st.,

WALSH'S CHAMPION YORKS.

Long stock bird; cocks from, 7/6; hens, real gems, from 6/-; all colours, matched pairs; real bargains from, 12/6; satisfaction guaranteed; approval; cash or deposit: 12, Angel-st., Baildon, Yorks.

EDWIN NORTH'S.

champion Yorkshires are delighting everybody who has tried them; testimonials rolling in by every post. Special to novices, 10 specially matched pairs at 12/6; 10 extra specially matched pairs at 15/-; a few clinking stock cocks, over 7in. long and feathered like pot, 12/6 each; Norwich Plainheads at 10/6 and 12/6 a pair; send for one pair on deposit system and you will send for another, as they are honestly worth three times the amount I am asking for them: Edwin North, Breeder and Exhibitor, 477, Manchester-rd. (just above Towers Hall), Bradford.

SAMUEL DEAN

has 50 pairs of high class Yorkshires for immediate disposal at the following prices: cocks from 5/- each, hens from 4/6 each, properly matched pairs from 10/- per pair; terms, cash with order or deposit "Cage Birds"; 7 days' approval. Note, now shows are over, will be at home on Saturday afternoons, or can be seen any day between 1-15 and 2-15 on receipt of p.c.: 6, Ash Mount, Great Horton, Bradford.

WE HAVE THEM, WE BREED THEM, WE SELL THEM.

It is absolutely ridiculous for those wanting first class specimens thinking they can get them from the men with the small quantities, the three or four winners they have cannot be bought at any price, as they must keep them to sell their surplus on their reputation. We have the largest and most wonderful stock of winners that has ever been in one room; over 40 first prize winners this season, and 20 of them for sale, reasonable. We have shown more winners that we have bred this season than any other six exhibitors put together. For proof see our winnings this season. Winning Carl's Trophy, the G.M.Y.C.C. Trophy outright with birds bred by exhibitor; both Y.C.C. competitions; the Yorkshire challenge trophy, Ramsden 6-guinea cup, £10 Yorkshire Union trophy 5 years in succession, which now becomes our own property with an aggregate of 1,418 points, only 3 birds to count, nearly 200 more points than any exhibitor; another world's record, champion diploma at Crystal Palace, 1911; also we have bred and sold four of the first prize winners at Palace, 1912; four years in succession winning the C.M.Y.C.C. Our strain has won more competitions and trophies than any other; so write direct to the breeders who breed their own winners and can give an honest pedigree and all details how bred. Cocks or hens 7/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/6, 20/-, 30/- each. We guarantee the best value in England. Inspection invited, all birds sent on approval; deposit: Ogden Bros., Dudley Hill, Bradford.

Ambler's Champion Yorkshires.

NEED NO PUFF OR BOUNCE. There are none better. The oldest, purest, and most reliable strain of Yorkshires in the Fancy. During these last 30 years our birds have won thousands of prizes, cups, bowls, medals, etc., both for us and our customers, at the leading shows, three times winning special for best in show Crystal Palace, winning 4 1sts, 3 2nds, 3rd, 4th, and championship for best Yorkshire in show Crystal Palace, 1910-1911. As we are not exhibiting this season, we have for disposal some real gems, perfect type, wonderful length, and full of quality, including some long, stylish hens, feathered like silk, the sort that do breed champions. This is a chance seldom met with to secure such high-class Yorkshires, as we are offering birds that are seldom for sale at any price. Pairs from 15/-, 20/-, 30/-, 40/-, 50/-, 60/-. Cocks or Hens from 7/6, 10/6, 15/-, 20/-, 30/- each. All cold-room bred, and on approval. Satisfaction guaranteed, or money returned in full.—MESSRS. AMBLER, Langton Lodge, Scotton, Knaresborough, Yorkshire.

Purchased Mr. S. Drake (Halifax) noted strain of Yorkshires.

Winners of hundreds of prizes, gold and silver medals, cups, etc. Some real beauties on approval; also strains which won at Crystal Palace these last 20 years. Some direct from strain that won 2 firsts, 1 second Crystal Palace 1912. Mr. Redfern, Pentre, Hawarden, Feb. 1st, 1912.—Sir,—Yellow Yorkshire cock you sent me won 1st and spl Hawarden on Saturday last in strong class of 18. I have supplied scores of winners and can do so yet, not exhibiting this variety myself; some grand yellow and buff cocks, 6/-, 7/-, 8/-, 10/-, 12/-, 15/-, 20/- each; hens, yellows or buffs, 4/-, 5/-, 6/-, 7/-, 8/-, 10/-; matched pairs to breed winners, 12/-, 15/-, 16/-, 18/-, 20/-, 25/- pair; any on approval; full guarantee given; breeder 30 years this address: **SANDIFORD, Canary Breeder, PRESTON, LANCS.**

H. H. TOWERS,

offers Yorkshires in any variety at prices ranging from 15/- to 60/- per pair. Type, quality, and condition a speciality. Having won the Cinnamon Marked Competition, with over 40 points more than any other competitor, for the second year in succession besides many other trophies and specials, including the

CHAMPIONSHIP DIPLOMA
FOR THE
BEST YORKSHIRE IN THE SHOW
AT THE
CRYSTAL PALACE, 1912,

is sufficient proof of the quality of my birds. Some extra good birds, suitable for stock or exhibition, at reasonable price. Special offer.—Three yellow hens and four buff hens at 7/6 each. Full satisfaction guaranteed, or money returned at once. All on approval, for cash or deposit. State wants to

8, Colne Road, Glusburn, near Keighley.

Yorkshires

"All In Breeding Condition.

Read following testimonials for proof of the quality of birds I send out: "51a, Quinton Street, Earlsfield, London, S.W. Feb. 18th, 1912. Yorkshire cock to hand in the pink of condition, and is a gem for the price. Will recommend you to all I know and also send you my future orders.—J. R. Johnstone to J. Taylor." Another from "37, James Ville, Cwmcarn, Newport, S. Wales. Feb. 17th, 1912. I received the bird quite safe and he pleases me very well in all respects. He is a champion songster, and admired by all.—D. Hockey to J. Taylor." Another from "Waterloo Inn, Llanelly. Feb. 18th, 1912. Received pair of birds all right and am highly pleased with them. Enclose P.O. for other three.—D. Thomas to J. Taylor." Another from "31, Seaville Street, Boughton, Chester. Feb. 17th, 1912. Highly satisfied with pair you sent me, and consider I have got a bargain.—R. Sanders to J. Taylor. Scores of similar testimonials arriving weekly, and can be seen any time. Grand high-class, lengthy Yellow or Buff Yorkshire cocks on full song at **6/-, 7/-, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6,** and **15/-** each. In clears, ticked, green, marked, cinnamon marked, and clear pink-eyed. Pairs matched to produce winners at **8/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, 20/-, 25/-, 30/-,** per pair. Extra smart Yellow or Buff Hens. In breeding condition, at **3/-, 4/-, 5/-, 6-/, 7/-, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6** each. Colour fed or natural colour, and all guaranteed cold room kept, and in the best of health and condition. Illustrated price list post free. All on seven days' approval at my risk. Travelling cage, 3d. extra.

EASY PAYMENT TERMS.

Birds sent off at once on receiving first payment. Send for price list, terms, and full particulars, post free. Yorkshires, Norwich, Crests, Songsters, etc., etc. No extras charged and same value given as if you were paying cash down. All on seven days' approval at my own risk to any part. Export orders a speciality. Only and old address—

J. TAYLOR,

36, Aireville Road,

Frizinghall, Bradford.

THE YORKSHIRE BREEDERS'

Society are genuine breeders, who have previously supplied birds to all the leading exhibitors and dealers of Bradford and district. Our object is to deal fairly and honestly direct with other breeders, thereby saving the middlemen's profits, which means better value for money; also information as to how the birds are bred, which is a vital point in pairing to breed winners. Our honest dealings are already widely known, and our reputation stands unrivalled. Don't be misled by exaggerated statements, but apply direct to bona fide and reliable breeders, who can supply breeding sets (cock and 2 hens) from 12/6, 15/-, 20/-, upwards; pairs from 8/6 upwards; cocks from 6/-; hens from 4/-; exhibition birds reasonable. Cages, 3d. extra. Approval, cash or deposit. Address: "Secretary," 40, Springcliffe, Manningham, Bradford, Yorkshire.

80 FIRSTS,

48 Seconds,
45 Thirds,
29 Fourths,
40 Specials.

The above wins **with Yorkshires at all the leading shows for the present show season. Cannot be equalled by any other exhibitors. I have finished up the show season with more 1sts in Yorkshires than any other exhibitor. Three 1sts, one 2nd, one 3rd, one 4th, Diploma for best Green Marked,** at Crystal Palace, also won the **10 Guinea Trophy** and **Gold Medal** in **Green Marked Competition** and numerous other prizes in thevarious Yorkshire competitions. The above prove **without doubt that my strain is the best in the Fancy.** In order to make room for breeding, **I am offering some real typical pairs, matched to breed winners** and at following prices, which are **not more than half their value:—15 pairs at 30/- per pair. 15 pairs at 25/- per pair** and **20 pairs at 20/- per pair.** Bred from and related to my winners. Can also send out some **good specimens at following prices:—8/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, per pair.** Champion long, slim typical Yorkshire cocks at **6/-, 6/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, 20/-** each. Long, slim racy hens at **3/6, 4/6, 6/6, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6** each. Travelling cages, 3d. extras Clears, Ticked, Marked, and Variegated Yellow or Buff, and **every bird in perfect health and condition** and **guaranteed cold room, bred and kept. Colour fed to perfection and a few natural colour. All on seven days' approval** at my risk. **Inspection invited** at any time. I have several winners that have won in keenest competition and can soon win back their own cost at lowest possible prices. Some birds I have sold have been winning for my customers in all parts of the world. Price list and specimens of winning testimonials post free on receipt of post card.

Easy Payments arranged with genuine fanciers, and birds sent off at once. Please state wants to the old reliable breeder and exhibitor, who **breeds his own winners** and has won thousands of prizes, cups, bowls, gold and silver medals, etc., at all leading shows during the past 20 years. And remember I guarantee entire satisfaction or return your money in full willingly.

L. DYKES,

RELIABLE AVIARIES,

16, Shann Street, Bolton Woods
BRADFORD.

Various Canaries.

THREE hen Canaries, 6/-; must sell: A. Carter, Little Oxendon, Market Harborough.

SALE.—Eight fine healthy Yorkshires, Norwich, and German hen Canaries; 20/-; carriage paid; bargain: H. Tuck, Queen's Hotel, Rochdale.

EIGHT hen Canaries, Norwich and German cross, some Crested, 18/-; tame Jackdaw, runs garden, 4/-: Haydon, Bell-green, Sydenham.

PAIR high class Yorkshires, scientifically matched, 10/6; also two grand chubby buff Norwich hens, 6/-: Thomas, 19c Block, Deepcut, Surrey.

FOUR 1911 hens, one 1910 cock Yorkshire and Roller cross from good feeders; first 10/- or best offer cash: Hicks, 44, Prospect-pl., Doncaster.

NORWICH Roller cock, green marked, 7/6, warranted on full song; also green marked hens, 2/6 each: C. H. Pickett, Romford Common, Essex.

IT'S NO USE.

It's no use you trying to get the best if you do not send your orders to the right place. I have such a grand selection of birds that it is impossible for you to be anything but fully satisfied with the quality and the prices are right. Call and inspect my stock, or let me send you birds on seven days approval. Just read what my customers say. I have thousands of genuine unsolicited testimonials, all in original envelopes, open for your inspection. "The Green Clackman, February 8th, 1912.—Bird arrived safe. Am highly pleased with it; he sings grand.—George Harrow." "Forge Side, Blaenavon, 9/2/12.—Bird arrived safe, and proved very satisfactory.—W. Weaven." "Glass Fold, Hyde, 8/2/12.—Please forward Roller. The one you sent me seven years ago was a champion. — Alfred Turner." "Harlow Hill, Harrogate, 9/2/12.—Bird arrived safe. I am quite satisfied.—W. Abram." "Tolcrton, York, 8/2/12.—Received birds quite smart, in the pink of condition. Am very pleased with them. —A. Vasey." "Common-street, Saltney, 8/2/12.—Roller arrived in pink of condition, and started to sing immediately. Am highly satisfied.—Herbert Brooks." "Cannon-street, Bolton, 9/2/12.—Bird safely to hand, and am highly satisfied with it.—James Smethurst." "Millgrove-street, London.—Received bird in good condition; very pleased with same. Shall always recommend you for fair dealing.—T. Liffen." "7, Ravenscroft-road, Chiswick.—Bird arrived good condition. Thanking you for prompt attention.—F. Godfray." "Lincoln-street, Lecheme, 8/2/12.—Bird to hand, in fine condition. Am highly satisfied.—Charles Sangster." The above are only a few of the many received this month. I could fill this paper with letters praising my birds. Let me send you any of the following on approval that you may judge the quality for yourself. Fully illustrated price list post free. The following are such value as defies comparison: Genuine trained St. Andreasburg Rollers; cocks, in full song by day and artificial light, every bird a picked one; cocks, 7/6, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/- each; hens, 2/6, 3/-, 3/6 each. A large collection of extra loud free Canary songsters, the right birds where a big noise is required, 5/9, 6/-, 6/6, 7/6, 8/6 each. You must see the superior quality of my Yorkshires; it will astound you. Birds of the correct length and type, feathers like wax, marvels of cheapness; cocks, 6/6, 7/6, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6; hens, 3/6, 4/-, 4/6, 5/-; matched breeding pairs, 8/6, 9/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-. My Norwich have a world-wide reputation; well built cobby birds. Cocks, 6/6, 7/6, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6; hens, 3/6, 4/-, 4/6, 5/-; matched breeding pairs, 8/6, 9/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-. Send a postcard for illustrated price list. All birds sent out on seven days approval at my risk, and every customer guaranteed satisfaction: E. L. Storey, Bird Specialist, Crowle, Doncaster.

2 Firsts, 3 Specials Medal, etc.

The following unsolicited testimonials are a fair sample of hundreds I have recently received. These are all filed for the inspection of my visitors, and clearly prove that there is no better blood in the Fancy to-day.

"Filey, Feb. 7, 1912.—The pair of Yorkshires I had from you did well for me. The cock took **1st and special, also medal for best bird in the show.** The hen got 3rd. There were 10 in each class.—F. Gray to Joe Thomas." "82, Dorrington Road, Lancaster, Feb. 9, 1912.—The hen I got from you early in December has been entered for a show, and I am pleased to say it took **1st and special.**—J. Bostock to Joe Thomas."

For further proof I venture to refer you to the report of the Crystal Palace show, where my birds, both Yorkshires and Norwich, were bang at the top in strongest classes. During this season my birds have won consistently every week at all the championship shows, and have **secured over 300 prizes during 1912 season.** Please note that all my wins are at open championship shows in hottest competition. I have not exhibited a single bird at members' shows with limited competition. My customers also have won regularly both with Yorkshires and Norwich supplied by me. I am stating a simple fact when I say that I can supply you with Yorkshires or Norwich that can win, or with stock birds that can breed winners. I have now in stock some real clinkers in all the following varieties:—**Yorkshires, Norwich, Borders, Yorkshire Greens, Mules, Siberian Goldfinches, Rollers, Lancashires, Cinnamons, Crests,** etc. The following are a few prices:—

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WANTED, from catchers, all kinds of British; state prices: Manager, Bird Stores, Kirkgate, Wakefield.

WANTED, Canaries in exchange for Aberdeen or Scotch Terrier bitch: Jones, 112, Plaistow-rd., West Ham.

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WANTED, muling hen Canaries; cash or exchange pair cycle wheels, as new: Webb, 43, Sclcroft-rd., Greenwich.

WANTED, cheap Canaries, cash or exchange; state wants; 3 days' approval: Livestock Company, Tunbridge Wells.

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WANTED, pair of clear healthy Norwich, exchange good mandoline, or sell 12/-; approval: 22a, Rowallan-rd., Fulham.

WANTED offers for full set of Stanley's travels, also safety razor, new; approval: Mr. Fothergill, Pickup-st., Nelson.

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WANTED, yellow Norwich hen, Crestbred hen; give Foulds' Roller hen, rung, little cash: Gardiner, 10, Withipoll-st., Ipswich.

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WANTED song Canaries, dog puppies, pigeons, or exchange all varieties livestock: Maynard, Bethnal Green. Phone 2528 Wall.

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WANTED hen Canaries, will give 1/2 Germans; 1/6 large Norwich and Yorkshire: G. Elliott, Aviaries, 2, Volunteers Yard, Wakefield.

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WANTED, puppies or adults, toy dogs, cash, or exchange Canaries; state particulars: Smith, Bird Stores, Townhead-st., Hamilton.

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WANTED, two good Norwich hens in exchange for light Goldfinch Mule, full song, or sell 15/-: Percy, Acacia Cottage, Clinch Green, Bexhill.

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WANTED stout yellow unflighted Norwich hen, exchange 1911 cock Goldfinch Mule, splendid songster, sell 7/-: Wm. Hunter, Fens, Bannockburn.

WANTED, four good Norwich hens, 2 yellow, 2 buff; exchange good Borders to value, or what offers: Smith, 154, John-st., Workington.

WANTED, for export, any quantity of hen Canaries, 1/2 each; Germans, 1/4; Norwich and Yorkshires: Manager, Bird Stores, Kirkgate, Wakefield.

WANTED, two Roller hens (Greens), give unflighted Yorkshire hen, standard length, sell 6/-, yours first: Taylor, 34, Atkinson-st., Gorton, Manchester.

WANTED, large Norwich Cinnamon cock, exchange yellow or buff Norwich Cinnamon hen, Dormer's strain: 712, Romford-rd., Manor Park, Essex.

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WANTED, hen Goldfinch Mules, 1/3, and hen Canaries, 1/6 each given; I will buy any kind of live stock: W. Perkins, 182, East-st., Walworth, London.

WANTED, pair Rollers or yellow Norwich hens; exchange cock, two hens Silver Sebrights; sell, 10/6: Lowe, 8a, Rosamond-st., East, C on M., Manchester.

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WANTED upstanding buff unflighted Yorkshire hen; exchange typical unflighted buff Norwich hen value, 15/-; mutual approval: Lohr, Confectioner, Carmarthen.

WANTED from catchers, Goldfinches, Larks, Linnets, Bullfinches, also Canaries and Mules; best prices given: Manager, Bird Stores, Ossett, Yorkshire.

WANTED, few pairs Crests; large, well-feathered birds; will give 10/- pair and deposit cash with Editor; stamp reply: Gledhill, Fleet-lane, Queensbury, Bradford.

WANTED, kit bag, medium size, exchange grand stock unflighted 7-inch buff Yorkshire cock from open winners, value 30/-; genuine: George Harris, Kenley, Surrey.

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NOTICE.—What offers in Norwich, Yorkshire, or Roller Canarics for lady's gold watch, almost new, cost £4; approval: M'Keand, Hamilton-pl., Castle Douglas.

WANTED, Goldfinches, Bullfinches, and other British birds; also pure-bred Yorkshire hen Canaries; state lowest cash price: H. Jinks, 2, Bramall-lane, Sheffield.

WANTED, Canaries, exchange breeding cages, polished out, enamelled in, loose fronts, good condition; value 4/- each: 106, John-st., Larkhall, Lanarkshire, Scotland.

WANTED for muling, steady cock Goldfinch, large yellow Greenfinch cock; exchange unflighted clear yellow hen, good strain; yours first: Duckett, 91, Sepulchre Gate, Doncaster.

WANTED, pair of stock Norwich, give in exchange £2 2/- phonograph or pen Game Bantams, cock, three hens, approval both ways, birds first: Watt, Croft Cottage, Pittenweem.

WANTED, any quantity Goldfinches, Bullfinches, Linnets, etc., also cock Mules; state price; I will give 1/4 each for large hen Canaries: Thomas Hughes, 65, Saltley-rd., Birmingham.

WANTED Crests, Norwich, Yorkshires, Borders, Lancashires, exchange grandfather clock, bone mill, double set harness, clapnets, books, British: Westrope, Agent, Bumpstead, Haverhill.

WANTED, good 1911 Norwich cock, exchange two buff Border hens, two buff Norwich hens, 1911, or two White Orpington pullets, laying: Kendrick, Coachman, Monument Hill, Weybridge.

WILL give 6/- per pair for good colour-fed Norwich and Yorkshires, 10/- per pair for good Crests; also wanted 10 pairs Scotch Fancy, reasonable: M'Keand, Hamilton Place, Castle Douglas.

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WANTED, for cash, any quantity of Goldfinch or Linnet Mules, cocks or hens, extra given for colour fed; also hen Canaries wanted, state lowest prices: Merrington, Bird Specialist, 40, Besson-st., New Cross, London.

WANTED, large colour-fed Norwich; will give 7/- to 8/- per pair; must be large birds or useless; will deposit cash with Editor; send particulars and stamp for reply: Gledhill, Fleet-lane, Queenshury, Bradford.

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A smart typical yellow Yorkshire hen, 1911 bred, in exchange for grand typical buff cock, unflighted, 2nd at Sittingbourne, only time shown; approval; yours first, straightforwardness only: B. Tidy, Hairdresser, Sittinghourne, Kent."

WANTED, any quantity hen Canaries, all breeds; also Bullfinches and Linnets, from catchers; state price and particulars, strictly honourable dealings guaranteed; hankers, Lloyds: W. Gore, Gooch-st., Birmingham.

WANTED massive clear yellow stock Norwich cock, must he extra good in head and neck, give in exchange large unflighted variegated buff cock and a grand buff hen; noted strain, or sell £1 7s. 6d.: Welsh, 72, Scotgate, Stamford.

WANTED, old oak dresser, with shelves, etc., old Toby jugs, figures, china, pottery, sporting snuff boxes, Baxter and other old coloured prints; exchange Crests or songsters, or cash: Harding, 7, Clarence-terrace, Barton-street, Gloucester.

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WILL exchange cock Goldfinch or zither guitar for Canaries: James Swan, 2, Millhurn-st., Kirkcudbright.

FOUR Bullfinch hens, large, fit to mate, 2/- each; healthy; what offers exchange: Ouseley, Stokecanon, Exeter.

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EXCHANGE 2 cock Bullfinches for 2 hen Canaries, or offers; yours first: A. Clements, 4, Jeynes-row, Tewkesbury.

WANTED 3 healthy hen Canaries, exchange pair Goldfinches, cock and hen: Ellis, Boot Manufacturers, Welshpool.

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ONE cock Goldfinch, 2 house-moulted, and smart cock Bullfinch; offer wanted, Norwich and cage: Davies, East-st., Llangollen.

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EXCHANGE good house-moulted cock Goldfinch for two Yorkshire hens, Cauaries, or Norwich; birds first: Bowes, Longham, Dereham.

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HAND-REARED 1911 cock Hawfinch, 6/-; another, caged two months, 4/-: Gunnell, Railway Tavern, Woodside, South Norwood.

SELL, 6/-; cock Bullfinch, cock Greenfinch, winners, or exchange anything, Bantams preferred: T. Dawes, Quarry-rd., Somercotes, nr. Alfreton.

ONE house-moulted cock Goldfinch, and two good cock Linnets, 6/-; exchange singing cock Canary: W. French, The Downs, Gt. Dunmow.

FOUR house-moulted cock Linnets, singing mad, 3/6 each; also two at 5/- each; exchange offers: Butler, Fishmonger, Compton-row, Leeds.

TWO house-moulted Goldie cocks, exchange pair Rollers, Cinnamon Chaffie cock; offers: Davies, Pritchards Arms, Cardigan. Stamp reply.

HOUSE-moulted cock Bullfinch, winner 1st and 3rd prizes, exchange 2 yellow Cinnamon hens, 1911, or sell 12/6: Robinson, Station Road, Winsford.

SELL, 6/-, cock Bullfinch, cock Greenfinch, winners; or exchange anything, Bantams preferred: T. Dawes, Quarry-rd., Somercotes, nr. Alfretou.

DARK yellow Linnet Mule, fed, winner, 12/6; or exchange cage-moulted Song Thrush, full song; offers; approval: 103, Hardy-rd., Wimhledon.

HOUSE-moulted winning Waxwing cock, 40/-; exchange extra light Goldfinch Mule or Hybrid cocks; offers: Morrison, Johnstone North, Renfrewshire.

THREE splendid cock Linnets, caged November, 1/6 each; exchange cock Canary, good Norwich hen, anything: Harry Teat, Ancaster, Grantham.

LARGE house moulted cocks, Bullfinch and Chaffinch, hen Bullfinch, exchange good Yorkshire hen; yours first: Cranston, 39, Salisbury-rd., Maidstone.

WHAT offers in cash or exchange for nine cock Chaffinches, two cock Greenfinches, perfectly clean and healthy: Hook, Dairy Farm, Lindfield, Sussex.

EXCHANGE one Linnet Mule, 1910 bird, full song, pure Linnet notes, for field moulted exhibition Goldfinch: T. Noden, St. George's-rd., Winsford, Cheshire.

COCKS, Chaffinch, Bramblefinch, Greenfinch, exchange pair Bantams, breeding cages, or seed mill; nest pans, anything: Robson, Exeter-st., West Hartlepool.

TWO grand house-moulted cock brown Linnets, full song, exchange good double breeder or buff unflighted Yorkshire hen; yours first: J. Wade, Ashen, Clare, Suffolk.

I HAVE six Linnets and cages, full on song, and will take 30/- for the six, or will exchange for a good breach-loading gun: James Law, 5, Swan Yard, Gravesend.

SALE.—Three cock Goldfinches, 10/6; exchange three 1911 Yorks, two Buffs, one Yellow; must he good healthy birds to value: Geo. Simpson, Crayke, Easingwold.

GREENFINCHES; two large selected exhibition, grand colour, 2/6 each; 4/- two, or exchange for good British Goldfinch cock: E. Hendry, High-st., Fraserburgh.

TWO pairs large Bullfinches, caged 3 months, perfect feather, exchange large muling hen Canaries, grand cock Goldfinch, proved muler, 7/6: Hughes, Salop-rd., Oswestry.

WELSH cock Goldfinch, house-moulted, sure winner and muler, exchange for large yellow Norwich cock, must he winner; approval; yours first: Jones, 3, Mountain-st., Carnarvon.

THREE cock Goldies, 3/-; five Linnets, 1/6; three hen Bullies, 1/3 each; singing; exchange; offers; concert fluto wanted; give cash also: Durant, Hartest, Bury St. Edmunds.

FIVE good H.M. cock Goldfinches, 4/6 each; Siskin Mule, full song, winner, 20/-, or cash offer; or exchange for large yellow Norwich Canaries: W. H. Dyson, Jubilee-house, Linton, Cambs.

EXCHANGE two house-moulted Greenfinches, three hens, eight cock Greenies, two cock Chaffinches, caged fortnight, for Bullfinch or Norwich hens: Edwin Brown, Houston, Renfrewshire.

COCK Greenfinch, hen Bullfinch, house-moulted and feeding, 7/6; 2 exhibition cock Bullfinches, 1 house-moulted, 5/-; exchange air-gun, fortnight's approval: Wells, 7, Garden-rd., Lound, Kendal.

TWO splendid Magpies, 1911, hand-reared; two house-moulted hen Bullfinches, ditto hen Siskin, Green hen Canary; exchange for joiner's plough, gun, or offers: G. Mills, 188, Mount Pleasant, Redditch.

GOLDFINCH hen Bullie for muling, and 6 compartment breeding cage, and rack, cost £2 17s. 6d., with two cupboards, for pullets, geese, ducks, or gun: Baker, c/o Windermere, Westborough-rd., Westcliff-on-Sea.

GOLDFINCHES, large Siberian cocks, 6/-, 7/6 each; extra large picked birds, with big square blazes, well buttoned and tanned, 10/-, 12/6 each; exchange Canarics, Mules: Rendle, 21, Bridge-st., Homerton.

EXCHANGE good cage-moulted muling cock Goldfinch, white legged, also nice cock Bullfinch, for a short, stout, unflighted buff Norwich hen; must have good head; yours first: Hussey, Baker, High-st., Kington, Herefordshire.

EXHIBITORS.—A large steady Welsh black-leg Goldie, deep square cut blaze, sure winner; will exchange large cobby clear buff Norwich hen; unflighted, or sell, 25/-; yours first: J. L. Sweeney, Tinsworth, Twthill, Carnarvon.

TWO cock and one hen Bullfinches, one white-legged cock Goldfinch, one hen Goldfinch; all for two large Norwich or two good Yorkshire hens, 1911 birds; first to hand gets the lot per return: Morris, Church-st., Athlone, Ireland.

GRAND Goldfinch-Greenfinch Hybrid cock; can win anywhere; price 12/-; or exchange four cock Goldfinches; also two grand young hen Bullfinches, for Hybrid breeding; also cock Bullfinch; 6/- lot: T. Devaney, Briggate, Knaresborough.

GIVING up fancy; Yellowhammers, 7/6; Lesser Redpoll, 3/6; Greenfinch, a gem, 6/-; Linnets, 7/6, 10/-; Goldfinch, 6/-; show cages, 2/-; all house-moulted and have won; also six pairs Yorkshires, 7/6 to 15/-: all approval; stamp: Flint, Rosencath Place, Oldfield Lane, Leeds.

EXCHANGE the following muling and Hybrid pairs: H.-M. cock Linnet and buff Sth. hen, Canary and H.-M. cock Greenie, H. M. hen Bullfinch and cock Mealy Redpoll; also 2 cock Chaffinches and cock Greenie, for 10in. disc records, or sell 17s. 6d.: W. Brown, Ightfield, Whitchurch, Salop.

EXCHANGE six cock Linnets, full song, sure Mulers, for six hen Canaries, or sell 1/6 each, aviary moulted; cock Canaries, full song, 10/6 each; cock Chaffinches, Greenfinches, 1/6 or 2/- pair; cock Bullfinches, house moulted, 2/- each; Goldfinch cock, bred Mules last season, 4/6, exchange three hen Canaries: A. Bird, Eaton Bray, Dunstable.

Mainly Canaries.

TWO cock Canaries, songsters, 1911, 5/- each; exchange ferrets: Ducker (see British).

PAIR Yorkshire Canaries, sell, exchange fowls; anything useful: Wing, 16, Chapel-st., Wisbech.

FOR sale, four healthy Yorkshire hens, anxious to nest, 8/6: Whithurn, 18, White-rd., Stratford, E.

THREE Yorkshire cocks, sell or exchange pair unflighted Lancashires: Tokley, Sible Hedingham.

TWO pairs Canaries, 6/6 pair; 3 hens, 5/-; breeding cage, 4/-; exchange: Willis, Park View, Rothwell, Kettering.

AVIARY, 36x30x20, and hen Canary, 6/-, or exchange good singing Canary: Rogers, 82, Wellington-road, Bow.

EXCHANGE a good pair of Yorkshires for drapery to value £1 1s.: T. Brown, Ivy Cottage, Foxhouses, Whitehaven.

TWO 1911 Seifert hens, 5/-, exchange two Yorks. hens to value; yours first: W. Crawley, 84, Albion-st., Castleford.

CRESTBRED cock, cost 35/-; Crestbred hen, Crested cock, 50/-, or useful exchange: 18, Cromwell-rd., Southend-on-Sea.

BEST offer, or exchange for two green crested hens; Crest-bred cock wanted: Ralph Smith, Bath-rd., Cheltenham, Glos.

EXCHANGE two pure-bred Norwich yellow hens for buff or variegated cocks: Hinge, 86, Queen's-rd., Feltham, Middlesex.

EXCHANGE good pair of Yorkshires for good pair of Norwich; sell 15/6; mutual approval: F. Sims, Gillingham, Dorset.

TWO fine type clear yellow York hens; exchange Seifert Rollers; offers; approval: J. Barr, 90, Milston-rd., Paisley, N.B.

WILL sell or exchange good Roller cock and cage for Norwich hens; or sell 15/6: Hill, 34, Station-rd., Nostell, Wakefield.

SELL or exchange one crossbred cock and 3 crossbred hens, for 2 good Yorkshire hens: Crook, 17, Grosvenor-st., Stretford.

THREE hen Canaries and cock Greenfinch, exchange for dozen cage fronts, 1ft. x 1ft.: R. Duckett, Keinton Mandeville, Tauntou.

EXCHANGE two good buff Norwich hens for one yellow hen, must he good; yours first: Stafford, 59, Cavendish-rd., Rotherham.

THREE splendid Yorkshire hen Canaries, sell 9/-; exchange adult Budgerigars: Ernest Bughy, 58, Grove-st., Raunds, Norths.

EXCHANGE good Yorkshire cock Canary for a pair adult Green Budgerigars; approval: H. Thompson, 24, Cross-st., Spalding.

TYPICAL Norwich cocks, colour-fed, Vardy's strain; exchange boots, shirts, anything useful: Brown, 3, Weldon-st., Hunslet, Leeds.

TWO green-crested cocks, full song, 12/6 each; exchange good Norwich or Yorkshires: Orange, 6, Stanley-rd., South Woodford.

GRAND cock Goldfinch Mule and Yorkshire cock, full song; exchange cold room bred Yorkshire hens: Hirst, 36, Nelson-rd., Ilkley.

PRIZE-BRED Norwich Canaries; exchange for scrap brass, copper, zinc, lead, pewter, or anything useful: 61, Havelock-st., Leicester.

FOUR cock Goldfinch Mules and two hens; what offers; cash or cock Canaries; stamp reply: H. Stoner, 17, Blaker-st., Brighton.

EXCHANGE pair winning Yorkshires, 1911, for gent's suit, or sell at 30/-; approval: Wills, Fireman's Cottage, Wadebridge, Cornwall.

EXCHANGE large yellow variegated singing cock for two good buff Border hens, 1911: Thomas Bruce, 39, Miller-st., Larkhall, Lanarkshire.

EXCHANGE two Norwich-York hens, 1911, for lengthy 1911 Buff York hen; approval both ways: Horne, Southover, Lewes, Sussex.

PAIR Norwich, exchange Cresthred cock, cock Goldfinch, Linnet, Mealy Redpoll; exchange Border cock: Dempster, 36, Thread-st., Paisley.

EXCHANGE buff Crested hen for yellow Plainhead hen or Siberian cock Goldfinch; sell 7/6; approval: Alexander, John-st., Larkhall, N.B.

EXCHANGE Crested cock Norwich or Borders for yellow Cinnamon cock or C.B. hen; approval: W. French, 28, Seymour-ave., Plymouth.

SMART clear yellow cock and hen Borders; exchange first-class yellow Green hens, approval: Hadwin, 56, Richmond-row, Liverpool.

CLEAR yellow Norwich hen, 1st in class of 14, at Elgin show, exchange for good yellow Norwich cock; approval: Ross, 7, Victoria-crescent, Elgin

EXCHANGE 1 pair of Norwich Canaries for dragoon pigeons or Black Rosecomb Bantams: Weale, 25, Greenwood-st., Everton, Liverpool.

EXCHANGE yellow P.H. cock, C.-B. hen, 2 P.H. hens, 1 cock Linnet, for two Crestbred cocks, yours first: Whamell, 2, Cawie-lane, Stonehaven, N.B.

EXCHANGE buff Yorkshire cock, buff hen and yellow hen, for Seifert schoolmaster, or sell 15/-: Butterworth, 9, Claremont-terrace, Longsight, Oldham.

1911 THICK typical Norwich hens, two yellows, one buff, 4/- each; would exchange one for good bass fish: Middleton, 15, Willoughby-avenue, Holbeck, Leeds.

EXCHANGE pair Yorkshire Greens for pair field glasses, also yellow green hen for powerful pocket lens; approval: Young, Grosvenor-rd., New Brighton.

VARIEGATED Yellow Yorkshire cock, 5/6; Cinn. marked Yellow Yorkshire hen, 3/-; exchange yellow Norwich hens: Lake, Dillwyn Street West, Ipswich.

WILL exchange cock Goldfinch Mule, good songster, for large yellow Norwich hen for mule breeding, or sell 7/6: Schooler, Paxton, Berwick-on-Tweed.

BORDER Fancies, prize-bred yellow cock, two buff hens, sell 15/6, or exchange Lizards, or anything useful: Walter Ramsay, East Benhar, Fauldhouse, Scotland.

HIGH-CLASS Yorkshires, 20/- to 30/- pair; exchange overmantel, marhle clock, bronzes, or vases; offers entertained: Ferguson, College-st., Whitehaven.

TWO young Norwich buff hens, 5/- each; marked; exchange for two good Goldfinches; approval: John Palmer, No. 1, Hoewood-terr., Downing-st., Bulwell, Notts.

EXCHANGE three good buff Border hens, 1911, for good yellow or green Border cock, 1911; or sell 2/6 each; yours first: French, 90, Bourne-st., Easthourne.

TWO good buff Yorkshire cocks, 10/- each, four buff Norwich cocks, 10/- each; exchange anything, Roller cocks or hens preferred: Allen, Albert-st., Wednesbury.

EXCHANGE 1910 yellow variegated cock, Thomas strain, value 25/-, for pair 1911 Seifert Rollers, or offers anything: T. Dawes, Quarry-rd., Somercotes, nr. Alfreton.

WANTED, pair of Scotch Fancy Canaries; exchange two Light Goldie Mules, 1911 birds; approval both ways or sell £2: McClue, Elizabeth House, Victoria-st., Larkhall.

EXCHANGE three 1911 Yorkshire cock Canaries, two marked, one clear buff, standard length, for disc records; approval both ways; I share: 4, Stratford-rd., Salisbury.

WILL exchange high-class Canaries for surplus stocks Canaries; will exchange for Seifert songsters, new caught British: Imeson, Commercial House, Ossett, Yorkshire.

CHAMPION bred Yorkshires, cocks from 10/6, hens from 7/6, or useful exchange; no post cards; seen by appointment: Nicholls, 128, Gloucester-terrace, Hyde Park, London.

HIGH-CLASS healthy Borders, clears, and marked, exchange for Edison's amberol records, Sandow's developer, or anything useful; approval: Davies, Steel Green, Millom.

WINNING Goldfinch-Greenfinch Mule, house-moulted Redpoll, three hen Canaries, 30/-; or exchange to value of £2, pair of Crests: Calam, Baxtergate, Whithy.

ONE pair each Norwich, 11/6; Crests, 15/-; cock Mules, Goldfinch, 6/6; Greenfinch, 5/6, full song; two muling hens, 3/6 each; genuine offers: Brett, Cantwell-rd., Plumstead.

WHAT offers in fowls for 10 pairs of Norwich Canaries, Howden's preferred, or would separate for Bantams; offers, good Crests or Norwich: T. Dawes, Quarry-rd., Somercotes, Alfreton.

PAIR Norwich Canaries, value 12/6, or 2 good Norwich hens 10/-, or 18 rose trees, gold medal varieties, 15/-, for pair gents' boots, or offers: Olphin, 69, Willow Brook-rd., Leicester.

SIX Crests and Crest-breds to spare, Tyson's and Joyce's strain; 7/6 to 15/-; exchange for good, up-to-date dark suit, new; winner of firsts and specials: H. Mayhew, Bury St. Edmunds.

HIGH class Yorkshires, some grand stock pairs, 7 inches long, from 12/6; single hens 5/6 each; pair cage moulted Hawlinches, 12/6; exchange common songsters: Day, City Aviaries, Porter-st., Hull

GRAND Norwich pairs. Cock Bullfinch, Goldfinch, Redpoll, Canary, Siskin Canary Hybrids, six Mules (sex unknown), in aviary since bred; sell, exchange lot or separate: Ham, Launceston, Cornwall.

WILL exchange Norwich cock for good Siberian cock Goldfinch, three hen Goldfinch Mules for good h.m. Linnet cock; no rubbish; approval both ways: H. Thompson, 50, Guide-st., Weaste, Manchester.

SALE or Exchange prize-bred Canaries, or sell for exhibition greenhouse plants or Parrot and cage, 10 new show cages, 12/6 lot, Dopson and Son strain: Joseph Miller, North Terrace, Eshwinning, Durham.

PURE Seifert Rollers, superior songsters, thoroughly trained, free from chopping, 10/6, 12/6, contest singers, 15/-, 20/- each; hens 5/-; will exchange common songsters, yours first: John Day, 77, Porter-st., Hull.

FOR sale or exchange for anything useful, 8 buff cocks, 3 yellow cocks, 1 buff marked cock, 1 cinnamon buff hen, 2 clear buff hens, 1 yellow and 1 yellow marked hens, all Yorkshires: B. Malpass, Park-st., Wombwell.

TWELVE pairs good Yorkshires, including several winners (Bailey's strain), 12/6 to 25/- pair; or exchange bicycle, gramophone, cigars, garden requisites, or offers entertained: Berry, 99, Selhornegrove, Keighley.

FOUR Canary-reared cock Goldfinches, variegated Crested cock, yellow cinnamon Yorkshire cock, pair small Norwich 1911 birds, value 50/-; exchange gramophone, offers; approval: Mustchin, Normanhurst, Rusper, Horsham.

I HAVE large Crested Norwich cock at 25/-; one green Crested cock at £1; two Crest-bred cocks at £1 each; or offers in exchange up to the amount; bred from Roberts' winning strain: John Robinson, Lady-st., Annan, Scotland.

FOR sale, pair Borders, yellow cock, green hen, 10/-; exchange German hens, two house-moulted cock Goldfinches, 7/6 each; exchange either for Roller cock; guarantee mulers: 16, Wilmington-place, Meanwood-rd., Leeds.

EXCHANGE medium size yellow Norwich hen and buff Border hen, for good large cock Bullfinch; buff green Border hen and buff Border cock, for good cock Siskin; yours first: Alex. McNaughton, 1, Margaret's Place, Larkhall, Scotland.

FIVE buff unflighted exhibition Norwich cocks, 7/6 each; pair cinnamons, 12/6; approval; exchange exhibition yellow Border hen, yellow Norwich exhibition cock; exhibition small Foreign seedeaters, and show cages: Hay, Main-rd., Tweedmouth.

PRIZE bred Norwich. Yellows, three cocks, three hens, buffs, two cocks, three hens, large birds; good buff Yorkshire cock, house-moulted cock Goldfinch, house-moulted Siberian hen Goldfinch, two house-moulted cock Linnets, mulers; four double breeders, two flights, contest, five Yorkshire show cages, egg mill, every requisite, £5 the lot, or best offer, worth £10: Dell, 7, Link-avenue, Stretford.

Mainly Foreign.

EXCHANGE Cockatoo and cage for good Yorkshire cock or hen, or sell 10/-: Clixby, 151, Central Drive, Blackpool.

WILL exchange a pair of Cockatiels for Canaries, or sell, 12/-: A. Willoughby, 66, Wescott-rd., Wokingham, Berks.

THREE fine cock Budgerigars (Green); exchange for four hen ditto, or sell: F. Bass, Elmhurst Lodge, South Woodford.

EXCHANGE healthy Amazon Parrot for Rosella or Redrump Parrakeet, or small foreigners: 357, Crookesmoor-road, Sheffield.

EXCHANGE Green-headed Lovebird and White Java cocks for yellow Norwich cock, or one Bullfinch, one Goldfinch, one Siskin hens: Boulter, 55, Ellesmere-rd., Daubhill, Bolton.

EXCHANGE large Blue-fronted Amazon Parrot and cage, very good talker, for Edison Home Phonograph, with Amberol attachment, or gold albert: C. Rawson, Park-ter., Loftus.

FINGER tame Cockatoo and large indestructible cage, £1; finger tame Cockatiel and cage, 7/6; Yellow Budgerigars, 7/- pair; exchange pullets: Fred Laycock, Sutton, Keighley.

PAIR handsome Green Budgerigars, show specimens; exchange pair Canaries; pair Jays, pair Nuns, exchange one cock Canary; offers: Manning, 149, Eardley-rd., Streatham.

Miscellaneous.

CYCLE, suit girl, age 6 to 9 years, 10/-: exchange, offers: Jacobs, Tendring, Wecley, Essex.

PAIR prize-bred Dutch rabbits, 7/-; exchange birds: Manning, 149, Eardley-rd., Streatham.

MEALWORMS, 3lbs.: what offers; exchange or sell cheap: Butterworth, Sheepridge, Huddersfield.

EXCHANGE two Goldfinch Mules for 1 g cock Linnet, hen Bullfinch: 357, Crookesmoor-rd., Sheffield.

EXCHANGE fretwork smoker's cabinet for three hen Canaries, or sell 7/-: Read, 55, Wade-st., Bristol.

WHAT offers in exchange for two Scotch Fancy show cages and case: Watts, 9, Albert-st., Merthyr.

THREE young lop rabbits, good strain, sell or exchange: William Hill, Croft Buildings, Markinch.

EVENLY marked Dutch buck and doe, 12 months, 4/6 each, or exchange: Kendall, 22, Warley-rd., Sheffield.

TWO air rifles, almost new, exchange for Canaries or British: Haynes, Dealer, Bournbrook, Birmingham.

PHONOGRAPH records (4doz); sell 18/- or exchange for Canaries: 41, Swaffield-rd., Earlsfield, Wandsworth.

FAMILY Bible, perfectly new, cost 48/-, for breeding cages, birds, or cash: T. Cox, 47, Percy-st., Poole.

16lb. Scrap Brass, 145 "Cage Birds" to date, for Norwich, or sell; offer: Downes, 1, Mount Pleasant, Risca, Mon.

GRAND tone violin, very old, exchange birds to value, 30/-, approval both ways: Jones, 18, Gadlys-rd., Aberdare.

EXCHANGE six pigeons, flown 300 miles, for Canaries, or sell 10/6 pair: A. Metcalfe, 34, Seventh-row, Ashington.

EXCHANGE lady's full length coat, value 8/-, for extra big Norwich hen: Floyd, 130, Haydon Park-rd., Wimbledon.

WANTED, breeding cages for splendid toned old violin and bow; yours first: Wilson, 34, Rutland-st., Filey, Yorks.

FLY pure-bred whippet bitch well broken and very fast 12/6; exchange anything to value: Norten, Lamberhurst, Kent.

EXCHANGE accordeon, in new condition, cost 21/-, for Norwich Canaries, genuine: Newlands, 114, Sunny-side-road, Coatbridge.

BRADBURY boot-repairing machine, 35/- or offers; gent's cycle or cock Canaries wanted: Smith, 27, Faulkner-st., Chester.

EXCHANGE Winchester repeater, value 10/6, for Seifert Roller cock, hird first: J. Nettleship, 104, Quarry-st., Hamilton.

NINE Norwich show cages, cases, cheap; exchange Canaries, fed preferred: Willis, 139, High-st., May Banks, Stoke-on-Trent.

EXCHANGE 20 phonograph records in good condition for good Border Fancies: C. Cross, 5, Mackie-pl., Peterhead.

TWO 1911 hen Canaries, 5/-; man's jack boots, soiled, cost 50/-; take 20/-; exchange useful: Miller, Bootmaker, Shortlands.

FOR SALE, copper kettle and spirit lamp, 12/6; exchange Yorkshire Canaries: V. Greenwood, Guildford-st., Hebden Bridge.

WHAT offers in exchange for Macaw cage, 3ft. 6in. square, in good condition, free from rust: Thomas, 7, Cromwell-st., Merthyr.

FEW good Britishers, also Yorkshires, single or pairs, yellow muling hens, wanted good Norwich: Smith, Mid-st., Bathgate.

EXCHANGE York toy, small, good coat, for Norwich P.H., or Yorkshires: Robert Luke, Lodge-st., Byers Green, Spennymoor.

YORKSHIRE Terrier bitch, two years, silvery coat, also gent's cycle, 25/- each; or exchange: Jones, Queens, Ystalyfera, Glam.

GRAND Fox Terrier dog, 18 months, just white; exchange Canaries or Parrot, sell 15/-: 3, Chapel-rd., Penygroes, Carnarvonshire.

EXCHANGE Persian cat, Homer cock; yours first; for three common hen Canaries and Bullie: Thompson, Seaview-place, Buckie.

I will give pair men's boots, any size, for pair Canaries, cock full song; birds first: Maker, 54, Pedro-st., Clapton, London.

WILL give double breeder, fully fitted for cock Canary; yours first: B. Savory, Grt. Hampton-row, Birmingham. Only address.

GRAND photographic background, exchange for yellow Yorkshire cock for stock, yours first: 16, Delamere-st., Preston, Lancashire.

EXCHANGE, Hobbies' fretwork machine for pair of Rollers, or anything useful; yours first: Annis, 12, Squires Lane, Finchley, N.

WELL matched pair of Black Turbit Pigeons, cock winner numerous prizes, 21/-; exchange Norwich: J. H. Taylor, Halstead, Essex.

EXCHANGE electric bell and 50 yards wire, for cock Goldfinch or Siskin: Marshall, 2, Pemherton-place, Mare-st., Hackney, N.E.

VERY tame female Badger, in splendid condition, age about 10 months, 25/-, or exchange Foreign birds: Saunders, 6, High-st., Ipswich.

EXCHANGE six good quality ivorine handled knives for cock or three hen Canaries, or offers: B. Turton, 15, Bellefield-st., Sheffield.

SILVER hunter watch, English lever; sell 20/- or exchange Canaries or foreign birds: J. Levitt, Aviaries, Monk Fryston, Yorks.

NEW double breeding cage, 160 "Cage Birds," 23 plates, for Yorkshire or common hens: Rookes, Cotton's Buildings, Sun-st., Exeter.

EXCHANGE nine choice hybrid tea roses for Yorkshire or Roller cock, 1911 bird: Dolphin, Prospect-terrace, Brockwell, Chesterfield.

PAIR Sandow grip dumbells, cost 12/6, sell 7/6, or exchange anything: Foster, 3, Bunny-terr., Summer-st., Meadows, Nottingham.

SILVER lady's watch, engraved case, good order, £1; exchange typical Norwich hens or pairs: Orange, 4, Stanley-rd., South Woodford.

WINCHESTER rook and rabbit rifle, 20/-; or exchange Yorkshire Canaries: Fred Needham, 40, The Park, Woodlands, nr. Doncaster.

GENT.'S solid silver English lever watch; exchange for Exhibition British, or sell 25/-: T. Noden, St. George's-rd., Winsford, Cheshire.

EXCHANGE 40 7d. parts Harmsworth Encyclopedia for cock Yorkshires, clear or ticked: Rowe, Brunswick-rd., Shoreham, Sussex.

EXCHANGE pair new clogs, size 8, for Goldfinch Linnet, house-moulted, or two hen Canaries: Southern, Uphall Station, Uphall.

POWERFUL Airedale bitch, 15 months, useful stock bitch; exchange songsters, to 25/-, or good riding saddle: Ellwood, Blaydon.

EDISON standard records, 43 in case, perfect order; what offers Yorks. or Norwich: Palmer, Langford-road, Weston-super-Mare.

BRITISH bird eggs, 50 different kinds, most in pairs; will exchange Canaries or Bantam pullets: R. Cawthorne, Clitheroe, Lancashire.

VIOLIN, bow and case, £1; exchange two green and three clear Yorkshire hens, slim birds; offer: Finch, 234, Southwark Park-rd., S.E.

VIOLIN and case, good, Mandoline and case, exchange Canaries, quantity violin music, exchange Goldfinch: 65, Ewart-rd., Nottingham.

SPLENDID violin, bow, case, brass music stand, tuner, etc., sell £2, exchange cages and Canaries: Humphreys, 104, Fairfield-st. Leicester.

STERLING silver double curb albert, exchange Canaries, Goldfinch Mules, double breeding cages, sell 7/6: Barton, Pope-st., Birmingham.

MARBLE clock, good going order; sell 18/-, or exchange for common fowls: Chaplin, 6, Gainsborough-sq., Wick-rd., South Hackney.

THREE Yorkshire Terrier dog puppies, seven weeks old, £1 each; pedigree; exchange lady's gold watch: G. Ette, 49, Wycliffe-rd., Northampton.

CAGE Birds, Poultry, Cavies, Rabbits and pigeons, all varieties, high-class stock only; sale or exchange: Pet Stores, 285, Bethnal Green-road, E.

GRAND chocolate toy Pomeranian bitch, 14 months, 5½lbs. weight, 30/-; exchange Norwich Canaries or offers: Coward, 40, Peter-st., Blackburn.

THREE pairs 1911 working Homers, sell 15/-; exchange exhibition Goldfinch and show cage; approval: Davies: 58, Ynyswen, Treorchy.

EXCHANGE Black Pomeranian dog, ten months, sound, for greenhouse or good outside aviary; sell 30/-: J. Almond, 10, Victoria-grove, Ripon.

SPANIEL maiden bitch; lemon and white; 10/-, or exchange one pair of Canaries: Davies, 118, St. John's-rd., Forest-rd., Walthamstow, Essex.

DISC records, 10in., single sides, 5/6; 10 double-sided, 10/-; good selections; excellent condition: Hawkes, 390, Grove Green-rd., Leytonstone.

HOBBIES' treadle fretwork machine and full outfit, also 10/- of designs, for two good pairs Rollers: Bracewell, Baker, Cavendish-rd., Morecambe.

WILL exchange 100 "Cage Birds," few 10-in. double sided records, for big cock Goldfinch and hen Bullfinch: Strachan, 10, Victoria-st., Dumbarton.

PRIZE pigeons, fit win, breeding pairs, pair self red tumblers, 10/-; pair yellows, 10/-; pair Archangels, 12/-; pair dragoons, 7/-; exchange Canaries, offers: Hellier, 62, Bramshott-rd., Southsea.

EXCHANGE new 10in. disc records for Yorkshire or Norwich (see heading for Toy Pom) or anything useful: Hawkes, Grove Green-rd., Leytonstone.

PAIR Almond Tumblers, cock winner, 5/-; red self hen, McDougal's, 2/6; buff Norwich cock, winner, 10/6: J. Stratton, Oakly-rd., Redditch.

PHIPPS' 100-egg incubator for sale, or what offers in Norwich and Yorkshire Canaries: Apply Russell, 1, Hereford Retreat, Bird in Bush-rd., Peckham.

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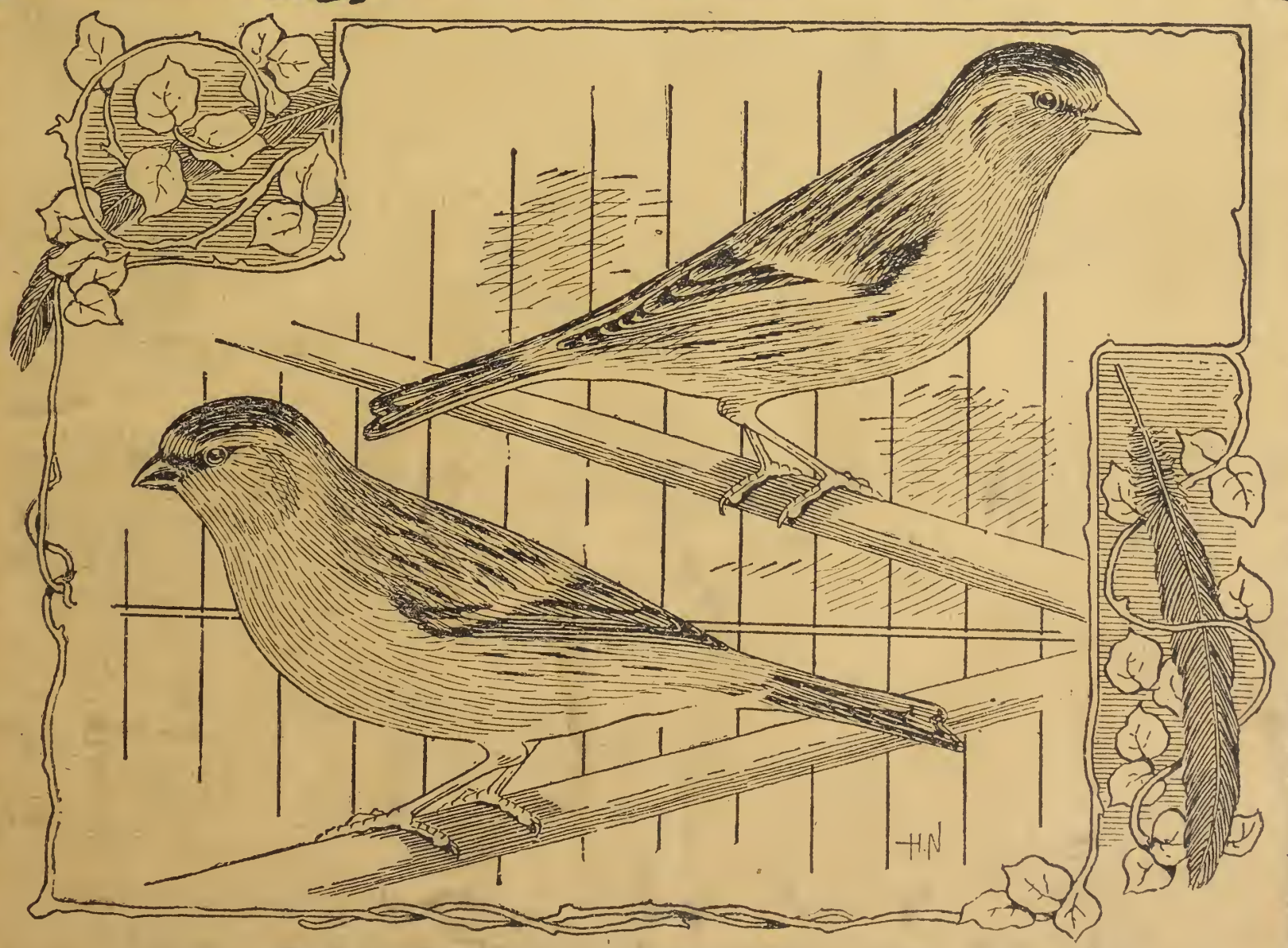

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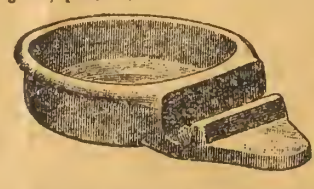

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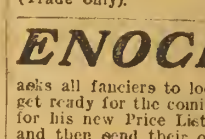

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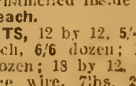

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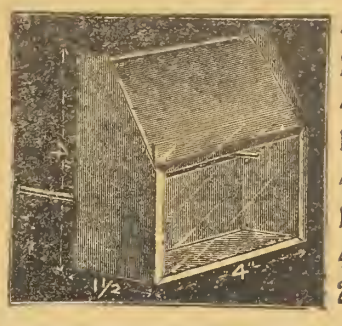

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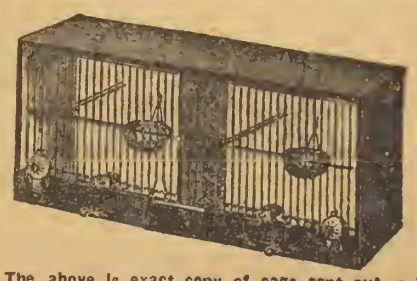

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WARRANTED cock Linnets, 7/- dozen, three 2/-; hens, 1/6 dozen; Cock Greenfinches, 1/6 dozen; cock Larks, 5/- dozen, three 1/6; cock Siskin, h.m., 2/6; cock Goldfinches, on song, 3/6; hens, 1/-: Hobden, Ivy Cottage, Winchelsea-rd., Norway, Easthourne.

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GRAND (1911) Belgians, disposal; pairs, singles; related my Barnstaple challenge bowl winner; approval: Baker, 3, Kingsley-av., Barnstaple.

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PRIZE-BRED Borders, pairs from 7/6; hens, yellows, and buffs, from 2/6; approval: Davidson, 10, King's-rd., Portobello.

HENS; clear yellow, beauty, 3/6; ticked yellow, 2/9, both 1911; Craig's strain; bargains: Hornby, Noster-st., Beeston, Leeds.

STILL few left; quality the best; prices reasonable; see my previous advts.; state wants: Dan Hamilton, Lowwaters, Hamilton.

BORDERS, few class birds left, clears, marked, greens, Cinnamons, singles or pairs, reasonable; stamp: Craig, High-st., Brechin.

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T. GILBERT, winner of 1st Birmingham, 1st Coventry, 1st Royal Horticultural Hall, 1st Derby, etc., can spare clear buff Crestbred cock, 40/-; two large clear Crested cocks, 30/- each; nearly green Crestbred cock, 20/-; several green ditto, 10/-, 15/-; feather on head, when turned back comes to end of beak; wing-marked dark Crested hen, 15/-; green Crested cock, 20/-; approval: 37, Craven-st., Chapel Fields, Coventry.

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MASSIVE unevenly marked buff hen, splendid type and quality, winner of several prizes, 40/-; clear yellow cock, winner, 15/-; variegated buff hen, 5/-; approval willingly: Muscott, 1, Boundary-terrace, Llandrindod Wells.

TWO unflighted yellow variegated hens, 15/- each; one yellow hen, 15/- (unflighted); one year-old buff cock, 12/-; one unflighted variegated buff hen, 12/-; winners Club show; approval, deposit: McCubbin, Argyle-st., Motherwell.

HIGH-CLASS Norwich cocks, in full song, 6/-, 7/6, 9/6, 10/-; hens 3/-, 3/6, 4/-, 5/- each; pairs matched for breeding, 8/6, 9/6, 10/6, 12/-; stamp reply; money returned if not approved: Stewarts, Earthenware Stores, Surrey-st., Norwich.

A. L. HAWKES has 2 unflighted winning buff Norwich hens for disposal, at 12/6 and 15/-; also the L.C.B.A., Wandsworth, Windsor winning unflighted yellow hen, 20/-; all clears; approval anywhere: 390, Grove Green-rd., Leytonstone.

F. HILLS, "Admiral Gordon," Maidstone, has the following for sale, marked yellow cock, clear buff hen, 20/-; variegated buff cock, clear yellow hen, 25/-; others 15/-; sound, size and quality; approval, deposit; winner five-guinea cup.

TWO fine variegated buff unflighted Norwich hens, good chests, 4/6 each; also two 1910 cobby buff Norwich hens, bred Mules last year; good feeders, 4/- each; three cock Goldfinch Mules, in full song, 6/6 each; approval willingly: Auton Bros., Spalding.

GIVING up the Fancy, Norwich Plainheads, clear yellow or buff cocks, large birds, for singing or breeding, 6/-, 7/6, 8/6; clear yellow or buff hens, 4/-, 5/-, 6/- each; pairs matched for breeding, 10/6; satisfaction guaranteed: C. Dickinson, Wells, Norfolk.

CHAMPION Norwich, large, with good heads, fine silky feather, 35 years breeder, judge of 100 shows, I don't exhibit; I breed for my customers; advertised 25 years; sold as many winners as any fancier in England; approval: T. Billington, Hambleton, Poulton-le-Fylde.

GRAND stout cobby buff Norwich cock, nice head, 10/6; lovely stout yellow hen, 7/-, 16/- pair; grand stout yellow cock, 10/6; big cobby buff hen, 6/6, 15/- pair: all big bold healthy birds from my winners; approval with pleasure; bargains: Miss Stone, Fleet, Belper.

TWO pairs yellow cocks, buff hens, 12/6 and 15/-; also several buff cocks, from 8/6, and hens from 4/-, good type and quality, related to my winners at Leyton and L.C.B.A., seen Saturday evening or Sunday morning: Teasdale, 15, Valmar-rd., Coldharbour Lane, Camberwell, S.E.

I HAVE ten pairs Norwich Plainheads for sale, prize bred; this strain has won all over the North for men I have sold them to; this strain is Irons, Grey, Dobinson, and Cowling; prices reasonable; deposit, approval; John Hagan, 39, Double-row, Seaton Delavel, Northumberland.

NORWICH hens.—Six good buff hens, one year and unflighted, good heads and plenty of size, real good stock birds; guaranteed sound; 15/- each; also unflighted buff cock (clear), vhc, class of 23 open Preston, 50/-; also good big clear buff stock cock, good head, deformed toe, 15/-: Leeming Bros., 40a, West Cliff, Preston.

J. C. BARNES, 113, Northfield-rd., Walkley, Sheffield; well-known strain, of 20 years standing; Sheffield Challenge Cup winner (3 years in succession); having selected own breeders, can now spare few choice specimens, true to type, and full of quality and colour; cocks from 20/-, hens 10/- upwards; inspection cordially invited; approval with every pleasure; matched pairs a speciality.

AT the late Palace show several of the Norwich taking premier honours were bred from birds sold by me or bought direct from my rooms. I have proofs of this statement, no bounce. There are but few so-called champion strains that have not been built up from my great original strain; see my other adverts. under this column: Judge Silk, Whitstable.

SUIT beginner.—Still have left for disposal the following high-class Norwich; all 1911 bred; extra large, clear buff cock, with plenty of substance, 9/-; worth double; another, very nice, short, typical, stout, clear buff cock, 7/-; large, stout, ticked buff hen, 6/-; and a variegated yellow hen, 3/-; all are healthy, cocks in full song; approval, deposit: W. Colling, 5, Mariner's Terrace, Filey, Yorkshire.

32 NORWICH paired for season 1912 intended to be bred by me, mostly winners; some never been beaten in any company; 15 breeders, mahogany, 11ft-off wire tops, complete, as new 22x11½; also ten breeders 22x9, complete; eight boxes carrying from three to twelve cages; four flight cages, one four-compartment, 6ft. long; drying cage to dry thirty birds, lined with cloth; twelve British cages and all bird room requisites; improved heater, water tank and flues, for lamp or gas; approval to known fanciers: R. R. Jarvis, 21, Skirving-st., Shawlands.

L. J. RICHARDSON.
Having selected breeding pairs, offers surplus at give-away prices; single cocks from 10/-; pairs 15/-; no odd hens: 91, Union-rd., Rotherhithe.

POULTER'S WINNING STRAIN.
Wanting a clearance, few Norwich to sell, cheap; clear yellows and buffs, also variegated cocks, 8/-, hens 4/6 each; cash or deposit; satisfaction given or money returned: 41, Gill-st., Hoyland.

A. FIDDAMENT, POSTMAN,
is still well stocked; Norwich cocks, yellow and buff, 6/6, 7/6, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-; also good lot of yellow and buff hens, 4/-, 5/-, 6/-, 7/6; week's approval; deposit: 105, Trinity-st., Norwich.

GIVING UP THE FANCY.
Show and stock birds, price from 10/- to £3; only want seeing; stout chubby birds; stamp reply; this strain has won over 400 prizes: A. A., Breitenfeld, 69, Allen Road, Northampton.

WRIGHT & SON, 84, HEATH ROAD, NORWICH.
for good large prize-bred Norwich Plainheads, properly matched pairs, 10/6, 12/6, and 15/-; ditto cocks 7/6, 10/6, and 15/-; lot of good hens, well bred, 4/-, 5/-, and 7/6; approval.

POWICK'S CHAMPION NORWICH.
The same strain as the winners at all the leading shows, large typical cocks, in full song, 7/6, 10/6; hens, 5/6, 7/6 each; sure winners, 15/6 each; ten days' approval at my risk: W. Powick, Dewsbury.

ROBERT HALL,
Rudyard, Staffordshire, can spare well-bred stock Norwich Buff cocks, 7/6 to 30/-; yellow cocks, 7/6 to 17/6; all my own breeding; see wins Crystal Palace, Leek, Stoke, Hanley, Tunstall, Runcorn, Burton, Warrington, etc.

GENUINE BARGAIN.
Giving up. For immediate clearance, will sacrifice my high-class pair Norwich; two single breeding cages, one double ditto; 6ft. dividable flight cage; collapsible rack; show cages and all appliances for 35/-; birds alone cost 40/- pair; cages beautifully finished; inspection invited: Lyness, 37, Montague-rd. Handsworth, Birmingham.

STOREYS CHAMPION NORWICH.
same strain as winners leading shows, smart, cobby, typical birds, full of quality, cocks 5/6, 7/6, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6; hens, 3/6, 4/-, 4/6, 5/-; properly matched pairs, reliable stock birds, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-; all on 7 days approval at my risk; illustrated price list post free: E. L. Storey, Practical Bird Specialist, Crowle, Doncaster.

NORWICH CANARIES.—14 days' trial our risk. Splendid Types. Cocks, 5/-, 6/-, 7/6, and 10/- each. Hens, 2/6, 3/6, and 5/-. Well-matched pairs, 7/6, 10/6, and 15/- per pair. Cages and all appliances, cheapest and best in Kingdom. Catalogue free. Patronised by Royalty, Experts, and Judges.—**Northern Aviaries, Ormskirk Road, Preston.**

SILK'S CUPS.
During next show season I am giving 10 cups valued at 21/- each, to purchasers of my champion Norwich at shows held in Scotland, England and Wales. Six will be given for unflighted birds bred from my champion strain. The four remaining to birds other than unflighted which have been purchased after the date of this advertisement, January 12th, 1912. Particulars of shows where these cups will be competed for will appear in "Cage Birds" at a later date. This will give fanciers in various districts a chance to view the really high-class Norwich bred from this strain.—Judge Silk, Whitstable.

Champion Norwich Plainheads
Special offer.—Fanciers wanting reliable stock birds of good size, shape, and quality. Note these:—Large cocks, 6/-, 7/6, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6; lovely hens, 4/-, 5/-, 6/-, 7/-, 8/6; judiciously matched pairs, to breed winners, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, 20/-; also champion Yorkshires, same prices. The above are bred from noted winners; proof given. Kindly state requirements; absolutely satisfaction guaranteed; cages 3d.; approval, deposit; cold-room bred: Hanford, 263, Osmaston Road, Derby.

A. HUMPHRIES
can spare the following Norwich: One 1911 yellow cock and 1910 buff hen, 55/-; one 1910 yellow cock, 25/-; also 1911 buff cock and yellow hen, 50/-; one unflighted buff cock, 15/-, and two variegated yellow 17/6 each; and one clear yellow, 15/-; the above are all my own breeding; approval, stamp: The Lodge, Acomb-road, York.

FAMOUS NORWICH.
Most wonderful value to the Norwich Plainhead fanciers. My birds need no bounce. Most of the leading exhibitors have been supplied from my rooms. Grand pairs, which will do you some good. Don't waste valuable time and money buying birds which have no pedigree. Silk's strain is unrivalled. Champion 30/- pairs at 21/-. The best 40/- pairs at 30/6. The price is right, and the quality wonderful. Don't hesitate, send now and secure something really high-class. Some grand yellow and buff hens, 10/6 to 21/-; ditto cocks, 10/6 to 25/-. A few extra good yellow cocks, unflighted, also hens. Every bird has a reputation; approval willingly; satisfaction guaranteed: Judge Silk, Whitstable.

20 Selected Pairs, 20/- Pair—approval.

Pure Norwich

direct from our noted strains and Mr. Midgley's noted Crystal Palace strain this last few years. Not exhibiting this season can offer some of the best blood in the Fancy. Won year 1902 33 1sts, etc., 1903 50 1sts, gold medal International Show, also N.P.C. Challenge Cup, 1904 42 1sts, also N.P.C. Challenge Cup, second year in succession, 1906 33 1sts, etc., 1907 33 1sts, etc., 1909 30 1sts, etc. What more proof? All in best and keenest competition. Have some grand yellow cocks and hens, 10/-, 12/-, 15/-, 20/-, 30/- each. Buff cock and hens, 8/-, 10/-, 12/- 15/-, 20/- each. Grand Matched Pairs, specially selected by myself, 15/-, 20/-, 25/-, 30/- pair. Any on approval with pleasure. Breeders 30 years.

SANDIFORD, Canary Breeder & Judge PRESTON, LANCS.

Crystal Palace, 1912.

2 Firsts 2 Thirds, etc., etc., secured by

THE BULL DOG STRAIN.

This noted strain of **NORWICH PLAINHEADS** has won firsts and specials at all the leading shows during this season 1911-12. Also gold medals, silver medals, challenge cups, etc., etc., and have finished the season by winning two 1sts, two 3rds, and numerous other prizes at the Crystal Palace Show (see report). Birds bred from this strain have also done splendidly this season for their owners, as letters I have filed clearly prove. I am offering a few specially selected pairs from same strain at

20/-; 25/- 30/- 40/- per pair.

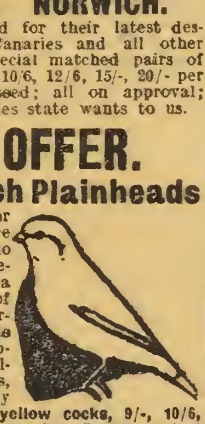
Also few grand yellow or buff cocks, **10/-, 12/6, 15/-, 20/-, 25/-, 30/-** each, upwards. Champion yellow hens, **7/6, 10/-, 12/6, 15/-, 20/-, 30/-** each, upwards. Splendid buff hens, **5/-, 7/6, 10/-, 12/6, 15/-, 20/-** each, upwards. All pairs are personally matched by me for breeding winners. I have also a few good pairs at **10/6, 12/6, and 15/-** per pair. Every bird on 7 days' approval. Easy payments arranged if desired. I guarantee absolute satisfaction to every customer. Send a P.C. for my free illustrated catalogue.

JOE THOMAS, AMLER THORN, **HALIFAX.**

WICKS BROS., NORWICH.
invite 5,000 fanciers to send for their latest descriptive list of Norwich Canaries and all other varieties, post free; our special matched pairs of Norwich, also Yorkshires, at 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, 20/- per pair upwards, are unsurpassed; all on approval; for single birds of all varieties state wants to us.

SPECIAL OFFER.

Champion Norwich Plainheads



Fanciers wishing to win or breed winners, or improve their breeding stock cannot do better than state their full requirements to me, as I have a really grand selection of extra choice high-class Norwich Plainheads. These birds have plenty of size and substance, grand type and quality, at very reasonable prices, and with these birds I defy competition. Large typical **yellow cocks, 9/-, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, 17/6, 21/-,** and upwards. Large typical **buff cocks, 8/6, 9/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, 17/6, 21/-,** and upwards. Large typical **yellow hens, 5/-, 6/-, 7/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, 17/6, 21/-,** and upwards. Large typical **buff hens, 4/-, 5/-, 6/6, 7/6, 8/6, 10/6 12/6, 15/-, 17/6, 21/-,** and upwards. Also judiciously matched pairs, to breed winners, **10/6, 12/6, 15/-, 17/6, 21/-, 25/-, 30/-,** and upwards. Any of these pairs would give novices a rare start in the Fancy, as they are bred from champion blood, and are correctly matched by a practical fancier of life experience. Many noted winners have been supplied by me, including Palace and other leading shows. Scores of unsolicited testimonials received from well-known breeders and exhibitors. Remember, I breed to sell; my customers buy to win, as I do not exhibit myself. Kindly state your requirements and price you wish to pay, and I will guarantee you full satisfaction. All cold-room bred; approval, cash or deposit.

L. WARMINGER, 28, Guernsey Rd., Norwich.

Rollers & Singing Canaries

BREEDERS CARD.

ARTHUR CHILLCOTT, Breeder and Trainer, celebrated Water Glucke Rollers (pure Randall's), 151, South Avenue, Southend-on-Sea. Member B.R.C.C. Birds for sale, THE finest strain in England.

ALEXANDER PATTISON, Breeder and Exhibitor, Glucke, Water Glucke, Rollers (pure Randall's), 31, The Terrace, Gravesend. Member B.R.C.C.

DR. READ'S strain of Glucke and Water Glucke Rollers, 4 silver cups, 8 championship diplomas, 33 gold, silver and bronze medals (including 8 Crystal Palace and 20 B.R.C.C.), Championship diploma and gold medal for excellence in Roller exhibits at Crystal Palace, 1912: 56, Villa-st., Walworth, London, S.E.

T. W. WALTON, Breeder and Exhibitor of high-class Roller Canaries; write for prices: 20, Cecil Grove, Armley, Leeds.

WANTED Rollers: Barnes, Aviaries, Merthyr.

WANTED Roller Canaries, 7/- cocks, 1/3 hens: Mrs. Jones, 117, Hessle-rd., Hull.

TWO 1911 Roller hens, 1 large cock Greenfinch, 4/-: 111, Worcester-st., Stourbridge.

PURE Roller cocks, in full song, 8/6, 10/-: J. Bennett, Hairdresser, 28, Enville-st., Stourbridge.

NOTICE, grand Roller cocks, 3/6, cock and hen 5/6; approval: McKeand, Seabright Villa, Castle Douglas.

ROLLERS, 20 1911 cocks left, in full song, 5/6 each, to clear: Gennoe, Mona House, Lord-st., Wolverhampton.

1/- WEEKLY.—For this you can have finest Roller hens, all young and healthy: Laurence, Kimbolton, Leominster.

FOR sale, three good Seifert hens, and a cock, hens 3/6, and cock 15/-; Lester breed: Richardson, 20, Higley-st., Brigg.

SIX pure Roller hens, 4/-, 4/6 each; four cocks 10/6 each; cold room bred: Wade, 65, Brading-rd., Brixton Hill, London.

ROLLERS, cold room bred, own breeding; approval; cocks 10/6, 12/6; hens 4/-: Wright, 17, Recreation-terr., Holbeck, Leeds.

CANARIES, good bred Norwich cock whistlers, 5/-, hens 2/-; Roller cock 4/6, hen 2/-: Starkey, Gipsy-lane, Willenhall.

YORKSHIRES, buff cocks, 6/6, 7/6, 10/-; hens 2/3, 2/6, 3/-; yellow hen 3/-; outdoor bred: Percy, Johnson, Studley.

FOUR water Glucke Roller hens, 5/- each, pure Randall strain, deposit: Miss McDonald, Meadow Bank 8t. Leonards-on-Sea.

A FEW 1911 Rollers, cocks 10/-, hens 2/6; excellent strain, own breeding, approval: Wales Smith King's-avenue, Eastbourne.

SEIFERT cock, 1911, Roehl's strain, 10/-; exchange 3 hens, clears, mutual approval: Freeman, 38, Shepherd's Bush-rd., London.

GRAND pair Seifert Rollers, B.R.C.C. rung, cost 30/- last year; sell 15/-; guaranteed breeders; approval: Hayward, Melksham.

CANARIES, Rollers, many changes 8/-, 9/-, 10/-; hens, 2/6 each; approval; stamp reply: Miss Hughes, 7, Wembrook-rd., Wem, Salop.

GENUINE water glucke Roller cocks, same strain as my winners at Bolton and Manchester, 10/-, 15/-, 20/-: Johnson, Jeweller, Bacup.

CHOICE Roller Schoolmaster, with hens to match for breeding; cheap; easy payments taken: Yeardley, 118, Revidge-rd., Blackburn.

TWO good greens, Tweed's strain, 1910, healthy stock Roller hens; exchange for Buff Border cock: Goldsmith, Stationer, Maidenhead.

HIGH-CLASS Roller hens, B.R.C.C. rung, cold-room (Tweed's, Fould's), 4/-; cocks 12/6, 15/-; approval willingly: Laurie, Kirkby Stephen.

SEIFERT Rollers, no choppers, cold-room, cocks from 7/6, hens sold; approval willingly: Smith, 3 Torquay Villa, Rosmead-st., Hull.

FIFTY pairs Roller Canaries ready for brood; guaranteed; 8/- pair; send disbursement: Lady Verhees, Grens, 56, Mortsel, Antwerpen.

1911 GRAND bred Seifert hens (ticked), 2/6; approval willingly; stamp reply: Bosworth, 265, Alcester-rd., King's Heath, Birmingham.

JAMES LYONS, Roller hens of this noted strain for sale, all rung birds, 5/- each; only a few: 4, Church-st., Gt. Harwood, nr. Blackburn.

HIGH-class Rollers, from cup winner (Provincial 1911), B.R.C.C. rung, 1911 cocks from 20/- upwards, hens 10/-: Hanbury, 13, Railway-terr., Llanelly.

HIGH-CLASS Roller cocks, 7/6 up; hens same strain, 2/6, 3/6 approval; six cabinets complete with cage, 3/9 each: J. Allen, Albert-st., Wednesbury.

HIGH class Rollers, own prize strain, in breeding condition; call and be satisfied; cocks 10/6 to 20/-; hens 5/-: Best, 5, Alma-place, Beckett-st., Leeds.

HIGH-CLASS Rollers (Tweed's), cold-room bred, B.R.C.C. rung, splendid songsters, 12/6 each; satisfaction guaranteed; approval: Bogue, Kirkby Stephen.

FINE Seifert Roller cock, 6/6; Seifert Roller hen, 2/6; useful birds; Roller Singing Cabinet, 3/6; approval, deposit: Smiddy, 7, Springstone-avenue, Ossett.

PURE Roller hens, B.R.C.C. 1911 rung; Cbillcott, Roehl and Foulds strains; better hens impossible to get; 4/-, 5/-, 7/- each: J. Leigh, 57, Bold-st., Altrincham, Cheshire.

LOVELY Leipzig Roller cock, 8/6; pairing with smart hen, same strain, 1911 bred, rung, 3/6 cash; deposit Editor or call: Mrs. Hermann, 439, Cambridge-rd., London, E.

MUST clear for breeding operations, 4 pairs Rollers, my winning strain, B.R.C.C. rung, 20/- pair; odd cocks, 15/-, 20/- upwards; hens 7/6 each: Willows, Draper, Wednesbury.

HIGH-CLASS hollow Rollers, only few cocks left, no chopping, grand songsters, 8/6 to 15/6; hens, 4/-; seven days' approval, deposit: Hopwood, 20, Newton-st., Clitheroe, Lancs., Breeder.

GENUINE bargains, high-class 1911 B.R.C.C. rung cocks from 15/- each; hens 6/- each; one 1910 B.R.C.C. rung, cost 50/-, sell 25/-; approval, cash or deposit: Evans, Patent Slip, Llanelly.

HIGH-class Seifert Rollers, Crystal Palace winning strain, 1911 rung; cocks 10/6, 12/6, 15/6; hens, same strain, 5/6, 7/6; satisfaction guaranteed or money returned: J. C. Banks, 49, St. Hubert's-rd., Great Harwood, Blackburn.

PURE Seifert Rollers, English cold-room bred; cocks, in full rolling song, perfectly trained, 10/6, 12/6, 15/- each; hens, 2/6, 3/6, and 4/6 each; for cages, etc., see catalogue, free on application: Walsh, Bird Specialist, Blackburn.

GERMAN Roller Canaries, in full song, cold room, English bred; parents and young ones for sale: cocks from 6/6, hens 2/6; inspection invited; travelling cages 3d. extra: J. Hardman, 25, Withington-st., Broad-st., Pendleton, Manchester.

NOTICE.—I won a special (Class 2, Novice) for Glucke at Wolverhampton in November; some very good cocks and hens for sale, cocks 12/6 upwards, hens 5/-; Glucke and Water-Glucke strains: Harry Dimmock, 49, Providence-st., Cradley Heath.

ROLLERS, B1 rung, bred from cup winner Bury, 3rd Wolverhampton (L.C.), commended Leeds, 5th, commended, special for bass, Club show, 2nd, vhc, champion old birds, Bolton, 4th, two hc's, Manchester; cocks from 15/-, hens from 5/-, Fisher's strain: Twigg, 6, Stafford-st., Bilston.

HIGH-CLASS SEIFERT ROLLER
cocks in full rolling song, from 10/6 upwards; hens 3/6; two for 6/6; seven days' approval: John Wyre, Colley-lane, Cradley, Staffs.

GRANDEST STRAIN OF ROLLERS
in the country; cold room bred; trained under Roller organ; cocks 10/-, 12/6, 15/- upwards, hens 2/6; seven days' approval; cash or deposit: F. Cartwright, Breeder and Trainer, 15, Farfield, Kidderminster. Established 25 years.

ROLLERS—BARGAIN TO CLEAR.
Three pure Seifert Rollers; cocks, 15/- and 20/-; one with few faulty notes, splendid stock breeding, 7/6; same strain, my Bolton winner, first open, B.R.C.C. rung; six Roller hens left, 5/-; guinea lot, B.R.C.C. rung; approval, deposit: Packer, 4, Curzon-rd., Southport.

STOREY'S CHAMPION SONGSTERS.
same strain as leading contest winners, German trained St. Andreasburg Rollers in full song, by day and artificial light; cocks 7/6, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/- each; hens 3/-, 3/6, 4/- each; specially selected loud free singing cock Canaries, 6/6, 7/6, 8/6 each; all on 7 days' approval at my risk; illustrated price list, post free: E. L. Storey, Practical Bird Specialist, Crowle, Doncaster.

R. TOMLINSON CAN SUPPLY ROLLERS
related to his cup winners, from 15/- to 50/-, club rung; satisfaction guaranteed: Welcome Hotel, Great Marton, Blackpool.

FOULD'S ROLLERS.
of the popular Glucke strain, schoolmasters and contest singers, 20/- to 60/- each; hens 5/- and 10/- each; pairs scientifically mated from 25/- upwards: Arthur Foulds, 7, King's Parade, Fallowfield, Manchester.

Magnificent Seifert Canaries
Bred from my first prize winning strain; several very fine Rollers from 12/- to 60/-; hens, very good breeders, from 3/- to 5/-; hollow roll, hollow schockel, hollow bell, knorre, and whistle; for several years have obtained the highest prizes at the most important shows: Mainz, gold medal; Hanau, gold medal; Mannheim, gold medal; Leipzig and Glauchau, silver medals: Emile Kaferstein Leipzig-Neuschonefeld, Leipzig, Germany.

THE WINNING STRAIN

Fanciers read the following results, and judge for yourself the high quality of contest birds supplied by me. Wolverhampton, 1st, 2nd, vhc, champion class; Leeds, 2nd, hc, c, open limit class; Grimsby, 3rd, vhc, champion class; Wakefield, 3rd, 4th, hc, champion class; Bolton, 1st, 2nd, 3rd, champion class; Bolton, 2nd, amateur class; Bolton, 1st, 3rd, 4th, limit class; Manchester, 2nd, vhc, hc, c, champion class; Manchester, 1st and 4th, amateur class; Manchester, 1st, 2nd, 4th, 5th, limit class; Manchester, team class: In this class I have had the honour to supply the winning team to Dr. Read, 2nd winning team to Mr. T. Turner (Openshaw), and scored 4th myself. This class consisted of 20 teams, the cream of Roller Fancy. Birds of the above strain, real contest birds, glucke and water glucke strain, from 20/- and upwards, according to quality of song. Good stock birds, with beautiful variety of tours, in full song, 10/6, 12/6, 15/- each; hens to match, 3/6 and 5/- each. Hartz Mountain Rollers, 7/6 each; hens, 2/-. Terms.—Cash with order, or deposit with "Cage Birds." Genuine German rape seed, as supplied to the leading fanciers, 5d. per lb., 7lbs. 2/6; average monthly sale, 1 ton, which speaks for itself. Manufaoturer of bird cages and appliances, Roller song cages, etc. Price list on application. Fanciers are requested to visit our up-to-date Birdroom, without being pressed to purchase: Note address, R. Kremner, 104, Tib Street, Manchester. Telephone, 1251 City.

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Winning Rollers of the purest Seifert strain, which will please the most exacting critics. This strain of birds must not be compared with the cheap and inferior class of birds frequently advertised; birds bred from this strain by members of the B.R.C.C. have won the highest honours obtainable. I can supply these from 40/- to 80/- each, according to song; a grand stock of Hartz Mountain Rollers, without any objectionable sharp or false tours, from 10/- to 25/- each; inspection invited and advice willingly given. Mrs. E. T. Williams, 16, Chesham Buildings, Grosvenor Square, W., writes: "The bird I had from you is a real little beauty. I showed him at Grimsby in the open novice class in a strong competition, and won the highest honour; also I am pleased to let you know he won 1st in open champion class at Llanelly in a red-bot competition, in addition to winning the special for best water glucke": 400, Edgware-rd., London, W.

Pure Seifert Rollers.

Superb Songsters; thoroughly trained under Nightingale and Woodlark, and with good long hollow and double rolls, water-bubble runs, etc., etc. Free from chopping or any objectionable tours. Every cock guaranteed in full rolling song by day and gaslight. I invite you to come and select one for yourself, but if you cannot do so I will send one for your approval with pleasure. Cocks, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, 17/6, 20/- each; hens, same strain, 3/6, 5/-, 6/-, 7/6, 10/- each. A few real contest singers at 25/-, 30/-, 40/-, and 50/- each. Just let me send one on for your approval. Send a P.C. for my free illustrated catalogue.

JOE THOMAS, Breeder, Exhibitor, & Exporter AMBLER THORN, HALIFAX.

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Deposit with Editor. Send for one of these on trial, and also send for one from any other dealer at any price up to 40/- and judge for yourself. Hens 3/6 and 4/6 each, same well-known strain. St. Andreasburg Rollers, in full rolling song, 5/6, 6/6, and 7/6 each. Catalogue free. Patronised by Royalty, Experts, and Judges.

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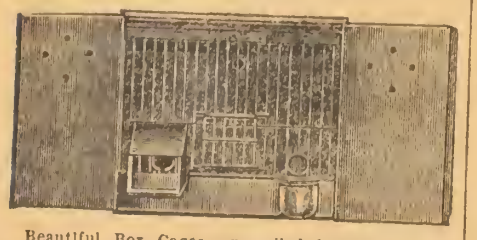

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SCOTCH FANCY yellow cock, Buff pied cock, buff and buff pied hens, prize strain: D. Burgess, 17, Colinton-rd., Edinburgh.

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EXCHANGE Scotch Fancy cock and cash, for good buff Scotch hen; on approval: Ross Livingston, Bloom Cottage, Ballydougan, Portadown.

BUFF cock, 25/-, yellow cock £1; young buff pied hen £2, yellow pied hen £2 10/-, year bred, good breeders, real bargains: Melville, Sunnybank, Tayport.

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Yorkshires.

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YORKSHIRES, grand cocks, 10/- and 15/-, hens 5/-: Law, 23, Beverley-rd., Driffield, East Yorks.

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YORKSHIRES, all colours; cock 6/- to 12/6; hens 2/6 to 6/-; inspection invited: Rolfe, 2, Newton-st., Hoxton.

NOTICE, grand Yorkshire cocks, 3/6, cock and hen, 5/6; approval: McKeand, Seabright Villa, Castle Douglas.

EIGHT pairs Yorks., 50/-; 7 cocks, full song, 31/6, fed; bargains, deposit: Durnford, 12, Scarsdale-st., Peudleton.

SMART Yorkshire cocks, 8/- each; yellow hen, 5/-; cold-room, 1911: W., 1, Joubert-st., Latchmere-rd., Battersea.

GRAND buff Yorkshire cock, winner of two 2nds only times shown, 17/6; approval: Webb, 22, Frederic St., Luton.

YORKSHIRE hen Canaries, 2/6 each, cold room bred, stamp for reply: Malkin, 9, Cleveland-parade, Darlington.

SMART Yorks. cocks, 10/6 to 5/-; hens, 10/6 to 3/6; lovely hardy birds, retiring from Fancy: W. Deans, Selby, Yorks.

HIGH-CLASS Yorkshires and Belgian crosses, some 7lbs., from 7/6; stamp reply: Fletcher, Home House, Whitby, Yorks.

GIVING up. High-class Yorksbires, cocks from 5/-; hens from 3/-: Wilson, 23, Burton-terrace, Dewsbury-rd., Leeds.

TYPICAL Yorkshire cocks, from 7/6; hens from 3/-; related to my winners: Foxen, 8, Aberdeen Buildings, Bromley, Kent.

GOOD leggy buff cinnamon-marked Yorkshire cock, yellow, pink-eyed hen, 10/6 pair: Eastoe, 88, York-rd., Southend-on-Sea.

YORKSHIRE hens for sale, nice birds, clears, green marks, best condition: Vale, 91, Park-st., Grosvenor-sq., London.

GIVING up, six grand Yorkshire hens, 5 yellows, 1 buff, 5/- each, Battye's strain direct: 15, Fort Royal Hill, Worcester.

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PRIZE-BRED unflighted buff cocks, 6/6; 1910 hens, buff marked or yellows, 3/6: Taylor, 17, Marjorie Grove, Clapham Common.

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I HAVE a few very smart yellow and buff hens cheap to clear quickly; approval: Knight, Beech Holt, Shelford, Cambridge.

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COLD room, long stylish cocks from 8/6, hens 5/-; bred from winners; approval, deposit: Hall, 134, Branksome-rd., Brixton Hill.

1911 high class Yorkshires; cocks, full song, clean, healthy, from 5/- upwards; 10/6, approval, deposit: Hance, King-st., Tring, Herts.

YORKSHIRE hen Canaries, cold room bred, 1911 birds, from 2/6 each, three for 6/6: S. Bloxam, 22a, Larch-rd., Balham, S.W.

HIGH-CLASS Yorkshires; cocks from 10/-; hens from 5/-; seen any time by appointment: Atkinson, 124, Stamford-st., Old Trafford.

YORKSHIRES, cold-room, 1912, good healthy birds, cocks 5/-, hens 2/6; approval: W. Haye, Gamekeeper, Woodford, Bramhall, Cheshire.

ONE yellow cock, 1 buff hen, 1910; 2 buff cocks, 1911; £1 the lot; approval: John Fletcher, Hollins Cottage, Froggatt, nr. Sheffield.

SEVERAL stock cocks from 10/6, yellow and buff, pairs from 15/-; inspection or appro.: Monger, 3, Cranmer-avenue, South Ealing.

RACY Yorkshire hens, yellows and buffs, 3/6, 4/6 each, guaranteed unbeatable at price; approval: E. Cash, Quarry Bank, Birkenhead.

WESTERN champion Yorkshires, my winners for sale, cocks 10/- to £1 10/-; hens 4/- to £1, approval: James Thomas, Bugle, Cornwall.

HANDSOME Yorkshire cocks, grand songsters, 5/6, 6/-; hens, 4/-; pairs, 8/6, 9/6; value unapproachable; approval: Hatton, Aviaries, Belper.

HIGH class Yorkshires, singles or matched pairs, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, 18/-, 21/-; approval: Ernest Cheshire, 26, Crawford-st., Bradford.

TWELVE pairs Yorkshires for sale, green and cinnamon marked, also clears; approval: Smith, 2, Gooseberry-place, Allerton, Bradford.

TWO splendid clear yellow Yorkshire hen Canaries, 7/6; from winning birds; approval, deposit: W. J. Clarke, 62, Abingdon-rd., Oxford.

HIGH-CLASS Yorkshires, large clear yellow cock, 2 clear buff hens, 15/-; approval, deposit: Sawbridge, Builder, Richmond-rd., Leicester.

HIGH-CLASS stock cocks, 7/6, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6; own breeding; satisfaction guaranteed; second to none: Clegg, 178, Bentley-rd., Doncaster.

HAVING selected my breeding stock, have 8 long slim yellow hens to spare, accept 7/6 each to clear quickly: Yates, Spurgeon-rd., Pokesdown.

SACRIFICING at half value, magnificent matched pairs, prices up to £2, approval, satisfaction guaranteed: Negus, 4, Monmouth-rd., Abergavenny.

1911 long yellow green cock, 7/6; buff green cock, 6/6; buff cock, 6/6; two buff hens, 3/-; kept outdoors: approval, deposit: Blakesley, Hinckley.

GRAND Yorkshire, superior quality, every bird standard length, pairs from 12/6; also few hens: J. Neal, 13, Humber-st., Eccles New-rd., Weaste.

TEN pairs, prize-bred Yorkshires, not rubbish, Bailey's strain, 10/6 pair, £3 10/- lot; inspection invited: M. Cooper, Taylor-st., Batley. Stamp reply.

FEW very nice Yorkshires, reasonable, related to winners at Eastbourne, Portsmouth, Brighton, Wimbledon: Brooks, 2, Devonshire-rd., Horsham.

YORKSHIRES, best blood obtainable, cocks 6/6 and upwards, hens 4/- upwards; pairs, 10/6 upwards, full of quality: Barber, 31, Sydney-rd., Enfield, Middlesex.

SEVERAL large first-class Yorkshire cocks, yellow or buff, from 8/6 each, bargains to clear; inspection invited: Rorke, 50, Ringmer-ave., Munster-rd., Fulham.

YORKSHIRES from best blood in the Fancy, nice, slim, leggy birds, cocks from 6/6, hens from 3/6 upwards: Robinson, 238, Greame-st., Moss Side, Manchester.

GRAND long slim buff Yorkshire cock, 10/6; grand reachy yellow hen, 7/6, 16/- pair: grand reachy yellow cock, 10/6: long reachy buff hen, 7/-, 16/- pair; another grand pair, 12/-; grand healthy birds; bargains; approval willingly: Miss Stone, Fleet, Belper.

YORKSHIRES

"I Bred them and Sold them."

Read following from "Leigh Terrace, Douglas, I.O.M., 23/2/12.—Pleased to tel you I **did well with the stock birds you sent me last season.** The green marked cock bred me 5 **youngsters that all had a turn in the money** at our shows; **one** of them got **1st in his class, spl, for best Yorkshire in show, Sandiford's medal best fed bird, and cup for best young bird bred by exhibitor**—a truly creditable performance. Thanking you for your treatment, and **must also congratulate you on your success at the Palace show.**—W. Qualtrough to L. Dykes." From "43, Walpole Road, Bromley, 25/2/12.—It is with pleasure I write to tell you **I got 1st and 2nd in pair class at L.P.O.S. with the Yorkshires I got from you.**—C. R. Bullen to L. Dykes." Another from "13, High Street, Sittingbourne, 22/2/12.—Please send me a cock to match the cinnamkd. hen I got from you. She has only been **shown three times,** and has **won 2 1sts, 2nd, and spl.**—B. Tidy to L. Dykes." For further proof please see show reports all through the past season, and **remember my record of 80 1sts, 48 2nds, 45 3rds, 29 4ths, 40 spls, gained at all the leading shows in championship classes,** is almost twice as many as any other exhibitor. **I also won more 1sts at the Palace show than any other exhibitor of Yorkshires.** I also won the **10 guinea trophy** and gold medal in **Green Marked Competition,** the **10 guinea rose bowl** (Bristol) for best young bird bred by exhibitor, and other competitions too numerous to mention. **The above are a few honest facts,** not blown up statements to deceive the public. Try a pair from me and a pair elsewhere, and you will be convinced who can give you the best value for your money, and this is where the reliable strain stands supreme. **My strain is the best in the Fancy.** In order to make room for breeding, **I am offering some real typical pairs, matched to breed winners** and at following prices, which are **not more than half their value: 15 pairs at 30/- per pair; 15 pairs at 25/- per pair, and 10 pairs at 20/- per pair.** Bred from and related to my winners. Can also send out some **good specimens at following prices:— 8/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/- per pair.** Champion, long, slim, typical Yorkshire cocks at **6/-, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/- 20/-** each. Long, slim, racy hens at **3/6, 4/6, 6/6, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6** each. Travelling cages, 3d. extra. Clears, Ticked, Marked, and Varicgated Yellow or Buff, and **every bird in perfect health and condition,** and **guaranteed cold room, bred and kept. Colour fed to perfection, and a few natural colour. All on seven days' approval** at my risk. **Inspection invited** at any time. I have several winners that have won in keenest competition and can soon win back their own cost at lowest possible prices. Some birds I have sold have been winning for my customers in all parts of the world. Price list and specimens of winning testimonials past free on receipt of post card.

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LENGTHY Yorkshire cock, full song, 7/6; yellow, with buff hen, good mother, 3/6; cash or deposit, Editor, or call: Mrs. Hermann, 489, Cambridge-rd., London, E.

GRAND yellow Cinnamon marked Yorkshire cock and two good clear buff hens, all cold room bred, accept 22/- lot to clear: H. Robson, North End, Northallerton.

CLEAR buff cock, unflighted, grand bird, 30/-; clear yellow cock, unflighted, certain winner, 30/-; several good hens, cheap: Foster, Packhorse Lane, Loughborough.

HIGH class Yorkshires, 50 pairs, splendid length, type and quality; cocks 6/-, hens 4/-; inspection invited; approval; satisfaction guaranteed: Priestley, 121, Gaythorne-rd., Bradford.

HIGH class Yorksbires, related to winners, cocks from 7/-, hens from 4/-; variegated buff cock, show bird, 15/-; all on approval; few cheap breeding cages: Merritt, 45, Pearl-st., Cardiff.

EVEN wing marked buff Yorkshire cock, Cinnamon marked, sell or exchange buff Norwich cock, no rubbish; see Lizards and Norwich; approval: J. Green, 256, Chapel-st., Leigh, Lancs.

JUDSON'S high-class Yorkshires, colour-fed, splendid type and quality, cocks 5/- upwards, hens 3/- upwards; carriage paid; approval: Tobacconist, Market-st., Hebden Bridge, Yorkshire.

TYPICAL Yorkshire Canaries, 1911, cold room bred, cocks 5/6, 6/6, 7/6, hens 3/- and 3/6; four days' approval; cash or deposit; inspection invited: Gant, 112, Churchfield-rd, Acton, London.

PURE-BRED typical Yorkshires, long, slim, upstanding birds, all cold-room bred; yellow or buff cocks, 7/6, 10/-, 12/6, 15/- each; hens, 3/6, 4/6, 5/6, 7/6 each: Walsh, Bird Specialist, Blackburn.

YORKSHIRES; can spare 2 yellow unflighted cocks, 10/- each, worth double; 2 buff cocks, 8/- each, good value; 4 yellow hens, from 4/- each; approval, deposit: Atherton, Worsbro' Common, Barnsley.

AMBLER'S pure strain; H. C. Hedworth has four Yorkshires for disposal; buff cock 12/6, one buff and one yellow hen 7/6 each, one extra good yellow, 15/-; cold room; approval: Dudley-rd., Grantham.

BUFF cock, yellow hen, 6/6; green cock, variegated hen, 6/6; yellow cock, buff hen, 12/6; worth £1; cage-moulted hen Goldfinch, 1/6; pair Chaffinches, 2/-; approval, deposit: A. Adams, Westend, nr. Southampton.

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Cocks, 5/9, 6/6; better notes, 7/6, 8/6. Hens, 2/6. Pairs matched for breeding, 7/6, 8/6, 10/6 upwards. Grand Seifert Cocks, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, 20/- each. Hens, 3/6 and 5/-; cages, 3d. extra. Remember, I can produce and have published more testimonials than any other person living or dead. Full detailed list free if desired. All birds on approval.

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WANTED, first rate unflighted long upstanding Yorks. yellow cock, clear or ticked, for stock, healthy, part exchange; buff unflighted cock, vhc Plymouth, or sell 30/-: Turner, Confectioner, Peascod-st., Windsor.

TYPICAL Yorkshires, about twenty really good birds must be sold cheap to make room for breeding, cocks 7/-, 8/-, 10/-; hens 3/-, 4/-, 5/-; inspection invited; approval: Whiting, Ravensbury, Morden-rd., Mitcham, Surrey.

CHAMPION Yorkshires, bred from my winners, Bolton, Sale, Sheffield, etc; must clear, owing to removal; cocks 6/-; hens 4/-; worth double; satisfaction guaranteed: Radford, 114, Second-aveuue, Trafford-park, Manchester.

YORKSHIRES, best blood obtainable, cocks, 5/-, 6/-, 7/- upwards; pairs properly mated for breeding winners, 7/6, 8/6, 10/6 upwards, full of quality; approval; carriage paid: Edgar King, Falrfield, Hebden Bridge, Yorkshire.

WINNERS, cheap.—Frank Potter, winner Hull Challenge Cup three years in succession, can spare long typical unflig. buff, 17/6; second big class; yellow, 17/6; both dirt cheap; also few hens; approval: Thoresby-st., Hull.

YORKSHIRES, must clear, grand stock birds, related to winners, cocks 6/6, 7/6, 10/-, hens 5/-, matched pairs 11/6 upwards; lot cheap; satisfaction guaranteed; approval, deposit: O'Reilly, Breeder and Exhibitor, Nunthorpe-avenue, York.

HIGH-CLASS Yorkshires, splendid length, type, and quality; cocks from 5/-; hens from 3/-; pairs 8/- upwards; few grand pairs, 12/6 and 15/- pair; some grand hens, cheap; approval; satisfaction guaranteed: Greenwood, Colne-rd., Crosshills, Keighley.

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CHAMPION Yorkshires, long leggy upstanding birds, just the sort to breed winuers, 6/6, 7/6, 8/6, 10/6, upwards; hens, 5/6, 6/6, 7/6, 10/6; pairs, properly mated, breed winners, 12/6, 15/-, 20/-; approval, 4 days; 26 years' breeder, exhibitor: Frank Stevens, Great Avton, Yorkshire.

REDUCING stock; grand typical Yorkshires, three buff cocks, 10/6 each; one yellow cock, 10/6; seven splendid hens, yellows and buffs, 6/- each; some of the above are winners: T. Weedall, 82, High-st., Winsford, Cheshire.

A. L. HAWKES is now offering few colour-fed buff and yellow Yorkshires, cocks at 25/- each, which are equal to any of those that have been claimed of his at different shows, or he has sold at treble the figure this season; 7 days' approval, deposit: 390, Grove Green, Leytonstone.

J. C. BARNES, 113, Northfield-rd., Walkley, Sheffield; Sheffield Challenge Cup winner (3 years in succession); few grand lengthy specimens of correct position, and well on leg, to spare; cocks, 20/- up; hens, 10/- up; matched pairs a speciality; approval with every pleasure; inspection earnestly requested; no better blood obtainable.

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Singing Contests.

BOLDON COLLIERY.

Contest held Feb. 24. Result: 1, 2, T. Hall; 3, F. Urwin; vbc, A. Tucker.—A. Widdowfield, Sec.

SPENNYMOOR.

Linnet singing contest, held at Butchers Arms, Merrington Lane, 24th. 1st, Martin; 2nd, Ridly; 3rd, Franks. Next sing March 2nd, when Mr. J. Swift will give £2 to entry; 1s.; timekeeper, Mr. Mounter; judge, J. Gardener.

CASTLEFORD.

Weekly Linnet contest held Feb. 24th, before a record number of fanciers and friends. This season's scores were all beaten easily. Thirty-nine birds entered. Winners: 1st, A. Sweeting; 2nd, W. Nelson; 3, J. Kirk. Also Feb. 25th, we had 26 birds to sing. Winners: 1st, E. Smith; 2nd and 3rd, W. Nelson. Open sing next week.—Walter Dobson, Hon. Sec.

SHEFFIELD.

Contest held "Royal George," Brightside Lane, Feb. 25th. Twenty birds entered. 1, Brooker, 61 secs.; Bisby, 55 secs.; Thompson, 53 secs.; Bisby, 49 secs.; Bisby 47 secs.; Thompson 46 secs. Also March 9th. First pair to be hung at 3 o'clock. No further notice will be taken of Mr. Brown's challenges to sing.—A. Thompson (signed).

PONTEFRACT.

Contest held Woodman Inn, on Feb. 25, when 38 birds entered. Oue minute spring and to bluff. Results: B. Dickinson, 87; C. Scott, 84; T. Piper, 76. There was also a lot of good short singing, which the audience enjoyed. The club is going up by leaps and bounds, and will be the biggest in Yorkshire. Everybody is welcome. Another open to all sing, March 3.—J. Martin, Sec.

TYLDESLEY.

Union Arms L.C. meeting held Castle Street, Feb. 19th. Re affiliation badge and contest cage, we decided in favour of both. Sorry to hear noue of our members went to Blackburn. Nearly all our members are colliers, and owing to the crisis in the coal trade we could not get off our work; I hope Blackburn will accept this explanation.—J. Harrison, Sec.

LEEDS.

Quality singing contest for Linnets held Skinner's Arms, Buslingthorpe, Feb. 25th, when 18 birds sang. 1st, Ward; 2nd, Chippindale; 3rd shared by Ward and Sellars. Also Feb. 26th, when 22 birds sang; 1st, Ward; 2nd, G. Clayton; 3rd, Chippindale.—C. Clayton, Hon. Sec.

Weekly Linuet singing contest for quality held Old Bird House, King's Head, Shannon Street, Feb. 24th, when 18 birds sang. 1, T. Stead; 2, H. Wigfield; 3, A. Richardson. Judges, Messrs. W. Sissons and J. Naylor. Also Feb. 25th, when 32 birds faced the judges. 1, J. Bland; 2, H. Wigfield; 3, T. Stead; 4, W. Farrar. Judges, Messrs. S. Hardcastle and A. Jennings.—T. C. Summers, Hon. Sec.

SALFORD.

Contest for time held Boat House Hotel, Feb. 25th, when 12 birds entered. Only three minutes were allowed each pair, and the timekeepers had a very hard task owing to the close results. Winners: 1, N. Smedley; 2, 4, A. Marshall; 3, H. Coates. Timekeepers, Messrs. W. Cain and B. Wharton. Minuteman and birdkeeper, Messrs. Marshall and Creswell. Vice President (Mr. J. Bird) presented prizes. Next contest, March 10th, for quality only. Meeting, 7.30 prompt. Members requested to attend. Badges, club match, and members competing at non-affiliated contest.—B. Wharton, Hon. Sec.

ATHERTON.

Open Linnet contest held Rising Sun Inn, Feb. 24th, for quality and time. Entry of 34 birds, who competed for six good prizes. All the local clubs were represented. Winners for quality: 1st, Mrs. Smedley (Salford); 2nd, Foster (Tyldesley); and 3rd, Hilton (Leigh). For time: 1st, Fairhurst (Tyldesley), 123 secs.; 2nd and 3rd, Woodward (Westhoughton), 92 and 75 secs. Quality judge, Mr. F. Gibbons (Leigh); timekeepers, Messrs. J. Aldred (Atherton) and W. Parkinson (Leigh); minute-man, Mr. T. Smith (Atherton); tappers, Messrs. J. Brown, F. Gibbons (Westhoughton and Leigh); birdkeeper, Mr. W. Brooks (Atherton); officials, Messrs. J. Wardle and N. Aspden (Atherton). Coutest was the largest held in the town for some time, and was very well conducted. Owing to the large number of fanciers and friends extra accommodation was arranged. A social evening was spent in the club room. Anyone wishing to join may do so by applying to me at 79, Bag-lane, Atherton.—Sam Lloyd.

NATIONAL BRITISH BIRD AND MULE CLUB.

The report of the hon. secretaries, Messrs. Plumbridge and Carr, read at the annual general meeting was of a highly satisfactory nature, a heavy year's work having been successfully got through, while the membership list was still growing. Amongst other things, a petition on the subject of the Wild Birds Acts had been presented to the Home Secretary, from which good was likely to accrue; a fine club diploma had been adopted, and the first one had been awarded to a lady member, Miss Reeves, the annual country outing was a splendid success, and the club show held at the Horticultural Hall in conjunction with the L.C.B.A. was one of the best they had ever had. The financial position was good, but not so strong as they would like it to be. They heartily thanked the committee and other officials likewise the members, for the way in which they had supported them.

Mr. T. R. Trower, the hon. treasurer, read accounts which showed a cash balance of £11 1s. 2d., besides other assets in the shape of cups, etc. They had expended £12 9s. 5d. in providing medals for competition amongst the members. He was afraid they expended a larger percentage of their income in this direction than was wise. He suggested that douations should be invited towards a special prize fund. It would help the club to keep a reasonable amount of funds at its back. He himself, in order to prevent their coffers being depleted, had defrayed the cost of the forms (about £5) sent out in connection with the petition to the Home Office. He was anxious to see the club with some money at its back, and it would help greatly if a special prize fund could be established.—It was decided (Mr. Mortlock proposing) that in future the balance sheet be sent out to members before the holding of the annual meeting.—The balance sheet was accepted as read, on the proposition of Mr. G. Crabb, who warmly eulogised the good work done by the treasurer.

On a discussion concerning certain rules, Mr. Marley raised the point that no penalty was stipulated by rule 17 in the case of particulars of cup entries not being sent to the sec. before the holding of a show. There was an animated discussion, but the general opinion was that the matter was covered by the previous rule (16).

Mr. Carr proposed that a gold medal be presented to the member or non-member breeding the rarest hybrid during the ensuing year. He thought that some such reward was well deserved; also that it would help to extend the membership roll. It should be given to the breeder, and not the exhibitor.—This suggestion was adopted.

Mr. Crabb brought up the anomaly of hybrids bred from foreign birds (Goldies and Bullies) being allowed to compete for the Club's specials, although their parents were not on the Club's list of exhibition birds, and, further, in face of the objects of the Club being set out as for the encouragement of "British Birds and their Hybrids." He thought the word "their" should be deleted; also that the aforesaid foreign Goldies and Bullies should be included in the Club list.—It was agreed that this should be done.

In a discussion upon the support accorded various shows, Mr. F. Archer mentioned the case of Bradford National, which he considered was not patronised by the members in the manner its aims and objects merited, and he hoped that at the next show this would be remedied.—Mr. Chittenden supported these remarks.—It was pointed out that possibly the meagre classification offered had something to do with the comparative lack of entries, and it was hoped that this would be brought into line with the Canary sectiou for the 1912 show, when a bumping entry would no doubt be accorded the Bradford enthusiasts.

Before the adjournment of the meeting, Mr. Longden promised a gold medal and Mr. Archer a silver medal, towards the special prizes, while Mr. F. Heal was made a member, on the proposition of Mr. Longden.

Winners of cups, 1911-12:—Hardbill Nomination Cup, Mr. Marley; runner-up, Mr. Ford. Club Show Hybrid Cup, Mr. Shellam. Gold medal, presented by Mr. T. Holmes for most points throughout the show season, Mr. Marley. List of medal winners:—Claphmn: Messrs. Marley (gold), Raven (silver); Newcastle: Marley and Martin (silver); Manchester: J. M. Walsh and Archer (silver); Cheltenham: G. Lawrence (silver); Swansea: D. A. S. Longden (silver), J. W. Ford (novice silver); Nottingham: W. H. Raven (silver); Wimbledon: Marley (silver); Coventry: W. Andrews (silver). Club Show, in conjunction with L.C.B.A.:—Hybrid: A. Shellam (gold), T. Martin (silver), Lawrence (bronze), C. Botting (novice silver); Hardbill: W. Francis (gold), P. McQuiston (silver), A. Marley (bronze), S. Grahame (novice silver); Insectiv.: W. A. Lott (gold), J. Frostick (silver), Hon. Mrs. Bourke (bronze and novice silver); Toronto C.B.S. medal, Marley; Newley's gold medal for pairs, C. Cooper; Llanelly (no competitor); Derby: A. P. Hurst (silver); Bradford T. Martin (silver); Gateshead: F. Archer (silver) P. Harris (novice); Crystal Palace: G. Lawrence most points, also same in Hybrids, A. P. Hurst Hardbills, S. H. Mays Insectivorous, Miss Bousfield (novice's silver). Those in attendance were: Messrs. J. Robson (chairman), D. Bentley, F. Archer, B. J. Chittenden, W. Swaysland, G. Lawrence, T. H. Inman, S. Bennett, E. Spowage, G. Crabb, D. A. S. Longden, F. Heal, C. Cooper, R. A. Newley, G. E. Weston, F. Carl, J. Montgomery, W. A. Shepherd, S. Grahame, G. Mortlock, C. T. Maxwell, J. Dewhurst, A. C. Askew, A. J. A. Marley, C. Botting, T. R. Trower, A. Plumbridge, and J. P. Carr.

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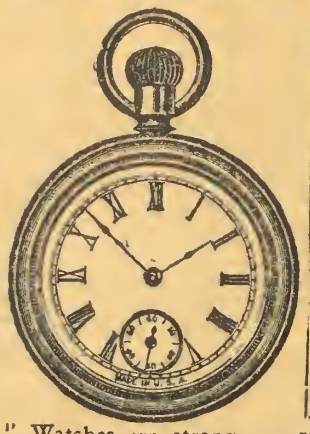

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The Jackdaw as a House-pet.

By "NIMROD."

The writer has found the Jackdaw a most amusing pet, and one in great favour with children.

As one who has kept a large number of Jackdaws, perhaps a few remarks on these birds will be read with interest. I am advocating the keeping of this bird as a pet by boys, as a great deal of amusement and pleasure can be derived from it.

In the country they can be most easily obtained, as they build in chimneys and roofs, but chiefly in the vicinity of Rookeries, where there are so many holes in the trees, some of the trees having four or five holes in them, each occupied by a Jackdaw. During the breeding season the boys play sad havoc with the eggs, getting large numbers of them. But still there are generally plenty left for young ones. Last season there must have been over 30 boys, mostly schoolboys, and some just left school for work. Each had his pet Jackdaw, which he got from the nest when at the age of from ten to fourteen days. They brought the birds up on soaked bread, worms, etc. After they had got them to peck up they would take them out in the evenings in the fields and on the Church green and let them peck about and amuse themselves and other children. They used to carry them about on sticks, which the birds would readily perch upon. Some would put them down and call them. Sometimes the birds would follow the boys like dogs.

Quite an Amusing Sight.

It was quite an amusing sight to see so many boys with these birds. One incident which came under my notice was as follows: One of the boys who generally kept all kinds of pets, and was never without a Jackdaw or two, was driving his pet home down the street from the fields; a gentleman from London stood and watched him some time, and at last went to the boy and wanted to buy the bird. He first offered one shilling, and as the boy refused it, raised his offer to 5s.; still the boy refused. At last the gent gave the boy 10s. and took the bird. Soon all the boys knew of this purchase, and were quite eager to part with their birds. Generally, the craze does not last long, and the boys soon part with them. Of all the boys who had them last spring, not one has any now; the craze or fashion has gone over until next season. Travellers or visitors generally spot the birds and buy them for a few shillings.

The boys used also to carry them on their shoulders, or heads, about the streets, which caused a good many people to admire them and pet them.

I have never known any juvenile keepers of these birds to keep them long enough to teach them to talk. There are one or two about here in Ramsey that are kept by adults which can talk a little, but most of those who keep Jackdaws have not enough patience to teach them. Not once during the past two years have I had any one come to me about the tongue-cutting business. I do hope that day has now gone by, and the fallacy exploded. If such cruel practices were condemned in schools by the teachers, it would do a lot of good, as such old superstitions take a lot of killing, and are generally handed down from one generation to another. The old shepherds are still believers in it, and advocate it; but, as I have several times said, if I hear of a case I inform the people concerned of it. This has been the means of stopping several cases where it was intended to slit the tongue.

Easy to Keep, and Cheap.

The keeping of these birds is so easy a matter and costs so little that any novice can keep them. They will eat any table scraps, besides mice, small birds, worms, beetles and meat of any kind. But I should not recommend giving much meat, except "lights."

The birds should be allowed as much freedom as possible, and it is best to cut one of the wings and let them run about the yards. That they are full of all kinds of mischief I am well aware, and they will carry things away and hide them; but still they are very amusing pets, and are easily managed. They will live for years.

Another little incident of the boys I may mention, was this: One of the boys' parents had a Collie dog that was well used to children; it would sometimes take two or three "Jacks" on its back to the fields and go quite stately with them, to the excitement of the children, who would follow it.

A Tale that is Told.

A tale which is told by the "know alls" is that the reason the birds do not talk is because they are the wrong kind of Daws. If you want to get talkers, get them from the church steeples, they say, or from chimneys; not from the holes in trees. But that tale will not hold good any more than the tongue-cutting tale. The reason why the boys' birds won't talk is that they so soon get tired of them, and not one in twenty keeps one six months.

As an exhibition bird, it is not much shown; only at large shows occasionally. I see that one got in the "money" at the recent L.C.B.A. show. The reporter's comment was "Shines like ebony," which certainly is the case with an adult bird, especially if you can get the sun's rays on it to show it off. I should like to see a class provided for Jackdaws at the great annual show at the Crystal Palace; it might not fill for a time, but no doubt it would ultimately, and it would then encourage a great many to take up with this bird, as it is less trouble to keep than either Magpies or Jays, and so easily obtained. Perhaps, now that Owls and Hawks are coming on the show bench, a thought may be given to this, the commonest of the larger birds, and one of the most knowing. I hope these few notes may result in more of these birds being kept;

YORKSHIRE UNION OF C.B.S.

Election of Officers and Revision of Rules, 1912.

Vice-president: *H. W. Walsh, 111 votes, W. Cruise 106, J. Chippendale 97. Secretary: *H. Hill, 276 votes, M. Skirrow 34. Trustees: *H. H. Towers, 203 votes, *O Mitchell 111, W. H. Shackleton 103, A. Brown 101, W. A. Cowgill 66. Auditors: *R. Halliday 159, *F. Armstrong 150, H. H. Towers 89, J. Farrar 64, G. White 45, H. Lord 41, F. Worsman 31. Revision of rules: Proposed alterations: (12) Each Society holding an open show shall pay its proportion of judges' fee, at least a fortnight before the first winter show is held. 191 for, 129 against. (23) That these words be deleted—"Should this rule operate harshly upon any society, the Council may, on such being reported by the society, make such other arrangements as they think will meet the case." 48 for, 269 against. (31) That a sub-committee of seven be appointed, no society to have more than one representative on this committee, to transact any urgent business, and to go through all alterations and additions to rules, so that they shall be as clear as possible when placed upon the ballot paper. 253 for, 65 against. (40) That this rule be deleted. 196 for, 123 against. (42) That there be no limit to novice classes. 62 for, 250 against. (52) That this rule be deleted. 199 for, 122 against. (53) That this rule be deleted. 51 for, 269 against. Show rule: (21) That the last two lines of this rule read as follows—"In case of a tie for any Union trophy or special prize, the highest in money awards shall be declared the winner. 125 for, 193 against. (22) That this rule be deleted. 138 for, 146 against. Proposed new rules: (1) That all affiliated societies holding an open show shall make as many novice classes as open classes. 74 for, 233 against. (2) That the standard Union perch be square with chamfered edges. 135 for, 170 against. (3) That four gold medals be given in open competition at Union Shows for intermediates. Any member having won a trophy to be debarred from competing, novices excepted. 251 for, 58 against. (4) That the judge appointed for novice classes shall have his name printed in schedule along with the classes allotted to him. 257 for, 63 against. (5) That no judge shall judge at his own society's open show. 246 for, 67 against. (6) That there be a uniform subscription adopted by all societies within a radius of five miles from Bradford Town Hall, and that any person paying less than the uniform subscription shall not be entitled to the benefits of the Union. 98 for, 168 against. (7) That no member affiliated to the Yorkshire Union shall pay less than 4s. per year subscription to his society. 129 for, 162 against. (8) That no society affiliated to the Yorkshire Union, shall elect honorary members at a less subscription than the ordinary members. 136 for, 151 against. Twenty-seven ballot papers sent out, and 24 returned. Unfortunately two of these were sent in on Feb. 27th marked with a cross, instead of recording the number of votes, according to instructions; these are therefore omitted from the above results. A very pleasing feature is that 321 votes in all have been cast, and had the above two papers been marked properly, an increased ballot on previous years, when each member has voted individually, would have resulted.—(The gentlemen against whose names a star appears are elected).—H. Hill, Sec.

MEMBERS SHOWS.

Sheriffhill F.F.S.: Held Feb. 3rd, headquarters, St. John's Mission Hall, Mr. Major (Low Fell) judged. Principal winners: Yorks.: Mr. Burrell. Borders: Mr. Cresion. Foreign: Mr. Stockton. Brit.: Mr. McGuire.—W. Stockton, Hon. Sec.

Yarm and Eaglescliffe C.B.S.: Held Town Hall, Feb. 16th. Mr. F. Marwood judged. Principal winners: Messrs. Honeyman, Willis, Stead, Garbutt and Clement, R. Johnson, A. Johnson, Henderson, Smith, Sirrell, Wilson.—F. Wilson, Sec.

Burslem C.B.S.: Held Feb. 24, Barnfield's Inn, Pleasant Street. Mr. Hawley (Birches Head) judged, and explained his awards. Spl. for best Can. and best yellow hen, and medal for best matched pair, Mr. R. Smith; best Brit, Mr. L. James; most points, Mr. Greatbatch. Entry, 40 odd birds. Principal winners: Nor., Messrs. James, Smith, Hulme; Yorks., Mr. Swetman; Brit., Messrs. James, Dean, Bate.—L. James, Sec.

BLACKBURN.

Blackburn Linnet S.A. open all-England contest for time and quality held Feb. 24th at Old Red Lion, Snig Brook. There were 28 birds. The singing the best heard this season. Quality: 1st, Jones; 2nd, Topping; 3rd Brown (Leigh); 4th, Statham (Leigh). Time winners: 1st, Fishwick (Wigan); 2nd, Cain (Salford); 3rd, McFarlain; 4th, Green (Salford). Special given by Mr. J. Pearson (Salford) for best quality club bird; the cage goes to Mr. J. W. Jones (Leigh). Judges, Messrs. J. Dobson, W. H. Topping, J. W. Jones, for quality; and for time, Messrs. Ben Wharton and J. McFarlain.—R. Hayhurst, Sec.

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Ayr and Dis.—Mar. 6, Academy Hall, 7.30. Adoption of balance-sheet, election of office-bearers, etc.—J. Sloan.

Ardwick and Manchester C.B.A.—March 5, Onward Hall, 8. Table show of Brit. and Muling pairs. Judge, Mr. W. Fairhurst.—J. Spencer, Sec.

Adwick-le-Street C.B.S.—March 2, Foresters' Arms, 6. Payment members' prize money, etc.—G. H. Robinson.

Annfield Plain C.B.S.—March 6, R. Frieck's, 7.30. important.—T. Robinson.

Abersychan C.B.S.—March 2, Queen's Hotel, 6. Very Important.—F. Sweeting.

Ashton-under-Lyne O.S.—March 5, P.S.A. Rooms, 7.30. Table show Brit., 4 classes: 3 Hardbills, 1 A.O.V. Softbill; staged 7.30 p.m.—J. R. Colville.

Burslem C.B.S.—March 7, Barnfields Inn, Pleasant Street, 8. To fix date of F.F. show, etc. Will all fanciers who wish to join make a special effort to be present?—L. James, Sec.

Bradford East O.S.—March 5, Park Chapel Schools, 8. Patronage for open show, etc.; new members requested to attend.—H. Hill.

Barnsley C.B.S.—March 2, Clarence Hotel, 7.30. Report of balance sheet.—F. C. Sims.

Bradford West C.B.A.—Mar. 2, Shoulder of Mutton, 8. Arranging members' shows.—Kilburn and Western.

Bury C.B.S.—March 5, Textile Hall, 7.30. Pair show; members only; staged 7.30, judging at 8.—H. Jameson.

Bolton C.B.S.—March 5, Joiner's Arms, 8.30.—J. Gerrard.

Border City (Carlisle) O.S.—Mar. 6, headquarters, 8.15. Final selection of judges for open show, etc.—J. C. Bell.

Burton-on-Trent C.B.S.—Mar. 5. Re-election of officers, balance-sheet, extension of radius, etc.—W. Elliott.

Croydon F.A.—Mar. 13, St. Michael's Hall, West Croydon, 7 to 10. Pair show; admission (including catalogue), threepence. Judge, Mr. J. Robson.

Colinton and Currie Parishes O.S.—March 9, Drill Hall, Juniper Green, 8. General; new members invited; replies from honorary members.—J. Napier.

City of Birmingham C.B.S.—March 6, Crown Hotel, Station Street, 8. Matched pair show. Fanciers invited.—J. H. Jones.

Clitheroe C.B.S.—March 4, Bennett's Tea Rooms, 8. Mr. J. Briggs will give a paper on breeding of Norwich. Members subs. now due.—J. Southworth.

Colne C.B.S.—March 7, Club Rooms, 8. General meeting.—J. C. Sunderland.

Chesterfield C.B.S.—March 2, Welbeck Inn, 7.30. Fixing nest feather shows; general business.—T. Booker.

Coventry O.S.—March 6, Sydenham Palace, 6.30. Important.—A. J. Barratt.

City and County of Perth O.S.—March 4, Laidlaws Rooms, Leonard Street, 8. Important.—J. Kerr.

Clapham C.B.S.—March 4, Landor Hotel, Landor Road, 8.30. Prize money for pair and Finch show. Selection of cup for competition. Also a lecture on "In-breeding," by Mr. C. A. House. Fanciers welcome.—A. L. Priest.

Cheltenham C.B.S.—March 6, Sydney Arms Hotel, 7.30. Annual dinner. Tickets 2s.—A. S. Treasure.

Dalkeith C.C.—March 2, "Ship," 7.30. Continuation or dissolution of club depends on a good attendance at this meeting. All fanciers within a 10-mile radius cordially invited.—Ewing and Steel.

Derwent Valley C.B.S.—Mar. 2, headquarters, 6.30. Election of judges for open show.—J. Lindsay.

Dulwich and Peckham C.B.S.—March 5, Reindeer Hotel, Rye Lane, Peckham, S.E., 8. Lecture by Mr. J. Robson. Pairing and breeding; special invitation to novices.—W. Hodson.

Doncaster C.B.S.—March 9, Victoria Rooms, 7.30 Election of judges for open show. Prize money for late members' show. Arrangement of summer shows. New members invited.—G. Bescoby.

Darlington C. and B.B.F.A.—March 6, George Hotel, 7.30. Arrange for pair show. Arrange date for open show.—A. Walker.

Darlington C.B.S.—March 6, Labour Hall, 7.30. Pairs show, 7 classes.—H. Todd.

Dewsbury C.B.S.—March 2, Saville Hotel, 7.30. Distribution of prizes. Annual meeting; election of officers.—S. Shaw.

Edinburgh Western O.S.—March 7, Riego Street Hall, 8. Washing exhibition by Mr. J. F. Dewar.—R. Lile.

Edinburgh North Eastern O.S.—March 4, Free Gardeners Hall, Abbeymount, 8. New members enrolled.—S. Spence.

Eccles C.B.S.—March 6, Diamond Inn, 8. Important. New members.—J. Hall.

Eccleshill C.B.A.—March 2, Fountain Inn, 8. Classes for members' shows, etc.—W. Nettleton.

Edinburgh N.C.M.B.S.—March 7, Halls, High Street, 8. F.F. show and election of judges for annual show.—J. Welsh.

Falkirk C.B.S.—March 7, Oddfellows' Hall, 7.30. Table show, Linnet class. Judge, Mr. D. Baird. Nominating judges for annual show. Fanciers invited.—R. Rennie.

Fife and Kinross N.P.C.—March 9, Masonic Arms, Cowdenbeath, 7. General.—G. Fisher.

Great Horton O.S.—March 2, Butchers' Arms, 3. Members' show. Birds to be staged at 3.—J. Holroyd

Glossop, Hadfield C.B.S.—March 5, Mr. A. Deakin's, 69, Hague Street, Glossop, 8. General. Fixing date for annual first feather show and deferred washing exhibition by Mr. W. Lawton (President).—E. Thompson.

Glasgow West End C.B.C.—Mar. 8, Co-operative Hall, St. George's Cross, 8. Nomination of judges for F.F. and Annual Members' shows. Show of British and For.: Goldfinch or Bullfinch (Brit.); Linnet, Greenfinch, Siskin or Twite; Lesser or Mealy Redpoll; Chaf. or Bramble; Bunting; Small Softbill; large Brit.; For.; and hen suitable for Hybrid breeding. Judge, Mr. M. Craig (Tollcross).—W. Proudfoot.

Hyde C.B.S.—Mar. 4, St. George's School, 8. Table show for matched pairs; entries 6d.—T. Allsop.

Halifax O.S.—March 2, Plummet Line Hotel, 8. Annual general meeting and election of officers.—J. J. Dunn.

Hawarden C.B.S.—March 6, Hawarden Institute, 7.30. Show report, etc.—J. T. Lloyd.

Hartlepools C.B.S.—March 6, Y.M.C.A., Whipley Street, 8. General.—Woodhead and Pyman.

Hetton-le-Hole C.B.S.—March 2, Colliery Inn (Mr. Owens), 6. Table show. Birds on tables at 6 p.m. prompt; same classification as last show.—A. J. Motley.

Houghton-le-Spring C.B.S.—March 9, instead of March 2, White Lion Hotel, 7.30. Arrangements for N.F. show, etc. Fanciers wishing to join can do so at this meeting. Fee 2s. 6d. for year.—R. H. Dixon.

Hull C.B.S.—March 4, Oddfellows' Hall, 8. Members British Bird show. Judge, Mr. Perkins.—E. R. Ridley.

Hebden Bridge and Calder Valley O.S.—March 9, White Horse Hotel, 7.30. Lecture by Mr. H. J. Chittenden (Bradford). "Pairing, Breeding and Rearing."—A. Pickles.

Hyson Green (Nottingham) C.B.S.—March 5, Cricket Players' Hotel, 8. Members and committee please attend.—W. Cottingham.

Lancashire and Liz. F.A.—March 2, Church Inn, Huddersfield Road, Oldham, 6.30. Annual general meeting; election of officers, etc.—J. Rukin.

Leeds C.B.S.—Pair show, March 2, Lockhart's. Birds staged 7.30. Six classes, champ. and nov. Yorks, ditto Nor., A.O.V., and Mule or Hybrid pairs. 2s. 6d. special for most points in each class, except A.O.V., also 2s. 6d. special for best pair. Judges, Messrs. C. E. Hall and W. Johnson. Printed syllabus for 1912 will be distributed.—W. A. Wilson.

Laisterdyke B.F.A.—March 6, Railway Hotel, 8. Important.—J. E. Hudson.

Leeds Roller C.C.—March 2, 55, Briggate, 7.30.—H. L. Davis.

Larkhall C.B.A.—March 9, Miners' Hall, 7. Election of office-bearers; balance-sheet.—J. Pollock.

Llanelly C.B.S.—March 2, Greyhound Hotel, 7. Important. Matters connected with late local show. Shall thank members to bring ticket money.—D. John.

Loanhead C.B.S.—March 9, Mason's Arms, 7. Booking hens, election of judges, washing exhibition by Mr. J. Hamilton (Eskbank). Fanciers welcome.—W. B. Smart.

Leicester Hand-in-Hand C.B.S.—March 5th, White Swan, 8.30. Buff unflighted and A.O.V. Can. or Hyb.; ditto novice.—A. Freestone.

Leicester C.B.S.—March 7, Saracen's Head Hotel. Special business re provision of silver cups. Table show: A.V.Nor. Hvly. Variog. or Green—open and novice; A.O.V., open and novice. Fanciers invited.—G. H. Groocock.

Leyton C.B.A.—March 4, Grange Park Hall, 7.30. British bird show. Judge, Mr. J. S. Clarke.—Forse and Son.

Leith O.S.—Mar. 9, Liberal Club, Hope Street, 7. Classification, etc.—G. Brown.

London and Counties A.C.B.—Mar. 2, The Earl Cathcart, Osnaburgh Street, N.W., 7.—R. J. Pretty.

Manchester and Northern C.C.S.—March 4, Deansgate Hotel, 7.45. Table show of Yorks and Nor.; 3 classes for each: Yell., Buffs, and pairs. Judges (Yorks), Mr. E. Dooley; (Nor.) Mr. J. Steel. Entry fee 6d.—H. Boothman.

Manningham C.B.A.—March 2, headquarters, 8, Impromptu meeting; fanciers invited.—H. Grange.

Macclesfield C.B.S.—March 7, Daybrook Street School, 7.45. Important.—F. Broadhurst.

Nelson C.B.S.—March 5, Mr. Fulton's, 68, Railway Street, 7.30. Ordinary business; also lecture on British birds by Mr. J. England. Fanciers and friends specially invited.—J. Gregson.

Northern Border S.F.C.C.—March 4, 65, Grainger Street, 8. Annual general meeting.—J. N. F. Scott.

Newcastle C.B.S.—March 7th, 65, Grainger Street, 8. Rules. Question night. Subs. now due.—J. E. Atkinson.

New Stevenston O.S.—Mar. 7, Masonic Hall, 7.30. Appointing judges, etc. Good meeting expected.—J. Lamb.

New Cross C.B.S.—People's Hall, Tanner's Hill, Deptford. Meeting and British table show; birds to be staged at 7; judge, Mr. Jordan. Please make a large entry.—G. Barton. (No date given.Ed.)

Preston O.S.—Mar. 7, Tokio Cafe, 8. General meeting; prize money paid.—J. P. Leeming.

Pudsey Stanningley C.B.S.—March 4, Fleece Hotel, 7.30. Lecture, "Breeding and Rearing," by Mr. R. Halliday. Friends invited.—H. Raistrick.

Rochdale Good Intent C.B.S.—March 6, Temperance Club, Toad Lane. General. F.F. show. Replies from societies forming amalgamated Y.B. show.—T. Holt.

Radcliffe C.B.S.—March 6, Wareing's Dining Rooms, 8.—W. Pickup.

Reading C.B.S.—March 6, Palmer Hall, 6. Pair show and lecture by Mr. J. Robson.—W. H. Pyke.

Redhill C.B.S.—Mar. 5, Linsey's Hotel, 8. Annual general meeting; selection of officers.—A. W. Bacon.

Stocksbridge C.B.S.—Mar. 2, headquarters, 7.30. Lecture on Norwich Canary, by H. E. Wilkinson.—G. L. Sampson.

Spen Valley C.B.S.—March 4, Commercial Hotel, 8. Election of secretary, etc.—J. Lewis.

Sheffield O.S.—Feb. 5, Rose and Crown Hotel, 8. Lecture on Yorkshire Canary by H. Wilkinson, Esq. Fanciers invited, specially novices.—Bishop and Colton.

Sittingbourne C.B.S.—March 4, headquarters, George Hotel, High Street, 8.30. Pair show and lecture by C. Cornelius, on the "Norwich Plainhead." Fanciers invited.—B. Tidy.

Sale C.B.S.—March 4, Volunteer Hotel, 8. Table show. Judge, Mr. C. C. Blakeshaw (Altrincham).—Royle and Wood.

Sutton-in-Ashfield C.B.S.—March 2, Mason's Arms, 6. Members' table show, 6 classes: 1, Nor. A.V.; 2, Hen; 3, Crest; 4, C.-B.; 5, Brit. Ck.; 6, Hen. Birds staged at 6; also tripe supper at 7 p.m.—R. Nuttall.

Stockton-on-Tees C.B.S.—March 7, Leeds Hotel, 7. Pair show.—J. W. Lowes.

Skelmanthorpe C.B.A.—March 5, Liberal Club, 8. Ordinary.—J. Hird.

Sheriffhill F.F.S.—March 2, St. John's Parish Hall, 6.30. General monthly meeting and table show. Judge, Mr. W. Witherley (Felling-on-Tyne). Important business. Judging to commence at 7.—W. Stockton.

Stoke-on-Trent C.B.A.—March 4, Red Lion Hotel, 8. Fix date of open show, etc. Afterwards gramophone concert by Mr. W. H. Walton.—J. Pitchford.

Smallbridge C.B.S.—Mar. 4, I.O.G.T. Room, Garside Street, 7.30. F.F. show, etc.—W. Lanyon.

Stonehouse C.B. F.H.S.—March 9, Public Hall, 7. Special meeting.—W. Melvin.

Shipley O.S.—March 5, Price of Wales, 8. Annual meeting; election of officers; balance-sheet.—A. Tillotson.

Scottish Crested C.C.—March 9, Nelson's Hotel, Ingram Street, Glasgow, 4.30. A.G.M. Financial statement; distribution of medals and discussion on club drinkers, etc.—J. Young.

S. Shields C.B.S.—March 2, Cypress Hotel, Chichester Road. Table show of pairs for breeding; seed-eating birds; and soft-billed, at 7.30. Judge, Mr. W. L. Smith. Note change of meeting room.—W. L. Smith.

Tong C.B.S.—Annual meeting, March 5, Hand and and Shuttle Inn, 7.30. Report and balance sheet; election of officers, etc. Names for supper to be held March 12. 1/3 per head.—W. Walker.

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Oct. 10 & 11.—**Norwich Alliance.**—(R. Roll, 62, Ashley St.). W.E.G., J.R., W.V.

Oct. 12 & 12.—**Derby.**—(Wharam and Bamsey, 18, Colyear St.)

Oct. 12.—**Leeds** (W. A. Wilson, 75, Bayswater Mount, Roundhay.). J.H.R. and W.M.

Oct. 12.—**Morpeth.**—(E. Cowling, Market Place.) H.W.B., A.B.

Oct. 15 and 16.—**Western Counties O.S.**—(T. Pope, 93, Embankment Rd., Plymouth.). J.R., T.H.

Oct. 23 & 24.—**London and P.O.S.**—(C. W. Law, Brimley House, Woodhouse Rd., N. Finchley, N.).

Oct. 25 & 26.—**Manchester and N.C.O.S.**—Belle Vue. —(H. Boothman, 10, Parker St., Levenshulme.)

Oct. 25 & 26.—**S. Shields.**—(W. L. Smith, 3, Queen Street.).

Oct. 30.—**Torbay O.S. (Paignton).**—J. N. and J. Jeffery, "Sartor House," Winner Street, Paignton.) J.H.P.

Oct. 30 & 31.—**Cheltenham.**—(A. S. Treasure, Idahoe, Oakland Ave.) W.G., H.W.G., J.F.

Nov. 1 & 2.—**Sheffield O.S.**—T. Bishop, 60, Alexandra Road.). W.M., C.H., W.V.

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Nov. 7 & 8.—**Leyton.**—(Forse and Son, 31, Thornhill Rd.) J.R., J.F.

Nov. 8 & 9.—**Old Shildon.**—(J. H. Elwell, 35, Church Street, Shildon).

Nov. 8 & 9.—**West Stanley** (W. Elliott, 15, Fairford Terr.)

Nov. 9.—**Warrington.**—(G. M. Nelson, 466, Knutsford Rd.).

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Nov. 15 & 16.—**Hull.**—(E. R. Ridley, 19, Lambton Street.) J.R., H.W.B.

Nov. 19 & 20.—**Wimbledon.**—(H. Smith, 115, Merton Rd.) H.N., R.H., J.R.

Nov. 22 & 23.—**Haltwhistle.**—(Nicholson and Tallantyre, Westgate.) J.D., A.H.

Nov. 30.—**Coventry Godiva.**—(R. Symonds, 29, Melbourne Rd., Earlsdon.) H.W.B.

Dec. 6, 7, & 9.—**Bradford National.**—(H. Hill, 15, Settle Terr., Thornton Lane.)

Dec. 7.—**Rotherham.**—(B. Bailey, 47, Craven Street, Parkgate, nr. Rotherham.) J.C.B.

Dec. 11.—**Luton.**—(E. Bloomfield, 22, Hitchin Rd.) J.R., J.F.

Dec. 14.—**Sheffield C.B.S.**—(A. Hobson, 66, Langsett Avenue) J.R., H.W.B.

Dec. 14.—**Yarm, Eaglescliffe.**—(T. W. Wilson, High st.)

Dec. 26.—**Anfield, Everton.**—(R. B. Wright, 9, Canon Rd., Liverpool.)

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Oct. 5.—**Broughty Ferry.**—(R. Whitton, 2, Churchill Place).

Oct. 12.—**Lochgelly and Dis. C.B.S.**—(W. Whiteford, 81, Hall St.)

Oct. 19.—**Kelty and Blairadam.**—(A. Dickson, 37, Adams Terrace.)

Nov. 9.—**Forfar.**—(D. Kerr, 15, Green St.)

Nov. 9.—**Hamilton Cadzow Oak.**—(G. Marlin, 21, Glebe Street).

Nov. 16.—**Cowdenbeath.**—(J. R. Reid, 7, Woodland Place.)

Nov. 30.—**City of Dundee.**—(A. Miller, 3, Park Ave.)

Dec. 14.—**Broxburn.**—(W. M'Laren, Church Street).

Dec. 31 & Jan. 1, 1913.—**Scottish National.**—(A. W. Watson, 58, Colinton Road, Edinburgh.)

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Jan. 1 & 2.—**Edinburgh Open.**—(J. R. Meikle, 51, Lothian Rd.)

Wales.

Nov. 13 & 14.—**Swansea.**—(S. H. George, 32, Fisher Street). J.R., J.F.D.

Nov. 28.—**Pentrebach.**—(A. E. Brown, 66, Clare St., Merthyr Tydfil.)

Ireland.

Nov. 7 & 8.—**Banbridge.**—(A. McCagherty, Banbridge).

Nov. 28 & 29.—**South County Dublin (Kingstown).**—(D. Smyth, 21, Eden Terr., Kingstown.)

Dec. 6 & 7.—**Ulster O.A. (Belfast).**—(R. Trimble, 11, Waring St., Belfast.) J.F.D., W.V.

Dec. 12 & 13.—**Larne.**—(T. Mayne, 35, Barnhill.)

Torbay O.S.—March 6, Small Public Hall, Paignton, 6.30. Pair show; committee meeting; election of members and draw up classes for show, etc.—J. N. and J. Jeffery.

Vale of Leven C.B.C.—March 7, Village School Room, Alexandria, 8. Muling and Hybrid pair show; also lecture by Mr. T. Smith (Glasgow) on "Hybrid Breeding."—A. H. McLean.

West London F.A.—March 7, Hampshire House Club, 8. Pair show, Mr. J. Robson.—J. Dewhurst.

West of Scotland O.S.—March 2, Nelson's Temperance Hotel, 7.30. Usual monthly meeting. Nomination of judges for annual show. New members now being enrolled.—W. Hutchison.

Wallasey C.B.S.—March 7, Kirkhaven Inst., 8. Awarding season's specials and discussion on pairing, opened by Mr. W. Young.—T. G. Woodman.

Wibsey C.B.S.—March 2, Horse and Groom Inn, 5. Annual tea and presentation of prizes; fanciers and friends invited. Tickets 1s. each.—H. C. Crossley.

Walkden C.B.S.—March 5, Bull's Head Hotel, 7.30. Important. Show March 2, judge, Mr. Clowe (Eccles).—H. Howard.

Windhill, Shipley O.S.—March 2, Blue Bell Hotel, 8. Judges for members' shows, etc.—Taylor and Gunn.

Walkley C.B.S.—March 14, St. Philip's Mission Hall, Westmorland Street, 8. Lecture: "Breeding, Staging and General Management." Please note above date.—A. Lawton.

Wandsworth F.S.—March 14, Red Lion, York Road, 8. Lecture by Mr. C. A. House. Subject, "Inbreeding." Fanciers welcomed.—W. Lightfoot.

Wombwell B.F.A.—March 9, Park Street, 7. Consideration of cup, etc.—T. Eames.

Windsor C.B.A.—March 7, headquarters, 6.30. General meeting and show of matched pairs for breeding.—E. A. Stickland.

Walsall C.B.S.—Mar. 6, White Hart Hotel, Caldmore, 8. Balance-sheet of show. Roller contest.—F. Price.

Wimbledon C.B.S.—Mar. 4, 6, The Broadway, 7.45. Annual general meeting, report and balance-sheet, election of officers, etc.—H. Smith.

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The attention of Show Secretaries is directed to the following list of gentlemen willing to act as Judges. Terms for insertion on application.

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The Wood Green and Dis. F. and F.S. 1911 balance sheet shows a balance in the treasurer's hands of £8 15s. 7d., which is £4 12s. 11d. better than the amount brought forward from the previous accounts. Mr. T. Callegari, the hon. financial sec., and his fellow officials are to be congratulated upon this excellent result.

We have been notified of the following corrections to show reports:—Guisborough, 2nd prize in clear yellow Yorks, Mr. W. Rand (not Rood); Treorchy, 1 and 2, A.O.S. Brit., Mr. D. Ray with a Waxwing and a Hawfinch (not Messrs. Watkins and Weekes); Crystal Palace, 3rd in Cinn.-mkd. yellow Yorks cock, Mr. C. Morrison (not Hawes); 1st prize in unevenmkd. buff hen Yorks, Mr. F. Townsend (not Mr. Towers); in the unflighted class, 1st and hc, Mr. F. Townsend (not hc, Robertshaw); novice Borders, vhc and spl, Mr. A. Blair (not Stevens Blairs); hc in the unflig. Yorks hen, Mr. F. Townsend (not Mr. Robertshaw); and 1st in the novice Norwich ticked, etc., buff class, Mr. C. E. Bown (not Brown); Milford Haven, spl for best in show, Mr. W. Gibbon (not 2nd best).

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All matter intended for publication must be written or typed on one side of paper only.

Twitterings.

Grantham C.B.S.'s next open show is fixed for Oct. 24, writes Mr. W. Ratcliff, the vice-chairman.

I have been a reader of Cage Birds since its start, and there is no other bird paper its equal.—K. Maclean (Forres).

Ten classes are being provided for cage birds at the members' show of the Tunbridge Wells F.A. on March 6 at the Friendly Societies' Hall.

I have again taken over the secretaryship of the Macclesfield and Dis. C.B.S., writes Mr. F. Broadhurst, of 59, James-street, Macclesfield.

Will secretaries kindly note that business arrangements prevent Mr. G. E. Weston accepting judging engagements during the 1912-1913 show season?

We are informed that Mr. F. Collins (Camborne) has been elected to judge the cage bird section of the Truro F. and F.S. Show to be held on March 8.

Messrs. J. F. Dewar (Edinburgh) and W. Vardy (Huthwaite) will judge our coming show in December, writes Mr. Robt. Trimble, sec. of the Ulster O.A.

Cage Birds Annual is greatly appreciated by our members; in fact, I think it is the best you have issued.—W. B. Smart, sec., Loanhead and Dis. C.B.A.

I found your Cage Birds Annual very useful and full of information to beginners in Canary breeding, writes Mr. Joseph Elliott, hon. sec. of the Cambois and Dis. C.B.S.

Mr. E. Thomas, 48, Craddock Street, Cardiff, "the Norwich specialist," has been appointed secretary and show manager of the Cardiff Cage Bird Club for this year, writes Mr. W. Snooks (Cardiff).

The 1911 balance sheet of the Yorkshire C.B.S. of Ireland shows cash in hand and at bank £10 6s. 5d., which reflects credit on the secretary (Mr. C. Holley) and his fellow-officials.

The date of our next show has been fixed for Nov. 28, writes Mr. A. E. Brown, hon. sec. of the Pentrebach and Dis. F.S. Will secretaries of other societies kindly make a note of this to prevent clashing?

The 1911 balance sheet of the Manchester and Northern Counties O.S. discloses a healthy state of affairs, the balance in hand having been increased during the year by £5 10s. 1d., the amount being now £18 7s. 2d.

We have secured the services of Messrs. J. Dixon (Wigton) and A. Holden (Gateshead) to judge our annual open show on Nov. 22 and 23, write Messrs. Nicholson and Tallantyne, hon. secs., Haltwhistle C.B.S.

Will members of the Cinnamon Marked Yorkshire C.C. who have not paid their subscriptions kindly forward same to us as early as possible? write Messrs. Grayshon and Allen, secs., Wormald Street, Flush, Heckmondwike.

Owing to pressure of business, Mr. A. W. Watson has, we hear, resigned the secretaryship of the Scottish National C.B.S. Mr. J. R. Meikle has been appointed in his place, and his address is 51, Lothian Road, Edinburgh.

Cage Birds Annual is a most excellent book, and all interested in birds should get it. It should certainly be found in all bird fanciers' rooms, and is of great value to starters, write Messrs. A. E. Jeffries and Husband (Hartforth).

We have fixed our annual show for Dec. 14, writes Mr. T. F. Wilson, sec. of the Yarm, Eaglescliffe C.B.S. All our members are keen fanciers, and are determined that their annual show will in time rank with the best in the North.

At our open show on Oct. 30 and 31 Mr. W. Greeves will judge the Crests, Mr. H. W. Battye the Norwich, Yorks, and Borders, and Mr. J. Frostick the British, Hybrids, and Foreign, writes Mr. A. S. Treasure, sec. of the Cheltenham C.B.S.

The third annual open show of the Brighton and Hove C.B.A. will be held on Nov. 14 and 15, with Messrs. C. A. House and J. Robson as judges, writes Mr. Will H. Gibb, hon. sec. Will secretaries of societies kindly note these dates and avoid clashing?

Will members of the Annfield Plain and Dis. F. and F.C.B.S. kindly remember, writes Mr. J. W. Christon, the sec., that the supper is to be held on March 2, at seven o'clock prompt, at the headquarters. The annual meeting is on March 16.

The balance-sheet and report for the past year of the North London C.B.A. disclose a very prosperous state of affairs, which reflects considerable praise on the sec. (Mr. R. P. Harper) and his fellow-officials. The balance is £10 6s. 5d., which is better by £1 3s. 10d. than the amount brought forward into the 1911 accounts.

Two New Competitions for Our Readers.

One Guinea for an Essay.

WE want our readers to send us helpful and timely hints upon any matters connected with bird keeping—either on the selection of birds, mating or breeding procedure, feeding or general management, fitting cages or aviaries, etc. We will give four half-crown prizes (either cash or books to this value which are published by us) every week to the senders of the four best hints received.

Our only rules are:—(1) That all hints sent in must be written on postcards only and bear the sender's name and address; (2) that the Editor's decision must be accepted as final. We shall divide the four prizes evenly, so far as is possible, amongst hints dealing with Canaries, Hybrids, British, and Foreign birds—two and sixpence to each section; and we reserve the right to publish any hint received, although the same may not be adjudged a prize winner. No drawings (illustrations) must accompany these hints. All postcards for the current week's competition must reach us not later than first post on a Monday; those for next week on March 4.

Think out your "Hint" at once, and post it to reach us on Monday morning. Every reader must know of some little "tip" which would be helpful to a fellow fancier. And it may secure one of our half-crowns.

Half-Crowns for "Timely Hints."

One Guinea for an Essay on the Rearing of Canaries or Other Birds Without the Use of Egg Food.

The subject of the rearing of young birds without the use of egg, either in a fresh or preserved form, is one of great interest, and we are desirous of obtaining the experiences of readers who have tried to rear young birds by giving the parent birds home-made food (i.e., not a preparation now being sold on the market) which contains no egg.

We offer a prize of one guinea (either cash, or books to value) for the best essay on this topic received on or before Monday, March 18 next. It need not necessarily be a lengthy essay so long as it is to the point and gives full details of whatever foods were used, how they were prepared, and the result; also details of the birds and the conditions under which they were kept. Particulars of failures will be eligible equally with particulars of successes.

Our rules are:—(1) That only one side of each sheet of paper used must be written on; (2) that the Editor's decision must be accepted as final; (3) that all essays must reach us on or before March 18; (4) we reserve the right to publish extracts from any article sent in. Competitors should clearly write their names and addresses on the back of their essays.

The 1911 balance sheet of the Liverpool O.S. shows cash in hand of £1 18s. In view of the fact that the annual exhibition resulted in a loss to the society of £6 7s. 11d., this reflects credit on the able secretaries (Messrs. Metcalfe and Hillmen) and their fellow-officials.

An effectively illustrated price list of the Canaries, British and foreign birds, birdroom requisties, etc., supplied by him has been issued by Mr. H. Lewis, of the Zoo, Wellington Road, Handsworth, Birmingham, from whom a copy may be had on receipt of postage.

Will members of the Yorkshire C.B.S. of Ireland please note that the society's closed rings are now ready, and may be obtained from the hon. sec. at 66, Fitzroy Avenue, Dublin. Early application should be made to avoid disappointment.—C. Holley, hon. sec.

The Hanley and Dist. C.B.S. have changed their headquarters to the George and Dragon Hotel, New Street, writes Mr. W. G. Llewellyn, the sec. The next meeting will be held there on March 6, at eight o'clock prompt. Rally round, members, and let us have a good meeting.

The Stockton-on-Tees and District C.B.S. open show has been fixed for Nov. 23, when Mr. J. Robson will judge Canaries and Mr. J. Maddison (Newcastle) British and foreign birds, writes Mr. J. W. Lowes, hon. sec. The annual pair show will be held on March 7 at Leeds Hotel.

The Hebden Bridge and Calder Valley O.S. are having a lecture on March 7 at the White Horse Hotel, Hebden Bridge, writes Mr. A. Pickles, the hon. sec. The lecturer is Mr. H. J. Chittenden, of Bradford, and his subject "Pairing, Breeding, and Rearing." Fanciers and friends will be heartily welcomed.

The attention of young fanciers around Loanhead is drawn to the fact that a hand-washing exhibition is to be given by Mr. J. Hamilton (Eskbank), writes Mr. W. B. Smart, sec. Loanhead and Dist. C.B.A. Judging by the birds staged by Mr. Hamilton, I am certain it will be very interesting to both old and young fanciers.

The Cheltenham C.B.S. have arranged an attractive syllabus for 1912, including lectures by Mr. J. Houghton (on Norwich), Mr. G. Stevens (on Hybrid-breeding and British birds), Mr. G. Gwilliam (on Border Fancies), Mr. J. Edmunds (on Foreign birds), and a discussion on green foods. We learn from the hon. sec. (Mr. A. S. Treasure) that the membership now numbers over sixty.

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An error occurred in the "Illustrated Idea" No. 568; the measurement given as 8½ inches should have been 18½ inches, writes Mr. E. Humphries (Tunbridge Wells).

Will members and all interested in the Leicester C.B.S. please note, writes Mr. G. H. Groocock, hon. sec., that the next meeting on March 7 will be a special one to discuss, among other things, the provision of silver cups for competition among members?

The 1911 balance sheet of the Glasgow West End C.B.C. shows the admirable balance in hands of £13 0s. 8d., much of the credit for which is due to Mr. W. Proudfoot, the sec., and his fellow-officials. The club is to be congratulated on the result.

The London and Provincial O.S. book of rules, etc., for 1912, has been issued. It is even more neatly got up than ever. The programme for the year is an exceedingly attractive one, including lectures by Messrs. C. A. House, E. Kay Robinson, Otto Puck, W. T. Page, and J. W. Ramsden. Those wishing to join should write for particulars to Mr. C. W. Law, the popular hon. secretary, Brimley House, Woodhouse Road, North Finchley, N.

We are able now to announce definitely that the Full Results in our recent Literary Competition will be received for in time publication next week.

The Sheffield O.S. are to have a lecture on March 5 at headquarters, the Rose and Crown Hotel, Waingate, at eight o'clock, on the Yorkshire Canary, by that well-known fancier and exhibitor, Mr. H. E. Wilkinson (of Messrs. Wilkinson and Elliott), writes Mr. T. Bishop, the sec. The lecture will be all the more interesting by the fact of its being the last time Mr. Wilkinson will be amongst us prior to his sailing for Australia on March 28. Fanciers and friends are invited, and members are asked to be present.

The principal article in the February issue of the "Avicultural Magazine" is "Some Notes on the Secretary Bird," by Major Horsbrugh and Mr. W. H. St. Quintin. Other articles comprise: "The Storm Petrel in Captivity," by Mr. C. B. Ticehurst, M.A., etc.; "Pet Owls," by Mrs. K. Curry; "Breeding of the Indian Zosterops," by Mr. Wesley T. Page, F.Z.S.; "The Mexican Ground Thrush," by Mr. H. D. Astley, M.A., etc., and some notes by Mr. Goodchild on the British and foreign birds of the Scottish National, with illustrations of the Melba Finch and the White-eyebrowed Wood Swallow.

A Ringed Hedge Sparrow.

A Hedge Sparrow with a marked ring attached to its leg was killed at Cairnfould, Durris, on Jan. 22. The ring was: "Aberdeen University, 7888." It had been ringed at Monearn, Crathes, in the spring of 1911.

Father and Son.

I sent my Muling Greenfinch to the Palace Show, and, not being an old hand at showing, I was delighted to get vhe, writes Mr. W. Aitken (Bangor). His son was there also, but was not so fortunate, as he did not get a card, though being a grand young bird. He will do better another year.

Special No. 4 at Launceston Show.

Just as we go to press we receive a letter from the hon. sec. of Launceston Show, Mr. N. H. Reed, from which we extract the following:—"Mr. Bonndy was answered and told in plain English that when he wrote in a proper manner, and not in the way he had done, he would get a reply. Afterwards he wrote more politely, and was told Messrs. G. Rosser and Son (Brixham) had won the special in question. If Mr. Bonndy would like to see the judge's slip, I will forward it to him.'

MORE WONDERFUL RESULTS.

I have had many replies to my advert. in "CAGE BIRDS." I have not time to answer them all. Long live "CAGE BIRDS."—T. Sharp (Uphall).

I had an advt. in "CAGE BIRDS" of February 24th about a Linnet Mule, and I had no less than 14 offers about him.—T. Meadley (Hartlepool).

I have almost sold my surplus stock out, thanks to your valuable paper "CAGE BIRDS." I will recommend it to all my friends.—J. Neal (Weaste).

I have received a host of offers for my Goldie-Bullie Hybrid, and it is quite impossible to answer all. Please thank all those who wrote.—P. H. Harris (Balham).

I have had a good sale for my Borders through my advt. in "CAGE BIRDS," and only have three to part with now, which speaks well for your paper.—F. Moore (Clapham).

I have sold a large number of Crests and Crest-breds (about 70) through a few small advertisements in your valuable paper "CAGE BIRDS" this year and have now only a few left.—A. Lister (Gateshead).

Please cancel my advt. under Yorkshires, as I have sold all the birds I have to spare and cannot answer all postcards and letters, as they are pouring in by every post. Thanks to good old "CAGE BIRDS" I have sold about 60 birds all through the small advt. I wish "CAGE BIRDS" every success.—T. Barfe (Pateley Bridge).

I am pleased to say I am making leaps and bounds in my orders by advertising in "CAGE BIRDS"; also pleased to see that it is not only read in the British Isles, for I have received an order from Johannesburg, S. Africa. I wish "CAGE BIRDS" every success.—E. J. Clark (Thornton Heath).

We have elected Messrs. J. H. Roe (Birmingham) and W. Mundell (Bradford) to judge at our open show on Oct. 12, and we are negotiating for one of the finest halls in the city, writes Mr. W. A. Wilson, sec., Leeds C.B.S.

Lurgan's Show.

The Lurgan C.B.S. have changed the date of their show from Dec. 13 and 14 to Nov. 22 and 23, seeing it clashed with other show dates, writes Mr. S. W. Collum, the sec.

Scottish British Bird and M.C.

Just as we go to press Mr. Allan, the sec. of the Scottish British Bird and Mule Club, telegraphs: "S.B.B.M.C. error in balance; meeting dated for fifth March should be second."

A Real Manx Canary Promised.

I hear, writes Mr. P. McClusky, that an Isle of Man breeder is trying to establish the tail-less Canary (Manx). He has bred a few "stumpys," I understand. They ought to be useful for Norwich crossing! Anyhow, he is going to give us something to stop and gape at next show season—a real Manx Canary!

Rollers at the Palace Show.

With reference to the correspondence under the above heading on page 228 this week, we have received a request from Mr. Andrew M. Firth to withdraw his letter from publication, but unfortunately that particular portion of Cage Birds containing the said letter had been printed off before his second communication reached us.

Bird Watching Stations.

Mr. A. Landsborough Thomson, M.A., M.B.O.U., lecturing at a meeting of the Aberdeen Working Men's Natural History and Scientific Society, gave a brief account of the work being done at the bird watching stations, one being in Heligoland and the other on the coast east of the Baltic Sea. Some interesting facts were noted of the migration of birds. A Woodcock that had been marked at Stonehaven was found in the north of Spain, and a Starling marked in Aberdeen was found in Norway. Another case he mentioned was of a Thrush which was marked at Skene, being found at Portugal.

The Railwaymen's Blackbird.

Kirkby Stephen can lay claim to a Blackbird with a white head, while the rest of its plumage is of a uniform deep black. For three years at least the songster has found congenial haunts near the south end of the town, with a special partiality for the N.E.R. station premises and the entrance to the Victoria Park. It is no uncommon sight, in the quiet intervals between trains, for the bird to be hopping about the passenger platforms or picking up food from the line below. The railwaymen show the utmost friendliness towards it, and have come to regard it as a creature of their own, and therefore demanding their protection and support.

A Strange Night-light!

The following little story has blown down South. We are told it is true, but cannot vouch for its accuracy:—A certain merry Mac (whom we will call Mac No. 1) received an invitation to spend the evening at the house of a birdy friend and talk over the happenings of the late show season. The evening was very dark, and the house of his friend, Mac No. 2, was some distance out of the village; so in order to aid him on the return journey Mac No. 1 provided himself with a stable lantern. Mac No. 2 was a very hospitable host, and with the aid of a bottle of the "real stuff" the two spent a "braw nicht." In due course Mac No. 1 picked up what he imagined was his stable lantern, and wended his way as straight as his legs would carry him towards home. Early next morning he was awakened by loud knocking at the front door. He found a messenger from Mac No. 2 bearing the following note: "I am sending back your stable lantern. Please hand the bearer our Parrot and cage, which you took to light you on your way home last night!"

Sixteen Goldfinch-Bullfinch Hybrids in One Season!

By
E. RAPSEY
(Truro).

The "Ups and Downs" of a Cornish enthusiast, which make instructive reading. His luck with two home-bred hen Bullfinches was rather remarkable.

I HAVE been keeping British Goldfinches, Bullfinches, and Linnets, and other kinds of British birds from the time I was a boy of eight years of age up to the present; and I would like to give an account of my experience in trying to get light mules and hybrids. First I tried for six years to get some light mules. I got one light mule, one lightly marked, and one what we call four-pointed bird.

To get hens for muling, I procured a buff Yorkshire cock and two Norwich hens, yellow. The first year I got eight hens from them. The next year I paired two of the hens with their father, and tried two with a cock Goldfinch, two with a Brown Linnet, and two with a Greenfinch. I had a good many mules from them; but they were nothing more than what we in Truro call grey mules that I got from the Goldfinch and Canaries. I got two brown Linnet mules, which I reared and sold, and from the Greenie and Canary I had two nests of young, but I had bad luck with these.

The next season I had good luck from the young hens which I bred from the father and his daughters. I tried these young hens with a cock Goldfinch, which I had had for six years. From the first round with one yellow hen I had one nest of four mules; one was a clear bird, one lightly marked, one an even marked (on each wing and over each eye) and the other a very heavily marked one. But I had bad luck with these. First the lightly marked bird died when four weeks old. A friend called to see them, and I hung them outside of my birds' house in a cage so that he could see them; we went away to see my pigeons and forgot about the three mules outside, and when I went to take them in I found that two of the best had been killed by a cat.

Breeding One's Own Bullfinches.

I will tell you how I used to feed the birds which I intended breeding for mules. I gave a mixture of 1 gallon of hemp, 1 gallon of Spanish canary, ½-pint of rape, ½-pint of teazle, and ¼-pint of maw. A little thistle frequently. For soft-food, 1 yolk of egg, with about 3ozs. of Osborne biscuit and plenty of green stuff, etc., such as watercress, dandelion leaves, groundsel, and plaintain heads.

Now for my experience on getting hybrids from Goldfinch and Bullfinch. First, I will let you know how I got my hen Bullfinches. I had a pair of Bullfinches for call birds in the season of 1907, and in the breeding season of 1908 I turned them into my bird-room to fly about. In the course of a few weeks I lost the hen for a day or two, and when I found her she was in a nest sitting on two eggs; and when I looked a few days later there were five eggs; and within sixteen days there were five young birds! They went on all right, and the hen laid another clutch of five eggs, but she died on them. The five young ones turned out to be four hens and one cock.

In August of the same year I turned the four hens into a flight cage with some Goldfinches and Linnets, and in 1909 I tried to get some Hybrids, but I failed. I only got two eggs from one hen, and they were no good. This past season, however, I tried the same birds again, and got the hens to lay; they laid thirty eggs between them, and I hatched sixteen young Goldfinch-Bullfinch hybrids for them with which I had bad luck in the rearing. I reared five until they were about seven weeks old, when some of the children set a fire going under my birds' house, and the smoke killed twenty of my birds, including the hybrids!

Another pair I tried was a cock Siskin and a hen Goldfinch. I had four eggs from them, which were hatched by the parents. They were in a breeding cage 2ft. by 9ins. wide and 16ins. high, but they were killed by the smoke just referred to.

The next pair was a Brown Linnet, and a hen Goldfinch, but I had no eggs from them.

I also tried a cock Goldfinch and a hen Greenfinch. I had one young one from them, and he died in the smoke with the rest. Next I tried a cock Greenie and a hen Bullie, from which I had seven eggs, and from these I hatched four young.

I also had four pairs of Goldfinihes in my bird-room flying about. I got a small box-tree, and placed it in the centre of the room. I also put some small branches of fir trees round the room for the Finches to build in. One pair constructed a nest, and laid five eggs, hatching out five young ones, which I have now—three cocks and two hens. These I am keeping for hybrid breeding.

The Practical Side.

I will now tell my reader what sort of cages I have in which to breed my birds. My cages were double-breeding cages. The size of each compartment was 18ins. long by 14ins. high by 1ft. deep. All my birds were in the same sized cages. I put sawdust on the bottoms of the cages; I also gave some moss and horse hair, and some wool and small pieces of sticks, with some roots of weeds, dry grass and feathers. For nests I gave them cocoa-nuts cut in half; a hole was cut out in the bottom of the shell, and under the nest I put a small box filled with moss. I used to fix it with a wire to the shell. The box was put under the nest in order to catch the eggs from the hens, so as to keep the cocks from putting their beaks into the eggs.

When the hens had laid their eggs I used to take them away and put them under a hen Canary, which I had kept specially to rear my hybrids. But the hen Canaries were a bad lot of mothers; and if it had not been for the fire referred to above, I should have had over twenty or more hybrids this past season.

Now I will tell how I fed the birds I set apart for, hybrid breeding. I mixed 1 gallon of hemp, 1 gallon of Spanish canary, one pint of teazle, one pint of German rape, ½-pint of linseed, 2ozs. of inga, and 2ozs. of gold of pleasure. Also I gave all the kinds of wild seeds that I could gather for them, viz., charlock, chickweed, groundsel, shepherd's purse, dock, plantain, thistle heads, common nettle, poppies, dandelion (heads and leaves), and hard-heads.

With regard to their egg-food, I used 2 yolks of hard-boiled eggs and 4ozs. of Osborne biscuits, with a little castor sugar. This I gave twice a day from the beginning of March up to the time they had finished breeding. I found that the birds would eat the egg-food with a little sugar better than without it. I used to give my birds clean water every day to bathe in, and to drink. I have over 40 birds at present for muling and hybrid breeding with next season if all goes well.

The Most Interesting Foreign Birds.

By
J. YEALLAND
(Havens-treet, Isle-of-Wight.)

The writer "plumps" for the Australian Finches, and in view of the recent arrival of a large consignment his practical hints on their acclimatisation and management will be found most useful.

OF all foreign birds, the most interesting, I think, are to be found amongst the Australian Finches. For beauty and hardiness (when once acclimatised) they cannot, I am sure, be beaten.

Australian Finches arrive in this country from time to time. Large consignments have been imported in the past by Messrs. Payne and Wallace, of Bath, and lately by Mr. Wallace only. Unfortunately these consignments arrive when we are experiencing bad weather and cold winds; if they arrived in May or June the losses would be comparatively few.

The Treatment of a Fresh Consignment.

Two years ago a consignment arrived, and I was sent to London to purchase some of these beautiful Finches. I brought back about seventy, comprising Gouldians, Bichenos, Masked Grass, Long-tailed, Crimson, and Painted Finches. These were all caged off in pairs immediately I got home, and a lamp was kept burning for three hours to enable the birds to feed and drink. This room was fitted up with a radiator, and I endeavoured to keep the temperature at 65 to 70 degrees. I gave the birds no sand or bird grit. I fed them on canary, white and spray millet, and a liberal supply of maw seed. About ten of them looked a little sickly. These I separated, and gave them a dose of Dinneford's Magnesia—one part magnesia to two parts water—the next day giving Parrish's Chemical Food (well colouring their drinking water with same). Great care must be taken in giving the latter, as I have known of cases where birds will die of thirst rather than drink it; they fill the beak and throw it out again. You can easily see if they decline it, by looking at the cage; it will be splashed round the drinker, and you will only have to wait a minute to see the bird fill its beak and throw it out again.

The birds were kept caged till the middle of May, the temperature of the room being reduced as the weather became warmer. Then they were turned out in a warm and sheltered aviary. My losses were three only, which I put down to—keeping the room as much as possible at an even temperature, the absence of sand or grit, and the plentiful supply of maw seed.

Now as to the aviary life of these birds. Should anyone be thinking of going in for foreigners, I should advise him to have an aviary in preference to a cage; I mean an outdoor aviary. The cost of a small aviary is very little, especially if you are a rough carpenter.

The Construction of an Aviary.

I will give you a description of a suitable aviary for six pairs of Finches, and something that will be an ornament, and not an eyesore, in a back garden. First pick a sheltered and sunny spot, and put up an aviary as near as possible 16ft. by 10ft., as space allows. Put a course of bricks for the footings, and build your aviary in sections. If you have a high wall as a background, so much the better. Make your framework of 3inch by 2inch quartering; then matchboard it up from the bottom 2ft. 6in. Make the entrance at one end, not in the middle of a section, as the birds will fly the opposite end of the aviary as you enter, and there is less likelihood of a bird escaping. Cover the whole with ½-inch mesh wire netting.

Now for a shelter, you can put one up at the end that gets most sun. Face it, if possible, due south; the birds are then sheltered from cold east winds and S.W. gales. You can make your shelter to suit the aviary, which can be made of slate batten and box-wood from the grocers. Then cover it with felt to make it snug and warm, with a window to open and shut. Plant two shrubs in suitable places in the aviary, and put up a few twig perches. Care, however, must be taken not to put them too near the wire netting, or cats will worry the birds at night.

The Mice Nuisance.

Another nuisance is mice; these will be sure to get in your aviary, and they eat more seed than do the birds, and look well on it; you never see mice in better condition than when fed on canary seed. If you should see a mouse hole, get a can of hot water and pour in the hole, they will soon come up; or better still, get the garden hose and fill up the holes, and when they appear on the surface you can easily kill them with a stick. But if you make a tray for your seed, and stand it on one leg, which has been made very smooth (glass papered or covered with tin); it is then too slippery for the mice to climb. Place this tray in the shelter, or so that the seed cannot get wet with the rain; put in a drinking vessel; one of the best is a large shallow flower-pot saucer, or a photographer's developing dish. Do not fill it too full, or the birds may drown themselves.

The First to Go Into the Aviary.

Next fit up the nest baskets. The best I have seen are those that have two wires at the top. Drive in two wire staples about half-way, and pass the wires through; then by pressing the wires together it can easily be taken down for inspection. While nesting operations are going on, hang

NEW-COMERS TO THE FIFESHIRE FANCY.

Mr. B. Rice, of Dunfermline, and his little son. In the West of Scotland, before his recent removal to Fife, Mr. Rice was well known, and he has won many honours with his Norwich Plainheads. He is also a lover of British birds and Border Fancies, and is a member of the Cowdenbeath C.B.S.

these baskets fairly high up, but not too near the roof, for the reason, as I said before, that cats will worry the birds; throw in some dry grass and feathers, also cow hair.

Choose a fine day for turning out your first pair. Say you have pairs each of Gouldians, Bichenos, Long-tailed Grass Finches, Rufous-tails, Masked Grass Finches, and Zebras. Try your Zebras first, and turn out a pair a day. The advantage of this is that you can watch a pair or so, but when it comes to watching a dozen, you cannot do it from the outside. Another thing, aviary life and cage life are two different things. When first you turn out a bird it seems overjoyed.

In turning out birds, the following advice will be found useful: Take them in a travelling or show cage and open the door; put the cage on the ground, get outside and shut the aviary door, and let them come out of the cage by their own free will. They come out more carefully thus; when driven out they go with a bang against the netting, and often stun themselves.

Signs of Nesting.

After turning out all your birds, the exciting time commences. You look day after day for signs of nesting. But don't interfere with them too much. Once a day is plenty to have a look round the nest baskets. Should any pair start nesting operations, watch the hen for egg binding. With cuttlefish-bone or plenty of old mortar at hand, your birds should not be troubled much with this complaint. Place it about in your aviary. Should you have a hen egg-bound (which is easily noticeable) take her indoors and put her in a show-cage in the warm. If she is unable to pass the egg, get a jug of boiling water, place a piece of muslin over the top of the jug; with a feather put a drop of warm salad or sweet oil on the vent, and hold her over the jug, letting her have all the benefit of the steam. Gradually try and work the egg, with the finger and thumb, towards the vent; this requires care, so as not to break the egg; it is, too, a tedious business, but persevere, and you will save your bird and egg as well. When she has passed the egg, put her back in the cage for an hour or so, and feed her, for she may have been hours without food, and naturally very exhausted. After she has picked up, turn her out again, and put the egg in her nest. But keep an eye on her till she has laid her clutch. I have saved several hens in this way.

Should you be troubled with rain at the time the young birds fly, I have found it best to cage the old and young together, but this must not be done till the young are ready to fly, or the old birds will forsake them. Do not put the nest in the cage. The young will keep worrying their parents for food, and they will feed them. You can keep them caged till the young can pick up; then turn out the parents again. It is advisable to keep the old and young separate, or ring the young when they are about ten days old, so that they may be distinguished at any time from the old birds.

HOW TO FIT UP AND MANAGE A BIRD-ROOM

By F. S. MORTON (Bolton.)

This article has been awarded the prize in Section Six of our Essay Competition. It shows how a room may be fitted up at small expense, yet in a practical and adequate manner, for the keeping and breeding of birds.

AS an amateur fancier of ten years' standing, I am making a bold venture on a literary course to describe, to the best of my ability, the principal methods adopted by myself during that period in the fitting up and management in general of a bird room.

To fit up a bird room is one thing, to manage it is another; and if it is not fitted with some degree of neatness, and a system adopted, the management will become more of a toil than a pleasure, if you keep any great number of birds. Being a working man and possessing a limited purse, I have also taken into consideration every detail whereby I could save a little in the building up of my feathered pets' home, but at the same time I have kept it up to date, and

fig 1

have left nothing wanting that would add to the comfort of its inhabitants; and as their environments go a long way towards this point, I will first depict by my pen the room in which my hobby reposes.

The Author's Birdroom Described.

In reality it is a bedroom with a S.E. aspect; and light is conveyed through one double sash window, floor space, 14ft. by 12ft.; height 9ft. The room is fitted at one end with an ordinary fire grate to the front of which I have fixed an iron cover, and I have connected the funnel of my heating apparatus to the flue by means of a piece of stove pipe, which passes through a hole in this cover. The walls are distempered a pale russet green to within twenty-one inches of the ceiling, and the remainder with the ceiling a pure white; this helps very much towards lighting a dull room. The woodwork is also distempered white on the top of the paint, for reasons I will explain further on.

As will be noticed, this is rather a large room to be lighted by one ordinary double-sash window, but since being treated in the above manner, it is as near perfection as possible with regard to light.

All my cages are stained a deep brown and varnished outside; they are enamelled inside a paler shade of green than the walls, and I do not think there can be a neater and prettier effect. These are fixed on a rack or table constructed of two 12 inch boards, secured together by four battens, and then placed on drain pipes, which are enamelled to match the walls; the boards are stained and varnished, as in the case of cages, and all requisites are constructed of wood.

As an idea, I give a pen and ink sketch of the chief rack in my room, which measures 13ft. 6in. in length, and 2ft. deep; on the bottom is a Canary flight, 5ft. 6in. long and 2ft. deep. Next to it on the right is my flight or stock cage for British birds, measuring 8ft. long and 2ft. deep. Between the door and the rack I have fixed a board to form a table; this is secured by a bracket at one end screwed into the door frame; the other end rests on the edge of the rack. On the table will be noticed a kind of a letter rack, which contains my "Nutshell" booklets. I have gathered very useful information from these. Notice also the thermometer. Above the table and fixed on the wall is my general memo and bird room chart for breeding. I keep a pencil suspended from this by means of a string; then it is always handy.

The Decoration of the Room.

Now, I do not think you will improve on the pale russet green for colouring the walls; it is both clean looking and pleasant to the eye. As to the choice of distemper, that is left to the reader, though I have always used the "Sanitary," and this is the one I recommend, as I find that insects of all kinds dislike it decidedly. First commence by doing the ceilings. Using an ordinary whitewash brush, wash off any old loose whitening, and then give a coat of white distemper; when you have finished the ceiling, turn your attention to the walls.

With the aid of an extra pair of hands for a few minutes strike a line all round the room twenty-one inches from the ceiling. This is done with a piece of string, first rubbing it with chalk or any powdered colour, such as washing blue; only take care it is dry. Make a mark at each end of your wall, yourself at one end and your assistant at the other; then hold the line tight to the marks with the left hand and, taking it by the right hand between finger and thumb, you give it a slight but sharp pull outward. This gives you your line. Now distemper this space white, and finish the walls with the green. You can next turn your attention to the door, skirting board and window-frame. The reason for my distempering the window-frame, etc., is, that when you have your annual cleaning you can easily scrub this from the paintwork and recoat it; it is soon dry, and does not smell like paint, which retains a nasty odour for a long time. Though paintwork would not need painting every year, it would need scrubbing, and if it is distempered annually with the rest, it is fresh and clean.

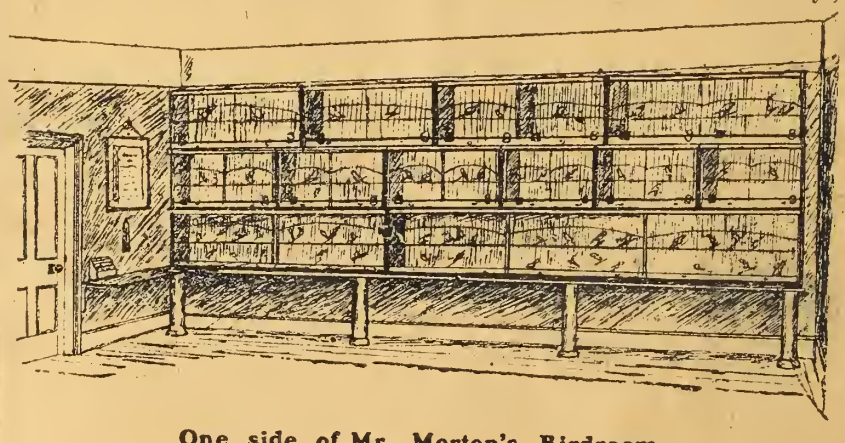
Should the work need another coat, proceed in the same manner, finishing up by scouring the floor with a good stiff brush and soap, using hot water to which has been added a fair quantity of Jeyes' Fluid. This disinfectant I strongly recommend in the bird room, both for cages and the floor.

The Construction of the Racks.

The racks, of course, may be made in short lengths, and this perhaps would be most convenient to those who have not much room in which to construct a lengthy one, but it makes not much difference so long as they are made to make up to the required length. We will suppose you are making a six foot rack; you can use 12 inch by three-quarter inch boards, or you can substitute batten lath. The first-named will be placed together, but the latter you can place one and a half inches apart. In either case the use of battens is required, and the more battens the stronger; in a space of six feet, three should be plenty.

You take your lengths, and place their edges together, choosing the best side for the top, as when fixed the battens will not show, being underneath. Next take your battens, which should be 22 inches long, 1 inch thick, and 2 inches wide; place one at either end, and about 1 inch from either edge; secure these with some stout screws, then treat the remaining batten the same only at an equal distance from the other two. (See Fig. 1.)

Some pieces are now required which you must cut to the same length as your pipes. The same sized stuff as used for the battens will do; these when fixed will each be opposite a pipe, and will be against the wall acting as a support. These are secured by two 4 inch japanned brackets to the rack along the side, that is to face the wall. Here again you use screws. First fix the brackets to the upright (as in



One side of Mr. Morton's Birdroom.

Fig. 2; A B showing the upright in position). The bracket, shown in B, is screwed on the reverse edge of the next upright, and so on; and when these are all fixed you can place it in position on the pipes, and stain and varnish it.

The drain pipes I purchased at threepence each, not a bad speculation; they are glazed, and stand 2ft. high; they are exceptionally firm.

A Home-made Seed-bin.

The next most essential requisite is a cornbin, which it does not need much knowledge of joinery to construct. You require four equal lengths of 10 inch by half-inch board, four pieces of batten lath for the uprights 2ft. 3in. long, and two or three pieces 10 inches long. The lid must be 11 inches wide, and half-an-inch thick, and you must allow a half-inch of the lid to hang over whatever length you decide on having your bin.

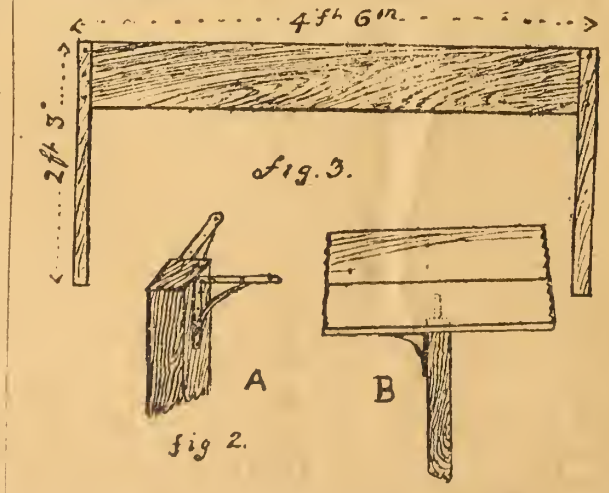
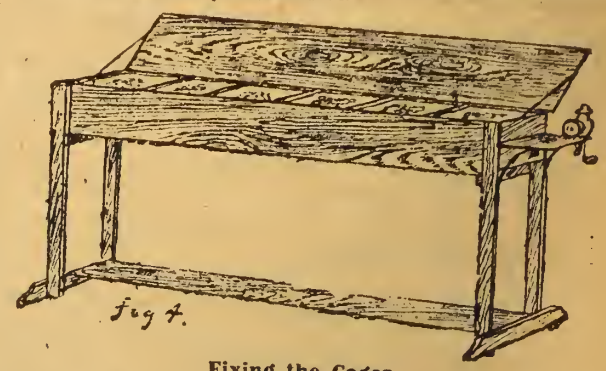


fig 2.

I will give my method adopted in its construction. First of all I procured six biscuit tins, and soaked them to get the paper off. These I found measured 8¾ins. by 9¼ ins. round, and 9¾ inches in depth, so I placed them with their 8¾in. side facing me, in one row, and measured up they were 4ft. 4½ inches in length. I therefore decided upon 4ft. 6 inches for the length of my bin. I procured four lengths of board 10 inches wide and ½-inch thick, and cleaned them up. Two of these I treated in the following manner: To either end I screwed a length of batten lath (see Fig. 3). I then screwed on two end pieces; this formed a box frame with the battens on the outside, and measuring 10 inches across inside. Underneath and inside the legs, I screwed a piece of batten lath, and again 3 inches from the bottom of the leg I screwed a similar piece. To the two top pieces the bottom is screwed from the inside, and to the bottom pieces the shelf is screwed to make the whole thing firm. Two pieces 3 inches wide and 16 inches long are nailed or screwed on the outside of the legs at either end (shaped as in Fig. 4). I have also fixed a small shelf with two 4 inch iron brackets; on this is fixed a seed mill. Two tapes keep the lid from going back. On the shelf can be kept tins containing your smaller seed, in the shape of tit-bits; and it is always handy for other things. The lid is fixed with ½ inch brass butt hinges, and the tins just placed in.



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Fixing the Cages.

On all my cages I have fixed "domes of silence"; of these there are three sizes. The large size I use for my big flights, and the smaller size for my breeders, etc. I use six on large cages and four on the smaller ones, and this keeps them up from one another, and allows of plenty of air space without taking up much room.

The cages I place on one another, and make three tiers, this being quite high enough on account of any bad air caused by any fumes from your heating apparatus. All the cages should stand at least an inch from the wall; and keep your heavy cages at the bottom. They should all be fitted with removable trays, if possible.

In those corners where you cannot take advantage of the light fix two or three shelves, which are always handy for (what I call) hospital cages, and keep them in perfect cleanliness ready for any ailing birds. Shelves are handy for your nest pans, spare drinkers, etc. A leaf table is also very handy in the bird room, in the drawer of which you can keep rings, labels, etc.

Cleanliness is next to Godliness, so clean your bird cages out—at least once a week. I choose Saturday for my cleaning day, and before I commence I give them all water to bathe in and they enjoy it too, always looking forward to that day. As soon as they finish bathing in the first cage I commence cleaning operations, going along the top, back again with the second row, finishing up with the bottom row. I may mention that I use a little three step ladder for the top row.

Now, as to the cleaning; I have a little pail for the purpose. I remove the drawer and empty the dirt into the pail, scrape the tray well and wipe with a damp chamois leather, rinsing now and again in a pail of water, to which has been added some Jeyes' fluid; and before putting tray back I wipe the bottom of the cage round, put sawdust in the tray and replace it. All grit and sand are put into a grit tray and cuttlebone holder combined which hangs on the inside of the cage. The perches I well scrape and replace. The cages are also fitted with a fruit holder inside; this keeps the front wire from being soiled by the juice of apple, etc.

When the cages are finished with I place all their drinkers and seed tins in a box, and wash them well; then I sweep up and wash the floor. There is never much seed left in the tins, so I do away with what is left; I think it is safest.

The birds should have fresh water every morning, and the window should be open during day and night where artificial heat is used. When I say open, I mean just about an inch during the winter months, taking care to keep the temperature even.

Don't Lose Any Time.

Make it a rule to go round every evening before you retire, and if you detect an ailing bird transfer it to one of your hospital cages at once; don't wait to see if it will get over it, but take it in time, for prevention is better than cure. If you are at all doubtful as to its ailment you cannot do better than seek the advice of Cage Birds.

The winter months should be devoted to the preparation of breeding cages, etc., and at the latter end when you have caged your birds off for breeding, or otherwise, and have your flights clear, give them a thorough doing up, and overhaul them in general; they will need it, and it will pay you.

To get rid of mice, don't encourage them by leaving seed on the floor, if you spill any sweep it up and burn it. Keep a clean floor and see there are no holes in the skirting boards or floor. A very useful and effective article is found in the spring draught board, which is screwed to the bottom of the door; it keeps draught out and stops mice where a door gapes at all. These can be purchased from most ironmongers, and I don't think they are expensive; I bought mine second hand, for a shilling.

There is one more point I should like to impress on the minds of my readers—with regard to heating apparatus. Wherever possible use hot water; failing this, use a coil which is heated by gas; there are plenty on the market at a fairly low price. Don't use an oil stove if you can possibly help it. In any case use a funnel connected with the fireplace (if there be one) by a piece of stove pipe, as I have explained concerning my own—to carry off any fumes caused by the fuel you employ.

Producing the Exhibition Yorkshire.

By H. C. BROOKS (Horsham).

The author deals at length with the points that go to make up the show-bird of to-day, explains faults to be avoided, and gives his views upon the choice and mating of stock birds.

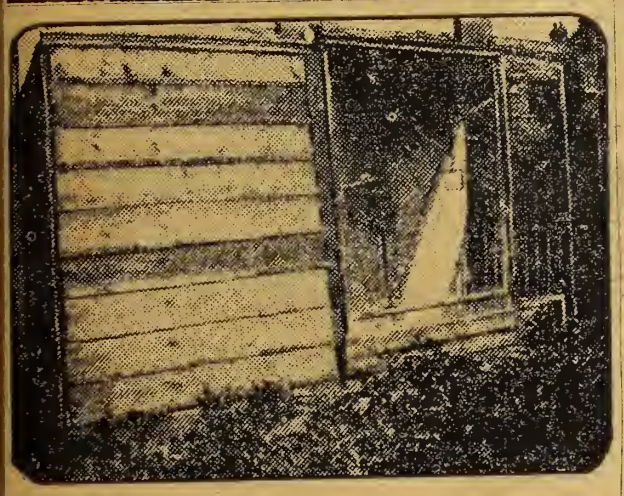
A STUDY of the reports which have appeared in CAGE BIRDS during the past season must convince anyone that a large number of exhibition specimens of the Yorkshire Canary exist at the present day, and yet I suppose there is no variety of Canary which requires more thought and care bestowed upon the selection and mating of stock birds to produce the coveted exhibition specimen. There are so many points which must be constantly borne in mind, that a little slackness or carelessness in selecting or pairing the birds in these days of keen competition would result in the production of mere "wasters" from the exhibitor's point of view, and would reduce one's stock to a very low standard. Yet the task is not an impossible one, and it will be my endeavour in this short article to set forth what I believe to be a common-sense means of attaining the desired goal.

What a Typical Yorkie Should be Like.

It will be apparent that, before one attempts to breed exhibition Yorkshires, he should have some knowledge of what a typical Yorkshire should be like, and as everyone has not the opportunity of attending shows or visiting prominent fanciers' rooms to gain this knowledge, I think I cannot do better at the outset than refer to the standard, as drawn up by the Yorkshire Canary Club and published in CAGE BIRDS ANNUAL.

The standard for clear birds (that is, birds absolutely without any dark feathers) reads thus:—

SHAPE.—Head—small and round; skull, narrow, 5; neck—moderately long and straight, 5; shoulders—narrow, rounded, and well filled, 5; back—long, straight, well filled; wings, long and evenly carried, 5; breast round and smooth, the body long and gradually tapering to a neat waist, 5; legs—long, without being stilty, thighs well clothed, 5; tail, long, straight, and closely folded, 5..... 35



A USEFUL TYPE OF GARDEN AVIARY.

The owner, Mr. A. W. Fullwood (Wolverhampton), has kept many species of British birds therein, and has successfully reared 16 young Redpolls.

SIZE.—Length—6¾ inches, with corresponding symmetrical proportions	10
POSITION.—Attitude erect, with fearless carriage, head, neck, back and tail in straight line	20
FEATHER.—Short, close, tight, compact body feather, and close carriage of wings and tail	20
COLOUR.—Pure body colour; beak, legs, and feet clear	5
CONDITION.—Health, cleanliness, and sound feather	10
Total points	100

It will not be waste of time to study this standard somewhat if one is to learn something from it. It will be observed that—taking 100 points as representing an ideal specimen—35 points are allowed for shape (divided equally between the head, neck, shoulders, back, breast, legs, and tail); 10 for size; 20 for position; 20 for feather; 5 for colour; and 10 for condition.

As to shape.—It will be noticed that the head is required to be "small and round," with a narrow skull. I believe no difference of opinion exists among fanciers as to the head being small and the skull narrow, but I am not so sure about there being so much unanimity as to the correct-shaped head being "round," and I think it is generally agreed that the head should be slightly oval from the root of the beak to the poll, but round (i.e., semi-circular) from eye to eye over the top of the skull. At any rate, this is the shaped head which I should endeavour to get on to my birds, and what I would recommend to others as correct. Nothing is said about the beak or the eye, but the former, to my mind, should be rather small and finely made; and the eye bright and full and well placed in the head (not too near the beak).

After the Manner of a Champagne Bottle.

As regards the neck, this, according to the standard, should be "moderately long and straight." No mention is made as to its being "well filled." As I read the standard, however, the term "straight" implies that the neck should be well filled, i.e., show no hollow from poll to shoulder, or fall away at the sides from the cheeks to the wing-butts, as otherwise it cannot be straight. It should gradually widen from the head to the shoulders, and run into the latter almost imperceptibly, somewhat after the manner of a champagne bottle. But it must be remembered that, the Yorkshire being a slim bird and possessed of narrow shoulders, the neck will naturally not be much wider at its junction with the shoulders than with the head. In keen competition a bird that has not a well-filled neck, in addition to its being moderately long stands very little chance of premier honours.

Some Differences of Opinion.

Coming to the shoulders, here again we find fanciers differ. All agree that the shoulders should be narrow (the narrower the better) and well filled, but some prefer to see them more square than rounded. But if one desires to breed true to standard he must bear in mind that what are wanted in an exhibition specimen are rounded shoulders. My idea of a good pair of shoulders is to have the corners of otherwise square ones slightly rounded off, so that the neck joins them with a nice clean run without showing any angles.

The description of the back, again, is not always interpreted in the same way. The term "well filled" to my mind conveys something more than a flat back, and the back which I have in my mind's eye as the ideal is one which is slightly (very slightly) higher in the centre (from shoulder to tail) than at the sides. If a bird's shoulders are well filled in (as they should be), a nicely rounded back will always accompany them. This is far preferable to the flatness which is by some considered to be the correct thing.

As regards the breast, legs and tail, the standard explains pretty clearly what is required, and I do not think fanciers differ materially in their views on these points.

The next is size. This is important, as 10 points are allowed for it. The length is given as 6¾ inches, but unfortunately the standard does not state where the measurement is to commence. I think a fair interpretation of this is to measure from the top of the head to the tip of the tail, for one should have a high ideal, and it is certainly much more difficult to breed a good bird up to standard length measured from the back of the head, than it is to breed one which is 6¾ inches long, measured from the beak.

On the question of size, the words "with corresponding symmetrical proportions" must not be overlooked, and bulky birds, however long, must not be countenanced at all in the breeding-room if one desires to breed birds conforming to the standard, for a bulky bird is not well proportioned.

More a Matter of Breeding than of Training.

To position are allocated 20 points, and on first thoughts this seems rather a lot to allow, seeing that—according to some—position is pretty much a matter of training. But, is it? I contend it is more a matter of breeding than of training, and so far as my experience goes (limited, I grant) no amount of training will give to a bird the correct Yorkshire position if it has not position bred into it. As is well known, a Yorkshire should stand almost erect on the perch with a bold, defiant air, and if it fails in this important characteristic much of its beauty will be lost.

Feather also is given 20 points, so I need not emphasise the fact that an exhibition Yorkshire must possess feather of the highest possible quality, which, in the words of the standard, should fit the body in a close, tight and compact manner. The flight and tail feathers should be long, and very closely folded.

Colour.—The Yorkshire, being a bird of position, does not require such a rich colour to show off its beauty as some other varieties of Canary do, and 5 points only are allowed for this. But, competition being very keen nowadays, it is necessary not to lose sight of colour, as an extra point or two gained by this may mean all the difference between 1st and special and (say) vhc.

Lastly we have Condition; health, cleanliness and sound feather being given the remaining 10 points. Good health results from the selection of healthy stock birds, with careful management afterwards; and cleanliness and sound feather largely depend on the amount of care bestowed upon the birds, so that if points are lost under this head, the fancier has principally himself to blame.

The standard also deals with evenly and unevenly marked birds, but the type of bird required in those varieties is precisely the same as in the clear bird, the only difference in the standard being the division of the points, which necessarily gives some to markings.

Some Faults that Should be Avoided.

Having gathered what the good points of a true Yorkshire should be, it is equally essential that one should have a knowledge of, at any rate, its chief faults, and I will next treat of these.

Starting again with the head, the first thing to be mentioned is the beak. As I said before, this in a good specimen should have a refined appearance, and should be in proportion to the size of the head. Coarse heavy beaks are generally accompanied by coarse heads, and should be avoided as much as possible.

Flat skulls, whether wide or narrow, also tell against a bird, the former being frequently accompanied by "eyebrows," giving the bird a sullen appearance, while flat narrow skulls take away from the bird its majestic appearance.

Coming to the neck, the chief fault to be found here is thinness. As before mentioned, the neck should show practically no falling away from the head to the shoulders, and thin necks will always count against a bird. It is possible to err on the side of too thick a neck, but this will not happen if the bird's head is small, a "bull-neck" depending on too wide a poll.

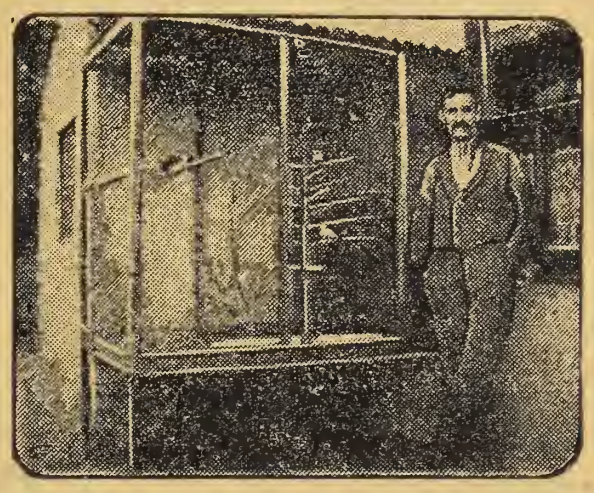
Hollow shoulders are bad, as also are broad ones, and both should be avoided. Square shoulders, however, although not in accordance with the standard, are not so objectionable in a stock bird, as they generally denote the presence in a greater or lesser degree of Belgian blood, which gives to a bird its position and "swagger," to which I shall again have to refer.

"Scissor" Wings Not Wanted.

The length of the back is determined pretty much by the length of the flights, so short flighted birds should be rejected. Gutter, or hollow, backs also are rather glaring faults. A gutter back is just the reverse of a well-filled back. An otherwise good bird is seriously handicapped if it has bad wing carriage. The wings should not cross at the tips like a pair of scissors opened; neither should they droop, exposing the rump to view. Well carried wings go a long way towards making a well-filled back.

There are several things in connection with the tail which must be avoided. First in importance is a "hinge" tail, that is, one which does not follow in a straight line with the body. This is a bad fault, and spoils the look of any bird. A short tail also on a long bird (as the Yorkshire is) throws the bird out of proportion, and consequently is opposed to the standard. Wide or open tails are a minor fault, but count against a bird nevertheless.

(To be continued.)



UTILISING A SHELTERED CORNER.

This useful little aviary is the property of Mr. W. Bain (Stonehaven), who is seen standing by the side of his feathered pets.

A HANDSOME AND HARMLESS FALCON.

The Wild Life of the Kestrel or "Wind-hover."

By D. STEWARD.

THE Kestrel (*Falco tinnunculus*), with the exception of the Sparrow-Hawk, is our commonest Falcon, and is to be found throughout Britain and Europe. That its numbers do not tend steadily to decrease—in common with the Barn and Tawny Owl—is rather to be wondered at, since gamekeepers and farmers wage constant war against it, being in the habit of destroying the bird whenever and wherever they come across it, under the impression that the Sparrow-Hawk and the Kestrel are one and the same, or else that at any rate the one does as much damage as the other. Now the Kestrel is practically harmless; its chief food consists of rats, mice, and insects, and occasionally small birds, such as Sparrows and other Finches, enter into the menu.

An Occasional Lapse.

Unfortunately, now and again a demoralised pair will take advantage of a game preserve and filch a young bird to feed their brood of clamouring youngsters with, but this rarely happens, and at any rate not often enough to justify the indiscriminate slaughter to which these birds are subjected.

The Kestrel is a pretty, compact little bird. Its plumage: head and tail, blueish or slatey grey, the tail also being tipped with white; back, chestnut with black spots; and bright yellow legs. Its length is 14 inches, though this occasionally varies from 13½ to 14½ inches. The female is about 2 inches longer than her mate, in common with the rest of the *Falconidae*, in which the female is always larger than the male. In plumage she differs in being brown where he is grey, and having a broad brown tip to her tail instead of a white tip, as in his case. But occasionally it is somewhat difficult to distinguish between the sexes, as the female sometimes assumes the plumage of the male.

Hanging in the Air.

The Kestrel at times goes by the name of Wind-hover, and a very appropriate name it is, for the bird may easily be recognised by its peculiar habit of hovering, or, rather, hanging in the air almost motionless against the wind over a particular spot, while it keenly examines the ground immediately beneath for any movement that may betray its unwary prey.

Ruskin in one of his nature studies gives a very interesting account of this habit of the Kestrel. The eggs, which are speckled with reddish brown, vary from four to six in number, and sometimes, as in the case of the Sparrow-Hawk, the old deserted nest of a Crow or Pigeon is utilised, or else a nest is made in a hollow of some cliff or tree, while occasionally its nest has been found in a ruined tower.

The Kestrel is not at all difficult to keep in captivity, and provided he is obtained young, and given his liberty in the garden when old enough, so much the better. I have heard of someone who kept one for several years, which was the pride of its owner's heart.

Correspondence.

Special No. 4 at Launceston Show.

Sir,—Mr. Boundy wishes to know who won Special No. 4, which was 10s. for best cage bird in show. Mr. B. dropped us a postcard to know if we won Special No. 4, and I answered "Yes." Our Wryneck won it. The bird has been twice best bird before.

G. Rosser and Son.

The Welsh C.B.C., Its Rules, and the Coal Strike.

Sir,—I have received from a member the following suggestion as to the alteration of rules to be dealt with at the annual general or such meeting convened for the purpose; and in accordance with Rule 11, I hereby give notice of such proposed alterations, viz.: "The revision of classification to bring same more up to date, and dropping out some classes, which are not patronised in Wales, and the alteration of show and general rules, and ask for suggestions to improve the rules in general." I am sorry to say that in the event of a coal strike it will be impossible for me to call any meetings during such strike.

A. E. Brown, Hon. Sec.

A Linnet Club Formed for Ossett and District.

Sir,—A meeting was held in the Commercial House, Bank Street, Ossett, when there was a good muster of members. It was pleasing to see so many British bird fanciers from the district, and the society which was formed is sure to be a success, as it has been talked about for two years. We have some fanciers to join us from other towns. There is not a Linnet Club around here for ten miles, and we have plenty of room for members. We have thirty names on the books now—all readers of Cage Birds. We want to make the club one of the best going. Fanciers wishing to join us should send their names to me as secretary at Commercial House, Ossett (entrance fee 3d. to enter, 1d. per week). First members' sing, Easter Monday.

P. Imeson, sec.

The Study of Migration.

How to Record the Capture of Ringed Birds.

Sir,—In your issue of Feb. 17 Mr. J. Hayter writes that he found a Gull with a ring marked "Museum, Leiden, 644," and also another one with a ring marked "Witherby, High Holborn, London," but he does not, unfortunately, give the number stamped on the latter ring. This number is all-important to trace the history of the bird, and the record as it stands is unfortunately useless. I wonder if your correspondent could give me this number, if he made a note of it? The essential details necessary in these ringed birds when they are recovered are:—Name and number on the ring; the kind of bird; and the date and place where obtained. I should be greatly obliged if your correspondents would note these particulars in recording these birds. I have communicated with the Leiden Museum with regard to the Gull mentioned above, and find that it was marked as a nestling in Zeeland in June, 1911.

H. F. Witherby.

326, High Holborn, London, W.C.

Alleged Unfair Treatment at Wellington Show.

No Prize-money; No Replies to Letters.

Sir,—It is nearly twelve months since we exhibited at this show, and our prize-money has not yet come to hand. I have written time after time respecting same, and my letters have been ignored. I did receive a communication in one case saying they would straighten matters up after their prize drawing. I have also put the matter into the hands of an accountant here, but they are rewarded the same as ourselves. In the interest of the Fancy, I warn exhibitors not to support such shows; let us, if we do anything at all, blot them out. I have noticed time after time remarks from exhibitors respecting prize-money, but this is really a very bad case. Had a reasonable explanation been given to us, the matter would have been done with so far as we are concerned, but when one writes a dozen to fifteen letters, one must consider it shabby to be taken no notice of. I believe it is about a fortnight since I sent the last letter, and enclosed a stamped envelope for reply, but it was treated as before. For the exhibitors it is indeed hard lines. They ask for your support; you grant their request, and they get your birds. As for coming home, they take their luck; if they land, well and good; you must consider you are a lucky man. Our birds came home from Wellington in a disgraceful state, cages broken and case broken. Isn't this enough to sicken exhibitors? Should this sort of thing be allowed to go on? The sooner exhibiting at such shows is finished with the better. I should be glad to hear from any other person who is placed in the same position as ourselves. It is not the money we are writing about, but the shabby treatment shown to us.

pp. Martin and Archer,

Fred Archer.

The Stormy Petrel.

Sir,—A friend of mine recently brought me a fine specimen of the Stormy Petrel, which he had caught in a field in this district. I thought it might interest some of your readers, as it is the first of its kind I have known to be in this quarter.

Alfren Boyd.

Parton, Whitehaven.

Roller Canaries at the Crystal Palace Show.

Sir,—I have read Dr. Read's appeal to fellow-members of the B.R.C.C. re the decision of the British Roller Club asking him to resign his membership of that Club. I heartily agree with the committee's decision. Here we have a member who was asked not to exhibit his birds at the Palace Show openly setting the committee at defiance and exhibiting his birds there, and securing nearly all the medals and prizes, and openly advertising the fact of his winning them (eight medals), being the only class exhibitor. He is now pleading for our esteemed secretary, Mr. Norris, to bury the hatchet and to work with all in harmony for the good and fellowship of the Roller fraternity. If Rule 13 is any good, it must be enforced, and Dr. Read's conduct comes under Rule 13. Mr. Norris has worked well and hard on behalf of the British Roller Club; no member more so.

Andrew M. Firth.

Sir,—I declined to enter into private correspondence with Dr. Read on these grounds:—that I strongly object to my private correspondence being handed to the Press for publication without my permission, especially when the private letter you have published is "bluff" on his part. But there is one statement which is wrong. He states he was asked to resign on account or showing at the Palace Show. This is wrong; he was asked to resign on account of his general conduct as regards the whole affair. With regard to Mr. Oldroyd, I have nothing further to add to the suggestion I made at the annual general meeting of the B.R.C.C., which you reported. If Mr. Oldroyd does not choose to act on that suggestion, I cannot help it.

J. W. Norris.

[Copy of Letter from Mr. Norris to Dr. Read.] Mr. J. W. Norris begs to acknowledge the receipt of Dr. A. E. Read's letter of the 17th. Mr. Norris is sorry that he cannot enter into correspondence with Dr. A. E. Read on any matter concerning Mr. F. Oldroyd, and cannot, and does not, give permission for Dr. A. E. Read to publish his letter in Cage Birds, or in any other newspaper

[We have received a letter from Mr. F. A. Lester, but as this deals with the accommodation of the Roller Canaries at the Palace Show—a matter which we are informed is now a subject of legal proceedings—we are, of course, unable to give it publication.—Editor.]

THE PICK OF THE NOVICE CINNAMONS.

This bird took First Prize at the last Crystal Palace Show for Mr. J. Wagstaff (Barrow-in-Furness), in what was described by the Judge, Mr. Wones, as the best novice class of Cinnamon Canaries seen for many years.

Does the L. and P.O.S. Need Waking Up?

Sir,—I do not agree with Mr. Bullen inviting "Candid Friend" to join the L. and P.O.S., that he might eventually get on the committee. For my part, I believe he is already a member. What could the L. and P.O.S. do with a man like that—a man who is evidently always looking for the mote in his brother's eye, forgetting what is in his own? Thank you, the L. and P.O.S. wants men, not complainers.

A Member.

The North Wales C.B.S. and Carnarvon (1911) Show.

Sir,—In reply to "A Member, N.W.C.B.S.," re Carnarvon 1912 open show, I beg to state that the show which is to be held at Carnarvon on Bank Holiday is in no way connected with the above society. I also wish to ask "A Member" who he is that the committee should have called a meeting on his bidding? How be can state that a meeting could easily have been held on Boxing Day (day of show) is beyond me, when he knows full well that the judging was not over until after 4 p.m. Will members please note that a general meeting will be held on Saturday next, March 2, at Angel's Temperance, Pool Street, at 6.30 p.m., to select a committee for 1912? Kindly make an effort to attend. I also wish to remind members that their annual subscription becomes due on March 1.

J. W. Jones, hon. sec.

An Offer to Amalgamate the Darlington Societies.

Sir,—A few weeks ago a letter appeared in your columns re the amalgamation of the two Darlington Cage Bird Societies, and I quite agree with the writer's views, although I do not know which (if either) society he is a member of. However, the members of the Darlington C.B.S. took the first step in the matter, and approached the Darlington C. and B.B.F.A. with a view to joining forces, but the secretary of the latter society answered as follows:—

11th February, 1912.

Dear Sir,—I am in receipt of your letter, which was duly laid before the members of the above association at their meeting held last Wednesday, and I am instructed to write and inform you that they cannot see their way to amalgamate as suggested, as we have got all our rules, etc., drawn up for the year, but if any of your members wish to join us, they can do so upon being proposed by any member of our association.

Arthur Walker, Sec.

I was sorry to hear this result of the negotiations, but I think the fact of the rules having been drawn up was a very small obstacle in the way of a good proposition. However, everyone has himself to please, so I suppose we must continue as usual. There is not much difference in the funds of either society, and if they were formed into one there would be more contributions, and more specials towards the show, which would tend to increase the entries. Darlington should then be able to compete with such societies as Newcastle and Gateshead, as there are plenty of enthusiasts in this district, but when one society is pulling against another there cannot be much advancement. I should have thought the best thing would have been to have held a meeting of the members of both societies, and debated the matter, and then put the proposition before their respective members. However, the oldest society has bent the knee, and made a fair offer, with the above result, so I suppose they can do no more, and I think they have done well to make the first offer.

J. Forster.

Climbing the Norwich Plainhead Tree.

That well-known old-time fancier and judge, Mr. G. Gardner, has a few words to say to his friend, Mr. Spillman.

Sir,—The article on "Climbing the Norwich Plainhead Tree," written by that able and experienced fancier, my old friend, Mr. W. Spillman, ought to be read and re-read by every novice who wants to succeed in breeding Norwich, and it may be studied with profit by all of us. Mr. Spillman's merry little tilt at the S.N.P. Club's "model" as being minus two outer flights is forgivable, for if I do not quite agree with him, I can realise in the description the zeal of the man to guide the beginner. But Mr. Spillman will forgive me also, I know, when I say that, clever as our artists are, it is extremely difficult for them to delineate the natural quite as Nature does it herself. For my part, while I welcome the presence in our ranks of such a "steadier" as Mr. Spillman, I still think the "model" referred to is as near the ideal he himself paints in words as it is likely we shall get. There is something about friend Spillman's criticism of the judges that I like. We hear of gentle reproofs, don't we? And we are also told that "a soft answer turneth away wrath!" I am sure Mr. Spillman is to be congratulated upon his frankness. Judges cannot claim immunity from mistakes; they do not. But they often find they cannot—and neither can practical idealists—make bricks without straw. Mr. Spillman will understand their position some times when judging a class of so-called Norwich Plainheads. With an aching heart they often give prizes to "the condemned" simply because they cannot find those other chaps. Judges, however, do not always meet with such sensible and kindly "prodding" as Mr. Spillman indulges in. They are sometimes (not frequently, but now and again) raked fore and aft by those who shoot poisonous pellets taken from the wallets of ignorance and personal disappointment. Mr. Spillman's criticism is that of a balanced mind; it is not of the kind that essays, after a very brief portion of this life's experience, to follow judges of acknowledged repute through a Norwich section and fail to find one single correct award. I have seen that sort of thing in my time. Such abuse is not judgment; it is spitefulness. Decent men see it and appraise it at its true value. While I do not quite agree with my friend Mr. Spillman in his little tilt at the model, I can agree to differ, because I am convinced, first of all, that he does know what he is after and what is required; he has a clear and practical conception of what ought to be, for he has more than once produced it. One thing in the article under notice struck me very forcibly. Mr. Spillman begins with the beak of the Norwich. That's the way to go about a thing. He has the bird, as it should be, in his eye. He does not start to breed haphazard. He knows what he wants and begins to delineate it in words from the top end. Few men think of the beak until the last; and not even then—some of them. A proper beak, correctly shaped head, well formed chest, nice back, good neck, wings, tail root, and tail—all these are parts of one harmonious whole—parts to be filled in when the outline is fully fixed; aye, and parts which are filled in by the master builder who studies the antecedents of each bird he uses from a record kept by himself, and does not rely on the mere fact that a bird has won to cause it to appeal to him as being likely to breed winners. All winners do not breed winners; and I have always said that the man who thoroughly masters the principle of how to mate properly is the man to succeed. He will be the man who will be able, by a keen study of antecedents—for that is what Mr. Spillman's article means if it means anything at all—to breed and select such breeding stock as will produce winners. He will know how he got into his harness. He will not be like that Lancashire chap I once saw at a show on a broiling hot summer's day, many years ago, when old friends Stanley Robinson and Abraham Hamer were alive. The chappie had on a collar deep enough for a sleeve cuff. It had got well wrinkled by perspiration, and Robinson exclaimed to the wearer: "How didst get into that collar, Jem? Didst thee go up it or come down it?" What is needed is not for beginners to be told to mate show birds to breed show birds, but helped to study the antecedents of their stock, and each point thereof, and so to master what each antecedent point produces, that the blending may produce, and continue to produce, the ideal. That is skilful, helpful, and it is honest. Thank you, Mr. Spillman.

G. G.

A Chaffinch Caught Wearing a Marking Ring.

Sir,—In answer to Mr. D. Fraser, of Nairn, regarding the above, I may mention that I have rung Chaffinches, Greenfinches, and Linnets. They were liberated on the first day of January, and the rings were of white metal and numbered one to twelve. Perhaps the inclement weather has something to do with the tarnishing of the ring. I may mention that a paragraph appeared in "The Highland Leader" regarding the marking of the above birds, as I am interested in the migration of same. I shall be grateful to hear from other fanciers, if any caught, and where.

James Duncan.

A Scottish Roller Canary Club Formed in Glasgow.

Sir,—A meeting with a view to forming a Scottish Roller Canary Club was held in Neilson's Temperance Hotel, Glasgow, on Saturday, Feb. 24, when thirty gentlemen attended. There was a splendid representation from all parts around Glasgow, and twenty-one members were enrolled. This is certainly a much larger number than was expected, and points to a good future for the club. Mr. Kremner, of Manchester, sent a team of birds, and Mr. Thompson, of Stevenston, brought three birds. The different tours were explained by Mr. Bradfield, who, by the way, was one of the original members of the British Roller C.C. The friends listened attentively to the explanations, which were enjoyed by all. A committee of five gentlemen was formed with power to add to their number, and the secretary was instructed to proceed at once to obtain club rings for the use of the members this year. A vote of thanks was awarded to Mr. Kremner. Thanks are also due to Mr. Proudfoot, of the Glasgow West End C.B.S., for attending and giving the members some good practical advice for their future guidance.

A. Forrest, Hon. Sec.
11, Garrioch Quadrant, Maryhill, Glasgow.

Canary Farming in the Open Air.

Birds that stood the Winter and Thrived when placed Out-of-Doors.

Sir,—I should like to thank "Kittie Clay," a contributor to your valuable paper, for her article on "Canary Farming in the Open," which appeared in your issue of Nov. 18 last. I may say that through this article I took courage and decided to keep mine in the garden through the winter months, without any artificial heating whatsoever, and although we have had a very severe winter my birds are very much alive and doing far better than if I had had them indoors. I would also like to add that I am only a beginner, and that I have found Cage Birds Annual of very great value.

F. W. Saxton.

The Clashing of Show Dates in Ireland.

Sir,—In your notes of last week I observe the secretary of Lurgan C.B.S. stating that their annual show had been fixed for Dec. 13 and 14 next. As you, sir, are aware, the committee of this, the Larne and Dist. C.B.A., have a considerable time ago arranged their show for the 12th and 13th, and had these dates inserted into the dates fixed column of your paper. My committee consider that it would be a great mistake if the Lurgau Society persisted in holding their show on the dates mentioned, as, of course, it would affect us and them very materially, as we have had for the past number of years a number of exhibitors from Lurgan and neighbourhood, and it would be impossible for them to show both at Lurgan and at Larne; and, further, there are a considerable number of exhibitors in this district who would, in all probability, show in Lurgan, if that show was arranged for any other date.

Thos. Mayne.

How I Caught the "Canary Fever."

Sir,—It is five years ago now since I found myself at a little railway station with half an hour to wait. Having already devoured the contents of my morning's paper, I began a search for something by which to pass the time. I was rewarded by finding a paper in the waiting room; at first glance I decided it was nothing to me, but having nothing better to do I just looked at the pictures and then read an article. My first opinion was rapidly changing. I read on till the train came in, and I read on during the forty minutes' journey to London. The paper was Cage Birds, and I had caught the "Canary Fever"—caught it badly, too, as events turned out. Fate next day ran me up against a fancier, and conversation veered round to the breeding and keeping of Canaries, and he invited me to see his birds. My word! I never thought London held so many. There was a large aviary full and numerous cages holding one's and two's and three's. As you may guess, the fever got rapidly worse and worse. I falteringly asked him if he would sell me one or two of his birds. Mind you, I was as green as the proverbial grass about the management of Canaries, but this man was a true fancier, and I should have been well advised to stick to him instead of thinking I could teach him after a week or two. He advised me, as it was getting late in the breeding season, not to start breeding that year, and anyway not to start with any but the common kind. As, too, I was so "green" (only he put it in kinder words than that), I should have, say, four, five, or six German hens, till I was quite used to their ways and the methods of feeding them. He promised to set me up in the spring with a couple of cocks to go with them. I took that advice, and I am sorry to say that was the last advice I took or, at least, worked on from him. I left his aviary that afternoon with five nice little hen Canaries and a store of information. Then began such a lot of cage making as it seemed never was. The wife was very upset. She had heard that birds brought mice, and then she couldn't have them scattering seeds all over her house, etc. Eventually we compromised, and it was decided that I should keep them in the box room. "Mind you," she said, "you'll have to clear the room out and find proper places for the boxes; and don't expect me to feed the birds when you're late of a morning. And if they bring rats, you'll have to catch 'em." All this I agreed to, after casually remarking that the birds seemed to have brought one lot of "rats" already. A month passed, during which time I became possessed of a lot of birdy literature, and I only lost one bird. Well, I decided it would be fine to start bird breeding at once. The idea struck me as great, and I immediately put it into effect. I took tram at once to where I knew there was a bird shop, and on telling my wishes to the man in charge was shown a cage about 3ft. square with 25 to 30 birds in—"All cocks, singing deafening," he said. For 8s. I could have my pick, or he could pick me one out for 6s. 6d. I was fly enough to get him to pick the 6s. 6d. one first, as I knew it increased my chances on the 8s. stake by one, but I must tell you he had "done" me. Well, I took that "cock" home, with a couple of nest pans. I put "him" with all four hens in a Crystal Palace cage, and after a week, as "he" wasn't "singing deafening," I called on Mr. Bird-dealer, and he seemed very upset. "Of course," he said, "I could have another choice, but sometimes Canaries didn't sing for a fortnight after being removed." He again assured me it was a cock, and inquired as to where I was keeping it. When I told him it was in a Crystal Palace aviary with four hens, a light seemed to come over his face as he said: "Of course, sir, you know cocks never sing when they're breeding?" Very flattered, I admitted I had forgotten the fact for the moment. Again I wended my way home and awaited events. This time I hadn't long to wait. Tuesday morning I found an egg in one of the nest pans I had filled up with a penny nest bag. Joy was rampant within my breast, and I speculated on which of the hens was the fond mother. I left the egg in the nest, and on Wednesday there appeared another, but still no signs of the mother. Thursday I crept in, and to my horror the "cock" was sitting on the nest. Off I went to Mr. Bird-dealer, and told him the facts of the case, and demanded another bird. Then more light seemed to come over his face (or were they smiles?) as he asked me if in all my experience I had not had a cock that sat on the nest while the hen was feeding? Well, I let it go at that, but I didn't know he was "pulling my leg." I then left the eggs for three solid weeks, but I saw no other bird but the "cock" sitting. Then I broke them, one at a time, and examined them; and, needless to say, again visited Mr. Bird-dealer. This time he told me the "cock" wasn't singing because it was moulting. After the moult I visited him again. This time I don't think he was pleased to see me, for he told me somewhat roughly that I couldn't have my money back, and I couldn't have another "pick" (as he termed it) as the "time limit" had expired, and with that I had to be content. But even that bit of bought experience didn't cool the "fever," and as I had all the autumn and winter, I set to work in real earnest to learn all I could, and to get real pals for my hens, and to make proper breeding cages; and when the spring came I had got more knowledge and less pride. Then, as I had been a regular reader of Cage Birds, I took the advice often found between the covers of that excellent little paper, viz., deal only with reliable bird-dealers, and, if necessary, use Cage Birds deposit system, and got two excellent little songsters. At the end of my first season proper I found myself with eighteen youngsters, although I had to feel my way, as it were, with the aid of our penny weekly. I very soon found that the wife was as fond of them as I was, and it was a race who should be up first to feed them. Since then I have set up two other young fellows in the hobby, but I find that the tendency is that they will not take advice till the second year, after they have made a "bloomer" of the first. If anyone profits by my first year's experience I shall be amply rewarded, as I have the love of all birds at heart; and, as every fancier knows, they are much better off with a man who understands them than in their natural conditions, and the birds themselves know this too. Last, but not least, join Cage Birds League, and wear the badge always; and you will be surprised how many interesting little chats you will get with other birdy men. Incidentally, too, you will be helping to right a great wrong that is overshadowing our interesting hobby.

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Sir,—I am pleased to tell you I have a fine brood of five young Canaries, just a month old, out on the perches. They were hatched on Jan. 28, and are doing well—three yellow and two heavily marked. I sat the same hen on Feb. 22 with five eggs. I had early birds off the same pair of birds on Jan. 10 last year. She reared fourteen young birds in all. She lost three in the first nest, which were hatched on May 6. I have another hen with two young Canaries a fortnight old, also a Linnet and a hen Canary which have made a nest and are doing well. Last season I bred 37 young with two cock birds and three hens. I have the same birds breeding now. I sold all except three pairs, which I intend to breed with this season. I have mentioned Cage Birds to all my customers, and they have told me they wouldn't be without it. My early birds can be seen, if any fancier would like to pay me a visit, at Halkin Street, Flint.

John Williams.

Some Interesting Foreign Birds I Have Kept.

Sir,—Perhaps a few words on foreign birds may interest some of your numerous readers, who may be thinking of furnishing an aviary. I will commence with Japanese Robins, or Pekin Nightingales, the most fascinating of all the small foreigners. I had a pair for five years. These birds are very beautiful; olive green backs, orange, etc., breasts, large eyes and coral beaks, with variegated wings and tail. Baths are their great delight—as many times a day as they can get them. My friends are very fond of seeing the birds bathe. They use their feet to wash their heads like humans using their hands for their faces. They preen each other's feathers, too, and are very devoted to each other. When mine went to roost they were always close together, looking like one bird. The cock always spread his wing over the hen, and I never saw such devotion in any other birds. The cock bird had fits when moulting. I have taken him out of the cage thinking he was dead, and have tried remedies; but I have found him slowly to recover. And when I returned him to the cage the joy of both was wonderful. All foreign bird fanciers should keep Japanese Robins. I never gave them any food except ordinary mixed seed, fruit, and flies; the flies they enjoy alive. My pair of Robins were healthy, and lived five years. The hen died first, and the cock grieved and died a few days after. He would not let a new hen come near him, so he was devoted to the end to his wife. Saffron Finches are pretty, but I do find them uninteresting and difficult to tame. I tame all my birds so that they will eat food from my hand. Virginian Nightingales are very nice birds. Both are handsome—the cock red, and the hen reddish brown. The song at night I enjoyed very much. I had them with small birds, and did not find they did any harm. The Nonpareil is a very handsome bird, and looks well with others, with his lovely feathers. The Indigo bird is a very charming little pet, and a lovely blue in colour—brown in winter. It is interesting watching the bird change into the most lovely blue. It is very fond of ants alive. If earth and ants are put into a basin he will catch them, and it is amusing to watch him do so. Waxbills are very pretty, gentle little birds. The Amaduvades or Avadavats are sweet little creatures, lovely in colour; but they want much care and close wires to the cages, escaping frequently even then. Chestnut Finches are pretty, and the hen lays many eggs, sits for a few days, and then forsakes them. Such, at any rate, was my experience. Mannikins are dear little birds, as also are Cordon Bleus, but they are delicate. Weavers are soon tamed. They are interesting to watch when weaving. I used to give them little balls of cotton, which they soon weaved, either in the bars or anywhere they liked. I have had Parrots of all kinds, but I find that Polly Grey is the best talker, though others talk very well. I have had the King Amazon (wonderful in plumage—mine was a rare bird); Rosellas (charming pets, which talk very sweetly); King Parrot (very handsome with his green back and wings, red head and breast—the hen green); Galahs, grey and pink (very amusing, really Cockatoos, but very affectionate; mine did not talk, but a friend of mine had one that did; all could talk, I expect, if properly taught); and Ring-neck Indians (charming pets; the cock whistled tunes and the hen talked very well). The small Parrots I do not find copy the human voice like Polly Grey, but talk in a little squeaky voice, being small, I suppose. I also had a Myuah that could talk, but though the cage was cleaned twice a day I found the bird a dirty one, though very interesting.

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Canaries.—**Claude St. John.** British Birds, Mule and Hybrids—**G. E. Weston.** Foreign Birds—**Wesley T. Page,** F.Z.S., M.B.N.H.S., &c., Wild Bird Lite—**H. Norman.**

NOTE.—If an answer is required concerning the proper mating, etc., of Norwich, Yorkshires, Crests, Cinnamons, Greens, Borders, Lizards, Scotch or any other variety of the Canary family, we shall, should the querist desire us to do so, be pleased to submit his questions for answer to some leading specialist of the day on the variety concerned.

CANARY QUERIES.

Answered by CLAUDE ST. JOHN.

SLIPPED THIRD TOE (Anxious).—If the bird is fairly agile on the perches there is nothing whatever to prevent him properly filling eggs. If the slipped toe is of some months standing it is much better left alone. Full details of treatment are given and illustrated in Part VI. of "Our Canaries."

CLOSED MARKING RINGS (G.R.H.).—The Palace show has no definite rule on the subject of Canaries being shown with rings, and the show manager informs me that providing the ring was not of an unusual or conspicuous character he does not think any judge would pass a bird for wearing a ring. As regards the Border Fancy there is a definite rule that no bird wearing a ring shall be allowed to compete at shows held under Border Fancy C.C. rules.

MEDICINE IN BEAK (J.M.W.).—(1) I do not care about giving medicines direct in beak. Possibly you give it too strong in the water. Try 12 or 15 drops in two tablespoonfuls of water. Remove water altogether for two or three hours, and then offer medicated water. If this does not answer the purpose, mix together one teaspoonful of the mixture advised to "Beeston" and two teaspoonfuls of glycerine, and give one drop of this in the beak morning and evening. (2) I should be very doubtful of the sex of this bird. Treat for a fortnight as advised to "K.A.I." on February 17th.

SEX AND ACCOMMODATION (Ignoramus).—(1) No, it is not unreasonable to expect an eight months old Yorkshire cock to sing. As he is perfectly healthy I should be doubtful of his sex. He ought to be in full song. Try the treatment advised to "K.A.I." on February 17th for three or four weeks. (2) I assume 6 ft. is the height. If this is correct the aviary will accommodate 20 birds. But if you want them to breed, do not put in more than 12—nine hens and three cocks.

LIMEWASHING (St. Michael).—There is no danger whatever to the birds' eyes from whitewashing the house as you suggest. But I should imagine there will be some risk of the birds taking cold from the damp atmosphere that must prevail during drying. As you cannot move them elsewhere, cover fronts of cages, and keep the place well aired until walls are dry. You may safely add two tablespoonfuls of carbolic fluid to each gallon of whitewash, and keep it well stirred, to destroy any chance insects.

WINGS SORE AND IRRITABLE (M.H.).—Red mites are practically certain to be the cause. Bathing will not remove this pest. You must thoroughly overhaul and disinfect cage and then re-paint and varnish if necessary. Full details for this were given in this column twice at the beginning of February. Give a little bread and milk slightly dusted with flowers of sulphur and sprinkled with maw every second day for a fortnight, and on the alternate days in the first week add a crystal of sulphate of soda the size of a split pea, and as much chlorate of potash as will cover a threepenny-piece to the drinking water. Anoint the sore wings sparingly about three times a week with boracic ointment.

LOSS OF FEATHERS (Bare Head).—Stop the mixed seed, and do not give apple every day. Treat strictly as follows for a month. Staple diet, plain canary only. Every second day give half a teaspoonful of summer rape, and either a morsel of banana, apple, or a spray of green food. On the alternate days give a similar quantity of crushed sponge cake, slightly dusted twice in each week with flowers of sulphur, and a pinch of maw seed. Once or twice a week give a pinch of mixed seeds. Allow it to bathe freely in nice mild weather. In the drinking water add twenty drops of whiskey, a crystal of sulphate of soda the size of a split pea, and as much chlorate of potash as will cover a threepenny-piece, every third day. Slightly anoint the bare skin with Lanocyllin every third day until the new quills are well through.

DIFFICULTY IN PERCHING (K.Y.).—As you have closely examined the bird, I assume you have satisfied yourself that the toes are not deformed. If this is so, also see that the perches are firmly fixed, and do not wobble about, and that they are a proper size for the bird to grip. If the claws seem unable to grip, bathe the feet daily for a few minutes in a warm solution of Wych Hazel, about a small teaspoonful in a saucerful of warm water. Continue this for a week. Give a staple diet of plain canary, a pinch of rape every second day, and a morsel of banana, and on the alternate days a half teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake with four drops of sherry and two of cod liver oil emulsion mixed in it and sprinkled with maw. Give the aperient advised to "Puzzled to Know" for two days, and afterwards four drops each of tincture of gentian, tincture of calumba, and aromatic sulphur acid, every second day for a week or fortnight. If not better in a fortnight write again referring to this reply.

TAKES BAD TURNS (Puzzled to Know).—It would have been helpful had you said whether any struggling occurs during these "bad turns," or whether the bird hangs in the sun sometimes, and the "turns" occur during those periods. When in direct sunlight occasionally, birds often show very alarming symptoms, when in reality they are merely enjoying a sun bath, so to speak—sunning themselves. Still, your dietary is very bad, and may be the cause of some more serious trouble. Give a staple of plain canary only. Every second day give half a teaspoonful of summer rape. Once a week on the intervening days give a small teaspoonful of mixed seeds, and on one other day a similar quantity of egg food, or crushed sponge cake well sprinkled with maw seed. Three or four times a week give a spray of watercress or leaf of dandelion. In the drinking water give six drops of syrup of rhubarb and as much Epsom salts as will cover a sixpence every second day for a week, and afterwards 20 drops of chemical food every second day for a fortnight. Do not overheat it, but keep in a cosy place just away from the quite chilly side.

FEATHERS GROWING (Yorkshire).—You should have enclosed cutting of last reply, or given a reference to it. Stop using the ointment as soon as the new feathers show signs of bursting the quills. Do not be too liberal with bread and milk. Better stop it altogether now, and substitute in its place half a teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake every second day, and on the alternate days a pinch of mixed seeds and morsel of banana. Well mix together a teaspoonful each of cod liver oil emulsion, Fellow's syrup of hypophosphites, and malt extract, and mix three drops of this with the sponge cake each time. Continue it for a month, if necessary, until hen has gained a fair measure of strength.

SORE WING (M.H.)—The symptom is a very common feature of red mite attacks, but as you say this pest is not present, I take it this is not the cause in your case. Still, you should examine cage very carefully. Give a morsel of bread and milk slightly dusted with flowers of sulphur, and sprinkled with maw seed every second day for a fortnight, and on the alternate days add as much sulphate of soda and chlorate of potash as will cover a sixpence, to the drinking water. Slightly anoint the sore parts with Lanocyllin three times a week until headed.

AGE FOR BREEDING (C.A.R.).—The age at which a hen ceases to be of use for breeding varies greatly with the individual, and its health and general treatment. But, speaking generally, a hen is certainly not too old to breed at four years old. It is no uncommon thing for them to breed well at six or seven years old. It is very probable that the late breeding in 1910 and spring moult in 1911 was responsible for no breeding results last season, but as the hen is active and healthy, there is no reason why she should not breed successfully this year. It is worth trying.

DISGUSTED WITH SEED (Roller Trio).—(1) See that bird is kept under comfortable and healthy surroundings. Give a staple diet of two parts Canary to one part summer rape. Every second day give a piece of bread and milk the size of a hazel nut sprinkled with soft sugar, and a spray of watercress, chickweed, or leaf of dandelion, and on the alternate days a morsel of banana and a pinch of maw. Twice a week give a small teaspoonful of equal parts hemp, inga, teazle, millet, and black rape. In the drinking water add six drops of syrup of rhubarb, and as much Epsom salts as will cover a sixpence every second day for a week, and in the next week four drops each of tincture of gentian, tincture of calumba, and aromatic sulphuric acid every second day. (2) About equal parts rape and canary is the staple for high-class Rollers, though, personally, I prefer a little more Canary. For full details of Roller feeding get the Nutshell booklet on the "Roller," 2½d. post free. (3) See reply to "B.A.G.," which fully answers this query.

SPRING MOULTING (Silverdale).—The bird was considerably later than it should have been, considering its age, in commencing to moult last autumn. That moult has been suspended, and the bird is simply completing now the moult commenced last autumn. Keep it fairly warm, and in addition to the staple diet, give half a teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake with four drops of sherry and two of cod liver oil emulsion, well mixed in it, and sprinkled with maw seed, and on the alternate days give either a morsel of banana, sweet apple, or a spray of green food. See that it is quite free from draughts and foul air. It will probably soon get all-right on this treatment, but will not commence singing until the moult is quite finished. You should see the Nutshell booklet on "The Canary," for details of feeding.

DAMAGED WING (H.B.).—Is the wing really injured in such a way as to show the seat of injury? It is just possible the wing carriage may be the result of a natural defect and not the outcome of injury. In this case you can do nothing whatever to remedy it in this bird. If the symptoms arose suddenly it is doubtless an injury, and the only course I would advise you to pursue is to put the bird in a small low cage with perches not more than two inches from the floor. Place food and water very easily get-at-able either inside or outside, and keep bird as quiet as possible in order to give the wing absolute rest. Keep it in this condition until it begins to move about freely of its own accord, and preens its wings freely, shaking the flight feathers whilst doing so.

SWELLING ON BACK (Fag).—If there has appeared a distinct "head" on the swelling, by all means prick it carefully with a clean needle, press very gently to remove any contents that come away easily, and then anoint the place daily with Lanocyllin. If no "head" appears, do not operate on it. Bathe it daily for a few days by wringing out a pledget of cotton wool, or morsel of sponge, in fairly hot water—not too hot—in a saucerful of which you have mixed a teaspoonful of extract of wych hazel, and holding this on the swelling for a few moments, then wringing out anew in the water and re-applying, and repeating this for several minutes each day. At the close of bathing each day, dry gently, and anoint with Lanocyllin. Thanks for kind remarks re "Our Canaries."

QUIET SINGERS (X.8.).— (1) A properly trained German, or Roller, is undoubtedly the best and softest singer you can hope to get in the Canary tribe, but as you except this breed from consideration, the Border Fancy comes nearest to it in all points, and has a little better colour, much better markings, but is very little (if any) larger in size. You could get a very nice pair of Borders for the price you name, and I would suggest an even-marked buff green, with rather light points and a light eye-marked yellow, also with green marks, and both birds bred from an even-marked strain. I should prefer the buff to be the hen, but this is not essential. (2) A clear buff Yorkshire from an even-marked green strain would be best for improving appearance of Roller, but it would not make the song any softer. A similar Border hen might do, but the improvement in appearance, apart from markings, would be very small indeed. (3) A good sized clear yellow Yorkshire, preferably rather closely inbred, and from a cinnamon-marked strain. (4) Same as No. 3.

EGGS EXPOSED (A. Harris).—You did right to remove the cock if there was any reasonable ground of suspicion that he was responsible for the disappearing of the eggs. The three that remain will not have been spoilt by the hen leaving them uncovered for an hour.

VERY BARE (Novice, Hanley).—You ought to have said how you treat the bird generally, and to what extent it is bare. It is quite possible the bareness may be due to red mites. Examine cage well and if any mites are discovered, thoroughly overhaul it as advised in several replies during the last week or two. Besides this, feed and treat the bird the same as advised to "Bare Head" in this issue.

IMPROVING SIZE (Enquiring).—You omit all particulars about your hens individually as to colour and markings. Consequently, I can only advise you to get the biggest and stoutest unrelated cocks you can procure, and get them from a strain that has plenty of size running through it. Get mostly buff cocks, so as to mate up about one-half of your stock this season double-buffs, and get them with plenty of chest, good stout necks and heads, and short stout beaks, but avoid birds with long flights and tails, and be very chary of any showing eyebrows. Stick to the Norwich type and aim at getting birds with a massive frame rather than apparent bulk, which is due to a redundancy of feather.

NUMBER OF MATES (F. H. I.).—No, I do not advise you to try mating the Roller with all three hens. It is quite sufficient to run one cock with two hens when you are breeding in cages, as you purpose doing. You should therefore get a second cock, and you might also, if you desired, get another hen and thereby be able to run each cock with two hens. If you get another hen let it be a Roller, as two Norwich hens will put quite enough Norwich blood into your stock. The song of the crossbreds will be very good if trained only under the Roller cocks, but it will not be equal to the pure Roller song.

BURNING COKE (W. F.).—Unless the ventilation is very good and the flue where the coke is burned thoroughly efficient for carrying off the fumes and product of combustion, I should not regard it as perfectly safe to burn coke on a fire immediately underneath the birdroom. But if the birdroom is properly ventilated and is isolated by closed doors, passages, etc., from the room underneath, I see no reason why a coke fire should be harmful. It all resolves itself into a question of ventilation and an efficient flue, which can only be determined by one on the spot.

BREEDING YORKSHIRES (V. A. G.).—The procedure is precisely the same for breeding Yorkshires as any others. As you appear to be inexperienced, you could not do better than get a copy of "Canary Breeding for Beginners" (which our Manager would send you post free for 7d.), and closely follow the directions therein. Meantime, give a diet of plain canary as staple, and a pinch of summer rape each day separately. Every second day give also about half a teaspoonful of egg food, or any substitute for this which you may use, well sprinkled with a mixture of equal parts maw and gold of pleasure, and on the alternate days a similar quantity of a mixture of equal parts hemp, inga, millet, and linseed. Give a leaf of dandelion, if obtainable, every day. Treat each bird on these lines, and keep them in separate cages, with the hen preferably in the breeding cage, until about the end of March, when you may, if both are in forward breeding condition, place them together. All other details you will find in the handbook recommended.

A TRIO (N. W. S.).—(1) Providing you allow the paint and varnish to get quite dry and hard before introducing the birds, it will be quite safe to put them in cages painted and varnished inside. (2) Sawdust answers very well indeed as a covering for the floors of flights, but a supply of gritty sand should be given in a shallow box or tin in one corner of the cage. (3) During the warm, dry, summer months it is very advisable to allow sitting hens the opportunity of bathing, especially during the last few days of incubation. During the first nests in the early spring it is not so necessary, and they do just as well without them.

CANARIES IN AVIARY (No Nom-de-plume).—The earliest date for moving Canaries from cold room to outdoor aviary depends wholly upon the character of the season. If the aviary is well sheltered from wind and rain you may take advantage of any mild spell of weather about a fortnight hence to make the transfer. Allow plenty of fresh air indoors for a day or two prior to removal, but avoid direct cold draughts. (2) If the birds are intended to fly loose you do not want an equal number of sexes. Nine hens and three cocks will be sufficient stock to allow for breeding.

CANARY QUERISTS,

should consult St. John's "Conory Breeding for Beginners" (7d.); House's "Conory Manuol" (1/2); Bottye's "Yorkshire Canaries" (1/1½); House's "Norwich Conaries" (1/1); Weston's "Stock Book" (7d.); Dr. Clarke's "Septic or Bird Fever" (7d.); Dr. Creswell's "Hygiene of Bird-keeping (1/1); Normon's "Aviaries, Bird-rooms, and Coges" (2/3); Ramsden's "Colour-feeding" (3½d.); "Seeds ond Foods for Coge Birds" (1/2); or the "Nutshell" booklets (2½d. eoch): No. 5 "The Pet Conary," No. 6 "Ailing Birds and How to Cure them," No. 9 "The Disinfection of Cages, Bird-rooms, etc.," No. 10 "The Roller," No. 23 "The Border Foncy," No. 24 "Green Conories." All thoroughly practical and instructive. Prices quoted are post free, from "Cage Birds," 154, Fleet Street, London, E.C.

BRITISH BIRDS, MULES, AND HYBRIDS.

Answered by G. E. WESTON.

ONE YEAR LINNETS (W. G. Beckett).—Most certainly one-year old Linnets will breed Mules. Why not? They will breed with hens of their own species if they are out in the fields; so why not with hen Canaries when in cages? A big, steady young Linnet, which has never mated with a hen of its own kind, is, as a matter of fact, just the right sort of bird to utilise as a muler.

THE OTHER BIRD (Esperance).—I think you might try keeping a cock Goldfinch with the cock Linnet. He would provide a contrast both in colours and song. As a general rule, it is better to cage birds separately when song alone is desired. Birds kept in small cages don't want "companions"; they resent the presence of another bird in fact, in almost every case.

SEX OF GOLDFINCH-GREENFINCH HYBRID (Hitchin).—The colour is the best guide. If your bird shows the blaze of the Goldfinch plainly, carries pronounced, good-coloured wing-flights, and is warm in colour on the rump, then it is a cock. The hen is pale and washed-out looking by comparison, exhibiting hardly any colour contrasts, and only a trace (by comparison) of the blaze. Almost all hen mules "twitter" and "sing" more or less when in high condition. But the song of the cock is a very different kind of performance.

WITH OR WITHOUT? (H. D. Scott).—I have often stated that if a Linnet has never been used for Mule breeding, it is best to allow him a sight of his future wife before finally putting them together. Let them run together for a day or two now and again, and pair up finally (if both are ready, mind you) towards the end of March. You will soon see why it is advisable to let the Linnet get used to the look of a Canary, and the Canary get used to the look of a Linnet. When the latter is first put with the hen, she will be very nervous, and no doubt dash wildly about: and the Linnet will most likely act in the same way. It is just the same if you introduce a Green Canary into a flight cage of clear or lightly-marked birds—the appearance of a dark relation sends the other birds into a panic (and vice versa). Familiarity breeds contempt—to say nothing of Mules. I always let my young hens spend a few days about now amongst Finches. I am quite convinced it is for the best.

A MATING MATTER (Dot).—A Linnet and Goldfinch need not necessarily be house-moulted before being suitable for mulling. Scores of Mules are bred every year from black-legged (field-moulted) Finches. Mate first whichever bird is in the most forward breeding condition; steadiness is a far less important matter.

"REARING" GOLDFINCHES (Claud Ohmey).—As you speak of Siberians, I presume you mean by "rearing," getting the birds to thrive in a cage. Why you should have any difficulty I can't fathom, seeing that thousands of bird-keepers succeed. If you will give me full particulars of the cages you use and your manner of feeding, etc., I shall be pleased to try and help you over the stile. Judging from one expression you make use of, I should think your food is at fault.

A CASE OF A REDPOLL (Anxious).—Gently anoint the place twice daily with a very light smear of "Lano-Kerol" (from any chemist). I can't tell, of course, but if the bird and its cage are infested with red mites, then these little plagues must be exterminated, or the bird will never be in good plumage. Consult CAGE BIRDS ANNUAL for the procedure to follow.

BREEDING CONDITION (Staffe, Knot).—Note the reply given "Goldfinch Food," in this issue. A very good hen is a clear Lancashire Plainhead, preferably a yellow; but these, if large and well bred, are expensive. Next best would be a clear pink-eyed hen of Yorkshire type, as large as possible.

A LINNET'S WING (Fife).—It is very hard luck, but nothing whatever can be done now. You broke the wing whilst handling the bird, and it will always be carried in the "cocked up" position you describe. You should have bandaged up the wing at once (secured it in a natural position), when it is possible the fracture would have healed, so that no trace of the injury was observable. It has set the wrong way, so to speak, now.

HAND-REARING THRUSHES (S. T.).—You will find full instructions given in "Nutshell" booklet No. 4 (post free 2½d.) for the hand-rearing of Thrushes and Blackbirds. You should take the youngsters when 10 or 11 days old.

A SUBSTITUTE (W. Baker).—Surely you must be mistaken? I thought pea-meal could be obtained at any large grocer's shop, or corn and seed stores. It is a very common article. Have another look round.

TWO ITEMS (Novice).—I presume you intend to refer to a "three-by-six" Goldfinch. This is a fanciers' term denoting a bird with each of the three outer feathers on either side of the tail marked with a white "moon" underneath. Most Goldies have only two feathers so marked; some but one. Have heard other explanations of the term; this, however, is the generally accepted one. The "British Bird Manual," by Mr. H. Norman, describes the show points of all the best known British birds. The Hardbill section costs 1s. 1d. post free; the Softbill the same (from CAGE BIRDS offices).

A BULLFINCH AND ANOTHER (Across the Water).—I don't think any harm could come of keeping the Bullfinch in the large cage with the Pekin Robins. If he eats some of their soft food, it won't matter in the least, so far as "hurtling" him goes. Touch the hard lump over two or three times on different days with a stick of caustic (obtainable from any chemist). This should quickly bring about its disappearance. Use the caustic very carefully.

ABOUT A CHAFFINCH (Lover of "C.B.").—The young Canaries would pick up some of the notes of the Chaffinch likely enough, but the old birds would take no notice, neither would they be disturbed by his presence in the breeding room. I keep many British birds along with my own breeding Canaries. Whether the "mixture" of song would be an improvement is purely a matter of taste, and one which you must decide according to your own predilections. Get one ounce of tincture of gentian from a chemist, and stir 10 drops into two tablespoonfuls of drinking water; give fresh daily for a week to ten days. This is an excellent tonic. Glad to hear you find "C.B." so very helpful.

GOLDFINCH AND AVIARY (W. W.).—The medicine you want to use in the aviary is citrate of iron and quinine. Get one ounce of the crystals from a chemist, and dissolve as much as will cover a shilling in six tablespoonfuls of water. Give fresh daily for four days, then on alternate days (plain water between) over a period of a fortnight. There is nothing whatever the matter with your Goldfinch. The "feeding of the feet" is simply a sign of the bird's high condition. Some Goldies are always playing this game, so to speak, or else feeding the perch-ends or the cage wires.

COLOUR-FEEDING A LINNET (Intending Exhibitor).—I presume you know that it is useless colour-feeding the bird except during the moult? Use him for mule-breeding, if possible, when he will no doubt acquire a liking for a little soft food. During the moult, give the bird his seeds on a "feeding board," and well rub the colour food amongst them. Make the colour food by mixing one part of tasteless pepper to six parts of egg-bread. About half-a-teaspoonful of the prepared food is all that one needs to rub amongst the seeds daily. The "feeding boards" are sold by most dealers in fancier's specialities.

THE CASE OF A LINNET (F. W. C.).—This Linnet is evidently in a low condition and it seems as though it were in a soft moult. It won't be ready for muling for a long while yet, that is a certainty. Feed it generously, giving a fair amount of good hemp. Let it also have a teaspoonful daily of maw, niger, gold of pleasure, plantain, thistle, dandelion, and white lettuce, mixed (say two ounces of each kind of seed). For medicine, get one ounce of compound syrup of hypophosphites B.P. (Fellow's Syrup) from a chemist, and stir 8 drops into two tablespoonfuls of drinking water, fresh daily, for 10 to 14 days.

FOUR OF THEM (Avis).—(1) The Mules would be just as good as those bred in cages. (2) The Britishers enumerated are good. It would be better to have a large Goldfinch, however (a foreigner). (3) I should certainly try the cock Bullfinch. If you find him doing any damage (it is doubtful), you could soon remove him, I take it. (4) This is a matter for you to decide for yourself, as either plan can be followed, and it is just a matter of personal choice. It is too early yet, anyway, for Canary-Bullfie Hybrids.

WAGTAILS AND ROBINS (T. W. Hnddle).—Get copies of "Nutshell" booklets, Nos. 25 and 26 (post free 5d. from "Cage Birds"). In them you will find all the food-stuffs for insectivorous birds fully explained and the management of the birds dealt with. The aviary you describe would comfortably hold about twenty-four pairs of small birds, but not so many if you want breeding results.

A MIXTURE (A. J. B.).—Pairs of the following: Gold, Bull, Chaff and Green-finches, Linnets, Lesser Redpoll, Mealy Redpoll, Twite, Siskin, Bramblefinch, Chaffinch, and Hawfinch, and Yellow, Snow, Reed and Cirl Buntings. Make your choice. There are also Pine Grosbeak, Tree Sparrow, Black-headed and Lapland Buntings. Seed mixture: Canary four parts, teazle three parts, hemp and sunflower two parts each, summer rape, charlock and linseed one part each, by measure.

SEXING SKYLARKS (T. Lukey).—Cock and hen are alike in plumage. Size is a safe guide; and length of wing. If you always choose a very big bird, you are sure to get a cock. The cock has a longer sweep of wing, and carries himself much more boldly and defiantly in the cage. You would find the "Nutshell" booklet on the Skylark very useful.

IN A LARGE CAGE (O. Goldsmith).—It is hard to say what birds will, and what will not, agree. Individuals of some species are quarrelsome, while others are not. The only thing to do is to remove individuals which persistently molest their companions. Your large cage would hold 14 to 18 birds, and the kinds you name are suitable. I should not keep more than one Chaffinch and one Bramblefinch; and maybe you will find it necessary to keep only one Bullfinch.

FOUR MORE OF THEM (Avis).—Eight questions in one week at the busy season is rather O.T.; what? (1) Bait the trap cage with a fat mealworm or two impaled on a pin (I hope this advice is not contrary to the New Act!). It is the Great Tit (or Ox-eye) which is murderously inclined, as a rule. Don't trust them with smaller birds. (2) The Yellowhammer would not be dangerous. Wagtails must have a high-grade insectile food; also live-food as regularly as possible. (3) Yes; to steady them in a cage for a few weeks is an excellent plan. (4) I have seen a Yellowhammer pair with a hen Canary. But I have never seen a Yellowhammer-Canary Mule. The one thing, you see, does not necessarily follow the other thing.

BRITISH BIRD & HYBRID QUERISTS

should consult Houlton's great work, "Cage-Bird Hybrids" (7/6); Norman's "British Bird Manual" (2/3); or Part I "Hardbills" (1/1), Part 2 "Softbills" (1/1); "Aviaries, Bird-rooms, and Cages" (2/3); "Seeds, Foods, and Wild Plants" (1/2); "Secrets of Hybrid Breeding" (1/1); Dr. Creswell's "Hygiene of Bird-keeping" (1/1); Dr. Clarke's "Septic or Bird Fever" (7d.); "Colour-feeding" (3½d.); or the "Nutshell" booklets (2½d. each): No. 1 "Goldfinch," No. 2 "Linnet," No. 3 "Skylark," No. 4 "Song Thrush and Blackbird," No. 11 "Bullfinch," No. 13 "Chaffinch," No. 15 "Greenfinch," No. 22 "Siskin, Redpoll, and Twite," No. 25 "Small Insectivorous Birds," No. 26 "Large Insectivorous Birds," No. 6 "Ailing Birds and How to Cure Them," No. 9 "Disinfection of Cages, Birdrooms, etc.," No. 12 "How to Moult British Birds." All thoroughly practical and instructive. Prices quoted are post free from "Cage Birds," 154, Fleet Street, London, E.C.

BRINGING GOLDFINCH INTO BREEDING CONDITION (Goldfinch Food).—I dealt fully with this matter only a week or so ago. If you keep the Finch you mention to one hen, it is probable that a greater percentage of eggs will prove fertile. Feed your bird on the following seed mixture: Teazle four parts, Canary and hemp three parts each, linseed one part, sunflower, safflower and summer rape half-part each. The sunflower and safflower I crack lightly by passing them through a seed-crushing machine. It is no use giving safflower unless it is cracked; leave it out, otherwise. In addition I have two other mixtures, of which I give a small teaspoonful daily—one, one day, the other the next day, and so on. They are (1) niger three parts, and maw one part; (2) thistle three ounces, dandelion and sesame two ounces each, lettuce, gold of pleasure, and cornflower one ounce each. All the others are mixed by measure. These seeds are those I have found by long experience the Goldfinch is particularly partial to, and as "tit-bits" they help to bring them into song and condition quicker than anything else I know. Plenty of dandelion, young tender leaves, and flowering and seeding heads are essential also, to bring them along into breeding condition. For fuller details see CAGE BIRDS of February 17th date.

THE HEDGE ACCENTOR (T.).—Should be most pleased to hear further on the point should you have definite evidence available at any time. You are wrong, in a way, in saying that hens of all kinds are nearly always songless. They may be so when in a state of nature, but hens of the most unexpected species will sometimes develop singing powers when kept in cages and aviaries. Hen Skylarks caged by themselves have been known to sing persistently and really well, yet at the same time they have laid eggs on the cage floor. It is frequently the case that house-moulted hen Linnets, Goldfinches, Greenfinches, etc., "sing" in fine style. It is also equally true that two cock birds will pay each other little attentions usually associated with love-sick couples—cock Linnets, Goldfinches, Greenfinches, Redpolls, etc., will feed one another and fuss about as though in the throes of courtship. A cock Pekin Robin will be a novel mate for a hen Hedge Sparrow; still, I should be the last to try to discourage experiments of this kind. Extremes meet, they say; so possibly the demure and shy hen Accentor might discover her affinity in that noisy "firework," the Pekin Robin.

A QUARTETTE (L. W. E.).—The hen Canary when ready will fly about flapping her wings vigorously, and calling loudly; she will carry bits of nesting stuff in her mouth. The cock Greenie will also dance around quite lively, calling ("breezing," as it is termed) at the top of his voice; he will also feed the hen. Give the old birds canary, teazle, rape and sunflower seeds; early dandelion, chickweed, groundsel and shepherd's purse; egg-food when about ready to nest, and when they have young. At the latter period give the hen also cracked hemp and groats, chickweed and shepherd's purse. I have very seldom found it safe to leave the cock Greenie with the hen whilst rearing the young. Some are perfect brutes. (2) The chances are fairly good if the cage is large. Feed as above, being liberal with the wild plants (chickweed, etc.) should young be hatched. Put some of the eggs under a hen Canary, if possible, to be on the safe side. (3) Chances in this case are unfavourable, though it is not impossible by any means. (4) A suitable branch of a fir tree is the best thing. Glad to hear you find "C.B." so very helpful.

FOREIGN BIRDS.

Answered by WESLEY T. PAGE, F.Z.S., etc.

BIRDS FOR CAGE (Olicana).—I am afraid I cannot offer you songsters as well as breeders for a cage, and at the cash limit of a few shillings per pair, and you really cannot do better than make a start with the birds which have been suggested to you, viz., Zebra Finches (7/6), Silverbills (3/6 to 4/6) per pair in each instance. Get a couple of Hartz travelling cages; take out the perches and all the fittings, Cut away two of the bars for entrance, and hang one at each end of the cage. Push a little hay in each and supply a Canary nest bag and leave them to themselves. Let them fly together unless they disagree. The former are Australians, the latter Africans.

SHOW DISPUTE (M. Thomas).—In a class for birds reading "not larger than and including the Cardinal," the Green Glossy Starling should have been wrong classed as too large. I should, however, add that in these mixed classes the judge often takes a little licence when there is no class for larger species, but I presume there was in this case. Anyway, the Green Glossy Starling, on the strict (correct) reading of the classification, is too large to be eligible for the above class.

SISKIN x CANARY HYBRIDS (Mrs. Jewson).—The Hooded Siskin x Canary Mule has been fairly freely produced in Italy and elsewhere, and occasionally one leaks through to this country, but as there is practically no class for Foreign Finch x Canary Hybrids, it does not find as ready a sale as a rare British Finch x Canary would. A true pair of this cross were offered very cheaply in our advert. columns at the end of last year for 75s., but a good male ought to realise that figure.

FOOD FOR GREEN SINGING FINCH (Greenfinch).—The Green Singing Finch is of the same genus (*Serinus*) as the domestic Canary, and will thrive on much the same treatment. Give it a mixture of two parts canary and 1 part each while millet and rape seeds, mix and keep a constant supply in cage. It will also require green food, and is very fond of an insect occasionally. A mealworm per bird daily with any spider, smooth caterpillar, etc., you can capture for it will be very beneficial, as will also an occasional teaspoonful of "wild Finch mixture." Of course, during the spring and summer it will get a very varied supply of green food. In the winter you must rely on fresh lettuce and sweet apple. If any young are hatched out, soft food must be supplied.

TO GO WITH BUDGERIGARS AND GREY CARDINALS (A. S.).—Cocks only. Green and Virginian Cardinals, Java Sparrows, Saffron Finch, Grenadier and Orange Weavers, but I am all in the dark. If you will repeat query, giving size of cage, where it is kept, and whether you wish all seedeaters or otherwise, I can give you a definite reply. In the meantime, you could include those named above, providing they are not overcrowded.

PARROT PROBLEM (L. A. H.).—Only patience and kindness will solve it. It should talk, most Amazons do, and many Blue-fronts (I take yours to be a Blue-front) become really talented talkers and excellent mimics. No, its tongue should not be cut. It is a barbarous practice and does harm instead of good. You have got it tame—that is half the battle. Keep it where it will hear plenty of conversation. Fuss about with it a lot; talk to it, and teach it by constant repetition. Make it "one of the family." Keep it where it can see and hear all that is going on. It will become interested, and sooner or later respond to your efforts. Some individuals are much more teachable than others.

BUDGERIGAR INDISPOSED (R. F. J.).—Not very much wrong with it, I think. Get bottle of Dinneford's Magnesia and give three drops direct to the beak from a quill, and after an interval of four days repeat the dose. Put about one-third of a teaspoonful of Byno-phosphates in its drinking water daily for about a month to tone it up. Till other green food is available, give a leaf of fresh lettuce occasionally, and keep a slice of sweet apple for it to peck at. See that its seed is sweet and fresh (musty or fusty smelling seed should be refused. It is dear at any price). Diet: Canary and white millet in equal parts, millet sprays, a few crushed oats occasionally. Add a pinch of grit (not sand) to the daily seed supply. When obtainable free from frost, give seeding grass ad lib. A piece of clean cuttlebone should be continually in the cage. If the wheezing becomes more pronounced, put 3 drops of glycerine into the drinking water in lieu of the phosphates for a few days, and it should soon pick up.

WILL THEY AGREE? (R. H. Walsh).—You do not make it any too easy for me to give you a definite answer, for you give me no idea of the space in which the birds are confined. I have kept the species named together and they lived together in amity, but they were not crowded; there was ample perching and feeding accommodation for all, and no occasion for hustling. Providing the space is not too confined, you can put a pair of Bronze-wing Mannikins with your Spice Birds, Silverbills, Cordon Bleus and Fire Finches.

BIRDS FOR CONSERVATORY CAGE (W. R. Croply).—Yes, I advise all males, and you could have half-a-dozen in your cage. You do not say which you require—seedeaters or softbills. Here are selections:—Seedeaters: Alario Finch, Green Singing Finch, Cordon Bleu, Cuban Finch, Diamond Sparrow, Lavender Finch, Saffron Finch, Black-headed Siskin, Red-crested Cardinal. Softbills: Pekin Robin, Blue, Scarlet, and Superb Tanagers, White-eyes, etc. Such a cage would make a splendid home for a Gold-fronted Fruitsucker or a Shama, either of which could fly about your conservatory when convenient to the benefit of the plants, if your ventilators were covered with netting. In fact, either or both could be kept perpetually loose there, providing due precautions were taken when entering or leaving the conservatory.

WHAT OTHER PARRAKEET (Namron).—Either Ring-neck or Moustache Parrakeets should be procurable as young birds for about your figure, but you would have to wait for about two years before they would breed, as many Parrakeets mature but slowly. Either would answer your purpose, or you could have Blue-wing Lovebirds 4s. 6d. to 5s. 6d. pair, or Black-cheek Lovebirds 25s. to 30s. pair. The Ring-neck and Moustache are half as large again as the Cockateels, the Lovebirds only a little larger than Budgerigars. Of course, in accordance with your query, only one pair of the above quartet must be added to your aviary.

BUDGERIGARS, JAVAS AND EGG FOOD (Ego).—Budgerigars only require seed. When feeding young a few pieces of plain dry biscuit may be about, but many pairs will not touch it. Supply plenty of seeding (flowering) grass, also lettuce, as greenfood, and the supply of cuttlebone should never be allowed to run out. Get our Nutshell "Budgerigars," 2½d., post free from our manager, and you cannot go wrong. Java Sparrows rear their young largely on seed, but some kind of soft food (several good mixtures are advertised under "Foods") should be supplied. But egg is not really necessary. I never use it in my birdy menus.

AN AILING SUNBIRD (P.O.).—It is a pity you did not write sooner. 65 degrees F. will be none too much for this bird. Your only chance to save it is to keep up to 60 deg., at any rate. Supply soft banana as well as grapes; also Tangerine orange. Add a little liquid malt to the sop and supply in a separate small vessel a sop of Nestle's Milk, Scott's Emulsion, and a little honey, thinned down with a little boiling water. I am very doubtful of your ability to save it. It is importation troubles which are at the root of its present indisposition I fear. Keep it warm; give the sop fresh, a little at a time about three times or oftener daily, and you may pull it round. If you can procure a small spider or two and offer these at intervals, it will help the bird. Hoping you will pull the bird round.

BUDGERIGARS IN CAGE (P.H.S.).—I should only advise putting in two pairs, as once they start to breed they usually go merrily on, and the cage will be quite full while a couple of broods are being reared, and it will be necessary to remove them (the young) as soon as able to fend for themselves. The conservatory will do providing it is not damp and draughty. Budgies in cages are more liable to egg-binding than when in an outdoor aviary, and I advise you to procure some old mortar rubbish, crush it and mingle with it an equal bulk of gritty sand, and use this for cage bottom; also do not neglect to keep a piece of clean cuttlebone in the cage. Our Nutshell "Budgerigars," 2½d., post free, from our manager, would help you greatly.

CORDON BLEUS NOT REARING YOUNG (A.M.B.).—Birds have their own ideas about the fitness of things, and often act as your birds are doing at the present time. You are doing the best you can for them. Let them go on just as they are. A little later, when you can get sprays of rose and fruit trees with green fly on, live ants' cocoons (eggs), and there are plenty of flies about and more sun, you'll have better luck, I think. In the meantime, if they go to nest again keep a constant supply of millet sprays in the cage while they are feeding young. Get half-a-dozen thumb pots, sow Canary seed in them and grow in window till 2 in. high, and then supply them to the birds one at a time. By the time you have run through the six, the first one will have grown sufficiently again to do another turn, and so on. As soon as green food is obtainable from the outside, the pots of growing seed can be discontinued. Try them with a little lettuce also.

An Ailing Grey Parrot.

Mother Shipton.—I have put the Grey Parrot at the head of this reply, but your bird is the Australian Roseate Cockatoo. Do not give any more bread and milk. I should keep offering fruit (sweet apple, etc.), it will take it sooner or later. Diet: Seed mixture: One quart each canary seed and white oats one pint each white millet and hemp, half a pint each paddy rice, wheat, maize, sunflower seeds, and grit (not sand). Well mix and keep a supply in the cage. Also supply green food (lettuce), ripe fruit, and plain biscuit or stale crust of household bread. Keep a piece of clean cuttlebone in the cage. Use a crock or glass drinking vessel and put one teaspoonful of Dinneford's Magnesia in the drinking water (two or three tablespoonfuls) every fourth day. If the bird becomes very loose, then only once a week. On other days put the same quantity of Byno-phosphates in the drinking water. Continue to wash with the quassia solution once a week, and when the plumage is dry dust it with Keating's insect powder. Lightly anoint the fleshy growth with some cooling ointment. I take it the growth does not contain pus; if so, it must be opened when ripe and it would be better to let a vet. do this for you.

FOREIGN BIRD QUERISTS

should consult Page's "Foreign Birds for Beginners" (1/1½); Arthur's "Budgerigars and Cockatiels" (6d.); Arthur's "Parrots for Pleasure and Profit" (7d.); "Aviaries, Bird-rooms, and Cages" (2/3); "Seeds, Foods, and Wild Plants" (1/2); Dr. Clarke's "Septic or Bird Fever" (7d.); Dr. Creswell's "Hygiene of Bird-keeping" (1/1); "Colour-feeding" (3½d.); or the "Nutshell" booklets (2½d. each): No. 6 "Ailing Birds and How to Cure them," No. 9 "The Disinfection of Cages, Bird-rooms, etc.," No. 14 "Gouldian Finches," No. 16 "Avadavats," No. 17 "The Grey Parrot," No. 18 "Budgerigars," No. 19 "The Pekin Robin," No. 20 "Waxbills." All thoroughly practical and instructive. Prices quoted are post free from "Cage Birds," 154, Fleet Street, London, E.C.

In Bad Plumage.

Thwaites.—You give me very little data to go upon—not sufficient description to recognise the species—and make no mention as to how you are feeding and treating. Moreover, you apply for help very late in the day—over nine months. Almost looks as if it lacked the power constitutionally to renew its plumage. Diet: Canary and white millet seed with a little Fineb mixture (British) added, greenfood (lettuce now), ripe apple if it will eat it, also a couple of mealworms and a spider per diem if it will take them. Use a "mist" sprayer and spray it with quassia solution every other day. Twice a week put half a teaspoonful of Dinneford's Magnesia in its drinking water, and on other days the same quantity of Byno-phosphates. You must not use a metal drinking vessel. Keep it in a warm but not stuffy atmosphere. Send me a full description of its plumage and how you have been feeding, etc., and I shall then be able to judge if the above treatment fully meets the case.

Building an Aviary.

A. W. A.—Do not confine yourself to hawthorn, put in some evergreen privet alternately with it, and in front of these a common laurel or two—most excellent cover in wet weather. The flight will do as to width. I should put a specimen evergreen bush or two at intervals, and put in a thin standard or two from roof to ground, and put a rambler rose against them. The flight really ought to be high enough for you to walk erect under with 6in. to spare above your head. Now re shed. A to C is the front of the shed, this should have a window (sufficiently large to well light the whole shed), covered with wire netting on the inside, and there should be an open doorway (door not needed) 18in. wide by 4½ft. high. If you wish to have a door then let it be in two halves, the lower portion of which could be open in the day time if severe weather and closed at night. If you can manage it use concrete for shed floor. Re cover flight, C to E. All I need say here is the grass is no use. Take it off and put a couple of inches of gritty sand over this portion, and let the partition E2 be solid matching with wire door E to E2 as in plan, and wire-netting front. The flight you are clear about. Your best course will be to have a span roof, one pitch right through A to G, though from E2 to G it will be only three-quarter span owing to width of flight, and this will give you the required height to flight, the front of which, E2 to G, would be about 6ft. and nearly 7ft. under centre of span. Your proportions are about right. Query me again on points not clear. If you choose to send me a stamped addressed envelope I will send you rough pencil plan. The roof, A to E, will be boarded and felted (no lights necessary), the portion E2 to G all wire netting. Am keeping query by me for reference. Wire netting or sheet zinc ought to be carried 18in. below ground level to keep out rats, mice, etc.

Gouldian Finch and Sore Feet.

M. S.—The swollen foot may only be the result of a wrench, or it may be something akin to rheumatism, or a splinter may have got into it. From yours I take it there is no wound at present, in which case foment with hot water (not hot enough for discomfort). Dry with a cloth and paint with neat whisky daily. If any sore develops, still foment and carefully cleanse away any pus there may be and anoint with a little antiseptic ointment. The perches in cage should not be all one thickness, hence a twig branch is better than artificial perches. Keep the bird's bowels moving freely by an occasional dose (½ teaspoonful) of Dinneford's Magnesia in the drinking water (do not use a metal drinker) as required. Two or three times a week the same quantity of Byno-phosphates in the drinking water will be helpful. Diet: Canary and white millet, millet sprays, with a little paddy rice and crushed oats, say, every other day; green food, grit, cuttlebone, and water. Report progress a fortnight hence.

An Ailing Budgerigar.

Paton.—It is a pity you did not write earlier, and I rather doubt your ability to save it now. It has evidently been subjected to draught, with the disastrous result you describe. Bathe the affected eye with a rose water and zinc solution (from any chemist), slightly diluted with warm water. Also get a box of honey and borax and put a little on its tongue twice daily. It will help to keep the mouth clear. Every fourth day give 3 drops of Dinneford's Magnesia direct to the beak from a quill. On other days give two drops of the following mixture, direct to the beak: equal parts of ipecacuanha wine, oxymel of squills, and glycerine. Dilute a small portion for use with an equal bulk of water, and give 2 drops twice daily as above. Put 10 drops of Byno-phosphates into the daily supply of drinking water. Do not give milk. Add a pinch of grit (not sand) to the daily supply of seed. Keep a millet spray, also a piece of clean cuttlebone, in the cage, and supply a leaf of fresh lettuce occasionally. While it continues unwell, moisten a piece of plain biscuit with chilled water and keep this in its cage. Use a separate quill for each mixture, and each should be well cleansed each time before being put into the bulk mixture. Report progress a fortnight hence.

Pennants and Rosellas.

T. Webb.—As a rule pairs of Pennants and Rosellas are not safe together in the same aviary during the breeding season, and you may have to wait a little before yours settle down to breeding, possibly till next year if yours are young birds. If you have sufficient space put a pair of Pennants and a pair of Rosellas each in an aviary by themselves and leave your odd birds together in another aviary. The Pennants and Rosellas readily cross, though they will seldom consent to nest together in amity. I am inclined to think a little later you will find them pair off, but if you have three hens, or vice-versa, they will fight for the odd bird; so as soon as you can pick them out, put the pairs into separate aviaries. Few species of Parrakeets nest the year following their birth, and this often causes disappointment to those unaware of this fact, and you may even have to wait another year for results; but your birds must be a glorious sight flying together. Cockatiels may be left with Pennants, and both Budgies and Cockatiels with Rosellas. It is when they start pairing that the crucial time will arrive; and, speaking of adults, sexes must be equal, or there will be ructions! They require no nesting material whatever. If I have missed any point, write again.

POST MORTEMS.

Mr. G. Yates, M.R.C.V.S., 2, College Road, Harrow, Middlesex, will examine and report upon dead cage birds for a fee of 1s. 6d. each bird; for reply direct, 2s. 6d.; analysis, 21s. Subjects for post mortem examination must be sent packed in a box direct to Mr. Yates, with the fee, this and any accompanying letter being kept from contact with the dead bird. Send by letter-post; it is cheaper and quicker than parcel post. Any bodies sent to the office of this paper will be thrown away, and if a fee is enclosed the loss will be the sender's.

Mrs. A. Maconochy.—Parrot was suffering from far-advanced disease of the liver. The organ was very much enlarged, hardened, or cirrhotic, and spotted with hemorrhages. The disease was not amenable to treatment, but probably might have been rectified had the condition been earlier recognised, and suitable treatment attempted.

Border Hen.—Capillary hemorrhage from the lungs arising from congestion of these organs, was responsible for death of Canary. It is a condition which comes on very quickly; the period of illness in this case is unusually long, the time elapsing between seizure and death being usually a matter of a few hours only, unless relief is early afforded, when many cases recover.

GENERAL.

Answered by THE EDITOR.

The Fancy in the Isle-of-Man (P. McCluskey).—You say far too many harsh things concerning other people's birds—in your view there would seem to be hardly a decent bird in the length and breadth of the Island. We cannot believe it. Anyway, surely between fancier and fancier there is room for that fellow feeling which "makes one wondrous kind"? Think it over.

Fish in a Tank (F. Williamson).—We could not answer without further details. Let us know size of tank; how many fish you try to keep in it, and their average size; particulars of food; whether you have suitable weeds therein, and snails, etc; if the water is frequently changed. We do not think it likely that the brass or the copper is at fault. Read our "Nutshell" booklet on the Aquarium (post free 2½d.).

Press Cuttings (K. Maclean, P. James, E. K., and others).—We are much obliged to you for the newspaper cuttings sent us.

Returning Thanks (H. Boothman).—We much appreciate the kindly remarks contained in your letter.

A Music Hall Joke (Albert Ormes).—It is a good joke; but, unfortunately, we have already published it.

A Ticked Norwich (G.B.S.).—Most societies now define a "ticked" Norwich as being a bird possessing one dark mark on the surface, not larger than a sixpenny piece.

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Wild-Bird Life.

Wild Birds and the Spring

Since the sharp spell of winter at the beginning of February, the weather has been unusually mild, and already one can see indications of the coming spring in the swelling buds of the chestnut trees, and a ruddy tinge of colour at the extremities of the elms. Where the weather is mild enough to influence vegetation in this manner, wild bird life is bound to feel the effects, especially when the weather has been free from long periods of frost, and the birds are naturally in fine condition. Of course, it is a long time yet to the "merry month of May," but we shall soon hear of such early birds as Robins, and Thrushes commencing domestic affairs before we realise Spring is coming.

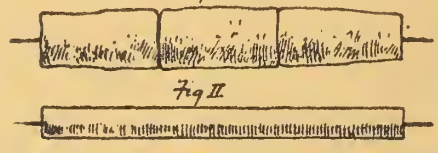
For the past two or three days the writer has noticed a pair of handsome Starlings searching among the grass for stray bits of rubbish, which they have carried away to an old tree on the side of the hill. They may only be playing at nest-building, and a month or two may elapse before anything of a serious nature is attempted. But still such actions as these are signs of the forwardness of wild birds. The Robin that has haunted the garden all the winter has at last found a companion with which he does not quarrel. His antics before this lady (for a lady it is) are most grotesque. He will drop his wings and throw his head so far backwards, that it is a wonder he does not sometimes lose his balance and turn a somersault. At times he will start and bow like a pigeon, but his partner is quite oblivious to all this parade, and continues insect-hunting in the most unconcerned manner. The cock bird has been a constant singer all the winter, only ceasing for a few days during the hard frost. It is doubtful if he will stay much longer, for although we have plenty of old receptacles about that would be suitable nesting sites, he prefers to make his home in the adjoining park, where there is nothing to disturb his domestic arrangements. But we never quite lose sight of him; he is in and out of the garden all through the summer months. For his small size the Robin is a rather gross feeder, and will eat almost anything that can be found on the rubbish heap. He does not care a lot for fruit, although he will peck at a piece of apple or banana skin that he may find lying about.

Illustrated Ideas

Every "Illustrated Idea" used in this column will entitle the sender thereof to a postal order for two shillings and sixpence.

No 571.
A Perch for Tender Feet.
Sent by Mr. J. Little, 154, Abbey Road, West Ham, E.

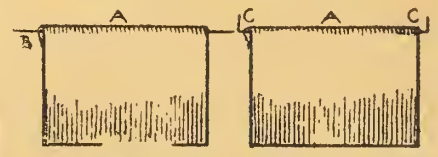
I send you an idea of a perch, very useful for tender feet of delicate birds. First get some corks, push a piece of stout wire through the centre of them to the required length of



perch, as in sketch (fig. 1). Now get a good file and file them down to the usual thickness wanted as in sketch (fig. 2). I think the sketch will explain. The idea will save many a bird from having sore feet.—J. Little.

No. 572.
A Breeding Cage Label Device.
Sent by Mr. J. Gunning, Shinrone, King's Co.

Enclosed is a sketch of a handy device I use in conjunction with Cage Birds breeding cage labels in order to keep them clean. Get a piece of tin, cut it the size of label, leaving it half an inch longer one way to allow for hinged part (A). Then get a piece of cage



wire and turn top of tin over wire (see B), leaving the wire to play freely. Bend the ends of wire (C), and drive them into cage front. Turn up the tin flap, and stick "C.B." gummed label to it inside; when you let down the tin flap, it of course covers label. If those flaps be placed in the middle of breeding cages—over turnrail—and enamelled a different colour to cage, they look very neat.—J. Gunning.

Under the White Rose.

FANCIERS are looking forward eagerly to the annual amalgamated prize distribution and social to be held next week-end, on the 9th inst., at the old place, the Market Tavern, Godwin Street, Bradford. The affair promises to equal if not to surpass any that have been held previously, and that is saying a lot; but really the array of prizes will be greater and much more valuable than in any previous year, several of the larger ones having been won outright, bringing to an end some very interesting competitions. One cannot pass the list of specials of the various clubs without alluding to the novice section. This section has, during the last few seasons, been extra well catered for, but the support has not reached the expectations of those who have pushed their claims forward, more particularly those who have passed from the novice classes to try their prestige in the open section, several prizes literally going begging. In fact, good substantial prizes could have been won that would have paid even if not a single money prize had been secured. Really, if only they would take the trouble to investigate what is offered them, I am sure such prizes would not have to go a-begging. Join these clubs next year, and have a cut in for some of them.

THE Bradford National Show for next year is already getting into shape. Classification and patronages have been under consideration, and by the time these lines appear probably something will have been done in regard to judges. To get the best it is necessary to be in the field in good time. Do not forget that next year the show will extend over three days. No doubt the "gate" will benefit greatly on the Saturday night. Many at the last shows were greatly disappointed when they could not see the birds after 7 o'c.

BANKFOOT Show held on Feb. 17, did not come up to the expectations of the promoters. About seventy birds were staged, some very smart ones amongst them; but what seemed to be the stumbling block was the place it took in regard to novices. Many thought if they won here that they would be knocked out as novices. But wasn't there a limit on?

SOME heated discussions have taken place lately in regard to members shows, and many and varied are the ideas for and against them. This is over and above the question as to whether they should be held during the hours an open show is in progress, which is under consideration of Union Societies.

"TRAIGHT 'UN."

The Young Naturalist.

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*Nested in a Skull.

I think I can give a more curious nesting place than any I have read about. A man's skull found in a graveyard near Dublin had a Robin's nest and five eggs in it. It can be seen in the Dublin Museum.—Sent by C. A. McConnell (aged 12), 2, Merton Villas, S.C. Road, Donore Avenue, Dublin.

*"Mind Your Own Business"

One day an elephant, wandering through a jungle, espied a bird's nest containing four eggs. "Oh, dear," he trumpeted, "how very careless. While the mother is away something may happen to those eggs. I had better keep guard." For some time he did this, and then it occurred to him that he might do even better still. "What a long time the hen is gone; those eggs will get quite cold I will sit on them myself.' So down he sat, with sad results for the eggs If everybody minded his own business there would not be so many accidents.—Taken from "Goole Times" and sent by S. Stubbs (aged 11), High Street, Askern, Doncaster.

**A Wise Parrot.

"Polly" is the favourite of a farmer who lives in Montclair. She would ride with the farmer to market in his wagon or on the horse's back. One night not long ago, as they were returning home, the farmer was attacked by a robber, who beat him badly and began to search his pockets. "Polly" was on the horse's back in the dark, but seeing her master's plight, called out loudly: "Hold him, Pop, I'm coming!" Dumbfounded, the robber gave a quick look round him in the dark, and as the words were again repeated, this time closer and more hoarsely, he rose and disappeared. "Polly" is now the wonder of the neighbourhood. Taken from a daily paper, and sent by Arthur Richardson (aged 14 years), Pollington, near Snaith S.O., Yorkshire.

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Another Hon. Sec.

This week's addition to our list of Hon. Secs. is as follows:—

Pontefract: Mr. Herbert Dickinson, Tanshelf Drive, Pontefract.

A Reply to Some Enquiries.

I have received several letters from hon. secs. of Societies to the effect that some of the members are not fully cognisant of the Aims and objects of Cage Birds League, and that they desire that information concerning the League should be brought before their notice.

It is to be presumed that while they have had their attention engaged with the many things happening during the show season they have not carefully read these League columns from week to week, for I have done my best to keep members and readers informed of the Aims and Objects of the League, the work it has done, and that which lies before it.

What the Sentimentalists Are Doing.

Only last week I called attention to the activity of the R.S.P.C.A. in bringing into operation the new Act of 1911, and our most immediate object at present is to bring effectively to the notice of all who keep birds that the sentimentalists are out to put an end to the keeping of any kind of bird in captivity. They care nothing as to how they are to do this; the doing of it is their avowed object. For the present they are making use of a clause in the new Act, which declares it penal to do anything which may "cause unnecessary suffering," or to cause such "unnecessary suffering" by *omitting* to do something or other to any animal of whatsoever kind, "including any bird, fish, or reptile which is in captivity . . . . or subjected to any appliance or contrivance for the purpose of hindering or preventing its escape from captivity or confinement." This wording very clearly covers a bird in a cage.

The Private Owner.

There are many people who keep just a single bird, and who, from lack of experience, do not do all that is necessary to administer to the comfort and well-being of that individual bird. Here again is work for Cage Birds League and its members. Every private owner of a bird or two should be made aware that there is a right and a wrong way of keeping birds in captivity, and if they are in any difficulty as to the proper keeping of their birds Cage Birds League will help them, and the experts attached to the staff of our official organ, Cage Birds, will answer any questions which may arise.

Where the Act Does Not Apply.

The new Act does not apply to wild animals in a state of natural freedom, so that Grouse shooting, Partridge shooting, fox hunting, or deer-stalking may still be indulged in by the well-to-do. Even the hunting of the carted stag or the coursing of a bagged rabbit would seem to be immune, so long as the stag or rabbit is not liberated for the purpose of being hunted or coursed while "in an injured, mutilated or exhausted condition."

All these things may be done with impunity; yet, in the language of the sentimentalists, "*it will be a good day for England when the keeping of birds in cages in any circumstances whatever is rendered illegal.*" This being their doctrine, their one object is to see it brought about. It must be our object to defend our hobby.

What Bird-keepers Must Do.

There is in our country an immense army of bird-keepers: these, individually, are powerless. Combined, their position would be impregnable, and in the Cage Birds League an opportunity is offered for such a combination. The subscription, at present, is only one shilling a year, and if every bird-keeper would join our ranks our very numbers would be sufficient to convince our opponents of the futility of any efforts directed against the existence of our pleasurable and instructive hobby. I shall be glad to furnish to any applicants a copy of our leaflet setting forth the Aims and Objects of Cage Birds League.

What Individual Members Can Do.

A member of Cage Birds League, Mr. R. H. Cotton, of Southampton, is kind enough to send me some letters which appeared in a local paper, together with his replies thereto. The first letter was by a member of the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds, asking readers to put out during severe weather various kinds of food for the wild birds, and thus "save many a little life." Mr. Cotton wrote in support of this very estimable letter, and at the same time pointed out that birds in captivity were not subjected to the danger of starvation. Mr. Cotton's reference to caged birds brought forth a reply from a Mr. O. Bailey, which was couched in the terms made familiar to us by the writings of other sentimentalists. He said the conditions of a bird in a cage were similar to those of a human prisoner in a seven foot cell. To the misrepresentations of this Mr. Bailey, Mr. Cotton sent a reply, which seems to have silenced that gentleman, for he has not vouchsafed any answer. If members of our League would follow the example of Mr. Cotton, and take the trouble to answer attacks on our hobby written in the unwarrantable terms used by these perfervid opponents of bird-keeping, much would be done to obviate the false impressions which may be conveyed by such fulminations, if allowed to go uncontradicted.

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HENRY J. FULLJAMES,
Secretary, Cage Birds League.
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I was really delighted to see the magnificent sketch on the front page of our interesting weekly, Cage Birds, of my champion Corn Bunting. It is indeed an exact replica of that fine bird, and I warmly congratulate your artist on his work. I will just say that the two C.B.'s (Cage Birds and the Corn Bunting) are my two ideals, one of which I look forward to every week, while the other I am fortunate to look at every day. I wish to express my best thanks to the numerous writers of letters of congratulation I have received.—J. B. Caunt (Beeston, Notts).

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By Claude St. John.

effect); or a little scalded and crushed rape, added to the food at this time is often invaluable in starting the hens to feed, or re-invigorating them. Green food is also a most valuable ally, and should be given in quite small quantities, fresh at frequent intervals, for a few days until the slackness of the hen has passed off. Do not trouble if the hen appears to feed exclusively on greenstuff; it will keep the young going, and, as a rule, all that is needed in these cases is to keep the hen "on the feed" for a few days until her maternal instinct returns in full vigour.

To assist this happy event it is a good plan to dissolve a crystal of sulphate of soda in the drinking water for one half of each day for a few days as soon as any signs of fag are noticed, and to offer daily a bath made slightly saline with the addition of common salt, which has a very good invigorating effect.

Early Desertion.

For the first fortnight of their lives the chicks are usually brooded almost constantly by the hen, who only leaves the nest at short intervals to get a little food or water, and generally a few moments' exercise before going back, and at night sleeps on the nest. This is very necessary for the first fortnight or so, particularly in the early part of the season when the nights are chilly. After the first week the hen will begin to prolong her absence from the nest more and more each day, but a good hen will generally continue to roost on the nest until the young are getting well-feathered and almost ready to leave home. But occasionally one will find a hen which begins to roost on the perch when the young are only a few days old and quite bare of feathers. In the early season this will often mean the loss of the young, who perish with cold, so that every effort should be made to get her to sleep on the nest at this stage. First of all make sure that the nest is not "alive" with red mites at night, nor yet made uninhabitable by any self-respecting hen by too liberal use of odorous insecticides or powders. Supposing the nest is not at fault a hen will sometimes pop on to it and stay there if one only goes near the cage or touches the wires just after she has apparently settled down on a perch. But for a really obstinate hen of this kind I believe the best management is one I have known carried out, with every success. That is, if she refuses to go on the nest when gently coaxed, remove the perch on which she has settled down, and if she goes to another, and another one, repeat the manœuvre each time until every perch is out, and no other roosting place is left but the nest and the floor. In practically every case she will choose the nest. Of course, the perches must be replaced early next morning, or even the same night just as all lights are about being put out. If it is necessary, follow up the same method nightly for a few nights, and the hen's obstinacy will be gradually overcome.

Over-lapping Broods.

When the hen begins to roost on the perches when her brood is between a week and a fortnight old, there is always a fair chance that she is about to recommence nesting again before the brood in the nest is able to leave it. This is sometimes the result of giving too liberal a diet during incubation, and also one outcome of a too liberal or too early supply of hemp for rearing the young. Where our directions for the early part of the season have been adhered to, these causes, of course, will have been avoided. In other cases it is just the result of excessive vigour, or precocity. For the rest of the season it will be good policy to try moving the cock after the eggs are laid and leave the hen to hatch and rear the brood by herself.

Here again a crystal of sulphate of soda in the water for a portion of each day for a few days may help to cool the hen, but if she is really coming forward towards laying, the only rational course is to give her a fresh nest-pan in another part of the cage when she begins to show signs of being bent on building. New nesting material must be given too, and sometimes things will run quite smoothly, the cock taking over the chief work of feeding the young when the hen begins nesting again. But you

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Club Reports.

SANDY LANE AND DIS. C.B.A.

Annual general meeting held headquarters, Feb. 20th, Mr. J. Whitwham (president) in chair. Balance-sheet for 1911 adopted as read, showing a balance on right side. Following officers elected: President, J. Wilson; vice-presidents, P. Drake and J. Hanson; treasurer, S. Moore; delegate, P. Ratcliffe; auditors, P. Drake and S. Moore; joint secretaries, S. Ratcliffe and A. Shaw.—Ratcliffe and Shaw, Secs.

BONNYRIGG AND DIST. C.B.S.

Meeting held Feb. 24th, Forresters' Arms, Mr. A. Jardine in chair. Election of office-bearers: Mr. A. Jardine president again, to the satisfaction of all; Mr. E. Weigly vice-president; secretary proposed again, but was sorry he could not take office again, not having enough time at his disposal. Mr. J. Hamilton (Eskhank) was elected secretary and treasurer. Next meeting March 30th.—Geo. Harper, late Sec.

WAKEFIELD O.S.

Meeting held February 24th, Crown and Anchor Hotel. Balance-sheet presented, showing balance on right side. Dates for our members' shows: Oct. 26th, Nov. 30th, and Dec. 26th. The cup having been won for the third time by Messrs. C. and C. T. Parkes, it becomes their own property, and arrangements will shortly be made for another to be purchased and competed for under same cup rules. Our esteemed member, Mr. Daniels, has again accepted the chairmanship for the year. We shall be glad to see anyone desirous of joining.—J. Sherwood, Sec.

EASTVILLE (Open) F.S. (Bristol).

Meeting, held February 14, Mr. R. Ewins presiding. Resolved, that three tankards be offered for competition during 1912: Young Can. tankard, for most points gained by member during year, for young birds bred and exhibited during 1912; champion young Canary tankard, to member who wins first prize in cham. class at Dec. show; and a British bird tankard for most points. An adult Canary competition will be arranged, and a valuable special presented to member making most points during year with old birds only, Feb. show excepted. Champion class will also be provided in December for old birds, and a valuable special given.—J. T. Greenslade, Vice-chairman.

DENTON AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

At our last meeting we had a washing exhibition by Mr. T. Rowbotham. A good muster turned up, and about twelve birds were washed. Everybody seemed interested. He told the novices washing was the final thing. A good bird poorly washed and staged stood little chance against a poor bird well staged throughout. One novice asked him if he believed in putting birds in a drying cage directly after they were washed, or did he believe in using cloths? His reply was: He believed in using cloths, putting the birds in front of a fire for about a quarter of an hour, continually turning them. He said he had three basins, "milkwarm" water. In the first he put a little borax, clean water in second, and a drop of glycerine in the last, as this killed the soap teft. He used Sunlight soap, having tried several.—W. Hopwood, sec.

MUSSELBURGH O.S.

Meeting held Grey Horse Tavern, Feb. 24th, Mr. A. Moffat (President) in chair, supported by Vice-President (Mr. J. Smeaton), and a splendid gathering. After the usual business, proposed open show claimed our attention. Secretary read reports of Aberdeen and Brechin societies, kindly sent by secretaries (Messrs. Bryson and Mitchell). Decided to adopt rules of the Brechin society with a few alterations. A motion by Mr. Smeaton "That members pay 2s. 6d. per annum, and that membership be confined to Musselburgh and district," carried. Show finally settled for 14th Dec. Secretaries please note. Agreed to hold show in the Town hall, a large and well lighted place in the main thoroughfare. Mr. J. Smeaton elected show manager, with Mr. J. Lawson assistant. Secretary instructed to write several judges for terms, and report same at next meeting, 30th March.—W. Nisbet, Hon. Sec.

SALFORD LINNET CLUB.

First annual social held February 19th, Boat House Hotel, Oldfield Road, when 36 members and friends sat down to a splendid dinner. After the many courses had been served, a start was made on a long and varied programme. President (Mr. H. Cootes) gave the toast "The Salford Linnet Club," and said he was very pleased such a large number were rallying round the club, which had started at the bottom of the ladder. Mr. W. Wilson gave his toast of "The Company," and said he hoped at next social we should have a larger number. Mr. H. Murray, Miss J. Cootes, Mr. W. Murray sang songs, which were greatly appreciated. The sketch, entitled "The Brothers Malone," by the Bros. Murray, was a great surprise, and Mr. W. Wilson gave his speciality and illustration, entitled "Bailing Out." The event of the evening was then given by the Brothers Murray in sketch, entitled "Pa and Ma."—B. Wharton, Sec.

DULWICH & PECKHAM C.B.S.

The Annual Dinner a Great Success.

A dinner was held at headquarters, the Reindeer Hotel, Rye Lane, on February 20th. It is hoped this will be made an annual fixture. Some 40 ladies sat down to an excellent repast, provided by our worthy host, Mr. A. Laing. Great credit is reflected on the sub-committee appointed to carry out the arrangements, viz., Messrs. H. W. Tomsett, F. Cole and W. Hodson (hon. sec.). The President (Mr. J. Bright Crowe) was in the chair, and Mr. F. Cole, vice-chair. The dinner, which consisted of six courses, was served in excellent style, and was thoroughly enjoyed. Dinner over, Mr. Scott opened the proceedings with a pianoforte solo. The Chairman proposed the toast of the "Society," and briefly ran through its history. He congratulated members on being free from all debt; it was something to be proud of, for he could assure them there were many societies of different kinds in London, who, although much older established, could not boast of such a happy state of affairs. He had much pleasure in coupling the names of Mr. Hodson, their worthy secretary, and also of Mrs. Hodson. The toast was received with musical honours. Mr. Hodson, in reply, thanked the company for the enthusiastic manner in which they had received the toast. He was quite sure all felt proud that the society had come safely through the dark clouds, which had hung over them for the past three years. This happy state of affairs had only been made possible by the hard-working committees, which had controlled affairs, and by the hard work of the assistant secretary, Mr. H. W. Tomsett, who had given much attention to the social side of the society's work. In the near future we should be again holding our open shows, and he felt certain fanciers both North and South, would give us their confidence and send their birds. Mr. H. W. Tomsett, in a few well-chosen words, proposed the toast, "The Ladies." Madam Feist Madewell replied in a charming little speech, which delighted all present. The Vice-Chairman (Mr. F. Cole) proposed a double toast, that of the Visitors and the Artistes, who had so kindly contributed to the evening's enjoyment. With his usual tact and wit he made an excellent speech, the toast being enthusiastically received. Mr. L. J. Richardson replied. Mr. D. Reeks proposed a vote of thanks to the President. The society was, he said, proud to have a real live president, not merely a figurehead. Mr. H. E. Tringham seconded. The health of our President was toasted with musical honours, and Mr. Crowe briefly replied. The musical programme was one long to be remembered. Among the contributors were: Mr. J. Butler (baritone), of the well-known St. James' part singers; Miss D. Swain, Mr. M. Lee (tenor), Mr. E. May (soprano), and Mr. Reeks. A most enjoyable evening closed by the singing of "Auld Lang Syne" and God Save the King. Amongst those present were: Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Tomsett, Mr. and Mrs. W. Austin, Mr. and Mrs. D. Reeks, Mr. and Mrs. W. Hodson, Mr. and Madame Feist Madewell, Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Richardson, Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Stephen, Mr. and Mrs. Grahame, Miss Swain, Mr. and Mrs. Fairman, Mr. J. Bright Crowe (president), Messrs. F. Cole, R. Jay, H. E. Tringham, H. Lee, F. J. Martin, F. Tebbs, J. Carpenter, J. Hazell, Hy. Cornish and friend, J. Groombridge, F. Hocking, A. Spillman, Master Richardson, and several others whose names we did not get.

CLITHEROE & DISTRICT C.B.S.

Annual gathering held Bennett's Rooms, Moor Lane, February 17th. An appetising repast was provided by Mrs. Bennett and thoroughly appreciated. The evening was spent in convivial fashion, songs being contributed by Messrs. J. Cook, R. Lambert, and A. James. Mr. James also gave a selection on the gramophone. Mr. R. Calvert presided at the piano—J. Southworth, Sec.

NORTH LONDON C.B.A.

At meeting held Feb. 21st, our president (Mr. T. R. Trower), on behalf of the members, presented a testimonial to Mr. R. P. Harper upon his retirement from the position of honorary secretary, a position he has held for the past eight years. He has undoubtedly been instrumental in bringing this association to its present high position in the Fancy. The present consisted of a barometer inscribed: "Presented to Robert P. Harper, Esq., in grateful recognition of his invaluable and untiring services for eight years as honorary secretary of the North London Cage Bird Association, February, 1912." Mr. Harper tenders his sincerest thanks to donors who were unable to be present.—P. W. Jefferies, Hon. Sec.

COCKERMOUTH F.S.

Annual meeting held Feb. 15, Redmond's Rooms, Mr. Oglethorpe in chair. Committee, in their report, stated they had had to face a large deficit for two successive years, and their first duty had been to pay off debts and place the society on a clear financial basis. That had been accomplished, and the position to-day was a very satisfactory one. They had decided to abandon the poultry section, which would enable them to secure a show room at less cost and warrant them holding a show in 1912. Balance sheet shows that after paying off a deficit of £7 15s. 2d. for 1910, and sundry expenses in 1911, there was a balance of 18s. 3d. The election of officers:—President, Mr. H. B. Dykes; chairman, Mr. G. Oglethorpe; vice-chairman, Mr. J. Simon; hon. treasurer, Mr. J. Ellwood; hon., secretary, Mr. John Jackson; committee, Messrs. W. Deacon, W. Gorley, E. Tiffen, W. M. Walker, J. Little, Jos. Jackson, and Jos. Sewell; auditors, Messrs. R. Litt and A. J Rea; hon. auctioneer, Mr. R. Mitchelt. Rules were slightly revised, and it was decided to hold a show during the present year.—G. Oglethorpe.

SHEFFIELD C.B.S.

Dinner held Feb. 22nd, Hudson's Restaurant, and it proved a success in every way. Messrs. T. Dawn and Dr. Jones (presidents of the Sheffield O.S. and Walkley C.B.S. respectively) wrote regretting their inability to be present, and in the absence of our hon. President (Mr. H. Barber), through illness, our President, Mr. F. Jones presided. Altogether 64 members and their wives sat down to dinner. Mr. Jones welcomed amongst us the ladies and visitors. After dinner the time was all too short for the presentation of the cups and special prizes, which made a very fine show. The winners were delighted, and expressed their determination to try and win again this year. The toast of "The King" was honoured on the call of Mr. J. Thorpe, also that to "The Ladies," by Mr. J. G. Cowley. "Success to the Sheffield C.B.S." was toasted on the call of Mr. T. Hemming, who urged every member to do his best to keep our society in its right place —at the top; also of the elevating influence the Fancy has upon the people who take it up. The President responded, and the toast of "Kindred Societies" was proposed by Mr. J. Woolhouse. Mr. L. Havenhand (president of the Attercliffe C.B.S.) replied in a neat speech. The Helio Troupe were responsible for the entertainment, and acquitted themselves creditably.—J. Woolhouse, Assist. Sec.

ULSTER O.A.

Annual meeting, held February 8th, 8, Clarence Place Hall. Mr. Stewart, in president's absence, was voted to chair. Balance sheet adopted as read, showing the association in a good financial position with a balance of £15 in hand. Proposed and passed that secretary be allowed full commission as before. Balance, less commission (about £2), and amount to be retained in secretary's hands for working expenses to be lodged in bank. Election of office-bearers:—President, Mr. Stewart; secretary and treasurer, Mr. R. Trimble; committee, Messrs. J. Ronaldson, W. Gray, W. Connell, M. Fleming, S. Scott, J. Barclay, J. Lavery, J. Thomson, D. McBride, W. Teasy, D. E. Alexander, J. Carson, T. H. Smyth, J. Niell, J. Montgomery, J. Wilson; trustees, Messrs. W. Connell, J. Thompson; auditors, Messrs. J. Ronaldson, T. H. Smyth. Suggested, that an effort be made to get a number of prominent citizens as vice-presidents, and some one occupying an exalted position as president; all members present agreed to approach anyone they knew with this object, while a small committee was appointed to deal with this matter, consisting of Messrs. Stewart, Fleming, Barclay, Smyth, and Ronaldson. Proposed, and passed, that there be only two judges this season, one for Scotch Fancy and British sections, and one for Norwich and Yorkshires. Judges were nominated and elected. Next annual show fixed for 6th and 7th December, and, judging by the interest of the members present, it will most likely be the best yet held.—R. Trimble, Sec.

METROPOLITAN C.B.A.

Meeting held February 17th. Decided to hold second Y.B. show July 20th, annual members' show November 2nd; judge for both shows, Mr. H. Norman. Three silver cups to be won outright this year—one each for Nor., Yorks., and British sections; the two highest placed birds in the two classes to count at the young bird shows, and the two highest placed cocks and the two highest placed hens at annual show. All points count for British section.—J. Best, Hon. Sec.

HETTON-LE-HOLE C.B.S.

"Smoker" held Crown Inn, Feb. 24th, Councillor F. Piper (president) in chair, ably supported by Mr. W. Holmes. A most enjoyable evening was spent. After the toasts of "The Chairman and Officials," and "The Host and Hostess," songs (both comic and sentimental) were given by Messrs. Brown, High, and Tonks; gramophone selections by the host (Mr. E. McCabe). At the interval our president, in a very nice little speech, promised even better support in the future than in the past, which was greatly appreciated; the whole company, rising to their feet, "drank a bumper to the president." Great praise is due to our host and hostess for the able manner in which they catered for the "inner man." Everyone expressed the hope that we would have many more such gatherings.—A. J. Notley, Sec.

DERBY C.B.S.

Meeting held Feb. 24th. Decided to hold annual open show Oct. 11th and 12th, and in due course we shall announce name of judges. A very encouraging part of our correspondence was a letter from a staunch supporter, presenting us with one guinea towards meeting our debt on last open show, and a further half-guinea should be succeed in clearing debt off by end of April. We shall succeed. Will members who have not at present rushed to our aid please make a note, as we have still something to do before the time expires. Five new members made; not bad, but let us see if we cannot double the membership. We were very glad to hear that our old and well-known member, Mr. J. Bexson, is gradually recovering from a long and severe illness; taken seriously ill last December, he has had to keep to his bed since. He takes a great interest in the club's welfare, and fanciers will join us in wishing him a speedy recovery.—Wharam and Bamsey, Secs.

GRIMSBY AND CLEETHORPES ROLLER C.S.

First members' show, tea, and whist drive, held Feb. 24th, Brunson's Restaurant (119, Cleethorpes Road). The show, or contest, was a success for the initial attempt, 16 exhibits being staged. Tea and whist drive following were thoroughly enjoyed, everybody showing that "entente cordiale" which is the key to prosperity in a society. Result of contest: Class 1, young birds bred by exhibitor (9): 2, spl., 24 points; hc, Rawcliffe; 3, spl., 24 points, vhc, Wilson; 4, spl., 21 points, c, Ives. Class 2, open (7): 2, spl., 28 points, vhc, c, Ives; 3, spl., 24 points, Mason; 4, spl., 24 points, Rawcliffe; hc, 18 points, Crooks. The 1st award in each class was withheld. Mr. Walton (Leeds) judged. Following were the prize-winners in the whist drive: Ladies: 1, Mrs. Ives; 2, Mrs. Rawcliffe. Gentlemen: 1, Mr. Rawcliffe; 2, Mrs. Young (as gentleman). Mrs. Woods and Mr. Mason won scaled prizes.—H. Mason.

WEST FIFE C.B. LEAGUE.

Successful smoking concert held in Masonic Arms, Cowdenbeath, February 17th, for the purpose of presenting the League Cup. Mr. J. Stenhouse (president) in chair; over 40 members present from the various societies in the League. Secretary read report of League competition, showing Kelty and Blairadam C.B.S. to be the winners, Lochgelly C.B.S. being runners-up. Mr. J. Rankine (Dunfermline), in presenting the cup, congratulated them on their success. Mr. J. Stenhouse, in accepting the cup on behalf of Kelty, made the remark that the other societies would need to be "up early in the morning" to win the cup from them. Later on the chairman proposed the health and prosperity of the League, coupling with this toast the names of Mr. D. Grant (Lochore) and Mr. J. R. Reed (Cowdenbeath) the promoters of the League in this district, also making reference to the object of the League—to encourage the breeding and exhibiting of all kinds of cage birds and the furthering of the Fancy in general. Mr. Reid expressed the hope that the League would be the means of encouraging the young members in the Fancy, and by next season it would do more good still. Mr. T. Wildridge (president Lochgelly C.B.S.) said he wasn't so sure about having to be up so early, as there had been some fresh arrivals in Lochgelly who would be heard of next season. A lengthy programme was carried out by members of the various societies.—W. Duff, Sec.

MANCHESTER & N. COUNTIES O.S.

General meeting held Feb. 19th, Headquarters, Mr. W. A. Bladon presiding over a fairly good attendance. Auditors gave their report, after which the balance sheet, which showed an increase of £5/10/1 (along with £2/10/6 out-standing accounts) over last year, was accepted. Agreed, to guarantee to spend 25/- in advertising our open show in CAGE BIRDS. Secretary asked for an assistant, he not having as much time as he would like to devote to the society. Unanimously agreed that Mr. E. H. Fulcher be assistant secretary. This night was set apart for a table show of Yorks., but owing to its not being announced at the last meeting and no arrangements being made (secretary not being there through illness), no birds turned up. Agreed, that we have a table show of Yorks. and Nor. at next meeting, Mar. 4th, there being three classes for each variety, viz.: yellow, buffs, and pairs. Judges, Yorks., Mr. E. Dooley; Nor., Mr. J. Steel. Entry fee, 6d.; pay out on 5d. sliding scale. Members please bring as many birds as possible. Officers for 1912:—President, W. A. Bladon; vice-presidents, T. Atkinson, R. Barrass, J. Baguley, W. Booth, S. Cook, A. G. Davis, J. Garner, Geo. W. F. Lythgoe, T. Pease, J. Raynes, F. Richards, and A. G. Smith; committee, W. H. Appleton, G. Bruce, D. Buckley, W. Fairburst, F. Hayward, J. O. Harrison, J. Hughes, T. Mason, W. Moorbey, W. N. Turner, H. W. Schofield, J. A. Vint; hon. treasurer, E. H. Fulcher; hon. auditors, Cook, Moorby, and Richards. Meeting held Deansgate Hotel every first and third Monday in month, at 7.45 p.m. New members may be nominated at any meeting. Nomination fee, 1s. Annual subs., 5s. Programme for 1912:—Mar. 4, table show of Nor.; 18, "Cage bird ailments, their cause and cure," Mr. Cutmore (Liverpool); Apr. 1, table show of British; 15, "Ornithology," Mr. W. A. Bladon; May 6, "Greens and Colour Breeding," Mr. T. Harrison (Altrincham); 20, "British," by Mr. C. Houlton (St. Helens); June, F.F. show business; July, F.F. show; July 15, "Norwich," Mr. J. Raynes; Aug. 20, "British Birds from Field to the Show Bench," Mr. W. Fairhurst; Sept. 16, washing competition for champions and amateurs; Oct. 7, washing competition for novices; Oct. 25 and 26, 30th annual open show. Fanciers and friends invited.—H. Boothman, Hon. Sec., 10, Park Street, Levenshulme, Manchester.

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PROVINCIAL ROLLER C.C.

Meeting held Feb. 26th, Old Boar's Head, Corporation St., Manchester. Mr. G. Wareing presided. Ordinary business gone through, and two new members elected. Mr. Kremner kindly sent some birds which were listened to with great interest, while Messrs. Wareing and Foulds explained the tours.—A. Percival, Hon. Sec.

MORPETH AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

Meeting held Feb. 17th, Mr. H. Seely in chair. Decided to have same classes for our next show, October 12th, as in previous years, with the addition of another British bird class for open, and ditto in members' classes. Proposed at the previous meeting to arrange for supper and social evening, but with the unrest in the coal industry, it was thought wise to postpone same. Our books are open until June for the enrolment of members, and we shall be pleased to hear from anyone who would like to become a member. There is every prospect of another successful show. We are in a good financial position, and pay 10s. per class in members' classes. Next meeting, March 16th.—E. Cowling (Hon. Sec.).

MANNINGHAM C.B.A.

Annual social and prize distribution held February 17th, when there was a good muster of members and friends and their wives and sweethearts. President in chair. Madame Goldard, Messrs. J. Bilborough, W. Redman, and Miss Farrar contributed songs. Our president then presented the prizes won at the season's shows. Mr. F. Grange (cup and gold medal), Mr. A. Huddleston (gold medal), Mr. J. Ackroyd (pair bronze figures), Mr. S. Smith (copper kettle and vases), Mr. J. Powell (teapot), Mr. E. Husey (Ramsden medal). Money specials: Messrs. A. Huddleston, J. Ackroyd, F. Grange, Holroyd Bros., J. Lunn. Further songs were rendered, including some from Madame F. Grange and Messrs. J. Bilborough and W. Redman. Accompanist, Mr. J. Bilborough.—H. Grange, Sec.

HALTWHISTLE AND DIS. C.B.S.

Annual meeting held Feb. 19th, Mr. W. Pape in chair. Following officials elected:— President, R. Webster, Esq.; and a number of local gentlemen as vice-presidents; chairman, Mr. W. Pape; vice-chair, Mr. G. H. Bowerbank; committee, Messrs. J. Yeomans, J. Pape, A. Makepiece, J. Dodd, J. Leighton, R. Spark, W. Spark, J. Cruddas, T. Slater, J. Mosserop, R. Mosscrop, J. Topping, J. Benson, W. Reed, J. Bowes; auditer, Mr. J. Bowes; hon. treas., Mr. F. Saint; secretaries, Messrs. Nicholson and Tallantyre, Westgate, Haltwhistle. Appointment of judges for annual show, Nov. 22nd and 23rd, Messrs. J. Dixon (Wigton) and A. Holden (Gateshead). We are anticipating a lecture by a prominent fancier shortly; also question of date for nest feather show left over till next meeting. There is every prospect of an increased membership.—J. Nicholson.

CITY OF BIRMINGHAM C.B.S.

Meeting held Feb. 7th, Crown Hotel, Station St., Mr. Broadhurst in chair. Mr. Mole (retiring secretary) reported that owing to several outstanding accounts, he was still unable to present the balance sheet, but would do his best to give figures, duly audited, next meeting night. Mr. J. H. Jones accepted the secretaryship, to which, in his absence, he was elected at the previous meeting. Auditors also elected, thus completing officers for 1912 as follows:—President, J. A. Eckersley, Esq.; vice-presidents, Messrs. W. W. Butler, J. Webb, H. C. Wilkins, A. Broadhurst, J. H. de Maillet, W. C. Wells, F. Pearce, J. Sheppard; chairman, Mr. Broadburst; vice-chair, Mr. F. Peace; treasurer, Mr. J. Harvey; committee, Messrs. Allen, Broomfield, Baker, Crowther, Derry, Dipple, H. Peace, and Stevenson; secretary, Mr. J. H. Jones. Decided, to hold pair show, Mar. 6th, birds to be at Club Room by 8 p.m., and classes arranged same evening by committee according to entries. Four specials promised; three of these for novices. Judge, Mr. G. Baker. Mr. Weaver (Wolverhampton C.B.S. chairman) promises another lecture on Canaries, by Mr. Jeffreys, the Nightingale expert, on British softbills, dates to be announced later. Fanciers (whether members or not) should make a point of hearing both. Two nominations for membership received. Mr. Jones appeals to all to rally round him and help keep the old society, of which he was secretary many years ago, going strong.—J. H. de Maillet, 287, Charles Rd., Small Heath.

KELTY AND BLAIRADAM C.B.A.

Meeting held Headquarters, 20th Feb. Mr. J. Stenhouse (president) in chair. Following delegates appointed for next year to attend West Fife League meetings:—Messrs. J. Stenhouse, J. Anderson, D. McConville, and A. Dickson. Judges for pair show drawn from hat as follows:—Scotch Fancies, Mr. J. Inglis; Borders, Mr. A. Rowan; Yorks., Mr. J. Veitch; Crests, Mr. A. Strachan; Plainheads, Mr. J. Cordery; Muling, etc., Mr. P. Penman. Agreed, that secretary and treasurer put money in hand into bank. Agreed, to continue meeting 24th Feb., in No. 1, Gothinburgh. Mr. J. Stenhouse (president) was again in chair. First business, a pair show. Principal winners: Scotch Fancies, Mr. J. Stenhouse; Borders, Mr. Anderson; Plainheads, Messrs. Ramsay, D. Kirk; Common: Messrs. Hunter, Veitch; Muling and Hybrid: Messrs. McConville, Inglis. Next business, classification for open show; agreed, to alter classes in Plainhead section as follows: Variegated classes to take in Greens, except when non-fed; that variegated hens have two classes instead of one; that we have four unflg. classes instead of two; and that we add another selling class, making one for cocks and one for hens, price £1; this adds four classes to Plainheads, making a total of 16. Agreed, to add a selling class for Mules, price 10/6, and to raise selling class price from 5/6 to 7/6 in the British bird selling class. Judges for open show nominated: Two for each section, the first failing to come, the secretary to write the second. Specials for Club show balloted for, won by following: 2 spls., D. Kirk, 3 J. Anderson, 1 J. Stenhouse, 1 A. Dickson.—A. Dickson, Sec.

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ROTHERHAM C.B.S.

Meeting held College Inn, Feb. 24th, Mr. G. Browning in chair. After business, Mr. Browning made a present of a Canary and cage on behalf of the members to the landlady's son as a weddiug gift. Decided to have a special meeting on March 9th, at 8 o'clock for revising rules and fixing room for annual show.—B. Bailey, Sec.

EDINBURGH AND DIST. C.B.S.

Meeting held 20th February, President J. Charlton presiding over a good attendance. Mr. A. Wallace was admitted a new member. Report of smoking concert read, showing an income of £1 10s., and expenditure £1 3s. 6d. On the motion of Messrs. Craig and Bankier, decided to carry balance of £5 6s. 6d. to the society's general fund. Classification for table show in March taken up, it being agreed to have following four classes confined to novices: Linnet and Goldfinch, A.V. Bunting, Siskin, Redpoll or Twite, and A.V. Finch. The President introduced Mr. J. Steel (Dalkeith) to deliver his lecture on "British Birds," which proved highly interesting and instructive.—J. I. Mackie, Sec.

QUEEN'S PARK AND DIS. C.B.A.

At last meeting, after prize distribution in connection with the matched pair show; a very interesting discussion took place. Several questions relating to pairing, and the different crosses necessary to improve the Yorkshire were passed round, each member giving his idea on the question he drew, and after discussion, Mr. F. Easterling, who was present for the purpose, gave his experience of the use of the Belgian and Lancashire (as the question arose) and explained their use and the object to be gained. A good number of members were present, and a very pleasant and instructive evening came to a close too soon with a very hearty vote of thanks to that gentleman, who suitably replied.—W. J. Lethbridge, Junr., Sec.

ARDWICK & MANCHESTER C.B.A

General meeting, held Feb. 20th, headquarters. Mr. W. Robinson presided over a very good attendance, many new ones joining. Some important items of business were satisfactorily dealt with, one in particular which will effect many of the members. But we are hoping a more amicable settlement will be arrived at, and will be made known at next meeting. Following we held a table show of Yorks. pairs. Mr. G. Pike (North Manchester) judged; this being Mr. Pike's first turn out in the capacity of judge. We were very fortunate in persuading the successful local exhibitor to officiate. We hope to see him come more to the front. Next meeting night, table show of British and muling pairs, Mr. W. Fairhurst judge; entry fee, etc., same as last. —J. Spencer, Hon. Sec.

CITY AND SUBURBAN A.C.B.

Preparing Birds for the Breeding Season

Meeting held Feb. 26th, Church Institute, 60, Paddington Street, Mr. W. Shepherd in chair; Mr. W. Dickinson, hon. sec., and 20 members present. One new member elected. An egg food competition had been arranged for, but was postponed till next meeting night. Members please note. Mr. A. W. Curtis then gave a "Few Hints as to Preparing Birds for the Breeding Season." He first denounced the cramming of birds with egg food to force them to go to nest, as if birds were kept in a healthy condition the plainer the food the better. Egg food made them sluggish, and if cocks wanted bracing up give cod liver oil or Parrish's Food once or twice a week. He recommended when hens were sitting removing the cock—for two reasons, one being they often torment the hens, the other, the cock was keeping himself in condition to help feed the young and prepare for the second nest. For feeding young birds, he always gave them yolk of egg and Osborne biscuit pounded very fine in a mortar, to start with, and gradually increased the proportion of biscuit. He strongly deprecated mixing maw seed with the egg food, as the old birds swallowed the seed whole, and when feeding gave it to the young birds in the same condition, which could not do them any good. He also advised giving the young best hemp crushed, as it was quite seven weeks before they could crack hard seed. A little watercress might be given in the morning, but he preferred German rape soaked for 36 hours, so that the seed had just sprouted. If 8 to 10 drops of tincture of gentian were added to their water it was too bitter for them to drink too much, and acted as a tonic. To prevent hens becoming egg-bound, he found crushed eggshell and cuttlefish a good remedy. Several questions were then asked, which Mr. Curtis readily replied to, and at the close a very hearty vote of thanks was accorded to him for imparting such useful hints that his long experience had gained.—Fred. Thynne, Assistant hon. secretary.

YORKSHIRE C.B.S. OF IRELAND.

Third annual general meeting, held Feb. 20th, a very large attendance of members Mr. Fry was unanimously voted to the chair. Minutes of previous annual meeting were signed. Correspondence from Mr. Lansey (Belfast) in reference to Cinnamon Yorkshire classes, etc., was referred to the incoming Council. A letter under registered post from Mr. Dowling, in reference to the handling of ballot papers by the secretary, was considered by the chairman out of place; Mr. Dowling assured the chairman he had no intention to insult anyone, and apologised. Mr. Holley next dealt with accusations in reference to co-option of members on the Council, and proved the matter, by minutes, to be groundless. The secretary's report was next considered and passed. The treasurer's statement of accounts called forth criticism, and much time was lost in probing for details by one or two present, who appeared in good fighting form, and intent on retarding its passage. On a vote being taken, 13 voted for and 17 against its passing. The next business on the agenda was date of show; this was left to incoming Council. The following additions to rules, and new rules were passed. Proposed by Mr. J. R. Hyland, seconded by J. Dowling.—Add to Rule VI.: "The seal of any envelope marked 'Ballot Paper' received by the hon. secretary or other person or persons authorised by the Council to receive same, can only be broken by the scrutineers appointed at the annual general meeting."—Passed. Proposed by Mr. J. R. Hyland, and seconded by J. Dowling.—Add (to rule XXII. (after member): "No alteration or addition can be made to these rules at any other than the annual general meeting."—Passed. New rule.—Proposed by J. R. Hyland and seconded by J. Dowling: "That the hon. secretary, when giving receipts to members for their annual subscription, use a duplicate numbered carbon receipt book, the receipt to be dated the day each subscription is paid. This receipt book to be produced for the auditor's inspection when auditing the accounts, or at any time the hon. secretary is requested by the Council, or by a general meeting of members to do so."—Passed. Messrs. Dowling, Carroll, Hyland, and Birse were appointed scrutineers to count votes for incoming officers. When the list of members who were entitled to vote came on, the secretary was challenged and admitted having sent a ballot paper to a member who had not fully complied with rules. A scene of unparalleled excitement ensued. The chairman left the meeting, with others; the secretary's and treasurer's suspension was demanded, and everything pointed to a general break-up, when Mr. Birse, with coolness, slipped into the breach. The ballot was declared illegal, and the following gentlemen were appointed to act as a provisional committee: Chairman, Mr. Hyland; hon. sec., C. Holley; hon. treas., Mr. S. Stewart; Committee, Messrs. Power, Dowling, Birse, Mulcahy, Lattimore, Briggs, Gilten, Sholedice, Carroll, Callaghan, McKenzie and Furley. After voting a sum to the secretary for his past services, the meeting adjourned without bloodshed. —C. Holley, hon. sec.

WEST STANLEY C.B.S.

Meeting held Feb. 24, Mr. W. Butler (chairman). Mr. F. Marwood elected to judge British, mule and foreign bird classes. After a very close poll for Canaries, Mr. A. Brown defeated Mr. W. Reid by a vote. During the evening we enrolled four new members. By another meeting our membership will reach three figures.—W. Elliott, Sec.

COWDENBEATH C.B.S.

Meeting, held Feb. 21st, Mr. J. C. Murrey (president) in chair. A report of club show finances submitted showing a total income of £7 12s. 6d., and an expenditure of £3 3s. 9d.; balance, £4 8s. 9d. Members were highly pleased with the success of the venture, and are confident we can improve on it another year. Decided, to add £3 to our bank account. As the Masonic Hall, where the open show was held last year, was considered too small, secretary was instructed to get terms of the larger halls, and submit to next meeting. Delegate gave report of West Fife C.B. League, which was approved. Agreed, that secretary communicate with a gentleman and try and fix up a washing exhibition for next meeting; if successful, all members to be postcarded. Next meeting, March 16th, Areade Temperance Hotel, 6 p.m., exhibitors at 7. Five new members joined, viz., Messrs. C. Clayton, J. Holms, J. Robertson, R. Johnstone, and J. Cook. Many more are coming in, and a large increase in membership is certain.—R. Reid, Secretary.

STRATFORD & E. LONDON F.S

Twenty-fourth annual general meeting, held Feb. 22nd, Mr. W. Collings in chair. A good muster of members present. Secretary produced balance sheet of the monthly young stock, and the annual show, showing a profit on each. He promised to have general account ready for next meeting, March 14th, and to send a copy along with show accounts to all members before meeting. The H. Day subscription list: Secretary reported he had sent 25s. to Mrs. Day—21s. collected at meeting, Feb. 8th, 2s. 6d. Mr. S. Sheldrick, and 1s. 6d. Mr. J. Watson, subscribed after meeting. Secretary read a letter of thanks for same received from Mrs. Day. Mr. T. H. Harrison gave 2s. 6d., making a total of 27s. 6d. If any other friend wishes to send a small donation the Hon. Sec. will be pleased to hear from him. Remember, that many can help one. A vote of thanks was accorded the retiring officers. New ones elected as follows: Chairman, W. H. Collings, Esq.; vice, A. Sears, Esq.; committee, Messrs. J. Sykes, H. Day, M. Austin, A. H. Huggins, A. Ware, A. Lovejoy, G. Porter, H. Graves, A. Wasey, D. Stoll, G. Eves, G. Hall, A. Sears, S. Ruggles, G. Stanton, C. G. Hodder, G. A. Parker, S. Terrill; auditors, Messrs. Mason and Lambert; hon. auctioneer, J. Bussey, Esq.; hon. solicitor, F. A. S. Stern, Esq.; hon. treasurer, J. Reed, Esq.; hon. secretary, W. Maxey; hon. assistant secretary, A. E. Baker. Several important propositions were put. Time of meetings altered to 8.30 p.m.; yearly subs. raised to 3s. in lieu of 2s. 6d. New member elected, Mr. P. Lafbury (Manor Park). All committeemen requested to attend March 14th, as all fixtures must be arranged then.—W. Maxey, Hon. Sec., 16, James Place, Poplar, E.

GREEN CANARY ASSOCIATION.

Result of competitions for cups, medals, and cash specials, 1911-12.—Members are requested to check same immediately, and notify secretary (in the event of there being any discrepancies) on or before March 9, after which no claims will be entertained: —Norwich Champions: Cup won outright by E. Lawson, 135; gold medal, J. Walker, 102; 10s., F. Handley, 32. Yorkshire Champions: Cup, J. McDermott, 85; gold medal, F. Rowlands, 139; 10s., S. McNulty, 65. Borders: Cup, J. Johnston, 125; gold medal, J. McQuillan, 68; 10s., J. Walker, 48; case of pipes, most points Border Section (novice), R. Gentleman, 25. Norwich Novices: Gold medal, R. Brotherton, 12; 5s., H. Morement, 2; 5s., E. Peake, 2. Yorks Novices: Cup, E. Hickson, 19; gold medal, A. Mockridge, 14; 10s., W. Davidson, 4. The Yorks and Norwich novices competed for one cup, but the competition was very poor; finally the former section came out on top, as last year. The Yorks Champion Cup is still in competition, having changed hands. Mr. Rowlands scored by far the most points, but elected to stand down, as regards the cup, at the beginning of the season, so that the honours could be distributed; hence he takes the medal, this being the condition laid down and accepted by the general body. The Norwich Champion Cup is lost to the society, it having become the property of Mr. E. Lawson by virtue of his having won it two years in succession. Annual dinner and distribution of prizes will be held at the Star and Garter Hotel, St. John's Lane, Liverpool, on March 20, at 7.15 p.m., when all fanciers and friends will receive a warm welcome; we have a good musical programme arranged, and the function will be well worth visiting. Tickets (2s. 6d. each) may be obtained from Messrs. Metcalfe, Deacon, Lloyd, Benson, Parsons, J. Walker, Handley, Abbott, Isaac, or of the hon. sec., Geo. Green, 36, Lord Nelson-street, Liverpool.

EDINBURGH (Open) O.A.

Annual general meetings now concluded, members present in large numbers. The interest taken as to show, etc., augers well for the success of the Association. The financial statement showed income, £97 5s. 9½d.; expenditure, £69 4s. 6½d.; balance in hand, £28 1s. 3d.; the net surplus from last show amounting to £3 7s. 0½d. Office bearers:—President, Mr. J. B. Kerr; hon. vice-president, Mr. J. McLennan; secretary and treasurer, J. R. Meikle, 51, Lothian Road, Edinburgh; committee, Messrs. G. C. T. Hope, R. Menzies, W. Carson, M. Petrie, J. Stewart, P. McNiven, J. Robertson, J. Hendry, D. Campbell, P. Farrell, J. Sinclair, and A. Begbie; auditors, Messrs. A. Stavert and J. Sinclair. Judges elected, names to be published later. Classification: Scotch Fancy, 21 classes (4 Selling); Belg. 3. Prize money: 1st, 12/-, 2nd 9/-, 3rd 6/-, 4th 3/-, 5th 2/-. Agreed, again to purchase the very fine prize cards put out by Mr. Garrioch (Edinburgh) and to charge these at the rate of 1s. each. We would call exhibitors' special attention to the following important recommendations, which have been adopted:—That full prize money is guaranteed in each class, thus abolishing payment of half prize money; that a competition will be given for novices, for which medals and other specials will be allocated; a novice to be one who has not won a first in any open competition previous to our show in 1913; young birds only to be shown and bred by exhibitor; there are no separate classes for novices, they entering their exhibits in the open classes, having thus the privilege of competing for usual prize money and specials in addition to that awarded for novices; that show be held Jan. 1st and 2nd, 1913; that Grindley Street Hall has been rented for this purpose (the return to this hall has delighted many fanciers, where so many notable exhibitions under the auspices of the "Auld Edinburgh," have taken place); and that a provincial committee will be appointed, representative of different districts in Scotland, with a view to keeping our association before the fanciers and so rendering assistance in securing entries for exhibition. We wish all fanciers a profitable season.—J. R. Meikle, Sec.

The Windsor and Dis. C.B.A. have arranged to hold their next annual show on Oct. 30, 1912, writes the sec., Mr. E. A. Stickland. Mr. H. Norman has accepted the office of judge, and we hope fanciers will patronise the above show and make it a great success.

Your coloured plates in the Birthday Number were great; in fact, nothing better could be produced. Your calendar is grand, and the purple clematis and thistle heads are, I am sure, drawn from nature. The Goldfinch seems to think the same, as he appears to be well pleased with himself.—J. B. Clarke (Rothesay).

I was pleased to see your excellent account of Cage Birds Christmas painting competition, writes Mr. I. Heatherington (Greenhead, Northumberland), and that the exhibits on the whole were of a high standard. I congratulate Mr. Hunt on his success; his effort must have been excellent. I note my own picture got a good way up, which, considering the time spent on it, was more than I had dared to hope for, as I started and finished it hurriedly in one short day. No doubt if I had had time to put more work into it, I might have given the winner a tight pull for first place.

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The Shows.

HIGHGATE, HAMPSTEAD, C.B.S

The Highgate, Hampstead and Dis. C.B.S. held a very good show of matched pairs in the Spencer Hall on Feb. 24, when Mr. J. Robson officiated as judge. Entries in number were down a little, but the quality was very high in all sections, some really excellent stock being on view, which was much admired by the numerous visitors. The new secretary, Mr. G. T. Clark, proved himself a most able official by the first-rate arrangements he made, and by the smoothness with which the show was worked. Valuable help was rendered him by an efficient band of stewards, including Messrs. Shakespeare, Oldaker, and Law (the late sec.). The society continues to make excellent progress.

CHAMP. NOR. (13): 1, 3, vhc, Lovegrove and Lovegrove; 2, Sparke; hc, Law. LIZARD: 1, 2, Shakespeare. MULING: 1, Law. AMAT. NOR. (5): 1, 3, vhc, Bync; 2, hc, Hyde. CREST: 1, Jones. YORKS. (5): 1, 3, hc, Bush; 2, vhc, W. Knight. BORD.: 1, Jones. BRIT. and CAN.: 1, Hyde. TWO BRIT.: 1, Jones. NOVICE NOR. (11): 1, hc, Wakefield; 2, Walmsley 3, vhc, Wills; c, Clark and Lock. YORKS. (13): 1, A. Knight; 2, Newcombe; 3, Johnson; vhc, hc, Shearer; c, Duke. BORD. (2): 1, Ford; 2, Mrs. Giddy. CINN.: 1, 2, Clark and Lock. GOLDIE and CAN. (5): 1, 2, vhc, Mrs. Giddy; 3, hc, Clark and Lock. LIN. and CAN. (6): 1, vhc, hc, Mrs. Giddy; 2, King; 3, c, Clark and Lock. GREENIE and CAN. (4): 1, 2, 3, Mrs. Giddy. A.O.V. (3): 1, 2, 3, Giddy HYB. PAIRS (4): 1, 2, 3, vhc, Giddy. SELL 30s. 1, W. Knight. DO., 20s. (13): 1, 3, hc, Law; 2, A. Knight; vhc, c, Walmsley.

CLAPHAM & DIS. C.B.S.

Annual pair show, held Feb. 24th, at the Clock House Hotel, Clapham Park Road, S.W., when a capital collection of 105 exhibits faced the judge, Mr. J. Robson. The room in which the show was held for the first time is an exceptionally well lighted one of good dimensions, and eminently suited for the purpose. The offer of medals to be won for most points throughout season no doubt brought out more entries than last year. Special for best pair of Yorks. in champion section won by Mr. Fraser, while Mr. Morris secured special for best Yorks. The show was well attended by members and friends. Mr. Priest had all the arrangements well in hand, and was supported by Messrs. Sandy, Wildbore and Brighty as stewards. Prize cards were up promptly.

CAN., CHAMP. NOR.: 1, sp., 2, vhc, hc, Morris; 3, sp., vhc, Priest; hc, Askew. YORKS.: 1, c, Yeoman; 2, vhc, hc, Dicker; 3, Thorpe and Clarke. CREST OR C.B., NOVICE: 1, sp., 2, Campbell. NOVICE NOR.: 1, sp., 2, Campbell; 3, Hose; vhc, c, Newley; hc, Taylor. YORKS.: 1, sp., Fraser; 2, c, Osborne; 3, Thorpe and Clarke; vhc, Phillips; hc, Taylor. A.O.V.: W. C. Taylor. LINNET-CAN., PAIRS: 1, Askew; 2, Vale. A.O.V. FINCH AND CAN.: 1, Vale; 2, Hose. BULLFINCH HEN AND A.O.V. FINCH: 1, Brighty; 2, Askew; 3, Cooper. Any cross between two Brit. birds: 1, vhc, c, Sexton; 2, hc, Cooper; 3, Askew. BRIT., GOLDFINCH: 1, Sexton; 2, Cooper; 3, Emms; vhc, Askew; hc, Vale. BULLFINCH: 1, Vane; 2, 3, Cooper. LINNET: 1, sp., 2, Brighty; 3, Emms; vhc, Vale; hc, Sexton. GREENFINCH: 1, Brighty; 2, Cooper; 3, Askew. BRAMBLE: 1, Askew. CHAFFIE: 1, Askew; 2, Hose; 3, Emms. SISKIN, ETC.: 1, 3, hc, Sexton; 2, Emms; vhc, Priest; c, Cooper. LESSER REDPOLL: 1, Askew; 2, Cooper; 3, Thorpe and Clarke; vhc, Brightby. BUNTING (except Corn and Lapland): 1, Cooper; 2, Thorpe and Clarke. CORN BUNTING, ETC.: 1, Emms. FIELD-MOULTED, A.S.: 1, Cooper; 2, vhc, Emms; 3, hc, Sexton; c, Thorpe and Clarke. INSECTIV., SMALL: 1, Vale; 2, Askew. LARGE: 1, Askew. FOR.: 1, Cooper; 2, Hose.

LLANELLY.

Llanelly and Dis. C.B.S. first annual show (open to County of Carmarthen), held Feb. 17th. Entries did not come up to expectations, but quality was of the best, and we must congratulate the society on their first venture, as they were very well patronised by the Fancy. The committee worked hard to make the show a success, under the able management of that good old sport and show manager, Mr. T. J. Gregory. The chairman (Mr. T. Jenkins), W. H. Reynolds, Ben Evans, Harry Gregory T. Bennett, D. R. Jones, and our able president, Jos. Holmes, Esq., together with their popular secretary, Mr. Daniel John, who does not do things by halves. Judging was in the able hands of Mr. W. R. Morgans, late of Morriston (Canaries), and the evergreen Welsh full-back, Mr. W. J. Baucroft (British), whose decisions gave general satisfaction. Mr. R. B. Sampson won special for best Canary the third show held here at which Mr. Sampson gained this position. Special for British, won by Mr Ben Evans's Yellowhammer.

The Critique.

NOR. CK. (5): D. R. Jones takes all prizes, 1, 2, 3, rightly placed, first, well-known winner. HENS (4): Mr. Jones here again takes 1 and 2 with a pair of lovely birds, first excels in col. and type; 3, 4, Lewis, nice non fed, loses only in type. YORKS. CK. (7): 1, 2, Morris, 1, a beauty, one of the best, of the right stamp, res., for special for best in show, 2, same stamp; 3, Harry, could perhaps have been a little tighter in feather, nice bird; vhc, Phillips; hc, T. Bennett; c, Morgans. HENS (9): 1, Phillips, well known winner, rightly placed; 2, vhc, hc, Harry, pressed winner hard for position; 3, 4, Morris, 3 hard to divide this and the two winners; c, Webster. BORD., YELL. (6): 1, sp. for best Canary; 2, Sampson; 3, a little beauty; 3, Morris; 4, vhc, hc, Harry. BUFF (6): Here again Mr. Sampson wins 1st, with a sweet little bird, good in neck, back and tail; 2, Harry, beaten to-day only in condition; 3, Morris; 4, vhc, Harry; hc, Sampson. A.V. CAN. (bought off T. Thomas) (7): 1, hc, Owen, 1, nice Yorkshire; 2, 3, 4, Davies, three Nor. of nice merit; vhc, Wesley. MULES (7): 1, 2, 3, Jenkins, 1, light mkd., good size, wins well, 2, good dark, 3rd, same stamp; 4, Jones vhc, Wesley, hc, Saunders. GOLDFINCH (8): Llanelly is well known for its contest in this variety, and to-day was no exception. 1, 2, Evans, 1st, well known winner, well deserves position, good tanning and buttons, steady, not much to divide these two; 3, Morgans, another well known winning Greypate; 4, Reynolds, largest in class, but not quite in the condition of winners; vhc, Gregory; hc, Lewis; c, Owens. LINNET (9): 1, vhc, Jones, wins well without a doubt; 2, Paver, another well known exhibit; 3, Jenkins; 4, Davies; hc, c, Gregory and Son. BULLFINCH (10): 1, Sullivan, large well marked cock, good head, full neck; 2, Evans, hen, close up; 3, vhc, Jones; 4, Owen; hc, Gregory; c, Crawford. A.O.S. BRIT. (5): 1, 2, Evans, 1 beautiful Yellowhammer, in the pink of condition, well chosen as winner of special for best Brit.; 3, Morgans. STOCK (4): 1, [illegible] (Border Fancies), 4, Jones (Nor.)

GLASGOW & W. COUNTIES CLUB.

Meeting and annual pairs show, held Good Templars' Hall, 122, Ingram Street, 24th Feb., when the President (Mr. D. Knox) presided over an excellent attendance. Agreed, that we accept Mr. Hunter's estimate for membership cards. Following new members admitted: Messrs. J. Frew, D. Gray, R. R. Duff, P. Hulbert, and J. Stevenson. Mr. H. Davidson (Lockerbie) kindly gave a special for best pair of Borders shown by a novice; other specials also competed for. Following fanciers adjudicated: Messrs. G. Bannerman, T. Renfrew, J. G. Wright, and J. Young (Glasgow). Entries exceeded all former exhibitions, and many well-known winners were staged. Following classes were decided upon for show on March 30th (entirely given up to muling and Hybrid pairs): Hybrid pairs, with Bullfinch hen as partner; A.O.V. Hybrid pairs; Goldfinch and Can.; Linnet and Can.; Greenfinch and Can.; A.O.V. Muling pairs.

NOR. PAIRS, CL., ETC.: 1, sp., Macfarlane, buff ck., yell. hen, former Annan, Paisley and Clnb cup winner, a grand Plainhead, hen, the Paisley winner, looking a picture; 2, Campbell, another grand pair, buff cock, yell. hen, nicely matched; 3, sp., Jones; 4, Edwards; 5, Jones; 6, Connelly; 7, Knox. VAR.: 1, Macfarlane, buff cock, of grand size and substance, mated to a grand variegated yell. hen; 2, Roulstone, buff cock, grand stamp, and yell. hen; 3, Connelly; 4, Knox; 5, Jones; 6, Edwards; 7, Pettigrew. BORD., CL., ETC.: 1, J. H. Adam, well matched pair, put down in faultless trim; 2, sp., McGowan, yell. cock, buff hen, some preferred; 3, Hamilton; 4, Cathcart; 5, Edwards. VAR.: 1, J. H. Adam, sweet pair, nice bloom; 2, 3, Hamilton, two pairs of grand Borders, staged in the pink; 4, McGowan; 5, Hamilton; 6, Cathcart; 7, Edwards. A.O.V.: 1, sp., 4, J. H. Adam, Lizards, Scottish National winning Gold ck., mated to a grand cl. cap silver hen; 2, McGowan, nice pair for Crest breeding; 3, sp., Pettigrew (Cinn.); 5, Munro (Cinn.).

MENAI BRIDGE.

Sixth annual show (open to North Wales), held Pier Pavilion, Feb. 24. Close on 200 birds staged. Norwich (three classes) were a fine lot, Mr. Williams' 1st being a fine cl. yell. In the buffs and A.V. classes Mr. E. D. Owens won both 1sts, his buff bird being a topper. Mr. Pike had a couple entered in classes 1 and 2, but both were wrong-classed, being too heavy in markings for ticked class—should have been entered in class 3, A.O.V. Nor. Yorks had five classes, and Mr. Pike came out at the top, taking four 1sts—a grand team; the yellow hen being much admired. Mr. T. Owen took 1st in the A.O.V. Yorks. Mules and Hybrids were a nice lot. Mr. Jones taking 1st, 2nd, and 3rd in Light Mules and Mr. Griffiths 1st in dark. Goldfinches were a grand lot, Mr. Jones' 1st having plenty of blaze, fine bars, and buttons. In the 1911 Goldfinch Mr. Williams staged a good one, winning 1st in its class, also standing 2nd with it in the old bird class. Bullfinches, too, were a capital lot, 1st and 3rd going to Mr. Williams, a couple of gems; the 2nd (Aitken) was a real good bird. We heard that 1st and 2nd stood 1st and 2nd at the late Manchester Show. The A.O.S. British class was won by a fine Hawfinch of rich col., grand, big, and full of condition, staged by Mr. Williams. We venture to advise the committee to make the show an open one, and advertise it in "Cage Birds." We feel sure the entries would increase. Mr. O. Owens is an ideal secretary, and has round him a fine lot of fanciers on the committee. With such a staff the Menai Bridge Society should make a great name in North Wales. Mr. W. Mundell (Bradford) placed the cards.

The Awards.

CL., ETC., NOR. YELL. (7): 1, vhc, Williams; 2, 3, 4, Owens; hc, Parry. No. 2, Pike, wrong class. BUFF (7): 1, Owen, 2, 3, Williams; 4, Griffiths; vhc, J. O. Williams; hc, Parry; No. 3, Pike, wrong class. A.O.V. NOR. (10): 1, vhc, E. D. Owen; 2, 3, hc, W. H. Williams; 4, J. O. Williams; c, Jones. CL. YELL. YORKS (9): 1, Pike; 2, Nolan; 3, T. Owen; 4, Huxley; vhc, O. Jones; hc, Gallichan; c, O. Owens. BUFF (8): 1, 3, Pike; 2, Nolan; 4, O. Owens; vhc, J. O. Williams; hc, D. Jones; c, Huxley. TICK. (5): 1, Pike; 2, 3, 4, Nolan; vhc, Roberts. HEN YORKS (11): 1, vhc, Pike; 2, T. Owen; 3, J. O. Williams; 4, Galligan; hc, c, Nolan. A.O.V. YORKS (6): 1, 3, T. Owen; 2, W. Jones; 4, vhc, Nolan; hc, Watford. BORD. YELL. (5): 1, 3, 4, vhc, Williams and Green; 2, Hughes. BUFF (5): 1, 2, 3, vhc, Williams and Green; 4, Griffith. CAN. A.V. NAT. COL. (7): 1, 3, W. H. Williams; 2, Hughes; 4, Pritchard; vhc, H. Roberts; hc, T. Roberts; c, Jones. LIGHT MULE (9): 1, 2, 3, W. G. Jones; 4, hc, Griffith; vhc, Pritchard; c, Jackson. DARK (8): 1, R. F. Griffith; 2, Jackson; 3, R. E. Griffith; 4, hc, Roberts; vhc, Parry; c, Jones. GOLDFINCH BRIT. (10): 1, D. G. Jones; 2, W. H. Williams; 3, vhc, Evans and Roberts; 4, O. Owens; hc, Hughes; c, E. Jones. GOLDFINCH (1911) (8): 1, W. H. Williams; 2, W. G. Jones; 3, Jackson; 4, R. E. Griffith; vhc, Roberts; hc, Parry; c, Mrs. Roberts. BULLFINCH (9): 1, 3, W. H. Williams; 2, Aitken; 4, c, E. Jones; vhc, Griffith; hc, Nolan. LINNET (4): 1, J. W. Pritchard; 2, 3, Nolan; 4, Hughes. A.O.S. BRIT. (11): 1, c, W. H. Williams; 2, Hughes; 3, D. G. Jones; 4, E. Jones; vhc, J. Hughes; hc, Aitken. FOR. (3): 1, Nolan; 2, Evans and Roberts; 3, Jones. MEMBERS' BRIT. (11): 1, J. Hughes; 2, Mrs. Wood; 3, R. Hughes; 4, Jones; vhc, Nicholls; hc, Roberts; c, Ore. Hyde's special won by Mr A. W. Huxley.

HUDDERSFIELD O.S.

Show held Feb. 17th, Old Hat Hotel. The room is an ideal one in every way. Mr. Sykes (secretary) as usual had the show well in hand, ably assisted by the stewards. Mr. J. Lane judged, and gave every satisfaction.

The Critique.

YORKS. CL., ETC., YELL. CK.: 1, Lawford and Son, grand stylish bird, very tight and slim, nice entrance; 2, Haigh, another good bird, run 1st very close, good length; 3, Quarmby, slimly built, well tapered, good feather and length; 4, B. H. Clegg; vhc, Cawthray and Son; hc, Clegg; c, Fountain. BUFF: 1, 3, Cawthray and Son, leader well-known winner, often described, 3rd good quality feather and position, straight as a dart; 2, Quarmby ticked, sweet bird, grand quality, 4, Clegg, nice col. and quality, neat head; vhc, Radley; hc, Moss; c, Sykes. YELL. HEN: 1, Sykes, nice moulded hen, straight as a rush, neat shoulders; 2, Quarmby, good length, fine feather, nice head and colour; 3, Haigh, stylish hen, good shape and quality; 4, vhc, Cawthray and Son. BUFF: 1, Radley, grand length, straight up, well rounded body, finely drawn, neat head, wings, and tail; 2, Quarmby, fine length and position, well drawn, neat head, wings, and tail; 3, 4, Clegg, 3rd nice entrance, neatly braced wings and tail; vhc, Sykes; hc, Lawford and Son; c, Townend. CINN. CK.: 1, Lawford and Son, Cinn. cock, grand bird, good quality, stands well, fine length and position, hot col.; 2, Sykes, another nice bird, buff, good one for length and position, well up, fine wings and tail; 3, 4, Rhodes, 3rd nice length, slimly built, hot col., stands well up; vhc, hc, Townend; c, Fountain. HENS: 1, Moss, yell., grand quality, easy win, neat head, very erect, well tapered wings and tail; 2, Fountain, buff marked, good hen; 3, Lawford and Son, varieg. yell., nice hen, straight as a dart, well up on legs; 4, R. Rhodes. NOR. CK. YELL.: 1, Morris, grand size and shape, rich col. and quality, rare head and neck; 2, Jackson, good size, grand colour and quality; 3, Battye, beautiful shape, neat head and wings; 4, Stevenson. BUFF: 1, Jackson, grand size, fine shape, lovely col. and quality, thick head and neck; 2, Morriss, good substance, nice shape, fine col.; 3, 4, Rhodes, 3rd good bold bird, fine col. HEN: 1, Battye, grand size and shape, good head and neck, full chest, short wings and tail; 2, Jackson, lovely shape, grand col., neat head and neck; 3, Stevenson, nice size, good chest, grand col. and carriage; 4, vhc, Martin and Archer. BRIT., A.S.: 1, 2, 3, 4, vhc, Martin and Archer, lovely team, put down in best possible condition, 1st Bullie cock, grand shape and size, good rich col. breast, 2nd Linnet, excels in quality and col., nut brown, full of work, good breast markings, 3rd Cornbunting, fine col. and size, splendid throat markings, good pencilling on chest; 4, Crossbill, nice cage-moulted specimen; vhc, Yellowhammer; hc, Cawthray and Son. MULE: 1, 2, 3, 4, hc, Martin and Archer, another really first-class team of Hybrids and Mules, 1st well-known Goldie Bullie, looking very fit, extra good colour, often described, 2nd Siskin-Can. Mule, very neat exhibit, taking bird, good condition and col., looks fit for a lot more shows, 3rd Linnet-Bullie, real good size and shape, good head and chest; vhc, Clegg; hc, Martin and Archer.

AN EXCELLENT CONTINENTAL EXHIBITION

Novel Features in the Catalogue.

The Société Ornithologique de l'est de la Belgique held their 6th annual exhibition of cage birds in the Rue de Palais, Verviers, on Jan. 13th, 14th, 15th, and considering the society is young, it was a most magnificent display—comparing well in many respects with our English shows. In a conversation I had with the President d' honneur, M. Emile Ruhl, I learned that five years ago this enthusiastic fancier started the society's show with eight entries—all his own birds. True, other influences have been at work since then, but I have only to say that at this, their sixth exhibition, 436 entries were made in cage birds alone, to give my readers some idea that the true fanciers' spirit is here.

The room was kept beautifully warm, and was well lighted, giving full opportunity for each exhibit to be thoroughly scrutinised. The staging was as good as circumstances would allow—four tier system down the sides, and two tier, back to back, down the centre of room. A well assorted display of palms and other plants lent a very pleasing effect. That the management hardly expected such a large entry is evident, for I heard many comments that for next year a much larger hall must be found. The advent of a rope barrier fixed about two feet away from the exhibits seemed to me a capital idea, and in view of the great crowd of visitors, it was a very wise precaution.

I was at the show on the 15th with the intentions of making a detailed inspection, criticism, and report, but to do so I had to remain inside the barrier—the place was thronged. At 4 o'clock in the afternoon of last day of show, I was informed that over 2,300 spectators had visited the exhibition, each paying the entrance fee of 50 centimes (fivepence). I was also told that during the previous day the doors had to be periodically closed and re-opened to allow in a fresh batch, and the outside much resembled the queue system outside our theatres. Does this not make some of the English secretaries envious?

The officials and stewards were industrious, enthusiastic, and courteous. It was indeed a pleasure to be among them. I have great hopes of the future of this society. It is going to be the "Crystal Palace of the Continent."

All exhibits were amazingly well looked after. Excellent as some of our English shows are managed, there were little details to be gleaned here. Even the tit-bits were not forgotten, for each exhibit had its portion of green food and fruit, and judging by the manner in which it was eaten, the birds fully appreciated such thoughtfulness.

The judging was not altogether ideal, but realising the youth of any cage bird society on the Continent, it could hardly be expected to be otherwise. But, bless you, there was little or no grumbling; if a bird held premier honours, it was quite sufficient! In this respect experience will bring improvement. Many of the winners changed hands, sometimes greatly to the exhibitor's advantage, for in two instances, the owners assured me, it was not the bird but the card that had been claimed.

The "Gerfant" challenge cup, value 300 francs (£12), offered by the Societe Ornithologique du centre de la Belgique (of which I have the pleasure of being a member) was won for the first round by a foreign Goldfinch. This win was rather surprising, in my opinion, considering there were staged in faultless condition such exhibits as a true pair of Bee-eaters, Swallows, fine specimens of Treecreepers, Wryneck, Gold-crests, Rainbow Bunting, Hawkheaded Caique, and some grand Hybrids.

The principal exhibitor was Monsieur R. Pauwels, of Everberg Aviaries, and amongst his exhibits were many rare and beautiful birds. The class for Greenfinches was absolutely the finest I have ever seen. Some of the specimens would be eye-openers for the Palace. All birds were in natural plumage, and as I gazed at these striking exhibits I thought what a pity it is English exhibitors prefer the unnatural method of colour-feeding. Certain it is, no colour-fed specimen I have ever seen compares with these, staged in the garb with which nature endowed them. —O. Millsum.

A very interesting feature of the catalogue, and one, we should think, much appreciated by the visitors, are the brief notes given upon the wild life of the birds, in many cases hints upon them as cage pets being added. Class 20, for instance, comprises the Blackbird, Redwing, and Song Thrush. These species are grouped separately under "A," "B," and "C," with notes upon each kind of bird. A translation of those concerning the Green Woodpecker reads: "A restless bird, fearing man, the Green Woodpecker leads a solitary and little-observed existence. It spends most of its time hunting for insects and their larvae. It climbs spirally round the trunks of trees, searching the bark everywhere. If it alights on the ground it is to go and drink, or to hunt ants, of which it is very fond." —Editor.

Members Shows.

Coventry (Godiva) C.B.S.: Held Feb. 17th, Chequers Hotel. Mr. W. Davis judged. 48 pairs staged. Principal winners—Nor.: Messrs. Rowley, Symonds and Son, Roycroft. Cinnamons: Messrs. Howe, Roycroft. Muling: Mr. Howe.—R. Symonds, Hon. Sec.

Hawick O.S.: Pair show, held Feb. 24. Judge, Mr. T. Arnot, who explained the different points. He also gave a special for best matched pair; winner, Mr. T. Dryder. Principal winners: Can., Messrs. Middlemass, Laidlow; muling, Messrs. Dryden, Welsh; Hybrids, Messrs. Laidlow, Bryden.—Dryden, Sec.

North London C.B.A.: Pair show held headquarters Feb. 21st. Principal winners:—Champions: Nor., Mr. Morris; Yorks., Messrs. Forse and Son, Penton; Muling, etc., Messrs. Mortlock, Forse and Son. Amateurs: Yorks., Mr. Lacey; Borders, Mrs. Salter, Mr. Bell; Muling, etc., Mr. Bell. Novices: Nor., Messrs. Pettet, Ayling, Inglis, Burchell; Yorks., Messrs. Neighbour, Castell; Borders, Mr. Burchell; A.O.V., Mr. Loudon; Muling, etc., Haslam, Pettet.

Leicester (Hand-in-Hand) C.B.S. Held Feb. 20th; judge, Mr. C. Walton. Principal winners:—Champions: Messrs. Peberdy, Gibbins. Novice: Messrs. Moores, Reeves, Jolly, Bell.

Leicester C.B.S.: Held Feb. 22nd. Mr. Stevens judged. Principal winners:—Nor. Champ.: Mr. Adams. Novice: Messrs. Smith, Bate, Bell, Spencer.—G. H. Groocock (Hon. Sec.).

Spen Valley C.B.S.: Held Feb. 17th. Judge, Mr. J. Wilson; 63 birds staged. Mr. Parkin's special for best in show won by Mr. F. Allen; Mr. Barron's special for most points, Mr. Pearson. Principal winners:—Yorks.: Messrs. Allen, Greig and Pearson, Hadwen, Wood, Binns, Cooper. A.O.V.: Mr. Smith. Brit.: Messrs. Sheard, Parkin, Binns, Smith.—J. Lewis, Sec.

Eastville Open F.S.: Held Feb. 14th, Mr. C. Osborne judged. Principal winners: Yorks, Messrs. Sully, York, Pace and Williams. Matched pairs: Mrs. Garland, Messrs. Kendall and York. British: Messrs. Garland, Sealey.—J. T. Greenslade, Vice-chairman.

Hartlepools C.B.S.: Pair show held Feb. 21st, Y.M.C.A. Hall, Whitby-street. No fewer than 65 pairs were staged. Mr. Rand (Middlesbrough) judged. Miss Pyman and Mr. F. W. Woodhead tied for special for best in show with 28 points each. Principal winners:—Yorks.: Miss Pyman and Messrs. Bennett, Woodhead. Novice Yorks.: Messrs. Todd, Hall. Nor.: Messrs. Ronald, Pillar, Papple. Novice Nor.: Messrs. Dow, Gledden. Muling: Messrs. Ashcroft, Fairey.—F. Woodhead.

West Bromwich C.B.S.: Held Feb. 17th. 51 pairs staged. Mr. C. Wells (Erdington) judged. Principal winners:—Yorks.: Messrs. Beck, Andrews. Nor.: Mr. Collier. Muling: Messrs. Taylor, Johnson. Hybridising: Mr. Cooper. Novice classes: Yorks., Messrs. Stokes, Sadler. Nor.: Messrs. Sadler, Barnsley.

Great Horton Good Intent O.S.: Held Feb. 10, Church Schools, Southfield Lane. Mr. P. Mason, judge. Principal winners, Yorks: Messrs. Brook and Oldfield, Bartle, Holden, Hooson, Shackleton. A.O.V.: Mr. Kaberry. British: Messrs. Jowett, Kaberry.—H. Gornall, Sec.

Brighton and Hove C.B.S.: Held headquarters; Judges, Messrs. F. Dandridge and E. Cadman (Canaries and British respectively). A judging competition also took place, points gained being as follows: H. Akehurst, 73; A. Goble, 67; S. Sparks, 65; W. Cadman, 59; R. Wilkins, 58; A. Bignell, 54; G. Absalon, 53; E. Holley, 48; A. Flook, 48; E. Foot, 41; C. Pearson, 41; T. Mather, 37. Principal winners: Yorks. pairs, Messrs. Plummer, Pelling; Novice Yorks., Messrs. Plummer Pelling; Nor. (champ.), Mr. H. T. Gibb; Muling, Mr. H. T. Gibb; Brit., Miss Mantell, Messrs. Akehurst, Foot, Holley, Plummer.—W. H. Gibb, sec.

Adwick-le-Street C.B.S.: Held Feb. 24, Foresters' Arms, Mr. F. Barker judged; 44 birds staged. Principal winners: Yorks, Mr. Blanchon, Norwich, Mr. Abbot; Crests, Messrs. Baxby; Hodson; Mules, Messrs. Abbott and Pollard; A.O.V., Messrs. Baxby, Blanchon; British, Messrs. Lee, Blanchon. Mr. Lee won silver medal for best British.—G. H. Robinson, Sec.

South Birmingham O.S.: Pair show, held Large Room, Sydenham Hotel, Small Heath, February 24. Sixty-three pairs were staged. The open show rule was used for the first time, but several who had won two firsts in open novice competition preferred to compete against champions. Mr. G. Baker judged. A judging competition was held, a special of 4s. and all entrance money going to the winner, Mr. J. Hughes; runner-up, Mr. Barnett. Three new names for membership received. Winners of specials: Messrs. Derry (best pair in show), Hughes (best champ. Yorks.), Greenup (best novice Yorks), Southon (best cinn.), J. Johnson, jun. (best Muling), A. Murray (best Bord.), and J. Clay (most entries). Principal winners, champ. Yorks.: Messrs. Hughes, Adcock, Clay, Burke; Nor., Messrs. Derry, Broomfield; Cinn., Mr. Southon; novice Yorks., Messrs. Greenup, Constable, Wright; Muling, Mr. Johnson, jun.; Borders, Mr. Murray.—J. Sheppard, Sec.

Clitheroe C.B.S.: Pair show, held Feb. 17, Bennett's Rooms, Moor Lane. Judge, Mr. L. Grainger. Principal winners Can.: Messrs. Barnes, Bell, Southworth; muling pairs, Mr. Demain. Spl. for most points with two pairs, Mr. J. Barnes.—J. Southworth, Sec.

Boldon Colliery C.B.S.: Held Co-operative Hall, Feb. 4. Judge, Mr. W. L. Smith (South Shields). Principal winners, Nor.: Mr. J. Stephenson; Borders, Mr. Urwin; Crests, Mr. Tracey; Brit., Messrs. Tucker, Urwin, Stephenson.—A. Widdowfield, Sec.

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Society do not claim to have won more prizes than others, but we do claim that a large percentage of the winners for which others get the credit have been bred by us or from our strains, which have been supplied to the leading exhibitors and dealers of Bradford and district. We intend these strains, which are of 40 years standing, to be distributed world-wide, instead of allowing two or three to monopolise the winners, which are bred from them year by year. Breeders who wish to breed their own winners will be well advised to take advantage of this genuine offer, and secure some of this blood at an early date, as not being dealers our stocks are limited. Breeding sets (1 cock and 2 hens), 12/6, 15/-, 20/- up; pairs, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6 upwards; cocks from 6/-, hens from 4/-; approval, cash or deposit: Address, "Secretary," 40, Springcliffe, Manningham, Bradford, Yorkshire.

WE HAVE THEM, WE BREED THEM, WE SELL THEM.

It is absolutely ridiculous for those wanting first class specimens thinking they can get them from the men with the small quantities, the three or four winners they have cannot be bought at any price, as they must keep them to sell their surplus on their reputation. We have the largest and most wonderful stock of winners that has ever been in one room; over 40 first prize winners this season, and 20 o' them for sale, reasonable. We have shown more winners that we have bred this season than any other six exhibitors put together. For proof see our winnings this season. Winning Carl's Trophy, the G.M.Y.C.C. Trophy outright with birds bred by exhibitor; both Y.C.C. competitions; the Yorkshire challenge trophy, Ramsden 6-guinea cup, £10 Yorkshire Union trophy 5 years in succession, which now becomes our own property with an aggregate of 1,418 points, only 3 birds to count, nearly 200 more points than any exhibitor; another world's record, champion diploma at Crystal Palace, 1911; also we have bred and sold four of the first prize winners at Palace, 1912; four years in succession winning the C.M.Y.C.C. Our strain has won more competitions and trophies than any other; so write direct to the breeders who breed their own winners and can give an honest pedigree and all details how bred. Cocks or hens 7/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/6, 20/-, 30/- each. We guarantee the best value in England. Inspection invited, all birds sent on approval; deposit: Ogden Bros., Dudley Hill, Bradford.

Ambler's Champion Yorkshires.

NEED NO PUFF OR BOUNCE. There are none better. The oldest, purest, and most reliable strain of Yorkshires in the Fancy. During these last 30 years our birds have won thousands of prizes, cups, bowls, medals, etc., both for us and our customers, at the leading shows, three times winning special for best in show Crystal Palace, winning 4 1sts, 3 2nds, 3rd, 4th, and championship for best Yorkshire in show Crystal Palace, 1910-1911. As we are not exhibiting this season, we have for disposal some real gems, perfect type, wonderful length, and full of quality, including some long, stylish hens, feathered like silk, the sort that do breed champions. This is a chance seldom met with to secure such high-class Yorkshires, as we are offering birds that are seldom for sale at any price. Pairs from 15/-, 20/-, 30/-, 40/-, 50/-, 60/-. Cocks or Hens from 7/6, 10/6, 15/-, 20/-, 30/- each. All cold-room bred, and on approval. Satisfaction guaranteed, or money returned in full.—MESSRS. AMBLER, Langton Lodge, Scotton, Knaresborough, Yorkshire.

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Winners of hundreds of prizes, gold and silver medals, cups, etc. Some real beauties on approval; also strains which won at Crystal Palace these last 20 years. Some direct from strain that won 2 firsts, 1 second Crystal Palace 1912. Mr. Redfern, Pentre, Hawarden Feb. 1st, 1912.—Sir,—Yellow Yorkshire cock you sent me won 1st and spl Hawarden on Saturday last in strong class of 18. I have supplied scores of winners and can do so yet, not exhibiting this variety myself; some grand yellow and buff cocks, 6/-, 7/-, 8/-, 10/-, 12/-, 15/-, 20/- each; hens, yellows or buffs, 4/-, 5/-, 6/-, 7/-, 8/-, 10/-; matched pairs to breed winners, 12/-, 15/-, 16/-, 18/-, 20/-, 25/- pair: any on approval; full guarantee given; breeder 30 years this address: SANDIFORD, Canary Breeder, PRESTON, LANCS.

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Various Canaries.

TWO Norwich cocks, one Border, one Yorkshire for sale, the lot, 22/-: J. Watson, Garden-terr., Hexham.

FEW splendid 1911 cock Canaries, 5/-, 5/6 each; hens, 2/6, 3/-; pairs, 7/6: Morley, Baker, Linton, Cambs.

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FOURTEEN cocks, 20 hen Canaries, two each cock Linnet and Goldfinch Mules, breeding cages, etc.: Hearsay, Busbey Hall-rd., Watford.

PRIZE Norwich and Yorkshire pairs from 12/6; cocks from 7/6; hens from 3/-; inspection or approval; cold-room: Phipps, 16, Mill Platt, Isleworth.

YOUNG Norwich and Yorkshire Canaries, cocks from 5/-, hens from 2/-, pairs from 7/6; also a few muling pairs: Hollins, 51, York-st., Baker-st., W.

YELLOW clear Scotch Fancy cock, 12/-; also yellow self Cinnamon Border hen, 5/-; young typical birds; approval: Anderson, Hillside, Bonnybridge, Stirlingshire.

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HANDSOME Canary, grand singer, bred and kept in outdoor aviary, price 7/6; week's approval; few strong hens, bred same way, from 2/6 each: Harrison, Lawn, Belper, Derbyshire.

TO Canary dealers and others; on account of my age, I am giving up breeding after 60 years; there are about 40 birds, good Norwich and Yorkshires, a bargain for young fanciers: J. T. Grice, Sunnyside, Olton, near Birmingham.

TWO pairs Crest, 10/6 pair; clear yellow Crest-bred cock, 7/6; yell. Cinnamon Yorkshire hen, 5/-; 1 yellow, 1 buff Cinnamon marked Yorkshire hen, 3/6 each; 2 Yorkshire cocks, 6/6 each; 2 songsters, cocks, 5/6 each: Manning, 712, Romford-rd., Manor Park, Essex.

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It's no use you trying to get the best if you do not send your orders to the right place. I have such a grand selection of birds that it is impossible for you to be anything but fully satisfied with the quality and the prices are right. Call and inspect my stock, or let me send you birds on seven days approval. I have thousands of genuine unsolicited testimonials, all in original envelopes, open for your inspection. Let me send you any of the following on approval that you may judge the quality for yourself. Fully illustrated price list post free. The following are such value as defies comparison: Genuine trained St. Andreasburg Rollers; cocks, in full song by day and artificial light, every bird a picked one; cocks, 7/6, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/- each; hens, 2/6, 3/-, 3/6 each. A large collection of extra loud free Canary songsters, the right birds where a big noise is required, 5/9, 6/-, 6/6, 7/6, 8/6 each. You must see the superior quality of my Yorkshires; it will astound you. Birds of the correct length and type, feathers like wax, marvels of cheapness; cocks, 6/6, 7/6, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6; hens, 3/6, 4/-, 4/6, 5/-; matched breeding pairs, 8/6, 9/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-. My Norwich have a world-wide reputation; well built cobby birds. Cocks, 6/6, 7/6, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6; hens, 3/6, 4/-, 4/6, 5/-; matched breeding pairs, 8/6, 9/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-. Send a postcard for illustrated price list. All birds sent out on seven days approval at my risk, and every customer guaranteed satisfaction: E. L. Storey, Bird Specialist, Crowle, Doncaster.

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DARK cock Goldfinch Mule, good songster, 7/6, or offers: C. Braithwaite, Builder, Newark.

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MULING cock Canaries, light strain, 7/6 to 15/- each: Dr. Galloway, 250, Union-st., Aberdeen.

WANTED, Goldfinch and Linnet Mules, will give 5/- cocks, 1/- hens: Mrs. Jones, 117, Hessle-rd., Hull.

EXCHANGE good cock Goldie Mule, pair Budgerigars, or offer, sell 6/-: Hunt, Union-st., Stroud, Glos.

GRAND Greenfinch, sure muler, 2/6; hen Bullie, 2/6; two 1911 hen Canaries, 2/- each: A. Pool, New Buildings, Frome.

ONE cock Siskin Mule, one cock Linnet Mule, two cock Bullfinches, 10/-, or exchange: Smalley, Dover-st., Kibworth.

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HYBRID breeders, two cock Linnets, 5/- each, two hens 1/6 each, Canary reared: Palmer, Lode Hill, Downton, Wilts.

LARGE Greenfinch Mule cock, make winner, 7/6; three Cinnamon Green Border hens; what offers for lot?: Fountain, Aylesbury.

MONSTER Siberian Goldfinch, cage moulted, proved winner, 30/-; exchange good exhibition Hybrid, or offers: 103, Hardy-rd., Wimbledon.

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EXHIBITION Goldfinch Mule, a perfect gem, every note warranted Goldfinch, 12/6, approval willingly if deposit: Brown, 22, Alma-rd., Weymouth.

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FOR sale, Goldfinch, twice house moulted, and large clear buff hen Canary, 8/6; twice house moulted Goldfinch and variegated hen, 7/6; 2 hen Canaries, one green, one clear buff, 4/6 two; Goldfinch-Canary Mule, 8/6, on full song, Finch note: J. Green, Everleigh, Wood-st., Woburn Sands, Beds.

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COMPULSORY sale, owing to unexpectedly changing residence this quarter, all my muling stock, including Sib.-bred hens and cocks (one of the best and most carefully bred strains in the Fancy), yellows and buffs, Goldfinches, Linnets, Greenfinches, hen Bullfinches; many ready for pairing up; some splendid young Mules; also new show cages. All very reasonable, and must be cleared at once. State wants and enclose stamp to: G. E. Weston, Specialist, 66, Woodsome-rd., London, N.W.

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WANTED offers in real good Norwich or good Yorkshires, or offers in linoleum, boots, or matchboards, for good gramophone, with large horn, cost £4, with 10in. records, cost £2; also cycle, Singer's model De Luxe, suit boy 8 to 10 years, cost £6; also good mailcart, by Hutchinson, London, cost £4; also quarter-plate Kodak camera, in new sling case, cost £3; no rubbish offered, none wanted; approval, deposit, or birds first: Soper, Vernon-rd., Sutton, Surrey.

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1,000 hen Canaries wanted for shipment; will give 18/- per dozen, 15/- per dozen hen Mules; cash or deposit.

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EGG collector's guide, 1/-; collecting outfit, 2/-, illustrated catalogue, naturalist's requisites, eggs, stuffed birds, free: Messrs. Davis, Museum Works, Dartford.

SALE or EXCHANGE.

Mainly British.

GRAND cock Goldie, 7/6; cock Goldfinch Mule, 12/6; excellent songsters, sell or exchange: Davies, Square, Llanddulas.

SALE or exchange 12 good Linnets for pair Norwich or Rollers, British: G. Smith, 1, St. Thomas-st., Arbroath.

EXCHANGE 2 exhibition cock Bullfinches, 2 cock Lesser Redpolls, for 2 cock Canaries: Junor, Tomatin Inverness-shire.

H.M. cock Greenfinch, new box cage, loose front, 4/- lot; exchange, yours first: Sanders, 196, London-rd., Stoke-on-Trent.

TWO good selected cock Bullfinches, exchange yellow Norwich hen or sell 6/-: C. Leventon, Thorpe-rd., Melton Mowbray.

YOUNG Jackdaw, tame, sell, 2/6, or exchange for cock Pekin Robins, no room: H. Mather, 33, Nightingale Lane, Bromley, Kent.

HEN Bullfinches, pair Redpolls, caught October; 1lb. Finch mixture, lettuce, cabbage, etc., for Norwich hen: Binks, Aiskew, Bedale.

SELL two hand-reared cock Goldfinches, 13/-; Norwich hens, 2/6; exchange cock Canaries: Morley, Balsham-rd., Linton, Cambs.

EXCHANGE Bullie cock, double trap, Roller hen, and razors, for large yellow Norwich cock: E. Wignall, 3, Brook-st., Clitheroe.

GOLDFINCHES, sure mulers; 4/6; few beauties, 5/- each; or exchanges to value; no rubbish: Spencer, Tubrid, Broona, Rosecea.

GENUINE cock Skylarks, singing, 2/- each; mixed wild-seed, 1/6 stone; wanted outer covers; offers, anything: G. Frith, Crowle, Lincs.

LOVELY Albino cock Blackbird, variegated all over, 15/-, or exchange good pair Norwich; approval: Wm. Hunter, Fues, Bannockburn.

EXCHANGE 1910 British cock Goldfinch for good cock Crest Canary; approval each way: Vince, Warennes Wood, Mortimer, Berks.

HOUSE-MOULTED muling cock Goldfinch, full song, 5/-; exchange good Siskin, Hawfinch; offers: Haynes, Harcourt-st., Raunds, Wellingboro'.

EXCHANGE, big cock Greenie Mule, full song, for large house-moulted muling Goldfinch, sell 7/6; yours first: Dalzell, Ormond-st., Oldham.

EXHIBITION, cage-moulted cock brown Linnets, cock Goldfinch, exchange for good cock Hawfinch; offers: S. S. Brooks, Station-rd., Winsford.

LINNETS. Four cocks, caged in September, exchange; offers in Canaries, any sort wanted: W., Bloemfontein, 3, Chawbrook-rd., Eastbourne.

EXCHANGE 1910 h.m. hen Bullfinch, twice h.m. cock Greenfinch, for Roller hens, or cock; offers: Thompson, 18, Court, Gooch-st., Birmingham.

GENUINE 1911 hand-reared Skylarks, 5/- each, also one 1910, in full song, 15/-; not rubbish, or useful exchange: Heatherley, Tobacconist, Rugeley.

TWO house-moulted Goldfinches, full song; two pairs of clapnets; sell or exchange for good concertina: Wall, 3, Fernbrook-av., Southend-on-Sea.

COCK Chaffinches, 6d. each; Hedge Warblers, 6d. pair; approval; exchange anything useful: Mr. Dennison, King's Meaburn, Penrith, Westmorland.

EXCHANGE two Greenfinches, one Muler, two Redpolls, one Scarlet-breasted cock, for Norwich hens: Barns, 5, Lichfield-rd., Edmonton, London.

EXCHANGE one house-moulted cock Goldfinch, also hen Goldie, twice moulted, for 2 good hens, Yorkshires: Coates, North View, Briggate, Knaresborough.

SELECTED for exhibition; 2 Brambles, 3 Greenies, Linnet, 15/-; exchange for 2 large 1911 yellow variegated Norwich hens: Burrows, Grange-rd., Southall.

YOUNG cock Redpoll-Linnet Hybrid, will sell for 10/-, or exchange for good cock Goldfinch, must be good show specimen: Wm. Lyall, 9, Old Bridge-st., Ayr, N.B.

EXCHANGE cock Hawfinch, fine condition, for good exhibition Goldfinch, or good exhibition Greenfinch, Muling hens, or offers: Godfrey Lomas, Town Head, Tideswell.

EXCHANGE exhibition Corn Bunting and show cage for pair of high-class Norwich, or offers; mutual approval: F. Nicholas, 4, Margaret-st., Pentre, Rhondda.

TWO big hen Bullfinches and 1 good coloured cock Bullie for sale, 4/6, or exchange for big 1911 yellow Norwich or Yorkshire hen: Ben Williams, Tailor, St. Clears, Carm'shire.

EXCHANGE two good yellow Norwich hens, grand type, for good tick yellow or buff Norwich cock; approval; yours first; would give little cash: Apply 132, Splott-rd., Cardiff.

FOR sale, large hand-reared Scotch cock Skylark and cage, house-moulted, price 10/-, or exchange cock Goldfinch, must be good show bird: Wm. Lyall, 9, Old Bridge St., Ayr, N.B.

NOTICE.—I will exchange all kinds of British for show, muling loudest singing for any variety of Canaries; state wants to Hollinshead, Cheshire Aviaries, Howard-st., Stockport.

TWO house-moulted cock Goldfinches, full song, mulers, 10/-, exchange good pair Yorkshires; cock Bullfinch and hen Goldfinch, mated, exchange Canary: Frank Tyler, Gt. Dunmow, Essex.

FOR sale, yellow Greenie, Mealy Redpoll, Twite, Siskin, all cocks, and Greenie hen, all house-moulted; offer part for British show cages, or anything useful for house: McWatt, Bonnybridge, Stirlingshire.

LARGE dark- cock Linnet-Canary Mule, splendid songster, 2 twice h.m. cock Goldfinches, two 1911 cock Canaries, sell 25/-, or exchange fowls to value: McCallam, 2, Brisbane-st., Camberwell, London, S.E. S.E.

TWO Linnets, Bramblefinch, and Chaffinch cocks, full song, dozen Greenfinches, exchange four healthy hen Canaries, 4½lbs. dock seed, exchange h.m. cock Goldfinch: Charles Lee, 79, North-st., Stanground, Peterboro'.

EXCHANGE or sell 4 British show cages and case, 6/-; hand-reared Greenfinch and Bullfinch, 5/6; cock Chaffinch and hen Bullfinch, had fertile eggs, 7/6; big house-moulted Mealy Redpoll, 2/6: T. Rose, Barnton, Northwich.

WHAT offers in Norwich or Yorkshire hens for cock Greenfinch and hen Bullie, been together all winter, and a Singer's sewing machine, in perfect working order; yours first: W. Edwards, 3, Andrew-st., Llanelly, Carm.

SELL, or exchange, two Bullfinches, Chaffinch, Bramblefinch, cocks, cage moulted, Bullfinches, both prize-winners, for pair good songsters, Yorkshires, sell 10/6; yours first: Walter Reid, Smithy Brow, Ambleside, Westmorland.

TWO cage-reared healthy hen Bullfinches, 2/- each; trap cages, 4, compartments, with Goldfinch call bird, 2/9; good second-hand cages, double breeders, etc., sell very cheap, or exchange good Canaries: Clark, 2, Foxley-rd., Malmesbury, Wilts.

COCKS, Siskin, breeder, winner, 7/6, mealy Redpoll, 3/-; hens, three yellow Norwich, 4/6; two buff, 3/6 each; four Yorkshires, 3/- each; yellow green Crested, 6/6, exchange for house moulted British or Lancashire mules; approval: Morgan: 16, Mcira-place, Cardiff.

TWO Hawfinches, caged seven months, sell 25/-; exchange for unflighted yellow Norwich cock, good substance: Barnes, 86, Whitemoor-rd., Nottingham.

WOULD exchange large Greenfinch, Bullfinch and Chaffinch hens, B.M., for yellow Yorkshire hen, good neck and position: Turner, 244, Old-rd., Stockport.

Mainly Canaries.

FIVE hens, 2 cocks, Canaries, 1911 bred, £1, or exchange for pullets: Clare, 34, Meadow-rd., Merton.

EXCHANGE, Yorkshire cock, for new cover, 28-1½, wired and tube, sell 7/6: Lewis, 55, Letitia-st., Middlesbro.

WHAT offers in Canaries for lady's gold watch, quite new, cost £4: McKeand, Seabright Villa, Castle Douglas.

SPLENDID matched pairs of Lizards; will exchange for table linen or blankets: Lord, 351, Oldham-rd., Rochdale.

EXCHANGE grand ticked Yorkshire cock, buff hen, Norwich cock, ticked hen, Iron's strain, anything useful, cash 17/6; approval.—Crawshaw, Epworth, Doncaster.

FOUR 1911 buff Norwich hens, good strain; sell 15/-, or exchange pair Lizards: Lucas, 32, Mouks-road, Coventry.

PRIZE bred Borders, cock, 5 hens, 16/-; exchange pair Glucke Rollers; offers: E. Male, 11, Suez-rd., Cambridge.

EXCHANGE Borders, Cages, or Mules, for ladies' or boys' new boots; offers; stamp reply: Brain, Glastonbury.

EXCHANGE nice buff Yorkshire hen, 1911, for very slim yellow, 1911, same breed: Miller, Linthorpe, New Milton, Hants.

FEW Yorkshires, real good birds, will exchange for good yellow Norwich cocks: Foster, 117, Park-rd., Loughborough.

EXCHANGE beautiful large yellow Yorkshire hen for two good inner tubes, 28 x ¾: Povey, Cronton, Prescot, Lancs.

SPLENDID dark Linnet Mule, full song; exchange pair good Yorkshires or Lizards, or sell 7/6: Gregg, Bottesford, Notts.

ABOUT 50 Lizards to sell or exchange, no better blood obtainable; or sell 7/- to 8/6 per pair: Fisher, Fitzalan-st., Glossop.

EXCHANGE four Norwich hens for fishing stockings or dynalite; yours first: W. Moore, 34, Springhill-buildings, Shotts.

SIX prize-bred Border hens, 2/9 each, or exchange Goldfinches; must be cocks; yours first: Gardiner, 14, Brock-st., Carlisle.

THREE cocks and one hen, Yorkshire Canaries; exchange anything; yours first: J. Greenwood, 8, Aireworth-st., Keighley.

EXCHANGE high-class buff Yorkshire cock for two yellow hens, 1911 (fed), length, position essential: J. Brewin, Heanor, Notts.

YORKSHIRE or Norwich cocks, singing, 7/6; hens 3/-; exchange Toy Pom.; offers: Carnew, 40, Thornleigh-rd., Horfield, Bristol.

FEW good Yorkshire hens, 3/- each; wanted Seifert cock, full song, week's approval: Platt, 12, Blackhorse-lane, Liverpool.

EXCHANGE good stout variegated Norwich, stock bird, for pair Yorkshires or Pom pup: Massingham, 213, Hitchin-rd., Luton, Beds.

WANTED, pair green Yorkshires, winning strain; exchange small organ, good condition, or sell £3: Rev. Soames, Bromley, Kent.

SURPLUS common Canaries, exchange one pair blankets or suit length, sell 20/-: McDougall, 134, James-st., Bridgeton, Glasgow.

ROLLERS, two cocks, full song, four hens, ready to nest, cold-room; sell or exchange: Cox, 22, Wolverhampton-st., Bilston, Staffs.

EXCHANGE big 1911 cock Linnet Mule for typical pair Norwich, or sell 12/6: H. S. Allen, Treviscoe, nr. Grampound Road, Cornwall.

EXCHANGE two prize bred 1911 buff Yorkshires, hens, for Yorkshire green or yellow cock, 1911: Povey, Cronton, Prescot, Lancs.

PRIZE-BRED Norwich Canaries; exchange for scrap brass, copper, zinc, lead, pewter, or anything useful: 61, Havelock-st., Leicester.

EXCHANGE, six Norwich Canaries, for talking Parrot, or gramophone; yours first: E. Adams, 53, St. Swithun's-rd., Bournemouth.

EXCHANGE 1911 Roller cock, also hen, mother of same, for 2 muling hens, Norwich or Yorks: A. Hawkins, Ramer Hill, Cannock.

SPLENDID Yorkshire, also Norwich cock, Greenfinch Mule, 7/6 each; exchange long Yorkshire hens or Borders: A. March, Evesham.

CINNAMON marked buff Yorkshire cock, 2nd prize winner, sell 15/-; or exchange clear yellow hen, 1911: E. Weedall, 4, John-st., Winsford.

LARGE cock Goldfinch, muler, 5/-; Goldfinch Mule cock, singing, 5/-; exchange either clear Norwich cock: Jempson, Emhurst, Sussex.

SIX pairs graud 1911 Yorkshire Canaries, 10/- pair or exchange anything useful for house: Balch, 8, Park-terrace, Dalton-lane, Keighley.

SCOTCH Fancy, green cock, good model, 1911, 20/-, or exchange good pair of Norwich or Yorkshires: T. McNair, 151, George-st., Paisley.

WILL give little cash and two 1911 feeding hens, Norwich cross, for 1911 Roller cock, full song: Capp, Bexwell-rd., Downham Market, Norfolk.

CLASSICAL Yorkshires, Bailey's strain, sell or exchange scrap copper, brass, tin, anything useful: Cooper, Taylor-st., Batley, Yorkshire.

OFFERS in cock Goldfinches for pair of Yorkshires, 11/6; pair size 9 Navvy upper clogs, new; yours first: Sanderson, Bootmaker, Saltburn.

TWO pairs Yorkshires, exchange 4 variegated Goldfinch Mules, songsters, cash, deposit; approval: Pace, 111, Haggerston-rd., Dalston, London.

EXCHANGE pair of Norwich for large yellow stock Norwich cock (change of blood wanted): Middleton, 159, Bothal-terrace, Pegswood, Morpeth.

YORKSHIRE clear yellow, 1911 cock, winner, 15/-, worth double; exchange, offers; approval: Livsey, Square-rd., Walsden, Todmorden, Yorkshire.

EXCHANGE high-class Yorkshires for surplus stocks of Canaries or British, or dog puppies: Imeson, Commercial House, Ossett, Yorkshire.

EXCHANGE yellow P.H. cock, C.-B. hen, 2 P.H. hens, 1 cock Linnet, for two Crestbred hens, yours first: Whamell, 2, Cawie-lane, Stonehaven, N.B.

PAIR clap nets, new, 7 yards long, ¾in. mesh, all utensils, exchange pullets, Goldfinches, Canaries, Mules: Thomson, 42, High-rd., Willesden Green.

TWO variegated Crestbred cocks, 9/- each; two green Crestbred hens, 7/6 each, best strains obtainable; approval: H. Webber, 15, Temple-rd., Exeter.

PURE Roller hen, 2/6; box cage, 1/6; double breeder, 40 x 15 x 12, loose fronts, 4/6; exchange fowls; anything; no homers entertained: 99, Park-rd., Crouch End.

EXCHANGE pair Canaries, double breeder, value 12/-, for good cockerel, chicks, useful offers: Smith, 89, Madeline, Pontygwaith, Tylorstown, South Wales.

NORWICH. Champion stock birds, 6 cocks 10/- each, 6 hens 6/- each; offers for lot, or exchange poultry: Dawson, 117, Primrose-st., Farnworth, Bolton.

EXCHANGE three pairs good Norwich Canaries for Black Pomeranian bitch, about six months old, or anything useful: Greenwood, 8, Back Milkwood, Todmorden.

WHAT offers in Canaries for suit length good tweed, value 25/-, or lady's dress length, value 12/6; any colours: McKeand, Seabright Villa, Castle Douglas.

BUFF Norwich cock, 15/-; two buff marked hens, Sandiford's strain, 7/6 each; exchange good yellow cock, good yellow hen, clears: J. H. Caldwell, Loughborough.

CHAMPION bred Yorkshires, cocks from 10/6, hens from 7/6, or useful exchange; no cards; seen by appointment: Nicholls, 128, Gloucester-terrace, Hyde Park, London.

WANTED, large Siberian or English cage-moulted Goldfinch cock; cash or exchange Crestbred or plainhead cock, or sell 10/-; approval: Shearer, View Mount, Thurso.

FOR sale, extra large yellow Cinnamon hen, would exchange for extra large Siberian cock Goldie, broad skull; approval: McWatt, Bonnybridge, Stirlingshire.

FEW good Yorkshires, stock birds, good breeding cages, also flight front; exchange boots, wool rug, suit length, curtains, or offers: Holmes, 113, Devonshire-st., Keighley.

SIB.-BRED cock Canaries, variegated Goldfinch Mules, Finch song, good health; sell, exchange for Cinnamon yellow hens; approval: Wm. Gouldson, 11, Harbour-view, Devonport.

THREE buff Norwich hens, 25/-, exchange typical unflighted yellow cock; give one hen for new egg mill, or offers: Hayward, 21, Marlborough-avenue, Manley Park, Manchester.

SALE, yellow Lancashire cock, 12/-; also Seifert cock, 12/-; or exchange for Norwich or Yorkshire cocks, to value; approval. Fitchett, Leopold-st., South Wigston, Leicester.

ONE cock, four hens Norwich, good birds, 17/-; exchange for two good upright lengthy yellow Yorkshire hens, about 7 in. long; offers: Harris, 87, Invicta-rd., Sheerness, Kent.

LARGE muling hen Canary, 5/6, exchange for 3 good Bullie hens, also exhibition Cornbunting, for good hen Britishers; approval; yours first: Gentleman, Avonbridge, Stirlingshire.

LARGE Norwich Crestbred hen, 10 years inbred, exchange large Goldfinch or yellow Siskin, proved mulers, sell 7/6; yours first: Bartlett, 32, Royal York-crescent, Clifton, Bristol.

SALE or exchange, four hen Canaries, 5/-, two double breeding cages, 4/6, and Crystal Palace aviary, 6/-, for gramophone or camera: H. Baughan, 95, Athenlay-rd., Peckham Rye.

WILL exchange two good Yorkshire cocks, buff and buff marked, for two good yellow or yellow marked Norwich hens; must be good; approval: Mason, 4, Arnold-st., West Auckland, Durham.

COCK Goldfinch, 4th prize at Gorseinon show, and yellow Sib. hen Canary. 1911 birds, sell 15/-; or exchange pair Yorkshire Canaries and little cash for show birds: mutual approval: D. Betty, Goodwick.

CINNAMON-marked Norwich hens, 3/- each; or exchange Norwich or cock Goldfinch Mules, good songsters; also sell two good fox terrier pups; mutual approval: Walker, Queen's Hotel, Tirril, Penrith.

CINNAMON green cock and box cage, self green cock and new wire cage; exchange for large Gladstone bag or good trunk, in good condition, or sell separate: C. F. Keeler, 29, Gower-rd., Upton Lane, Forest Gate.

HIGH-CLASS Yorkshires, 4 grand young yellow hens from my noted winners, grand feather and shape, 10/- each; approval, or would exchange for laying pullets: E. Radley, King-st., Skelmanthorpe, Huddersfield.

EXCHANGE buff muling hen, Cotton and Nicholson's strain, 10/-; 3 h.m. mealy Redpolls, giants, 3/- each; one cock Bullfinch, show bird, 3/-, for good Hawfinch, Yorkshire, or Norwich; approval: Nicholson, Criffel View, Flimby.

EXCHANGE two Yorkshire cocks, Bailey's strain, for one good Buff Norwich Plainhead cock, must be unflighted, good head, neck and size, good quality feather, or sell 15/-; yours first: Thos. Flatleigh, Binchester, Bishop Auckland.

HAVING given up birds, will sell, cheap, about thirty good breeding or flight cages and accessories, including three and four compartments, with movable partitions, useful exchange entertained; Pomeranians preferred: Finney, Grocer, Oswestry.

TWO buff wing marked dark Crest hens, one Green Crest, 7/6 each; large Green Crestbred cock, 12/6; young well-bred birds, typical Norwich cocks, 10/6, 12/6, 15/- each; exchange young Norwich hens, common songsters: J. Pitchford, London-rd., Stoke-on-Trent.

HEALTHY Yorkshire stock, consisting of 6 cocks, 12 hens, 9 double breeders, 2 good flights, with movable partitions, 8 show cages, 2 cases, nest pots, wires, extra drinkers, egg pots, etc., to be sold reasonable: Frank Newiss, 21, Park-grove, Keighley, Yorkshire.

TWO pairs Norwich, 15/-, 20/- each; two pairs Borders, 7/6 each; two Lizard cocks, 5/6, 7/6 each; Gold Lizard cock, 8/6; green Border hen, 3/-; green Norwich cock, 7/6; 1911 birds; exchange any for good Seifert Roller cocks or anything useful, three days' approval; yours first: W. Carter, Butcher, 160, Burnley-rd., Todmorden, Yorkshire.

Mainly Foreign.

LARGE green Parrot and cage, 30/-; exchange Canaries; birds first: Harvey, Vera Cottage, Crown-st., Highfield, Southampton.

GREEN BUDGERIGARS, 4/6 per pair, outdoor bred, or exchange Canaries or anything useful: A. Card, London-rd., East Grinstead.

FOUR young cock Budgerigars, from out-door aviary, Norwich Canaries, Goldfinches, or Bullfinches wanted: Kemp, Yeovil, Somerset.

AMAZON Parrot, blue and yellow, tame, complete with cage, 30/-; offers invited, letters only: Chadwick, Tool Shop, Market, Wrexham.

GREAT White Lemon-crested Cockatoo, dances and kisses, quite tame, with cage, for sale, 35/- or part exchange: 296, Ashley-rd., Upper Parkstone, Dorset.

GRAND collection (all perfect) of foreign birds from aviary; list stamp; accept exchange for any acclimatised 2 years Amazon Parrot, beauty, cheap: Principal, Hopwood Dispensary, Halifax.

Miscellaneous.

EXCHANGE Brindle bull bitch for three Norwich or Yorkshire cocks: 36, East-st., Barking, Essex.

ONE pair of new inner tubes, 7/6, 28 x 1½; or exchange birds: Davis, Adcroft-st., Trowbridge, Wilts.

£5 8s. worth Paragon marking ink, assorted bottles; exchange golf outfit; approval: Webster, Culbard-st., Elgin.

EXCHANGE powerful air rifle, Gem, new, for Yorkshire cock: Keene, 39a, Dorset-rd., South Lambeth, London.

TWO pair Red Jacobin pigeons; exchange Canaries or breeding cages, or sell 12/-: J. Wilkin, Hathersage, Sheffield.

EXCHANGE rolled gold hunter lever watch, 15/-, for pair Canaries: Drummond, 45, Hutchison st., Glasgow.

GENT'S silver watch for two cocks and hen Green Budgerigars: Hodson, 26, Faulkland-st., Wolverhampton.

FOX Terrier bitch, 7 months, good pedigree, sell 15/-; or exchange pen of Bantams: Bennell, North-st., Lynn.

AQUARIUM, good condition, 12 by 24, 10/-; or exchange for Canaries: L. Herrington, 91, Whitfield st., London, W.

EXCHANGE two new Norwich show cages and case for hair-cutting machine: Shaw, Nearfield, Marsden, Huddersfield.

VERY old violin, perfect condition; exchange three pairs of Canaries, or sell 30/-: R. Hearn, Bottisham Hall, Cambs.

WHAT offers in exchange for Airedale dog, 14 months old; good house dog: Thomas, 7, Cromwell-st., Merthyr.

EXCHANGE Hobbies A1 fretwork set, new, for silver double albert chain, offers: Fryatt, 476, East-st., Braintree.

YORKSHIRE Terrier dog, 12/-, or exchange Canaries or British: Frederick Gall, 20, Drumgold-st., Douglas, Man.

OFFERS invited, pair handle bars and chain, ½in. pitch, as new: Warrellow, 42, Furnace-rd., Normacott, Staffs.

EXCHANGE three pairs racing Homers and training hamper for cage birds: W. Lang, 20, Cistern-st., Totnes, Devon.

EXCHANGE, rocking horse, height 30 inches, for gramophone and records; approval: Grover Clyne, Moray-st., Wick.

GRAND Pile Bantam, cockerel, fit to win, 10/-; exchange good Norwich cock; approval: Nicoll, 54, South-st., Forfar.

GOOD wood-turning treadle lathe, high speed, sell cheap; or exchange anything useful: Lord, 345, Oldham-rd., Rochdale.

HEAVY silver English lever watch, sell 30/-; exchange good Roller: W. Johnson, 3, Plymouth-grove West, Manchester.

RABBIT purse nets, complete, with pegs, catch 'em alive, post free 7½d.: Chadwick, Tool Shop, Market, Wrexham.

EXCHANGE, 100 fretwork designs, for singing cock Goldfinch and cage, or anything useful: Hilton, 116, Albert-rd., Retford.

GENT'S heavy silver English lever, 15/-; offers, Rollers, cocks, songsters: Hickman, 167, High-st., Fenton, Stoke-on-Trent.

HAND lock stitch sewing machine, equal new, 29/-; exchange Canaries: Pulman, 14, Rendle-st., North Kensington, London.

WILL exchange pair racing homers for square Parrot cage, or anything useful: Dale, 222, King Edward-st., Grimsby.

EXCHANGE opera glasses or hand camera for Canaries, British or Budgerigars: Stokes, 45, Ormonde-rd., Hythe, Kent.

SIX PAIRS of long distance homer pigeons, 2 6 pair, or exchange Canaries or Budgerigars: Davis, Adcroft-st., Trowbridge, Wilts.

GLAZIER'S diamond, value 16/-, exchange for Canaries, Mules, or toy dog; offers: Biddle, 27, Wharton-st., Lloyd-sq., W.C.

EXCHANGE gold mandoline and case for pair of Yorkshire or Norwich Canaries; offers: Griffiths, 81 Ynyslwyd-st., Aberdare.

PAIR oil paintings of Dartmoor, 28in. by 23in.; exchange Canaries, any variety: Hubbard, Palace Hall, Paignton, S. Devon.

EXCHANGE two pairs flying Homers, 400 miles strain, for 1911 Norwich cock, or sell £1: W. Wright, 68, King-st., Gt. Yarmouth.

FIRST 17 7d. parts Wright's Book Poultry, latest, 8/-, for pair Norwich, double breeder: Conie, Newtown, Raunds, Wellingboro'.

SELL, or exchange large Airedale Terrier bitch, for Canaries or Yorkshire Terrier: Jonah Ball, 11, Rydal-st., Leigh, Lancashire.

OFFERS in exchange "Our Canaries," cost 25/-; new; Norwich or Yorkshire Canaries: Charles McCann, 15, North-st., Largan.

WILL exchange four Homer pigeons, parents flown Bournemouth, for Yorkshire Cock Canary: Malkin, Cleveland-parad., Darlington.

SPLENDID Mandoline and case, cost £3 10/-, equal to new; exchange good aquarium, or anything useful: F. Child, Downs, Luton.

SPLENDID pair of O.E.S. Game Bantams both winners, accept £1, or would exchange: T. Weedall, Fruiterer, Winsford, Cheshire.

PATHE phonograph, 25 records, 30/-; exchange good 1911 Norwich Canaries, or anything useful: Royce, 223, Oundle-rd., Peterborough.

EXCHANGE Old English Game Bantams, cock and three hens, for Canaries; approval: Thomas Johnson, 1, Sheffield-rd., Southport.

CAMERAS, two ¼plate, Pathe phonograph, slight repairs, two hollow razors, cheap; offers Canaries, singers: Hall, Quarry, Enstone.

HANDSOME O.E.S.G. Bantams, 1 cockerel, 2 pullets, 7/6; exchange pair Norwich Canaries, birds first: Fursland, Langport, Som.

SIXTY-EGG hot-water incubator, new, complete except lamp and capsule: exchange Yorkshires: 25, Ot. Croft-st., Darlington, Staffs.

FOR sale or exchange a good Lurcher dog, well trained, for Canaries or anything useful: F. Fowler, General Dealer, Forncett, Chard.

EXCHANGE six ivorine-handled knives, also 6 teaspoons, for 1 cock or 3 hen Canaries: Herbert Marsden, 175, St. Philip's-rd., Sheffield.

EXCHANGE for Canaries a fine Fox Terrier dog, 13 months old, champion pedigree: Satchi', Motor House, Mowat Pleasant-rd., Ealing.

BOOTS, Blankets, Suits, Drapery etc., Cutlery, Toots, Electro-plate exchanged for Canaries: Exchange Co., 57, Lane-st., Sheffield.

EXCHANGE camera, nearly new, hold 6 plates 3¼ by 2½, for cock Bullfinch and hen Canary: Whitman, 43, Lattle Gaddesd'n, Gerkhamsted.

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LADY'S costume, two pairs boots, 1 mackintosh new, exchange anything: stamp portion case: Kyrle, 75, Grosvenor-buildings, Maud-st., London, E.

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EDISON Gem phonograph, cost 42, condition as new, and 32 records, exchange singing cock Canaries, offers: Mannin, 139, Eardley-cl., Streatham.

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THREE pairs Green Budgerigars, 6 pair, 15/- lot; dozen cylinder records, 4/6; exchange other records or hen Canaries: Jones, 261, Branstone-rd., Burton-on Trent.

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PHONOGRAPH, 21 records, 25/-; exchange birds, gent's keyless watch, also shaving outfit for pair of Yorks or Norwich: Eggerton, Bk. 25, Brittain-st., Sheffield.

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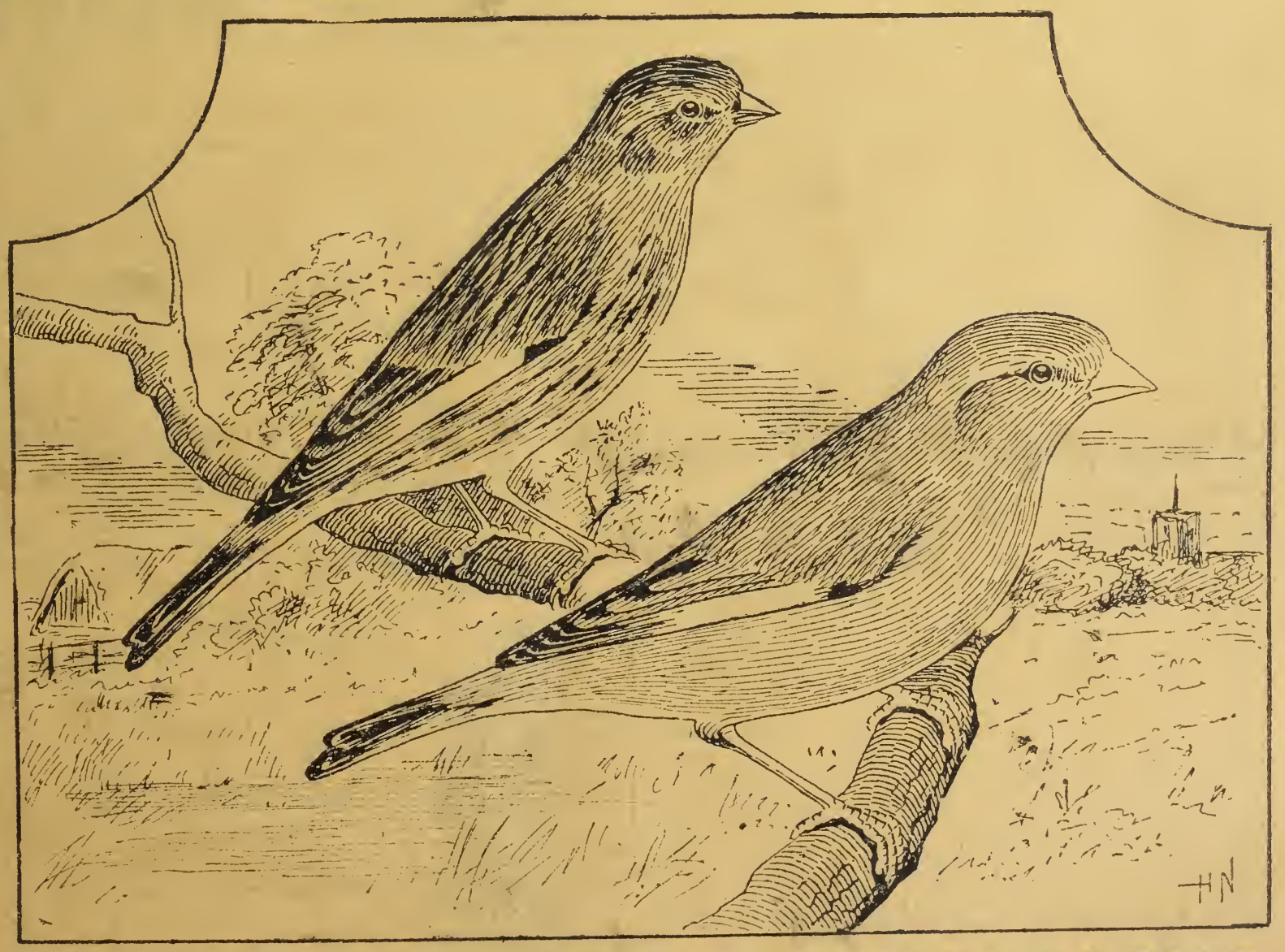

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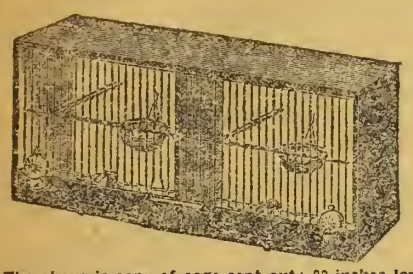

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FOR sale, 20 high-class Belgians, same strain as my winners: Lady Verhees, Grens 56 Mortsel, Antwerp, Belgium.

GRAND 1911 Belgians, disposal pairs, singles, yellows, buffs, cocks, hens; champion strain; approval: Baker, 3, Kingsley-avenue, Barnstaple.

CHAMPION Belgians, grand birds for sale, strain my winners Barnstaple, Plymouth, Edinburgh; reasonable prices, approval: C. S. Baker, George's-avenue, Barnstaple.

Border Fancy.

PRIZE bred Borders, real gems, 7/6 and 8/6 pair; approval, deposit: Marsh, Sunnyside, Wareham.

CHAMPION pair Borders, 12/6; two yellow hens, 9/-; six 30-inch breeders, 3/-: Young, Secretary, Frome.

FIVE cocks 5/- each, 4 hens 2/- each; all prize bred and healthy: Lamb, Whitelaw, Edrom, N.B.

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FOR sale, 4 cocks, 6 hens, Border Fancies, Cinnamon bred, mostly 1911 birds; offers: McWatt, Bonnybridge, Stirlingshire.

GRAND pair prize-bred Borders, buff cock, yellow hen, 10/6; will breed winners: Burton Bros., 126, Lee-rd., London, S.E.

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BORDER cocks, 7/6 each; good stock birds; yellow pair; yellow hen, yellow varieg. hen, 4/- each; approval: Irons, Viewbank, Brechin.

PRIZE Borders, clears, yellows, buffs, and variegated cocks, from 5/-; hens from 3/-; all 1911 bred. —Lyall, 31, Montrose-st., Brechin.

YELLOW cock, 10/-; buff cock, 4th Kilmarnock, 10/-; six hens, must clear out; approval: Robert Lawson, Millbrae-terrace, Maxwelltown, Dumfries.

TWO self Cinnamon buff, two yellow self Cinnamon hens, buff green hen, 5/- each; cinnamon ticked yellow hen, 7/6; approval: C. Cubby, 62, London-rd., Carlisle.

A FEW good pairs from 10/- to 15/- a pair, same strain as my winners; also a few for even mark breeding: approval: Metcalfe, 63, Brunswick-rd., Liverpool.

GOING abroad; wish to dispose of prize Border Fancy Canaries, also breeding cages; no reasonable offer refused; must be sold: Saytch, 68, Blandford-rd., Beckenham.

BORDERS; I have still two pairs to part with, from 8/-; also five hens, yellows and buffs, from 3/-; all are in the best of condition; see report Ayr, October 28th: Arthur, 30, Allison-st., Ayr.

AFTER selecting breeding pairs, I have a number of good typical Borders for disposal, including both sexes of clears, marked, greens, and cinnamons; cheap to clear; satisfaction guaranteed; approval: G. Scott, Mona Bank, Dumfries.

A FEW good clears, with even mark blood, also three matched pairs for even mark breeding; even marks bred off this strain have won at all leading shows, including Scottish National and Palace; cheap to clear: Robert Aitchison, Huntfield, Biggar.

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FIVE pairs at £2 pair, worth double, large, good heads, thick necks: T. J. King, Ingogo, Cheltenham.

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CINNAMON CRESTS.

Two wing-marked Cinnamon cap Crest-bred cocks, with Cinnamon Crested hens to match, 20/- pair; Green Crested cock, Cinnamon bred, with variegated Cinnamon Crest-bred hen to match, 20/- pair; wing-marked Cinnamon Crested hen, 15/-; approval: Gilbert, 37, Craven-st., Coventry.

Crests and Crestbreds.

BREEDER'S CARD.

WILLIAM TATMAN, 111, Midland Road, Wellingborough, has for disposal few good Crests and Crest-breds, yellows and buffs, cocks and hens.

CREST and Crest-breds, from 8/6 upwards: Boulter, 32, Palmerston-rd., West Hampstead, N.W.

NICE 1911 Crest hen, 7/6; or exchange 1911 Crest-bred hen: Farms, 9, Scotstoun-st., Scotstoun, nr. Glasgow.

MONSTER exhibition Crested cock, winner of first prizes, 35/- to clear, worth double: Tallett, Pembroke Dock.

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GOOD Crest and Crest-bred cocks, from 12/6; pairs from 17/6: Offord, 24, Little Welbeck-st., Cavendish Square.

LARGE unflighted green Crested cock, fine Crest, 25/6, worth double, approval: Young, 76, Newbury-rd., Bromley, Kent.

FEW good Crest and Crest-bred cocks, from 10/- each; also a few Norwich hens, 2/6 each: 15, Avery-row, New Bond St.

I HAVE a few high-class Crests and Crest-breds for sale: J. Grimshaw, Thornton Gate, Rossall Beach, Cleveleys, Blackpool.

CREST hens, two green, two variegated, 1911 bred, 5/- to 8/- each; approval; wanted, Crest hen: Young, 43, Market-st., Haddington.

EXTRAORDINARY large buff Crest-bred cock, grand head, 12/6; approval known fanciers, others deposit: Watson, Hall Croft, Shepshed.

LARGE C.B. hen, ditto cock, winners, 17/6 each, easy worth double; approval; can exchange Plainhead cock for H.M. Goldfinch: Shearer, View Mount, Thurso.

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WELL-BRED young Crested and Crestbred Canaries, 12/6, 10/6, 7/6; hens 10/-, 7/6, 5/6; large Crested hen, 15/6; approval: Miss Hacker, 1, Elsworthy-terrace, Hampstead.

LARGE well feathered buff clear body dark Crest cock, 14/6; grand buff green C.B. cock, good feather, well lashed, 17/6; 1911 birds, best of blood: A. Peters, Panton Hall, Wragby, Lincs.

FOR sale, Crest and Crest-breds, 2 Crested cocks, 1 Crested hen, 2 Crest-bred hens; the above were bought direct from Daniel Cory last year, 14, Osborne-rd., Birkenhead; giving up on account of failing sight; on approval: John Nicolls, Mornick, Callington, Cornwall.

HIGH-CLASS Crests, clear body dark crest, yellow cock, green crestbred hen, £2 10/-, worth £5; even-marked dark crest cock, almost clear crest-bred hen, £2 10/-, worth £5; all 1911, and very large, all fit to show; bred from grand birds; approval: Billington, Hambleton, Poulton-le-Fylde.

CHAMPION Crests, Crest-breds, grand birds, for sale; cocks or hens; 35 years breeder; judge of 100 shows; I don't exhibit now; I breed for my customers to win; advertised 25 years; sold as many winners as any fancier; reasonable approval: T. Billington, Hambleton, Poulton-le-Fylde.

MASSIVE feathery variegated dark Crest cock, grand crest, 9/-; another feathery ditto, 7/6; grand variegated Crest-bred cock, 9/6; ditto, 6/6; massive feathery variegated dark Crest hen, 9/-; ditto, gem, 5/6; massive feathery variegated Crest-bred hen, 8/6 ditto, 6/-; all large healthy birds; approval: Hatton, Aviaries, Belper.

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TWO pairs high-class Yorkshire greens and foul green hen, lot 25/-: single pair, 12/6: Caine, 21, Fowler-st., Liverpool.

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Lancashires.

TWO pair Lancashire Plainheads, 10/6 pair, good: Eaves, East Cliff, Lytham.

LANCASHIRES, Plainhead cocks or hens, 10/6 each, ten days' approval: W. Powick, Dewsbury.

LANCASHIRES: a few odd cocks and hens, Coppys and Plainheads: J. Butterworth, 70, Entwisle-rd., Rochdale.

LANCASHIRES; on sale, yellow and Plainhead buff cocks, two buff Plainhead hens, young birds, 50/- lot: King, Milnrow.

LARGE 1911 buff coppy cock, worth £4, breeding condition, 40/-: approval: Billington, Hambleton, Poulton-le-Fylde.

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I HAVE a few choice young Lancashires for sale, cheap to clear; best blood obtainable; write or call: Jas. Mills, 81, Smithy-bridge, Rochdale.

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NORWICH cocks from 6/6 each; hens from 3/- each: W. Gilbert, 2, Cranwell-st., Red-lane, Coventry.

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UNFLIGHTED Buff Norwich cock, he Cleator Moor, 10/6: splendid condition: Walker, Jeweller, Cockermouth.

EIGHT pairs strong healthy Norwich, 7/6 per pair or 56/- the lot; approval: C. Smith, Valley-terrace, Leiston.

NOTICE, grand Norwich cocks, 3/6, cock and hen 5/6, approval: McKeaud, Seabright Villa, Castle Douglas

WM. HINDMAN, 26, Sarah Ellen-st., Blackburn, has only 5 pairs for disposal, 20/- per pair, and upwards.

GREENS and clears; cocks from 5/-; sell cheap in one lot; approval, stamp: Hawkes, 39, Lloyd-st., Liverpool.

MORIARA, 2, South View, Winchester, has a few high class Norwich hens for sale, from 12/6; cash or deposit.

MONSTER buff Norwich hen, 7/6; yellow green cock, 9/6; buff green hen, 5/-: Eastoe, 83, York-rd., Southend-on-Sea.

NORWICH, 12 pairs, colour-fed, for sale cheap: J. Kirk, 21, Darebury-st., Greenhill, Cheetham Hill, Manchester.

NORWICH, Hodder's strain, pairs from 10/-, hens 4/-; can be seen: Hellis, 42, Leconfield-rd., Highbury, London, N.

FEW Norwich cocks and hens, good size and type, yellows and buffs, cheap to clear: Bayer, 35, Carr-st., Ipswich.

NORWICH cocks from 5/-, hens from 3/-; own breeding: Twine, 38, Carlingford-rd., Hucknall Torkard, Notts.

FOR sale, 3 large buff Norwich cocks, also 5 pairs; stamps, reply: T. Hanap, 21, Park-st., Kirkby-in-Ashfield, Notts.

Mr. H. SCHNEIDER, Pretoria House, Fairfield-rd., Winchester, has a few good birds left, hens from 6/6; cocks, 10/6.

JOHN B. CREIGHTON, MORPETH, has a large stock of Norwich Canaries to dispose of cheap; inspection invited.

Mr. SILK, Emsworth, Hants, has some fine Norwich hens, also few spare cocks, sure to breed winners; cheap, approval.

NORWICH hen Canaries, 2/6 and 3/- each, cold-room bred, seen anytime: Stock, 80, Tiuto-rd., Cannington, London, E.

FEW pairs champion Norwich, 20/- pair; hen Bullie, laid eggs, feed from hand, winner open, 5/-: Young, Secretary, Frome.

LARGE typical yellow Norwich cock, also typical buff hen, cost 15/- each, sell 7/6 each: Connon, Hatton, Aberdeen.

F. PEBERDY must clear several good stock unflighted yellow and buff cocks, from 7/6: 39, Twycross-st., Leicester.

NORWICH, typical yellow and buff cocks, 7/6, 10/6; all my own breeding; approval, stamp: Irons, Ivyrd., Northampton.

GRAND 1910 buff hen, monster, 7/6, ditto, not so large, extra colour and quality, 6/6: Litchfield, Tennyson-rd., Luton.

FRED BARRACLOUGH has a few choice Norwich Plainheads, both sexes, for sale, inspection invited: 25, Railway-st., Hyde.

HIGH class Norwich cock, in grand plumage and song, good cage, only 7/6: Miss Williams, Deansfield, Romsey, Hants.

FEW buff variegated cocks and buff variegated hens for sale, cheap to clear; approval: Hendrie, 77, River-st., Brechin.

FOR sale, two unflighted Sib.-bred Norwich hens, 3/6 each: Duncan Carmichael, 135, Craig Hall-rd., Port Dundas, Glasgow.

TWO green hens, 5/- each, also variegated hens, 2/3 each, variegated cocks 6/- each: Baldock, Kildare, Hawkhurst, Kent.

GOOD strong healthy young Norwich cocks, full song, 6/6, 7/6, 10/- each: J. Lepla, Norwood House, Newmarket, Cambridge.

THIRTY good healthy Norwich hens, ready to nest; buffs, 2/6; yellows, 3/- each: Roper, 134, Chester, Seven Kings, Essex.

THREE pairs splendid Norwich Canaries left; yellow cocks, buff hens, 7/6 pair; £1 the lot; approval: Grayson, Skelgate, Ripon.

GOOD clear buff unflighted cock, 1910 clear yellow hen, 12/6; or separate; approval willingly: Gibson, Vernon-avenue, Nottingham.

WHAT offers for my 80/- pair, giving up, cock ticked yellow, good head, cobby, large unflighted buff hen: Flemons, Northampton.

YELLOW hens and cocks, 1911, 15/- each, moderate size, good type, rare quality; Eckersley's strain: Barrows, Wardington, Banbury.

TWO pairs large Norwich, 25/-, 30/- per pair; buff hen, 20/-; or exchange Border Feeders; approval: Milne, Signalman, Newtyle.

LARGE cobby Norwich cock, full song, 8/6; grand hen, 4/-; 12/- pair; cash; deposit or call: Mrs. Hermann, 489, Cambridge-rd., London, E.

LARGE cobby cocks, fine breeding condition, grandly bred, 10/- each, worth double; approval, deposit: Jones, Lydgates, Lynton, Devon.

HANDSOME Norwich cocks, grand songsters, 5/-, 5/6; hens, 2/6, 3/-; pairs, 7/-, 7/6; value unapproachable: approval: Hatton, Aviaries, Belper.

EXCEPTIONALLY fine Cinnamon hen, good type, 7/6; yellow variegated hen, 2/6; approval, deposit: Williams, Minafon, Trefriw, North Wales.

PRIZE-bred Norwich, cocks, in full song, 4/-, 5/- each; hens, same strain, 1/9, 2/6 each; satisfaction guaranteed: Heathcote's Aviaries, Leicester.

A few good large surplus yellows and buffs to clear, cheap; can be seen any time; or on approval: G. Ward, 21, Warwick-st., Pimlico, London.

SEVERAL grand Norwich cocks, winners, best prize blood, 7/6, 10/6, 15/6 each; cash or deposit; approval: Heron, Burnside, Castle Douglas.

TWO buff variegated cocks, yellow and buff green hens, and buff variegated hen, cheap to clear; approval: A. Pirie, 255, Montrose-st., Brechin.

UNFLIGHTED, large framed buff Norwich hen, 3rd last L.C.B.A., a class of 51, limit; accept 15/-; approval: Hawkes, Grove Green, Leytonstone.

C. ROBERTS can spare matched pairs of his noted Norwich at 20/-, 30/-; single birds from 10/6; approval: Stannah Hey, Newton-drive, Blackpool.

ROBERTS, 39, Ossington-st., Bayswater.—Good stock: buff cock, 25/-; another, 20/-; few hens, 6/-; see reports: Queen's Park, Feb. 17th; inspection.

GOOD Norwich cocks in full song, 4/6, 5/-, 6/6; hens, 2/-, 3/-, 4/-; clean and healthy; cash; approval, deposit: T. Sanders, 131, Upper Conduit-st., Leicester.

STOUT typical buff Norwich hens, up for breeding; guaranteed clean, healthy, 2/6, 3/-; approval: Scott, 31, Keyham Lane, Humberstone, Leicester.

HIGH-CLASS Norwich cocks, 4/6, 5/-, 6/-, 7/-, 8/-; hens, 2/-, 2/6, 3/-, 4/-; not suited money returned: Alfred Riley, Grocer, Lower Church-gate, Leicester.

THIRD Windsor, well matched pair Norwich, buff cock, unflighted yellow hen, accept 20/-; great sacrifice: Hawkes, 390, Grove Green, Leytonstone.

THREE Norwich cocks and 3 hens, all 1911 bred, cocks, 7/6, hens, 3/6, or would sell in one lot; approval, deposit: H. E. Fletcher, 21, Curzon-st., Derby.

FEW typical Norwich for sale, cocks 6/6, hens 3/6, in breeding condition; satisfaction guaranteed; approval, deposit: Madsen, 14, Byng-st., Millwall, London.

SEVERAL large chubby buff hens for sale, splendid type and quality, 2/6 to 5/- each; approval, deposit; stamp reply: W. Baker, Coachman, Workhouse, Norwich.

GRAND yellow cock, fine size and quality, can win, 27/6, worth double; giant buff cock, 1910 bred, 22/6, stormers; approval willingly: Judge Silk, Whitstable.

CLEAR yellow cock, reserve Bedford, 15/-; ticked buff cock, 15/-; Bullfinch type, good health, lovely quality; approval: George Notley, King's Place, Bedford.

LARGE Norwich cocks, variegated and yellow, stock or show for sale; please call, evenings preferred; no dealers: M. Brady, 5, Games-st., Calton, Glasgow.

COMPULSORY sale; sacrifice the 2nd Halstead winning pair of Norwich, yellow cock, buff hen, both unflighted, 20/- the pair: Hawkes, Grove Green-rd., Leytonstone.

ONE clear yellow, three yellow variegated 1911 cocks, full song, from aviary, to clear, 5/- each: J. Hingley, 70, Trent Boulevard, West Bridgford, Nottingham.

NORWICH for sale, breeding condition; coloured cocks, 5/-, clears 6/6, full song; coloured hens, 2/6, yellows 3/6, guaranteed: Buckingham, Jeweller, Woodstock, Oxon.

LARGE typical hens, from winners, lovely quality, from 6/-; grand cocks, full song, 7/6 upwards; own breeding only; approval: Miss Gwyn, Somerville, N. Avenue, Ramsgate.

SCHOFIELD, Saddler, Ipswich, bred 60 Norwich Canaries in 1911 and sold nearly out; few more good ones to part with, from winners; cocks from 10/-; hens 7/6; approval.

FOUR hens, two cocks, full song, all 1911 bred, cold room, clears, perfect condition; approval; hens 2/3 each, cocks 4/6 each: S. Humphreys, 81, Kensington, Liverpool.

THOMAS BELL, breeder high-class Norwich Canaries, winner Burnley cage bird breeders cup, 2 years succession; single pairs, 15/-; approval: 67, Burkerhouse-rd., Nelson.

I HAVE for disposal several grand Plainhead Norwich, bred from the same strain as my Palace winner: W. Neame, 13, Durnford-st., Stonehouse, Plymouth. Stamp reply.

PRIZE-bred Norwich Canaries, cocks, warranted in full song, 4/6, 5/6, 6/6 each; hens, same strain, 2/-, 3/-, 4/- each; satisfaction guaranteed: Fred Johnson, 22, Goswell-st., Leicester.

GOOD variegated yellow cock (unflighted), bred from and related to my winners, 20/-, or exchange for good unflighted buff hen; mutual approv.: J. Rathbone, Wolstanton, Staffs.

TYPICAL Norwich cocks (Bowyer and Vardy's strain), same type and related to my Palace winner (claimed), from 7s. 6d. each; approval; stamp: Williams, Pharmacy, Ashbourne.

NORWICH unflighted colour-fed, 2 clear variegated buff cocks, 6/-, 7/6 each; 1 yellow, 12/6; hens, 2 clear buffs, 6/- each; approval: Chas. Making, 18, Palace Green, Berwick-on-Tweed.

MR. ECKERSLEY can spare a very typical unflighted, variegated buff cock, 20/- only; big yellow cock, 10/-; roarked hen, 1911, 15/-; grandly bred: 51, Francis-rd., Edgbaston, Birmingham.

JNO. ALLEN, after selecting breeding stock, has several typical pairs, yellow cocks, buff hens, and buff cocks, yellow hens, all 10/6 pair; young birds given away: 4, Bonsall-st., Leicester.

GRAND big, heavy variegated, deep yellow cock, 1911, ready for breeding now, 15/-; good coloured hen, variegated tail, 3/-; seen any time: Hird, 1, Ingleside-green, Westcombe Park, S.E.

TYPICAL hens to spare, good size and quality; also grand cocks in song, 7/6 upwards; state wants; own breeding; cold-room; approval: Mrs. Cross, 20, Empress-avenue, Cranbrook Park, Ilford.

LARGE yellow cock, buff hen, 30/- pair; buff variegated cock, yellow hen, 25/-; yellow cocks, buff hens, from 7/6; all good type and breeding condition; approval: Kemlo, Wellington-place, Montrose, N.B.

WINNERS; three yellows, 1 buff Norwich cocks, 50/- lot; or exchange for large winning yellow hen, unflighted; approval both ways; yours first; no rubbish: Andrew, Whitenoor, nr. St. Austell, Cornwall.

BARGAIN, large, heavy-built variegated unflighted buff Norwich hen, also unflighted variegated yellow hen, both have won honours in open competition; 7/6 each: Hawkes, Grove Green-rd., Leytonstone.

REV. B. NUME offers large broad-headed buff cocks 15/- upwards; yellows 10/- to 60/-; these are first-class birds, bred from winners; dirt cheap; approval; stamp; just a few of best left: Harrington, Cumberland.

THREE Norwich hens, more than I require this season; all typical and unflighted yellow, slightly variegated, ticked buff, 15/- each; variegated buff, 10/-; approval willingly: James Andrew, Tongland, Kirkcudbright.

GREAT sacrifice.—Having selected all I require, offer several colour-fed Norwich, hens, cocks for shape and style, and bred same as all my winners, 5/-, 7/6 each; approval: Hawkes, 390, Grove Green-rd., Leytonstone.

L. HAWKES, having no more room for mating, is offering a few classical, colour-fed Norwich hens, mostly unflighted, great sacrifice, 5/-, 7/6, 10/-, 15/- each; 7 days' approval: Hawkes, 390, Grove Green-rd., Leytonstone.

WM. BOWYER, Gladstone-st., Leek, can spare two good large buff cocks, 10/- each, worth double; also three good buffs, one yellow, hens, 10/- each; 4 buff hens 5/- each; guaranteed same blood as my winners; approval.

SMART young Norwich hens, clears, green, buff, yellow, 3/- each, 7/6 three; house-moulted Goldfinch, beautiful blaze, 3/6; large Brown Linnet, 2/6; large tame Redpoll, 2/-; cocks in song, safe mulers: Ellis, 1, Milkrd., Kettering.

IRON'S strain direct, best blood obtainable, properly matched pairs only 12/6, 15/-; odd cocks, yellow, buff, 7/6, 8/6, 9/6, 10/6; strong, healthy birds; grand value; approval, deposit: Bussell, Hampton-in-Arden, Warwickshire.

HIGH-CLASS Norwich cocks, in full song, 6/-, 7/6, 8/6, 10/-; hens 3/-, 3/6, 4/-, 5/- each; pairs matched for breeding, 8/6, 9/6, 10/6, 12/-; stamp reply; money returned if not approved: Stewarts, Earthenware Stores, Surrey-st., Norwich

ONLY two yellow, one yellow variegated and one buff cocks left, good typical, will take 6/6 each to clear; yellow hen 5/-; cocks in full song, 1910 and 1911 bred; cash or deposit; pairs 10/6: F. Tesseyman, Church Hill, Cross-rd., Leeds.

GIVING up the Fancy, Norwich Plainheads, clear yellow or buff cocks, large birds, for singing or breeding, 6/-, 7/6, 8/6; clear yellow or buff hens, 4/-, 5/-, 6/- each; pairs matched for breeding, 10/6; satisfaction guaranteed: C. Dickinson, Wells, Norfolk.

CHAMPION Norwich, large, with good heads, fine silky feather, 35 years breeder, judge of 100 shows, I don't exhibit; I breed for my customers; advertised 25 years; sold as many winners as any fancier in England; approval: T. Billington, Hambleton, Poulton-le-Fylde.

GRAND stout cobby buff Norwich cock, nice head, 11/-; lovely stout yellow hen, 7/6, 17/- pair; grand stout yellow cock, 10/6; stout cobby buff hen, 6/6, 16/- pair; smaller pair, 11/6; all big, bold, healthy birds, from my winners; approval with pleasure; bargains: Miss Stone, Fleet, Belper.

W. MILES, Aviaries, Chichester, has grand clear buff cock, 1st Portsmouth, S.W. London, etc., 40/-; unflighted buff, son of above, a model, 25/-; large clear yellow hen, winner, 25/-; large buff hen, 15/-; large yellow cock and buff hen, 15/-; do., 12/6; buff cock, yellow hen, 12/6; also 20 good-sized hens, 5/- and 7/6 each; approval.

J. C. BARNES, 113, Northfield-rd., Walkley, Sheffield; well-known strain, of 20 years standing; Sheffield Challenge Cup winner (3 years in succession); having selected own breeders, can now spare few choice specimens, true to type, and full of quality and colour; cocks from 20/-, hens 10/- upwards; inspection cordially invited; approval with every pleasure; matched pairs a speciality.

AT the late Palace show several of the Norwich taking premier honours were bred from birds sold by me or bought direct from my rooms. I have proofs of this statement, no bounce. There are but few so-called champion strains that have not been built up from my great original strain; see my other adverts. under this column: Judge Silk, Whitstable.

WILLIAM JUDD, Specialist, Midland Counties Aviaries, 120, Belgrave-gate, Leicester; the largest stores in the Midlands; high-class Norwich Canaries, cocks, 4/6, 5/6; orange-yellows, 7/6, 10/- each; good young healthy hens, ready for nesting, 2/3, 3/-; orange yellows, 4/-, 5/- each; pairs, properly mated, 6/6, 8/6, 10/6 and 15/- pair; carefully packed and satisfaction guaranteed.

GEORGE MITCHELL has left for disposal clear buff cock (he Palace) mated to cap-marked yellow hen, 30/- pair; also cap-marked buff cock to clear yellow hen, 30/-; also 3 yellow and 4 buff hens, 10/- each; also tick head buff cock, 10/6; bred direct from my winners at Palace, L.C.B.A., Frome, Bristol, Plymouth, Exeter, etc., etc.; all outdoor bred: Broadway Boot Stores, Topsham, Devon; see show reports.

HIGH-CLASS Norwich, a few specimens at low prices to effect quick sale. Note the following:—2 good clear yellow hens at 15/-; 2 good variegated buff hens, 10/- and 12/6; unflighted foul yellow green hen, 10/-; big yellow cock, slashing unflighted clear buff cock, at 20/-; other good unflighted buff cocks from 10/-; first P.O. gets any bird; every bird worth double, and well up in head properties, feather, etc.; approval, deposit: J. Almond, 20, North Lonsdale-st., Gorse Hill, Stretford, nr. Manchester.

P. W. JEFFRIES.

Typical Norwich from 10/6, several prize winners; also few Borders from 5/6; inspection invited: 31, Brighton-rd., Stoke Newington.

B. BENNETT

has six good bred Norwich buff cocks still left for disposal, from 7/6; approval: 26, Hampden-rd., Wrexham.

L. J. RICHARDSON.

Having selected breeding pairs, offers surplus at give-away prices; single cocks from 10/-; pairs 15/-; no odd hens: 91, Union-rd., Rotherhithe.

A. FIDDAMENT, POSTMAN,

is still well stocked; Norwich cocks, yellow and buff, 6/6, 7/6, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-; also good lot of yellow and buff hens, 4/-, 5/-, 6/-, 7/6; week's approval; deposit: 105, Trinity-st., Norwich.

POWICK'S CHAMPION NORWICH.

The same strain as the winners at all the leading shows, large typical cocks, in full song, 7/6, 10/6; hens, 5/6, 7/6 each; sure winners, 15/6 each; ten days' approval at my risk: W. Powick, Dewsbury.

ROBERT HALL,

Rudyard, Staffordshire, can spare well-bred stock Norwich Buff cocks, 7/6 to 30/-; yellow cocks, 7/6 to 17/6; all my own breeding; see wins Crystal Palace, Leek, Stoke, Hanley, Tunstall, Runcorn, Burton, Warrington, etc.

NORWICH CANARIES.—14 days' trial our risk. Splendid Types. Cocks, 5/-, 6/-, 7/6, and 10/- each. Hens, 2/6, 3/6, and 5/-. Well-matched pairs, 7/6, 10/6, and 15/- per pair. Cages and all appliances, cheapest and best in Kingdom. Catalogue free. Patronised by Royalty, Experts, and Judges.—**Northern Aviaries, Ormskirk Road, Preston.**

SILK'S CUPS.

During next show season I am giving 10 cups valued at 21/- each, to purchasers of my champion Norwich at shows held in Scotland, England and Wales. Six will be given for unflighted birds bred from my champion strain. The four remaining to birds other than unflighted which have been purchased after the date of this advertisement, January 12th, 1912. Particulars of shows where these cups will be competed for will appear in "Cage Birds" at a later date. This will give fanciers in various districts a chance to view the really high-class Norwich bred from this strain.—Judge Silk, Whitstable.

BARGAINS IN NORWICH.

Typical large unflighted ticked buff cock, natural colour, and neat unflighted clear yellow hen, 10/6 the pair; clear, unflighted yellow cock, nice typical bird, of extra colour and quality, with smart unflighted buff hen, 10/6 pair; cocks worth more money; first P.O. gets them, on approval; seven unflighted buff cocks, birds do anyone good, 10/6 each; with good yellow hen, 15/- pair; rare opportunity; 5 unflighted clear yellow cocks, 10/6 each, with smart buff hen to any, for 15/- pair; every pair worth 20s. at least; two really fine 1910 buff cocks, my own stock birds last season, warranted sound and breeders, 10/6 each; another, worth showing, 20/-; one natural colour ditto, fit to win, 15/-; large 1910 clear yellow cock, big stock cock, 20/-; one big show buff hen, 1910 bred, 30/-, a bargain; this strain won at Bolton, Burnley, Manchester, Sheffield, Preston, Gt. Harwood, Derby, Rochdale, Crystal Palace, Whitehead challenge cup, 1910 and 1911; all birds cold-room bred, and sent on approval; send postal order or deposit "Cage Birds"; inspection invited: R. Allen, Tobacconist, 196, Blackburn-rd., Bolton.

STOREYS CHAMPION NORWICH.

same strain as winners leading shows, smart, cobby, typical birds, full of quality, cocks 5/6, 7/6, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6; hens, 3/6, 4/-, 4/6, 5/-; properly matched pairs, reliable stock birds, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-; all on 7 days approval at my risk; illustrated price list post free: E. L. Storey, Practical Bird Specialist, Crowle, Doncaster.

W. Vardy's Noted Champion

strain; just the birds for beginners; two nice pairs, mated up ready for breeding, 15/- per pair; also two grand unflighted buff cocks, 10/- each; also four grand cobby unflighted buff hens, 7/6 each; the very best strain, cheap to clear for breeding; approval: W. Vardy, The Aviaries, Huthwaite, Notts.

THOMAS YOUNG

Has for sale, 1910 variegated yellow cock, with 1911 clear buff hen, 30/-; 1911 variegated yellow cock, with 1911 clear buff hen, 22/6; 1911 clear yellow cock, with 1911 variegated Buff hen, 25/-; 1911 clear yellow cock, with 1911 variegated buff hen, 20/-; all in healthy condition; on approval: 6, Market-ave., Oldham.

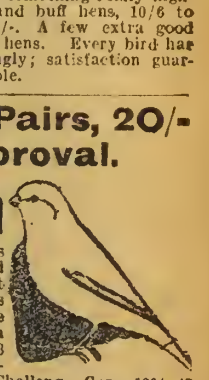
IF YOU REQUIRE

genuine Norwich, give me a trial; having reported principal bird shows, am connected with all leading fanciers, therefore supply birds of noted winning strains; typical chubby Norwich cocks, 6/-, 7/6, 8/6, 10/6; smart hens, 4/-, 5/-, 6/-; correctly matched pairs to breed winners, 10/6, 12/6, 15/- upwards; state requirements and price; approval, deposit: Hanford, 263, Osmaston-rd., Derby.

FAMOUS NORWICH.

Most wonderful value to the Norwich Plainhead fanciers. My birds need no bounce. Most of the leading exhibitors have been supplied from my rooms. Grand pairs, which will do you some good. Don't waste valuable time and money buying birds which have no pedigree. Silk's strain is unrivalled. Champion 30/- pairs at 21/-. The best 40/- pairs at 30/6. The price is right, and the quality wonderful. Don't hesitate, send now and secure something really high-class. Some grand yellow and buff hens, 10/6 to 21/-; ditto cocks, 10/6 to 25/-. A few extra good yellow cocks, unflighted, also hens. Every bird has a reputation; approval willingly; satisfaction guaranteed: Judge Silk, Whitstable.

20 Selected Pairs, 20/- Pair—approval.



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direct from our noted strains and Mr. Midgley's noted Crystal Palace strain this last few years. Not exhibiting this season can offer some of the best blood in the Fancy. Won year 1902 38 1sts, etc., 1903 50 1sts, gold medal International Show, also N.P.C. Challenge Cup, 1904 42 1sts, also N.P.C. Challenge Cup, second year in succession, 1906 38 1sts, etc., 1907 33 1sts, etc., 1909 30 1sts, etc. What more proof? All in best and keenest competition. Have some grand yellow cocks and hens, 10/-, 12/-, 15/-, 20/-, 30/- each. Buff cock and hens, 8/-, 10/-, 12/- 15/-, 20/- each. Grand Matched Pairs, specially selected by myself, 15/-, 20/-, 25/-, 30/- pair. Any on approval with pleasure. Breeders 30 years.

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T. W. WALTON, Breeder and Exhibitor of high-class Roller Canaries; write for prices: 20, Cecil Grove, Armley, Leeds.

PURE Roller cocks, in full song, 8/6, 10/-: J. Bennett, Hairdresser, 28, Enville-st., Stourbridge.

BUFF Roller cock, club rung, 8/-; two green hens, 3/- each; cold-room: 15, Wallis-st., Prestwich, Manchester.

NOTICE, grand Roller cocks, 3/6, cock and hen 5/6; approval: McKeand, Seabright Villa, Castle Douglas.

SEIFERT Rollers, full song, not choppers, 8/6, 10/6 upwards, hens 3/6, 5/-; approval: Day, 77, Porter-st., Hull.

DOZEN 1911 Seifert Roller hens, splendid condition, 2/- each; take £1 the lot: Oliffe, Church-green, Witney, Oxon.

HAVE two hens to spare, 1911, best of blood, 5/6 each; breeding condition: Collyer, Burwood, Queen's-rd., Wimbledon.

ST. ANDREASBERG cold-room bred cocks, 6/6, 7/6, and upwards; cash or deposit: Simmonds, Gardener, 59, Emery-st., Walsall.

A FEW 1911 Rollers, cocks 10/-, hens 2/6; excellent strain, own breeding; approval: Wales Smith, King's-avenue, Eastbourne.

CLOCKE Roller Schoolmaster, with hens to match for breeding; cheap; easy payments taken: Yearsley, 113, Revidge-rd., Blackburn.

FIFTY pairs Roller Canaries ready for breed; guaranteed; 8/- pair; send disbursement: Lady Verhees, Grens, 56, Mortsel, Antwerpen.

SPLENDID high-class Roller hens, cold-room, B.R.C.C. rung, Palace strain, 1910, 1911, 3/6, 4/-; approval willingly: Laurie, Kirkby Stephen.

HIGH-class Rollers, from cup winner (Provincial 1911), B.R.C.C. rung, 1911 cocks from 20/- upwards, hens 10/-: Hanbury, 13, Railway-terr., Llanelly.

HIGH CLASS Roller cocks, 7/6 up; hens same strain, 2/6, 3/6 approval; six cabinets complete with cage, 3/9 each: J. Allen, Albert-st., Wednesbury.

HIGH class Rollers, own prize strain, in breeding condition; call and be satisfied; cocks 10/6 to 20/-; hens 5/-: Best, 5, Alma-place, Beckett-st., Leeds.

FOR sale, 4 Glucke 1911 hens, 2 green, 2 marked, related to prize-winners, B.R.C.C. rung, in grand condition, 6/- each: Wilson, 421, Weelsby-st., Grimsby.

PURE Seifert Roller cock, 10/6; bargain; two smart young hens, same strain, rung 1911, 3/6; cash; deposit or call: Mrs. Hermann, 489, Cambridge-rd., London, E.

RETIRED from Fancy; three Roehl's show cages and travelling case for same, latest design, price 12/6, cost 18/6: E. Jones, 86, Middleton-st., Moss Side, Manchester.

PURE Roller hens, B.R.C.C. 1911 rung; Chillcott, Roehl and Foulds strains; better hens impossible to get: 4/-, 5/-, 7/- each: J. Leigh, 57, Bold-st., Altrincham, Cheshire.

MUST clear for breeding operations, 4 pairs Rollers, my winning strain, B.R.C.C. rung, 20/- pair; odd cocks, 15/-, 20/- upwards; hens 7/6 each: Willows, Draper, Wednesbury.

BUY straight from the breeder and trainer, finest strain of Rollers obtainable; cocks in full rolling song, 7/6, 8/6, 10/6; hens 3/-; cash or deposit: Holloway, 30, Hill-st., Lye, Stourbridge.

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EIGHT 1911 cocks, guaranteed healthy and on song, own breeding, in cold room, 7/- each, or would sell in one lot; 8 hens, same breed, 3/- each; approval, deposit: H. E. Fletcher, 21, Curzon-st., Derby.

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Who's Who IN YORKSHIRES

You can read the various claims, and you may or may not believe them. All I ask is please **read my record for this season** and judge for yourself who is the champion **Yorkshire exhibitor.** I have made **276 entries this season** at all the leading shows in England, Scotland, and Wales, **and have won 83 firsts, 48 seconds, 45 thirds, 29 fourths, over 40 specials, also winning more firsts at Crystal Palace 1912 than any other exhibitor; the N.C.M.Y.C.C. 10-guinea trophy, gold medal, and Ramsden's Competition; two Y.C.C. trophies, 10-guinea rose bowl Bristol,** for best unflighted bred by exhibitor, and numerous other honours. **And I have sold over 90 winners to my customers this season.**

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Etc.

Read the following:—From Wandsworth Common, London, March 4th, 1912. **The pair of Yorkshires arrived safely at 3 o'clock, and were at the show at 4 o'clock,** none the worse for their journey. I am pleased to say the pair **took 1st and special** in a class of 11 entries, and were picked out for some special remarks from the judge as being a very promising pair.—H. A. Freeman to Joe Thomas. **These birds were bred by me.** The above is one of a very large number of similar letters recently received by me, all of which are filed for inspection.

My **Yorkshires** and **Norwich** have maintained a consistent reputation all through this season. They have won Firsts and Specials every week at the leading Championship Shows, and have finished up with a grand record at the Crystal Palace. (See reports of Norwich and Yorkshire Sections.) **During this season they have won over 300 prizes, also Gold and Silver Medals, Challenge Cups, etc., etc. Please Note.—All my wins are at open championship shows in hottest competition.** I have not exhibited a single bird at members' shows where the competition is limited. My customers also have done well with birds supplied by me and with youngsters bred from my stock. I have a few real clinkers now in stock in both varieties.

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I am now offering a few pairs Yorkshires bred from and related to my winners, and specially matched by me with a view to breeding winners, at the above prices. This is **a unique opportunity for fanciere to introduce new blood (and that the finest in the country) into their bird rooms at a reasonable price.** I have also a few grand lengthy birds at the following prices:—Cocks, in full song, 6/-, 7/6, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6, 16/-, 20/-, each. Grand racy hens, feathered to perfection, at 3/-, 4/-, 5/-, 7/6, 8/6, 10/-, 12/6 each. Matched pairs, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, 17/6 per pair. Clears, Ticks, Marked or Greens.

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It is a simple fact that I am now offering a few pairs of grand Norwich, bred from my own winners **at the above prices,** which **do not represent anything like their real value.** Blood is sure to tell in the end, and this is a splendid opportunity for fanciers to start on the highway to success in breeding their own winners.

I have also a few good birds at any of the prices quoted for Yorkshires.

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I have **also** now in stock some real good birds in the following varieties:—Greens, Cinnamons (either Yorkshire or Norwich type), Border Fancies, Crests, Crest-breds, Lancashires, Mules, etc., etc. Come and make your own selection, or send a P.C. for my Free Illustrated Catalogue, and I will send any variety you require on seven days' approval at my risk, and guarantee you absolute satisfaction.

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YELLOW Yorkshire cock, 6/-; large variegated Norwich cock, 5/-; bargains: Prentice, Hazeleigh, Maldon.

NORWICH hens, 3/- each; Yorkshire hens, 3/6; cocks, 8/6; pair, 11/-: 41, Swaffield-rd., Earlsfield, Wandsworth.

GOOD Norwich and Yorkshire hens for disposal, 2/- each; cold-room: G. Smith, Field-st., Shepshed, Leicestershire.

TWELVE variegated hen Canaries, 18/-; cocks, 4/- each: Jarvis, 11, Mitford-buildings, Dawes-rd., Walham Green, London.

1911 COCK Canarios, 5/-, 6/- each; strong healthy birds, 10 hens, 2/6; 22/6 the ten; approval: Morley, Baker, Linton, Cambs.

GENUINE muling hen Canaries, 2/-, 2/6 each; guaranteed bred Mules last season: Fromant, 240, Woolwich-rd., Charlton, S.E.

ROLLER, Norwich, or Yorkshire, songster cocks, 3/6, 4/6, and 6/6; hens, 2/- and 3/-; approval: Ross, Canary Breeder, Forres, N.B.

EIGHT Norwich and German crossed hen Canaries, 13/-; some Crested; tame Jackdaw, running garden, 4/-: Haydon, Bell Green, Sydenham.

TWO colour-fed yellow Norwich cocks, 8/6 each; two yellow Yorkshire cocks, 5/6 each; one buff hen, 3/6: Quarman, 35, Stevens-crescent, Totterdown, Bristol.

PAIR Silver Lizard Canaries, 17 Yorkshire Canaries, 12 hens and 5 cocks, £2 10s. lot; approval, deposit: J. Robertshaw, 3, Mount st., Knowlwood-rd., Todmorden, Lancashire.

EXTRA large 1911 Lancashire and Norwich crossed; yellows, 6/6; buffs, 5/6; hens, yellows, 4/6; buffs, 3/6; feeders, 2/6; approval, deposit: Cooper, Wellington-st., Matlock, Derbyshire.

OWING to removal, clearing 15 Norwich and Yorkshire hens, 2/6 and 3/- each; German, 2/-; nesting, all 1911; two exhibition cock Norwich, 5/6, 7/-; h.m. cock Greenfinch, 1/6; cash or deposit: W. Slee, Main-st., Pembroke.

TWO buff unflighted Norwich Cinnamon cocks (foul tails), 7/6 each; two yellow unflighted green Yorkshire cocks, 6/- each; healthy, full song; approval, accept 24/- the lot: Bairstow, 4, Savile Parade, Halifax.

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ATTRACTING NESTING BIRDS TO OUR GARDENS.

I have recently come across a very excellent suggestion for attracting birds to nest in our gardens, etc., writes Mr. H. E. Forrest in the "Shrewsbury Chronicle." Like most other good ideas, it is very simple, and founded on the observation of the habits of birds which are familiar to all of us. Amongst my notes for the year 1904 I find records of no less than three nests of the Robin built inside old kettles, all within a mile or so of one another—one by Betton Pool, another at Bomere, and the third close to a farm-house at Lower Pulley. The Bomere example I took after the young had flown, and it may now be seen in the Museum, Shrewsbury.

Now this fondness for building in old kettles, etc, is well known, but, until now, it does not seem to have occurred to anyone to provide such receptacles with the express object of attracting birds to use them for nesting purposes. Yet our friend tells us that the plan is most successful in operation, the kettles and cans proving decidedly more attractive to many species than the ordinary type of wooden nesting-boxes, whilst they cost practically nothing. Any old or discarded kettles will do. If small the lids can be taken off and the kettle placed on its side. If large, the lid must be fastened down with solder or wire, and the spout knocked off, so as to leave a hole where it was attached.

Old crockery, teapots, or empty fruit-tins will do equally well, care being taken to so place them that the entrance-hole is on one side, and pointing (preferably) slightly downwards, so that the rain cannot get into the interior. These may be thrust into a hawthorn hedge, or fastened with wire amongst the branches of any tree or shrub, whilst others may be attached beneath the eaves of houses or outbuildings. They should be put up now before the breeding season, so that the birds may become accustomed to seeing them. It will be found that the majority of them will be occupied during the ensuing spring, those with large openings and capacity by Blackbirds and Thrushes, whilst those with small apertures will be preferred by the Tits.

A tin can placed against a wall amongst the branches of a fruit-tree or creeper is an almost irresistible attraction to the Spotted Flycatcher. Of course, the ubiquitous Sparrow will take possession of some of them, especially those under the eaves, but it is good policy to let them do so, because they are easily accessible, and it gives an opportunity to keep these pests down without any cruelty or actual killing.

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The Successful Breeding of Norwich Canaries.

By E. BROUGHTON.

I am a Norwich man by birth, although at present resident in London. This may account for my taking up the hobby of my native City, viz., Canary breeding. It is now several years since I first commenced breeding the Norwich Plainhead, and then it was not until I came to London that the "Canary Fever" broke out in real earnest in my case, although all my life I have been a lover of the "feathered mite." Since then I have become more and more enthusiastic year by year. No doubt the love of Canaries is bred in me, seeing that my father, my mother's father, my brother, and, in fact, the great majority of my relations, have been, if they are not still, breeders and exhibitors of Canaries.

I have had a lot of disappointments. We all have a fair share of these in the Canary Fancy. The most troublesome time I have had with my birds is when they are from six to ten weeks old, and then the trouble is inflammation.

The Importance of Cleanliness.

Cleanliness, in my opinion, is one of the chief items in Canary breeding if you wish to keep your stock healthy and vigorous; and I do not think there is anything worse than seeing cages, as I have often noticed them in the cases of some fanciers, dirty with seed-husks and excrement, because the owners think cleaning out disturbs the hens while they are rearing the young. It stands to reason that birds, like human beings, if they are not properly attended to, will sicken and die. Keep the fittings, bottoms of cages, egg drawers, perches, etc., well cleaned, and the sand trays well covered with shell grit. Don't, above all, forget to give fresh water frequently.

I much prefer the Norwich breeding cage to the London breeding cage, it being much better for sanitary purposes and general utility.

As to feeding, during the time when my birds are not breeding I give them as a staple food good Spanish Canary seed (the best, as it is always the cheapest in the end), with a little hemp and rape seed for a change about once a week, and an occasional pinch of maw seed.

Running the Pairs Together.

About the third week in March (the recognised time in Norwich) I ran the pairs together, and a day or two after I gave them nesting material and scrubs, hanging a piece of cuttlefish bone on to the wires of the breeders. About a week after this, sometimes a day or so earlier, according to the condition of the hen when run with the cock, eggs may be expected. When the eggs appear I take them away until the night before the fourth egg should be laid, when I replace them. About fourteen days from this the eggs are hatched, providing, of course, they are fertile.

This is presuming that everything goes off as it should do. Some hens, however, lay a single egg, and then miss a week or so; others lay one day and then miss a day before going on until the full clutch is completed. When a hen misses about a week after the first egg I count that as the first round, and try her again. Should she repeat this I give her another trial; then if she is no good I discard her. But usually I have no difficulty after the first round. This is most likely to occur in hens laying their first egg, and I do not think it advisable to discard any hen without giving her a fair trial.

The Question of Size.

Although size is of great importance in Norwich Canaries I find that I have had best results from birds medium in this respect, they being much quicker feeders and altogether livelier in going about their parental duties.

A very important thing is to get birds of a good feeding strain, or, should you breed your stock birds yourself, always make a point of keeping for stock those which you have bred from good parents. You will then stand a better chance of a good season; at least, I have found this to be so. When breeding, I feed the birds rather more generously. I give hard-boiled egg chopped finely and mixed with a like amount of bread crumbs; I also supply a liberal amount of whole hemp seed and scalded rape in addition to the ordinary seed. Whole hemp I think is much better than crushed hemp, as it keeps the birds occupied in cracking the shell; it also keeps the hen off the young longer, which goes a long way towards preventing "sweating."

When the chicks are three days old I keep the parents well supplied with watercress, first rinsing it well in water.

Up to the present I have never had occasion to remove the cocks, keeping them with the hens all the breeding season. I find this is a great help in the matter of the rearing of the young, and should the hen flag in feeding for a day or two, as is often the case, there is still the cock bird to keep them going.

I keep the youngsters with their parents as long as possible, and do not remove them until I am quite sure they can do for themselves. If, however, the old birds begin to get spiteful, as some do, I remove them at once to the other side of the double-breeder, putting in the wire slide to separate them from the young until the latter are placed in flight, which, as a rule, is when they reach the age of six or seven weeks.

Moping Youngsters.

This is the age when trouble begins. Directly I notice any youngsters moping, I place them in a special cage, take all the seed away, and then put them on a diet of bread and milk with a little maw seed sprinkled on top. I also give them about six drops of tincture of steel and gentian in the drinking water, and refrain from supplying any green food during their illness. This treatment I keep up until an improvement is seen. I may say that I have lost but very few which have been on the "sick list." After the patients have recovered I gradually get them on to seed again.

The Eradication of Red Mite.

A great pest during warm summer weather is red-mite. I keep a good look-out for these, and whenever any signs of their unwelcome appearance is seen, I immediately resort to Keating's powder, sprinkling the nest (of course, after giving a clean nest and box) and youngsters well with it. I have never fonnd it to do any harm to the birds, but it fairly upsets the red mite. A favourite place for the insects seems to be between the nest box and the back of the inside of cage; so I make a point of looking in these haunts every day when the hen is off the nest. Should the cage be infested in the joints, etc., by these vermin, the best thing to do is, if at all possible, to remove the birds to a clean cage; then well scrub out the old one, and liberally do out the nooks and corners with either turpentine or paraffin.

When giving the birds a fresh nest I burn the old material, and well wash out the scrub; then I place the cage in an oven for an hour or so. This process soon cleans out any "mite" which may still be lurking in the cracks.

You will note that I use the old Norwich scrubs for nesting purposes. I like these much better than the earthenware pans now on the market. The reason for this is that I find the birds can better bind the nesting material in the square boxes than in the round pans, and there is not so much chance of the nest and contents being dragged out when the hen comes off to feed.

Treatment of Egg-bound Hens.

I have only twice been troubled in the matter of having egg-bound hens. I was then able to get them over the crisis by holding them over a basin of steaming water, and inserting a little olive oil in the vent by means of a feather. In a very short time in each case the egg was passed and the danger over.

The bath is very important, and should be given every other day in the summer. But in the winter I do not allow the birds to bathe more frequently than once a week, and sometimes once a fortnight, according to the state of the weather. Even then it is advisable to take the chill off the bathing water. My usual utensil for the bath is a small earthenware pan which I place inside the cage so that my birds can get right into it and have a "good old refresher"; and they certainly look the better for it afterwards.

When Warmth is Useful.

When moulting my birds I have never had much trouble, being very careful. I keep my stock bird as warm as possible without overheating them, and I keep them well away from any draughts. During the long winter evenings I have a small lamp in the room for an hour or so, as this allows the birds to have a feed; it also takes the chill out of the air. The method related above of keeping the Norwich Canary has been very successful in my own case.

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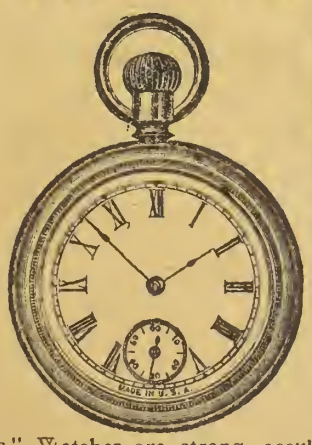

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Our Membership Still Going Up.

I have this week to announce, as under, a substantial addition to our list of members. I had hoped, now that the show season is over, that the list would have been a larger one. Still, it shows that the interest in our League and its doings is maintained and increasing. Further, there is evidence that its influence is widespread, for among our new members is Mr. Godry, of Lantheuil, France. Cage Birds League is now represented on the Continent as well as in our Colonies of Canada, S. Africa, New Zealand, and Australia. I shall be glad to forward full particulars of the Aims and Objects of the League to any readers who are not yet members.

Only a few more days are to elapse before the closing, on 12th March, of our competition for prizes for most introductions to the League, and many Societies and members are running so closely that a very few extra introductions may make the difference between losing and winning. All introductions received up to first post on Wednesday, 13th, will count in the competitions.

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Another Hon. Sec.

The latest addition to our list of Hon. Secs. is as follows:—

Bath: Mr. E. Mead, Belvedere House, Lansdown Road.

I should be glad to hear from a resident in every town in Great Britain and Ireland not already represented in the list of local hon. secs. published in Cage Birds Annual that he or she would be willing to accept office, and do the best to make Cage Birds League and its objects known to all bird-keepers in the particular district. A number of our leaflets, setting forth our Aims and Objects will willingly be sent post free, on application.

I deeply regret to hear from Mr. Jas. Stevenson, our Hon. Sec. for Glasgow, of the death of his only son, who passed away on Friday last. I am sure that all Cage Birds League members will join with me in deeply sympathising with Mr. and Mrs. Stevenson in the bereavement they have sustained.

Fraudulent Practices in the Fancy.

Mr. Jas. Pollock, Hon. Sec. for Larkhall to our League, in sending the names of two new members, writes as follows:—

Pleased to see the League progressing so favourably. I have been asked several times if fanciers found guilty of exhibiting faked birds and expelled from a society or even disqualified at a show would be eligible for membership of Cage Birds League. If this faking is allowed to continue it will drive honest exhibitors from the Fancy. If the judges passed birds shown dishonestly and the Press upheld their action it would benefit both exhibitions and the Fancy generally. I would like to see Cage Birds League making a bold stand in this by refusing membership to persons found guilty of the dishonest practices to which I refer.

In reply: Fanciers who had been proved guilty of dishonest practices would not be eligible for membership of Cage Birds League. If they had been expelled from a Society or disqualified for frand at a show, and were already members, the case would be fully enquired into, and dealt with on its merits. Members proved to be guilty would be liable to suspension or to cancellation of their membership. We have no power to deal with non-members of the League, much as we should wish to see an end put to all dishonest practices in connection with our hobby of bird-keeping.

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What an R.S.P.C.A. Member Thinks.

As instancing the fact that all members of the R.S.P.C.A. are not in sympathy with the methods adopted by the Society in its opposition to cage-bird keeping, the following extract from a letter from a lady member will be read with interest:—

"I have been a member of the R.S.P.C.A. for five years, but shall discontinue my subscription if the Society persists in its dead set against bird-keeping, regardless of the condition under which the birds are kept."

The Animals Act, 1911: Are Railway Companies Liable to Prosecution?

A case of considerable interest has come to my knowledge through the experience of a member of our League. This member, Mr. J. Broxup, writes that two cases of birds consigned to him reached his station on a particular morning, and that it was only due to the fact that he had occasion to be at the railway station at 8.40 p.m. upon other business, that he found the birds there still awaiting delivery. No notice had been given him of their arrival, and the consequence of the delay was that a number of birds were dead before he ultimately got delivery, and ten more died on the following morning. If the facts are as stated, it would certainly appear that the railway company had caused "unnecessary suffering" within the meaning of the Act, and if the R.S.P.C.A. would like further particulars, I should be glad to furnish these.

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A Novice's Winning British Bullfinch.

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Excess in Anything is a Fault.

A Continental View of the Keeping of Pet Birds.

A Translation of an Article in the French Journal "Le Chenil."

The movement for the protection of birds which has been so energetically shown in England for some years threatens to overreach its object, and to alienate by its exaggeration the goodwill of many people who have sympathised with it. Thus the "humanitarian" societies have now the intention of prohibiting the taking of a single wild bird, and to prevent the keeping of any bird in a cage. This is going against all good feelings, and would destroy a passion inherent in human nature from time immemorial. We have not been the last to protest against the massacre of the innocents, of which the Paris market has long given us the spectacle when in the spring are put up for sale hundreds and thousands of nests stolen from the woods in the environs of Paris, and containing unhappy little birds hardly covered with down, and which it was practically impossible to feed and rear. We also think it lamentable that trappers should in all seasons carry on their business and put on sale in cramped cages the victims of their nets before they are reconciled to captivity and accustomed to the change of food. It is this continued poaching which has certainly depleted the woods in the environs of Paris. If a well drawn up regulation had not prohibited the sale of singing birds in the market which is held every week in the square of the city, one would soon have no longer heard the song of a single Nightingale or a single Linnet in the suburban shades.

A Happier Condition.

But there is a great deal of difference between disorganised destruction and the keeping of birds in cages, and the reproach of cruelty which a puerile sentimentality makes against lovers of birds is far from being justified from the humanitarian point of view. One would say on the contrary, that the care and affection with which man surrounds his little winged captives must develop in him all the qualities of the heart—gentleness, patience, and the spirit of order. Further, the birds become so well accustomed to the kind of life they have to lead that the majority refuse to take their liberty when the opportunity is given them, and prefer their comfortable captivity to the wild life so fertile in dangers and privations of all kinds.

"It would be easy," says Louis Bourdeau, in the book which he has devoted to "The Conquest of the Animal World," "to show that the condition of animals is much happier under the regime of domesticity, in spite of the constraint imposed upon them, than in their natural freedom. In passing under the domination of an intelligent and humane master their condition is improved; they have fewer privations to endure, fewer dangers to fear. Man takes almost as much care of them as of himself, shares with them the welfare which he has acquired by his industry, shows forethought for those who have none for themselves, prepares food for them during the bad season, and provides abundantly for them at all times. To shelter them against inclement weather he builds them shelters far superior to their nooks and holes. He protects them against their enemies, and defends them better than they could alone defend themselves; he cares for them when ill. In a word, he applies himself to supply all their needs, and watches that they want for nothing, and if they were capable of reasoning, they would, like the little bird of Montaigne, maintain by irrefutable arguments that the world has been created for them, and that the destiny of man is to work for their welfare."

The Care of the Bird-keeper.

What M. Bourdeau says of domestic animals can be applied equally well to birds in cages. No doubt there are good and bad masters, and it is against the latter that the protestations of well-advised leagues should be raised. Against barbarous proceedings and old-fashioned cruelties they should wage war, but many excellent works on the treatment of cage birds show with what care a bird-keeper surrounds his favourites, and to what extent the latter accommodate themselves to the new kind of life, even to reproducing their kind in the cage as in liberty, and many continue to sing the whole year as in a perpetual spring. Therefore, and in order to combat the propaganda of the "humanitarian" league who exploit the sentimentality of ill-informed persons, the bird-lovers of England have just formed a contra-league for the defence of their interests. This League will also have the object of spreading healthy ideas of bird-keeping, and of making known the best methods of accustoming the bird to the cage, to nourish it and augment its welfare. The headquarters of this new Association are in London, 154, Fleet St. The League appeals to everyone, and to societies as well as individuals.

The taste for cage birds dates from all times and all countries. In China they celebrate the fête of bats and lanterns, of tops and flowers. On this anniversary people walk along the streets with a bird on their hand, or carried on a little stick covered with cloth so that the bird may not hurt its feet. This custom of carrying a bird on a perch in the hand does not seem to have been peculiar to the Far East, although it has never been with us the object of a fête. Rubens has left us a large portrait of his first wife and her children playing with a Goldfinch attached by a thread to a little perch exactly like the Chinese birds, and we possess a portrait of the eighteenth century which represents a young man holding, on a bird perch in his hand a Thrush held by a ribbon to the perch adorned with streamers.

Wild-Bird Life.

The First Bird to Nest.

As a result of the unusually mild weather, our resident birds are in such fine condition, that the nesting season will be some weeks earlier than usual, unless we get a decided check. In the ordinary course the list of British birds nesting in the early spring months is not a large one. Vegetation has to be somewhat advanced before the ordinary inmates of the hedgerows and woods commence domestic arrangement. Birds like seclusion during incubation, and to obtain it they must wait until the buds have turned to leaves, and each warm day promotes the growth and increases the thickness of the screen. Early nesters have many enemies to contend with, and the average of nestlings hatched and reared must be far lower than in the month of May, when the homes are more securely hidden behind the leaves and flowers of the woods and fields.

That fast disappearing species, the Raven, is probably the first once more to "set its house in order," and frequently the cold month of February will be selected for a commencement. In times past some giant tree in the park or wood was used annually as a site, but now it is the inaccessible cliffs of the rock coast that alone give the security needed to rear to maturity the hungry young ones. One early nest seen by the writer was lodged on a ledge of a tall cliff, and could only be seen from the overhanging brow above. It was a rough affair. Sticks and branches of heather, moss and bits of turf formed the outer portion, the interior being snugly lined with quantities of sheep's wool gathered from the adjacent moors.

In the early days the birds will soar to a great height until they are mere specks in the blue, although their harsh croak can be plainly heard, so well does the sound carry in the clear air of the moors. The flight of the Raven is powerful, and performed with regular beats of the wings. In the early spring they often indulge in various erratic movements when in the air, two birds sometimes toying and buffeting each other as they fly. The Raven's is a varied diet. He lives upon almost anything eatable. Weakly lambs are attacked and killed. Small birds and animals and the eggs of more weakly species are devoured in all stages of incubation.

The Fieldfare at Home.

The Fieldfares have now left us for their Northern homes, where their nature appears to undergo an entire change. Instead of being shy and difficult of approach, they are bold and venturesome, and fly round one with fierce cries of alarm.

In the Courts.

The Use of Brace Birds.

John Baker and George Simants, of Erith, were charged at Erith Petty Sessions on Feb. 28 with "cruelly torturing" two wild birds whilst in captivity.

P.C.'s Britchfield and Alderman were on duty in Whitehall Lane, Slades Green, when they saw the accused in charge of snaring nets and two birds, which acted as decoys. According to the police evidence, the birds were attached to a stick which, when lifted, turned them upside down.—Baker said they were not ill-treating the birds, which were trained to stand on the stick when it was raised, and they were provided with seed and water.

Mr. Ling thought that the men were "only aping their betters," and so long as hunting and other so-called sport was allowed to take place, he thought the men ought not to be proceeded against.—Mr. Salmon said he did not think the bracing of the birds was cruel if they were properly trained.

The Bench, after consulting in private, came to the conclusion that the men probably did not know that they were breaking the law to the extent they were doing, but in future they would know, and they would be fined 1s. each, the costs to be remitted. No order was made for the confiscation of the nets.

It was stated by Baker that the birds were caught to be trained, and the Chairman added he supposed the men stayed at home training the birds at night instead of going to the public-house.—"Erith Observer."

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To Circumvent Plucking Hens.

If a hen starts plucking her young and you have only a wooden slide for the centre of your breeding cage, make four ¾-in. round holes in this, three inches from the bottom and about an inch apart. Then when you put the young into the second compartment of the cage, the hen can feed them through these holes. When not in use, the slide can be turned, so that the holes are towards the top of the cage.—H. Gray (Sunderland).

Paraffin versus Red Mite.

Now that the breeding season is upon us, a lot of working-men fanciers will be buying second-hand breeding cages. They should see that there are no red mites about them. If they find any, get a small cup of paraffin oil; take a sponge and dip it in the paraffin, and rub it well around the inside and outside of the cages. Do this for at least three days before you put the birds in it, and you will have no red mites this coming season.—W. H. Furlong (Waterford).

Cleansing Breeding Cages.

[Winner of half-crown prize.]

Dissolve 2ozs. of napthaline in 1 pint of paraffin, and well brush the cage all over inside and out. Let it stand a day, then well wash with soap and water; and if you have a garden syringe, set your cage outside and give it a good syringing with the soapy water. This drives it into every crevice of the wood. Finally rinse off with the syringe, and clean water. After it is dry, re-paint the inside. This is the best remedy and preventive I know for mites of all kinds, and is one I have not seen mentioned before.—J. A. Halhead, St. Helier, Foxley Hill Road, Purley, Surrey.

A Substitute for Cuttlefish Bone.

[Winner of half-crown prize.]

Save all bones from meat, soup, etc., and place them on a red hot fire last thing at night. In the morning they will be quite white and porous like a sponge. Very small pieces can be crushed along with the household egg-shells, and scattered on the flight-cage floor, while larger pieces are greedily pecked at, and help to keep the beak in good condition. Young Canaries are particularly fond of these burnt bones, and they are appreciated by their parents, and also British and foreign birds. The idea is not popular with the family dog however.—Mrs. Edwards, 433, Grafton Street, Dingle, Liverpool.

Humouring Untried Hens.

[Winner of half-crown prize.]

Young untried hens will often persist in building a nest anywhere but in the nest-pan. To prevent this, when giving the nesting material to "play about with," before serious building operations are evident, place it in the nest pan and not (as is usual) on the wire rack on the cage front. Many a young hen has been "brought to reason" by this method, as instinct seems to give them the connecting idea between the pan and material, whereas, in many cases, the natural instinct seems only to build, irrespective of position.—H. P. Hobbs, 76, Amner Rd., Clapham Common, West Side, S.W.

March Muling Hints.

[Winner of half-crown prize.]

If you are pairing two British Finches, or with Canary mates, run them together now and so get them used to each other. When a nest of Canaries is being taken from the hen, the Finch should be kept away and out of sight; and he will be more vigorous if kept in the fresh air and sunshine. If the hen and the Finch are known mulers, previous introductions are unnecessary, as the Finch will fertilise all the eggs straight away. All Finches for breeding should be given egg and biscuit mixed with soaked ant eggs; and also plenty of green food. A few mealworms, gentles, or blight from beans are exceedingly good. Maw seed, also dandelion and ripened groundsel are good, while watercress is handy when nothing else is obtainable.—C. Bruce Taberner, Myrtle Bank, Tyldesley, near Manchester.

Ungainly Water Birds.

Many water birds are most graceful in their natural element, but when upon land have a decidedly awkward appearance. Notice our common Swan and Duck; see how they sway and waddle when walking. Again, the little Dabchick is most ungainly; its legs are situated almost at the end of the body, but nine-tenths of its life are spent in the water.

Under the White Rose.

TO-DAY (Saturday) we have the annual amalgamated social and prize distribution at the Market Taveru, Godwin Street, Bradford, and all fanciers and friends are cordially invited. The tea is at 4.30 prompt, and the evening's programme will be started at six o'clock, under the chairmanship of Mr. H. H. Towers. There are no less than seven different clubs' prizes to distribute, the rotation of which, having been decided by ballot, will keep all going merrily until somewhere near eleven, the intervals between each presentation being filled with music and song. The talent engaged is quite up to the usual standard, and all that remains now to fulfil the hopes of those who have had the arrangements in hand is a bumping attendance. It is not often that such a good entertainment can be had at the price. It's free to all, except tea, which is 1s. 3d., and what we want to see is a big lot of fanciers from outside districts.

ADVANTAGE of the occasion is being taken by the Open Norwich P.C. to hold their general meeting. They are hoping to have a good attendance of members. Many, they think, will come to the double event. From what I gather the prospects are brighter from a financial standpoint than last year. There will be a little balance in hand. Sorry to say there is no prospect of the secretary, Mr. O. Mitchell, being able to attend. He has had a long spell of illness of a very serious nature. All his fellow-members wish him a speedy recovery, and it is hoped his robust constitution will pull him through his trying times.

YORKSHIRE County British Bird and Mule Club at their last meeting also decided to have their "general" on this date. They have a lot of members from outside, and it is not often they are able to come to Bradford, but they may be tempted to visit the social, and thus will be able to kill two (British) birds with one stone. Some will, no doubt, clash with the O.N.P.C., but it gives them a chance to attend and see how things are going.

SPECIALIST Clubs are all wishing to wind up the year's affairs as early as possible after the social, but most of them have the same cry—a large number of subs. are still unpaid. When a club gives prizes to the fullest amount of its assets, and members do not pay up to time it makes it very disheartening to the secretary and looks bad on the balance sheet. So please, ye erring ones, kindly look up your secretary on Saturday and make his heart glad by the sight of a few outstanding contributions.

"STRAIGHT UN."

Members Shows.

Mumbles F.S.: Held Feb. 26; entry over 80 exhibits, at Oddfellows Hall. Two classes provided in our section, judged by Mr. J. Nicholas (Swansea). Principal winners: Can., Messrs. Eley, H. Williams; Brit., Messrs. Jenkins, Williams. Sp. for best cage bird in show, Mr. W. D. Eley a clear yellow Border.—Bevan and Eley, Secs.

Grimsby O.S.: Held Feb. 29th, Slatter's Rooms, 23 members' present. Mr. Clews judged. Principal winners:—Pairs: Messrs. Wood, Robinson, Lowe. Brit.: Messrs. Metcalf, Oliver, Cartwright, Jacklin, Bridge. Amat. Brit.: Messrs. Siddle Bros., Oliver.—Specials: Silver medal for best pair, Mr. G. Wood; volume for most points, Mr. A. Cartwright.—Towl and Smith, Secs.

Holmfirth C.B.S.: Held March 2nd. Judge, Mr. M. Peel. Principal winners:—Messrs. Beaumont, Bray, Lee, Charlesworth.—T. Smith, Sec.

Partick C.B.C.: Muling pair show held March 1st, Trades Hall. Mr. Henderson judged. Principal winners:—Messrs. Fraser, Park, Webster, McRobbie, McMillan, Maxwell. British bird show held April 5th. F.F. show fixed for July 6th.—J. Henderson, Sec.

Sutton-in-Ashfield, Eastfield Side C.B.S.: Held March 2nd, headquarters. Judge, Mr. J. Richards. Principal winners:—Nor.: Messrs. Marshall, Hawkesley. Crests: Messrs. Nuttall Bros., Shaw and Booth. Brit.: Messrs. Hawkesley, Ward, Percival. Mr. J. Simms gave the specials.—B. Gabbitass, Press Correspondent.

Longton C.B.S.: Held Feb. 27th, headquarters. 64 birds staged. Judge, Mr. C. Birks. Principal winners:—Nor.: Messrs. Clay, George. Yorks.: Messrs. Lea, McMurtrie. Muling, etc., Pairs: Messrs. Barker, Perrins. Brit.: Messrs. Davies, Tooth, Barker, Perrins Special for most points, Mr. J. Davies, also special for best Brit.; for best Yorks. pairs, Mr. G. Lea; for best Nor. pair, Mr. C. Clay; for best muling pair, Mr. P. Barker.—Geo. Lea.

Gt. Horton O.S.: Held March 2nd, headquarters. Mr. W. Stables judged. Principal winners:—Yorks.: Messrs. Ellis, Self, Ormondroyd, Hainsworth and Son, Myers and Lumb, F. Self, G. Midgley, Gaunt, Hudson, Lister, S. Midgley, Fieldhouse.—J. Holroyd, Sec.

Southend O.S.: Held Feb. 28th, Blue Boar Hotel, Prittlewell. Judges: for Nor., Mr. Pattrick; for Yorks., Mr. Jefferies; for British, Mr. Brown. Principal winners:—Champ. Yorks.: Mr. Pattrick. Novice: Messrs. Cundy, Deer, Askew. Novice Nor.: Messrs. Askew, Deer, Cundy. Brit.: Messrs. Lonsdale, Jefferies, Tapper, Lockwood. Kennedy, Cundy. Mules: Mr. Cundy. Pairs: Messrs. Cundy, Askew. Specials: Most entries, Cundy (14); most points, Askew (42); best Mule, Cundy; best Goldfinch, Lonsdale; best Greenfinch, Lockwood; pairs of Nor., Cundy; and best Bullfinch, Tapper. Medal for most points in champion Yorks., A. E. Pattrick; most points in show, Cundy (39); best novice Nor. hen, Cundy; ditto, Yorks., Deer.—A Member.

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I am only a starter in the breeding of birds, last season witnessing my first attempt, writes Mr. E. Gosling (Reading), but I did fairly well, and owe at least two nests of youngsters to valuable tips I received from CAGE BIRDS. I might mention that it was chiefly through your paper that I started breeding, and so long as my pocket will allow it you will always number "your humble" amongst your readers.

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Twitterings.

We have appointed Mr. J. H. Roe to judge our open show, write Messrs. Towl and Smith, hon. secs. of the Grimsby O.S.

I have been appointed assistant to Mr. Millsom at Everberg Aviaries, Belgium, writes Mr. A. F. Fifield, hon. sec. of the Oxford C.B.S.

Winning numbers of Ralph Beckett's (Port Glasgow) subscription:—372; 969; 1,140; 2,251; 163; 1,694; 603; 998; 261; 21; 1,052, 1,916.—Advt.

Will secretaries kindly note that we have arranged to hold our open show on Oct. 17, writes Mr. S. Hawkesley, sec. of the Mansfield and Dis. C.B.S.

The new address of our president, Mr. C. R. Drysdale, is 11, Melbourne Place, Edinburgh, writes Mr. J. R. Meikle, sec. of the Scottish Metropolitan (Open Derby) O.A.

Will all societies who desire the patronage of the Norwich Plainhead Club for the coming season kindly make application at once to me, writes Mr. F. Cunliffe, 19, Lark Street, Burnley, the sec.

Will fanciers please note that I have been elected secretary for the Halifax O.S., and that all correspondence should be addressed to me, writes Mr. H. Clegg, 15, Melrose Street, Lee Moune, Halifax.

Fanciers residing in Chester and district are particularly requested to read the report of the last monthly meeting of the Chester C.B.S., published in this issue, writes Mr. R. N. Williams, the hon. sec.

Messrs. G. Mitchell (Brechin), A. Thomson (Aberdeen), and J. F. Dewar (Edinburgh) have been appointed to judge our 57th annual show on Dec. 13 and 14, writes Mr. J. Bryson, sec. of the Aberdeen O.S.

Will you kindly announce that the sympathy of every member of our society is with our late President, Mr. Sharples and Mrs. Sharples in their recent bereavement, writes Mr. Jas. Cope, Hon. Sec. Oldham and Dis. C.B.A.

The members of the Coxhoe and Dis. C.B.S. have opened their radius to five miles from Coxhoe, and we invite all fanciers within the radius to become members, writes Mr. W. J. Mudd (Secretary), 23, Tinsdale Colliery, via Ferryhill.

Mr. J. Hutchison (Dysart) has kindly consented to give us a washing exhibition at our next meeting in the Arcade Hotel, on Mar. 16, when we hope there will be a large turnout of members, writes Mr. Joseph R. Reid, sec., Cowdenbeath C.B.S.

I have resigned the secretaryship of the Coaltown of Wemyss and Dis. C.B.S., writes Mr. A. Storrar. All communications in connection with the society should be addressed to Mr. Thomas Clelland, as secretary, Coaltown of Wemyss, Fifeshire.

Secretaries and others are asked to note the following changes of address:—Mr. Hughes, from Albert Edward Road to 5, Wavertree Road, Liverpool; Mr. J. Steel from Westfield to 109, High Street, Dalkeith; Messrs. Marlor Bros. to 48, Palatine Street, Denton, Manchester.

The balance sheet and report of the Dunbar and Dist. O.S. for the past year shows a balance in the bank of £4 1s. 9d., which reflects considerable praise on the secretary, Mr. M. Gilhooly and Mr. G. Cunningham, President, writes Mr. Archibald Hough, treasurer. We have now a membership of over thirty.

The following have very kindly agreed to judge the Scotch Fancy classes at the next show of the Edinburgh Open O.A., writes Mr. J. R. Meikle, sec. pro tem., viz., Messrs. J. Carlaw (Falkirk), A. Hamilton (Caldercruix), A. Leslie (Thorton), and R. Wright (Greenock). It has been agreed that judges are not to exhibit at this show.

I have resigned the position of sec. to the Elgin C.B.A., writes Mr. A. W. Douglas. In future all communications should be addressed to Mr. J. Lumsden, 36, West High Street, Bishopmill, Elgin, who has been appointed my successor. I am sure that in the capable hands of Mr. Lumsden the association will uphold its reputation for being one of the best in the North of Scotland.

Kindly inform your many readers, writes Mr. A. Harrison, hon. sec. of the Stamford and Dist. F.A., that the society will in future be called the "Stamford and District Cage Bird Society." We have fixed Oct. 24 for our next open show, and have engaged Mr. J. Robson to judge. We have arranged several members' shows, at which two challenge cups, medals, etc., will be competed for. I shall be pleased to hear from any fanciers who would like to join.

The Crystal Palace Show Number of Cage Birds was splendid. One could not wish for a finer report of the great show. The article on Black Bullfinches was indeed first-rate, and I have read it again and again.—H. Rees (London, S.W.).

A general meeting was convened for March 4, but in view of the notice being so short the few members who came together thought it advisable to postpone the meeting until Saturday, March 16, the meeting to be held at Angel's Temperance, Pool Street, at 6.30 p.m., when all members are earnestly requested to attend, writes Mr. J. W. Jones, hon. sec. of the North Wales C.B.S.

We have been notified of the following corrections to show reports:—Cardiff, 1 and 2 in yell. cocks and 2 and 4 in buff cocks, Mr. E. Thomas; Menai Bridge, in Bullfinches, Mr. E. Hooson's bird was 2nd at Manchester Show; Clapham, spl for Yorkshire champions, Mr. Yeoman, for Norwich champions, Mr. Morris, and for best seed-eating British, Mr. J. Brighty's Linnet.

OBITUARY.

MISS ROSE SHEPHARD.

It is with profound sorrow, writes Mr. C. Prior, that I have to chronicle the death of Miss Rose Shephard, which sad event occurred on Feb. 27, at the home of her parents in Shere, near Guildford (where the family have resided for many generations), after a lingering and painful illness, endured with wonderful fortitude, and ending finally in a peaceful slumber which resolved itself into the long, long sleep. Miss Shephard was the fiancee of Mr. V. Wynn, the respected and esteemed late hon. sec. of the City and Suburban A.C.B. Her charming personality secured for her a popularity amongst the members of the association second only—if indeed even second—to that enjoyed by Mr. Wynn himself. Her character was the embodiment of all that is truly lovable in woman. Her goodness of heart was inexhaustible. The assistance she rendered Mr. Wynn in the association's affairs was incalculable, and to it must be attributed much of the splendid success he achieved. Mr. Wynn's loss is indeed irreparable; and to him and the bereaved relatives our hearts go out in sincere and respectful sympathy. The mortal remains of our dear friend were laid to rest in the quiet old graveyard on Friday last. May her soul rest in peace, and may her gentle spirit and the remembrance of her self-sacrificing qualities shed their kindly and inspiring influence over us always. [We tender our deepest sympathy to Mr. Wynn and the relatives of Miss Shephard in the sad loss that has befallen them.—Editor.]

MRS. ROYLE.

Mr. Alfred Royle, the well known and respected secretary of the Sale and Dist. C.B.S., has sustained a sad bereavement in the death of his aged mother on March 3, writes Mr. C. Wood, assist. sec. of the Sale and Dist. C.B.S. His numerous circle of friends will join in according him their deepest sympathy.

The principal article in the March issue of the Avicultural Magazine is a most entertaining accouut of the Kokla or Wedge-tailed Green Pigeon in captivity, with notes on the habits of this bird in freedom. The article is by Mr. Pelham T. L. Dodsworth, and is illustrated by a beautiful coloured drawing by Mr. Goodchild. Mrs. K. Currey contributes an account of a tame Bullfinch which we commend to the attention of the humanitarians who contend that cage-bird keeping is "an acted blasphemy." Mr. J. W. Ainley writes of the Tui or Parson -Bird. The series, "Practical Bird-keeping," is continued this month by Mr. Johnstone, who treats of the keeping of Touracous, Bower Birds, and Birds of Paradise, "Foreign Birds at the Crystal Palace," "Bird Notes from the Zoological Gardens" (both by Mr. Seth-Smith), and the usual reviews and correspoudence complete a very interesting number.

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The Dipper—A Misrepresentation.

In some parts of the North the Dipper or Water Ouzel is called the "Water Crow." Such a name is almost absurd, for the bird has no resemblance to the Crow nor any affinity to the Crow family. At one time these charming birds were greatly prosecuted, as it was thought they destroyed salmon spawn, but Hancock and Macgillivray both declare that it does nothing of the kind.

Frivolity at Peckham.

The dance arranged by Mr. H. W. Tomsett for the members and friends of the Dulwich and Peckham C.B.S. will take place at the Reindeer Hotel (headquarters), Rye Lane, Peckham, on Mar. 19th, and promises, we are given to understand, to be one of the most brilliant gatherings that have been organised. All correspondence should be addressed to Mr. Tomsett, 34, Endwell Road, Brockley.

Not So Black as They Look.

To ordinary observers the Magpie is simply a study in black and white, but if we examine him closely we shall find that there is really very little black about him. His wing and tail, for instance, are shaded with the most lovely purple, green, and blue tints, which in the sunlight become quite iridescent. Even our black-looking Crows and Rooks are not so black as they appear, but have coloured reflections.

Habits of the Crested Grebe.

According to Seebohm, the food of the Crested Grebe is entirely procured in the water, and consists of water beetles and other aquatic insects, small fish, small frogs, and molluscs. The seeds and tender shoots of aquatic plants are also often found in its stomach; but instead of small stones or gravel, numbers of its own feathers, plucked from the ventral region, are mixed with its food. It is not known if this curious habit is intended to assist digestion.

The Age of Birds.

An interesting correspondence has recently been running in the "Daily Mail" concerning the ages attained by pet birds. Among others have been noted two Bullfinches twelve years old, a Skylark of twenty-four, and a Turtle Dove of twenty-three; but everything is capped by the statement of Mr. F. Williams, of Kidlington Vicarage, Oxfordshire, who states that he has a Magpie aged fifty-seven years! This is a marvellous record, if it can be well substantiated.

A New Scottish Finch.

A new Scottish bird, the Serin Finch, was shown at a meeting of the Royal Physical Society, held in Edinburgh on Feb. 26. Mr. Oliver Hilton Wild, who exhibited the bird, said that it had been taken on Nov. 9, 1911, near Edinburgh, in company with Lesser Redpolls. Though new to Scotland, the Serin has been recorded on eight occasions in England, and has also been seen in Ireland. The bird breeds on the Continent, but has never been known to breed in Britain.

A Valuable Order from Egypt.

We hear from Messrs. De Von and Co., the noted importers, of Bethnal Green Road, London, E., that they have had a splendid sale of their recent record importation of Australian birds, the stock now being very nearly all sold. A large number of orders have come from the Continent, and other places abroad, the majority as a result of the firm's advertisements in Cage Birds, including an order value close upon £22 from Mr. P. N. Caridia, of Alexandria, Egypt. Bicheno, Zebra, Grass, and Black and Red Gouldian Finches have been sent out to this gentleman.

South London's Luck.

Mr. Sam Harris, one of the oldest and most esteemed members of the South London Col. and F.A., has presented to the club a very handsome silver challenge cup for the best unflighted Yorkshire, to be competed for at our next annual show on Nov. 21, writes Mr. G. F. Crawford, hon. sec. I have also to record another Points Cup for the second most points during year. Altogether we have five cups for annual competition in the Cage Bird Section. The club is badly off for Yorkshire exhibitors, and the new cup will, I hope, do much towards encouraging the breeding of the Yorkshire in South London.

The R.S.P.C.A. Defeated.

In the first prosecution in London brought under the new Protection of Animals Act (1911), by the above society, a bird-dealer, Chas. Stapleton, of Rotherhithe, was charged with "causing unnecessary suffering," by neglect, to sundry birds in his possession. The result was a very distinct set-back to the society, for the magistrate, Mr. Cecil Chapman, stopped the case in the middle of the defence, dismissed the summons, and ordered the society to pay five guineas towards the costs of the defendant. A full report of the case will appear next week, the hearing only concluding late on Wednesday evening last.

An Unexpected Mule.

I had a Canary hen, writes Mr. W. Bennett (Bearsted), rearing two Redpoll-Greenfinch hybrids in one compartment of a large flight. In the next compartment I had a twice aviary-moulted cock Goldfinch. As soon as the two hybrids left the nest I drew the partition to let them and the hen Canary run with the Goldfinch, and the hen went to nest at once. Thinking that the eggs she laid would be clear I took no further notice of them at the time, but one morning I was surprised to hear the well-known chirrup of the Goldie-Canary Mule. The hybrids had succeeded in pulling all the nest-lining out and had left the Mule struggling on the bottom of the nest-pan. This shows that "you never know your luck."

SHOW DATES FIXED.

England.

1912.

Oct. 9 & 10.—**Clapham.**—(A. L. Priest, 28, Kyrle Rd.), J.R., C.A.H., H.J.F., H.N.

Oct. 10 & 11.—**Norwich Alliance.**—(R. Roll, 62, Ashley St.). W.E.G., J.R., W.V.

Oct. 12 & 12.—**Derby.**—(Wharam and Bames, 18, Colyear St.)

Oct. 12.—**Leeds** (W. A. Wilson, 75, Bayswater Mount, Roundhay.). J.H.R. and W.M.

Oct. 12.—**Morpeth.**—(E. Cowling, Market Place.) H.W.B., A.B.

Oct. 15 and 16.—**Western Counties O.S.**—(T. Pope, 98, Embankment Rd., Plymouth.). J.R., T.H.

Oct. 23 & 24.—**London and P.O.S.**—(C. W. Law, Brimley House, Woodhouse Rd., N. Finchley, N.).

Oct. 25 & 26.—**Manchester and N.C.O.S.**—Belle Vue.—(H. Boothman, 10, Parker St., Levenshulme.)

Oct. 25 & 26.—**S. Shields.**—(W. L. Smith, 3, Queen Street.).

Oct. 30.—**Torbay O.S. (Paignton).**—J. N. and J. Jeffery, "Sartor House," Winner Street, Paignton.) J.H.P.

Oct. 30 & 31.—**Cheltenham.**—(A. S. Treasure, Idahoe, Oakland Ave.) W.G., H.W.G., J.F.

Oct. 30 & 31.—**Grimsby.**—(Towl and Smith, 205, Welholme Rd.). J.H.R.

Nov. 1 & 2.—**Sheffield O.**—T. Bishop, 60, Alexandra Road.). W.M., C.H., W.V.

Nov. 1 & 2.—**Wolverhampton.**—(J. Gibbons, 64, Napier Rd.). J.R.

Nov. 1 & 2.—**Liverpool** (Metcalfe and Hillmen, 68, Brunswick Rd.). H.W.B., J.W.

Nov. 2 & 4.—**Leicester Hand-in-Hand.**—(A. Freestone, 79, Clarendon Street). J.H.P.

Nov. 7 & 8.—**Leyton.**—(Porse and Son, 31, Thornhill Rd.) J.R., J.F.

Nov. 8 & 9.—**Old Shildon.**—(J. H. Elwell, 35, Church Street, Shildon).

Nov. 8 & 9.—**West Stanley** (W. Elliott, 15, Fairford Terr.)

Nov. 9.—**Warrington.**—(G. M. Nelson, 466, Knutsford Rd.).

Nov. 14 & 15.—**Brighton and Hove C.B.A.**—(Will. H. Gibb, 19, Bond St.). C.A.H., J.R.

Nov. 15 & 16.—**Hull.**—(E. R. Ridley, 19, Lambton Street.) J.R., H.W.B.

Nov. 19 & 20.—**Wimbledon.**—(H. Smith, 115, Merton Rd.) H.N., R.H., J.R.

Nov. 22 & 23.—**Haltwhistle.**—(Nicholson and Tallantyre, Westgate.) J.D., A.H.

Nov. 30.—**Coventry Godiva.**—(R. Symonds, 29, Melbourne Rd., Earlsdon.) H.W.B.

Dec. 6, 7, & 9.—**Bradford National.**—(H. Hill, 15, Settle Terr., Thornton Lane.)

Dec. 7.—**Rotherham.**—(B. Bailey, 47, Craven Street, Parkgate, nr. Rotherham.) J.C.B.

Dec. 11.—**Luton.**—(E. Bloomfield, 22, Hitchin Rd.) J.R., J.F.

Dec. 14.—**Sheffield C.B.S.**—(A. Hobson, 66, Langsett Avenue) J.R., H.W.B.

Dec. 14.—**Yarm, Eaglescliffe.**—(T. W. Wilson, High st.)

Dec. 26.—**Anfield, Everton.**—(R. B. Wright, 9, Canon Rd., Liverpool.)

Scotland.

Oct. 5.—**Broughty Ferry.**—(R. Whitton, 2, Churchill Place).

Oct. 12.—**Lochgelly and Dis. C.B.S.**—(W. Whiteford, 81, Hall St.)

Oct. 19.—**Kelty and Blairadam.**—(A. Dickson, 37, Adams Terrace.)

Oct. 26.—**Kirkcaldy.**—(C. Rae, 15, Anderson St., Pathhead.)

Nov. 9.—**Forfar.**—(D. Kerr, 15, Green St.)

Nov. 9.—**Hamilton Cadzow Oak.**—(G. Marlin, 21, Glebe Street).

Nov. 16.—**Cowdenbeath.**—(J. R. Reid, 7, Woodland Place.)

Nov. 16.—**Galashiels.**—(J. Brown, 156, Croft St.)

Nov. 30.—**City of Dundee.**—(A. Miller, 3, Park Ave.)

Dec. 14.—**Broxburn.**—(W. M'Laren, Church Street).

Dec. 14.—**Kilsyth.**—(A. D. Duncan, "Chronicle" Office.)

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Wales.

Nov. 13 & 14.—**Swansea.**—(S. H. George, 32, Fisher Street). J.R., J.F.D.

Nov. 28.—**Pentrebach.**—(A. E. Brown, 66, Clare St., Merthyr Tydfil.)

Ireland.

Nov. 7 & 8.—**Banbridge.**—(A. McCagherty, Banbridge).

Nov. 28 & 29.—**South County Dublin (Kingstown).**—(D. Smyth, 21, Eden Terr., Kingstown.)

Dec. 6 & 7.—**Ulster O.A. (Belfast).**—(R. Trimble, 11, Waring St., Belfast.) J.F.D., W.V.

Dec. 12 & 13.—**Larne.**—(T. Mayne, 35, Barnhill.)

ONE GUINEA FOR AN ESSAY.

The Rearing of Canaries or Other Birds Without the Use of Egg Food.

The subject of the rearing of young birds without the use of egg, either in a fresh or preserved form, is one of great interest, and we are desirous of obtaining the experiences of readers who have tried to rear young birds by giving the parent birds home-made food (i.e., not a preparation now being sold on the market) which contains no egg.

We offer a prize of one guinea (either cash or books to value) for the best essay on this topic received on or before Monday, March 18 next. It need not necessarily be a lengthy essay so long as it is to the point and gives full details of whatever foods were used, how they were prepared, and the result; also details of the birds and the conditions under which they were kept. Particulars of failures will be eligible equally with particulars of successes.

Our rules are:—(1) That only one side of each sheet of paper used must be written on; (2) that the Editor's decision must be accepted as final; (3) that all essays must reach us on or before March 18; (4) we reserve the right to publish extracts from any article sent in. Competitors should clearly write their names and addresses on the back of their essays.

From Field to Show Bench.

One of the best Lectures ever delivered.

By J. STEEL (Dalkeith).

A very valuable and instructive discourse, upon what the writer terms "Vari-vorous" British birds, which was recently delivered before the members of the Edinburgh C.B.S.

WHEN I look round and see among you so many who have already attained no small measure of fame as keepers and exhibitors of British birds, my feelings are akin to those of an Irish crofter who was called to give evidence before that most learned body, the Board of Agriculture—an experience which he described as being like introducing a lion to a den of Daniels. A lecturer on birds is now confronted with a two-fold difficulty, which increases in magnitude with every occasion, viz., the necessity of giving his audience something which has the merit of being, if not quite new, at least, little known, and the advisability of adapting his subject to the level of the novice, and yet not bore the expert. Knowing that both classes are represented here to-night, I will steer a middle course.

The term, "Vari-Vorous birds," I may state, is a word I adopted not to describe a few species which have a varied dietary, but as an abbreviation of those terms employed in classing the various species according to the food they eat, viz., granivorous (grain-eating), frugivorous (fruit-eating), carnivorous (flesh-eating), insectivorous (insect-eating), piscivorous (fish-eating), etc. As the diet of some—I may say most—species exhibits a combination of two or more of these sections, we find that the attempt to embrace all under the elastic terms, "hardbilled" and "softbilled," produces confusion. Of course those terms are a misnomer.

Even Judges Disagree.

I have found that a difference of opinion exists, even among judges, as to the proper classification of certain mixed feeders. Thus I have seen Buntings marked "wrong class" in a hardbilled class, and Larks receiving similar treatment in a class for softbills. And a further attempt to combine dietary and bulk as a scale must, I feel sure, produce confusion worse confounded. I have a few schedules at home in which the attempt at classification is indicative of the ignorance I have mentioned, and which must have had an adverse influence on the entry, as it was impossible to know in which class to enter many species. But when I am limited to a "softbellied class—not larger than a cough(!)" I keep my birds at home. Such schedules give rise to apprehension as to whether the management may be as liable to mix the food as the species! I have, for instance, had a Flycatcher returned with a supply of seed in his cage.

While I would welcome the adoption of some proper terms (which could be abbreviated), I think the Fancy Press could with the aid of experts arrange a system of classification to suit the various species, and also the various shows. This could be accepted as the standard classification, and a reference to the list would dispel all doubts as to the class in which any exhibit should be entered, as all questions of size, food, migration, or residence, etc., would be settled, and "wrong classing" reduced to a minimum.

[This question of classification is now being dealt with by the National British Bird and Mule Club.—Editor, "C.B."]

A Difficult Problem to Solve.

I will not go further into the question of classification, as such would of itself take more time than I have at my disposal to-night in which to describe a few of the different species, and which must for that reason be brief. I hope such necessary brevity, however, will not give rise to the complaint of the old lady who received Chamber's "Pronouncing Dictionary" by mistake for some other book by that eminent author and townsman of ours, and which she dutifully read from A to Z, remarking as she closed—"a grand writer, but changes the subject too often."

My first species is the Gold-crest, the smallest of our British birds. In illustration of my previous remarks the species might be described as "Res.. ent. ins. (Resident, entirely insectivorous), as it stays with us throughout the year, and eats insects only. This bird presents us with a problem: How can such a delicate atom withstand the rigour of winter, in even the northern parts of Britain, and eke out existence, while other species apparently much more robust and not entirely insectivorous, seek a warmer clime? I confess my inability to solve that problem.

Two Tiny Relations.

I had always regarded the Gold-crest as the reverse of a gregarious species, occurring singly or in pairs; but an intimation which I received during the early part of this winter, that a host were occupying an old quarry at Mayfield, near Dalkeith (a statement which was corroborated by quite a few persons, who saw them and recognised the species) convinces me that a partially migratory movement takes place, during which time the species are gregarious. I greatly regretted my inability to visit the place, as I should have liked to ascertain if the flock included any members of that similar species, the Fire-crowned Wren (or Fire-crest). This species has similar habits, and closely resembles the former, but is regarded by the best authorities as a winter visitor to our shores. The difference in colouration is not great, and to aid you in distinguishing between these species, I will convert this coloured illustration of a Gold-crest into a Fire-crest; with vermilion I change the bright narcissus-yellow of the crest into a fiery red, and with light ochre I make two streaks over and under the eyes extending same back towards the base of the occiput.

This species is slightly larger than the Gold-crest, and is much rarer, and my further remarks on the latter species may be taken as including both species. But as I have promised to trace it from the field to the show bench, I will copy Mrs. Beaton's recipe for jugged hare, and first catch my Gold-crest.

A Very Effective and Humane Instrument.

The apparatus I shall describe, if properly used, forms a very effective and humane instrument for the taking of various birds. I have seen the use of bird-lime condemned by different writers as being cruel, and have seen it, too often, used in a manner which justified the assertion, both from the method of its application, and the nature of its composition; but, like everything else, it has its uses and abuses. I will therefore describe first how *not* to use bird-lime.

(To be continued.)

A NOTED SCOTTISH WARRIOR.

The fine unflighted yellow Yorkshire winner of first and medal at Glasgow C.B.S. Show for Mr. C. Martin (Dennistoun).

WELL-KNOWN FACES IN NORTHAMPTON.

Mr. A. Crossman (on the right) who does big business as a dealer, and his assistant, Mr. J. York.

Producing the Exhibition Yorkshire.

By H. C. BROOKS (Horsham).

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The second instalment of an instructive article dealing with the points that go to make up the show-bird of to-day, and the choice and mating of stock birds.

TURNING to the under-side, the throat should fall away but little from the beak, as otherwise it has a tendency to make the neck appear thin, giving undue prominence to the breast. A sharp-pointed breast should be avoided, as also should too full a breast. The feathers at the throat should show no twist, as this is a difficult fault to remedy, once it gets into one's stock. To my mind, a frill is a great eyesore, and I have found that if only one of a pair of birds has much of a frill, a big percentage of the youngsters inherit the same fault.

"Trousers" Not Wanted.

Loose feathers at the thighs ("trousers" they are sometimes called) give a bird at once a slovenly appearance, and are a bad fault. The body of a Yorkshire should not finish off abruptly at the waist, but should taper well away from the shoulders to the tip of the tail, giving the bird a long drawn-out appearance. There should be a clean straight run from shoulder to tail on the upper side, and a long gentle curve from the breast to the tail on the under side. Long, loose or coarse body feather is opposed to the standard, and always counts against a bird.

Short legs also must not be tolerated. They give a bird a squatty appearance, and prevent it showing off to the fullest extent whatever good properties it may have. Short-legged birds also generally fail in position.

I have gone into the standard at greater length than I at first intended, and I have also dealt somewhat fully with the faults of a Yorkshire; but it seemed to me quite necessary to do this so as to make it clear what sort of a bird is wanted, and what is not, as it is so essential to know this when mating up the birds, and I will now pass on to this part of the business.

The Question of Correct Mating.

Now, in mating up birds to breed the ideal specimen, the line I recommend is to see that both birds of a pair come as near to the standard as practicable, rather than adopt the method sometimes advocated of relying almost entirely on the hen for the good points (other than length). I have found that the young birds invariably inherit the faults of both parents just as much as they do the good points, and I am quite convinced that, broadly speaking, "like begets like." Of course, the same end is frequently obtained by different ways, and I do not for one moment suppose that the best birds of the day are all bred in exactly the same way, or that the breeders of them have all worked on the same lines. But I do believe that they have not been bred in a haphazard manner, but are the result of systematic breeding, and that the parents of them (whether coming of pedigree stock or not) have been selected for the good points which they possessed, and not for the bad ones.

To those who are just beginning in the Fancy, and who are desirous of "going in for" Yorkshires, I would say, Don't buy moderately good birds, for they will not breed "tip toppers," and (as I have myself found) it takes a long time, however careful one may be in the selection of stock birds, to breed birds fit to win—even in moderate company—if one's original stock birds are not really good. But, rather, let the beginner buy the very best birds his means will allow, and he will find the produce of these will be much more likely to do honour on the show bench than those born of less aristocratic parents.

No Bird Entirely Free from Faults.

Coming to the actual selection of the stock birds, let me say at once that no bird is entirely free from faults, and in mating up birds the rule generally regarded as the correct one is to "match the points," that is, what one bird of a pair fails in, the other should excel in.

The first and general rule with regard to the pairing of Yorkshires is to pair yellow to buff. Good results may have been obtained occasionally by pairing yellow to yellow or buff to buff, but the rule of pairing yellow to buff (it does not matter, in my opinion, whether the cock or the hen be the yellow bird) has stood the test of time, and is almost universally adopted by all breeders of repute.

I have said before that I like both birds of a pair to be pretty near to the standard; but knowing that it is well nigh impossible in any ordinary room to find many birds answering this requirement, I will confine my remarks to the mating of the more ordinary specimens to be found in the average fancier's room, and which, while possessing many of the desired characteristics of a true Yorkshire, yet fall short of the standard in some respects, and consequently are not exhibition specimens.

Short Legs Should be Avoided.

The type of bird which I recommend for the stock cock is one having abundance of length, narrow shoulders (with just a suspicion of squareness), and with a good straight run from shoulder to the tip of the tail. It should also be slim in body, standing erect on high legs, and carrying good feather. The standard says the bird's legs should be long "without being stilty"; but I would never, when mating up throw a bird out for having too long legs, and I do not recollect ever having in reading show reports seen a bird adversely criticised for being "stilty." Length of leg enables a bird to show off its good points to the best advantage. Short-legged birds never look well, and should not be used unless they possess some other particularly valuable property, and then be paired only to long-legged partners.

(To be continued.)

Questions and Answers.

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NOTE.—If an answer is required concerning the proper mating, etc., of Norwich, Yorkshires, Crests, Cinnamons, Greens, Borders, Lizards, Scotch or any other variety of the Canary family, we shall, should the querist desire us to do so, be pleased to submit his questions for answer to some leading specialist of the day on the variety concerned.

CANARY QUERIES.

Answered by CLAUDE ST. JOHN.

SCRAPPY SONG AND SLEEPY (W.W.).—The bird is probably suffering from a disordered digestion. See that all your seeds and foods are sound and sweet, keep cage strewn with clean gritty sand, and give it a leaf of crisp young dandelion every day. In addition to this treat as advised to "Printer" for a fortnight, and if not well then write again, referring to this reply.

MATE FOR YORKSHIRE (J.A.C.).—The colour you call cinnamon is, as I suspected, not cinnamon colour, but merely bronzing, which is often met with in green variegated or greens. There is probably a dash of cinnamon blood in the bird, so you may if you have no known cinnamon-bred cock available, take the risk of pairing this hird to the clear yellow pink-eyed hen. A dark-eyed hen would certainly be a more suitable mate. The pink-eyed hen, being bred from cinnamon marks, would be far more suitably mated with a cinnamon-marked or ticked cock. Without knowing the history of the cock No. 2 more intimately it is impossible to say what the result of mating him with No. 1 hen will he.

MATING NORWICH (First Year).—(1) Yes, the two birds bred in last April and July will breed this year. They should be quite ready for mating at the end of this month or first week in April. (2) If the buff Norwich is pure green-bred—no cinnamon blood in him—the young will be practically all green and heavily variegated green. (3) No, the young would not be pink-eyed unless the cock had a large amount of cinnamon blood in him. The mating in such case is in no way suitable to get muling hens, if you want any light mules. (4) There is no reason at all why you should not mate this hen with the cock, if she is suited to him in other points. Why destroy her at four years old? She may be good for a successful season's work yet. You could run the cock with both hens alternately. It's always wise to have a second hen breeding whenever possible to fall back upon in case one proves a non-feeder.

DIRTY PLUMAGE (Trembled).—The dirty appearance of the plumage is probably grimy dirt. It does not matter about his being worse than all your other birds—some birds have quite a forte for getting grimy, and bathing does not seem to hinder it much. Only handwashing will remove this condition. Possibly the bird is in an older cage, or a dustier place than the rest, which would largely account for him looking worse. The naked patch on breast may be a very plump full chest. Of course, you know that feathers really never grow on a Canary's breast. The feather tracts are down each side, but spread over and cover the breast. If the feather growth is really faulty, treat bird as advised to "Bare Head."

AVIARY AND INMATES (Novice).—Your aviary seems excellent for your purpose, and if you can set it up with a South-east aspect from the front of inner section it should prove an ideal one as an all-the-year-round abode for your Canaries. (1) If you can get some nice turf composed of fine dwarf lawn grasses I would certainly advise you to cover the flight with this material. Work the top spit of soil into a friable state, level the surface, and then lay down the turf, rolling or beating it solid at the finish. You might put in a few such shrubs as guelder rose, golden privet, syringa, ribes, and box—the former-named will need clipping after a time to keep them within bounds. A border of mignonette, Virginian stocks, along the front of main structure, and nasturtiums and sweet peas trained up the front would not only be attractive, but, when flying about, the birds would appreciate them in a practical sense. (2) It would be a very good plan to breed in cages this season and give young liberty to fly about when old enough. The experience will stand you in good stead another season. (3) You should take advantage of the first spell of nice mild weather now to transfer birds to the aviary; am assuming they have already been accustomed to a normal temperature. (4) You can work up a very good singing strain from either pure Rollers (none better) or crosses with these and Borders, Yorkshires, or Norwich, in the order named. I would advise you to mate up mostly Roller cocks. If you mate up any Norwich cocks, it would be a good plan to remove them at the end of the breeding season, so that the young may have pure Roller training, or nearly so.

BREEDING ROLLERS (Woodbine).—(1) It is not advisable to breed Norwich and Rollers in the same room, particularly if you wish to keep the song of the Rollers pure. (2) The vocal abilities of Rollers (Seifert or otherwise) is undoubtedly inherited to a considerable degree, but notwithstanding this all classes require training. (3) Selferts are just as easy or difficult to breed as any other class of Roller. As a whole, Rollers are among the very hardiest and easiest to manage and breed. (4) Silver sand might do very well to assist in keeping the floor of cage clean, but it is quite useless to the birds as an aid to digestion.

SEED SAMPLES (C. H. D.).—A small proportion of the hemp is quite on the verge of staleness, but the bulk is still very good. It has been an A1 sample, and will be good for some time to come, but it will be as well to keep an eye on it from the middle of summer onwards, and discard it as soon as you find a large proportion of the kernels turning brown. All the other seeds are very excellent samples. It would be difficult to get a better lot; the samples are quite fit for the very best exhibition stock. You mention no price, so I cannot say whether they are cheap or not, but considering the quality, they can scarcely be really dear.

OUT OF CONDITION (A Brighton Starter).—It is quite useless mating the bird for breeding until it is in good forward condition. For full details of procuring this and avoiding many other troubles you should see my article in CAGE BIRDS ANNUAL. Also see reply to "V.A.G." last week, and feed the bird as therein described. Give six drops of syrup of buckthorn in the water for three consecutive days, and afterwards 20 drops of whisky, ten of lemon juice, and two of eucalyptus oil, well shaken together in the water every second day for a week.

ABNORMAL FEATHER (G. Brown).—The substance you sent is an abnormality of feather growth which is not infrequently met with, and the actual cause of which is very obscure. If the growth has not restarted, touch the spot once with tincture of iodine, using a small feather, such as a bird's tail or flight feather, for the purpose, and afterwards touch it with a little Lanocyllin three times a week until ready to break through the quill. You may give a morsel of bread and milk slightly dusted with flowers of sulphur, and sprinkled with maw three times a week for two or three weeks, and twice a week on interveuing days add a crystal of sulphate of soda the size of a small pea and as much chlorate of potash as will cover a threepenny-piece to the drinking water.

A BLACK AND A NORWICH (F.J.F.).—(1) Am not aware of any black Canary having ever been produced, much less exhibited. Possibly you are thinking of a black Bullfinch which has been exhibited a number of times, and is merely a freak of melanism. (2) Treat the bird for a fortnight the same as advised to "Printer," and iu addition stick a piece of the following paste in the wires for bird to peck at when it likes. Paste: Place a tablespoonful of honey in a small warmed glass or galipot, add a teaspoonful of cod liver oil emulsion, as much chlorate of potash as will cover a shilling, and the same quantity of grains of paradise. Mix all thoroughly together, and add just enough finely powdered biscuit to make a soft but firm paste. When cold it can be cut into cubes to stick in wires as required.

NO SONG, LITTLE FLIGHTS (Verb. sap.).—(1) I am inclined to think this bird is a hen. Treat for a fortnight the same as advised to "F.J.F. (2)," and if there is still no more attempt at singing you had better deal with it as a hen. (2) See that this bird—also the other one for that matter—is quite free from insect pests, and in a comfortable and equable place, free from draughts. Give a staple diet of plain canary. Every second day add separately half a teaspoonful of summer rape and a morsel of banana, and on the alternate days a morsel of bread and milk slightly dusted with flowers of sulphur and sprinkled with soft sugar, and also a pinch of maw. Give a little mixed seed twice a week, and a spray of green food on each of the other days. In the drinking water give as much sulphate of soda as will cover a sixpence, and half as much chlorate of potash every second day. Continue treatment for a fortnight. Offer the bath occasionally in fine weather, and just prior to doing so flick a few drops of water over her with the thumb and finger, or give her a slight puff from a sprayer.

BREATHES HEAVILY (White Star).—A tonic is very useless for the bird unless it is first put under good and healthful conditions, and kept quite free from draughts. Get the Nutshell booklet on "The Canary" and see if you are feeding and treating the bird correctly. Having seen to this, give a morsel of bread and milk sprinkled with soft sugar three times a week for a fortnight, and add a saline aperient to the water for two days. After this give 20 drops of whisky, five each of oxymel of squills and ipacac. wine, and two of eucalyptus oil well shaken together every second day for a week, or a fortnight if necessary. If not well in that time write again, referring to this reply.

A TRIO (Griffo).—(1) Certainly you can ring the birds if you wish to do so, but I am not sure whether the B.R.C.C. rings are supplied to non-members. I should say probably not, but a line to the Secretary of the Club would settle the matter for you. (2) Yes, the usual way of mating Lizards is a Gold to Silver. It is not essential for the cock to be the Gold. It may be either Gold cock and Silver hen or Silver cock and Gold hen. (3) Certainly you could pair a Gold Lizard cock to a Norwich hen, but the result would be only cross-breds of no value save for singing or further crossing. The cross was formerly used to improve colour of Norwich, but would be of little or no value in these days.

NOT MATING WELL (Beginner).—(1) You mated the birds too early, And probably neither of them was in breeding condition. Separate them now, and treat cock as advised to "V. A. G." last week. You need CAGE BIRDS ANNUAL to help you over all these little difficulties. (2) I really don't know any definite age at which a cock Canary is past breeding. So long as they remain healthy and active and in song, I take it they will always be capable of filling eggs, more or less. I have myself bred with one between nine and ten years old, and others, I believe, can beat this. (3) The fact of the hen losing feathers is sufficient proof that she is in no sense fit for mating. Keep her fairly warm and quite away from draughts in order to get the moult through as rapidly as possible. In addition to the staple diet, give half a teaspoonful of summer rape and a morsel of banana every second day, and on the alternate days a similar quantity of crushed sponge cake with four drops of sherry and two of cod liver oil emulsion mixed in it, and sprinkled with maw. Twice a week give a small teaspoonful of mixed seed the same as the cock, and on each of the remaining days a leaf of dandelion. In the drinking water give a mild aperient for one day, and afterwards six drops of tincture of gentian and four of tincture of steel two days in every three until the feathers have ceased dropping. It will be useless mating her until she has quite got over the moulting.

WHAT IS WRONG (E. Berry).—Putting the birds together is, I am sure, all that is wrong in this case. The cock appears to be in quite good condition for the season, especially if he is singing, or was doing so when put with the hen. The probability is that the hen is not equally forward, and it is utterly useless putting a pair together unless both are in breeding condition. If the hen shows no signs at all of settling down to business, separate the birds again for a fortnight. Meantime feed them both as fully detailed in my article on feeding up backward birds in CAGE BIRDS' ANNUAL. Briefly, a little egg or other soft food every second day, mixed seeds ditto, and a leaf or two of dandelion daily.

SITS PUFFED UP (Printer).—Give only plain canary for staple diet. Every second day give separately half a teaspoonful of summer rape and a morsel of banana, and on the alternating days a piece of bread and milk the size of a hazel nut sprinkled with soft sugar, and also a pinch of maw seed, and either a leaf of dandelion or a spray of watercress. Twice a week give a pinch of seed mixture as advised to "Staff Sergt." In the drinking water give six drops of syrup of rhubarb and a crystal of sulphate of soda the size of a small pea for three consecutive days, and afterwards four drops each of tincture of gentian, tincture of calumba, and aromatic sulphuric acid every second day for a week. See the bird is kept under healthful conditions, and keep cage strewn with clean, gritty sand.

BREEDING FOR PROFIT (Roller).—If you have a good prospect for easily disposing of your young stock locally as song birds, you could not do better than start with Rollers, which are quite the best songsters and generally in good demand; and they are, except very highly-trained songsters, quite moderate in price. Next to Rollers, Borders would be best to begin with, as these, too, are quite moderate in price, very hardy, and very popular. You should start with two trios—a cock and two hens in each—and have a clear buff cock and two lightly wing-marked or ticked yellow hens in one trio, and a lightly variegated yellow cock and two clear buff hens in the other. Keep each hen in a single breeding cage, and when all are quite ready to mate, pair a cock with each of the two most forward hens, and when these hens have gone to nest, remove cocks and mate them with the other two hens. When these have commenced to sit, remove cocks and cage them alone until the first hens are again ready for them. Then repeat the procedure. For further details get a copy of "Canary Breeding for Beginners" (post free for 7d.). The B.R.C.C. is a society of Roller fanciers, whose aims and objects are to foster and encourage the breeding of Rollers, etc.

HEN CANARY WITH FITS (Galen).—(1) Feed a little more generously for a few weeks. In addition to staple of plain canary, and a little summer rape every second day, give a morsel of bread and milk sprinkled with soft sugar and maw seed on the alternate days, a pinch of mixed seeds twice a week, and a scrap of green food four times a week. When a fit occurs add five grains of bromide of potassium and 10 grains of bromide of soda to the drinking water for three consecutive days, and afterwards a few doses of the gentian tonic you have been using. Also try to anticipate the fits by giving the bromides at the end of each alternate week, and a few doses of tonic in the following week. (2) I would advise you not to attempt breeding any more pure Canaries from this hen. If you wish to perpetuate the strain on account of the light muling powers, work it up from her sisters and brothers, or parents, which are not afflicted in the same way as this one. You might use her for breeding Mules, but must provide yourself with feeders to take charge of the eggs for hatching and rearing young, as you cannot trust this hen to perform these duties.

A SLEEPY HEAD (Staff Sergt.).—If you are keeping the bird under proper conditions, in a comfortable and equable temperature, but not overheated, and quite free from draughts, it is probable that it has left the best part of its youth behind. Does it appear to have had its claws cut, and has it large, coarse scales on its legs and feet? Try the following treatment for a fortnight, and if not better write again and repeat details, and give the above information. Keep under above-named conditions. Give a staple of plain canary only. Once a week give a small teaspoonful of seed mixture—hemp, inga, summer and black rape, and millet, one part each, a half part each of linseed and teazle, and a sprinkling of maw, gold of pleasure, and yellow mustard. On one other day each week a small piece of bread and milk sprinkled with soft sugar. Give a spray of watercress or leaf or dandelion every second day. Allow it to bathe freely if it will do so in mild weather. In the drinking water give six drops of dandelion juice and as much Epsom salts as will cover a sixpence every second day for a week, and in the next week dissolve in the water every second day a crystal of sulphate of soda the size of a small pea, a crystal of sulphate of iron half as big, and add six drops of dilute sulphuric acid.

CANARY QUERISTS,

should consult St. John's "Canary Breeding for Beginners" (7d.); House's "Canary Manual" (1/2); Battye's "Yorkshire Canaries" (1/1½); House's "Norwich Canaries" (1/1); Weston's "Stock Book" (7d.); Dr. Clarke's "Septic or Bird Fever" (7d.); Dr. Creswell's "Hygiene of Bird-keeping (1/1); Norman's "Aviaries, Bird-rooms, and Cages" (2/3); Ramsden's "Colour-feeding" (3½d.); "Seeds and Foods for Cage Birds" (1/2); or the "Nutshell" booklets (2½d. each): No. 5 "The Pet Canary," No. 6 "Ailing Birds and How to Cure them," No. 9 "The Disinfection of Cages, Bird-rooms, etc.," No. 10 "The Roller," No. 23 "The Border Fancy," No. 24 "Green Canaries." All thoroughly practical and instructive. Prices quoted are post free, from "Cage Birds," 154, Fleet Street, London, E.C.

FOREIGN BIRDS.

Answered by WESLEY T. PAGE, F.Z.S., etc.

MAGPIE MANNIKINS (L.H.).—I and many other aviculturists have bred the Magpie Mannikin in the aviary, and it has also crossed with the Bronze Mannikin when lacking a mate of its own kind. The beak of the hen is narrower and more pointed than that of the male, and the chestnut patches on the sides of her body are smaller and less intense than those of her mate. The white on the head is merely a few foul feathers.

EPSOM SALTS (New Year).—About one teaspoonful, but not heaped, should be just about right for half a pint of water, but for Waxbills I much prefer Dinneford's magnesia, half a teaspoonful to each fluid ounce of water—two tablespoonfuls as near as possible equals one fluid ounce. Only china, crock or glass drinkers should be used to contain the above.

HOW MANY SHALL I KEEP? (Manzanito).—You could keep the following, providing the cage has a daily clean: Orange-cheek, Grey (common), St. Helena, and Golden-breasted Waxbills, with a pair each of Common (Red) and Green Avadavats. Our Nutshells, "Avadavats" and "Waxbills," 2½d. each post free, from our Manager, would tell you all about them. All are seed-eaters, and once settled down should thrive and do well with you. The twiggy branches for perches at each side of the cage, leaving the centre open for flight.

AVIARY QUERIES (A.W.A.).—I am enclosing you the rough pencil plans, as to your other remarks—all standards and inside portions bordering on outside flight should have climbers trained up them, ivy, hops, Virginian creeper and wild clematis are excellent and also highly ornamental. I should also advise that the division between covered and open flights be wood and glass, so that during the exceptionally severe periods the birds could be confined under cover; it is a great advantage to arrange for this control. I think the even span, except where the width of flight alters it to three-quarter span, would look the better, but plans will give all details.

BUDGERIGARS ("Punch," Chelsea).—Our Nutshell Booklet, "Budgerigars," 2½ post free, from our Manager would tell you all about these birds. The cere (over nostril) of the male is blue, that of the female ruddy brown when in breeding condition. They do not require any nesting material. The husk is all they require; when ready to nest they will clear out the interior to their liking, and duly deposit their eggs. Diet: Canary, white millet, millet sprays, and occasionally a few crushed oats. Also supply green food (lettuce now, but when obtainable, supply flowering and seeding grass, as much as they will eat), grit, cuttlebone and water. Do not be too curious as to what is in the husk, and in due time young birds should appear.

WHAT PARROT? (Anxious, D. L. P.).—It is an Indian Ring-necked Parraket. Most individuals talk more or less, some most excellently, but they take more teaching than either a Grey or an Amazon. Newly-imported young birds are often obtainable at 5s. each, an adult in good feather, say, 20s. to 25s., and the value would increase according to talking capacity—anything up to 60s. or 70s. If the bird is tame and fond of you, I think the regurgitation of its food is merely a natural habit; if it had a mate it would feed it after doing so. As to diet, this is given fully in our reply to "C. C. M.," in this issue, but your bird does not require drugs.

CRIMSON FINCH, ETC. (Villavicencis).—(1) The Crimson Finch is a very quarrelsome Australian species, and a single pair or cock should be caged separately, or its weaker companions will suffer sooner or later; its colouration is various shades of rich crimson, with some white spots. The Zebra Finch is a charming little chap, clad in grey, white, black and chestnut, a free breeder, and can be kept with other birds. It has a "penny trumpet" sort of song. The Budgerigar is a small Parrakeet, and must not be kept with finchlike birds. It is principally of a bright grass green colour, with dusky black and yellow markings; there is also a yellow variety, they breed freely in captivity, and you can learn all about them from our Nutshell "Budgerigars," 2½d., post free, from our Manager. (2) No cage is immune from red mite; dressing with some strong insecticide twice a year—early spring and autumn—is the only remedy. A little quassia solution in the birds' bath helps to keep them down, and also the use of the specially prepared bags of nesting material. (3) Your description is rather general, but I think the bird you refer to is the Pintail Nonpareil.

AN AILING GREY PARROT (G.P.).—I expect if anything happened to the bird your source of supply would allege that changed treatment was the cause of loss, however absurd this might be, and the conditions of importation are such that the life of a Grey Parrot for the first few months after landing is a precarious one indeed. If the bird were my own I should treat as follows: Get it as quickly as possible on to the dietary given in the Grey Parrot Nutshell booklet which you have; but continue boiled maize till the bird was well established—except as a medicine in severe cases of internal inflammation milk sops are very bad indeed for Grey Parrots. It must be kept warm, yet not in an unveutilated (stagnant) portion of the room; give it one teaspoonful of Dinneford's magnesia once a week, and on the other days half a teaspoonful of Byno-phosphates in the drinking water (you must not use a metal drinker) and continue this till the bird is well established. It is impossible to say whether the bird is dying or not, but moping, going off its food, and tucking its head under its wing for long spells during day time are all signs of ill-health, but so far as I can gather from you, the trouble should yield to the above treatment. If the symptoms become more acute write again at once, or if it's on approval write the seller and get another bird, and ask him for details as to packing for return.

GREEN PARROT IN BAD PLUMAGE (C.C.M.).—Your bird is a hen Ring-necked Parrakeet. A confirmed feather puller is almost impossible to cure, and your seed mixture does not help matters. However, if you treat and diet as below the trouble should be mitigated if not cured, but it will not be a quick recovery, and the treatment must be persevered with. Diet: Seed mixture—one quart each canary seed and white oats; one pint each paddy rice, hemp and white millet; and half a pint each of grit (not sand), maize, wheat, dari and sunflower seeds—well mix and keep a supply in the cage. Also supply ripe fruit (apple, banana, etc.), green food (lettuce, etc.), nuts, plain biscuit, and keep a piece of clean cuttlebone hanging in the cage. Give it pieces of tree branches and empty cotton reels to chew up and play with. Treatment: Give every fourth day one teaspoonful of Dinneford's magnesia in the drinking water (about two tablespoonfuls) and on other days half a teaspoonful of Byno-phosphates in the same quantity of water—you must only use crock, china or glass drinking vessels when giving drugs. Spray the birds twice weekly (choos-

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ing warm days and guarding against draught till dry) with a solution of firtree oil (procurable from any large nurseryman or florist)—one teaspoonful in a quart of chilled water. Use a "Mist" sprayer, and get as little in the bird's eyes as possible. If the bird's voidings should become and keep watery-loose, you must cease the magnesia for a time, and not resume till the condition of the bowels becomes normal again. Possibly the bird missed the company of the other parrots, and if it is not too noisy it would be best kept in the ordinary living room, where it could be frequently petted, talked to, and see plenty to attract its attention from itself. Try the above treatment for a month, and then report progress; of course, if trouble becomes more acute write again at once. After the spraying you could also annoint the bare places with Spratts' "Pennakura."

ZEBRA FINCHES (A. G., South Kens.).—This species are indefatigable breeders once they get fairly under weigh, and the moult does not always check them. If you have taken out the perches and fittings from the Hartz cage, and cut away a bar to make an entrance, they need nothing more, save loose hay and a canary nestbag as building material. I should not trouble about the two eggs you refer to; remove these, and let them make a fresh start, when they have got the nest entirely to their liking you will not be troubled with dropped eggs, and two or three broods should be reared in the course of the year. Your diet is about right, but give plenty of green food (lettuce, seeding grass, etc.), also a little soft food when young are hatched, but Zebras mostly rear on seed. I do not care for Giant Canary seed for foreign species, a smaller seed, if sweet and plump, is far better.

FOR A DOUBLE BREEDING CAGE (R. A. G.).—For brilliant colour you cannot very well surpass Gouldian Finches; these are on the market at the present time, and there should be a probability of them breeding, but I rather advise your taking out the partition and letting them enjoy the whole cage; it is none too large to keep them fit and well, and give them a chance. Our Nutshell

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should consult Page's "Foreign Birds for Beginners" (1/1½); *Arthur's "Budgerigars and Cockatiels"* (6d.); *Arthur's "Parrots for Pleasure and Profit"* (7d.); *"Aviaries, Bird-rooms, and Cages"* (2/3); *"Seeds, Foods, and Wild Plants"* (1/2); *Dr. Clarke's "Septic or Bird Fever"* (7d.); *Dr. Creswell's "Hygiene of Bird-keeping"* (1/1); *"Colour-feeding"* (3½d.); *or the "Nutshell" booklets* (2½d. *each*): *No. 6 "Ailing Birds and How to Cure them," No. 9 "The Disinfection of Cages, Bird-rooms, etc.," No. 14 "Gouldian Finches," No. 16 "Avadavats," No. 17 "The Grey Parrot," No. 18 "Budgerigars," No. 19 "The Pekin Robin," No. 20 "Waxbills." All thoroughly practical and instructive. Prices quoted are post free from "Cage Birds," 154, Fleet Street, London, E.C.*

"Gouldian Finches," 2½d. post free, from our Manager, will tell you all about them. An alternative would be either pair of Zebra or Ribbon Finches, and one of these (the former for preference) would perhaps be the best for you to commence with if you are a novice, as they are hardy and fairly cheap, 7s. 6d. per pair, at present time. Let me know your choice, and I will tell you how to feed—all are seedeaters.

RED-NAPED LORIKEETS (T. H.).—Red-naped, or Red-collared Lorikeets have bred in a cage in the Parrot House at the London Zoo, one young bird being successfully reared, and there have been other all but successful atempts in the aviaries of private individuals. I fear you'll have difficulty to find a mate—practically no difference in the sexes—the hen is a wee bit smaller, and slightly less intense in colour, but the distinctions are practically infinitesimal—the best way is to pick them out by their demeanour. They come mostly from Australia and New Guinea. Australians are, I fear, now barred by the law, and the New Guinea species are all very rare on the market. If you see Scaly or Blue Mountain Lorikeets offered, I should advise you to secure a pair, a hen of the latter would mate with your Red-collar, if you cannot get one of its own kind. Send me a stamped addressed envelope, and I will see if I can put you on a pair.

Ailing Black-cheeked Lovebirds.

P. H. S.—You cannot do much beyond fomenting, if it can be handled, or steaming with a hot decoction of camomile flowers, and keeping the bowels moving freely by occasional doses of Dinneford's Magnesia—three drops from a quill direct to the beak, the state of the voidings regulating the frequency of the doses. Also add ten drops daily of Bynophosphates to the drinking water (china or glass drinker) for a time. Keep a small supply of crushed oats in the cage, and also supply a leaf of fresh lettuce or other green food fairly often. Make a weak solution of fir tree oil, and spray the bird (use a "mist" sprayer) occasionally. If the bird does not improve in, say, three weeks to a month, let a vet. (one with some experience of birds) examine her and state whether the trouble is amenable to treatment.

Sunbirds, Quail Finches, etc.

P. O.—(1 and 2). The condition of the bird must guide you. There should not be any abrupt termination of the treatment; this should be gradual, and in case of any relapse the full treatment reverted to again at once. Adult male Sunbirds will not agree together for any length of time. A pair would agree all right, and possibly a cock each of Purple and Amethyst-rumped might agree for a while. (3). Watch the Quail Finch closely, and if its cage mates are continually "preening" its head and neck you must cage it separately till the plumage is renewed. Rub in a little vaseline occasionally, not sufficient to run among and grease the plumage. In addition to your present treatment, put ten drops of Bynophosphates in its drinking water (not a metal vessel) for a time, and offer one or two mealworms daily. (4) There is nothing for the Crimson Finch but solitary confinement. He will not always agree with his wife, and I fear his toleration of the Mexican Siskin is but a temporary mood!

POST MORTEMS.

Mr. G. Yates, M.R.C.V.S., 2, College Road, Harrow, Middlesex, will examine and report upon dead cage birds for a fee of 1s. 6d. each bird; for reply direct, 2s. 6d.; analysis, 21s. Subjects for post mortem examination must be sent packed in a box direct to Mr. Yates, with the fee, this and any accompanying letter being kept from contact with the dead bird. Send by letter-post; it is cheaper and quicker than parcel post. Any bodies sent to the office of this paper will be thrown away, and if a fee is enclosed the loss will be the sender's.

BRITISH BIRDS, MULES, AND HYBRIDS.

Answered by G. E. WESTON.

Rearing Young Jays.

Scholastic.—I am afraid there is no chance of your Ring Doves incubating the eggs of a Jay and successfully rearing the young. Doves have a peculiar way of conveying the food to their progeny, and whether the young Jays would appreciate this I am puzzled to say. Nor can I suggest any other likely foster-mother. They may easily be brought up by hand. Briefly, when hand-rearing, if you mix finely-minced hard-boiled egg with an equal quantity of very stale bread crumb and moisten it with new milk when feeding, you should get along all right. If you get several young ones, however, you will find it cheaper to use scalded and mashed-up puppy biscuits (of best quality), with which you can mix the egg in the proportion of three parts biscuit to one of egg. You can give the youngsters mealworms, and smalish garden worms, cut into suitable pieces, should also certainly be supplied. Also you can frequently chop up a piece of lean mutton or beef (mince up finely) and give amongst the food; or a little tender cooked meat can be given. Personally, however, I fight shy of meat as much as possible (especially so for very young birds). I prefer boiled or stewed rabbit flesh to all other, when obtainable. Mix a good big pinch of fine grit amongst the food now and again, or about half a teaspoonful of powdered cuttlefish bone. You can give the birds a drink of plain water after each meal, if you like. If any nestling should get a touch of diarrhœa (which is unlikely if you give the cuttlefish or grit), well mix a saltspoonful of prepared chalk powder (from any good chemist) amongst a portion of the food fed to it. Repeat after an interval if it seems necessary.

Breeding Light Muling Hens.

P. McKinney.—I hope I have got your name aright. It is not easy to get "real big hens" cheaply; or to breed them cheaply. Large hens are always worth a good figure; further, the Sib (or "in") breeding tends to reduce size when carried very far. It is not easy to get big, well-built hens likely to throw light Mules, unless you know a place where you can get clear-bred Norwich Plainheads (free as possible from green blood). You should obtain a yellow Norwich cock and a buff Lancashire Plainhead hen as one pair; a buff pink-eyed Yorkshire cock (a stock bird, on the heavy side), and a yellow Norwich hen as a second pair. The young from these pairs (and the old birds, too, if desirable) should be mated afterwards to secure the best results as regards large, well-built hens, as free as possible from markings. The original stock birds should be clears, and bred from clears as far back as possible, with bold, broad heads, and plenty of "timber" generally. They will cost a decent sum, if really good in these respects. When mating up after the first year, avoid breeding with birds which have come small, or thin in head, or heavily marked (a tick, or small mark, doesn't matter), and utilise the yellow Norwich type youngsters for preference. You are pretty certain to breed a pink-eyed yellow hen from pair No. 2, and she should be paired back to her father; take care of any suitable pink-eyed yellow cocks which come from this union, and cross one or other of them into the progeny of pair No. 1. Test the hens, of course, with suitable muling Finches from time to time; and stick to those which may throw Mules with light plumage for future stock purposes.

Keeping a Tree Creeper.

Sunnyside.—The stock cage should be a large one (say, 24ins. long by 20in. high by 14 wide), and the back and sides must be lined with bark (called "virginian cork" at shops where it is sold), for the bird to run about on. Perches are not necessary, though I generally have one in my own cages. The wire front must be of half-inch gauge, not more, and the best feeding vessels are those which swing in through openings in the front rail of the cage. If the sides and top of the cage are not bark lined (the back must be), they should be lined with a thick material—such as good quality haize (glued on). For food the bird must have an insectivorous mixture of the finest quality (containing plenty of good ants' eggs) prepared in the usual way with finely grated raw carrot or minced green-food, a little minced hard-boiled egg being frequently added. Live food is essential to the bird's continued well-being—flies, aphides, wasp-grub, small scoured geutles, small (or cut-up) mealworms, live ants' eggs, and the like. Unless you can cater for the bird properly, don't attempt to keep it. If already "well on food," however, a Tree Creeper will survive the winter on a really good insectivorous mixture; mealworms should never be given at all freely once the bird is eating soft-food well. You will find much valuable information concerning the food-stuffs, etc., in our "Nutshell" booklet on the small insectivorous species.

Mating Redpolls.

A. Bain.—There does not seem much object in mating a Lesser Redpoll to a Mealy, unless you have an eye to getting house-bred Redpolls for Hybrid-breeding purposes. The progeny in themselves would not be "Hybrids" of any value. Redpolls are among the easiest of British birds to breed in captivity. As one sings and feeds the other, it is fairly certain you have a true pair. Feed them as recommended for Linnets in this issue. When breeding, you can add a little egg and biscuit, well sprinkled with maw seed, to the usual seeds given. But if you can get a free supply of shepherd's purse, cuttiug it close to the ground and throwing it to them wholesale (it swarms in summer with tiny insect life), they will rear the young without the assistance of egg, giving a little coarsely crushed sweet biscuit (damped), and maw seed only. Flowering groundsel and chickweed may also be freely given. You want to hunt out all the live food you can for them. A few small mealworms, flies, smooth caterpillars, gruhs, earwigs, aphides (greenfly) off rose, etc., leaves, live ants' eggs—any and all will receive a warm welcome. About the seventh to tenth day is usually a ticklish time when rearing young British birds (and also many of the rarer Hybrids), and it is then the live food is most helpful.

Managing the Hen.

New Reader (Swansea).—The hen, when sitting, should not be given a liberal diet such as she will have when feeding the young. Still, I think it wrong to throw hens back on to an unvarying diet of canary seed; that is unnecessary, and, I think, even harmful, for they must have "fuel" to supply the necessary bodily heat. When incubating the eggs, put only plain canary seed in the hopper, but give on alternate days in the egg drawer a tiny half-teaspoonful of egg bread sprinkled with maw seed (one day) and a half-teaspoonful of mixed hemp and summer rape (the next day). When the young are due to hatch, I give the hen, to feed with, plenty of canary and summer rape seeds and lightly cracked hemp seed, with a little shelled sunflower and maw seeds. I offer ripe seeding green foods, such as chickweed and shepherd's-purse, freely—but strip off all coarse leaves. If you cannot get this, give young lettuce and watercress leaves—but not freely until the youngsters are three or four days old. She may also relish a little soaked (just sprouting) rape. I don't use scalded rape; only that just soaked in cold water, frequently changed. Don't give these things all at the same time, but offer them at various periods through the day—nothing like variety to induce hens to "pack" their babies. Egg bread, made by well mixing an equal quantity of crushed Osborne biscuits (or equal quantity of stale bread crumbs, just dusted over with fine castor sugar), with a minced hard-boiled (twelve minutes) egg, must, of course, also be freely offered. Any hen worth her salt will rear fine, lusty young on this menu.

Bullie Anxious to Nest.

New Reader (Swindon).—It is a little early, true, but I have known of many instances where Bullie hens have wanted to nest in February. They vary as much in taste, so far as nesting sites, nesting materials, etc., are concerned, as do Canary hens. I never interfere; it is best to let the fair sex have their own way. If you get out into the country at all, you can find dried grasses, hents, and an old Blackbird's or Greenfinch's nest (pulled to pieces), and give these to the hen Bullies. My own hen Britishers (Redpolls and Linnets in particular) are often fond of charpie, and one or two have built a fine, clean-looking, cosy nest practically entirely of it. Some use an earthenware nest pan, but the majority of hen British birds prefer wooden nest-boxes, or Roller travelling cages with the end (or top) and inside fitments removed. Some like an old Blackbird's nest to re-line, and some will lay their eggs in simply a hole made in dried grasses strewn on the cage floor. They are peculiarly variable. About the best nesting material out for hen Bullies can be made from a cheap cocoanut fibre, doormat. Unravel the fibre, and cut it into varying lengths (from one to two and a half inches). It works out very cheaply in price, and my Bullies delight to build with it. They will rear the young (or attempt to do so) I should say, for few succeed, the usual plan being to put the eggs under foster parents) on the ordinary seeds, but must have unlimited seeding shepherd's purse, groundsel, chickweed, and the like. In addition, mine also relish soft foods, and egg food, and live ants' eggs.

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Anfield, Everton C.B.S.—Mar. 12, Schoolrooms, under St. Cuthbert's Church, Robson Street, 8. "Pairing," by Geoff. Benson, Esq. Club cards, syllabus and rules, and C.B. Annuals.—R. B. Wright.

Aintree, Fazakerley F.S.—Mar. 12, Church Hall, Long Lane, 7. Members' table pair show; Mr. S. Hadwin judge. Fifteen classes provided. Members requested to make a good entry, and bring friends. Local fanciers invited. Subs., 2s. 6d. year.—J. A. Anderson.

Attercliffe C.B.S.—Mar. 14, Horse and Jockey Hotel, 8. Lecture on Norwich by Mr. Taylor; also table show for British. Judge, Mr. Welbon. Birds staged by 8 o'clock.—W. Hailstone.

Bingley O.S.—Mar. 12, Co-op. Rooms, 7.30. Important; selection of judges for season, etc.; fanciers invited.—A. Livesey.

Beamish C.B.S.—Mar. 9, Bird Inn, High Street, 7. Selection of judge for nest feather show; nomination of judges for annual show, etc.—W. Knowles.

Brighouse C.B.S.—Mar. 14, Round House Inn, 8. Annual general meeting; balance-sheet, election of officers.—F. Mitchell.

British Roller C.C.—Mar. 12, Royal Mail, Noble Street, St. Martin's-le-Grand, 8.—J. W. Norris.

Bramley O.S.—Mar. 11, Old Unicorn Hotel, 8. Judges and classification for members' shows, etc.—W. H. Steel.

Batley O.F.S.—Mar. 11, Talbot Hotel, 8. General: new members invited.—G. G. Stafford.

Bolton Roller C.S.—Mar. 12, Joiners' Arms Hotel, 8. General.—W. Massey.

Brighton and Hove C.B.A.—Mar. 13, headquarters. Table show 8.30: 1 Yorks., 2 Nor., 3 A.O.V., 4 Goldfinch, 5 Greenfinch, 6 A.O.S. Brit. Judge, Mr. H. T. Gibb. Also judging competition. 7.30 committee meeting.—W. H. Gibb, Hon. Sec.

Bermondsey and Rotherhithe F.A.—Mar. 14, 8.—J. Clark.

Birmingham (South) O.S.—Mar. 13, Sydenham Hotel, 8.30. Important; proposition on hand.—J. Sheppard.

Bolton Woods C.B.S.—Mar. 9, Victoria Hotel, 8. Dates of members' shows and classification.—M. Skirrow.

City and Suburban A.C.B.—Mar. 11, Church Institute, 60, Paddington Street, W., 8.15. "Egg-Food" competition. Decision by ballot. Intending competitors to bring necessary utensils, etc.—H. W. Dickinson.

Chester-le-Street C.B.S.—Mar. 9, Butchers' Arms, 7. Extraordinary.—J. Hedley.

City of Bradford O.S.—Postponed, owing to prize distribution at Market Tavern, at 5.45 p.m., of Amalgamated Yorks. C.B.S.—F. Rhodes.

Consett P., etc., So.—Mar. 9, Club Room, 7.30 p.m. Annual general meeting.—R. R. Walker.

Denton C.B.S.—Mar. 11, headquarters, 8. Table show; matched pairs Nor. and Yorks., 4 classes; judge, Mr. J. Mellor; birds to be staged not later than 7.45 p.m.—W. Hopwood.

Edinburgh Open O.A.—Mar. 9, Buchanan's Hotel, 114, High Street, 7.30. Election of secretary, etc.—J. R. Meikle.

East Ham F.S.—March 11, "Earl of Wakefield," Wakefield Street, 8. General meeting. Preparations for whist drive. Prizes invited. A few vacant spaces yet in handbook. Subs. now due.—H. Rutter.

Gt. Horton (Good Intent) O.S.—Mar. 16, Church Schools, Southfield Lane, 8. Will members please note alteration of meeting night owing to the Y.U.C.B.S. prize distribution.—H. Gornall.

Gt. Harwood C.B.S.—Mar. 11, Dan MacNally's, Church Street, 8. Important.—A. Bentley.

Gt. Horton O.S.—Mar. 9, Butchers' Arms, 8. Special business.—J. Holroyd.

Hetton-le-Hole C.B.S.—All meetings postponed until further notice owing to coal crisis.—A. J. Notley.

Keighley C.B.S.—Mar. 12, Black Horse Hotel, 7.30.—J. Binns.

Kent County C.B.A.—Mar. 13, Barton Road School, 8. Correspondnece and general business.—A. Hendry.

London C.B.A.—Adjourned A.G. meeting, Mar 13, Feathers, Gt. Chapel Street, S.W., 8. Balance sheet, election of officers, etc. Will members kindly return voting papers.—W. H. Mugford.

Littleborough C.B.S.—Mar. 13. Coffee House, 8. Cup rules and show business.—H. Woodhead.

Longton C.B.S.—Mar 12. Castle Inn, 7.45. Specials Prize money, Paper on rearing and breeding for the show bench, by Mr. T. Hawley; discussion on open show; elect new members; fanciers invited; subs. 3s.—G. Lea.

Lancashire C.A.—Mar. 16. Church Inn, Huddersfield Road, Oldham, 6.30. General; business, re specials and balance sheet.—J. Hampshire.

Leigh C.B.S.—Mar 13. Railway Hotel, 7.45. Paper, discussion.—R. Charleson.

Liverpool B.B.A.—Mar. 14, Oldham Hall, 8. Drawing up syllabus for ensuing year; important.—F. Eccleston.

Llanelly C.B.S.—Mar. 9. Greyhound Hotel, 7. Important; date of open show, and election of judges.—D. John.

Middlesbrough and Tees-side C.B.S.—Mar 13. Crown Hotel, 7.30. Special meeting; please attend.—A. Wake.

Motherwell N. and B.F.C.—Mar. 16. Y.M.I., 8. Annual general meeting; important.—J. Mair.

Morley C.B.S.—Mar. 19. Sycamore Hotel, 7.30. Important items for discussion.—D. Holliday.

North Manchester C.B.S.—Mar. 12. St. Stephen's Schools, Conran Street, Harpurhey, 8. Mr. T. Harrison (Altrincham) will lecture; fanciers and friends invited.—J. Davey.

Nottingham and Notts O.S.—Mar. 12. Mechanics' Institute, 8. Table show stock pairs, Nor. and Crests.—G. E. Wilkinson.

Oldham C.B.A.—Special meeting, Mar. 12. Textile Dining Rooms, Shaw Road, 8. Date F.F. show; judge; also classification, and general business; fanciers and members turn up.—J. Cope.

Pendleton and Salford O.S.—Mar. 11. Irwell Castle, Lr. Brougton, 8. Question night; prize cards; new members.—Critchley and Metcalfe.

Queens Park C.B.A.—Mar. 14. Emmanuel Hall, 8. Lecture by Mr. J. Robson; pairing and breeding; visitors welcome.—W. J. Lethbridge, Junr.

Rotherham C.B.S.—March 9, College Inn, 8. Special meeting for revising of rules and fixing room, etc., for annual show.—B. Bailey.

Sandy Lane C.B.A.—March 12, Victoria Hotel, 8. Election of delegates Bradford National Show.—Ratcliffe and Shaw.

Springburn Possil Park C.B.C.—March 13, 8 p.m. Monthly meeting and show. British Linnet, Mealy Redpoll, Twite, Lesser Redpoll, Bullfinch Hen, A.O.V. British Hen.—J. Waugh.

Sheffield C.B.S.—March 14, Wentworth Cafe, 8. Table show for Muling Pairs, etc.—A. Hobson.

Stockport B.F.A.—March 12, Boar's Head Hotel, 8. Rules and printing.—W. Stafford.

Swansea C.B.A.—March 12, Market Coffee Tavern, 8. Table show: Linnet, Goldfinch, Greenfinch, Bullfinch Hen, Siskin, etc. A.O.V. Hen, field and house-moulted classes. Judge, Mr. H. Jenkins.—S. H. George.

Skipton C.B.S.—March 11, Globe Coffee Tavern, 8. Ordinary business. Paper by our President (Mr. J. Miller), "Breeding of Cinnamon-marked Birds."—E. Gill.

South London Col. and F.A.—March 14, headquarters, 8. General meeting.—G. F. Crawford.

Wakefield O.S.—The usual meeting will not be held on 9th inst, owing to the Y.U. annual dinner.—J. Isherwood.

West Bromwich C.B.S.—March 12, Dartmouth Hotel, 8. Balance-sheet. Pair show. Pay out prize money.—W. G. Andrews.

Wallsend C.B.A.—March 13, Station Hotel, 7.30. Show, judges; letters from Fancy Press; Subs.—J. M. Macdonald.

Wigan C.B.S.—March 13, Legs of Man Hotel, 7.30. Arrange for Young Show.—H. Young.

Windhill C.B.S.—March 16, Blue Bell Hotel, 8. Lecture by Mr. S. Dean (Gt. Horton). Subject: "Advice to Novices on Birds and Breeding." Fanciers invited.—Taylor and Gunn.

Wood Green F.F.A.—March 12, Brook Hall, Mayes Road, 8.30. Lecture by Mr. T. Coleby on "Breeding and Management." Fanciers invited.—A. Willson.

York C.B.S.—March 11, headquarters, 7.45. Members' show, Brit. and For. only. Please try and be present; important business.—H. Sayles.

Prize Distribution of Yorks. Societies.—March 9, Market Tavern, Godwin Street, Bradford. Annual tea and prize distribution of the combined Yorks. societies. Tea at 4.30; social evening at 6. Price of tea 1/3 per head. Social evening free. Hearty invitation to all, ladies included. Secretaries of Specialist clubs meet at 2.30 to arrange prizes.—H. Hill.

Yorks County B.B. and M.C.—March 9, Market Tavern, 8.30. Election of new officers. Balance sheet and prize distribution; new secretary.—J. Lane.

GENERAL.

Answered by THE EDITOR.

IN SURREY (C.M.).—The close season in Surrey extends from Jan. 31 to Aug. 31, inclusive. Many birds, including the Goldfinch, are protected all the year round. The Bullfinch is not. Catching on Sundays is entirely prohibited, except in a few parishes. You will find it cheaper and better to buy either a good quality ready-made paint or washable sanitary distemper; the latter stands high in favour with bird breeders.

THE KING OR BIRDS (Annie Baker).—We have given this story before.

GLASS COVER FOR TABLE LEG (W.W.E.).—We are afraid this notion would not be found practicable by the vast majority of our readers.

A LETTER (R. Plows).—We return our thanks for your kindly remarks. Good luck to your society.

ILLUSTRATED IDEAS (T. Pearson, jun.; John Barker; A. Snape; —. Smith (Norton); D. Thornton).—We have already published ideas very similar to the ones you send us.

PRESS CUTTINGS (J. Baker, T. Jones, R.T., T.W., and others).—We thank you for the newspaper cuttings you have kindly forwarded us.

TIMELY HINTS (W. Bennett).—The matter on your postcard does not come within the province of our "Timely Hints" competition. It is just the relation of an interesting experience.

A RECIPE, ETC. (Inventive).—You will find it much more satisfactory (and cheaper) to buy a quick-drying hard ebony varnish, or stain. The cost is trifling, even when a large number of cages require attention. A wood ventilator will answer your purpose just as well as one made of tin.

FALKIRK GOOD INTENT C.B.A. (W. Clarkson).—We have duly noted your remarks.

PINE SAWDUST (J. A. Pearce).—You can obtain coarse-cut pine sawdust at any saw-mills, large cabinet works, and the like. It is very cheap. It has been advertised in our columns, but we have been unable to locate the advertisement. Keep your eye on the appliances column during the next few weeks.

Through a Bird-Room Window.

By the Rev. C. D. FARRAR.

This charming contribution upon the Black Bulbul is No. 21 of the New Series by this popular author and well-known aviculturist.

I BELIEVE that some of my readers, and I must say it is most awfully nice of them to say so—are seriously alarmed lest these articles should come to an end. Let me assure them, by a little apologue, that at any rate that day is as yet far distant. An inspector went to visit an old lady of nearly ninety years. She told him she did not know how her husband would do without his reading. "The Bible," she went on "that's first." "Certainly," was the pleased rejoinder, "and close to it come the murders from the papers. He dew love them." Somewhat disconcerted the speaker passed to the door. "You don't fare to think," she whispered in a tone of deep anxiety, having evidently misread his expression, "them murders is likely to come to an end; I don't know what he would . . ." "Oh no, there is no cause for alarm on that score," came the quick reply. "Good-night." I hope this little story will reassure the timid ones!

Give Your Friends a Treat.

If ever a rare bird comes into the market, you should always advise one of your friends to buy it; much on the same principle that all wise men are bankers, because it is easier to play with other people's money than with your own. Failing a victim, there is only one other course open, you must sacrifice yourself on the altar of avicultural duty. I had to adopt the latter course, when some years ago I was offered some Black Bulbuls.

The Black Bulbuls would have been in perfect sympathy with the Irishman who was fined £5 in some English town by an unsympathetic Sassenach bench, and who exclaimed on hearing the sentence, "Begorra, but wait till I get yez in Limerick where fighting is cheap"; I will back him for his fighting weight for any long odds against any bird I know, bar a Shamah or a Dhyal.

I am afraid that is the present case. I can't ask you to bind round both your arms this phylactery from the mantelshelf of an aged artist. "I have had a great deal of trouble in my life, and most of it—never happened." On the contrary I have had a lot of trouble in my avicultural experiences, and most of it has come off.

Of the iniquities of these Bulbuls I could write currente calamo, but I dare not do it, for I feel like the fat old gentleman in India, who remained in the plains because he was sensible that in the hills he might roll and go on rolling until he rolled out of the world altogether. I have so much material that I dare not cut the wire which holds the bale together. One or two straws, however, may be pulled out without disturbing the heap.

Which Were the Culprits?

One morning I found a very rare African Sparrow, whose name I could never discover, dead on the floor; a morning or two after a little Bibfinch hen scrambled across the floor with a broken wing. I wondered at first what had caused the damage. The Black Bulbuls were the biggest occupants of the aviary, and next to them came a pair of African Song Sparrows. I wondered which were the culprits. I found out quite by accident. I caught the Song Sparrows and put them into an outdoor aviary. Then I netted the Bulbuls. When I took hold of the first one, I had seldom received a more hearty grip of the beak than he gave me, and I said to myself: Now I can understand how the Bibfinch felt when you got hold of her wing. I promptly caged the pair of sinners and subsequently placed them in a big outdoor aviary by themselves.

I don't think the cock ever thought much of his better half. I fancy he would have fully sympathised with the clergyman who introduced his wife to the Bishop thusly: "A poor thing, my lord, but mine own!" At any rate there never seemed that perfect confidence between them which one feels ought to exist between husband and wife.

I fancy the unpleasantness arose over food. Bulbuls are inordinately fond of mealworms, and of course the supply is always more or less limited, and it comes to which can gobble them up quickest. I am bound to say the hen seemed to me always to "have it," hence the strained relations between the pair. It always reminded me of the teacher who was questioning the children on the story of Elisha and the she bear. "Now my dears," said the teacher, "the bear came and devoured 42 of the children who were mocking the Prophet; what lesson do you learn from this?" "It shows, teacher," came the eager answer, "what a number of little children a gert she bear can hold." I've often been reminded of that reply as I have seen the she Bulbul bolting down mealworms.

News that Soothes One.

Now there is always something peculiarly soothing in village news. This is a village. We all love to hear which man has grown the biggest lettuce, or the most alluring cabbage, which children have let the family pig into their neighbour's garden, and with what results. It is the best possible news—always supposing that the devastated garden is not our own! In the same way aviculturists like to hear of disasters to other people. What follows, therefore, will be of a cheering nature to many of my readers.

Whenever anything unpleasant happens I am generally out, or away from home, and my youngest boy, now a great big six-footer, was then only a little bit of a nipper, and he was privileged to say what other people were afraid to. Accordingly, when I come home one afternoon from visiting in the parish, he came running to meet me, and with beaming face informed me that the hen Bulbul was no more, not in as many spoken words, but by the dramatic action of putting the corpse into my hands. I suppose it was the best way; it was certainly the shortest; but still, isn't there a diplomatic way of doing such things?

"It is so Sudden."

When Sir John Gorst's Bill was doomed, the question arose at the Education headquarters as to who should break the news to the unfortunate father of the said Bill. Obviously the Duke of Devonshire's character, advantage, experience and rank, pointed him out as the proper person. So much bonhommie, etc. The Duke acceding with reluctance, strode straight, I am informed, to Sir John's room—and opening the door, jerked out, "Gorst, your d——d Bill's dead," and closing the door, departed. It is the kindest way of doing things, all the same; but as the young lady said when her lover proposed to her—"It is so sudden!"

It was a bit of a set-back; but I cheered myself by the reflection that I could probably replace my lost one, as I knew that there had been a fairly large importation of Black Bulbuls a short time before. Accordingly, I wrote off to London, making my wants known, and in about a week I had a very fair imitation of the dear departed. In fact, by the way the cock behaved, I believe he thought that the deceased had come back in bodily form. At any rate, he behaved as if he thought so; if fighting proved it. I never saw two birds fight like it. It reminded me of the Suffolk labourer, off work, at the time of the Russo-Japanese war, accosting a friend by the wayside, digging. "Oh, they're fighting be they?" pausing from his work. "Oh, yes; they're fighting like Billyo." "Are they, though?" "Well," after patiently scanning the horizon and resuming his work: "They've got a nice day for it, anyhow."

The Lady far from Blameless.

I believe the hen was quite as bad, mind you, as the cock, and the way she chased him about after a time, reminded me of the school teacher who asked her class who came after King Solomon, meaning who succeeded him, but received the very unexpected reply: "Please m'm, the Queen of Sheba!" After some days of fierce pursuit, she fairly wore him out, and I had to decently bury him. I felt very sad, but I reminded myself of the words of a minor poet:—

"Bear to be beaten, soothe the pain,
Remembering 'tis thy brother's gain.
A fool can know success is sweet;
It takes a man to hail defeat.
Lose well, and losing, win a prize
Beyond all worlds—like sunset skies."

It sounded pretty, and I was soothed.

What Black Bulbuls Are Like.

I may as well tell you what these Black Bulbuls are like. I think black is a misnomer. Did you ever hear the story of the two young ladies who were discussing the colour of the Devil, one maintaining that he was black, and the other something a little lighter. At length one of them closed the conversation, which was being a bit heated, with this crushing rejoinder: "I think, some day, dear, you will find I am right."

The head, nape and back of the neck, the chin, throat and breast are black; the breast beautifully laced with snowy white like a Birchen bantam; the ears rich glossy brown; wings blackish brown; shoulders laced with silvery white; vent, rich crimson; bill and legs black, iris brown.

In the way of food, they require the ordinary soft mixture, plenty of ripe fruit; sleepy pears and bananas are as good as anything; and plenty of mealworms, black clocks and maggots. They are very active birds and want plenty of room for exercise.

I quite think that, given a friendly pair, you might look for a nest; but I have found them very quarrelsome, and exceedingly spiteful to anything older than themselves. My experience is the same as that of Mr. Reginald Phillips, who speaks of them as far more savage than Weavers.

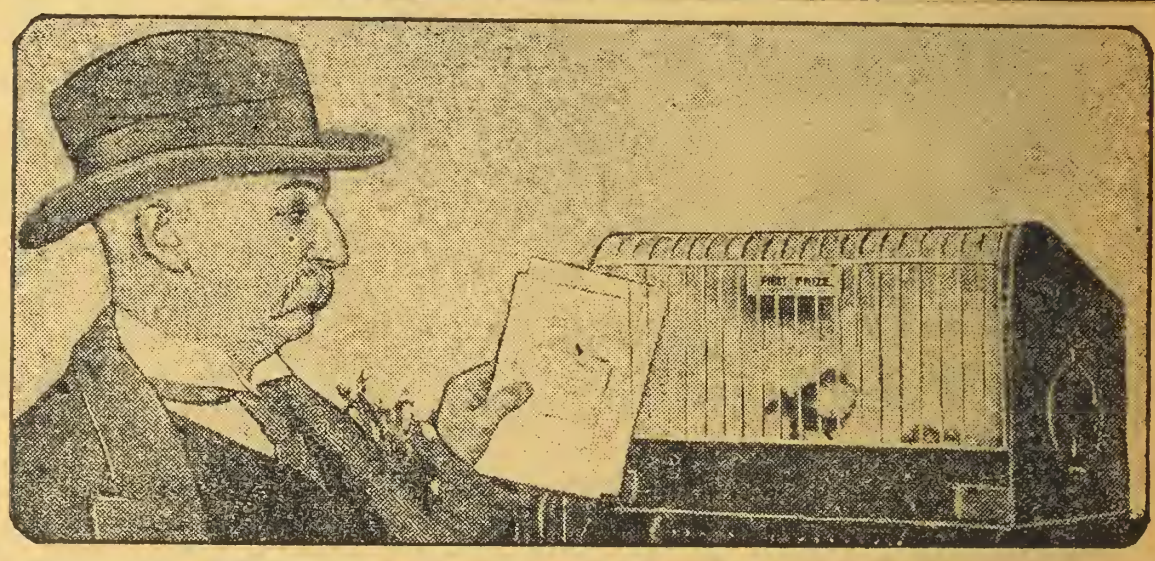
One frosty morning I went out and found my second female dead on the floor, and this quite cooled my ardour for the time; I thought of an old man I once heard of, who was going to get married, but the future wife died suddenly. He took the blow with philosophic calm, telling the Vicar, "I've been spared the marrying expenses, and that's summat. The Lord moves in a mysterious way!"

It is many years now since I have heard tell of the Black Bulbul. Still some day there will come another importation—these things come in cycles; and then somebody else will be able to have a turn, and to verify my statements.

And now I will draw to a close, or else you may say to me what the little school-girl said to her Sunday school teacher. "Why, dear, was the Eunuch glad when Philip went away?" "Becos he had gi'en over teachin' on him, miss!"

Goldfinches in New Zealand.

The sprightly Goldie was some years ago added to the birds of New Zealand, and the numbers have now increased so much that the birds have become somewhat common. But, unlike other ventures in acclimatising birds of other lands, they have not been a nuisance, nor caused damage to valuable crops. It is maybe within the bounds of probability that in the near future some of the surplus stock will be sent to the London bird markets.



A NEW-COMER TO OUR BRITISH BIRD CLASSES.

A photograph of the Dipper which won First Prize at the last Crystal Palace Show, and Mr. W. Swaysland, the Judge. This, we believe, is the first time the Dipper has been exhibited; it naturally attracted considerable attention. It was shown by Miss G. Fishburn, of Silsden.

Some Truths About the Scotch Fancy Canary.

By Thomas Smith (Glasgow).

AN erroneous notion has been circulated, chiefly by those who have not studied the matter sufficiently, that the Scotch Fancy Canary has "decayed." It may not be so plentiful as it was long ago, but its existence is as sure as ever. That they have not been so much in evidence at the shows as they once were may be due to breeders considering the small prize money offered (first 14s. or 15s.) not worth the trouble of entering the birds for.

The Scotch Fancy is a bird of position, and therefore has an attractiveness which can scarcely be claimed by any other member of the feathered tribe. He is graceful, and requires no training for exhibition; a first-class bird is by nature ready for showing almost as soon as it can stand on the perch—the cage has only to be lifted up, and there is the bird in position ready to compete with any opponent.

The bogey of long prices has disappeared, for this only served to make surplus stock a drag in the market. Some of your readers may inquire what a moderate figure is. This I put down at about four pounds per pair, which is within the reach of the average householder, and should encourage those who are thinking of taking up the hobby to go in for Scotch Fancies. They are as easily bred as any other birds, while give them a chance, and they will feed their young as well, too. The hen can best be kept right by allowing her to hatch and rear her own chicks. She is simply spoiled through laying clutch after clutch of eggs and getting "laid out" before she is little more than a year old. Breeders have been known to put up a few pairs of Scotch Fancy Canaries, load themselves with any amount of foster parents, and set themselves deliberately to get as many eggs as they can from the Scotch Fancies. Result: Not infrequently the hens are "laid out" by the middle of the season, or just when well regulated pairs are doing their best.

The Scotch Fancy Canary is a grand reproducer, and once a strain breeds winners it may go on repeating its successes for years, and maintaining the reputation of the breeder. Breeding operations have now started, though in the writer's opinion it is too early. However, that is a matter of debate. He has found the months of May, June and July far and away the most suitable period of the year for successful hatching and rearing. The young grow rapidly, and pass through the moult quickly.

Open show executives could do much more to develop the Scotch Fancy. Its breeders are men of grit and backbone, and once they take up the breeding they stick to the hobby and do not throw it aside lightly. There is good reason why the shows should endeavour to foster a deeper interest in the King of Canaries, "the Scotch Fancy," for they would get plenty of support if they worked on the right lines.

Correspondence.

The Future of the Cinnamon Canary.

Sir,—I notice that Mr. Wones praises the novice Cinnamons at the late Palace Show as the finest lot he had seen. I would appeal to the novices in this variety to become members of the Cinnamon Canary Club, as this year we are endeavouring to get novice classes on at all our patronage shows; but if the shows continue to be only supported by champions, then the variety will not be catered for as it should be. I should be pleased to receive any suggestion from fanciers of the Cinnamon whether he be a member or not. It has been mooted that we put amateur classes on, but we must have more members if this is to be done, so that we can guarantee to the show committees the classes will pay. I should be pleased to enrol new members for this year on receipt of 2s. 6d.; also I must ask members who have not paid their subs. to do so at once, as I wish to get balance sheet out. Now, Cinnamon fanciers, let us hear your views, for the betterment of your favourites.

J. W. Metcalfe, hon. sec.

68, Brunswick Road, Liverpool.

Roller Canaries at the Crystal Palace Show.

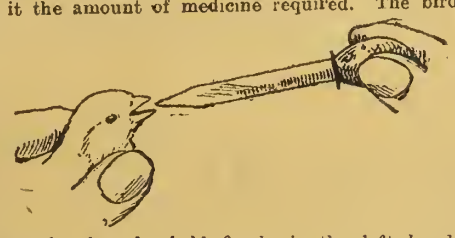
Sir,—Mr. J. W. Norris, in your issue of March 2, has made an impertinent statement, viz., that my letter to him of Feb. 17 was "bluff"—a statement he is not prepared to prove. Mr. Norris also states that "Dr. Read was asked to resign on account of his general conduct as regards the whole affair of the Palace Show." I know you, with your usual courtesy, will allow the privilege of reply. On moving to London in March, 1911, I wrote a London firm of wholesale druggists to ask their representative to call on me, and in due course Mr. J. W. Ramsden called. This was my first introduction to him. On Dec. 10, 1911, Mr. Ramsden called on me for a drug order, and after business was over, informed me that the L. aud P.O. Society intended to have Roller classes at the Crystal Palace Show, and that he was going to ask the B.R.C.C. to give its patronage. I told him I was very glad to hear this news, and that the general meeting of the B.R.C.C. was held that same evening at 8 p.m., and Mr. Ramsden said he would send an express paid letter to the club meeting place with an invitation; but, as time pressed, he would take it as a great favour if I supplemented his letter and assured the members that everything that could be done should be done for the comfort and benefit of the Rollers. It gave me pleasure to do as Mr. Ramsden requested, but I am sorry to say my efforts were unavailing. On reaching home that night I wrote an advertisement, which appeared in Dec., 1911, stating I expected, amongst other places, future wins at the Crystal Palace. I also soon after wrote the hon. sec. of the P.R.C.C., of which club I am a member (the B.R.C.C. having refused patronage) asking them to give their patronage. When Mr. Norris' "open letter" appeared I forwarded it to Mr. Ramsden, and also shortly after the B.R.C.C. balance sheet, and, despite all, entered birds in two classes at the Palace. My general conduct has been perfectly open, and was based on my belief in Mr. Ramsden's word, and I conscientiously believe I have acted throughout in the best interests of the Roller fraternity.

Arnold E Read.

Giving Medicine to Birds.

A Fountain Pen Filler Recommended.

Sir,—In many cases a difficulty is experienced in giving birds medicine, but the following way will be found perfectly simple and easy. First obtain a fountain pen filler and draw up into it the amount of medicine required. The bird



should then be held firmly in the left hand, and with a little manœuvring the end of the filler can be inserted in the bird's mouth, when the bulb should be gently squeezed. It is essential to see that the end of the syringe is not broken, otherwise a cut mouth may result.

H. Beckett.

Whitby Fanciers "Get a Move On."

Sir,—Whitby fanciers are making a move to bring themselves once more to the front ranks of the Fancy. In the early days the ancient town of Whitby was known to a good many of us, and many are the special prizes which have been won there, all good and useful. At the Agricultural Show to be held Thursday, Aug. 15, classes will be provided for live stock open to all. Wednesday, Nov. 27, is the date fixed for the fanciers' annual show, with open classes for cage birds, etc. It is hoped cage bird fanciers will book this fixture and help those who have proved themselves amongst the best for giving care and attention to all stock entrusted to their care. The secretary is always well backed up on every occasion.

J. G. Tomlinson.

CANARY KEEPING AND THE SPREAD OF DISEASE.

An Old and Exploded Story.

Sir,—May I be permitted the courtesy of your columns to draw attention to what I regard as an unwarranted attempt to throw odium upon bird-keepers and their splendid hobby. Although the R.S.P.C.A. is doubtless doing noble work in many directions, I take strong exception to the paragraph in their January magazine, headed "Caged Birds and Disease." It leads off: "There is little to be said in favour of keeping birds of any kind in cages," and then pleads that the least that can be done is to ensure absolute cleanliness, and declares that medical evidence labels birds as carriers of tuberculosis! I remember once reading something about a "monkey's reception" in this precious journal, and only a day or two ago I was reading in the "Penny Mag." the note by a well-known music-hall celebrity that performing monkeys' turns were dreaded by fellow-artistes, as the animals kept in dressing rooms "nearly always died of consumption." The "chirpy" report goes on to mention that one Dr. Wise (of Montreux) demonstrated some years ago that Parrots were not only consumption carriers, but in addition (I presume in their spare time) they contracted psittacosè, which, transmitted to man, produced fatal pneumonia. It boldly states that in 1892 fifty such cases were noted in Paris, and since then other but milder (cheer up, bird keepers!) epidemics have been observed. I wonder if "The Animal World" sees any connection between the increase of bird-keeping by our friends over the Channel and the recent disastrous rise in the River Seine? The paragraph also states that "frequently tuberculous infection is traced to caged birds." By whom? Qualified practitioners or those to whom "the wish is father to the thought"? But the report brings news to many fanciers, for it says "ordinarily there is a high death rate among birds living in cages, especially when there are many together." Woe is me, for I never have less than twenty birds (and foreign at that), and my losses for the past two and a half years have been three only—a Bronzewing Mannikin (heat apoplexy last summer), and two Waxbills which died in moult. Why do they die? Again "The Animal World" sage obliges, for he says: "Tuberculosis spreads among them. The ailing birds propagate the bacilli, and become a source of infection for the occupants of the house.' And not only that, Mr. Editor, but the house next door, and the whole town is in danger of infection from the selfish whim, or fiend of a bird-harbourer! My birds (and I am thankful to be able to include myself) seem to be far healthier than we appear to deserve to be! The report concludes: "When it is considered that of Canaries alone some 400,000 are sold annually in England, it will be seen that we need to keep a careful watch on the health of our feathered pets, and in this way help to protect our own." Are we, then, to infer that the great cleanliness exercised by all true fanciers is merely actuated by a craven fear of the numerous ills his pets will bring him? In the same issue is a note "regretting" the death of a stray cat which a shoeblack had befriended. I hasten to add my sincere sympathy. But does it not seem somewhat hypercritical on the part of the journal when it recollects that the cat has been proved by medical experts (English) to be a frequent carrier of diphtheria? Away, then, with cats and birds; also horned cattle, for anthrax has recently claimed victims; clear out all our good canine pals (hydrophobia); and, lest we catch glanders, let all horses "stop a bullet." Sir, I submit that if we had better housing, better conditions of work and living, adequate food, more bird-keepers, and fewer cranks, we should have much less consumption than if we killed every pet in the land.

Bernard C. Briars.

[The matters referred to by Mr. Briars were dealt with by Mr. Fulljames in his Cage Birds League columns of our issues dated Aug. 19, 1911, and Jan. 6, 1912. Dr. Wise's is an old and exploded story. Mr. Fulljames pointed out that Dr. R. H. Clarke, M.R.C.S., a pathologist of considerable eminence in his profession, and an enquirer into the diseases of birds, had stated: "Tuberculosis in cage birds is a very rare disease. I have examined microscopically hundreds of dead birds, and have never yet met with a case . . . nor known of one demonstrated by any competent observer." We believe that in the case of small birds (such as Canaries) not one single instance of true tuberculosis has ever been demonstrated. These facts were brought direct to the knowledge of the Editor of the R.S.P.C.A. magazine, but were completely ignored. It would seem that it matters naught what untruthful trash is put before its readers in the effort to bring funds into the society's coffers. A truly elevating and creditable policy!—Editor, Cage Birds.]

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The Clashing of Show Dates in Ireland.

Sir,—With reference to above, might I point out that the Y.C.B.S. of Ireland, I daresay, will take Nov. 1 and 2 (same as last year), and I would respectfully suggest Dundalk take Nov. 13 and 14, and so give fanciers in the North a chance to show who may be members of the Belfast N.C. aud Y.C.C. Their annual show is Nov. 16, and unless Dundalk hold their show on the 13th aud 14th northern fanciers will not support them with young birds that are to be shown on the 16th. At least one fancier learned a lesson last show season for after entering his birds on condition they were to be returned on the night the show closed (to be exhibited the next day), they were not returned until the following day. South Co. Dublin are takiug Nov. 28 and 29, so I think Holywood C.B.S. (Co. Down) would be justified in holding their show on Nov. 22 and 23, Lurgan on Dec. 20 and 21, and Newtownards (Co. Down) Dec. 27 and 28, and Bangor (Co. Down) Jan. 3 and 4, 1913.

Exhibitor.

The Greater (Oxeye) Tit and Its Food.

An Attempt to Breed the Species in a Cage.

Sir,—As one who has been a great lover of these birds, having successfully kept them for years, may I be allowed a few words in praise of one of the most beautifully marked of our British birds? As a show bird it is I think a picture when in good feather and condition, and quite steady. I am quite aware that you cannot steady some of them, and you may have dozens before you get good birds, but with patience and care, and with the expenditure of plenty of time and a little trouble, it can be accomplished; such at any rate has been my experience. In the first place you will say where do you get them from? They would, I admit, be rather difficult to get in towns, especially a lot to choose from. But those living in the country could do so. One season about eight years ago I took over 50 in a trap-cage. After selecting two or three good ones I released the rest. The birds I chose were fine large ones. I placed them in roomy single cages, and hung them out of doors, giving them a good large bath (they are fond of water), large pieces of suet in the cage bars to peck at, also grated cheese with plenty of hemp seed. These four things they greatly relished and did well on. I also gave them a good soft food, with spiders, flies, beetles, etc. Mealworms I gave with my fingers, which soon caused them to become steady. After a little patience they will soon come to the bars of the cage and take a mealworm from your fingers and pull it to pieces. My first experience with these birds, some thirty years ago, was to keep several together in a large cage. I soon found out that they would not agree, and wanted to kill one another; they would quarrel over the tit-bits of food. I also tried to breed with a pair of these birds in a large cage. I made a nest-box of a cigar box, and made the nests with moss, feathers, etc. The hen would go in with materials and appear to build, but I never got any eggs, so I gave up the attempt to breed them in cages. They would do so alright, I feel sure, in an aviary, given suitable food, etc.; but they could not be safely trusted with other birds. As a show bird it should, I think, be more kept than is the case now, for a good specimen is an acquisition to any British bird room.

Nimrod.

Life in the Aviary.

The Character of the Bramblefinch.

Sir,—I was pleased and surprised to see the photo of one of my aviaries last week in our favourite paper, Cage Birds. This aviary is 16ft. long, 8ft. wide, and 8ft. high at front and 6ft. back, making the roof slope to the back; the flight is 10ft., with a sliding roof; and the sleeping compartment 6ft. The seed hoppers I keep in the sleeping compartment, and water, wild seeds, and soft-bill food in the open flight, thus teaching the birds the run of the sleeping compartment. I have noticed from time to time a lot of criticism of our handsome feathered pet, the Bramblefinch. I can say I have had over 200 of these birds in my possession, and have never had a "night howler" or "sleep disturber," as this bird is called. I have six now in this aviary, along with Goldies, Chaffinch, Greenies, Siskin, Redpoll, Twite, Linnets, Hedge Sparrows, and all the Tits, Bullfinches, Snow, Corn, Reed, and Yellow Buntings. Yellow Buntings are the most timid birds we have. I put water in the flight at about 10 p.m. every evening, and release the shutter at 5 a.m. to allow the birds to come out in the flight; and I can honestly say none of the Brambles move. It seems a shame to give these handsome birds such a bad name. This aviary was also the home of my White-winged Robin with amber bill and my Green Hedge Sparrow. The Robin has since gone to a dear friend, Mr. Halgh, of Leeds, a very keen fancier. I am pleased to say I made his acquaintance through your valuable paper, which I wish every success.

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CORRESPONDENCE.

(Continued from overleaf.)

Linnet Singing at Pontefract.

Sir,—I should like to see the secretary of the Pontefract and District Linnet Club give a correct account of their weekly singing. I for one am very interested in Linnet singing, and do not like to get my Cage Birds and read things that are not accurate. Last week this secretary gives us a list of names and the times done, and the latter are incorrect. The winner did not do half the time. He told one of those present that it might get a lot of people to go to hear the birds. Even then they will only come away disappointed; and, again, what about the new members? They will say it is no use me going, for my birds cannot do 80 or 90. So I think the best way would be for a correct account to be printed.

Fair Play.

A Remarkable Homing Goldfinch

Stays Out All Night!

Sir,—I have a Goldfinch which is very tame and used to flying about the house. One day just before last Christmas the door was left open, and I was very much upset to see my pet fly away "in the clouds," and never expected to see him again. I have another Goldfinch, and this was hanging outside. Fancy my surprise when going to fetch it in at night to see my old bird sitting on the fence! I put his cage out, and he flew straight into it. Since then I have let him out quite thirty times. He has stayed away for two single nights, returning in the morning for a feed. He generally stays away all day, returning late in the afternoon, when he will fly through the open window into his cage. I might say this was a fresh-caught bird when I had it eighteen months ago. My friends and I have watched it fly over to Norton Common, which is quite close to where I am living.

A. Allsopp.

Letchworth.

Birds of My Early Days.

Sir,—I was born a fancier. A least, I always think so. My early home was situated in the midst of a twenty-acre meadow, where the joyous songs of the birds were ever ringing in the ears, where the rippling of the streams hard by now and again scintillating in the summer sunshine was to be seen, where the lowing of the cattle and the bleating of the woolbearers constituted a "harmonious pandemonium." My first recollections of thiugs birdy was of a Robin which came in through the window and persisted in making a nest in the larder. I was then only three. Of course, such outrageous conduct could not be tolerated. My childish pleadings on the Robin's behalf doubtless saved it from (as far as the nest was concerned) a violent extermination. But there it remained until my domestic pets were augmented in number by a kitten, which, although small, would evince a keen desire of a more personal knowledge of ornithology by licking its lips and showing an unmistakable regard for the Robins. They also, doubtless, thought that actions spoke louder than words, and decided to rest elsewhere. Once I caught a young Sparrow and decided to rear it. I had no cage, and protection being necessary I overcame that difficulty. Being interrogated as to what had become of my bird I reluctantly had to disclose its whereabouts. Imagine my parents' consternation when they discovered the bird in my father's best Sunday "tile," surmounted by a copy of Shakespeare as a lid! But alas! my feline friend, which had been scouting from somewhere, apparently took a fancy to it, from a utilitarian standpoint. Nevertheless, as I enlarged in physical proportions so did my zoological collection. My parents looked on with no small alarm and trepidation at my rapidly increasing impedimenta No harmonious cantata was ever sweeter to me than the chorus of my birds on a summer morning, each straining his larynx to arouse me to provide an earlier meal. "Bon jour,' I chuckled through the keyhole, and so uncontrollable were my feelings of delight that I often indulged in a little fandango on the floor, and virtually shook hands with the door knob on seeing so many of the survivals of the fittest. In one corner was a big fat Hawk that winked his eye. Then there was a lusty Thrush that almost swallowed my finger to his tail end; then a sombre coloured Starling that raised his wings and shook his whole corporation in producing churlish sounds that plainly indicated his dissatisfaction at the commissariat; and another, a cheeky Jackdaw, that helped himself to all and sundry—kept the Sabbath and everything else he could lay hold of.

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Special No. 4 at Launceston Show.

Sir,—In answer to Messrs. Rosser and Son's letter of last week, I quite understand they won special for best bird in show, but not for best entered before Nov. 21. All birds entered after the above date do not compete for this special (No. 4). The entries were extended until Nov. 25 first post. The special I asked Messrs. Rosser and Son about was for the best entered before Nov. 21, and not for best in show.

T. H. Boundy.

P.S.—I am sending you schedule of Launceston Show, in which you will see two specials offered—one for best in show, the other for best entered before Nov. 21. Kindly see who is right.

[We have examined the schedule sent, but find there is only one 10s. special offered, viz., for best bird entered before Nov. 21. At the same time there is some excuse for Mr. Boundy's error, as this special (No. 4) is repeated in the list of special prizes as No. 39, which reads: "10s. cash (see Special No. 4)." But no mention of No. 39 is made in the section devoted to the cage bird classification.—Editor.]

How Canary-Bullfinch Hybrids are Bred.

The Career of a Six-year-old Hen Bullfinch.

Sir,—In my aviary I bred three Canary-Bullfinch Hybrids from a Buff Yorkshire cock Canary and a hen Bullfinch. Their food consisted of two parts Canary seed and one each of hemp and rape; also young shoots from hawthorn bushes. About the beginning of May the hen Bullfinch started to build her nest of small twigs and horse-hair and cocoa-matting. She laid a clutch of eggs, sitting the full time out. One egg, being fertile, was put under a hen Canary, which forsook the youngster after three days. The hen Bullie went to nest again, building a nice nest and laying a clutch of four eggs, which were left to her to incubate. In thirteen days two young Hybrids were hatched. The hen Bullfinch and her mate reared them successfully on mixed seed and egg food and green fly, and they turned out to be two strong young cock birds, winning a good many prizes on the show bench. The same hen Bullfinch was paired to a large yellow Norwich cock the following season. She built about six nests and laid, but all the eggs proved unfertile. Two Canary eggs were put under the hen Bullfinch; she hatched and reared one nice cock bird. Last season she was paired to a cock Linnet, laying and building as usual, and having one fertile egg, which failed to hatch. She has got through the moult, and is still a lively bird, this being her sixth year. I think this must be a record for a hen Bullfinch.

A Lover of Hybrids.

Alleged Unfair Treatment at Wellington (Salop) Show.

Sir,—I read a letter in your last issue from Mr. Fred Archer alleging that he has been treated unfairly at Wellington Show. Will you kindly state that this is Wellington (Salop) as it may do our show (Wellington, Somerset) harm.

C. Norman and S. Parker,
Secs., the Wellington (Somerset) Show.

The Crested Canary Club and Its Closed Ring Scheme.

Sir,—Several members have intimated their intention of at once adopting the closed ring, without the question being definitely settled by a vote of the full membership. I have already been requested to forward 500 to various applicants. Considerable difficulty has been experienced in procuring a close enamel ring, but I am expecting samples in a few days, and in the meantime shall be glad to know if any other breeders of the variety would care to order any, in which case I shall be obliged if he will notify me of the quantity required. I also hope to have the year and number printed on each ring. If these efforts prove unsatisfactory, the present applicants desire me to forward the ordinary aluminium rings. I purpose keeping a record of all rings distributed for future reference. One specimen of the new and up-to-date show cage is just to hand, and I am awaiting others for comparison.

John Tyson.

Hon. Secretary, C.C.C.

Amongst the Wild Birds of Canada.

The Interesting Experiences of a Fancier "Out West."

Sir,—Canada, with the vast expanse of territory extending from the Atlantic to the Pacific, in the South to the United States, in the North to the solitude and silence of "the great lone land," and the arctic ocean, has many visitors of the bird world. We have all heard of the Canadian wild goose, "the prairie chicken," and the wild ducks. Many of the waterfowl are only seen (in any numbers) in certain seasons of the year. Away in the frozen North there grows a small shrub with berries. Now, when these become ripe the birds have a grand harvest. They eat their fill till the heavy snow and frost come; the berries lie hidden under tons of this white mantle of snow. But these visitors, like most of the bird world, have the natural instinct "to clear out" on the first signs of snow; therefore, in the fall of the year—the autumn—they are seen passing over Canada in great numbers—thousands of wild ducks, Canadian geese, and other large waterfowl. These afford grand sport to the Canadian sportsman, and also a welcome change to the bill of fare of the Canadian farmer, as they are easily shot in the rivers, and marshes. Now in the spring the natural instinct of these birds tells them of the happy time in store for them in the far North, and again they take wing and leave their eastern and southern homes. On arriving at their destination they find tons upon tons of the lucious berries in grand condition waiting for them. The berries have been kept in sound condition by the frost; they have practically been in a cold storage for the winter, and as the sun gains power and the snow melts, the berries are laid bare—a welcome repast for the winged travellers. But it is not the wild goose or the large birds that I propose to write about, but about the smaller songsters that I have met with in Canada. Now the long Canadian summer is a thing of delight. The air is warm and dry, the days are long, and sunshine reigns supreme. "Old Sol" gets his rights here, and is not "under a cloud." In the spring time thousands of birds arrive from the Southern States and further South right back from South America. The Canary is here in all his grandeur in a wild state. No; not the miserable little green bird we hear about in penny bird books, but the gentleman in "black and gold," of the purest yellow, and having a sheen like burnished silver. His markings are black on each wing, and he has a couple of black tail feathers and sometimes a cap on the head like a Siskin's. I have never observed a pure self yellow amongst the flocks I have seen. I have only seen the green and marked specimens as stated. You will generally see them on thistles picking at the thistle heads. If you hang a tame Canary outside you will often see the wild ones alight on the cage. They breed in Canada. They are generally fairly late breeders. The young, in their nest feather, are of a dirty green colour. When I lived near Toronto some years ago, a pair of Canaries built their nest in a very tall cherry tree in our orchard. The nest was built in the top branches, so that it was impossible for anyone to see the colour of the eggs, but I managed to secure one of the young ones. This turned out to be a hen, and it moulted out a washy green. I mated it to a cock Canary (a German Roller) I had, but he paid her little attention (he was an old bird), and the eggs were unfertile. But they were exactly similar to those laid by a tame Canary. Some years later I caught a young cock as he came to make love to my hen. I put them in a breeding cage and reared two young ones. The cock was a bright yellow in colour when I caught him, but he moulted a patchy green. Other fanciers I spoke to had the same, or almost the same, results as regards the moulting. In a few instances the black markings became brown, and the yellow became less brilliant, more of a buff. These birds are much the same as small Norwich Plainheads. I have seen thousands of them on my way from Montreal to Regina; and in every instance I heard of they lost their brilliant colour after being house-moulted. They are true Canaries, and readily take to cage life. And if put in with tame Canaries they seem quite at home; but if kept in a small cage by themselves they are very wild for the first month or so. The call note of these birds is similar to that of the tame Canary, but is pitched in a higher key. They are good singers, and the song is much the same as that of our untrained tame Canary. I saw an old man in Winnipeg streets with a cageful of these birds, and he was selling them like "hot cakes" at 50 cents each. Not a big price (2s. 1d.) eh? I have also seen great numbers of Redpolls in Manitoba. They are known as Mountain Linnets, as they are seen generally about September in the greatest numbers; I fancy they are then making their way south before the winter begins. I could detect no difference between them and our British Redpoll, except that they were possibly a trifle larger and a little more brilliantly "painted" on their heads. I have never seen a Lark or a Linnet in Canada. I have seen a bird in the North-west territories that might well be called the "Canadian Lark." He is a big, bold fellow, about the size of the English Skylark. The cock has a crest or tuft of feathers on the head, splashed with red; the body is brown, marked very similarly to the Skylark's. This species build their nests on the ground. They are insectivorous. The eggs are much the same, and when I come to think the crest may be caused simply by raising the feathers on the head—in the same fashion as the Skylark does. The cock is a good singer, but "cannot hold the candle" to our English Skylark. These birds make their homes on the prairies of Western Canada. There are many birds on the prairies, and it is said that the Indians can tell the time by the song of the birds, as each bird sings mostly at certain times of the day. The most of the birds of the prairies have wild, plaintive, but sweet voices. They have none of the roundish fulness of our own sweet singer, the Linnet, nor the magnificent abandon and glorious fulness of our English Skylark as he soars in the sky, the champion of all champions. I will, with your permission, conclude my notes on another occasion.

T. Uttley.

Illustrated Ideas

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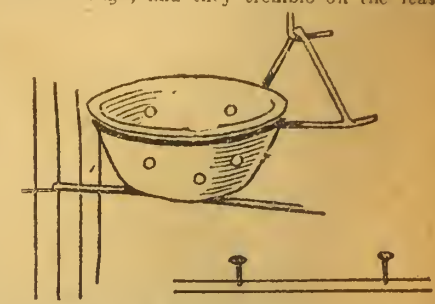
No 573.

To Make Nest Pans Steady.

Sent by Mr. J. Kershaw, Watling Stree Llanwrst, N. Wales.

I am sending you a sketch of an idea which I think simple but effective. Most fanciers are troubled about fixing the nest-pan perfectly steady, as the wire holder round them is not secure enough, and they tremble on the least



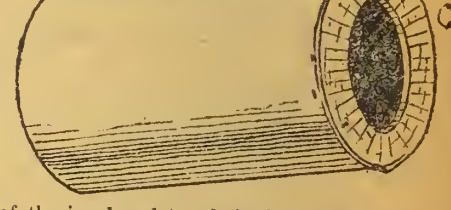
touch, which may affect the eggs. The remedy is simple. By placing a perch from centre bar of front, with the nest pan resting on it, between two nails (tin tacks will do) the nest pan becomes quite firm and steady.—J. Kershaw.

No. 574.

Seed Box and Seed Saver Combined.

Sent by Mr. A. A. Kirkland, 8, Sandyford Place, Glasgow.

I am sending you an idea for a seed box and seed saver combined. The sketch shows how an ordinary "Lemco" jar may prove useful in the aviary. "C" represents the cork



of the jar, bored to admit the bird's head. As the cork overlaps, it thus prevents waste of the seed, as the bird must draw out its head with each seed it picks up, and the seed cannot very well be knocked out.—Alex. A. Kirkland.

Concerning Natural Selection.

Some time ago a writer in the "Times of India" had an article on natural selection, and mentioning the researches of Darwin and Wallace, said that the theory of natural selection was accepted without sufficient opposition, which would have caused thinking men to look deeper into the subject. He said: "The shape and colour of birds are attributed to natural selection, and should we fail to follow the reasoning we are told it is because we are not sufficiently acquainted with the habits of the particular creature, which he considered was not a scientific argument.

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*Four Little Redbreasts.

Four Robin Redbreasts sat upon a tree,
The mother sat beside her home,
The cock sang merrily.
Then father said, "My little dears, it's time you learnt to fly."
And all the little young ones said "I'll try, I'll try, I'll try."

Sent by Edith Chambers (aged 8), 22, St. Ann's Mt., Burley Hill, Leeds.

**A Sparrow in Church.

A curious thing occurred during a severe winter in a church in Cumberland, when everybody was astonished to see a lady walk up the aisle, while a Sparrow fluttered near her hat. It appears that some artificial berries on her hat had attracted it. Nothing would induce it to leave the church. The lady at last walked out, the Sparrow following, and succeeded in sending it away.—Taken from the "Christian Herald," and sent by M. Evans (aged 15), Norwood Private School, 44, Lewis Road, Neath, Glam.

*Quite a Policeman.

An intelligent Siskin is kept in an aviary with Canaries twice his size. He keeps his companions in order with a firm hand (according to a weekly paper), and is shown respect. He refuses to have his bath first, always waiting till the Canaries have emptied it sufficiently to make it shallow enough for his comfort. He is very tame, but quite a policeman of the aviary.—Sent by H. Vinnicombe, jun., Leas Hotel, Folkestone.

The Shows.

WREXHAM AND DIST. C.B.S.

A most successful Roller singing contest held at headquarters, March 2. There was a good number of entries, and seeing that this, the first venture in this section, exceeded our expectations, it promises great things for the future. A good number of fanciers visited the show. Mr. Massey (Bolton) judged.

ADULT BIRD CLASS: 1, with 16 points, J. Evans; 2, 15, G. Percival; 3, 15, E. Dutton; vhc, J. Evans; hc, W. Morris; c, R. Roberts. YOUNG BIRD CLASS: 1, with 24 points, R. and W. Roberts; 2, 19, W. Morris; 3, 17, E. Dutton; vhc, E. Dutton; hc, J. Evans; c, G. Percival.—B. Bennett, Hon. Sec.

SOUTH SHIELDS C.B.S.

Pair show, with two British birds classes, held Mar. 2, in a beautiful room lent by Mr. Pattison at the Cyprus Hotel. Judge, Mr. L. Smith.

PAIRS for BREEDING: 1, hc, Richardson, yell. ck. and buff ben leading, rare quality, grand type, rare substance; 2, Watson, another rattling fine pair, yell. ck. and buff hen, birds of good size, col. and condition; 3, c, Sharp, again yell. ck. and buff hen, hen of beautiful type, good short wings and tail; vhc, Mather. BRIT. HARD.: 1, 2, 3, Thompson, good Greenfinch leading, fine size, col. and condition; 2nd. Linnet, large, full of markings, nice polish; 3rd, Goldfinch, grand face of sound colour, square blaze; vhc, King; hc, Barrass. SOFTBILL: 1, King, good Skylark, well shown in a brass-fronted cage.—W. L. Smith, Hon. Sec.

MATLOCK F.S.

The cage bird section held their initial table show and washing exhibition on Mar. 2nd, at Moore's Cafe, Dale Road. The room proved an ideal one for the venture; being so well lighted, it gives the 'birdies" a golden opportunity of displaying their beauty. The attendance exceeded expectations—surely an encouraging start. Entries numbered 41, and, as remarked by a member, "there was some likely stuff." The management was in the hands of Messrs. T. Boden, C. W. Lill, J. S. Cooper, T. Twigg, J. Else, R. Wragg, A. H. Slater, T. Allwood, and W. J. Dean, and right loyally they worked to bring the event to a successful issue. Judges, Messrs. Fox and Flint, of the Tideswell C.B.I.S.—two genial gentlemen who journeyed some 34 miles to render first aid to their fellow fanciers at Matlock. Their decisions were well received, and the way they handled the birds in the washing exhibition was a credit to them, and an education to all present. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded them.

MULES (not having won more than a 3rd prize): 1, sp, Drury; 2, hc, Wragg; 3, Ward; 4, Dean; res, Cooper. MULES (not having won less than a 2nd prize): 1, sp, Cooper. BRIT.: 1, sp, Cooper; 2, Gentle; 3, Wragg; 4, Morse. YORKS.: 1, sp, Shaw; 2, Morse; 3, Drury. NOR. CK., NOV.: 1, sp, Wragg; 2, Dean; 3, Lill; 4, Elsey; vhc, Dean; hc, Lill. HEN, NOVICE: 1, sp, Else; 2, 3, c, Dean; 4, Else; vhc, Wragg; hc, Lill. NOR. CK., CHAMP.: 1, sp, 2, 4, Dean; 3, Gentle; res, Lill. HEN: 1, sp, Dean. LIKELIEST PAIR FOR BREEDING: 1, sp, 3, Dean; 2, Else; 4, Lill. FOR.: 1, sp, Cooper.

I must congratulate you and your staff on the way in which Cage Birds Birthday Number was so well got up. I think it was the finest number that has been issued yet, and I have had them all from the commencement. The coloured plates are a magnificent lot, and are a credit to those who have produced them. I generally give my plates away to young fanciers, also my papers after I have read them, so that I can get them to take more to the hobby. The Cage Birds "Nutshell Series" are well worth the money they are advertised at, for the good sound information they contain. They are excellent guides for young fanciers, as well as the old.—Thos. Hy. Harrison (Warrington).

Singing Contests.

DURHAM.

Linnet sing held Black Horse, Elvet, March 2nd, when 20 birds competed. Result: 1, Bairstow (with Adams' noted "Bulldog" ; 2, Bails; 3, Heslop. Judge, Mr. R. Mills (Langley Moor).—G. Reed, Sec.

SEAHAM HARBOUR.

Linnet sing, held "Northumberland Arms," Mar. 2nd, when 26 birds competed. 1, 3, J. Briggs (Dawdon); 2, R. Elliot. Judge, Mr. G. Robson; timekeeper, Mr. T. Wilkinson.

SPENNYMOOR.

Linnet sing held March 2nd, Thinford, when 36 birds sang. Franks, 1 and 2; Barker 3. G. Gardner judged; M. Brown timed. Next sing, Kelmington, Hunwick Lane, ends March 9th.—W. Fairless, Sec.

SHEFFIELD.

Linnet sing, Royal George, Brightside Lane, March 3rd. Fourteen birds entered: 1, Thompson, 67sec.; 2, Bisley, 59; 3, Driver, 55; Booker 44; Thompson 43; Langley 38.—Contest every week-end.—A. Thompson, Sec.

KIPPAX.

Kippax and Dist. Linnet Club will hold an open sing at Commercial Hotel, March 9th. First birds hung at 3.15 p.m. prompt. Anyone wishing to join may do so by applying to me.—R. Plows, Hon. Sec., High-street, Kippax, Leeds.

WIGAN.

Wigan C.B.S. Linnet Club Secretary hopes every member will look up his contribution book, as all members who wish to sing in the club match on March 30th will have to pay all dues and demands on March 23rd at club house, Colliers' Arms, Frog-lane, Wigan.—J. Asburst, Sec.

NEWTOWN (Leeds).

Week-end Linnet contest held March 3rd before a large attendance, the largest this year. Entries numbered 23. The judges selected, our esteemed friend Harry Allen and A. Turner. Timekeeper, E. Wood. 1st, A. Butler, 2nd, P. Madden; 3rd, A. Butler; 4th, C. Lorriman.—E. Wood, Hon. Sec.

PONTEFRACT.

Contest held Woodman Inn, on March 3rd, when there was another record house. 24 birds sang (one minute spring and two bluff). 1, Britt Nelson, 67; 2, T. Shaw, 39; 3, C. Scott, 34. There will be another open sing on March 10th, when all are welcome.—J. Martin, Sec.

CASTLEFORD.

Linnet contest held March 2nd. 46 of the best birds in Yorks. sang. Winners: E. Smith, champion, 92; W. Nelson, 82; J. Kirk and E. Smith, 78 each. Also on March 3rd we had 28 birds to sing. E. Smith 1, W. Nelson 2, W. Dobson 3. Intending members must join and be clear on books one month before they can sing in our big sing at Easter.—Walter Dobson, Hon. Sec.

WESTHOUGHTON.

Linnet contest held at Horse Shoe Inn, Wingates, Mar. 2nd, for time singing. Entry 22 birds. 1, Woodward, 92 sec.; 2, Hunt, 89 sec.; 3, 4, Woodward, 79 and 50 sec. Timekeepers, Messrs. R. Crompton and W. Bradley; tappers, Messrs. J. Brown, W. Crompton; minute man, Mr. B. Wood; birdkeeper, Mr. Bamber. Social evening spent in the club-room after contest.—J. Woodward, Sec.

LEIGH.

Another contest held March 3rd, headquarters, when 26 birds entered for six prizes, and some very good singing was done. Should like all fanciers to note, we hold our affiliated contest March 9th at Globe Inn, Bradshawgate, when we will give eight good prizes. This contest is for quality and time; also note that the first draw will take place at 1.45 and commence at 2 o'clock prompt. This contest will be patronised by the following clubs: Blackburn, Wigan, Tyldesley, Salford, and Atherton, so a good entry there is sure to be.—J. McAllister, Sec.

LEEDS.

Quality singing contest for Linnets held Skinners' Arms, Buslingthorpe, March 2nd, when 19 birds sang. 1, Clark, 2, 3, shared by Ward, Chippindale, and Sellars. Also March 4th, when 27 birds competed. 1, Chippindale; 2, Ward; 3, Sellars. Judges, Messrs. Green and Sissons.—C. Clayton, Hon. Sec.

Linnet sing, held Old Bird House, King's Head, Shannon Street, March 2nd, when 16 birds sang. 1, A. Richardson; 2, 3, Stead. Judges, Messrs. Naylor and Jennings. Also March 3rd, when 32 birds faced the judges, Messrs. S. Hardcastle and Walt Naylor, who gave every satisfaction. 1, 3, J. Bland; 2, Stead; 4, H. Wigfield.—T. C. Summers, Hon. Sec.

TYLDESLEY.

Contest held Union Arms, Castle-street, 61 birds facing the judges. Winners:—Quality: 1st, T. Statham; 2nd, J. Halliwell; 3rd, J. W. Jones; 4th, J. McAllister. Time: 1st, Fairhurst, 154; 2nd, J. Poole, 112, and 3rd, 84; 4th, Layland, 71. Birds represented Leigh, Salford, Wigan, Blackburn, Atherton. After the contest a meeting was held, represented by all the affiliated clubs, to deal with members who took part in a contest other than an affiliated one. Judges: Messrs. T. Statham, J. Gibbons, W. Barnes; timekeepers, Messrs. R. Eckersley and T. Statham, jun.; tappers, Messrs. J. Evans and W. Cain; birdman, Mr. J. Halliwell. Don't forget Leigh's affiliated contest March 9th.—J. Harrison, Sec.

SALFORD.

At the Boat House Hotel, on March 3rd, before a good attendance, Mr. H. Cootes was presented with the handsome Canary cage given by Mr. J. Pearson, this being the club's special prize for the contest on Feb. 17th. All members are specially requested to attend the Leigh affiliation match on March 9th, as we are compelled to have no less than five birds. Will members notify me by postcard, Saturday morning's post, who are able to represent the club. Contest for quality only on March 10th at 7.30. Several new members are entering for special prizes and cards. Note the address.—B. Wharton, Hon. Sec., 40, Vernon-street, Gorton.

I was agreeably surprised on receiving Cage Birds of Feb.10 to find my Palace winning Linnet depicted on the front page, and more so on opening the copy to find my Hawfinch there also. I must congratulate the artist on his work, as he has caught the birds in a most natural position, and I recognised them immediately. Please accept my very best thanks for same. I also wish to thank you for telegram sent away during Crystal Palace Show, which I received at 2.30 on Friday with full results of my birds.—W. T. Burr (Chichester).

On receiving Cage Birds Annual I was very surprised and delighted to see the lovely coloured plate of the Greenfinch-Chaffinch Hybrid I reared last summer, and write to thank you very much for the honour you have conferred on it and me. On opening the Annual I was most astonished to find such a beautiful painting of the bird. Cage Birds Annual is most valuable and useful. For one thing, it gives addresses of so many people one often wants.—(Miss) Janette Reeves (Wateringbury).

Mr. Claude St. John's article in Cage Birds Annual is a splendid one for all fanciers, as the hints, or, more properly speaking, instructions on how to deal with various troubles that crop up during the season are simply splendid. I had to learn them by actual experience, as I was unaware of the existence of your publications when I started keeping and breeding birds. I now have "Our Canaries," House's "Canary Manual," "Cage Bird Hybrids," "Canary Breeding for Beginners," the two last Annuals, and am a regular reader of Cage Birds—so you see I am well assisted now, as in case of any unexpected trouble arising, I can soon turn to advice on how to deal with the same. The Crystal Palace Show Number of Cage Birds was splendid.—E. C. Smith (Plymouth).

We were very pleased indeed to see such a beautiful drawing of our clear buff and unflighted yellow Norwich cocks on the front page of Cage Birds, and we tender our very best thanks to Mr. Norman, your artist, for such a lifelike drawing, write Messrs. Jeffries and Husband (Hartforth). The buff also secured two vhc's and one hc, and commended at the Crystal Palace; the yellow also got two vhc's, one hc, and one c at the beginning of the last show season, so we consider they have both done very well, being their first seasons out. We have a good foul Green Crested cock which got 2nd York, 2nd Darlington, 2nd Guisboro', 4th Harrogate, and 4th Carlisle. We had cut the crest off and turned him in the flight, or, by what I saw at the Palace, he would have stood a good chance in the novice class.

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Club Reports.

PORTOBELLO C.B.S.

At our last meeting it was agreed to purchase a shield for competition in different sections each year. Also agreed, that entrance fee for novices be 1s., and that three classes be provided for novices, viz., one each for cock Canary, hen Canary, British house-moulted birds. Members enrolled next meeting.—J. Davidson, Sec.

FALKIRK (Good Intent) C.B.A.

Meeting held Feb. 24th, Oddfellows' Hall, Mr. J. Hunter (vice-president) in chair. Business: Nominating judges for first feather and annual shows, names to be finally decided on at the next meeting March 30th. Fanciers wishing to join please come forward; a good attendance requested.—W. Clarkson, Sec.

STOCKPORT B.F.A.

Meeting and pair show for amateurs held Boar's Head Hotel, Feb. 6th. Mr. I. W. Nelson judged. 1, J. H. Garbutt; 2, W. E. Sykes; 3, J. H. Garbutt. The judge gave a few hints on the pairs before him. He was particularly pleased, he said, with the buff Nor. cock in the winning pair. At this point Mr. McKail entered, bringing with him a recent purchase; it was a real eye-opener of a yellow Norwich cock. We decided to have a pair show at next meeting, Feb. 20th, this time for champions. Mr. Nelson again judged. 1, W. Stafford; 2, J. Potts; 3, 4, F. Hardy.—W. Stafford, Sec.

SUTTON-IN-ASHFIELD, EAST-FIELD SIDE C.B.S.

Meeting, table show, and tripe supper held at headquarters March 2nd, when 27 members sat down to a good supper provided by host and hostess (Mr. and Mrs. Bradbury), and by the way the food did the disappearing trick it must have been enjoyed. It was decided that the Crest men play the Plainhead men at Skittles previous to next meeting. A vote of sympathy was passed to Mr. S. Hawkesley on the sad loss of his wife. The birds for the table show came up fairly well considering the breeding season is close at hand (separate report in another column). We are trying for a noted bird fancier to come and give a lecture in the near future, when the Mansfield and Dist. C.B.S. will join in.—B. Rabbitass, Press Correspondent.

CHESTER C.B.S.

Meeting held Nag's Head Cocoa House, Foregate street, Feb. 27th, Mr. F. C. Parker presiding over a gathering of most enthusiastic fanciers. After the ordinary business, and new members made, the advisability of holding a F.F. show was thoroughly threshed out; it was decided to hold one. Members were pleasantly surprised by the announcement by Mr. T. H. Thompson that he would present the society with a cup to be competed for and won outright at this show. Further agreed, that it be awarded for most points gained by four nominated birds. Secretary then read a paper expressing his scheme further to popularise the society with a view of encouraging intending members. The main object of the idea was to provide four silver cups to be competed for and won outright at annual members' show, allotted to Yorks., Nor., A.O.V. Can., Brit. or For. bird, respectively; also to provide one to be competed for by novices. The idea was unanimously approved of, the members deciding to provide silver cups similar to those the secretary had on the table for their inspection. Secretary wishes to inform fanciers in the district that he will be most pleased to furnish them with any particulars with regard to the society.—R. N. Williams, Sec., 8, Cornwall Street.

LANCASHIRE & LIZARD F.A.

General meeting held March 2nd, Church Inn, Oldham, an extra good muster of members turning up from Oldham, Glossop, Manchester, Shaw, Hazel Grove, Rawtenstall, etc. Balance sheet passed, showing income £7, expenditure £3 18s. 8d., balance in hand £3 6s. 4d., which, according to rule, will be apportioned in specials, to winners and runners-up, in each section. Officers elected: President, Mr. J. Garner; Vice-presidents, Messrs. J. Vickers, E. Fuller, N. Stansfield, A. Bosworth, W. Ridgard, and J. Hampshire; Committee, Messrs. H. Oliver, J. Laycock, H. Laycock, W. P. Barnes, J. Dewsnap, E. Ollerenshaw, A. Hoxdern, T. H. Collinge, B. Salway, A. Martin, C. Bosworth, J. Oldham, W. Whipp, F. Hanier, E. Thompson, J. White, J. Lee; Treasurer, Mr. J. Swalwell; Hon. Sec., Mr. J. Rukin, 44, Hall Carr Road, Rawtenstall, Lancs. Decided, that we have tea or dinner at some place yet to be fixed in Manchester, on April 15th. Prizes and specials won to be presented at same. Will all members try and keep this date open so that we can have a good turn up, and a good time. Members' wives and friends will be cordially invited, as we have found that our better halves, et., give a fillip that is otherwise lacking. Lancashire and Lizard fanciers are invited to become members; yearly subscription 4s. Members are reminded that subs are due. Next meeting to discuss proposed tea, also suggestions as to nature of specials won, Old Boar's Head, Manchester, March 23rd, at 8.30.—J. Rukin, Hon. Sec.

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WEST FIFE C.B. LEAGUE.

Meeting held 2nd March. There was a poor attendance of delegates. The following officials appointed for ensuing year: President, Mr. J. Stenhouse (Kelty); Vice-presidents, Messrs. P. McCue (Lochgelly), J. Anderson (Kelty); Treasurer, Mr. J. Rankine, Dunfermline; Secretary, Mr. J. R. Reid, Cowdenbeath. Owing to Mr. Reid's absence, I took his duties for the evening.—A. Dickson.

NORTH MANCHESTER C.B.S.

On Feb. 27th, Mr. W. Robinson (Ardwick) kindly gave a washing demonstration at headquarters, before 26 members and friends. He washed four birds in his usual careful way and gave some very useful hints. He was asked quite a number of questions, which he readily answered. Mr. Clarke proposed a vote of thanks to Mr. Robinson for his very able demonstration; seconded by Mr. Pike. While the birds were drying, it was decided to elect officials: Mr. J. Robinson, President; Mr. Kenyon, Treasurer; Mr. A. Colley, Assistant Sec.; and all members appointed on Committee. Suggested, to put either a cup or a gold medal up for competition this season at our two shows.—J. Davey, Hon. Sec.

HEBDEN BRIDGE C.B.F.A.

Annual general meeting held Feb. 27th, Lello's Dining Room, Market Street, Mr. J. H. Harrison presiding over a good attendance. Officers elected: President, S. H. Jefferys; Vice-President, Mr. T. Judson; Secretary, Mr. A. Roberts; Treasurer, Mr. W. P. Simpson; Auditors, Messrs. J. T. Greenwood and W. E. King; Yorkshire Union Delegate, Mr. A. Roberts. The books show the society to be in a flourishing condition, all members working peacefully together. After the business, members sat down to an excellent pie supper, provided by Mrs. Lello, which was thoroughly appreciated by all, the members being afterwards entertained with selections on the gramophone by Mr. F. Nutter.—A. Roberts, Sec.

HALIFAX O.S.

Annual meeting held Plummet Line Hotel, Mar. 2nd, Mr. Ross presiding over a good attendance. Balance sheet passed as satisfactory. The series of shows for the past year has been a success. Messrs. Burdekin Bros. win special for most points in champions; in novices, Mr. H. Clegg wins 1st, Mr. A. Tinkler 2nd, and Mr. E. Saville 3rd. Election of officers: President, Mr. T. Pilling; vice-presidents, Messrs. J. Mottram, S. Haigh, and J. J. Dunn; Mr. Harry Clegg secretary, with Mr. F. Burdekin assistant; auditors, Messrs. F. Armstrong and J. Robertshaw; delegates to Yorks. Union, Messrs. F. Burdekin, H. W. Walsh, and F. Townsend; Committee, Messrs. H. W. Ball, S. Haigh, F. Townsend, F. Burdekin, H. W. Walsh, P. Child, and J. Burdekin; Steward, Mr. W. Wild. Two new members enrolled.—H. Clegg, Sec.

OLDHAM AND DISTRICT C.B.A.

On Feb. 27th our lecture on the Roller Canary was given at headquarters, and, as I previously announced, we had a very capable man on the spot, as Mr. A. Foulds (of Roller fame) paid us a flying visit, and gave us a lecture in a "rough and ready manner," which I am sure interested not only Roller fanciers but fanciers of other varieties as well. Afterwards Messrs. J. Schofield and Leach gave us their ideas on the Roller Canary. We had a good attendance, no doubt to witness the contest as announced, but we could not hold same—not because we were short of birds, but because there was not time for them to be judged; had they been judged it would have been giving neither the judges nor the birds fair play. I am hoping to begin enrolling more members for this branch of our society. My best thanks go to all members of the Provincial Roller C.C. for their kind information, and also for their promise to assist us in any venture we may be making. So, Roller fanciers, rally up and get your shoulders to the wheel. Mr. Hampshire announced that at our next meeting we should be electing judge for first feather show, also fixing of date and classification.—Jas. Cope Hon. Sec.

HEMSWORTH C.B.S.

First annual tea and prize distribution held King's Head Hotel, on Feb. 28th, when 32 fanciers and friends and wives sat down to a splendid knife and fork tea. A concert had been arranged, and in the absence of the President (Thos. Tait, Esq.), Mr. A. Taylor (Vice-president) took the chair. In a brief speech he outlined the work of the Society since its formation in February last. Songs were sung by Messrs. T. Wood, J. Swift, and Rushworth. The Chairman then called on Mr. Rushworth to present the prizes to winners: J. Edmondson and Son (Bradford), W. Lee, gold medal each for equal first in the challenge cup competition; J. Hall, novice challenge cup and gold medal, also a case of carvers, and H. Ramsden, silver medal, for runner up in novice cup competition. He congratulated each winner. More songs were rendered, by Messrs. Halsall, Merritt, and Rushworth. Our President came later. Mr. Taylor moved a vote of thanks to Mr. Tait for his many acts of generosity to the society. He gave a splendid challenge cup valued at £10 10s., also a case of carvers, and other specials, besides allowing us the use of the room. Mr. Gillings seconded.—J. W. Gillings, Hon Sec.

NORTHERN CREST CLUB.

Annual meeting held Station Cafe, Sunderland, 28th February. Mr. T. Robson presided. The Secretary presented balance sheet for 1911, which shows a slight increase compared with the previous year. Following gentlemen elected to office: F. Ford Maling, Esq., President; F. W. Barnett, Esq., W. F. Swan, Esq., T. Robson, Esq., A. Lister, Esq., B. W. Dixon, Esq., T. C. Crawhall, Esq., and W. J. Taylor, Esq., Vice-presidents; T. Robson, Esq., Chairman; T. Taylor, Esq., Vice-chairman; Committee, Messrs. W. F. Swan, J. Farrar, J. Riseborough, R. Armstrong, R. W. Moke, T. Taylor, G. Dobson, R. S. Bewick, J. M. Macdonald, and J. W. Conlin. Following new members elected: Messrs. J. Morrison (Newcastle), E. Hugill, G. Charlton, L. Richardson (of Shildon), A. J. Smith (Erdington), and F. Ramsay (Croxdale Colliery). Resolved, that in future shows receiving patronage of this club must provide 5 classes for Crests and Crestbreds, viz: Crested ck., ditto hen; C.B. ck., ditto hen; yell. Crest, yell. C.B.; current year Crest and ditto C.B. Also decided, that we hold an open Crested Canary show at Newcastle on the 1st January, 1913, when our cups and medals will be judged for. It was suggested that we invite the other Northern specialist clubs to join us in this venture to try and make New Year's Day a little more interesting for North Country fanciers. Each club to control its own section, and the gate money to be equally divided after expenses had been paid. Correspondence for our patronage, and the arranging of a standard for the club were left over until next meeting. Members who have tickets for social will oblige by returning unsold ones to me at an early date, so as to enable me to make the necessary arrangements.—J. G. Hutchinson, Hon. Secretary.

KETTERING AND DIST. C.B.S.

Meeting held at Headquarters, Rifle Band Club, March 4th, when several new members joined. I have been elected secretary in place of Mr. J. Roberts, and all letters should be addressed to me. After discussion of general business a table show was held, Mr. A. Underwood and W. Fairey kindly acting as judges. Chief winners—Mules: Mr. Martin. Pairs matched for Mealing: Messrs. Usher, Jervis and Lewis. Hybrid breeding: Messrs. Martin and Haddon. British: Messrs. Jervis and Lewis, Martin and Haddon.—A. Martin, Sec.

BRIGHOUSE AND DIST. C.B.S.

At our last meeting, held at Round House Inn on Feb. 29, under the presidency of Mr. A. Dearden, a pair show of Yorkshires was held; and it proved a very successful event. There was a good entry and a good turn up of friends. Mr. T. Bentley (Cleckheaton) judged, and afterwards opened the discussion, which was taken part in by practically all present. Several new members were enrolled. Principal winners: Messrs. E. Tattersall, J. Naylor, J. E. Hargreaves, A. Dearden, H. Stake.—F. Mitchell, Sec.

CREWE O.S.

An interesting gathering took place at the Angel Hotel on Feb. 27, when a number of presentations were made to members. The proceedings took the form of a smoking concert, a capital programme being sustained. Mr. P. Victor Williams presided over a good attendance, including Messrs. J. W. Lawson, F. E. Cooper, H. Latham, H. Greenwood, A. Elks, H. Taylor, J. Heaton, J. Grocott, W. Cooper, E. Smith, G. Bolshaw, W. Hughes, E. Morgan, A. West, E. Jaycott (secretary) and others. The chairman's handsome challenge cup was presented to Mr. J. W. Lawson, who was also awarded the championship medal for most points. Others to receive medals were Messrs. F. E. Cooper (runner up), S. Potts (third), Greenwood (novice champion), and E. Jaycott (second novice champion). The president warmly congratulated the recipients, and spoke of the progress the society was making. He also paid a warm compliment to the secretary. Those who contributed towards the entertainment were G. Bolshaw (tenor), E. Jaycott (bass), H. Scoffin (humorist), Wesley Hughes (tenor), J. Grocott (bass), P. Victor Williams, E. Smith (pianist), and C. Andrews (banjo). The presentation closed with a vote of thanks to the President (Mr. P. Victor Williams), one of the best and most successful exhibitors of the year.

SCOTTISH METROPOLITAN (Open Derby) O.A.

The Executive have now sent out the new membership tickets for 1912, numbering 564. Fanciers whose addresses we may not have known, and who will not have received a ticket, can, by application to any of the under noted, secure a copy per return. We invite exhibitors to make a careful perusal of the rules, etc., from which it will be seen that it is a profitable speculation to become a member of this Association. Look at our past results since the "Old Met." became an open Derby in the year 1908. Our roll of membership shows up well—178, 183, 182, 184, and our prize money for the same periods in each class—28s. 4d., 25s., 28s. 4d., and 25s. More than that, according to rule 2, every member is permitted to enter ten exhibits for the very small annual payment of 3s. We extend to every Scotch Fancy and Belgian exhibitor a cordial invitation to join, so that the Executive and Committee may have their anticipations realised by beating all past records. Taken all over, the past year was a somewhat precarious one for these sections, and we are determined, as far as we can, to stay this backward step and make 1912 a year of considerable advancement. For, after all, they are the "National birds," and their position must be maintained. New members: Messrs. W. Beattie (Dundee), A. Leslie (Thornton), H. White (Glasgow), C. R. Drysdale, J. B. Kerr, G. Stewart, A. T. Dunsmuir, J. R. Meikle (Edinburgh).—C. R. Drysdale, Esq., Hon. President; W. Thornton, Esq., Hon. Vice-president; J. R. Meikle, Secretary, 57, Lothian Road, Edinburgh.

WIMBLEDON C.B.S.

Two innovations were made at the annual meeting, held at Johnston's Restaurant, 6, The Broadway, on Mar. 4th, one being the holding of a social in an interval between the business, during which light refreshments were served free to members, and the other the election of two lady members to the committee. Fifty members, or thereabouts, were present. The most satisfactory feature of all was an addition of 18 to the membership, which has now reached 105. No less pleasing was the highly gratifying report and balance sheet presented by the secretary. The general account showed the handsome balance of £23 17s. 9d., the cash balance being £28 6s. 4d., and total assets £35 16s. 1d. The Chairman, Mr. W. H. Stoakley, in moving the adoption of the report and balance sheet, said that the wonderfully rapid success of the society would have been impossible but for the man at the helm—he meant their admirable secretary, Mr. H. Smith. It was to his painstaking ability and zeal, and his tactful enterprise they owed the high position they had now attained. Indeed, so much was he esteemed that the committee had authorised him to do as he did last year, and present him with a purse of gold from the funds of the Society, as a very small recognition of the services he had performed for them (applause). Mr. Smith, in acknowledging the presentation, expressed his thanks to the committee and the members for their token of appreciation, and assured them that he found much pleasure in working for the Society and in being able to present the report which had given them such satisfaction. Some slight alterations were made in the rules, and the officers were elected as follows:—President, Mr. F. J. R. Piper; vice-presidents, Messrs. C. How, J. Carson, E. J. Lamb, J. Robson, G. J. Warley, and Dr. Spencer; chairman, Mr. W. H. Stoakley; committee, Messrs. E. W. Dell, H. Dixon, A. H. Dyke, G. Griffiths, F. W. Owen, P. Rorke, E. J. Whittome and Mrs. Griffiths and Mrs. Owen; hon secretary and treasurer, Mr. H. Smith. On the motion of the Chairman it was decided to send messages of sympathy and hopes for their speedy recovery to Mrs. Thynne and Mrs. Taylor, two members, who are seriously ill. A discussion arose on a motion by Mr. E. J. Whittome as to the provision of a cup of the value of four guineas, for the purpose of a cup class formed on the principle of the Bristol bowl competition, but eventually the matter was referred to the committee to come up again at April meeting. It was announced that Messrs. Robson, Halliday and Norman had been appointed judges for the annual show in November, and that through the instrumentality of Mr. Veen, Mr. Lester would give a lecture on Roller Canaries at next monthly meeting.—H. Smith, Hon. Sec.

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GOLDFINCH mule, pure notes, 12/-; greyhound retriever bitch 15/-; exchange revolver, birds, gun; offers; approval: 55, Cowley-rd., Mortlake.

SELL or exchange 1 muling hen Canary, 1 H.M. hen Bullfinch, for H.M. cock Goldfinch, or sell 5/-: E. Spencer, Burton Salmon, South Milford.

GRAND cock Goldie and show cage, accept £1; Linnet Mule and show cage, sell £1, or exchange: T. Weedall, Fruiterer, Winsford, Cheshire.

PAIR aviary moulted Goldfinches, two pairs Bullfinches; exchange three Norwich hens or offers: Stubbs, 23b, Well-st., Winsford, Cheshire.

I will exchange high-class British for exhibition or singing purposes, for any kind of cock or hen Canaries: Fred Allen, 156, Porter-st., Hull.

TWO cock Goldfinches, house-moulted cock Linnet, full song; exchange good cock Song Thrush, full song: 11, Franche-Court-rd., Lower Tooting.

GREENFINCH cock, bred mules last year, sell 5s., or exchange large cock Goldfinch, yours first: Mr. N. Jones, 44, High-st., Abertridwr, near Cardiff.

EXCHANGE, variegated cock Blackbird, show specimen, for big Norwich pair; send Norwich: Arnold Watson, 1, Emanuel House, Ashby, Doncaster.

TWO cock Goldfinches, one hen, and pair of nets, exchange cycle tyres, Dunlop or Palmer, 28x1½, or sell: F. Lewendon, West-st., Henley-on-Thames.

TWO house moulted cock Linnets, one H.M. cock Greenfinch, one cock Linnet Mule, 5/- lot; exchange anything useful: P., 37, London-rd., Calne, Wilts.

EXCHANGE, two house-moulted cock Redpolls, two hen Greenfinches, and two hen Bullies, and a cock, for hen Canaries: Price, Velindre, Kidwelly.

WILL exchange two cock H.M. Goldfinches, two hen Greenies; one cock Linnet, steady, for one pair of large Norwich (healthy): 4, Ryedale, East Dulwich.

FIELD MOULTED Linnet, full song, 2/-; cock Bullfinch, guaranteed Piper, 4/-; cock Skylark, singing, 2/-; exchange 28 x 1¼ covers: G. Firth, Crowle, Lincs.

EXCHANGE, two singing cock Goldfinches, sure mulers, for a real roller cock, or sell 10/-: Evan Hill, 62, Colley Gate, Cradley, near Cradley Heath, Staffs.

TWO large cock Linnets, twice house-moulted, full song, beautifully pencilled, 5/- each; or exchange good Norwich: Henry Marshall, West Cowick, nr. Snaith.

NOTICE, I will exchange five house-moulted Goldfinches that have bred Mules, for any kind of Canaries: Apply to E. Hodkinson, 4, Sandy-lane, Stockport.

EXCHANGE hand-reared Thrush, also cock Blackbird, just started to sing, both for six Norwich or Yorkshire hens: Hall's Central Bird Stores, Patricroft, Manchester.

EXCHANGE three grand English Bullfinches, two cocks and hen, pair feed each other, for good pair Norwich, no rubbish; yours first, or sell 8/6: King, 19, Leslie-road, Dorking, Surrey.

NOTICE, I will exchange all kinds of British for show, muling, contest, singing, also Budgerigars, for any variety of Canarics, so send at once to Boxhead, Cheshire Aviaries, Howard-st., Stockport.

THREE hen Bullies, 2 grand cock Goldies, pair aviary-bred brown Linnets, and little cash, for pair high-class 1911 club rung Rollers; yours first; mutual approval: Bayliss, Princes-st., St. Ebbes, Oxford.

TWO exhibition Blackbirds, big winners, including 3rd Palace this year, new show cage, exhibition song Thrush, topper, exchange golf balls and little cash, or offers: Borthwick, Kidgate, Earlston, Berwickshire.

COCKS, pay cost many times when muling; two 1909 Goldfinches, reliable breeders, one perches on hand, 15/- each, twice H.M.; hybridising Goldfinch, 7/-; exchange musical instruments: Boddy, Wintonroad, Andover.

EXCHANGE, H.M. Goldfinch, Chaffinch, Bramble, Linnet, Redpoll, Twite, suitable hybrid breeding or exhibition, for two buff, 1 yellow, unflighted hens, must have length and well up on leg, or sell 30/-; approval: Walker, Holborn-rd., Schools, Victoria Docks.

Mainly Canaries.

TWO Crested hens, 7/-, or exchange Border cock, or offers: B., 126, Lee-rd., S.E.

FINE buff muling hen, 7in. long, 3/-; cock Siskin Mule, 5/-: Rudkin, Eagle Cottages, Witham.

EXCHANGE four hen Canaries for h.m. Linnet and Goldfinch; yours first: Sadler, 12, Albert-st., Stone, Staffs.

WHAT offers in Canaries for lady's gold watch, quite new, cost £4: McKeand, Seabright Villa, Castle Douglas.

FOUR unflighted Norwich hens, 5/- each, or exchange stock bird to value: Wallace, 27, Mill-st., Stafford.

YORKSHIRE green cocks, 7/6; hens, 4/-; approval; exchange anything useful: Gibson, Vernon-avenue, Nottingham.

I WILL exchange two Norwich cocks, colour-fed, for a large Crested hen; yours first: H. Pinnell, Warminster.

EXCHANGE Roller cock for two large Norwich hens or Yorkshire cock: F. Harlock, 65, Fletcher-rd., Acton Green.

CANARIES, cocks, 1 green, 6/6; 2 variegated, 5/-; clear hens, 1/6 each; approval; offers lot: Holt, Ironmonger, Bacup.

LARGE yellow cock Greenle Mule, fit to win, 12/6; exchange Norwich or Yorkshires: J. McNair, 151, George-st., Paisley.

FOUR pairs Yorkshire Canaries, 10/- pair, or exchange anything useful, for house: Hirst, 13, Church-st., Wyke, Bradford.

PAIR Yorkshires, clears; exchange Rollers, Goldfinches, house-moulted or field, sell 12/6: J. Cutler, Paddock-lane, Walsall.

WILL exchange two good Border hens for h.m. Siskin hen and Greenie hen: Allan Thomson, Academy-st., Larkhall.

EXCHANGE, buff Norwich cock for large yellow Norwich cock; mutual approval; yours first: Webb, 22, Frederic-st., Luton.

MASSIVE buff Norwich cock, 15/-; or exchange two unflighted chubby yellow hens; what offers: Batten, Rose-vear-rd., Penzance.

EXCHANGE two variegated prize bred Yorkshire cocks, 6½in., for 2 buffs or Norwich; offers: Derrick, Mayfield-rd., Worcester.

SALE: 2 Norwich hens, large aviary, 3 breeding cages, other appliances, 12/- lot; bargain: Nash, 38, Unwin-rd., Peckham, S.E.

FOR sale, two good Yorkshire hens, or exchange anything useful: Wood, 19, Hope-st., Hanley, Staffs.

SURPLUS common Canaries, exchange one pair blankets or suit length, sell 20/-: McDougall, 154, James-st., Bridgeton, Glasgow.

SELL or exchange pair of Norwich or Yorkshire Canaries for two good cock Goldfinches: MacCallum, Shoemaker, Tarbert, Lochfyne.

PRIZE-BRED Norwich Canaries; exchange for scrap brass, copper, zinc, lead, pewter, or anything useful: 61, Havelock-st., Leicester.

CRESTED hen, large, healthy 1910 bird, 10/-, or exchange yellow Norwich hen: Viles, Warstone Terrace, Handsworth, Birmingham.

GRAND yellow Greenfinch mule, winner, 15/-, or exchange large buff Norwich cock; approval; yours first: Calam, Baxtergate, Whitby.

LARGE buff Norwich cock, 10/6; exchange large yellow unflighted Norwich hen; yours first: Thomas Herbert, Headless Cross, Redditch.

BUFF, coppy hen, 4/-, buff York hen, 4/-, variegated York. hen, 4/-; approval, deposit; offers: W. Andrews, 44, Harders-rd., Peckham.

EXCHANGE yellow Yorkshire cock, he Newark open show, for long buff Yorks. cock to value: B. J. Spinks, 66, Hatton-gardens, Newark.

PAIR Norwich 8/6, pair Rollers 7/6, 16 disc records 10/-, 2 double breeders; wanted, lady back tandem, give £10: 116, Westbury Avenue, N.

CRESTED cock, Crest-bred hen, 25/-; exchange pair Norwich or Yorkshires to value; yours first: A. Pritchard, Woodham Mortimer, Maldon.

ONE Border cock, two yellow, one buff hens, splendid birds; exchange matchboards; exhibition British: Dollimore, 31, Portland-st., St. Albans.

FOR sale, large yellow Yorkshire cock, little rough in feather, 7/6; or exchange good yellow Norwich cock: Bartlett, Inveresk, Bournemouth.

CLASSICAL Yorkshires, Bailey's strain, sell or exchange scrap copper, brass, tin, anything useful: Cooper, Taylor-st., Batley, Yorkshire.

EXCHANGE good buff Norwich cock and buff variegated hen for good stock yellow Norwich cock: James Smith, 12, Bridge-st., Brechin.

TWO buffs, one yellow unflighted, Yorkshires, hens, 5/- each; exchange single breeds; approval both ways: Jobson, Commonend, Skelmanthorpe.

EXCHANGE Roller, Schoolmaster, value 20/-, for house-moulted cock Goldies, Linnets, etc.; yours first: J. Iles, 21, Colomb-st., East Greenwich.

EXCHANGE high-class Yorkshires for surplus stock of Canaries or British song birds or dog puppies: Imeson, Commercial House, Ossett, Yorkshire.

TWO cock Goldfinch Mules, 1911 bred, will exchange for Canaries, any class, what offers: R. J. Andrews, 16, Norwich-st., Monkwearmouth, Sunderland.

PAIR of exhibition Yorkshires, 25/-; buff hen, 7/6; sell or exchange, exhibition British Hawfinches preferred: Saywell, 1, St. Ann's Cottages, Nottingham.

WHAT offers in Canaries for suit length good tweed, value 25/-, or lady's dress length, value 12/6; any colours: McKeand, Seabright Villa, Castle Douglas.

WANTED offers in Canaries and British birds, cheap for cash, or exchange new pair Scotch blankets, 25/-; approval: McNairn, Merchant, Castle Douglas.

EXCHANGE 1910 Goldfinch Mule, in splendid song, for 2 clear buff Norwich Plainhead hens, 1911, must be good quality: Hart, 10, The Colonnade, Boscombe, Bournemouth.

NORWICH, one cock, two hens, yellow, 8/6; or exchange for two cold-room bred Norwich hens, one buff, one variegated: Walker, 240, Kingston-rd., Hampton Wick.

EXCHANGE large Norwich cock and hen, 1911, garden aviary-bred, value 10/6, for black and tan toy terrier dog puppy: Vowles, 63, South Esk-rd., Forest Gate, E.

BORDER Fancies, yell. green cock, two buff green hens, sell 17/6, or exchange tyres, 26in by 1¾in., and inner tubes: Walter Ramsay, East Benhar, Fauldhouse, N.B.

PAIR 1910 Norwich, good breeders, 10/6; two 1911 hens, yellow and buff, 8/-, colour-fed, Midgley's strain; wanted good brass garden syringe: Sleigh Shinton, Winslow, Bucks.

LONG yellow Yorkshire cock, full song, 3rd Nantwich (card), sell 15/6, exchange exhibition Goldfinch or Hawfinch: mutual approval: Jordan, Boot Stores, Whittington, Salop.

YOUNG hen Canaries, Norwich and Yorkshire cross, cold-room reared, 2/6 each; also Rippingille's Albion heating stove for 6/-, or exchange: Bright, 94, Rushey-green, Catford, Kent.

NINE pairs high-class Yorkshires, including several winners (Bailey's strain), 12/6 to 25/- pair; exchange bicycle, cigars, rose trees, good suit or offers: Berry, 99, Selborne Grove, Keighley.

EXCHANGE two Yorkshire cocks for cock and two hen German Rollers, also one Yorkshire cock, for two green hen Yorkshires, yellow and buff; mutual approval: Webster, 2, Wingfield-villa, Gale, Littleborough.

Mainly Foreign.

BLUE-FRONTED Amazon and cage, good talker, seen any time; sell 65/-, or part exchange for toy Pom: John Gawith, 11, Birtwhistle-yard, Skipton.

Miscellaneous.

HALF DOZEN new table knives and forks, 4/6; exchange: Dasher, 22, Hornsey-rd., Holloway.

LADY'S silver watch, new, sell 15/-, or exchange pair Rollers: 4, Queen-st., Maidenhead, Berks.

EXCHANGE, hand camera for Norwich or Yorkshire cock: A. Cooper, High-st., Hanslope, Bucks.

EXCHANGE gent's bike for foreign birds, or sell 15/-; birds first: 4, Stannery-st., Kennington, London.

GOOD trout rod, 12ft., extra top; exchange pair good Rollers: R. Graham, Ballybrack, Dublin, Ireland.

GENT'S silver watch, exchange cock Canaries, or sell, value 12/6: C. J. Coochey, 74, Victoria-rd., Surbiton.

TOY Yorkshire bitch, very low, 6lbs. weight, 25/-; exchange fowl or birds: Young, Puddlers Arms, Park Lane, Tipton.

EXCHANGE pure-bred cocker, female, for pair of good Canaries: W. Powell, 47, Thomas-st., Clonmel, co. Tipperary.

FOUR vols. of Monthly Review, will exchange for birds: A. Gould, New Pit, Norton Hill, Midsomer Norton, Bath.

EXCHANGE Crystal Palace aviary for large phonograph horn: E. Tanner, Picture Shop, Caimeross, nr. Stroud, Glos.

CAMERAS, two ½-plate, Pathe phonograph, two hollow-ground razors; cheap; offers; Canaries: Ham, Quarry, Unstone.

EXCHANGE silk and delaine blouses, underclothing, etc., for live stock, or offers: Ward, 14, Salisbury Place, London, N.E.

GOOD White Wyandotte cockerel, 7/6; or exchange anything useful: Manchip, 58, Camden-rd., Bridgwater, Somerset.

HAND reared Wood Pigeon, with cage 2ft. by 3ft., 10/6; pair of Rollers, 6/6, room wanted: Haddrell, South Godstone.

WHAT offers Canaries for 172 CAGE BIRDS, 24 coloured plates: Tweedie, 21, Glenthorn-rd., Jesmond, Newcastle-on-Tyne.

GRAND prize bred Black-red Bantam cockerel, make a winner, 15/-, or exchange Canaries: Hague, Chapel-st., Belper.

EXCHANGE cycle wheel, with Coaster hub, "Flag to Pretoria," and "After Pretoria": 90, Higher Hilligate, Stockport.

WHAT offers in double breeders and Canaries for Edison graphophone, cost £5: E. Tilson, 443, West Ferry-rd., Poplar, E.

MULING Linnets, 5/- each; splendid pair white fantails, 10/6; exchange Cinnamon hens: Pearce, 442, High-st., East Ham.

300 Hobbies', Handicrafts' designs, best offer for lot, sale or exchange: F. Clarke, 4, St. Bede's terrace, Sunderland.

EXCHANGE 45 cigars, "J. S. Murias," sold at 4d. each, for good pair Norwich Plainheads: J. Seymour, Westmead-rd., Sutton.

EXCHANGE The Sunshine gas fire, new condition, cost 21/-; exchange camera, or offers: Hall, Dewent View, Milford, Derby.

FOR sale, Fox's 30-egg incubator, 15/6, or exchange Canaries; yours first: Biggs, 40, Winchester-rd., Edmonton.

PAIR of Pigmy Pouters, cost £2, 1 pair mottled Tumblers, prize £1; offers exchange: Robinson, 9, Broad-st., Windermere.

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EXCHANGE cycle gas lamp, Lucas Aceta, Birmingham, for good yellow Norwich hen; no rubbish: Beales, Guist, Norfolk.

EXCHANGE Premo camera and outfit, for 2 house-moulted cock Goldfinches, sell 15/6; approval: Brown, 22, Alma-rd., Weymouth.

EXCHANGE guinea railway time-keeper watch for cock Mule, must be good singer: Stanley Barrah, 4, Abernant-ter., Glynneath.

EXCHANGE Dr. Macaura Vibrator, cost 40/-, for hen Canaries, toy Pom, sell 18/-: George Davis, Rutland Place, Swansea.

PEDIGREE, smooth fox terrier bitch, five months, 10/-; exchange Roller cock or Goldfinch Mule: 31, Hawthorn-rd., Altrincham.

WILL exchange 10 homers, flown 200 miles, Toft's strain, for pullets, sell 20/-; no rubbish: Grimwood, 132, New Bridge-rd., Hull.

BONNET Monkey, female, perfectly tame, three winters in England, 35/-, exchange: Godward, Minson Colonnade, Tunbridge Wells.

16 lbs. scrap brass, 145 CAGE BIRDS to date; for Norwich or breeding cages or sell; offer: Downes, 1, Mount Pleasant, Risca, Mon.

AIREDALE Terrier bitch, 4 months old, champion parents; sell 12/6; exchange Canaries: Smith, 31, Upper North-st., London, E.

EXCHANGE new three-coil spring bicycle saddle, value 7/6, for young retriever dog: Lloyd, 19, Alfred-st., Ripley, Derbyshire.

LIVER Bedlington Terrier bitch puppy, sell 15/-, or exchange two singing Canaries: Apply, Monnie, 129, Abercromby-st., Glasgow.

EXCHANGE, Crystal Palace aviary, in good condition, for breeding cage and Norwich hens: Central Repairing Depot, Sandy, Beds.

A pair of Pigmy Pouters, cost £2; one pair mottled Tumblers, price £1; offers exchange: Robinson, 9, Broad-st., Windermere.

PAIR gent's Levant Morocco slippers (sevens), 5/6; pair Bullfinches, 5/-; or exchange Canaries: R. H. Turner, 1a, Albert-rd., Oswestry.

EXCHANGE large wire cage for Yellow or Variegated Border cock; Crest hen for cock Goldfinches: T. Stuart, Kersemill, Stirling, N.B.

CAN dispose of two pairs blues and chequer dragoons, from winners; for Yorkshire Canaries; approval both ways: Patience, Romford.

EVEN-MARKED fox terrier bitch, 4 months, from genuine winners, 12/6; exchange Norwich or British: Shirley, High-st., Sutton, Keighley.

FOR sale, full size gentleman's leather bag, 12/-; exchange Yorkshire yellow hen Canaries: V. Greenwood, Guildford-st., Hebden Bridge.

BEAUTIFUL hand-made violin, powerful tone, golden varnish, unused, 18/-, cost £3; exchange cock Canaries: 2, Tidy-st., Brighton.

PEDIGREE smooth Fox Terrier dog, all white, make winner, good guard, price 25/-; exchange: Hodges, Saffron-rd., High Wycombe.

BEAUTIFUL Songster, Yorkshire, 7/6, new concertina, 8/6, and pretty little desk clock, 6/6, must sell: Munton, Spalding Marsh, Lincs.

EXCHANGE pair powerful field glasses, value 15/-, with case; offers in Norwich or Mules, cocks: B. J. Spinks, 66, Hatton Gardens, Newark.

EXCHANGE pair of gent's kid gloves, and hair brushes in case, for cock Yorkshire Canary, no rubbish: Cuming, Panfield-rd., Braintree.

EXCHANGE pair ivorine-handled carvers and pocket knife for 1 cock or 3 hen Canaries; approval: Joseph Royles, 262, Bect-st., Sheffield.

CAGE Birds, Poultry, Cavies, Rabbits and pigeons, all varieties, high-class stock only; sale or exchange: Pet Stores, 256, Bethnal Green-road, E.

TWO small pure bred Fox Terriers, 6 months, exchange birds, watch, or offers, week's approval: W. Perkins, Arthingworth, Market Harboro'.

SIX good single breeding cages, loose fronts, with fittings, 13/6, or exchange two good Roller cocks: W. Whiteside, 34, Glodwick-rd., Oldham.

GRAND Black Minorca cockerel, Fursland's strain, parents winners, 15/-, or exchange boots: J. Standerwick, Rhode Lane, Bridgwater, Somerset.

GENT'S hall marked solid silver lever watch, steel dial, capped and jewelled, perfect, sell £1; exchange: C. Barnes, Frank-st., Rochdale.

I can spare 1 or 2 sable Pomeranians; would exchange canoe, a, talking parrot, or sell reasonably, 28a, Cheetham Hill-rd., Manchester.

GOOD violin, bow, case, dozen double sided records, exchange Canaries, offers; yours first: Smith, Railway-terrace, Shield-row, Stanley, Durham.

EXCHANGE pen Black Rosecomb Bantams, Goode's strain, also pen English Game, for Norwich hen Canaries: Savage, Quarry-lane, Irvine.

FISHING rod, case, bag, pockets, books, reel, bait tin, etc., good condition; sell 6/6, or exchange yellow Norwich cock: Beck, Ashgrove, Ripon.

EXCHANGE ladies rolled gold watch, as new; Canaries or British Spaniel bitch pup, six months; what offers: 212, John Williamson-st., High Shields.

LADY'S white feather boa, 54in., long, new, exchange for Norwich hen, yellow, or sell 5/-: Harmer, Blue Bell Common, North Walsham, Norfolk.

LINCOLN and Jeffries' air gun, exchange Goldfinches, Hawfinches, Canaries; offers: A. Robinson, 9, Feckenham-rd., Headless Cross, Redditch.

EXCHANGE six ivorine-handled knives, also six teaspoons, for one cock or three hen Canaries: Stewart Marsden, 175, St. Phillips-rd., Sheffield.

SCOTCH Fancy hen, £1, one pair Borders, 5/6; six breeding cages, 22in. long, 1/9 each; exchange gold albert, anything: Low, Tannery, Cupar.

WHAT offers in exchange for Edison Standard Phonograph and 7 dozen records, in perfect condition: T. Pushman, 5, Baker-st., Brixton, S.W.

PEDIGREE Fox Terrier dog, 4 months, 12/6; exchange yellow Cinnamon Border cock or good yellow Norwich hen: Glass, Spencerfield, Hamilton.

FIELD glasses, in sling case, 15/-; approval, exchange good singing cock mules, Goldfinches, Canaries: Traveller, 25, Glendish-rd., Tottenham.

18 Coloured Plates, "Cage Birds," about ½cwt. very old books on different subjects; exchange anything useful: Salmon, Kilgerran, Pembrokeshire.

DOG leads, eight dozen, for different breeds, from, 5/- dozen, perfectly new; offers in Canaries for any size: Bunney, Whitley-st., Garnett-st., Bradford.

EGGS, champion Minorcas, guaranteed fertile, 6/- dozen; exchange for Canaries, Finches, table poultry, bantams, rabbits: Butler, Studley, Warwickshire.

PAIR hand-sewn and nailed boots, size 9; exchange hen Canaries; also pair high-class show homers, £3 or Canaries: F. Abbott, George-st., High Wycombe.

MARBLE clock, good going order, sell 25/-, or exchange for gramophone, or any fancy: A. Chaplin, 6, Gainsborough-square, Wick-rd., South Hackney.

VARIEGATED cock Goldfinch-Canary Mule, on full song, and inlaid cage; exchange violin or anything useful, sell 17/6: J. Murray, 95, Peel-st., Macclesfield.

EXCHANGE, pair Rover racing cycle wheels, 27in. by 1¼in., constrictor tyres, excellent condition, for Norwich or Yorkshire Canaries, 25/-: G. Dace, Dunmow.

MASSIVE Bull Terrier dog, 18 months, white, weight 51lbs., 21/-, worth double, approval; offers Canaries, anything: China Stores, Brotherton, Yorkshire.

TREADLE fretwork machine, exchange for Canaries, common, healthy, reasonable offer: Butcher, 2, Wellsey Villas, Ashcombe Park-rd., Weston-s.-Mare.

OVERSTOCKED with working homer cocks, will exchange for young cock Norwich Canaries, or sell 5/- each: Rushbrook, 5, Hooper's Place, Rochester, Kent.

TWO pairs high-class Seifert Roller Canaries, one H.M. Linnet, cages, etc., exchange double-barrel breech-loading gun: Pedlar, 30, South Bank, Leek, Staffs.

EXCHANGE good 24 in. free wheel cycle, all black enamelled; also B.S.A. air rifle target, with bell attachment; for Canaries; anything: Drew, Plumber, Dowlais.

BEAUTIFUL marked toy wire-haired Fox Terrier dog, 7 months, good ratter, quiet with children; 30/-, exchange: Weedall, 214, Weaver-st., Winsford, Cheshire.

HOMERS; eight rung, all flown from Bath, 145 miles; sell, 20/-; exchange birds; anything (no cards): F. Stott, 50, Lancaster-avenue, Liscard, Cheshire.

SPLENDID pair of oil paintings unframed, views Highland cattle, 30/-; set three large vases, 12/6; exchange Canaries or Toy Pom: Clark, 44, Queen-st., Peterhead.

EXCHANGE grand moulted cock Bullfinch, steel tape, 66ft., cost 26/-; new greenheart rod and reel, for Norwich or large clapnets: D. Hide, 8, Hanson st., Redcar.

BACK cycle wheel, fitted new departure coaster hub, tube and cover, 10/-; 124 "Amateur Gardeners," pigeons or cage birds: W. 2, Connaught-rd., Ealing.

EXCHANGE, a good accordeon for railway or soldier's or postman's overcoat, to suit man 5ft. 6in. or sell 10/-: W. H. Morris, Tower Hill, Cilmery, Builth Wells.

SPLENDID pair new dark tweed trousers, pure wool, 36 waist, 32 leg; exchange for two pairs Norwich, must be large: B. Soanes, 95, Bevan-st., Lowestoft.

TWO or three pairs homing pigeons for sale, Griffiths' and other good strains, 10/- pair; or will exchange for Canaries: Milward, 32, Farringdon-place, Southend-on-Sea.

GIVE 6 ivorine handled knives, pair lady's cutting-out scissors or carvers, and a perfect hollow-ground razor, for 1 cock or 2 hen Canaries: G. Boston, 71, Otley-st., Sheffield.

PAIR splendid Yorkshire Canaries, 12/6, nesting; handsome Grey and Grey Parrot, 15/-, make intelligent talker, 15/-; exchange fancy: Barlow's Aviaries, Greenwich.

SIX cross hens, good layers, 18/-; British Queen and Up-to-Date potatoes, 14lbs. 1/-; exchange; yours first: G. S. Burton, junr., Greengrocer, 94, Orchard-rd., Southsea.

EXCHANGE six good quality ivorine handle knives, good pair carvers and bread knife for two cocks or five good hen Canaries; approval: B. Turton, 15, Bottefield-st., Sheffield.

ONE pair of first class outer covers, new; also one pair of inner tubes, 28x1½, the very best, 35/-, or exchange birds from cold rooms: Davis, Adcroft-st., Trowbridge, Wilts.

500 fruiting raspberry canes, or 4 laying pullets, buff, exchange either for good Canaries, Crested, Yorkshires, Norwich, preferred; or anything useful: Longbottom, Wisbech.

THREE single breeding cages, movable fronts, 4/- the lot; fishing rod, 4 joints, brass winch, extra top, 5/-; exchange field glasses: Davis, 5, Frenchrow, St. Albans, Herts.

EXCHANGE or sell for wild birds, Canaries or anything, grand lot of Black Balls, winning strain, grand condition, cheap; deposit, approval: 59, Hyde-rd., West Gorton, Manchester.

EXCHANGE solid silver albert and badge, value 10/-, for 2 large yellow exhibition F.M. Greenfinches; must be good; mutual approval: John Waddell, Balbardie-rd., Bathgate, N.B.

EXCHANGE "Lloyds' International Library of Famous Literature," 20 vols., cost nine guineas, for good Canaries and breeding cages; no rubbish: J. Seymour, Westmead-rd., Sutton.

EXCHANGE good gents' cycle, English lever watch and a new piano-harp and case; for Norwich or Yorkshire Canaries: J. Guiena, 18, Spreadbury-st., Lightbourne-rd., Moston, Manchester.

TINSMITH'S hoil-owing hammer, 2 spanners, groovers, rivet sets, 5/3 lot; large size hanging cage 4/-; pigeon shooting trap, 4/-; exchange Canaries: Thos. Podmore, Tinsmith, Kidsgrove, Staffs.

WANTED, two large yellow or variegated Norwich hens, 1911 birds, for mule-breeding; will exchange silver English lever; maker, Benson, London: John Waddell, Balbardie-rd., Bathgate, N.B.

SOLID silver fountain pen in case, perfect condition, cost 15/6; exchange pair Norwich or Lizards to value; no rubbish, offers entertained: F. West, 17, Kimberley-st., Harle Syke, Burnley.

SPLENDID little bitch, fond of children, Pekinese and Aberdeen crossed, accept 12/6; White Rosecomb Bantam pullets, laying, sell 7/6, or exchange: T. Weedall, 84, High-st., Winsford, Cheshire.

SALE or exchange White Pom bitch, good head and carriage, 10 months old, 25/-, or exchange for two pairs of Germans, no choppers; yours first: Mr. Brooke, 40, Craven-rd., Woodhouse, Leeds.

PATHE Gramophone, good as new, cost £3, and 10 double-sided records, 15/-, sell £3, or exchange good Yorkshires and double breeders; no rubbish: Grantham, 33, Chelmer-rd., Homerton, N.E.

LADY'S gold watch, going order, 15/-; heavy silver pencil and match box, 3/6 each; exchange good Palace aviary and small foreign seedeaters; offers: Summers, 46, High-st., Feltham, Middlesex.

SALE of drapery, 32 articles, £2 10/-, consists of blankets, sheets, quilt, curtains, etc.; exchange for 6 cock or 12 hen Canaries of good quality, any breed: Exchange Co., 57, Lime-st., Sheffield.

SALE or exchange, Aviary, 5/-; pans, pots, 4/-; mandoline, 10/-; tennis bat, 2/6; plane, 5/-; ruby lamp, 2/-; for gramophone, camera, cock Linnets: H. Baughan, 95, Athenlay-rd., Peckham Rye.

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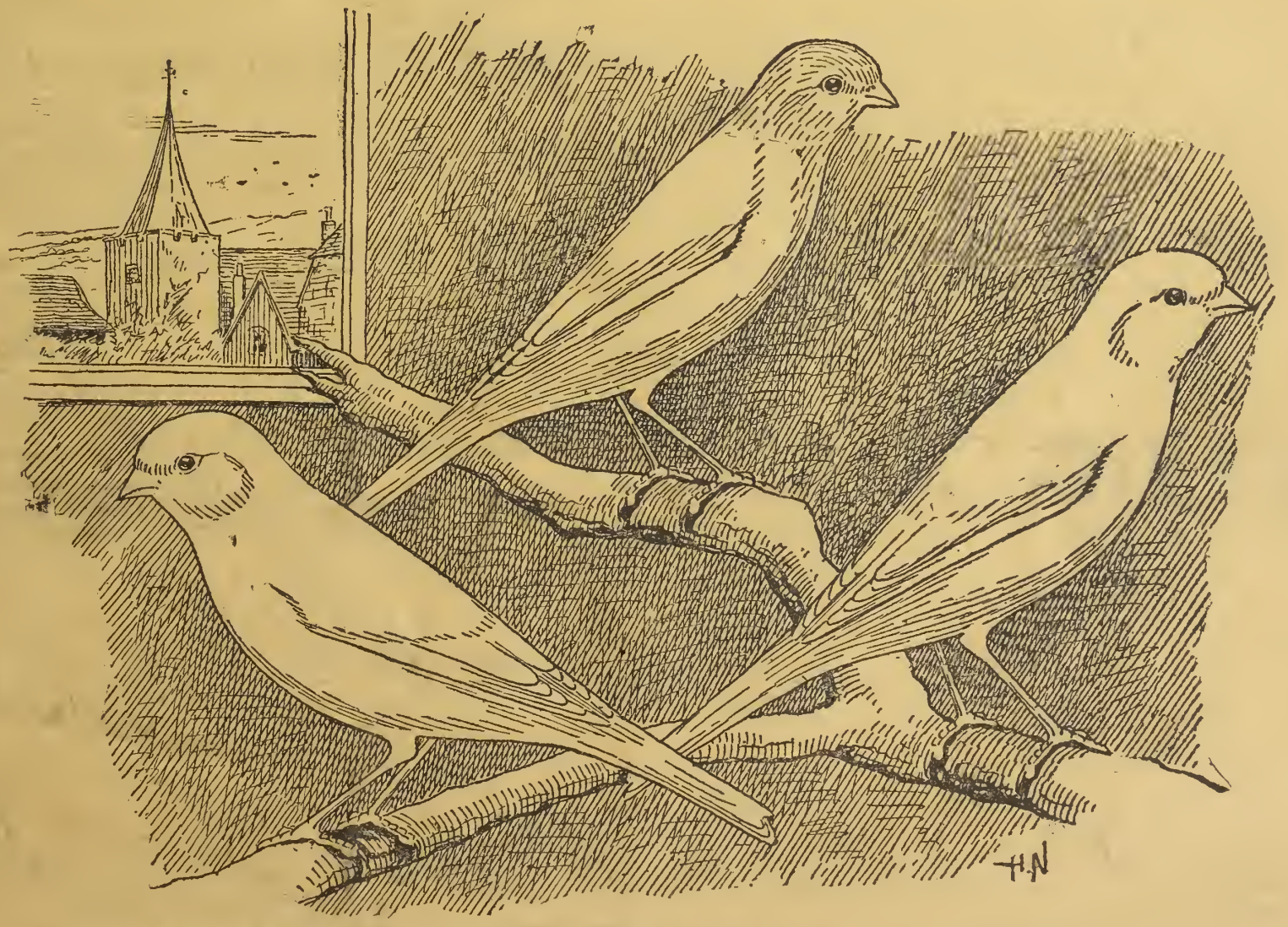

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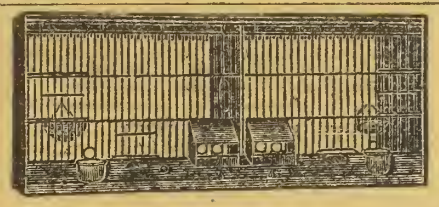

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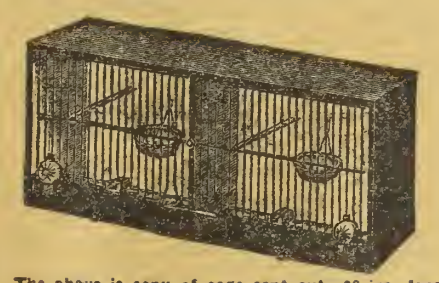

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CANARIES.

Belgians.

FOR sale, 20 high-class Belgians, same strain as my winners: Lady Verhees, Grens 56 Mortsel, Antwerp, Belgium.

TWO extra large, heavy shouldered buff cocks, 15/- each to clear; worth double; approval: Dart, Gloster-rd., Barnstaple.

SURPLUS stock young prize-bred Belgian cocks, yellows, buffs, reasonable to clear: Hugh White, 52, Parnle-st., Glasgow.

BUFF Belgian cock, 1910 bird, 1st Crystal Palace, brother, sister; winners, healthy: James, Mallagh, Best-row, Warrenpoint, Ireland.

Border Fancy.

PAIR of Green Borders, 1911. Green's strain, good birds, 7/-: Mrs. Soames, Lyncroft, Bromley, Kent.

HIGH-CLASS Borders; cocks from 5/-; hens from 2/6; all 1911 bred; approval: Wm. Poole, Frostons-rd., Workington.

YELLOW and buff green cocks, 7/6 each; winning buff hens, from 5/-; approval: Cunningham, Barclay-st., Paisley.

PRIZE Borders, 10/- pair, odd cocks from 6/6, hens 4/- each: Apply Angus McDougall, Carronvale-rd., Larbert, Stirlingshire.

EXCHANGE winning pair of Yorkshires for smart pair of Borders, or sell for £1; genuine: Wright, 127, Floyer-rd., Birmingham.

PRIZE Borders, cleare, yellows, buffs, and variegated cocks, from 5/-; hens from 3/-; all 1911 bred.—Lydl, 31, Montrose-st., Brechin.

TYPICAL Borders, yellows, buffs; cocks, 7/6; hens, 4/6 upwards; see reports L.C.B.A., Palace; approval, stamp: Blair, Postman, Kippen, Stirlingshire.

A FEW good pairs from 10/- to 15/- a pair, same strain as my winners; also a few for even mark breeding; approval: Metcalfe, 68, Brunswick-rd., Liverpool.

BORDERS; having selected pairs I have a few hens at 3/- each; also two cocks, 5/-; two large Greenfinches, 2/- each: Henry Wilson, Hill View, Station-rd., Bannockburn.

HAVING bought up a well-known Cinnamon Border breeder, I can spare some grand pairs at 15/- and 20/- a pair; also some odd cocks; approval willingly: Metcalfe, 68, Brunswick-rd., Liverpool.

AFTER selecting breeding pairs, I have a number of good typical Borders for disposal, including both sexes of clears, marked, greens, and cinnamons; cheap to clear; satisfaction guaranteed; approval: G. Scott, Mona Bank, Dumfries.

MR. R. H. SAMPSON has a few good hens remaining for disposal, including 1910 yellow hen, 1st Frome, Sale, the L.C.B.A., etc.; 1911 yellow hen, 1st, special best Border, Llanelly; 1911 buff hen, 1st Llanelly County (see Press critiques): Pontardulais, South Wales.

SPECIAL! BEFORE PURCHASING
Give me a trial, and for value I'll surprise you. Yellow cocks, 7/6, 10/6; buff cocks, 6/6, 8/6; hens, 5/-; gems, grand types, tip-top quality; Patterson's, Bennet's strains; all related to my winners; approval: Rea, Embleton, Cockermouth.

CHAMPION BORDERS
Owing to business taking up more time I must reduce my breeding stock; some splendid matched pairs from, 15/- to 40/-; also a few odd cocks and hens cheap to clear; my strain is well-known and requires no puff; approval: Patterson, Grocer, Chirnside, Berwickshire.

Cinnamons.

YELLOW Cinnamon cock, third at Horticulture show, 12/6: Oldaker, 17, Northwood-rd., Highgate, N.

LARGE unflighted buff Cinnamons, cocks, hens, Norwich type, breeding condition, from 7/-; approval, stamp: Fernie, Saudy-rd., Renfrew.

LARGE buff cinnamon cocks from 12/6; good pairs from 20/- to 60/-; clear buff Norwich hens, 7/6 each; Crested pair, 30/-; approval: J. R. Ingram, St. Ives, Hunts.

CINNAMON CRESTS.—Breeder, William Tatman, 111, Midland Road, Wellingborough.

Crests and Crestbreds.

BREEDER'S CARD.
WILLIAM TATMAN, 111, Midland Road, Wellingborough, has for disposal few good Crests and Crest-breds, yellows and buffs, cocks and hens.

YELLOW Crest-bred Norwich hen Canary, 5/6: Letall, Whittlesea.

CREST and Crest-bred, from 5/6 to 30/-: Boulter, 32, Palmerstou-rd., West Hampstead, N.W.

CHAMPION large massive Crests and Crestbreds, from 7/6 to 15/6 each, ten days' approval: W. Powick, Dewsbury.

CRESTS and Crest-bred, young, 5/- to 40/-: H. Steen, Slateford, Midlothian, N.B.; National prize breeder; approval.

NICE green Crest, 1911 cock, perfect health, well feathered, cold-room bred, 12/6: Price, 18, Amherst-rd., Bexhill-on-Sea.

FOR immediate clearance, will sell, cheap, several good young Crests and Crestbreds: J. Brotherton, 17, Park-st., Bolton.

I HAVE a few high-class Crests and Crest-breds for sale: J. Grimshaw, Thornton Gate, Rossall Beach, Cleveleys, Blackpool.

FEW good Crest and Crest-bred cocks and hens, price reasonable; state wants; approval: Pettit, 146, Moselle-avenue, Wood Green.

BARNETT'S Crests and Crest-breds; good reliable stock hens or cocks, cheap; approval: Bushell and Dewing, Wodehouse-st., Norwich.

YELLOW green Crest-bred cock, 3rd Pontypridd, 21/-; bargain; approval, cash or deposit: Muscott, 1, Boundary-terrace, Llandrindod Wells.

I buy for cash large crests and crestbreds, tenders must state full particulars and lowest price: D. McDonald, 1, Carnegie Park Gardens, Port Glasgow.

1910 evenly marked dark crested cock, 2nd Norwich, with variegated crestbred hen, good stock birds, 30/-; approval: Wm. Reeder, Swan-st., Fakenham, Norfolk.

BREEDER of Crests for 30 years; having bred scores of winners, and won hundreds of prizes, have some nice young birds for sale; prices to suit everybody; on approval: G. Williams, 50, Lower Union-st., Torquay.

GEORGE GRIFFITHS offers two or three pairs of heavy feathered crests, bred from his winners, £1 and 25/-; also odd cocks: The Yews, Merton-park, Surrey.

CRESTS and Crestbreds, best blood, can spare a few pairs and cocks, from 60/- and 30/-; state price prepared to give; stamp: Rev. G. W. Joyce, Wellington, Somerset.

CREST cock, Crest-bred hen, 25/- pair; Crest-bred hen, £1; Green Crest-bred cock, £1; variegated ditto, 30/; Crest cock, 10/-; apply: Angus McDougall, Larbert, Stirlingshire.

C. ROBERTS, breeder champion Crests and Crest-breds, can spare pairs, 20/6, 30/6, 40/6, 50/6; single cocks or hens from 12/6 each; approval: Stannah Hey, Newton-drive, Blackpool.

WELL-BRED young Crested and Crest-bred Canaries, 12/6, 10/6, 7/6; Crest-bred hens, 7/6, 5/6; large Crested hen, 15/6; approval: Miss Hacker, 1, Elsworthy-terrace, Hampstead.

SOLD all my hens; one crestbred and four crested cocks left from 10/- to 30/-, splendid value, approval anywhere if deposit, useful exchange entertained: Taylor, 17, Stanley-st., Nelson.

YELLOW Crest-bred cock, 15/-; wing-marked dark Crest cock, 15/-; nearly green Crest cock, 15/-; all bred from winners; approval, deposit: Williams, Minafon, Trefriw, North Wales.

BARGAINS; must sell to make room for breeding; one variegated Crest cock, large bird, 20 months, 15/-; three ditto, 1911, 12/6 each; good strains; approval: Payne, 3, Ormond-rd., Holloway, London.

HIGH-CLASS Crests and Crest-breds, strong, healthy; cocks, 6/6; hens, 3/6; bred from stock costing 20/- each; must be cleared within the next fortnight or will be destroyed: T. Evans, 15, Sterland-st., Chesterfield.

LOVELY pair, clear buff cock with grey crest green hen, large birds, abundant feather, Barnett's strain, 30/-, to clear; approval, deposit; six Seifert Roller hens, 15/-: Rev. Runnels-Moss, Ladywood Vicarage, Birmingham.

MASSIVE dark Crested cock, rare crest, winner, big, clear buff Crest-bred hen to match, year bred, good breeders, £3 10/- pair; variegated Crest-bred cock, big bird, good stamp, £1 5/-; 4 how-fronted show cages, as new, 2/- each: Newbigging, Clothier, Duns.

HAVING had a successful breeding time, I must reduce my stock of Crest and Crest-bred, no better blood can be bought at double price; pairs from 15/-, single birds from 7/6, on approval; deposit with Editor: Tetin, 124, Chestnut-ave., Forest Gate, Essex.

MASSIVE feathery 1911 Crestbred hen, rare size and quality of feather, only 8/6; also massive feathery 1911 dark Crested hen, exceptionally well bred, only 10/6; Barnett's Palace winning strain; genuine bargains; approval: Warminger, 28, Guernsey-rd., Norwich.

FOR sale, Crest and Crest-breds, 2 Crested cocks, 1 Crested hen, 2 Crest-bred hens; the above were bought direct from Daniel Cory last year, 14, Osborne-rd., Birkenhead; giving up on account of failing sight: on approval: John Nicolls, Mornick, Callington, Cornwall.

CHAMPION Crests, Crest-breds, grand birds, for sale; cocks or hens; 35 years breeder; judge of 100 shows; I don't exhibit now; I breed for my customers to win; advertised 25 years; sold as many winners as any fancier; reasonable approval: T. Billington, Hambleton, Poulton-le-Fylde.

MASSIVE feathery variegated dark Crest cock, grand crest, 9/-; another feathery ditto, 7/6; grand variegated Crest-bred cock, 9/6; ditto, 6/6; massive feathery variegated dark Crest hen, 9/-; ditto, gem, 5/6; massive feathery variegated Crest-bred hen, 8/6 ditto, 6/-; all large healthy birds; approval: Hatton, Aviaries, Belper.

HAVING selected my breeding stock, must dispose of following at half value to clear; monster variegated dark Crest cock, grand dense crest, 17/6; monster green ditto, perfect drooping crest, 17/-; massive feathery ditto, 12/-; monster variegated Crest-bred cock, grand broad head, 17/-; massive feathery yellow variegated ditto, 12/-; massive feathery variegated dark Crest hen, lovely crest, 15/-; massive feathery ditto, nice neat crest, 11/-; massive feathery variegated Crest-bred hen, nice broad head, 15/-; grand feathery green ditto, 11/-; all grand stock birds, from winning strain, in perfect feather; approval with pleasure: Miss Stone, Fleet, Belper.

A. FIDDAMENT, POSTMAN

has a grand lot of Crests and Crest-breds, both in cocks and hens, 1911 bred, from 7/6, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, £1; week's approval; deposit: 105, Trimity-st., Norwich.

WINNING CRESTS.

Monster variegated Crestbred cock, wonderful lash, first Birmingham, 2nd Crest Club Show, £4 4/-; large clear crested cock, 50/-; 2 ditto, 25/-, 30/-; large clear buff Crestbred cock, with wing marked dark crested hen to match, 50/- pair; variegated dark crested cock, dark cap, Crestbred hen to match, 40/- pair; several other cocks, 10/-, 15/-, 20/-; approval: T. Gilbert, 37, Craven-st., Coventry.

CRESTS. CRESTBREDS.

A. Lister, 106, Rectory-rd., Gateshead, breeder and exhibitor, can spare immense green Crested cock, 35/-; wing marked, dark Crested cocks, 12/6, 15/-, 20/-; wing marked dark Crested hens, 12/6, 15/-, 30/-, 40/; monster lightly marked Crest-bred cock, 35/; big variegated Crest-bred cock, 25/-.

Dutch Frills.

DUTCH Frill Canaries, Vulture shape, Dutch and French Canaries; catalogue free: Bernard-Blanquart, Lille, France.

Greens.

STYLISH yellow Green hen, buff Green cock, 10/6; buff Green Norwich hen, 5/-; Eastoe, 88, York-rd., Southend-on-Sea.

WANTED really good green Yorkshires; exchange printing press, £2, or cabinet of type, £2: Rev. Soames, Bromley, Kent.

FORTY Yorkshire Greens, selfs and fouls, in pairs, singles, or the whole lot; approval, deposit, stamp: H. Hughes, 6, Argyle-st. South, Birkenhead.

YORKSHIRE and Norwich, type and quality combined with colour, no better blood; approval with pleasure: Metcalfe, 68, Brunswick-rd., Liverpool.

NORWICH, Deacon's noted strain; having purchased entire stock, my winnings with same see L.C.B.A., etc.; a few grand birds to dispose of, prices from 10/-: Harding, 29a, Market-st., Wellingborough.

SELF yellow green cock and foul buff green hen, 10/- the pair; self buff green cock and foul yellow green hen, smart, 15/- the pair; extra long foul buff green cock, grand colour and feather, 12/6; extra good foul buff green hen, 7 ins. long, 10/-; special offer to make room: Samuel Dean (see Yorks.)

Lancashires.

LANCASHIRES, Plainhead cocks or hens, 10/6 each, ten days' approval: W. Powick, Dewsbury.

TWO 1911 buff P.H. Lancashire hens, 12/6 each: W. Ridgard, 8, Sussex-st., West Gorton, Manchester.

LARGE 1911 buff coppy cock, worth £4, breeding condition, 40/-; approval: Billingtou, Hambleton, Poulton-le-Fylde.

STILL have few pairs and odd cocks to sell reasonable; on approval; stamp for reply: Smith, 50, London-rd., Oldham.

WANTED large young clear yellow Lancashire Plainhead hen, bred from clears; particulars to: Hume, Ellenslea, Dunblane.

TWO massive, good fronted buff coppy cocks, 15/- each, would be cheap at 30/-; approval: Bracegirdle, 185, Hurdsfield, Macclesfield.

I HAVE a few choice young Lancashires for sale, cheap to clear; best blood obtainable: write or call: Jas. Mills, 81, Smithy-bridge, Rochdale.

LANCASHIRES; a few pairs for sale; also a few Plainhead hens, young birds, cheap to clear; or would exchange gent's cycle to value; approval, stamp: Entwistle, 234, Edenfield-rd., Rochdale.

Lizards.

FEW high-class clear capped Lizard hens, 3/6; cocks 6/6, 9/6 pair: Lees and Son, Portland-st., Newark.

GOLD and Silver cocks, 7/6 and 10/6 each; pairs, 15/-; approval: J. Green, 256, Chapel-st., Leigh, Lancs.

A few real, good Lizards for sale, best strain, extra cheap: Levi Butterworth, 593, Oldham-rd., Rochdale.

MY winners matched with hens, from 10/- pair; winning cocks from, 6/-; cold-room; approval: Hector Oliver, Glossop.

CHAMPION Lizards, bred from my Manchester Rochdale and Palace winners, hens, 6/-; cocks from 7/6; approval: Holland, Boothby-st., Macclesfield.

Norwich.

BREEDERS' CARD.

E. BAKER, 14, High Street, Cowes, I.W., Breeder and Exhibitor High-class Norwich Plainheads, winner at most big shows. Write for prices.

J. HODDER, breeder of champion Norwich, winner of championships; few nice buff hens left; cheap; approval.—6, Banner Street, St. Luke's, London. E.C.

MORE, 62, Drive, Gt. Yarmouth, good Norwich Plainheads for sale, own breeding, related many this year's prize winners.

W. READ, Chellowdene, York-road, Guildford, breeder and exhibitor of high-class Norwich; surplus stock only for sale; over 100 to select from; seen any time; from 15/6 pair; approval.

WANTED any quantity Norwich hens: Barnes' Aviaries, Merthyr.

GOOD feeding Norwich hens, 2/6 each: Miss Fox, 65, Benford-st., Leicester.

ONE pair only left; yellow cock, buff hen, 6/6: Green, 96, Alma-rd., Winton, Bournemouth.

NORWICH Plainheads, few cocks, 6/-, 7/- each: Hale, 128, Hibbert-rd., Lea Bridge-rd., Leyton.

FOR sale two pairs of high-class Norwich, 30/- pair: William Wood, 21, Franklin-st., Bridgeton, Glasgow.

CANARIES, cocks 7/-, hens 2/-, good breed (Norwich), good singers: 22, Montrell-rd., Streatham Hill.

E. GODLEY has few grand Norwich for disposal, single or pairs, also Cinnamons: Rishton, Blackburn.

NORWICH cocks from 6/6 each; hens from 3/- each: W. Gilbert, 2, Cromwell-st., Red-lane, Coventry.

NORWICH, 20 pairs at 8/- pair, cocks, full song, 6/-, hens, 3/-, each: Bolton, 105, Blackman-lane, Leeds.

FEW Norwich cocks and hens, good size, type, etc.; cheap to clear; approval: Myles, 4, Queen-st., Arbroath.

UNFLIGHTED Buff Norwich cock, hc Cleator Moor, 10/6; splendid condition: Walker, Jeweller, Cockermouth.

BUFF Norwich cock, even marked, winner two 3rds, 15/-; approval, deposit: Gibson, Fountain Brow, Kendal.

A FEW pairs of Norwich Canaries, from 7/6; hens from 2/-; ready to nest: Hollins, 51, York-st., Baker-st., W.

NOTICE, grand Norwich cocks, 3/6, cock and hen 5/6, approval: McKeand, Seabright Villa, Castle Douglas

WM. HINDMAN, 26, Sarah Ellen-st., Blackburn, has only 5 pairs for disposal, 20/- per pair, and upwards.

CAN spare several grand buff hens, 7/6, 8/6, 10/-, upwards; approval: G. C. King, 14, Ashby-st., Norwich.

GOOD bred Norwich cocks, cold room bred, 7/6, 10/6, 15/-; seen evenings: Wiliams, 560, Keppockhill-rd., Glasgow.

MORTARA, 2, South View, Winchester, has a few high class Norwich hens for sale, from 12/6; cash or deposit.

NORWICH cocks, yellow and buff, from 7/6 upwards: G. Langridge, 17, Watson-st., Newington Green, N.

COCKS in song, 7/6, hens ready to nest, 4/-; approval, deposit: White, 3, Cornwallis-grove, Edmonton.

NORWICH, 12 pairs, colour-fed, for sale cheap: J. Kirk, 21, Darebury-st., Greenhill, Cheetham Hill, Manchester.

JOHN B. CREIGHTON, Morpeth, has a large stock of Norwich Canaries to dispose of, cheap; inspection invited.

NORWICH Canaries, good class 1911 cocks, 6/-; hens, 2/6; from outdoor aviary: 42, Hornsey-lane, Highgate, N.

NORWICH prize-bred unflighted yellow cocks, buffs, 7/6; cages, etc., clearing out: Hunt, 56, Richmond-st., Gateshead.

CLEAR yellow cock, 7/6, clear buff hen, 3/-; good healthy pair, cheap: Barker, 123, King's-avenue Clapham, S.W.

BARGAIN; five pairs of Norwich, 8/6 pair; hens, 2/-, 1911, outdoor aviary, healthy: Waight, 99, Cornwall-rd., Brixton.

NORWICH, typical yellow and buff cocks, 7/6, 10/6; all my own breeding; approval, stamp: Irons, Ivy-rd., Northampton.

NORWICH buff hens, my Crystal Palace hen was claimed £2 10s.; three her equal, 30/- each: C. Silk, Emsworth, Hants.

YELLOW cock buff hen, paired, 7/- pair; 3 good hens, 5/6 the lot, clearing out: Bell, Burton-st., Melton Mowbray.

GOOD young variegated hens, 2/3 each; cocks, 6/-; exchange some for yellow hens: E. Baldock, Kildare, Hawkhurst, Kent.

HENS: 20 colour fed, cold-room, from 3/- each; or offer for the lot: Salmon, 5, Arundel-place, Barnsbury. No Sundays.

LARGE typical cocks, full song, 7/6; hens, breeding condition, 3/-, and 3/6; approval: Poore, 43, Guildford-rd., Ilford.

PRIZE-BRED ticked yellow cock, buff hen, 12/6; cocks from 5/-, hens 2/6: Eaton, Kettering-rd., Rothwell, Kettering.

FEW large Norwich cocks, from 6/6, 8/6, 10/- each; also Borders, cheap: Dawson, 30, Dunchattan-st., Dennistoun, Glasgow.

LARGE buff cock, 10/6; sound yellow cock, 12/6; yellow hen, 4/6; approval; Silk's strain: Allen, Albert-st., Wednesbury.

FOUR yellow cocks, 5 buff hens, splendid quality, cheap to clear; approval, deposit: Schneider, 72, Fairfield-rd., Winchester.

J. HOLMES, breeder of high-class Norwich: pairs bred from my winners, from 12/-; approval, stamp: 169, Fountain-bridge, Edinburgh.

FIVE 1910 cold room Norwich hens, proved breeders and feeders, 17/6 lot; cocks, 7/6 each: Terry, 200, Lordship-lane, London, S.E.

TEN pairs grand Norwich Canaries, Mackley's strain, all ready for mating, 7/6 pair to clear: Plank, Carlyle Cottage, Shepton Mallet.

TYPICAL yellow cock, 10/6; shapely buff hen, 7/-; 15/- pair; few cobby cocks, 10/- each; grandly bred: Jones, Lydgates, Lynton, Devon.

THREE large clear yellow cocks, 6/6 each; 3 buffs 6/- each; full breeding condition, good stock birds: Exton, 31, Chartley-rd., Leicester.

NORWICH for sale, bred from winners, good condition, 12/6 pair upwards, honest bargain, cheap: Woods, Wharf-terrace, Stamford.

WANTED large clean healthy Norwich Plainheads, any quantity bought for prompt cash; approval: Cooper, 29, Junction-rd., Norwich.

VAR. yellow unflighted cock, clear buff hen, 1910, 10/6 pair; unflighted yellow ticked hen, 7/6; approval: Dawson, Cobden-st., Peterborough.

CLEAR buff cocks, 8/6, 10/-; marked yellows, 7/6; grand unflighted birds; approval: Heginbotham, Railway Station, Ashby-de-la-Zouch.

NORWICH hen Canaries, 3/- each; cold-room bred; also few breeding cages; seen any time: Stock, 80, Tinto-rd., Canning Town, London, E.

FRANK POTTER can spare massive unflighted yellow, 15/-, buff 15/-, cup winning strain, worth double: Stamp, Thoresby-st., Hull.

HIGH-CLASS Norwich; two yellow cocks, 10/- each; two yellow hens, 9/6 and 10/-; unflighted; bred from my winners: Pelmer, Newby-st., Ripon.

HENS, hens; Wm. Bowyer, Gladstone-st., Leek, can spare six buff hens, well bred, healthy birds, 5/- to 7/6 each, worth double; approval.

PRIZE bred Norwich and Yorkshires, mostly colour-fed, from, 7/- pair; trade supplied; odd cocks and hens cheap: Broxup, Naturalist, Burnley.

HANDSOME Norwich cocks, grand songsters, 5/-, 5/6; hens, 2/6, 3/-; pairs, 7/-, 7/6; value unapproachable; approval: Hatton, Aviaries, Belper.

WANTED, Norwich, Yorkshire cocks and hens, colour-fed, also few good large Norwich; no rubbish: Percival, 19, Pimlico Walk, Hoxton.

STOUT typical buff Norwich hens, up for breeding; guaranteed clean, healthy, 2/6, 3/-; approval: Scott, 31, Keyham Lane, Humberstone, Leicester.

PRIZE-bred Norwich, cocks, in full song, 4/-, 5/- each; hens, same strain, 1/9, 2/6 each; satisfaction guaranteed: Heathcote's Aviaries, Leicester.

A few good large surplus yellows and buffs to clear, cheap; can be seen any time; or on approval: G. Ward, 21, Warwick-st., Pimlico, London.

FEW good buff cocks and hens, grand stock, best blood, 10/- each; must clear; room wanted: R. H. Livingstone, 35, Victoria Gardens, Rutherglen.

GRAND opportunity; clear yellow Norwich cock, variegated buff hen, both unflighted, Iron's strain, approval, 17/6: Smith, 180, High-st., Chatham.

GIVING up fancy; three pairs, two odd hens, £1 10s. the lot—seen by appointment or Saturday afternoon: Clarke, 27, Standard-rd., Hounslow.

TYPICAL Norwich hens, buffs, yellows, variegated, size, substance, quality, 7/6, 10/- each; approval willingly: Harry Smith, Connah's Quay, Chester.

ROBERTS, 39, Ossington-st., Bayswater.—Good stock: buff cock, 25/-; another, 20/-; few hens, 6/-; see reports: Queen's Park, Feb. 17th; inspection.

SURPLUS stock; a few variegated buff Norwich, bred from winners; cocks and hens, cheap to clear: Hyde, 1, Raydon-st., South Highgate, London, N.

THIRTY young healthy Norwich hens, ready to nest, buff 2/6, yellow 3/-; large buff hens, 3/6; approval: Roper, 134, Chester, Seven Kings, Essex.

HIGH CLASS Norwich cocks, 4/6, 5/-, 6/-, 7/-, 8/-; hens, 2/-, 2/6, 3/-, 4/-; not suited, money returned: Alfred Riley, Grocer, Lower Church-gate, Leicester.

GOOD Norwich cocks, in full song, 4/6, 5/-, 6/6; hens, 2/-, 3/-, 4/-; clean and healthy; cash, approval, deposit: T. Sanders, 131, Upper Conduit-st., Leicester.

TWO grand Norwich cocks, 1 ticked 1911, one yellow 1910, good large birds, 15/- each, worth double; approval, deposit: Thompson, Drapers' Lodge, Margate.

FOUR pairs typical Norwich, 12/6, 15/- pair; odd cocks from 7/6; hens from 3/6, 5/-; good class birds.—Lawrence, 8, Gartmore Gardens, Goodmayes, Essex.

GIVING up Canaries for want of time; Norwich cocks, breeding cages, other cages, etc., cheap to clear: Richards, 10, Dewhurst-rd., Shepherd's Bush Road.

EXCEPTIONALLY fine yellow cinnamon cock, good type and quality, 12/6; buff hen, good one, 5/-; approval, deposit: Williams, Minafon, Trefriw, North Wales.

FEW typical Norwich for sale, cocks 6/6, hens 3/6, in breeding condition; satisfaction guaranteed; approval, deposit: Madsen, 14, Byng-st., Millwall, London.

CAN spare yellow cock, fine big bird, 10/6; buff hen, 8/6; buff cock, 10/6; yellow hen, 8/6, as room is required: T. Weedall, 84, High-st., Winsford, Cheshire.

BUFF unflighted Norwich cock, 1st Annan, 27/6; large unflighted yellow cock, 15/-; good unflighted buff hen, 12/6; cocks from 6/-: Bell, 35, Clementina-ter., Carlisle.

SCHOFIELD, Saddler, Ipswich, bred 60 Norwich Canaries in 1911 and sold nearly out; few more good ones to part with, from winners; cocks from 10/-; hens 7/6; approval.

GREAT sacrifice, unflighted buff Norwich hen, large framed gem for shape, style, and size, 3rd L.C.B.A., accept 15/-; approval: Hawkes, Grove Green, Leytonstone.

NORWICH for sale; buff, yellow cocks, buff hens, two yellow cinnamon cocks, reasonable; cold-room bred; breeding condition: 34, Wenlock-rd., Simonside, Tyne Dock, Durham.

A. L. HAWKES has two very large, thick set, cobby Norwich cocks, yellow and buff, both have won several prizes since Christmas; sacrifice 20/- each; approval: Hawkes, Grove Green-rd., Leytonstone.

TICKED buff cock, short, thick-set, broad chest, good head, size, quality, 20/-; bred from big winner; pedigree, particulars; approval: George Notley, Kings-place, Bedford.

LARGE typical hens, from winners, lovely quality, from 6/-; grand cocks, full song, 7/6 upwards; own breeding only; approval: Miss Gwyn, Somerville, N. Avenue, Ramsgate.

LARGE yellow cock, 10/6; variegated buff hen, 6/-; clear buff, 5/-; ticked buff, 4/-; 1911 birds; exchange yellow cock for buff cock: approval: J. Green, 256, Chapel-st., Leigh, Lancs.

PRIZE-BRED Norwich Canaries, cocks, warranted in full song, 4/6, 5/6, 6/6 each; hens, same strain, 2/-, 3/-, 4/- each; satisfaction guaranteed: Fred Johnson, 22, Goswell-st., Leicester.

A. L. HAWKES is offering a few typical, short, thick set, cobby colour-fed yellows and buffs, Norwich hens, at 7/6, 10/-, 15/- each; 7 days' approval: 390, Grove Green, Leytonstone.

FOUR hens, two cocks, full song, all 1911 bred cold room, clears, perfect condition; approval; hens 2/3 each, cocks 4/6 each: S. Humphreys, 81, Halsbury-rd., Kensington, Liverpool.

TWO large 1910 buff Norwich muling hens, one unflighted yellow hen, 5/- each; 14/- the three; two cock Goldfinch Mules, in full song, 6/6 each; approval willingly: Auton Bros., Spalding.

MR. ECKERSLEY can spare a very typical unflighted, variegated buff cock, 20/- only; big yellow cock, 10/-; marked hen, 1911, 15/-; grandly bred: 51, Francis-rd., Edgbaston, Birmingham.

JNO. ALLEN, after selecting breeding stock, has several typical pairs, yellow cocks, buff hens, and buff cocks, yellow hens, all 10/6 pair; young birds given away: 4, Bonsall-st., Leicester.

T. H. MASON can spare three pairs Norwich; one pair, 20/-; two pairs, 15/-; cheap to clear, to make room for breeding; approval; exchange anything useful: 11, Victoria-square, Ella-st., Hull.

NORWICH Plainheads, clear yellow cock and buff hen, yellow hen and buff cock, 9/6 pair, or single; grand dark Crested hen, grand crest, 8/-; approval, deposit: C. Dickenson, Wells, Norfolk.

MASSIVE frame, thick set, cobby, colour-fed unflighted buff Norwich hen, winner several high honours, accept, 15/-, great sacrifice; approval: Hawkes, Grove Green-rd., Leytonstone.

C. ROBERTS, Stannah Hey, Newton-drive, Blackpool, breeder, exporter; large Bullfinch type Norwich; matched pairs, 20/6, 30/6 upwards; single cocks or hens from 10/6; state wants; approval.

COMPELLED to reduce stock owing to business; several pairs, selected for own breeding, 20/- pair; odd birds cheap to clear; splendid type and quality: Mennard, Joiner, Cemetery-rd., Holbeck, Leeds.

HENS, hens, hens: I have for disposal several monster Plainhead Norwich hens and cocks, bred from the same strain as my Palace winners: W. Neame, 13, Durnford-st., Stonehouse, Devon. Stamp reply.

WINNERS; three yellows, 1 buff Norwich cocks, 50/- lot; or exchange for large winning yellow hen, unflighted; approval both ways; yours first: no rubbish: Andrew, Whitemoor, nr. St. Austell, Cornwall.

IRON'S strain direct, best blood obtainable, properly matched pairs, only 12/6, 15/-; odd cocks, yellow, buff, 7/6, 8/6, 9/6, 10/6: strong, healthy birds; grand value; approval, deposit: Russell, Hampton-in-Arden, Warwickshire.

HIGH-CLASS Norwich cocks, in full song, 6/-, 7/6, 8/6, 10/-; hens, 3/-, 3/6, 4/-, 5/- each; pairs matched for breeding, 8/6, 9/6, 10/6, 12/-; stamp reply; money returned if not approved: Stewarts, Earthenware Stores, Surrey-st., Norwich.

GIVING up Fancy, Norwich yellow cock, buff hen, buff cock, winners, dozeu breeding cages, flight, new, nest pans, drinkers, egg drawer, four new show cages and case, 50/-; particulars, stamp: Mawdsley, Orrell Lane, Burscough, Ormskirk.

TWELVE unflighted Norwich cocks, bred from and related to yellow cock, winner of seven firsts 1910, including Newcastle, Blaydon, and Gateshead, 10/- to 15/- each; cheap to clear; approval willingly: R. G. French, Willow Tree, Newsham, Northumberland.

CHAMPION Norwich, large, with good heads, fine silky feather, 35 years breeder, judge of 100 shows, I don't exhibit; I breed for my customers; advertised 25 years; sold as many winners as any fancier in England; approval: T. Billington, Hambleton, Poulton-le-Fylde.

GRAND stout cobby buff Norwich cock, nice head, 11/-; lovely stout yellow hen, 7/6, 17/- pair; grand stout yellow cock, 10/6; stout cobby buff hen, 6/6, 16/- pair; smaller pair, 11/6; all big, bold, healthy birds, from my winners; approval with pleasure: bargains: Miss Stone, Fleet, Belper.

J. TRISTEM, winner 600 prizes, only putting up few pairs this season; offer two monster buff cocks, matched to yellow hens, 70/- per pair; bred from, and should produce champions; also unflighted buff cock, 20/-; yellow cock, 17/6; approval, stamp: 82, Winchester-rd., Brislington, Bristol.

NORWICH cocks cheap to clear; just these two left; nice typical unflighted clear yellow cock, and big 1910 buff cock, 15/- each; worth double; winning strain; see reports Liverpool, Bolton, Leigh, etc.; on approval, and guaranteed cold-room bred: W. Ordish, 31, Irvine-st., Leigh, Lancashire.

J. C. BARNES, 113, Northfield-rd., Walkley, Sheffield; well-known strain, of 20 years standing: Sheffield Challenge Cup winner (3 years in succession); having selected own breeders, can now spare few choice specimens, true to type, and full of quality and colour; cocks from 20/-, hens 10/- upwards; inspection cordially invited; approval with every pleasure; matched pairs a speciality.

AT the late Palace show several of the Norwich taking premier honours were bred from birds sold by me or bought direct from my rooms. I have proofs of this statement, no bounce. There are but few so-called champion strains that have not been built up from my great original strain; see my other adverts. under this column: Judge Silk, Whitstable.

MONSTER exhibition marked buff Norwich cock, immense size, large head and full neck, winner many prizes, only 25/-, honestly worth £3; also massive exhibition yellow cock, rare type and quality, grand depth of chest, sure winner in keenest competition, only 27/6, recently cost £3; also grand exhibition 1911 yellow hen, immense size, large head and full neck, will make champion next season, only 25/-, honestly worth double; also monster exhibition buff hen, real model for type and quality, feathered like silk, win anywhere, only 17/6, can soon win cost; also several monster yellow and buff hens for stock or exhibition, 12/6, 15/-, 17/6 and 21/- each, any of them are honestly worth three times the prices asked for them; all cold-room bred; satisfaction guaranteed, approval: Warminger, 28, Guernsey-rd., Norwich.

DR. HERD, MORECAMBE,

has several good Norwich for sale, please apply early.

A STRAIN THAT WINS.

Fifty fine pure pedigree Norwich, mostly unflighted, prices low; approval; or inspection invited state requirements: R. Allen, 196, Blackburn-rd, Bolton.

Extra Bargains for Keen Buyers.

NORWICH

Cocks, 6/6, 7/6, 8/6, 10/6; hens, 2/6 and 3/6 each; pairs, 8/6, 10/6. Note.—Some real good cocks, with plenty of size and substance, fed, and for show, 12/6, 15/-, 20/-; hens, with size and substance, to match, 4/6, 5/6, 7/6. Worth treble; guaranteed.

YORKSHIRES

Cocks, 5/6, 6/6, 7/6, 8/6, 10/6, 15/-, 20/-, 30/-; hens, 2/6, 3/6, 4/6, 5/6, 7/6, 10/6, 15/-; pairs matched for breeding, 7/6, 8/6, 9/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, 20/- upwards. Some good Greens, 10/6, 15/-, 20/- pair; cocks, 8/6, 10/6; hens, 3/6, 5/6 upwards.

ROLLERS

Genuine Hartz Mountains. Cocks, 5/6, 6/6, 7/6, 8/6. Hens, 2/-, 2/6. Pairs matched for breeding, 7/6, 8/6, 10/- upwards. Grand Seifert Cocks, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, 20/- each. Hens, 3/6 and 5/-; cages, 3d. extra. Do not he deluded into paying high prices for "bogus" and meaningless names, when I will sell you, not as good, but better at half the price.

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12/6, 15/-, 20/-, 40/-, to £10 per pair.

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I offer specially selected songsters, every bird proved and tested, of extra good singing power, either in Norwich, Yorkshire, Border, or Lizard, 7/6, 8/6, 10/6.

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W. RUDD, The Bird Specialist, **NORWICH.**

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Rudyard, Staffordshire, having arranged his breeding stock, can spare 1910 yellow cock, 25/-, and a number of good unflighted buff and yellow cocks and buff hens, from 7/6; grand chance; prices low.

A. FIDDAMENT, POSTMAN,

is still well stocked; Norwich cocks, yellow and buff, 6/6, 7/6, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-; also good lot of yellow and buff hens, 4/-, 5/-, 6/-, 7/6; week's approval; deposit: 105, Trinity-st., Norwich.

F. MITCHELL.

Stock must be cleared, leaving London, buff cock, 2nd L.C.B.A. (M.C.), 22/6; buff cock, 2nd L.C.B.A. (M.C.), 20/-; buff cock, 3rd L.C.B.A. (M.C.), 18/6; buff hen, 4th L.C.B.A., 4th Woolwich, 17/6: 139, Regency-st., Westminster.

NORWICH CANARIES.—14 days' trial our risk. Splendid Types. Cocks, 5/-, 6/-, 7/6, and 10/- each. Hens, 2/6, 3/6, and 5/-. Well-matched pairs, 7/6, 10/6, and 15/- per pair. Cages and all appliances, cheapest and best in Kingdom. Catalogue free. Patronised by Royalty, Experts, and Judges.—**Northern Aviaries, Ormskirk Road, Preston.**

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During next show season I am giving 10 cups valued at 21/- each, to purchasers of my champion Norwich at shows held in Scotland, England and Wales. Six will be given for unflighted birds bred from my champion strain. The four remaining to birds other than unflighted which have been purchased after the date of this advertisement, January 12th, 1912. Particulars of shows where these cups will be competed for will appear in "Cage Birds" at a later date. This will give fanciers in various districts a chance to view the really high-class Norwich bred from this strain.—Judge Silk, Whitstable.

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genuine Norwich, give me a trial; having reported principal bird shows, am connected with all leading fanciers, therefore supply birds of noted winning strains; typical chubby Norwich cocks, 6/-, 7/6, 8/6, 10/6; smart hens, 4/-, 5/-, 6/-; correctly matched pairs to breed winners, 10/6, 12/6, 15/- upwards; state requirements and price; approval, deposit: Hanford, 263, Osmaston-rd., Derby.

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Most wonderful value to the Norwich Plainhead fanciers. My birds need no bounce. Most of the leading exhibitors have been supplied from my rooms. Grand pairs, which will do you some good. Don't waste valuable time and money buying birds which have no pedigree. Silk's strain is unrivalled. Champion 30/- pairs at 21/-. The best 40/- pairs at 30/6. The price is right, and the quality wonderful. Don't hesitate, send now and secure something really high-class. Some grand yellow and buff hens, 10/6 to 21/-; ditto cocks, 10/6 to 25/-. A few extra good yellow cocks, unflighted, also hens. Every bird has a reputation; approval willingly; satisfaction guaranteed: Judge Silk, Whitstable.

Pure Norwich

direct from our noted strains and Mr. Midgley's noted Crystal Palace strain this last few years. Not exhibiting this season can offer some of the best blood in the Fancy. Won year 1902 38 1sts, etc., 1908 50 1sts, gold medal International Show, also N.P.C. Challenge Cup, 1904 42 1sts, also N.P.C. Challenge Cup, second year in succession, 1906 38 1sts, etc., 1907 38 1sts, etc., 1909 80 1sts, etc. What more proof? All in best and keenest competition. Have some grand yellow cocks and hens, 10/-, 12/-, 15/-, 20/-, 30/- each. Buff cock and hens, 8/-, 10/-, 12/- 15/-, 20/- each. Grand Matched Pairs, specially selected by myself, 15/-, 20/-, 25/-, 30/- pair. Any on approval with pleasure. Breeders 30 years.

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Rollers & Singing Canaries

BREEDERS' CARD.

ARTHUR CHILLCOTT, Breeder and Trainer, celebrated Water Glucke Rollers (pure Randall's), 151, South Avenue, Southend-on-Sea. Member B.R.C.C. Birds for sale, THE finest strain in England.

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T. W. WALTON, Breeder and Exhibitor of high-class Roller Canaries; write for prices: 20, Cecil Grove, Armley, Leeds.

COCK Canary (1910), full song, 7/-: Sturt, Salthrop, Wroughton, Swindon.

LAST this season; two Seifert hens, ready to pair, 2/6 each: White, 22, Farmilo-rd., Leyton, Essex.

PURE Roller cocks, in full song, 8/6, 10/-: J. Bennett, Hairdresser, 28, Enville-st., Stourbridge.

PURE Seifert Rollers, 1911, cold-room bred, cocks 10/6, hens 3/6: Wade, 65, Brading-rd., Brixton Hill, London.

NOTICE, grand Roller cocks, 3/6, cock and hen 5/6; approval: McKeand, Seabright Villa, Castle Douglas.

1/- WEEKLY; for this you can have finest Roller hens, all young and healthy: Laurence, Kimbolton, Leominster.

ROLLERS, 1911 cocks, in full song, from 5/6 to 6/6 to clear, room wanted: Dallow, 4, Pool-st., Wolverhampton.

GRAND young Seifert Rollers, cocks, full song, 7/6; hens, 3/-; cold-room bred: Wilkinson, 52, Railway-st., Nelson, Lancs.

GENUINE three high-class pure Seifert Roller cocks, full song, 21/- lot; bargain, offers: Holgate, 7, Baker-st., Bacup.

CANARIES; Hartz Mountain Rollers, and others; cocks from 4/6; pairs, 5/-; hens, 2/3: 31, Clarence-square, Cheltenham.

ST. ANDREASBERG cold-room bred cocks, 6/6, 7/6, and upwards; cash or deposit: Simmonds, Gardener, 59, Emery-st., Walsall.

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FIFTY pairs Roller Canaries ready for brood; guaranteed; 8/- pair; send disbursement: Lady Verhees, Grens, 56, Mortsel, Antwerpen.

SPLENDID high-class Roller hens, cold-room, B.R.C.C. rung, Palace strain, 1910, 1911, 3/6, 4/-; approval willingly: Laurie, Kirkby Stephen.

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HIGH-class Rollers, from cup winner (Provincial 1911), B.R.C.C. rung, 1911 cocks from 20/- upwards, hens 10/-: Hanbury, 13, Railway-terr., Llanelly.

SIX fine healthy hens to dispose of, from best strains, rung B.1 B.R.C., 4/- each; all cocks sold: Andrew M. Firth, Highfield House, The Lanes, Pudsey.

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SCHOOLMASTER, cost £2 last year, will take 18/-; 2 cocks, 10/-, 12/- each, 3 hens, 3/- each, 3 cabinets, 2/6 each, genuine; high class Rollers, bargain: Smith, 64, Lane End, Eccles, Manchester.

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PURE Seifert Rollers, English, cold-room bred, perfectly trained cocks, in full rolling song, 10/6, 12/6, 15/- each; few grand hens, in breeding condition, 2/6, 3/6, 4/6 each; approval: Walsh, Bird Specialist, Blackburn.

SEIFERT Rollers, contest strain, B.R.C.C. rung; two cocks, 20/- each; hens, 4/- each; three cocks; faulty stock birds, 7/6 each; approval willingly: Grainger and Harper, The Oaklands, Richard-st., Darlaston.

HIGH-class Seifert Rollers, Crystal Palace winning strain, 1911 rung; cocks 10/6, 12/6, 15/6; hens, same strain, 5/6, 7/6; satisfaction guaranteed or money returned: J. C. Banks, 49, St. Hubert's-rd., Great Harwood, Blackburn.

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Celebrated Preston Contest Rollers,

which have won so many prizes all over the Kingdom and for which we get wonderful testimonials daily. **These Rollers are a strain which we can thoroughly recommend and send on 14 days' trial at our risk,** and you cannot beat them for length of song, number of changes, and perfect musical notes, no matter what price you pay elsewhere. **The price of these marvellous Rollers is 15/- only on 14 days' trial at our risk.**

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Deposit with Editor. Send for one of these on trial, and also send for one from any other dealer at any price up to 40/- and judge for yourself. Hens 3/6 and 4/6 each, same well-known strain. St. Andreasburg Rollers, in full rolling song, 5/6, 6/6, and 7/6 each. Catalogue free. Patronised by Royalty, Experts, and Judges.

NORTHERN AVIARIES, Ormskirk Rd., Preston

GERMAN Roller Canaries, in full song, cold room, English bred; parents and young ones for sale; cocks from 6/6, hens 2/6; inspection invited; travelling cages 3d. extra: J. Hardman, 25, Withington-st., Broad-st., Pendleton, Manchester.

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in the country; cold room bred; trained under Roller organ; cocks 10/-, 12/6, 15/- upwards, hens 2/6; seven days' approval; cash or deposit: F. Cartwright, Breeder and Trainer, 15, Farfield, Kidderminster. Established 25 years.

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related to his cup winners, from 15/- to 50/-, club rung; satisfaction guaranteed: Welcome Hotel, Great Marton, Blackpool.

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of the popular Glucke strain, contest singers, 20/- to 60/- each; hens 5/- and 10/- each; pairs scientifically mated from 25/- upwards: Arthur Foulds, 7, King's Parade, Fallowfield, Manchester.

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NOTICE, grand Yorkshire cocks, 3/6, cock and hen, 5/6; approval: McKeand, Seabright Villa, Castle Douglas.

BARGAINS; hens, 5/-; cocks, 10/- upwards; only few left; see Palace: H. Clark, 26, Melford-st., Dudley Hill.

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ABOUT 30 high-class Yorkshires, must sell, room wanted for breeding; lot cheap: Stevenson, Outfitter, Derby.

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FOUR buff cocks, 15/- each; two yellow and two buff hens, from 10/- each; also breeding cages, cheap: 294, Wylde-lane, Worcester.

H. RENNICKS can spare one long, leggy, yell. marked cock and buff hen, 20/-; approval, deposit: Bassenthwaite Lake, Cumberland.

BARGAIN—our last high-class cocks, clear buff, clear yellow and green marked yellow, £1 the lot: Simpson, Ironmonger, Otley.

COLD room, long stylish cocks from 8/6, hens 6/-; bred from winners; approval, deposit: Hall, 134, Branksome-rd., Brixton Hill.

YORKSHIRES; cold-room 1911 cocks, 5/-; hens, 2/6; approval; cash or deposit: W. Haye, Gamekeeper, Woodford, Bramhall, Cheshire.

HIGH-CLASS Yorkshires; cocks from 10/-; hens from 5/-; seen any time by appointment: Atkinson, 124, Stamford-st., Old Trafford.

1911 long, slim, racy Yorkshire hens, yellows, buffs, cinnamon-marked, 4/-, 5/- each; approval: Harry Smith, Connah's Quay, Chester.

HIGH-CLASS Yorkshires, cocks from 6/6, hens from 3/-; cold-room bred; good condition; approval: Harding, 30a, Larch-rd., Balham.

PRIZE-BRED reliable strain; cocks, 6/- to 20/-; hens, 3/6 to 14/6; approval: Lucas, 11, Bedford-avenue, Manley Park, Manchester.

BREEDY yellow stock cocks, 15/-; three choice unflighted buff cocks, 10/6, 12/6 each; all good birds; Brooks, 2, Devonshire-rd., Horsham.

HIGH class Yorkshires, singles or matched pairs, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, 18/-, 21/-; approval: Ernest Cheshire, 26, Crawford-st., Bradford.

HIGH-CLASS pairs; single birds, including winners, very cheap; room wanted for breeding; seen 6.30 to 8: Johnston, 123, Ferme Park-rd., Stroud Green, N.

THREE good Yorkshire 1911 hen Canaries, 2 yellow, 1 buff, clear, cold-room, 4/- each; satisfaction guaranteed: W. Baxter, Heath, Wakefield.

WESTERN champion Yorkshires; my winners for sale; cocks, 10/- to £1 10s.; hens, 4/- to £1; approval: James Thomas, Bugle, Cornwall.

CLEAR yellow Yorkshire hens, 1911, 3/6; also collapsible breeding cages, 4/-: Bowden, 24, Millbas-bldgs., Millbank Estate, Westminster.

CLEAR yellow, 8/6; foul green, 7/6; cocks. Yellow hens, 4/6; exchange buff hens, or Belgians: Cottey, 45, Turner Buildings, Millbank, Westminster.

YORKSHIRES; six buff hens, bred from winners, 1911, Radley's strain, satisfaction guaranteed, 4/- each: Crowther, New Inn, Durkar, Wakefield.

1911 LONG foul yellow green cock, 7/6; buff green cock, 6/6; buff cock, 6/-; two buff hens 3/-; cold-room; approval, deposit: Blakeley, Hinckley.

HAVING selected my breeding stock can spare some birds from winners; cocks, 6/-; hens, 3/-: Imeson, Commercial House, Ossett, Yorkshire.

LONG, slim Yorkshire cocks, grand singers, 5/6, 6/-; hens, 3/6, 4/-; grand pairs, 8/6, 9/6; value unapproached; approval: Hatton, Aviaries, Belper.

FOR sale three pairs of high-class Yorkshires at 12/6 a pair; also some good green cocks and hens: Wynn, Hill Top Cottage, Skipton-rd., Harrogate.

HAVING selected my breeding stock, can spare a few pairs at 12/6, 15/-, 17/6, and 20/- pair; approval anywhere: Metcalfe, 68, Brunswick-rd., Liverpool.

MUST part with most of my best stock birds, several winners amongst them; odd hens, 5/- upwards: Park, Cambridge-st., Millom, Cumberland.

TEN pairs, prize-bred Yorkshires, not rubbish, Bailey's strain, 10/6 pair, £3 10/- lot; inspection invited: M. Cooper, Taylor-st., Batley. Stamp reply.

FIRST quality, stock cocks, 10/6, 12/6, second to none; own breeding; satisfaction guaranteed; approval, deposit: Clegg, 178, Bentley-rd., Doncaster.

FOR sale young Yorkshire cocks, cinnamons and cinnamon-marked, also hens, 1911, good stock birds, from 6/6 each: G. Sale, Broughton, nr. Kettering.

FOR sale clear or green variegated cinnamon bred Yorkshire Canaries, 1911, good strain; cocks from, 8/6; hens, 4/-: 49, Banstead-grove, Roundhay-rd., Leeds.

TWO champion pairs of Yorkshires; buff cock, yellow hen, winner; yellow cock, winner, buff hen, 17/6 pair; approval: Jefferies, Lymington-avenue, Leigh-on-Sea.

TYPICAL unflighted buff Yorkshire hen, stylish, upstanding, lengthy specimen, winner two 2nds recently, accept 15/-; approval: Hawkes, Grove Green-rd., Leytonstone.

SMART upstanding Yorkshires, breeding condition; cocks, 7/6 to 15/-; hens, 5/-; pairs, to breed winners, 12/6 to 20/-; approval: Gamble, 9, Prison Quarters, Winchester.

CHAMPION Yorkshires, a few cocks left, yellow and buff, grand birds, only want seeing; hargains to clear, from 8/6: Rorke, 50, Ringmer-avenue, Munster-rd., Fulham.

CANARIES, Yorkshire, grand birds, fit for mating; cocks 7/6, hens 3/6 each; also some hand-reared Linnets, very tame, 2/- each: J. Webb, 1, Norfolk-rd., Horsham, Sussex.

HIGH class Yorkshires, 50 pairs, splendid length, type and quality; cocks 6/-, hens 4/-; inspection invited; approval; satisfaction guaranteed: Priestley, 121, Gaythorne-rd., Bradford.

H. C. REDWORTH has only two Yorkshire hens left for disposal; hull and yellow, 5/- each, to finish; worth double; cold-room, Ambler's pure strain; approval: Dudley-rd., Grantham.

TYPICAL Yorkshire Canaries, 1911, cold-room bred; cocks, 5/-, 6/-, 7/-; hens, 3/- and 3/6; four days' approval, cash or deposit; inspection invited: Gant, 112, Churchfield-rd., Acton, London.

HIGH-CLASS Yorkshires; only three pairs left, 10/6 pair; also a few odd hens cheap to clear; all young birds; inspection Sunday mornings: Trachte, 171, Hyde-rd., West Gorton, Manchester.

THREE pairs of good Yorkshire Canaries, 10/- pair; 4 good hens, 5/- each; cold-room; wanted a good square Parrot cage, or offers: Geo. Walker, The Hollies, 90, Southport-rd., Ormskirk.

FIVE pairs prize-bred Yorkshires, Ambler's strain, 8/6 upwards; also a few grand yellow and buff cocks from, 8/6 upwards; fit for show bench; approval, deposit: Alex. Graham, 8, Milton-st., Partick.

CLASSICAL lengthy unflighted yellow Yorkshire hen, very tight and stylish, winner 2nd and 3rd in open, 15/-; great sacrifice; 7 days' approval; deposit: Hawkes, Grove Green-rd., Leytonstone.

HAVING selected my breeding stock I have some fine Yorkshires from my winning strain; cocks, 5/-; hens, 3/-; cash, on approval; no dealers: Radley, Temperance Hotel, Bank-st., Ossett, Yorkshire.

YORKSHIRE yellow marked cock, 13/6; yellow variegated cock, 11/6; buff marked cock, 10/6; hens, green and buff, 3/6 each; breeding cages, 40 x 17 x 10½, 5/- each: Kightley, Mount Pleasant-rd., Finsbury Park, N.

I HAVE five clinking pairs for sale, from £1 upwards; three days approval; cash or deposit; inspection invited; also some splendid hens; stamp reply: Harry Jennings, 3, Anne-st., Great Horton, Bradford.

GRAND upstanding cocks, just the very thing for breeding winners, only 10/6, 15/-, 20/-, and 30/-, according to quality; fine racy hens, feathers like wax, 10/-, 15/-, and 20/- each: Arthur Harris, West Haddon, Rugby.

YORKSHIRES, best blood obtainable, cocks 6/-, 7/-, 8/-; pairs properly mated for breeding winners, 8/6, 9/6, 10/6 upwards, full of quality; approval, carriage paid: Edgar King, Fairfield, Hebden Bridge, Yorkshire.

SEVERAL really good typical Yorkshire hens, yellow or buff, clear or marked, 3/6, 4/6, 5/6; six grand buff cocks, 8/-, 10/-, all ready for breeding; approval: Whiting, Ravensbury, Morden-rd., Mitcham, Surrey.

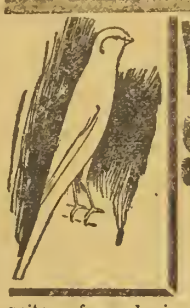
THIS season, having won at Crystal Palace, Hanley, diploma for best Yorkshire, Gateshead, etc., can spare 2 yellow cocks, 7/-, 8/-; 2 buffs, 15/- each; no better blood in the Fancy: Fred Ellis, Baildon, Yorks.

GREAT sacrifice to effect immediate sale; yellow also buff Yorkshire cocks of exceptional merit, both won many honours recently, accept 20/- each; and sent out on seven days approval: Hawkes, 390, Grove Green-rd., Leytonstone.

HIGH-CLASS Yorkshires, splendid length, type, and quality; cocks from 5/-; hens from 3/-; pairs, 8/- upwards; grand pairs, 12/6 and 15/-; few good hens cheap; approval; satisfaction guaranteed: Greenwood, Colne-rd., Crosshills, Keighley.

SELL following high-class Yorkshires: three yellow cocks, 10/6, 12/6 each; five buffs, 8/6, 10/6; few rather coarse in feather, 6/- each; few clinking hens, yellows, 6/-; buffs, 5/-, parents winners: Mr. Dodgson, 40, Priestman-ter., Bradford, Yorkshire.

YORKSHIRES at half their value; unflighted yell. cocks (3rd and vhc Windsor), 15/-, 12/6; one ticked yell. cock and one variegated, both useful, 7/6 each; ticked yellow hen, 7/6; ditto variegated, 5/-; all in breeding condition and on approval: Simms, Relieving Officer, Windsor.



Yorkshires

STOCK BIRDS, SHOW BIRDS, and SPECIALLY SELECTED SONGSTERS.

Read following testimonials, which are only a sample out of scores received weekly, from: Lonsdale Works House, Whitehaven, March 2nd, 1912. —Received Yorkshire cock quite safe, and gives the greatest of satisfaction. He is a marvel for size, type, and quality. Enclose P.O. for a suitable hen to match it.—W. Fawcett to J. Taylor. Another from 80, Bridge-road, New Errington, Leicester, March 1st, 1912.—The two hens to hand in fine condition, and I am very well pleased with them for the price. Will certainly recommend you to all I know.—R. W. Dunkley to J. Taylor. Another from 19, Island-row, Higher Inoe, Wigan, March 2nd, 1912.—Birds safely to hand, and give me the same satisfaction as the order before.—J. Sharratt to J. Taylor. Another from 116, Burnfoot-row, New Cumnock (Ayrshire), March 1st, 1912.—Please forward me another Yorkshire for P.O. enclosed, as the last one you sent is admired by all, and a perfect gem.—A. Littlejohn to J. Taylor. Champion lengthy yellow and buff Yorkshire cocks at 6/-, 7/-, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/- each. In clears, ticked, green-marked, and cinnamon-marked. Pairs, properly matched to breed winners, at 8/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, 20/-, 25/- per pair. Extra good, reliable hens, ready to nest at once; yellows, at 3/6, 4/6, 5/6, 6/6, 8/-, 10/6 each; also buff hens at 3/-, 4/-, 5/-, 6/-, 7/-, 8/6, 10/6 each. All guaranteed in breeding condition, and all orders sent off same day as received. Colour fed and natural colour, and over 500 to select from; all cold-room bred and kept. Specially selected Yorkshire songsters, day and gaslight, at 6/-, 7/-, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6 each. Illustrated price list, post free. All birds on seven days approval at my risk to any part of the country. Travelling cages, 3d. extra.

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Birds sent off at once on receiving first payment. Send for price list, terms, and full particulars, post free. No extras charged and same value given as if you were paying cash down. All on seven days' approval at my own risk to any part. Export orders a speciality. Only and old address—

J. TAYLOR,

36, Aireville Road,

Frizinghall, Bradford.

GRAND lengthy, slim, buff Yorkshire cock, 10/-; lovely reachy yellow hen, 8/6, 17/- pair; grand reachy yellow cock, 11/6; long, slim buff hen, 7/-; 16/6 pair; another grand pair, 11/-; grand healthy birds; bargains; approval willingly: Miss Stone, Fleet, Belper

A. L. HAWKES is offering some exceptional hargains so as to effect immediate sale in buff and yellow colour-fed Yorkshire hens, mostly unflighted and bred same as his winners, 7/6 and 10/- each; seven days approval: Grove Green-rd., Leytonstone.

A. L. HAWKES is now offering few colour-fed buff and yellow Yorkshires, cocks at 25/- each, which are equal to any of those that have been claimed of his at different shows, or he has sold at treble the figure this season; 7 days' approval, deposit: 390, Grove Green, Leytonstone.

GRAND yellow Yorks. cocks, full of quality, style, size, 15/6; four good hens, extra smart chosen birds, 10/6, 7/6; also cheaper birds same strain; hardy, prime condition, proud; also excellent cages and appliances; retiring; approval with pleasure; correspond: W. Deans, Selby, Yorkshire.

J. C. BARNES, 113, Northfield-rd., Walkley, Sheffield; Sheffield Challenge Cup winner (3 years in succession); few grand lengtby specimens of correct position, and well on leg, to spare; cocks, 20/- up; hens, 10/- up; matched pairs a speciality; approval with every pleasure; inspection earnestly requested; no better blood obtainable.

A. L. HAWKES offers several of his winning 1910 and 1911 colour-fed Yorkshire hens, both buff and yellows, at 10/-, 12/6, and 15/- each; 7 days' approval; these are real gems for length, style, and type, and being offered at great sacrifice as pressure of business prevents me breeding half my usual stock: 390, Grove Green-rd., Leytonstone.

REDUCING pairs; can spare one buff, one yellow Yorkshire cocks, standard length, feathered to perfection, 10/6 each; a bargain; also two typical unflighted yellow hens, well up on leg and feathered like wax, 5/- each; all bred from our winners; see reports Leeds, Grimsby, Tunbridge Wells, Cambridge, etc.; approval willingly: Auton Bros., Spalding.

EXCEPTIONAL offer to fanciers requiring something out of the ordinary, to effect immediate sale will sacrifice a few buff and yellow colour-fed Yorkshires, cocks at 12/6, 15/- each, sent on 7 days' approval; similar specimens from any other known exhibitor would be hard to procure even at treble the price: Hawkes, 390, Grove Green-rd., Leytonstone.

H. CHARLESWORTH

has the following for sale, two buff cocks, 10/- each, two 15/- each, two 20/-; above are same strain as my winners; special value; approval: Neiley, Honley, Huddersfield.

J. BROOKS

has a few good classical Yorkshires to spare, matched to breed winners at, 25/-, 30/-, 40/ pair; odd cocks from, 7/- upwards, hens, 4/- upwards: 320, Ainsworth-lane, Tonge, Bolton.

POWICK'S CHAMPION YORKSHIRES.

The same strain as the winners at all the leading shows; length, type and quality; cocks in full song, 7/6, 10/6; hens, 5/6, 7/6 each; sure winners, 15/6 each; ten days' approval at my risk: W. Powick, Dewsbury, Yorkshire.

CUTHBERTSON'S

Yorkshires still to the front; owing to having to reduce stock, several this season's winners for sale, and also grand stock birds very cheap for quick sale; approval: Manor House, Heighington, R.S.O.

ALL ONE PRICE, 10s. 6d. PAIR.

20 pairs Yorkshires, 10/6 pair; birds from this strain have won at all the leading shows, some of my matched pairs include birds that have cost nearly £5 each, but I have decided to clear 20 pairs at 10/6; somebody will get a bargain, all colour fed and in the best of health; try one pair, my risk, 10 days' approval; satisfaction guaranteed: Clegg, Victoria Schoolhouse, Dewsbury.

Who's Who IN YORKSHIRES

You can read the various claims, and you may or may not believe them. All I ask is please read my record for this season and judge for yourself who is the champion Yorkshire exhibitor. I have made 276 entries this season at all the leading shows in England, Scotland, and Wales, and have won 83 firsts, 48 seconds, 45 thirds, 29 fourths, over 40 specials, also winning more firsts at Crystal Palace 1912 than any other exhibitor; the N.G.M.Y.C.C. 10-guinea trophy, gold medal, and Ramsden's Competition; two Y.C.C. trophies, 10-guinea rose bowl Bristol, for best unflighted bred by exhibitor, and numerous other honours. And I have sold over 90 winners to my customers this season.

This is plain proof of what I send to my customers:—From 88, Hallidays-road, Belfast, March 1st, 1912.—Pleased to tell you I won in open competition this season, with birds exclusively your strain. 32 cash prizes and 11 specials, silver cup for best Yorks. Belfast, special best Yorks. Dunmalk, special best Yorks., special best Cinn. mark, and special best hen at Holywood, and special for best Cinn. mark, special for best hen at Bangor Show. So I cannot speak too highly of your strain.—Conn Tansey to L. Dykes.

I still have some clinking stock birds for disposal, and those requiring best blood in the Fancy note my prices. Champion Yorks.; Cocks, 5/6, 7/6, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, 20/- each; long racy Hens, 4/-, 5/-, 6/6, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6 each. Pairs, carefully selected to breed winners, at 8/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, 20/-, 25/-, 30/- per pair upwards. Every bird in the best of health, and ready for breeding, and guaranteed cold-room kept. Clears, ticked, green, or Cinn. marked. Travelling cages, 3d. extra. All on seven days approval at my risk. Cash or deposit.

Easy payments arranged to suit genuine fanciers who are not in a position to pay ready cash, without any extra cost. Price list and full particulars post free. Please state wants to the old reliable breeder and exhibitor with a life's practical experience, and don't be had with misleading statements.

L. DYKES,

16, Shann Street, Bolton Woods

BRADFORD.

YORKSHIRE CANARIES.—14 days' trial, our risk. Very typical Cocks, 5/-, 6/-, 7/6, and 10/- each. Hens, 2/6, 3/6, and 5/- each. Well-matched pairs, 7/6, 10/6, and 15/- per pair. Breeding cages and all appliances. Catalogue free. Patronised by Royalty, Experts, and Judges.—Northern Aviaries, Ormskirk Road, Preston.

H. H. TOWERS,

offers Yorkshires in any variety at prices ranging from 15/- to 60/- per pair. Type, quality, and condition a speciality. Having won the Cinnamon Marked Competition, with over 40 points more than any other competitor, for the second year in succession besides many other trophies and specials, including the championship diploma for the best Yorkshire in the show at the Crystal Palace, 1912, is sufficient proof of the quality of my birds. Some extra good birds, suitable for stock or exhibition, at reasonable price. Special offer:—Slim racy unflighted yellow cock, 15/-, with hen suitably matched, 25/-. Full satisfaction guaranteed, or money returned at once. All on approval, for cash or deposit. State wants to 8, Colne Road, Glusburn, near Keighley.

AMBLER'S CHAMPION YORKSHIRES

have won during these last 30 years thousands of prizes, cups, bowls, medals, etc., at leading shows, three times winning specials for best in show Crystal Palace; 4 firsts, 3 seconds, third, fourth, and championship for best Yorkshire in show Crystal Palace 1910-11. A positive proof they are the purest and most reliable strain of Yorkshires in the world. We are offering for sale a few extra choice birds, bred direct from these champions. Long, racy cocks and hens, full of style and feathered to perfection, including two of the best stock pairs living. Pairs, 15/-, 20/-, 30/-, 40/-, 50/-, 60/-. Single birds proportionate. These are a good investment for anyone wanting to breed winners in the keenest competition, as they are the best value in the world; approval, cash or deposit: Messrs. Amblers (late of Bradford and Morecambe), Langton Lodge, Scotton, Knaresborough, Yorkshire.

CHAMPION YORKS.

Winners of hundreds of prizes, gold and silver medals, cups, etc. Some real beauties on approval; also strains which won at Crystal Palace these last 20 years. Some direct from strain that won 2 firsts, 1 second Crystal Palace, 1912. Mr. Redfern, Pentre, Hawarden, Feb. 1st, 1912.—Sir,—Yellow Yorkshire cock you sent me won 1st and spl. Hawarden on Saturday last in strong class of 18. I have supplied scores of winners and can do so yet, not exhibiting this variety myself;! some grand yellow and buff cocks, 6/-, 7/-, 8/-, 10/-, 12/-, 15/-, 20/- each; hens, yellows or buffs, 4/-, 5/-, 6/-, 7/-, 8/-, 10/-; matched pairs to breed winners, 12/-, 15/-, 16/-, 18/-, 20/-, 25/- pair; any on approval; full guarantee given; breeder 30 years this address: Sandiford, Canary Breeder, Preston, Lancs.

THE YORKSHIRE BREEDERS

Society do not claim to have won more prizes than others, but we do claim that a large percentage of the winners for which others get the credit have been bred by us or from our strains, which have been supplied to the leading exhibitors and dealers of Bradford and district. We intend these strains, which are of 40 years standing, to be distributed worldwide, instead of allowing two or three to monopolise the winners, which are bred from them year by year. Breeders who wish to breed their own winners will be well advised to take advantage of this genuine offer, and secure some of this blood at an early date, as not being dealers our stocks are limited. Breeding sets (1 cock and 2 hens), 12/6, 15/-, 20/- up; pairs, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6 upwards; cocks from 6/-, hens from 4/-; approval, cash or deposit: Address, "Secretary," 40, Springcliffe, Manningham, Bradford, Yorkshire.

Still Another 1st & Special

Etc.

Read the following:—From Wandsworth Common, London, March 4th, 1912. The pair of Yorkshires arrived safely at 3 o'clock, and were at the show at 4 o'clock, none the worse for their journey. I am pleased to say the pair took 1st and special in a class of 11 entries, and were picked out for some special remarks from the judge as being a very promising pair.—H. A. Freeman to Joe Thomas. These birds were bred by me. The above is one of a very large number of similar letters recently received by me, all of which are filed for inspection.

WINNING YORKSHIRES,

20/-, 25/-, 30/-, 40/- per pair.

I am now offering a few pairs Yorkshires bred from and related to my winners, and specially matched by me with a view to breeding winners, at the above prices. This is a unique opportunity for fanciers to introduce new blood (and that the finest in the country) into their bird rooms at a reasonable price. I have also a few grand lengthy birds at the following prices:—Cocks, in full song, 6/-, 7/6, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, 20/-, each. Grand racy hens, feathered to perfection, at 3/-, 4/-, 5/-, 7/6, 8/6, 10/-, 12/6 each Matched pairs, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, 17/6 per pair Clears, Ticks, Marked or Greens.

GRAND LARGE COBBY NORWICH, THE BULLDOG STRAIN,

20/-, 25/-, 30/-, 40/- per pair.

It is a simple fact that I am now offering a few pairs of grand Norwich, bred from my own winners at the above prices, which do not represent anything like their real value. Blood is sure to tell in the end, and this is a splendid opportunity for fanciers to start on the highway to success in breeding their own winners.

I have also a few good birds at any of the prices quoted for Yorkshires.

PURE SEIFERT ROLLERS,

in full rolling song by day or gaslight, 10/-, 12/6, 15/-, 17/6, 20/- each. Hens, same strain, 3/-, 4/-, 5/-, 7/6 each.

GIANT SIBERIAN COCK GOLDFINCHES.

Real beauties, 7/6, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6 each.

CRESTS, CINNAMONS, ETC.

I have also now in stock some real good birds in the following varieties:—Greens, Cinnamons (either Yorkshire or Norwich type), Border Fancies, Crests, Crest-breds, Lancashires, Mules, etc., etc. Come and make your own selection, or send a P.C. for my Free Illustrated Catalogue, and I will send any variety you require on seven days' approval at my risk, and guarantee you absolute satisfaction.

Easy payments arranged with genuine fanciers and birds sent on receipt of first payment.

ESTABLISHED OVER 34 YEARS.

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SAMUEL DEAN.

Few yellow Yorkshire cocks, from 5/- each; also twenty clinking buffs from 5/- to 15/-, special value; fifty grand yellow and buff hens, from 4/6 to 12/6, in clear, ticked, green marked, and cinnamon marked, matched pairs from 9/6; all must be cleared by end of month; 7 days' approval; cash or deposit: 6, Ash Mount, Great Horton, Bradford, Yorks.

HENS! HENS! HENS!

The finest lot I have ever offered to the Fancy. They are real gems of extra good length, type, position, and quality of feathers. The wings are well braced to long tapering waists, and finished off with long, closely packed pipe tails. The birds have plenty of leg, and stand well up on the perch, displaying that breedy, swanky appearance, so much admired in a first-class Yorkshire. I have a few grand matched stock pairs, calculated to breed some real clinkers, also a few odd stock cocks possessing both length, substance, and quality, I can supply at prices to suit all pockets; approval, cash or deposit; stamp for particulars: W. H. Shackleton, Melrose Aviaries, Lytton-rd., Girlington, Bradford.

WE HAVE THEM, WE BREED THEM; WE SELL THEM.

We have the largest and most wonderful stock of winners that has ever been in one room; over 40 first prize winners this season, and 20 of them for sale reasonable We have shown more winners that we have bred this season than any other six exhibitors put together. For proof see our winnings this season. At the Crystal Palace, 1 first, 3 seconds, 3 thirds. Winning Carl's trophy, the G.M.Y.C.C. trophy outright with birds bred by exhibitor; both Y.C.C. competitions, the Yorkshire challenge trophy, Ramsden 6 guinea cup, £10 Yorkshire Union trophy, five years in succession, which now becomes our own property, champion diploma at Crystal Palace, 1911 also we have bred and sold four of the first prize winners at Palace, 1912; four years in succession winning the C.M.Y.C.C. Our strain has won more competitions and trophies than any other, so write direct to the breeders who breed their own winners and can give an honest pedigree. Cocks or hens, 7/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/6, 20/-, 30/- each. We guarantee the best value in England; inspection invited; all birds sent on approval; deposit: Dudley Hill, Bradford.

Various Canaries.

FOR sale hen Canaries, crested and plain, ready to nest: R. 4, Weston-villas, Thames Ditton.

CANARIES; variegated pairs, 5/6; cock on full song; approval, deposit: Jarvis, 11, Mitford-bldgs., Dawes-rd., Walham Green.

BROADBENT'S

Yorkshires and Norwich Pairs, at 10/6, 12/-, 15/-, £1; deposit 5/- and balance as usual, 2/6 every 2 weeks. Cocks, 6/-, 7/6, 10/; deposit, 3/6, balance 2/6 every 2 weeks. Hens, Buff, 3/-, 3/6, 4/-; yellows 5/-. Cash only. Other varieties quoted for stamp

EDGAR BROADBENT,

The Millhouse, Lime Street, SHEFFIELD.

PAIR of Canaries, cock, full song, ready for nesting, with breeding cage, 9/-, to clear: Wotton, Confectioner, Folkestone.

GENUINE muling hen Canaries, 2/-, 2/6 each; guaranteed bred Mules last season: Fromant, 240, Woolwich-rd., Charlton, S.E.

YOUNG cock Canaries, will sell, 6/-; also housemoulted cock Siskin; what offers, Nock, Overend, Cradley Heath, Staffs.

CANARIES, cocks, 4/6, hens, 1/9, upwards, out door bred, strong, healthy, sex guaranteed: B., 38, Faut-lane, Maidstone.

GRAND pair Yorkshires, 8/6; pair Norwich, 7/6; cock Linnet, bred Mules two years, 5/-: Pritchard, 165, Southamptou-st., Camberwell.

TWO slim Yorkshire cocks, 6/- each; two yellow Norwich, 5/-; few hens, 2/6; all 1911 from outdoor aviary: Morley, Baker, Linton, Cambs.

FOR sale, 15 pairs good, typical Yorkshires and Borders, 1911, cold-room bred, cocks 6/-, hens 3/-, pairs 8/-: Craig, Cornpark-terrace, Glengarnock, Ayrshire.

NORWICH and Yorkshires, up to the standard, colour-fed or natural, cocks 7/6, hens 5/6 each; six cocks, full song, 33/-; ten days' approval: W. Powick, Dewsbury.

THREE Yorkshire, 3 Norwich, 3 German hens, 3/6 each, good birds; Goldfinch-Canary Mule, cocks, 5/- each; offers for three parts white House Sparrow: Joseph Maddocks, Cowley Manor Gardens, Cheltenham.

PAIR, nice, slim, Yorkshire Canaries, young birds, also 2 pairs Norwich, from first class strains, nice types, no rubbish; will sell cheap, also double breeding cages, over-stocked reason for selling: Johnstone, Pudsey, Leeds.

TWO colour-fed yellow cock Rollers, in full song, cold room, 7/6 each; large variegated colour fed Norwich cock, 5/6. Wanted large typical Norwich hens, yellow, unflighted, no rubbish: Turner, 66, High-st., Maldon, Essex.

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MANCHESTER AND NORTHERN COUNTIES O.S,

General meeting held March 4th, Mr. Bladon presiding over a good attendance. After the ordinary business a table show of Yorks and Nor. was held, there being 19 Yorks and 9 Nor. to face the judges. Principal winners: Yorks., Messrs. Wilson, Jones, Pike, Atkinson. Norwich, Messrs. Baynes, Davis, Cook. Mr. E. Dooley judged Yorks., and Mr. J. Steel Nor. Decided to hold our show July 20th, a neighbouring society having fixed their date for the first Saturday. Next meeting, March 18th, when Mr. Cutmore (Liverpool) will give us a lecture on "Cage Birds Ailments: their Causes and Cure," with illustrations. Friends and fanciers are cordially invited.—H. Boothman, Hon. Sec.

ARDWICK (and Manchester District) C.B.A.

Meeting held March 5th, Onward Hall. Mr. W. Robinson presided over a good attendance. After the usual business the last of the series of table shows was held. Mr. W. Fairhurst judged. Many questions were asked Mr. Fairhurst, and he answered them very straightforwardly. Many more would have been asked, only the time was getting so late. But he promised to come again and give a lecture on Mule breeding, when he would be able to deal with all questions. Mr. Buckley proposed a vote of thanks to Mr. Fairhurst, seconded by Mr. Fulcher. Principal winners: Messrs. Hope, Spencer, Buckley, Appleton. Next meeting March 19th. We are to hear Mr. A. E. Long lecture on British birds.'—J. Spencer, Hon. Sec.

NORWICH PLAINHEAD CLUB.

Officers for 1912. 48 papers sent in and counted. President, T. H. Dent, 31; Vice-President, W. Aitchison 36, E. Baker 30, A. G. Davis 18, J. E. Davies 16. Committee: T. Sced 39, S. Cook 35, J. Trengove 35, W. Booth 34, P. Waring 34, J. Hayhurst 33, R. Brayhrook 30, E. Sutton 30, J. Raynes 28, G. W. F. Lythgoe 25, H. Peak 24, B. Clegg 22, A. Hirst 19, G. T. Fletcher 17, J. Gerard 16, J. W. Cleminson 15. Judges: J. H. Roe 43, J. Trengove 41, W. Vardy 41, H. W. Battye 40, A. Hirst 40, W. Booth 39, J. Robson 39, A. Wellings 38, S. Cook 38, J. C. Barnes 38, Dr. Herd 33, A. G. Davis 29, J. H. Payne 26, R. Taylor 22. Auditors: G. W. F. Lythgoe 38, B. Clegg 36. Secretary and Treasurer, Messrs. Hopkins and Cunliffe. The numbers at the end of each name represent the votes they have got. —F. Cunliffe, 19, Lark Street, Burnley.

ANFIELD, EVERTON C.B.S.

General meeting held March 11th, St. Cuthbert's Church Schoolrooms, Robson Street, Anfield, Liverpool. Mr. W. Bell presided over an excellent attendance. Membership cards, syllabus for the season. There will also be four judging competitions during the season (which will be announced in CAGE BIRDS) for Yorks green, Yorks clear, ticked, etc., Nor., Bord., and Brit. Rules are now issued, printed on the back of the syllabus. Six dozen copies of CAGE BIRDS ANNUAL were disposed of at the meeting. There will be several dozen more available at the next general meeting, April 8th, when Mr. S. Hadwin will treat the members to a lecture on Greens. Mr. G. Rawsthorne was elected a vice-chairman. Messrs. W. Harris, D. Thornley, J. Cooper, T. Alty, G. Benson, were proposed and elected members. Nine more, and we touch the 200 mark. Now, you lingering fanciers, let me have your names and addresses. You have something to compete for. Haven't we got the cups, medals, and a big array of specials, which will be on view at the next feather show, July 13th? Join the coming society. Put your birds out; they won't win at home. Mr. Geoff. Benson delivered a most excellent lecture on "Pairing." The members present expressed themselves highly pleased with the information they had gained. Several questions were put and answered in a very satisfactory manner. A vote of thanks was proposed by Mr. J. Southward, supported by Mr. Metcalfe. Mr. Benson responded by thanking the large attendance for their patient hearing, and hoped he had been the means of assisting them in one of the most difficult problems the Fancy had to contend with. The result of the draw will be announced in the next issue of CAGE BIRDS.—R. B. Wright, Sec.

YORKSHIRE COUNTY B.B AND M.C.

Fifth annual meeting held Market Tavern, Bradford, March 9th, Mr. F. Archer (president) in chair. Balance-sheet read out, and the work of the past season gone through. The club started with 3s. 5½d. in hand after "subbing" round, as we were again a little behind, but we were pleased to see that the new season will begin with £1 5s. in hand. This is most gratifying to members. The last show season has turned out very well; the ten shows with our patronage yielded about 250 entries for Mules, Hybrids and British. We were very pleasantly surprised by being presented with a half-guinea by Mr. E. Clegg, which was much appreciated. Officers elected for coming year: Patrons, T. Martin, Esq. (Messrs. Martin and Archer, of Huddersfield), H. Middlemost, Esq. (Huddersfield); Mr. F. Archer again induced to become president, although he would have preferred some one else; vice-presidents, W. A. Cowgill, Esq., T. H. Inman, Esq., J. Isherwood, Esq., F. Hammond, Esq., H. H. Towers, Esq., H. J. Chittenden, Esq., D. Duncan, jun., and E. Clegg, Esq.; auditors, Messrs. S. Dean and R. Halliday; committee, Bradford district, Messrs. S. Dean, C. Ross, P. Jowett, and H. E. Parker, jun.; outside Bradford, Messrs. B. H. Wilson (Bramley), W. Gomersal (Morley), H. E. Parkin, jun. (Liversedge), J. Wilson (Malton), J. Bousfield (Knaresborough), H. Stake (Brighouse), T. Woods (Pickering), W. Lee (Doncaster), E. Clegg (Dewsbury). Mr. J. Lane was again elected hon. sec. against his wish, but being pressed into it he had no option. Proposed and seconded that the best thanks be given Mr. Lane for his services as hon. sec.; Mr. Lane responded suitably. It was suggested that societies wishing for the club's patronage send in their applications as early as possible to avoid dates clashing, as we want all the above in working order before next meeting, when we hope to notify secretaries whose shows will have extra specials from this club; so, secretaries, please apply as early as possible. I may mention that these new specials should make a lot of difference to the entries, especially if good classification is given. Proposed by Mr. E. Clegg, seconded Mr. J. Isherwood, that we give 10 shows patronage, same as before. We have promises of more new members, which will appear after next meeting. We should be pleased if all intending members will kindly send in their names and addresses so that same may get into new books; this brought the meeting to a close, as tea was ready for the great prize distribution of Yorkshire Union prizes.—J. Lane, Hon. Sec.

BORDER CITY (Carlisle) O.S.

Quarterly general meeting held Mar. 6, Mr. G. Davidson in chair. Carried, that open show be held Oct. 30 and 31, as arranged by committee, and that the Mart Hall be again engaged. Judges selected: Messrs. J. Robson, W. Nicholson (Stockton-on-Tees), and A. Brown (Gateshead); all have accepted and have been appointed. Agreed, that in future meetings be held on the second Wednesday of each month instead of the first.—J. C. Bell, Sec.

FORRES AND NORTHERN O.A

At the annual meeting held March 4th, it was agreed to have only cage birds at our annual show to be held December 4th. Following were appointed office-bearers:—President, D. Campbell; vice-president, D. Ross; sec. and treas., W. Cumming. As the society has been in a bad way for a number of years, the annual show being run at a loss, it was resolved to have a grand prize drawing, when we hope all fanciers will give us their assistance.—W. Cumming, Sec.

STOKE-ON-TRENT C.B.A.

Meeting held Feb. 4. Despite the inclement weather there was a good attendance. Decided, to hold an open show on Nov. 14th. Judge's name will be announced later. Young bird show fixed for June 22nd. Business over, Messrs. Walton and Roberts entertained the company with a splendid selection of gramophone records, and Mr. Evans, a visitor, rendered a song in an excellent manner. A most enjoyable evening terminated with a hearty vote of thanks to those gentlemen.—J. Pitchford, Hon. Sec.

GLASGOW (West End) C.B.C.

Meeting held Co-op. Hall (St. George's Cross), March 8th, Mr. C. Campbell presiding over a large attendance. Nomination of judges for F.F. and Annual Members' Show. Two new members enrolled, Messrs. G. Henderson and W. Templeton. Table show of British and Foreign birds also held; entries 53. Mr. M. Craig (Tollcross) judged. Principal winners:—British: Messrs. Henderson, Jamieson, Allan, Proudfoot, E. Taylor, Campbell, Gibb, Adams, D. Taylor; Foreign: Messrs. Proudfoot, Miller; Hens for hybrid breeding: Messrs. Proudfoot, E. Taylor.—W. Proudfoot, Sec. and Treas.

VALE OF LEVEN O.A.

After an address given by Mr. Thos. Smith, at our last meeting, he was unexpectedly called upon to judge mules and hybrid pairs. The quality was exceptionally fine, showing that the members have thought on the subject with a full appreciation of the importance of the hobby. Principal winners: Messrs. R. Maltman, J. W. Liles, J. McArthur, R. Kerr, J. and H. Hannah, J. McEwan. New members admitted (9): Messrs. J. McBride and J. Carrick (Dumbarton), D. Anderson, J. Methven, J. Cuthbertson, P. Douglass, J. Donaldson, and H. McGowan (Alexandria), and T. Maltman (Bonhill). This model society deserves every success. Long may Messrs. Bell, Hannah, McLean, and others be spared to carry on the noble work they have set their hands to.

NORTHERN BORDER & S.F.C.C.

Annual general meeting and election of officers held March 4, Lockhart's Cafe, 65, Grainger Street, Newcastle-on-Tyne. The balance-sheet was gone into, and am pleased to state there was a balance on the right side, which, considering we are only a new club, is very satisfactory. Secretary then read his report (a very lengthy one), showing how the members had supported the shows, which had received their patronage, sometimes showing sixty per cent. of the entries. He then gave in his resignation, saying he was sorry to do so, but he was going away to Canada. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded him, and the members expressed their sorrow at losing him, and wishing him every success in his new home. Election of officers: President, Mr. T. Carr Forster. Vice-President, Dr. Hemy. Chairman, Mr. W. Smith. Vice-Chairman, Mr. Snaith. Auditors, Messrs. Snaith and Greason. Committee: Messrs. Affleck, Ellwood, Craig, Farmer, Harvey, Johnstone, Montgomery, Newcombe, Parkin, Reid, T. Smith, and Greason. Following is a list of the medal winners: Champion section, gold medal, J. Johnstone; silver (gold centre) medal, G. Ellwood, Craig and Harvey; silver medals, Messrs. Smith (two), Ellwood, Hawkins, and Montgomery. Novice section, gold medal, Nicholson; silver (gold centre) medal, M. Peel; silver medals, Messrs. Nicholson, Parker, Peel, Aitchison, Walker, and Greenwell. Extra specials. Messrs. Johnstone (2), Parker, Nicholson, W. Smith, and Peel. All members are requested to attend social on 27th March, if possible, to receive above medals.—M. C. Potts, Hon. Sec.

CHELTENHAM C.B.S.

Annual dinner took place Mar. 6, at Sydney Arms, when about 40 members and friends sat down to an excellent dinner, provided by Mr. A. T. Cox, High Street. The president, Mr. W. Theobald, was unable to be present. Mr. T. J. King occupied the chair, supported by Messrs. Boulter, Grant, Lewis (chairman), Treasure (hon. sec.), Madagan, Payne, and Houghton (Gloster). The loyal toast having been duly honoured, the chairman, in a few pithy terms, proposed "The Society," and remarked on the good accruing to men who had such a hobby; after a life-long experience in the Fancy, he could thoroughly recommend bird-keeping as a delightful pastime. Mr. King said he was very pleased to see several round him, who had attended the first meeting of the society, about 35 years ago. He would couple with the toast the names of Mr. Lewis (chairman) and Mr. Treasure (hon. sec.). The toast was received with musical honours. Mr. Lewis, in responding, thanked them for the way they had received the toast, and trusted the society would continue to prosper. Mr. Treasure, in his reply, said it was eight years ago since he had taken over the office of hon. sec., and in looking back he was glad to say there had been a gradual but sure growth, and he was glad to say they were still going ahead. Each show was bigger than the previous one, and although the membership had not increased much last year, they had made a good start this year, and he had a long list to propose at the next meeting. He attributed the success of the society largely to the succession of ideal chairmen, during the last eight years. First, Mr. King, who held the office for several years, and was followed by Mr. Grant, who in his turn, owing to increased business causes, was obliged to retire, and was succeeded by Mr. Lewis, the present chairman. He was quite sure they all regretted as much as he did the absence of his co-sec., Mr. Pounsett, whose wife was still ill. In conclusion, he drew attention to the danger which threatened their hobby from faddists, who in many cases knew nothing of what they were talking about, and urged his fellow members to join the CAGE BIRDS LEAGUE, and so, by making that a power, they would be able to fight, if needs be, for the hobby they were all interested in. "Kindred Societies" was proposed by Mr. Grant and responded to by Mr. Boulter (chairman of the Canine Society), and the toast of "The Visitors," proposed by Mr. Madagan, was replied to by Mr. Hyatt. Mr. Hope, jun., proposed the "Artistes," and Mr. G. Stevens "The Chairman." A very interesting programme was carried out, including some very clever conjuring tricks, to which the following gentlemen contributed:—Messrs. A. E. Smith, W. Moore, Roberts, jun., Macey, King, Bastin, Cox, Young, Bendall, R. Smith, Lewis, Houghton (Cheltenham), and Salisbury, with Mr. Finch at the piano.

LLANELLY AND DIST. C.B.S.

Very successful meeting, Greyhound Hotel, March 9, Mr. T. Jenkins in chair. Re date of next show, seeing that the hall was not available for the show from Nov. 26 till January next, 1913, after a long discussion we decided to hold our show on Nov. 26. Messrs. W. Vardy (Canaries) and J. Frostick (Mules, British and Foreign) were elected judges of same. After the business a very interesting affair took place, when the chairman stated that our late and worthy chairman (Councillor D. R. Jones, Esq.) was to be the recipient of a presentation by the members. Mr. Jenkins asked our worthy president, Mr. Holmes, to hand over to Mr. Jones a beautiful ornamental inkstand and pen, inscribed as follows: "Presented to D. R. Jones, Esq., by the members of the Llanelly and District Cage Bird Society, March 9th, 1912." Mr. Holmes, in making the presentation, said he did not know of anyone who deserved it more. He hoped Mr. Jones might long be spared to be amongst them, as he had found him to be of sterling quality. Mr. Jones, in acknowledging the present, said that when the society was formed some eight years ago he had the honour of being elected chairman, which office he had held up to last year. Nothing gave him greater pleasure than being amongst his cage bird friends. He would like to congratulate the chairman (Mr. T. Jenkins) on this very successful year of office, and also the secretary, Mr. Daniel John, who was always plodding along for the good of the Fancy. A vote of thanks was given to Mr. Holmes, who generously promised the society again to present it with a silver cup.—D. John, sec.

RUNCORN B.B.A.

Lecture on "Pairs for Breeding." by Mr. S. Hadwin.

Mr. J. W. Guy presided over a good attendance on March 1, and in introducing the lecturer said he hoped all present would greatly benefit by his remarks. Mr. Hadwin met with an encouraging reception. He said that a few years back he had been a member of the extinct Runcorn and Widnes Society, that it was not by far his first visit to the town, and that he hoped it would not be the last. He stated that the general principles in selecting stock for breeding were that we should look to the cock for size and colour, and to the hen for type and quality. Buffs give you better colour on the cock side than yellows, he said. For instance, take a buff green Yorkshire. Its colour is rich, and looks as if, in the event of the bird being cut in two, it would be green all through—a big difference as compared with the Yellow Green, which looks smoky and less brilliant in colour. He next dealt with the general description of the good points of the Yorkshire for breeding—small head, but bold, nicely rounded neck, moderately long and straight, not too full or too thin; the shoulders narrow, square, and well filled; back nice and flat; long tapered wings; the flights tucked in closely tip to tip; tail and legs straight and long; the bird in attitude should be as nearly erect as possible. The bad points to breed with are crossed wings, round shoulders, legs short and stilty, short flights and drop, and short tails.

Mr. Hadwin next dealt with the good points in the Norwich to breed with—chubby and of medium build, nice bold and broad head, having a gradual rise from the beak over the crown and falling away gradually into the neck, which should be short and full in an even curve; the back to be broad, wings not too long, tail to harmonise in length with the body and wings, legs to be inclined to shortness, but not too short. Bad points: Small narrow head, hollow neck, long bodies, droopy wings, and spread tails. He said he was in favour of double buffing in Norwich, both bigger birds, better colour, shorter tail, and wing flights being the result. The body feather would be both heavier and broader, but the offspring would be all buffs. Time to pair: This was the next point, and the lecturer stated that this was the most critical in his address, especially to novices and inexperienced fanciers. Never, he said, be in a hurry to pair up your stock until you are quite satisfied that the cold raw east winds have left us. The last week in March or beginning of April is quite early enough. One rule of his was never to pair up until the birds could see to feed at six o'clock in the morning.

To all his hens, a week or two before he paired up, he gave a teaspoonful, every alternate day, of niger (or inga) seed, which kept the birds from being eggbound. For getting the birds into condition he firmly believed in mixed seed being given about three times a week. He is also strongly in favour of baths twice a week, for they are very invigorating and keep the birds in good health—while nesting, twice a week; but after the eggs have hatched out, do not let the hen have the bath until about a fortnight later.

Mr. Hadwin thinks the double breeder the most suitable, and whitening mixed with size better than whitewash for liming the cages. Enamel and paint he strongly condemns, for he says they never lose the painty smell, which is injurious to the birds' health. He likes a broad perch about half an inch wide, rounded off, but not planed. Planed perches give the young birds what is known as the slip heel, which they never get properly better of. Large sand he uses, such as poultry sand, which contains shell and sharp gravel; this is what the birds require for mastication of their food. Sea sand is not suitable, as it causes a lot of trouble, mostly indigestion, in birds.

This concluded Mr. Hadwin's lecture, and he answered all questions in a most straightforward manner, which even the youngest novice could not fail to understand. Mr. J. W. Guy, in bringing the meeting to a close, said that many of the members present would have learnt something from what their friend had said. A hearty vote of thanks to Mr. Hadwin concluded the meeting.—J. Fearnett, hon. sec.

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How the New Act is Being Exploited.

In the course of the case, the R.S.P.C.A. versus Stapleton, a full report of which appears elsewhere in this issue, a lurid light was thrown upon the methods adopted by the Society's inspectors in endeavouring to establish grounds for the conviction of any bird shop keeper against whom they may set their mark.

Here we have a dealer who has been in the occupation of the same premises for more than a quarter of a century, and who has during that time carried on his business without a complaint of any sort having been lodged against him. He is respected by his neighbours, is regarded by his customers as keeping his birds in cleanly and humane conditions, and altogether, his shop might have been picked out as an example of what a bird-shop should be.

Inspectors as Casual Customers.

Yet on a particular day two men walk in from the street and make such enquiries as might be made by any ordinary customer. They carefully conceal their identity, agree to purchase a Skylark at two shillings, and pay a deposit of a shilling. Then one of them asks if the dealer has a Chaffinch which has been "done," "done" meaning blinded by red-hot needles in the mistaken idea that birds which have been subjected to this horrible torture sing better than those which have their sight unimpaired. The belief that the song of my bird may be improved by inflicting upon it such unspeakable torture is on a par with that which suggests that the slitting of the tongue of a Starling or Magpie improves its talking powers, and, like that equally mistaken notion, is now as dead as Adam. Yet it is possible that a brute might be found who would for a consideration undertake the atrocious operation, and one of these inspectors, upon being told that the dealer had not such a bird, pressed him to procure one by the time of their next visit. In the course of the case the inspector admitted that he had asked if the dealer had such a bird, but denied that he had incited him to procure one, and the defending solicitor could not, of course press the point, as he had only the oath of his client as justification, and this was contradicted by the inspector concerned.

Mendacious Evidence.

One of these men swore in the witness box that he had had eighteen years' experience of birds, and was perfectly certain that among those which were in the shop were a number of Goldfinches. The other inspectors confirmed him in this, but the defendant was able to prove without the shadow of a doubt that he had not had a Goldfinch in his possession for nearly three months. These are the men upon whose uncorroborated testimony any dealer is liable to a fine of twenty-five pounds, together with six months hard labour!

Not one, but *all* the inspectors swore that the Skylarks in the defendant's shop were being kept in cages exactly of the size of one produced in court, but, when the one with an alleged eighteen years' experience of birds was invited to place a Skylark, produced, in the cage, he had to admit the impossibility even of getting such a bird into the cage, much more of keeping one in it. The liberty of their fellow man is placed in the keeping of such people as these, for if two or three of them are prepared to swear to the same thing, and the defence be not in a position to disprove their evidence beyond the possibility of a doubt, a magistrate must give heed to them, and convict the person charged.

On the point of the condition of the cages, all the inspectors were agreed that there were three inches of solid filth in their bottoms. Here again the defence was able to prove gross misrepresentation, for a number of cages were produced, and the depth of the bottom rail in the largest of them was less than two inches. Three inches of filth therefore would mean that the excrement was piled up to more than an inch above the rail of the cage.

It is no wonder that the magistrate, Mr. Cecil Chapman, stopped the case after three witnesses, among them a clergyman, had been heard for the defence, and dismissed the summons without calling upon a number of independent witnesses who had forfeited three afternoons in their wish to exonerate Mr. Stapleton from the unfounded charges brought against him.

The Value of Cage Birds League.

But suppose this man had never heard of CAGE BIRDS LEAGUE, and had not been in a position to put into effect the advice we gave him as to the proceeding to be adopted in his own defence. He would have been convicted to a certainty, and the R.S.P.C.A. would be congratulating itself upon the success of the working of the Protection of Animals Act, 1911. Now, on the contrary, an innocent man has been cleared of a disgraceful charge, and the prosecuting Society has to pay five guineas towards his costs, besides the whole of its own. What that Society will say to the inspectors who laid the information, and swore to falsehoods in support of it, is no concern of ours. Mr. Stapleton is indebted in the first place to our member, Mr. A. Goodall, who mentioned CAGE BIRDS LEAGUE to him, and who brought him to our offices for advice.

Anglers and the New Act.

One of the clauses of the Protection of Animals Act (1911) reads as follows:—

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It would seem clear, although legal opinions differ, as usual, that the Act affects anglers as well as bird-keepers, at least so far as in the using of live-bait, if such bait be a small fish, and it may apply even to the use of a worm or gentle. In view of the possibilities, there has been formed an Anglers' Defence Committee, and a defence fund has been instituted. At a general meeting of anglers at the Holborn Restaurant, on February 19 last, voluntary subscriptions amounting to over £50 were announced, and at the first meeting of the Committee the following resolutions were carried unanimously:—

"That the Anglers' Defence Committee will, when possible, and advisable, take such steps as are necessary towards the defence of any angler in the United Kingdom affected by the Act prosecuted under the Protection of Animals Act, 1911—provided he has used generally accepted and sportsmanlike methods of angling."

And in order to be prepared for the emergency of a prosecution of an angler under the Act, it was unanimously resolved:—

"That it be an instruction to the chairman or hon. secretaries to take steps to instruct a solicitor to defend the case at the first stage of the proceedings."

Readers of these columns who are also anglers, or who are interested in knowing the lengths to which the professional humanitarians are prepared to go in their endeavours to put down sport of every kind, would do well to read the "Fishing Gazette" of 24 Feb. and 9 March, in which appear full accounts of the two meetings.

The R.S.P.C.A. v. Weddell.

In this case, reported in another column, the Society succeeded in establishing their charge. I have a few comments to make, but they must wait until next week.

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No 575.

A Hinge for Cage Doors.

Sent by Mr. A. Newcombe, 49, Gloster Road, Barnstaple

I enclose an idea and a sketch of a hinge for wooden cage doors which are much stronger than the old way of making. Take a piece of wire and with pliers bend to shape A. Then

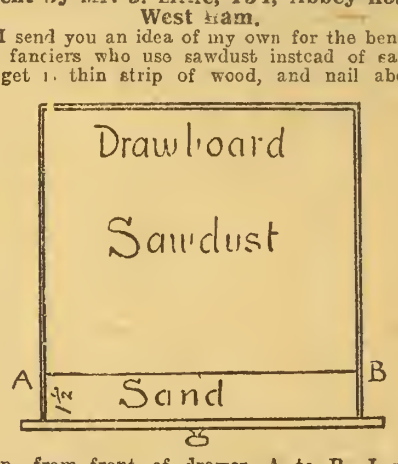
with a fine long bradawl bore two holes in edge of door (as shown by dotted lines in B). The two wire points A should then be driven in tight to edge of door (as shown in C).—A. Newcombe.

No. 576.

For Users of Sawdust.

Sent by Mr. J. Little, 154, Abbey Road, West Ham.

I send you an idea of my own for the benefit of fanciers who use sawdust instead of sand. I get a thin strip of wood, and nail about



1½in. from front of drawer—A to B. I put the sawdust in the space left and some sand in the smaller space. I find that my birds are quite fond of the idea, as it does away with the need to use a sand tin. I hope the sketch will explain more clearly.—J. Little.

The Young Naturalist.

*A Tell-tale Tit.

My brother, when a little boy, was one day very naughty. His auntie lived near to him, and when one day he went to see her, she said: "Frank, my little bird has told me you were very naughty this morning." Looking up at the Linnet in the cage, he angrily shouted: "Tell-tale Tit!"—Evie McCreary (aged 11), 11, Harlescott Road, Nunhead, S.E.

*Of Course Not.

Johnny, aged four, went into a Birmingham grocer's shop and asked for a box of Canary seed. "Is it for your mother?" asked the grocer. "No, of course not," replied the little fellow; "it's for the bird."—Taken from the "Penny Pictorial," and sent by Dorothy Baker (aged nine), Seaton Road, West Hendford, Yeovil, Somerset.

**Not to be Done.

There is a very tame Robin here, who insists on coming continually into the house. He generally finds his way into the dining room at meal times, and hops under the table quite fearlessly to eat the crumbs. He seems quite happy indoors, and sometimes he will perch on a curtain rod and sing prettily. We have tried to turn him out of doors, as we are afraid of the cats catching him; but as soon as we turn him out of one window he comes in at another. As we thought it dangerous for him to be indoors so much, we put him into a basket and let him loose a mile away, never thinking he would find his way back. Great was our surprise, however, when a few hours afterwards we found little Bobby had returned just in time for his tea.—Taken from "Little Folks," and sent by Miss Beatrice Garner, Bannold, Waterbeach, Cambs (aged 13).

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DESERVED DEFEAT OF THE R.S.P.C.A.

BIRD DEALER EXONERATED.

Magistrate refuses to believe evidence of Society's inspectors: R.S.P.C.A. officials guilty of gross exaggeration: Mulcted in £5 5s. costs.

AFTER lasting through three hearings, involving three attendances of witnesses, at the Tower Bridge Police Court, many of whom were people who could ill afford the time to appear at all, the first London prosecution under the new "Protection of Animals' Act" (1911) had a dramatic collapse on March 6th, when the magistrate, Mr. Cecil Chapman, dismissed the case at almost the beginning of the defence, and mulcted the R.S.P.C.A., the prosecuting society, in five guineas towards the defendant's costs. What would have happened if it had not been that the defendant was able to call neighbours and customers who gave a point-blank contradiction on oath to every individual allegation of the society's inspectors may be imagined from a perusal of the statements of the prosecution as given below.

The Act under which the information was laid empowers a magistrate to inflict a penalty not exceeding twenty-five pounds, together with imprisonment up to six months with or without hard labour, and it is monstrous that the result of a case should depend upon whether or not a defendant is able to efficiently controvert the unsupported testimony of paid inspectors whose very living depends upon an exhibition from time to time of their zeal in their calling. The report which follows is by our special representative, who attended the hearing.

At the Tower Bridge Police Court, on Feb. 19, Charles Stapleton, bird dealer, of 81, Lower Road, Rotherhithe, was summoned before Mr. Cecil Chapman, at the instance of the Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, for "causing unnecessary suffering" to sundry birds in his possession—to wit, eleven Larks, twelve Linnets, twelve Chaffinches, seven Thrushes, five Goldfinches, five Yellowhammers, two Bullfinches, a Blackbird, and others, "about two hundred birds in all."

Mr. Percy Robinson, instructed by Messrs. Ody and Wilmot, defended. At the first hearing the prosecuting society was not legally represented, but after the first adjournment Mr. Polhill appeared for the prosecution.

The Evidence.

The first witness was Sidney Inight, an inspector of the R.S.P.C.A., who swore that on Sunday, Feb. 4, he looked in at the window of the defendant's shop and saw a large number of British birds being kept in cages which were not only inadequate in size, but were in a disgustingly filthy condition. Some had no water troughs, and those troughs which were fitted contained water green with slime. Five Yellowhammers in one cage were, he said, in a deplorable state. They looked as though they were dying. Their wings were plastered with dirt, and their feet were corroded with their own filth. He entered the shop and asked how long the birds had been in the possession of defendant. The answer was: "Some since last October; some not so long." While speaking, he especially noticed four Thrushes in one cage. The filth in this cage, the inspector said, was three inches thick, and the birds were pecking feebly from a small tin filled with wet bread, seed husks, and excrement. There were about two hundred birds in all, and the conditions he described applied to all.

Alleged "Lame" Excuse.

When he pointed out to the defendant the disgraceful state in which the birds were kept, the defendant said he had not been able lately properly to look after the birds, as he had a bad leg. He paid one shilling as deposit on the purchase of a Skylark, and left after advising the defendant to clean the cages and feed and water the birds. He called next day, Feb. 5, and found the shop in exactly the same condition. Defendant then commenced hurriedly to throw in some food to the cages. On that occasion he disclosed his identity, and said he should summon defendant.

On Feb. 7 he called again. The window of the shop had been roughly cleaned out, but the condition of the cages remained the same. He produced a wood and wire cage five inches by three inches. This cage had contained a Greenfinch. The Skylarks in the shop were in cages of exactly the same size and pattern. Dozens of Greenfinches were in similar cages.

Blinded Chaffinches (?).

In cross-examination he said he had had eighteen years' experience of birds, and was quite certain as to all the statements he had made. He did not know that the defendant had been in business at the same address for twenty-eight years. Did not caution defendant; did not think it his duty to do so. Was certain the Skylarks were in cages such as the one produced. The inspector, Bullen, who was with him on the second visit, asked for a Chaffinch, and also asked the defendant if he blinded them or had a bird that had been "done" but he did not ask the defendant whether he could get one "done" by the next day. It was a common practice to blind Chaffinches to improve their song. When asked as to the number of Goldfinches, the inspector said there were five. He could not be mistaken; he knew a Goldfinch quite well. Counsel intimated that he would prove there were no Goldfinches at all in the shop. Adjourned for seven days.

Another Inspector Says "Ditto."

On the resumption Mr. Polhill, for the Society, called Inspector Bullen, who said he was with Inspector Inight on the first visit, and also on Feb. 5. He endorsed all that the previous witness had said. The birds were undoubtedly suffering keenly. The cages were in a disgustingly filthy state; the birds must have been wickedly neglected for many days; many looked weak and unfed, the Thrushes in particular.

Mr. Percy Robinson: What about the Goldfinches?—Witness: They were weak and dejected like the rest

You are quite certain there were Goldfinches. How many?—Yes. Five. One was taken down for inspection. All had their feathers plastered with excrement.

Shop the Same After Three Days:

Inspector S. Bennett deposed that he called at the shop on Feb. 7 and purchased a Greenfinch in the cage produced. He confirmed the evidence of the previous witnesses as to the filthiness of the shop. He made no notes at the time. The cages in the shop were in the same condition as the one produced.

The magistrate took the specimen cage in his hand and said that if that was to be considered a fair sample he could not hold that there was evidence of cruelty so far as the cages were concerned. It certainly was not absolutely clean, but it could not be said to be in such a state as to cause unnecessary suffering.

The Inspector Nonplussed.

Addressing the magistrate, Mr. Percy Robinson said that, with permission, he would invite the inspector to demonstrate his evidence of last week.

To the inspector: Last week you said that the Larks in the shop of the defendant were kept in cages such as the one produced?—Witness admitted this to be so.

Mr. Robinson (producing a Skylark in a cage): Now, Mr. Inight, you have had eighteen years' experience with birds. Please take the Lark out of this cage and transfer it to the one which you have sworn is such as those in which the Skylarks were being kept by the defendant.—The inspector looked askance at the two cages, and ultimately declined to attempt the task.

Mr. Robinson: Is it possible that, after eighteen years' experience, you are afraid to handle a Skylark? The witness vouchsafed no answer. He had evidently not anticipated that a feathered witness would be produced for the defence, and his confusion was painfully apparent. The magistrate relieved the tension by saying he had seen enough, and was satisfied that the impossibility of getting a Skylark into such a cage was sufficient contradiction of the inspector's evidence on the point of the Lark cages.

Asked as to the possibility of there being room for a bird of any kind whatever in the space which would be left in such a cage if the bottom were three inches thick with excrement, as sworn by himself, the inspector looked very little relieved from his embarrassment in the Skylark matter. Ultimately he said it was only to the cages in the window that his statement applied.

The Defence.

At the third hearing, Mr. Robinson opened the defence. He said that Stapleton had carried on business at his present address for twenty-eight years without a complaint of any kind. The evidence of the inspectors Inight and Bullen was not only improbable; it was incredible. He should call expert evidence that if the birds had been left in such a condition they would have died. Further, if the inspector thought the birds were suffering, he should not only have warned the defendant on his first visit, but should have called a police officer for corroboration. He did neither, but, according to his own story, and he was a man of eighteen years' experience, he left the birds to suffer in the condition in which he had found them. Witnesses would be called to prove the falsity of every statement made by the inspectors, and the defendant would himself swear that he had not had a Goldfinch for some months past.

A Point Blank Refutation.

The defendant Stapleton was first called, and gave a general denial of the statements of the prosecution. He partially cleaned the cages every day, and thoroughly at least once a week; the Thrush cages always twice. There were only about sixty birds in all on the premises. The inspector Bullen not only asked him if he had a Chaffinch which had been "done," but pressed him to get such a bird by the next day if possible. He had never had a blinded Chaffinch in his possession. Asked in detail as to the charges of filthiness, defendant answered "No" each time. The inspector Inight paid a deposit on the Lark on the Sunday, and completed the purchase on the Monday, taking the bird away in a cage of his own, which defendant pointed out was much too small even for a temporary purpose. The Lark could only be carried in it by using the back of the cage as a bottom for the time being. He had not had a Goldfinch in his shop since Boxing Day. The evidence of the inspectors to the contrary was absolutely false. Neither had he any Bullfinches as mentioned in the summons. Mr. Polhill, in cross examination, endeavoured first to disprove the defendant's statement that he had not more than about sixty birds, and questioned Stapleton as to the number of each kind of bird in his shop, but he could not get beyond the number stated.

Mr. Polhill: Can you account for four inspectors calling on four days if there were nothing wrong?—Defendant: I thought they wanted a job (laughter). They made no complaints whatever.

Re-examined: It was a Greenfinch which was taken away in the small cage produced, and that cage was the only one of its size in his shop. It was entirely untrue that the Skylarks were in cages of the same size. All his Skylarks were in larger cages, exactly like the one in which the Skylark produced was brought to the court.

John Anstey, tobacconist, of Lower Road; the Rev. J. Coad, Primitive Methodist minister; and John Bowling, barge builder, of Temeraire Street, all stated that the birds in the shop were cleanly and properly kept. Mr. Coad said that he himself was a bird lover. He had always about thirty birds of his own, and therefore knew how they should be kept. If the condition of the shop had ever even remotely approached the state described by the inspectors he must have seen it, and he would have considered it his duty as a minister of the Gospel, and as a bird lover, to have cautioned the defendant, and have lodged a complaint against him, if such a state had not been remedied. He was sure there were no grounds for the allegations made by the inspectors.

Mr. Robinson said he had many other witnesses, but the magistrate intimated that he did not wish to hear them.

The Magistrate's Comments.

In stopping the case, Mr. Cecil Chapman said that in all his experience he had never heard such absolutely flat contradiction by one side of the other. He was convinced that the views taken by the inspectors were exaggerated. Otherwise the birds must have been in such a sickly condition that the defendant's friends and customers must have known of it. There was absolutely no corroboration of what the inspectors had said, and he thought that professional witnesses, such as they, should have obtained the corroboration of a police officer before making such charges. He found that the offence alleged had not been proved, and dismissed the summons.

On the application of Mr. Robinson, the magistrate granted £5 5s. costs against the R.S.P.C.A.

LONDON BIRD DEALER FINED UNDER THE NEW ACT.

At the North London Police Court on Tuesday, March 12, Mrs. Eliza Weddell, of Boleyn Road, Kingsland, was charged before Mr. Hedderwick with causing unnecessary suffering to the birds in her stock by keeping them in dirty cages. Mr. C. V. Young conducted the prosecution on behalf of the R.S.P.C.A., and Mr. Percy Robinson, instructed by Messrs. Ody and Wilmot, appeared for the defence. Although the summons was in respect of the general condition of the cages in the shop, the hearing was narrowed to a consideration of two birds and the cage in which the inspectors found them. One was a Skylark which had only one leg and the other a Thrush which was alleged to be suffering from cramp.

The inspectors bought these birds and took them away in the cage in which they were. They were examined by a veterinary surgeon at the offices of the Society, and as a result of his report were killed by one of the inspectors. The cage was produced in support of the allegation of dirty cages.

Mr. Alexander Pearce, M.R.C.V.S., deposed that from the appearance of the birds he came to the conclusion that they were suffering from blood poisoning set up by eating food contaminated by the dirt in the bottom of the cage. The exhalations from the cage-bottom, he said, would be injurious to their eyesight and would cause great pain. The Thrush had cramp, and was evidently suffering. He had not had much experience in the diseases of birds.

Mr. Percy Robinson, in defence, contended that it devolved upon the prosecution to prove that, in the words of the Protection of Animals Act, the defendant was guilty of "wantonly or unreasonably doing or omitting to do" something, and thereby causing unnecessary suffering. Witnesses would depose that the shop had always been conducted in a cleanly and humane manner, and he would ask the magistrate to find that wanton cruelty had not been proved.

Mr. Hedderwick expressed his willingness to hear the defence, but said it might shorten matters if he said what was at present in his mind. He thought that an offence had been committed, but would hear what could be said in extenuation.

Mr. Robinson then called the defendant, who swore that every cage in the shop had been cleaned on the previous Friday, and it was always her custom to thoroughly clean them at least once a week. Most of the cages were new. Eight of the twelve Lark cages had only been in use for three days. She had bought the Thrush with some other birds only a few minutes before the inspectors called, and should have attended to it as soon as she had finished the cleaning, in which she was actually engaged at the time. She had herself operated on the broken leg of the Skylark, and the bird had quite recovered and was singing as well as any. She had only taken over the business since the death of her mother some three months ago, and during the forty-three years of her late mother's time no complaint whatever had been lodged.

Chas. Willis, a lay reader, said he saw the defendant cleaning the cages on the previous Friday, and had never seen anything of which to complain.

Mr. Fulljames said that in his opinion a bird could not contract blood-poisoning by feeding upon unclean food. The keeping of a bird in a dirty cage would not necessarily entail actual suffering, provided it was properly supplied with food and water. In reply to the magistrate, he said he should certainly not keep a bird of his own in a cage such as the one produced.

Mr. Hedderwick said that he was satisfied that in respect of the two birds mentioned an offence had been committed. He would take into consideration the fact that the defendant had only been in ownership of the shop since the death of her mother some three months ago, and would impose a fine of one pound only, together with two guineas costs. This mitigated penalty should not be taken as any precedent in future cases which might be brought before him. He should certainly punish anyone proved guilty of cruelty under the Act.

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Twitterings.

We bear that Nottingham and Notts O.S. Show has been fixed for Nov. 9 and 11.

I find the "Nutsbell" handbooks extremely useful, and I refer to them frequently.—(Miss) S. G. Ruby (Cork).

We are informed that Mr. J. W. Metcalfe (Liverpool) is judging the Yorksbire section at Belfast on Nov. 16.

Our annual nest feather show will be held on June 29, writes Mr. A. J. Barratt, hon. sec. of the Coventry O.S.

Mr. J. Walsh (Blackburn) bas, we hear, been engaged to judge British and foreign birds at Doncaster show on Nov. 22.

Mr. J. H. Payne will judge at our annual show on Nov. 19 and 20, writes Mr. W. O. Brooke, sec. of the Bournemouth and District C.B.S.

I have sold my 3rd prize Crystal Palace winning Goldie to a London exhibitor, and I wish him good luck with it, writes Mr. J. Lavery (Lurgan).

Messrs. J. Frostick and J. Robson have, we understand, been elected judges for the annual show of the Leyton and Dis. C.B.A., to be held on Nov. 7 and 8.

Owing to Mr. A. F. Fifield leaving for Belgium, I have been elected hon. sec. to the Oxford and Dis. C.B.S., writes Mr. C. F. Holliday, 58, George Street, Oxford.

Messrs. Abbott and Austen, hon. secs. of the Dover and Dis. F. and F.S. write: Our annual show is fixed for Nov. 6 and 7, when Mr. W. R. Mikes will judge the cage bird section.

Will the lady or gentleman who sent us an advertisement for insertion under "Foreign" kindly let us bave the full name and address? "Victoria Terrace, Walsall," will not find.

I have been elected secretary of the Newark and Dis. C.B.S., writes Mr. W. Lidgett. Will fanciers please address all society correspondence to me at 58, Milner Street, Newark-on-Trent?

I bave resigned the office of secretary to the Spen Valley C.B.S., so that all correspondence should in future be addressed to Mr. A. Lee, my successor, 3, Kelloe Street, Moor End, Cleckheaton, writes Mr. J. Lewis.

Will fanciers please note that I bave been elected secretary for the Stirling and Dis. C.B.S., and that all correspondence relating to the society should be addressed to me, writes Mr. Wm. Clubb, 10, Bayne Street, Stirling?

Secretaries and others are asked to note the following changes of address:—Mr. T. Bennett (judge of cage birds) from Glendare House, to 14, Cumberland Road, Lidget Green, Bradford, Yorks; Mr. A. Baxter to Frenches Brow, Greenfield, near Oldham, Yorks.

Fanciers in and around London will do well to visit Sandiford's, of Preston, new branch shop at 89, Sclater Street, Bethnal Green, where they will he able to purchase everything in the bird line. The very best and cheapest of everything. Open this week-end.—(Advt.)

Our host and hostess are giving a treat to all members and friends on March 20, writes Mr. J. Hall, hon. sec. to the Eccles and Dist. C.B.S., and after the meeting we intend to make a present to our president, Mr. Tims. We are hoping to have a good turn-up.

An excellent list of fixtures for 1912 bas been arranged by the executive of the Leyton and Dist. C.B.A. The handbook containing it includes also the rules of the association and the names and addresses of the members. The secs. are Messrs. Forse and Son, 31, Thornhill Road, Leyton.

Will members and all interested in the Bootle and Dis. C.B.S. please note that we have changed our meeting room from Thompson Cafe, Primrose Road, to Wood's Cafe, 333, Stanley Road, writes the hon. sec., Mr. L. S. Hamilton. Rally round, members, and let us have a good meeting.

The London and Provincial O.S. are having a lecture on "The Norwich Canary" by Mr. C. A. House at the Raglan Hotel, Aldersgate Street (adjoining the old G.P.O.), on Thursday, March 21, at 8 p.m., writes Mr. C. W. Law, the hon. sec. Will members and friends please turn up, and prove that the L. and P.O.S. does not require waking up? The following friends have joined the society:—Messrs. Montgomery, Harris, Dykes, Bell, Wilmot, and Grisdale.

AN APOLOGY.

We hereby apologise to Mr. Shackleton for making certain statements on a post-card to Mr. Armstrong concerning him, and express our regret for so doing. (Signed) OGDEN BROS.—Advt.

Will fanciers please note that I have been elected secretary of the Northern Border and S.F.C.C. in place of Mr. J. N. F. Scott, who sails for Canada? writes Mr. M. C. Potts. Secretaries wishing to apply for the patronage of the Club must address their letters to me at 33, Heaton Hall Road, Heaton, Newcastle-on-Tyne.

We have engaged Messrs. H. W. Battye, W. Vardy, and J. Walsh to judge at our open show on Nov. 22 and 23, writes Mr. G. Bescohy, sec. of the Doncaster C.B.S. The Drill Hall has been engaged. Every consideration is being given to the matter of catering for exhibitors by extending judges and classification. Secretaries please note to avoid clashing.

A balance to the good of £1 0s. 10d. is recorded by the Open Norwich Plainhead C.S. for the year 1911. This is the more creditable in view of the fact that the previous year closed with a debit balance of £1 15s. 8d. The hon. sec. (pro tem) is Mr. F. Hammond, 70, St. Margaret's Road, Bradford, to whom all communications respecting the club should be sent.

Points scored for our season specials are as follows, writes Mr. A. E. Lloyd, sec., Birkenhead C.F.A.; Mr. Young, 244; Mr. Jones, 193; Mr. Morton, 92; Mr. Edwards, 81. Will members please count their points, as we are very near the end of shows. I would like to draw members' attention to the fact that I am compelled to resign the secretaryship? Will all members who promised specials kindly send them to our meeting on March 19?

OBITUARY.

It is with profound sorrow that I have to chronicle the death of the little child of our worthy President, Mr. I. M. Morgan. The sad event occurred on Friday, March 8, writes Mr. J. T. Lloyd, secretary pro tem. of the Mid-Rhondda C.B.S. The little one was the light and comfort of their home, and our deepest sympathy goes out to Mr. and Mrs. Morgan in the sad loss which has befallen them. Our hon. secretary is ill, but I am proud to say he is now recovering and will soon be able and ready to take up office again. Both our President and secretary are great workers for our society.

The Sheffield O.S. have drawn up an attractive programme of events for 1912, which includes a lecture (on April 2) by Mr. H. J. Chick on "The General Management and Keeping of British Birds"; rambles on June 9, July 14, and August 18; and a big show on Nov. 1 and 2. Particulars as to membership may he had of the secretary, Mr. T. Bishop, 69, Alexandra Road, Sheffield.

We have received a copy of the very useful price list of nets, traps, and general catching appliances, seeds, wild foods, cages, and the innumerable other articles sold by Mr. S. Young, of Misterton, S.O., Crewkerne, Somerset. The nets, traps, etc., are all shown set in position, the booklet being fully illustrated. Copies can be obtained by sending two penny stamps to Mr. Young, who returns the twopence on receipt of the first order (a coupon and order form are enclosed with the list).

Although our society was only formed about twelve months ago, write Messrs. Barton and Barton, joint hon. secs., New Cross and Dist. C.B.S., we have three cups in our possession for competition, to be won outright, commencing at our next show on June 6—one for most points in Yorkshires (novice), one for most points throughout the year, and one for best Border unflighted at our annual show on Nov. 7. Now, then, Yorkshire and Border fanciers, these are well worth competing for; join now.

An Address Wanted.

Will Mr. G. A. Watson, late of 11, Moore Street, Sheffield, kindly communicate his present address to Mr. Fulljames at these offices?

Saving Time.

On Sunday, March 10, I found a Thrush sitting on four eggs, she having partly used an old nest that was built in a bush in our garden last year, writes Mr. R. Higgins (Aylesbury).

The Prolific Roller.

I think I had a record last year. I had but one Seifert Roller hen, which I put to a Roller cock and got fourteen young—eleven cocks and three hens—and all are well.—Sam Wilkinson (Nelson).

A Correction.

In my essay published on March 2, writes Mr. F. S. Morton (Bolton) there is one mistake. The eighth line in the fifth paragraph should read: "And all requisites that are constructed, etc." The word "that" has been left out, which makes it appear that seed-hoppers, etc., are included, whereas I am prejudiced against the use of the old wooden seed hopper.

A Tyneside Social.

For the Northern Specialist Clubs' social and prize distribution on March 27, I have the promise of an excellent programme, writes Mr. T. C. Crawhall (Newcastle). In addition to various vocal artistes we have the promise of a splendid clog dancer, some friends from the Amateurs' Dramatic Society, and, as mentioned in my previous letter, Li Chung Soo, the Chinese juggler. There is nothing to prevent it being a complete success if we only get the coal strike settled in time and fine weather. Mr. Hutchinson will let you know final arrangements next week.

The "Danger" of Caged Birds to Human Health.

An authoritative contradiction by Mr. Henry Gray, M.R.C.V.S., of recent "scare" articles.

I THINK it is only right that those who have made a special study of the diseases of birds should give the public the benefit of their experience, especially when a great many mis-statements and "flights of imaginations" are published so as to unduly alarm people as to the danger they run in keeping birds. As one who has kept birds and studied their diseases, I do not think there is much evidence, or any proof, to support the theory that ordinary cage birds are dangerous to human health. It is nevertheless true that Parrots or Parrakeets may occasionally suffer from tuberculosis contracted from consumptive people, drinking cow's milk containing the bacillus of bovine tuberculosis, or eating corn contaminated with the bacillus of avian tuberculosis, generally derived from tubercular gallinaceous birds, especially when confined in large outdoor aviaries or zoological gardens. In the caged Parrot, however, the bird is the victim and not the originator of the disease.

As to smaller cage birds being subject to tuberculosis, I may say that after making hundreds of post-mortem examinations of birds sent me from every part of the United Kingdom, and even from the Continent of Europe, every year for several years past, I have yet to see my first case of tuberculosis in the smaller cage birds.

As to psittacosis (a contagious disease of Parrots and Parrakeets) which is frequently encountered in every country that freely imports this class of bird, a few Swiss, French and Italian authorities have attributed to it an endemic pneumonia in man. But I believe although this disease in the psittacidae occurs in Germany and in the United Kingdom, no report has appeared in which medical men have attributed a disease in man to the Parrot. I have had recourse to the reports of the French, Swiss and Italian endemics in man, alleged to have been derived from the Parrot, and after studying them, as well as the disease in the bird, and made numerous enquiries of people owning diseased Parrots, I have come to the conclusion that Parrots do not convey their paratyphoid disease to mankind, any more than birds and cats do their diphtherias to man.

Medical authorities in Germany are not inclined to accept the conclusions of French, Swiss and Italian observers. Professors Friedberger (Munich Veterinary of High School) and Frohner (Berlin Veterinary High School), in their magnificent and world-wide known work on the Pathology and Therapeutics of the Diseases of Animals, state thus:—

"Recently there has been described under the name psittacosis an epidemic form of pneumonia occurring in human beings, which is said to be developed as a result of infection by diseased Parrots (?). This Parrot disease, which is said to be communicable to man, manifests itself as an infective enteritis, which displays the presence of various micro-organisms (streptococci, staphylococci, pneumococci, bacteria, coli, etc.). A proof of the alleged association between the Parrot disease and endemic pulmonary disease in man has no more been established than one of the earlier hypotheses of the origin of human diphtheria from the diphtheria of fowls."

The public have been alarmed, from time to time, by statements that animals give us diphtheria, scarlet fever, typhoid fever, influenza, etc. But not one of these claims has been substantiated or stood the test when the full evidence has been submitted to the critical examination of those who should know most about the diseases of animals and their relationship to those of man. It is a pity that people who write about the dangers of bird disease to human health do not draw their information from actual observation, and not from what they have read or imagined. It is a true old saying: Where angels dare not tread, fools rush in! — Henry Gray, M.R.C.V.S.

[We shall take steps to see that Mr. Gray's remarks are brought to the notice of the Editor of the R.S.P.C.A.'s journal, to whose absurdly misleading article on this subject we have previously referred.—Editor "C.B."]

The address of Mr. G. E. Weston after March 22nd. next will be 42, Lewisham-rd., Dartmouth Park, London, N.W. Will friends kindly note?

Birds as Shoe Ornaments.

When recently appealing for help for the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds, the Duke of Rutland remarked that the latest Paris fashion was to wear Humming Birds and Birds of Paradise on the shoes. That was a remarkable instance of this peculiar form of feminine insanity.

Be Careful Over the Address.

I received an order for a Buff Border cock to be sent to Mr. John S. Raeside, Almada Street, Hamilton, N.B., and I sent bird off, writes Mr. F. Moore (Clapham Junction, S.W.). But owing to no number being given, the railway people were unable to deliver the bird, and after it had been at Hamilton Station from Saturday till the following Friday it was returned to me. I wrote two postcards and a letter to the address given, but received no reply. Will Mr. Raeside send his correct address to me?

In North Staffordshire.

We note an interesting article in the "Staffordshire Sentinel" of March 9 concerning the cage bird Fancy in the North Staffordshire district. The writer suggests "one good strong society" to cover the whole district, and that a challenge shield be procured. "Matches could be arranged to be held quarterly, and the society gaining the most points during the year be the holder of the trophy for twelve months. Each of the four societies should send six birds to the match, two Norwich, two Yorkshires, one British, and one mule or hybrid. This would provide twenty-four birds to be judged, and a pleasant evening every quarter. Where one fancier claimed membership with more than one society, he should choose, before the first match is held, with which society he will show during the year. No member should he allowed to show more than one bird at each show."

The Problem of Migration.

We hear that Mr. Geo. Crabb, the well-known metropolitan bird-lover, intends interesting himself in the marking of young birds during the coming summer, thus lending a hand in the movement to throw light upon the problems of migration. He is obtaining a number of rings from Messrs. Witherby, to be utilised by himself and fellow-members of the National British Bird and Mule Club.

ENTRIES CLOSE

Monday Next, March 18th

For our Essay Competition on "The Rearing of Canaries or other Birds without the use of Egg Food."

Post your contributions in time.

IMPORTANT NOTICE.

Will all correspondents, and secretaries and officials of societies in particular, please note that "Cage Birds" now goes to press on Wednesday evening, so that all matter for publication in our issue of the same week MUST reach us on Tuesday to be certain of inclusion, or first post Wednesday at latest.

In Canada.

We hear that the formation of a Specialist Norwich Canary Club is under consideration by the fanciers of Toronto (Canada). We trust it may be successfully floated.

A Hard Case.

We bave had brought to our notice the case of a metropolitan fancier, quite a young man, who has bad the misfortune to be out of work for a long period (except for brief intervals) and is in danger of being ejected from his house, his unfortunate position entailing great distress upon his wife and young family. He is well-educated, of good appearance, and willing to take on any work, either clerical or manual, at a very moderate wage. We believe his references to be satisfactory. Is there any reader who can help him to find permanent work? If so, we shall be pleased to put him into communication with the man in question.

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WILL MULES BREED?

An Answer in the Affirmative.

By CHAS. HOULTON (St. Helens).
Author of "Cage Bird Hybrids."

The vexed question as to whether Mules can in their turn become parents of birds is settled by experiences of the above named well-known expert which are here related, with additional notes by Mr. G. E. Weston.

NOW that the busy show season is over, I will, with the Editor's kind approval, give an account of my experiences during part of last breeding season (1911) with a pair of birds sent to me through Mr. W. Reid, of Sunderland, to test whether they would breed or not. The birds sent to me were a cock Linnet-Canary Mule (or Linnet-Canary hybrid, properly speaking) and a Canary hen. These birds arrived at my home about the middle of the breeding season. Mr. Reid informed me that this same pair of birds had bred young in 1910, and also in the first round of 1911, for their owner, a Mr. Murray. He also told me that some of the young, and the pair of birds claimed to be the parents, had been sent up to London for the inspection of your Mr. G. E. Weston, who had also taken them to a meeting of the committee of the National British Bird and Mule Club. Exactly what took place whilst these birds were in London, I don't know, but when they were returned North I was asked if I would receive the old pair of birds and give them a trial, which I consented to do.

Handicapped but not Discouraged.

I was quite prepared to meet with some difficulties under the circumstances, for I knew that so much travelling (about some 600 miles or more on the railway) in the middle of the breeding season was not conducive to the most successful results. However, I was quite ready to try the birds, and if by close attention and care I could induce them to take to housekeeping and domestic (maternal and paternal) duties, I would do all I could think of to get them to settle down. Your readers will gather that I was rather handicapped by not having the birds at the beginning of the breeding season. The mere fact of disturbing, and particularly "travelling," them in the middle of the breeding operations might be sufficient to cause absolute failure.

When I had housed them in one of my cages, the days passed on, and the birds were more or less all attention, surveying their new surroundings. In a few days the Linnet-Canary Mule began to sing over the hen Canary, and also to feed her; while she began to flap her wings continuously in the familiar manner which denotes that a hen wants to go to nest. When I saw these actions I introduced into the cage some loose nesting material, and both the Mule and the hen Canary began to carry the material about. I then placed a nest pan inside the cage, when the hen Canary began at once to line it with the nesting material. The Linnet Mule was particularly attentive to the Canary, following her about the cage in a most devoted manner. He would, however, keep lifting the nesting material out, carrying it about from perch to perch, and he would ruffle himself up in plumage like a ball, flit his wings and tail about, and then, after some circus-like performances, let the nesting material drop on the bottom of the cage.

Very Assiduous in his Attentions.

As this kind of thing happened for two or three days, I could see I must adopt another method of getting the nest completed. I got one of my perforated zinc nest-pans, lined it with some very thick felting, placed it in the cage, and left some loose nesting material lying about. Mr. Linnet-Canary could amuse himself with the latter as much as he wished. The Canary eventually formed a nice, compact nest, with some of this material, on the top of the felt lining. The Mule was very assiduous in his attentions to the Canary, and performed all the love-making antics that Canaries indulge in at mating time—feeding the hen, singing to her continuously, and apparently thoroughly mating with her. I felt quite interested, and was sanguine I was going to meet with some new kind of experience. In a few more days I was pleased in the early morning to see an egg in the nest. Four eggs formed the clutch, and the hen then settled down to incubate. I left the Linnet-Canary with her during incubation, and he very attentively fed the hen on the nest, and then sat on the perch close by, singing his love ditty to her. All day long this rapt attention was paid to the hen Canary. I must say, too, that the hen fully accepted his kind, loving attentions, and in all my experience I never saw a pair of birds more agreeably mated. I did not meddle with them, but left them entirely to themselves after I had provided them with their necessary seeds, egg food and fresh water.

The most exciting and interesting period was quickly drawing near, and on the morning of the fourteenth day I was as delighted as the Linnet-Mule and the hen Canary appeared to be when I heard a little feeble "whistling" going on in the nest, under the Canary. I would not disturb her. I just fed and watered the birds. Then I went aside and patiently waited until the hen would leave the nest to eat and drink.

Feeding the Fully-Hatched Youngster.

When all was quiet, and I (apparently) not watching, the hen jumped off the nest and began to pick up food. I quietly slipped to the cage, opened a door at the side near the nest, and lifted the nest down; there I saw one little, fluffy, animated ball, two eggs, and one half of the shell of an egg adhering to a tiny little chick partly hatched out. Looking carefully at the latter, I found that it had succumbed with half the shell quite fast to its little body. I examined the other two eggs, and saw that they were "turned" in colour; so I left them in the nest, which I replaced after taking out the dead little chick.

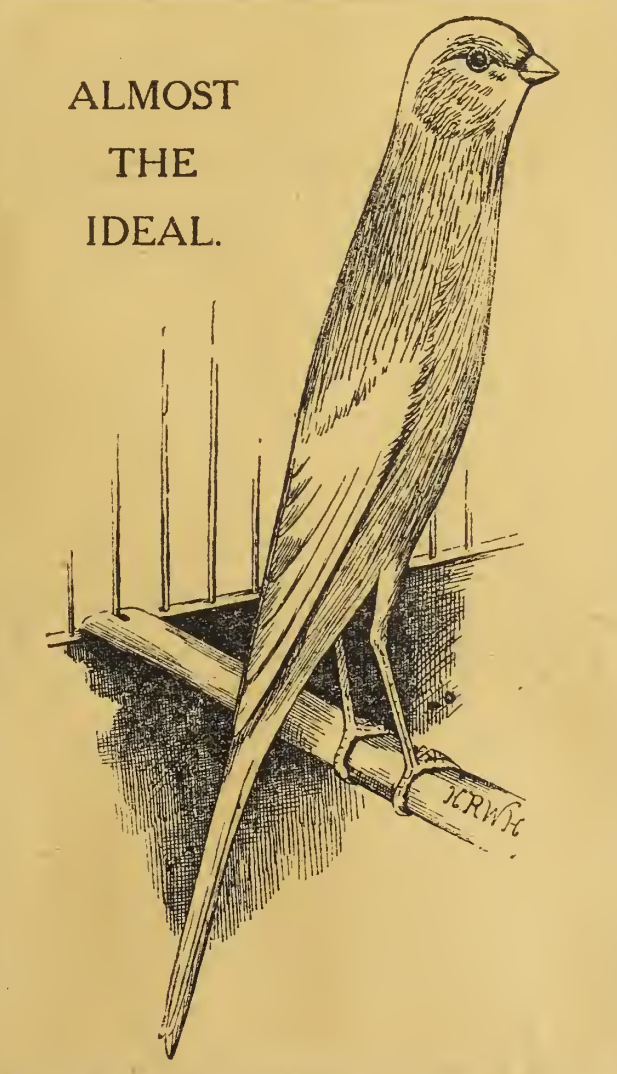
All this was done in two or three minutes, by which time the hen was preparing to return to her duties. I put the dead chick on a piece of cotton wool, and got some methylated spirit, which I soaked over to preserve it. In a few minutes' time, when all was quiet, I saw the hen raise herself and begin gently to bob her head up and down; the Linnet-Canary hopped on to the side of the nest box and surveyed her proceedings. I could see then that she was feeding the other fully-hatched youngster. After four or five days I found that the chicks in the two remaining eggs were not sufficiently matured to hatch out, so I removed the eggs, placing two dummy eggs in the nest with the one youngster, in order that the hen should not sit on it too closely. For six or seven days this youngster thrived, but not at the usual speed one notices in the case of robust young Mules or Hybrids.

Towards the ninth day the hen got very restive, and I could see that the young one was not strong enough to raise itself and take enough food from the hen; and it gradually lost strength and died. I was very sorry to see this, for I had begun to build up hopes of maturing at least one. So far, however, I had had practical proof of the egg-fertilising ability of the Linnet-Canary Mule. I took the nest out, and left the pair to themselves except for feeding and watering them, and cleaning the cage out, until the hen began to show signs of wanting to go to nest again. I observed them frequently in the act of mating, also feeding each other. So I gave her a fresh, clean nest, prepared like the previous one. In a few days time she laid, and a clutch of five eggs was the result. She sat extremely well for a few days, and then appeared only partly to cover the eggs for the remaining few days of incubation. As I could not hear or see any signs of young hatching out when they were due, I waited a couple of days, and then when I saw the hen leave the nest I examined the eggs. Three of them were, I found, almost black in colour, and two were semi-transparent. After two or three days' time, I saw the hen off, and I looked in the nest; there I found an egg with all the top of the wide end chipped off it, and a puny dead youngster within. The other eggs did not chip or hatch.

Quite Positive About It.

From this experience I am quite positive about the ability of the Linnet-Canary cock to fertilise eggs. I can only ascribe the partial failure of the eggs to hatch to weakness in the germs, and the reason there was not a more robust fertilisation may have been directly due to the birds travelling so far on the railway and being disturbed so much in practically the midst of the breeding season. The pair were as agreeably mated as I have ever seen a pair of birds during all my experience. I send you these remarks, as I think they may perhaps be of interest to readers of CAGE BIRDS, to bird breeders generally and to Hybrid-breeders in particular.—CHAS HOULTON.

(To be continued.)



Some instructive comments upon this drawing will be found in Mr. Brooks' article on this page.

PRODUCING THE EXHIBITION YORKSHIRE.

By H. C. BROOKS (Horsham).

Concluded from page 253.

What Both Birds Should Possess.

GOOD feather is essential in stock birds. Some fanciers almost seem to recommend a coarse-feathered cock, provided he be paired to a high quality, typical hen. But I cannot agree with this course. Both birds of a pair should possess good, short, tight body feather if it is desired that the young should be properly clothed. Long feather, however good in quality, does not fit tight to a bird's body. And remember, 20 points are allowed for feather. But I am aware that it is difficult to find cock birds possessing length of body and legs, and of good outline, and accompanied by really good feather; and one is frequently obliged to make use of a somewhat long feathered cock bird. When this is the case it must certainly be paired to a hen very tight and smooth in feather, or good results will not follow.

Another thing about which there is some diversity of opinion (I am speaking now of stock birds) is a frill. Some will tell you that if a frilled bird is paired to a close feathered, round-breasted partner, the young will for the most part not have frills. But I have not found this so. My experience is that the frill is one of the most difficult things to breed out, and I think the only safe way to avoid having them crop up in one's stock is to reject birds for stock purposes which show a frill—unless it be very slight. These remarks may also be taken to apply to twisted feathers at the throat which some birds possess, as these are so often transmitted to the progeny.

Don't Overlook Length in the Hens.

As regards the hens, let these be slim, leggy, and very finely drawn, and clothed with the tightest and most glossy feather procurable. And don't overlook length in the hens also. Cocks are naturally longer than hens, and a hen measuring 6½ inches is of good length. But don't be persuaded that a very large cock bird and quite a small hen will breed exhibition specimens in plenty. I think much better results would follow the mating of two birds which both come near to the standard. There is just as much likelihood of the youngsters taking after the cock as after the hen, and if both birds are good, typical specimens, the chances of producing exhibition birds are two to one in favour of the evenly matched pair. By all means make up for the deficiencies of one bird by mating it to a partner particularly good in regard to these points, but where possible see that both birds are free from glaring faults.

Colour is not of so much importance as type, but it has its value nevertheless. The cock bird is generally supposed to influence colour more than the hen, but I have not found this so. I have bred rich coloured birds from a pale cock and good coloured hen, and I have also bred pale coloured birds from a rich coloured cock and pale hen. What I recommend with regard to colour is to have as much as possible in both parents, but not at the expense of any other points, for the Yorkshire's chief beauty lies in its shape and position, and these must not be sacrificed for mere colour alone.

I have never introduced green blood direct to improve colour, as I have a good bit of Cinnamon blood running in my bird's veins, and I have been able to keep up colour very well without having to resort to the introduction of fresh blood solely for that purpose; and I am firmly convinced that Cinnamon blood has a beneficial effect on the quality of the feather, giving it, it seems, a softness and delicacy of finish. And birds so bred take the colour food well—or perhaps I should say, show the effect of colour feeding well.

To guard against loss of colour, it is a good plan to pair a clear bird to a ticked or lightly marked partner; but I do not see any harm in pairing two clear birds together if both are pretty well up in colour, although the marked bird should be brought into use on the first signs of colour waning.

Plenty of "Breed" or "Swagger" Needed.

Although no mention is made in the standard of it, a good Yorkshire should be possessed of plenty of "breed" or "swagger." These terms are well understood by fanciers, but they are not easy to define to the uninitiated. It is a something which gives to the bird a somewhat nervous (or should I say "nervy"?) temperatment, and is the principal beneficial result of crossing with the Belgian. Birds possessing a good bit of "breed" not infrequently have rather high shoulders, and they respond readily to the judge's handling. One of a pair of stock birds, therefore (preferably the cock) should show this characteristic, but if showing high shoulders, it should be paired to a bird having neat rounded shoulders, the idea being that at any rate some of the youngsters shall inherit both the "swagger" of the one parent, and the clean, rounded shoulders of the other. Birds answering to this description are well on the way to making exhibition specimens.

Note: I have made no reference in the above to the accompanying drawing. The fact is, I had prepared my essay, and had almost completely copied it in readiness to send in, when, happening to mention the matter to a friend of mine who has some little knowledge of drawing, he very kindly offered to endeavour to make for me a drawing of a typical Yorkshire to accompany my essay, if of any use to me. Needless to say, I gladly accepted the offer; and, considering that my friend has no knowledge whatever of birds, I think he has done extremely well. The time at his disposal was but small, and it is perhaps unfair to criticise his effort at all. But, if I may be allowed to do so, I should like to say that the drawing, to my mind, represents an almost ideal Yorkshire, and the only improvements I can suggest are, that the birds should be the least bit more finely drawn, and have a trifle longer legs set a shade higher in the body.

Questions and Answers.

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Canaries.—**Claude St. John.** British Birds, Mule and Hybrids—**G. E. Weston.** Foreign Birds—**Wesley T. Page,** F.Z.S., M.B.N.H.S., &c., Wild Bird Life—**H. Norman.**

NOTE.—If an answer is required concerning the proper mating, etc., of Norwich, Yorkshires, Crests, Cinnamons, Greens, Borders, Lizards, Scotch or any other variety of the Canary family, we shall, should the querist desire us to do so, be pleased to submit his questions for answer to some leading specialist of the day on the variety concerned.

CANARY QUERIES.

Answered by CLAUDE ST. JOHN.

SEED SAMPLE (W. T., Ely).—The seed sent is a very nice sample of summer rape of good quality.

ANTICIPATION (no Nom de Plume).—The very best treatment for a bird that is "threatening asthma" is to at once remove contributory causes, such as cold draughts, extremes of heat and cold, impure air, etc., as I am frequently advising as the intial step in actual treatment. You ought to have given some particulars about the bird. You do not even say whether it is really ill or not. See reply to "Beeston" on February 17, for full dctails of curing asthma.

AN OLD TOPER (Kilmallock).—Feed the bird the same as advised to "R. H." for two or three weeks. See that all your seeds are perfectly sound and sweet. Keep cage and perches as clean as possible, and strew floor with clean, gritty sand. In the drinking water give six drops each of syrup of rhubarb and dandelion juice for two days, and afterwards dissolve in each two tablespoonfuls of water a crystal of sulphate of soda, the size of a small pea, a crystal of sulphate of iron half as big, and add six drops of dilute sulphuric acid. Give this every second day for a fortnight.

NOT SITTING (H.C.).—You had brought the birds forward too early, either by feeding or keeping too warm, and then you did not put them together soon enough when the hen was coming forward for laying. That was the sole cause of the hen behaving as you say. If still in good condition, and the weather at all favourable, put them together again in a week hence, hanging their cages side by side for a day of two beforehand, or placed in such a way that they may make friends, and the cock feed the hen through the wires. I do not advise you to cross the Yorkshire and Norwich.

IN BAD CONDITION (Doubtful, New Southgate).—If there is any doubt of the cage being still infested with mites, deal with it as advised to "H. W." Apart from this, feed and treat bird generally for a month as advised to "H. J. Latham," but you need anoint the swelling you speak of only once or twice, just to ease the irritation. If the fluid magnesia has not quite removed the constipation, commence the above treatment by giving ten drops of syrup of huckthorn in the water for one day. Report result in a month, referring to this reply.

NECESSITY FOR FEEDER (H. Bergan).—Certainly it is not only the most rational, but often the only way out of the difficulty when a hen refuses to feed young more than two or three days to get a second hen available to take charge of the young if the necessity arises. Get a pair of common birds of a known good feeding strain to act as foster parents. Your feeding is very good, and birds should thrive well upon it. See chapter on rearing in Part VIII. of "Our Canaries."

THREE (T. B. W.).—(1) It is easy to account for the pair of birds being together a month, and still show no signs of nesting. They were put together too early, and before they were really ready to mate. You can only exercise patience until a more favourable season arrives. They will probably begin in earnest about the end of this month. Meantime, feed them up judiciously as advised to "V. A. G." on March 2nd; or, for greater details, see CAGE BIRDS' ANNUAL. Give a crisp young dandelion leaf or two each day. (2) A bath-room may be regarded as one of the very least suitable places for a bird-room. Unless well ventilated, and the air fairly dry, and free from extreme fluctuations of temperature, I should not give it a moment's consideration. Whether a landing would be suitable depends wholly upon the position. If nicely lit, and quite free from draughts or fluctuations, it would be passably fair, but not otherwise. (3) If the increase in temperature in the mechanic's room when the vulcaniser is in use is very great, the room could not be considered very suitable. If only moderate, or if you could select a portion of it where the rise is not very great, and it is also fairly well lit and ventilated, it might make a quite serviceable place for the birds.

SEED SAMPLES (Ajax).—The canary, rape, and niger are all very good, and of high quality, and perfectly suitable for the highest class of birds. The hemp is of a decidedly poor quality, and I would not risk feeding valuable birds upon it.

NOT SINGING (N. Nelson).—You ought to have said how you feed the bird, and where it is kept. See that it is quite free from any cold draughts or extreme fluctuations, and also from red mites. Then treat it for a fortnight the same as advised to "H.R.," except that you may dust the bread and milk with soft sugar, and give the maw separately. If not better in a fortnight, please write again and give the particulars asked for when I shall be glad to help you further.

A WRONG JUDGMENT (E. C.).—Why did not you give some details of treatment as to feeding, etc., and the symptoms shown. The bird certainly has not inflammatiou of the bowels. Treat it the same as advised to "Kilmallock" for a fortnight, and if not then well, write again and give particulars suggested above, referring also to this reply.

BALDNESS IN YORKSHIRE (J. H.).—Baldness is just as frequently the result of wrong treatment as insects. Now the bird is mated you cannot treat it properly, and it is, in any case, doubtful whether the feathers will now be reproduced until the bird moults. If you separate the cock from the hen during incubation and rearing, you may treat him as advised to "H. J. Latham."

TOO FAT (Overfat).—Keep the hen in a good-sized flight cage, and limit the amount of food supplied. Continue giving a staple of bird rape, but use about equal parts of summer rape, cole, and charlock, and give a teaspoonful only each day. Twice a week omit this diet and substitute an equal quantity of equal parts canary and millet. Give a liberal supply of watercress, chickweed, or tender young groundsel, but no apple or other fruit, except a grape, of which you may give one, broken open and fastened on end of perch, twice a week. In the drinking water give ten drops of syrup of rhubarb sufficiently often to keep the bowels moving quite freely, but not watery.

WINGS GET IN WAY (F. E. N.).—This seems a rather peculiar case. Are the wing feathers normal, or deformed in some way, or were the flights plucked at the moult, or have the wings been injured in some way? Again, are the claws much overgrown? In the latter event cut the claws back to a proper length. See that the bird and cage are both quite free from insects. Allow bird to bathe freely in fine weather. Finally treat for a fortnight, as advised to "H. J. Latham," and then report result, referring to this reply, and give full particulars concerning the above points. Do not cut the wing feathers, but if the sides of the crest hang over the eye, or the tips turn in and touch the eyeball so as to irritate the eye, clip off the sides of crest, so as to leave the eyes unobstructed and free from irritation.

BAD PLUMAGE (Mrs. King).—First of all see that the bird is being kept under proper healthful conditions, and that its cage is free from red mites. If it is not, deal with it as advised to "H.W." Feed the bird as advised to "R.H.," but slightly dust the bread and milk with flowers of sulphur, each time, and sprinkle it with soft sugar, giving the maw separately. In the drinking water give 20 drops of whisky, as much Epsom salts as will cover a sixpence, and half as much chlorate of potash every second day for a fortnight. You may slightly anoint any bare place with zinc ointment twice a week, being careful not to apply enough to daub the plumage.

SIZE OF CAGES (A. R.).—Your cages, size 32 ins. by 16 ins. by 8½ ins., for a double breeding cage, would do very nicely for Borders, and would be quite tolerable for Norwich, thousands of them being bred in this size cage. But they are very small for Lancashires, and although there is a large possibility of succeeding with them, I certainly do not advise you to go in for them unless you get cages, say, not less than 20 ins. by 16 ins. by 10 ins., which is quite small enough, and larger than this would be better. The White Blackbird is something of a novelty, although not so very rare. Pied specimens are fairly common.

ABOUT CRESTS (Scholastic).—Like all other breeds, Crests vary considerably in prolificacy and capacity to rear young. I have had specimens equal in these points to the best of common feeders. But this cannot be relied upon as a safe rule, as very many of the best Crests and Crestbreds can only be termed modcrate breeders, and cannot always be relied upon to rear their young. Therefore, when starting with Crests, it is most advisable to have a few pairs of common feeders to fall back upon in case of necessity. Mating a Crest with a Crest-bred is the correct method, save in exceptional cases for some particular object. It is immaterial which sex is the Crested specimen. A Crested cock and Norwich Plainhead hen will produce only Cross-bred. There is no advantage of any kind in such a cross.

NORWICH OUT OF CONDITION (R.H.).—The bird is evidently very much out of condition, but I cannot say whether it was so before you received it. It would scarcely be reasonable to expect the bird exchanged or replaced if it dies after this lapse of time. You should have written the seller earlier, or returned the bird if not satisfied with it in a reasonable time, say, two or three days after you received it. Try what the following treatment will do for it: Staple diet, plain canary. Every second day a half teaspoonful of summer rape, separately, and a morsel of banana, and on the alternate days a morsel of bread sopped in cold milk, two drops of cod liver oil emulsion on it, and sprinkled with maw, and also give a leaf of dandelion. Twice a week give a little seed mixture composed of about equal parts hemp, inga, teazle, and millet. Keep cage strewn with clean gritty sand, and avoid cold draughts and extreme variations of temperature. In the drinking water give eixe drops of syrup of rhubarb and as much sulphate of soda as will cover a sixpence for three days, and afterwards four drops each of tincture of gentian, tincture of calumba, and dilute sulphuric acid every second day for a week. I should say Canaries could only contract gapes under very serious mismanagement. It is quite useless mating the bird for breeding until better.

ONCE MORE (H.W.).—The proper method for dealing with red mites has frequently been given. It is perfectly useless dusting birds with insect powder. The cages need overhauling. Move birds to temporary cages if possible, and whilst there give a bath daily in which a few drops of essence of quassia have been mixed. Clear out infested cages, probing any loose joints or cracks with a pin to remove as many mites as possible, and burn debris at once. Now mix a dessert-spoonful of Jeyes' Fluid in half a pint of warm water and go over cages thoroughly with this inside and outside, using a small paint brush to work it well into all joints, etc. Repeat this operation twice with an interval of a day between each, and when dry after the third dressing run a drop of the pure Jeyes' into every crack or open joint. Finally repaint or enamel and varnish as may be necessary, and when quite dry birds may be returned. Whilst carrying out operations, see that wall where cages hang and seed boxes, etc., are also thoroughly cleared of any stray mites. Leave no loophole for any to escape by.

MALTESE CANARY (R.H.D.).—As far as I can judge the birds belong to no particular Fancy breed, and are probably just the ordinary domestic Canary of the country, analogous to the common type of German, or Roller, as bred in this country. There are distinct traces of even-markings, but this occurs among Rollers as well as cultivated fancy breeds, although it is quite possible the birds may be a degenerate type of Yorkshire or Border Fancy. If you mate them with any of our Fancy breeds, the young will be cross-breds, and only of value as songsters, but to get progeny of an improved size and style, I should advise you to mate them with clear yellow Yorkshires of a dark-eyed strain, and properly bred from even-marked birds. For cheap books, House's "Manual," 1s. 2d., or "Canary Breeding for Beginners," 7d.; for completeness and illustrations of every variety, "Our Canaries," is IT.

CANARY QUERISTS,

should consult St. John's "Canary Breeding for Beginners" (7d.); House's "Canary Manual" (1/2); Battye's "Yorkshire Canaries" (1/1½); House's "Norwich Canaries" **(1/1);** *Weston's "Stock Book"* **(7d.);** *Dr. Clarke's "Septic or Bird Fever" (7d.); Dr. Creswell's "Hygiene of Bird-keeping (1/1); Norman's "Aviaries, Bird-rooms, and Cages" (2/8); Ramsden's "Colour-feeding" (3½d.); "Seeds and Foods for Cage Birds" (1/2); or the "Nutshell" booklets (2½d. each): No. 5 "The Pet Canary," No. 6 "Ailing Birds and How to Cure them," No. 9 "The Disinfection of Cages, Bird-rooms, etc.," No. 10 "The Roller," No. 23 "The Border Fancy," No. 24 "Green Canaries." All thoroughly practical and instructive. Prices quoted are post free, from "Cage Birds," 154, Fleet Street, London, E.C.*

BIRD HOUSE (W. P.).—(1) If the glass section top is set in a hinged frame, so that it can be raised when required, this and the side windows will provide ample ventilation during the hot summer months. Of course, the space must be covered with netting underneath. For other times, insert a small framework of slats, 9 by 6ins., made on the principle of a venetian blind under each window near the floor, and another in the highest angle at each end. I am not quite clear whether the one end of house abuts on wall. If it does, then make the ventilator in the free end a little long. (2) I advise you to make 20in. single breeders all of the same pattern. See Parts I. and II. of "Our Canaries" for full details of all kinds of cages.

NOT BREEDING LAST SEASON (Mrs. Smith).—The manner in which the hen behaved last season, sitting in nest pan, etc., is due to an undeveloped; or, in birds that have already bred, probably an atrophied, condition of the reproductive organs. They are most unsatisfactory cases to deal with. If the hen was a young one last season, it is possible she may breed successfully this year, in which case I should be pleased to hear of the fact. Put her up a diet of plain canary seed, with a liberal supply of crisp young dandelion, and a saline aperient every second day for a week. After this feed her up as advised in "Canary Breeding for Beginners" in CAGE BIRDS ANNUAL. You would find this class of hen very fully written of in Part VII. of "Our Canaries." As regards the other bird it is quite true that many cocks sing very little whilst mated, and if you were correctly informed of its previous history there cannot be a doubt of its sex. Still, without that previous knowledge I should have said the bird was probably a hen. Try what a fortnight of the treatment advised "R. H." will do.

BAD SKIN AND PLUMAGE (H. J. Latham).—You are not feeding the bird correctly, and are probably also keeping it in unhealthy circumstances. See that it is in a cosy temperature, not overheated, quite free from cold draughts, and not exposed to the fumes of burning lights in the evenings. Make yourself quite sure that the cage is now free from mites, and keep floor strewn with clean, gritty sand. Also keep perches quite clean. For the next fortnight give a staple diet of plain canary only. Every second day give half-a-teaspoonful of summer rape, and on the alternate days a similar quantity of crushed sponge cake slightly dusted with flour of sulphur, and sprinkled with maw seed. Twice a week give a little mixed seed, and four times a week a spray of greenstuff. In the drinking water add ten drops of lemon juice, as much sulphate of soda as will cover a sixpence, and half as much chlorate of potash every third. Anoint the unhealthy skin three times a week sparingly with lanocyllin. Allow bird to bathe freely in mild weather.

AVIARY (Treaty).—If, as I surmise, you intended allowing the birds to fly at large in the whole of aviary, you should put the cock in with the hens altogether, and put in your nesting sites. If you run him with each hen separately, assuming the partitions are fixtures, you should keep cock in the centre, and a hen on each side, and admit him to one hen first, and when she has gone to nest, move him to the other. Then return him to the centre when second hen has gone to nest, until the first hen is again ready for him. If the smell of turpentine is very strong in aviary, you should allow it to stand in the open for a day or two. Before putting birds in, stop all the moth holes you mention, or you will have endless trouble from red mites. Get a little soft putty and press it as deeply as you can into all the holes by means of a spatula of some kind, and then paint over it with a hard-drying paint or enamel.

FOREIGN BIRDS.

Answered by WESLEY T. PAGE, F.Z.S., Etc.

AUSTRALIAN ROSEATE COCKATOO (Mother Shipton).—In my former reply I fully considered the matter; I regulated the diet, advised remedies, so as to reduce any heated condition of the blood, and to tone the bird up generally. A condition of things that has been going on for three months cannot be put right at once; the treatment must be persevered with. Some skin parasites are so minute that a very powerful microscope is needed to reveal them; hence the precautions as to spraying and dusting. In addition to the treatment already advised, give a sedative. Dissolve three grains of bromide of potassium in a little syrup, give the bird this in doses of three drops at intervals of two hours till the whole is consumed (one teaspoonful of syrup should be sufficient), and after one day's interval repeat it. Then let a week go by, and if the excitement is continued repeat it again. If you are able to tell when the excitement is coming on, a dose of the sedative may check it or mitigate its severity. In using ointments, etc., only sufficient must be used to moisten the skin; it should not run amongst and grease the plumage. I have used "Zam-buk" with good results as a palliative, but it is the bird's system that must be put right. If the above treatment does not bring about a gradual improvement, you had better consult a vet. Mr. Yates, who makes P.M. examinations for this paper, on seeing the bird might be able to give relief to the heated skin, or note at once some internal trouble not observed by you.

ORANGE BISHOPS AND BUDGERIGARS (Orangeman).—(1) Yes, and as a rule the Orange Bishop is well able to look after himself in any company, though there is always a risk in associating Finchlike birds with either Budgerigars, Lovebirds, or any Parrakeets. (2) Canary, millet, millet sprays, green food, and a few live insects, the latter are especially essential during the moulting and colour change periods. (3) Usually from July or August till the following March, but the period is variable with individuals, even when kept in the same district, and it may vary a week or so either way. (4) No. (5) Now is a good time, as the birds are still obtainable in colour, when the cock is known by his fiery orange and black plumage, and the hen by her more sober garb of pale and dark browns, arrayed bunting-like. Do not, however, put them out of doors till April.

CUTTHROATS NOT REARING YOUNG (A.W.).—There is a good deal of individualism in pairs of this species, even in the aviary, and during periods of over stimulation they often throw out the young and go to nest again; but in your instance they have too much company. Even in a cage of yours, not more than three pairs should be kept for breeding purposes, though, of course, you can keep more and be content with casual results. However, there are no birds in the cage likely to interfere with them. I should gradually cease giving the live food, and supply ants' eggs regularly and soft food when they are feeding young, and I should opine you'll have better luck with later nests. Such mishaps often occur with young birds with their first nests, but if the practice is persisted in, it is "sheer cussedness."

BREEDING WAXBILLS IN A CAGE (Dulwich).—Not much has been done in this country in the way of breeding foreign birds in cages, but very fair success has been met with by Continental aviculturists, though, of course, except with species domesticated as the Canary, there are many disappointments in the breeding of wild species, whether British or foreign. You ought to succeed with the Cordon Bleus, and I should say you will do so later, but your chances would be greatly enhanced if you could let them have the cage to themselves. When young are hatched, keep up a continuous supply of millet sprays, and supply blighty sprays of roses and fruit trees, and, if in season, supply ants' eggs, also a little sponge cake, moistened with boiling milk. It is the company of so many kinds (5) within the compass of a cage that distracts them, and takes away their desire to incubate.

SUNBIRDS, ZOSTEROPS, ETC. (H.B.).—I should say a cage with bars half-inch apart would confine the Sunbird, but I have never tested it, as what few cages I use are all ½in. But I should certainly have no hesitation in putting them behind ¼in. mesh wire netting. Sometimes, however, a bird will attempt to escape from a cage (I do not think the Sunbird would), that would make no effort to do so from a roomy cage. All the Zosterops are very similar; they vary a little in size, and the intensity of their colouring. The African species is a little larger and brighter in colour than the Australian one, and the Indian species is much smaller. In a roomy cage all are very attractive, and as active as Tits. The Red-sided Tits are active birds. They often run along the top wires of their cage wrong side up. So give them a roomy cage. Use twiggy branches for perches; get a piece of natural bark and stretch this across back of cage; the birds will then hammer away at and crawl about this, instead of being so much on cage wires. The size of a bird's cage should be decided by its demeanour (active or otherwise); small species often need the largest cage, and all Tits come under this category.

BIRD-ROOM FLIGHT (F. E. N.).—I take it your flight is about 6 ft. by 8 ft.; certainly the birds can be put in with the hen Canarics. What I really advise is for you to put a wire cage outside the window; you could stand bath in this, and the birds at will could take either a shower or sun bath, according to the weather; it would suffice if the cage projected outside the window 18 inches. Having the bath here (in outside cage) would keep your flight nice and dry. It is rather difficult to meet your requirements, for most Finches require soft food when they are rearing young, similar to Canaries, but it need not be egg food. Any soft food mixture advertised in our columns for Finches and Softbills could be used. If you do not require the hen Canaries for breeding with their own kind, get the following five cocks, turn them in all together, and you should get some interesting hybrids: Alario Finch, Black-headed Siskin, Hooded Siskin, Cape Canary (Grey-necked Serin), and Grey Singing Finch. Get also a pair of Zebra Finches; these are almost certain breeders, and you would gain experience from them, and their value is 7s. 6d. to 10s. per pair. As they are prolific they are worth breeding. I really advise your getting a year's experience with such as these before going in for costly pairs. No species is immune from egg binding, which is usually prevalent when northerly or easterly winds prevail. Whether they breed or not, let them take their chance. I should put in the following Waxbills, they are worth their place for beauty, vivacity, and interest: Grey, Golden-breasted, and Orange-cheeked. The Diamond Dove is a Dove, and the Diamond Sparrow is a Finch. I do not think the latter would breed in your room. Write again if need is not fully met.

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should consult Page's "Foreign Birds for Beginners" (1/1); Arthur's "Budgerigars and Cockatiels" (6d.); Arthur's "Parrots for Pleasure and Profit" (7d.); "Aviaries, Bird-rooms, and Cages" (2/3); "Seeds, Foods, and Wild Plants" (1/2); Dr. Clarke's "Septic or Bird Fever" (7d.); Dr. Creswell's "Hygiene of Bird-keeping" (1/1); "Colour-feeding" (3½d.); or the "Nutshell" booklets (2½d. each): No. 6 "Ailing Birds and How to Cure them," No. 9 "The Disinfection of Cages, Bird-rooms, etc.," No. 14 "Gouldian Finches," No. 16 "Avadavats," No. 17 "The Grey Parrot," No. 18 "Budgerigars," No. 19 "The Pekin Robin," No. 20 "Waxbills." All thoroughly practical and instructive. Prices quoted are post free from "Cage Birds," 154, Fleet Street, London, E.C.

PILEATED FINCHES, ETC. (M. F. K.).—(1) Pileated Finches, bred in two outdoor aviaries last season, and made unsuccessful attempts in others, and I have found them harmless with small Finches. (2) The difficulty is rearing the young, as in addition to their usual dietary they must have a liberal supply of live food, mealworms, gentles, live ants' eggs, smooth caterpillars, etc. If you can supply this there is no reason why you should not succeed, as both species are ready enough to nest. (3) Yes. Nonpareils and Indigo Buntings agreed with small Finches, but not always with each other, and they could be kept in your aviary all the year round. You can keep either species with the Waxbills, etc., without fear, but if you include both you must keep them under observation for a time till their demeanour towards each other is ascertained.

GOULDIAN FINCHES, ETC. (P.O.).—It is difficult to know what to do. I should give Dinneford's Magnesia occasionally, also Byno-phosphates—both in the drinking water. Should also advise their being kept in the coolest part of your conservatory, out of draught. This consignment was brought over on the open deck, and have been kept in a cold room since arrival. It is the prostration following importation, and nothing but nursing on the lines stated will bring them round; with the care you are giving them they ought to pull round. Keep millet sprays continually in cage and supply Canary and white millet seed in separate hoppers. (2) I think the Sunbird will pull round, and I cannot add anything to previous advice. Again importation prostration, which does not always manifest itself on arrival, but develops a little later. Keep this bird in the warmest part of the house. It should pull round; you are doing all you can. (3) The Quail and Aurora Finches were evidently both in a weak condition, and I do not think the preparation had anything to do with their death; it was not poisonous. In my opinion it was another case of careful nursing almost, but not quite, triumphing over the importation prostration. (4) You can only keep this bird warm; if it does not improve, put on the treatment advised for the other Sunbird, as even a change of diet, though both are so similar, is often helpful. Re your P.S., I do not think so, but I should certainly encourage the consumption of as much canary seed as possible. Get a little lettuce and grass seeds, and give the Gouldians a pinch of this daily. Give all your seedeaters a small piece of lettuce leaf daily; mostly all Finches are fond of it. Nearly all Foreign Finches consume much more millet than canary seed. All postal replies leave me per return, but queries have to be forwarded to me first.

AILING AMAZON (Mrs. C.).—So long as the swelling returns it must be carefully pricked, and after a short interval the place cleaned with tepid water and anointed with a little antiseptic ointment (from any chemist). A little gentle pressure should be applied to the swelling, so as to exude any possible contents. Give the bird every fourth day one teaspoonful of Dinneford's Magnesia in two tablespoonfuls of water, and supply no other drinkables for the day; on other days put half-a-teaspoonful of Byno-phosphates in the same quantity of water. This is sufficient for one day's supply. If the voidings become watery loose, you must lengthen the period between the doses of magnesia. Confine dietary to seed mixture, ripe fruit, nuts, plain biscuit, and green food. If it is accustomed to boiled maize continue it, but not more than one tablespoonful daily; the dry seed mixture is better for it. Keep cuttlebone and grit (not sand) in cage. If there is no improvement in a week or ten days, write again, fully explaining how bird has been fed in the past, and giving full details of its then present condition.

BLACK-CHEEK LOVEBIRD (P.H.S.).—This bird evidently caught a chill, which has checked the moult and left her in a weakened condition, and as she tones up her plumage will doubtless improve. Do not neglect green food, even during winter months; fresh lettuce, and also sweet apple if she will take it. It is possible the swelling is a case of prolapsus, commonly known as "down behind," and in such case a vet. had best attend to it. I should keep the bird warm, and foment swelling twice daily with a hot (not hot enough to cause discomfort) decoction of camomile flowers; dry with a cloth, and anoint with clean olive oil, but do not use sufficient oil to run among and grease the plumage. Also give at intervals (bird's condition must decide frequency) doses of Dinneford's magnesia to keep bowels loose, but not watery. When not giving the magnesia, put byno-phosphates in the drinking water; half a teaspoonful of either to two tablespoonfuls of water will be a suitable strength. It's a pity they will not touch green food or fruit as it would help. Should like to hear how she progresses, say, in a week or ten days' time.

BRITISH BIRDS, MULES AND HYBRIDS.

Answered by G. E. Weston.

Managing Muling Couple.

Miss Gatehouse.—You can certainly follow the advice given in the various articles; they record actual experiences. At the same time, different fanciers have different ideas, and you must adopt those which fit in with your out cages, etc. It is possible for half-a-dozen or more ways to meet with equal success. Run the wired slide down the centre of the cage, leaving the Goldfinch on the side, and the hen Canary on the other. When the Goldie is in breeding condition and vigorous song, they will not take long to strike up an acquaintanceship. Probably he will commence to sing to her through the partition wires; also to feed her. These are the first signs of an "understanding." When you notice these things, put a few coarse pieces of material (moss) out of a nest-bag into the hen's compartment. If she commences to carry these about in her beak, you can bang in the nest-pan (or box), giving her at the same time a little more nesting material. Should she carry the latter into the nest-pan, and appear bent on nest building in earnest, hang the nest-bag up against the wires, or put it in the nesting rack, if you use those appliances. First thing next morning (the earlier the better) withdraw the centre partition, letting the Goldie run with the hen. If you retire quickly and discreetly on the other side of the room, you will no doubt see the hen "call" to the Finch, and he, if really in breeding condition, is not likely to lose any time in doing the needful towards ensuring fertile eggs. It is well not to hurry one's muling hens, or they are apt to get on with their first nest before the Finch is fit. Keep an eye on the Finch at first, until you learn his disposition. Some pull the nest about, and some will put their beaks through the eggs when laid. Such birds should be run with the hens only for a hour or two each morning and for a short time in the evening, too, being shut off during the day, and entirely (with the solid wood partition) as soon as the hen commences to sit. The procedure applies equally well to all Finches, besides Goldies.

Goldfinch for Muling.

Bill.—Your query involves the telling of quite an old story. You should get a scrapbook and cut out answers likely to be useful. It would save one a lot of repetition. Feed your bird on the following seed mixture—Teazle four parts, Canary and hemp three parts each, linseed one part, sunflower, safflower and summer rape half-part each. The sunflower and safflower I crack lightly by passing them through a seed-crushing machine. The safflower must be cracked, or it will not be touched. In addition, I have two other mixtures, of which I give a small teaspoonful daily—one, one day, the other the next day, and so on. They are (1) niger three parts, and maw one part: (2) thistle three ounces, dandelion and sesame two ounces each, lettuce, gold of pleasure, and cornflower one ounce each. All the others are mixed by measure. These seeds help to bring them into song and condition quicker than anything else I know. Plenty of dandelion, young tender leaves, and flowering and seeding heads are essential also, to bring them along into breeding condition. When they are in full, vigorous song, and drooping and spreading their tails and wings as they "sway" to and fro on the perch in the manner so peculiar to this species, then Goldfinches can be looked upon as "fit" for pairing up, especially so if they have a clear beak (free from any dark mark at the tip of the upper mandible). They will breed, however, even if the beak is not quite clear; I have had plenty do so.

Linnets in Breeding Condition.

E. E. W.—You can tell when a Linnet is in breeding condition buy its beak, which then turns a dark slate-blue, by its free song and, when it is "fierce," by its dropping its wings with a kind of "shivering" motion as it pours out its song. I have several times recently given details of the feeding. Let the stock mixture be: Canary and teazle three pints each, summer rape one pint, charlock and linseed half-a-pint each. A feed of maw and niger, and a good wild seed mixture can be given frequently (varied) by way of a change, while your bird would undoubtedly benefit by being given a teaspoonful of good hemp seed every other day. Let him have a little green food, flowering dandelion tops and the young leaves, also seeding shepherd's purse, chickweed, plantain, and groundsel freely as obtainable. To bring them in condition for song, etc., the great "secret" is to give them a supply of the best old hemp: crack it lightly. Also put in the "tit-bit" drawer every other day a teaspoonful of the following mixture: Two ounces each of gold of pleasure, niger, plantain, sesame, and thistle, one ounce each of mustard (the golden-yellow seed), dandelion, maw, cornflower, and lettuce. The "Nutshell" booklet upon the Linnet would be very helpful to you; also Mr. Norman's book upon British Hardbills.

BRITISH BIRD & HYBRID QUERISTS should consult Houlton's great work, "Cage-Bird Hybrids" (7/6); Norman's "British Bird Manual" (2/3); or Part 1 "Hardbills" (1/1), Part 2 "Softbills" (1/1); "Aviaries, Bird-rooms, and Cages" (2/3); "Seeds, Foods, and Wild Plants" (1/2); "Secrets of Hybrid Breeding" (1/2); Dr. Creswell's "Hygiene of Bird-keeping" (1/1); Dr. Clarke's "Septic or Bird Fever" (7d.); "Colour-feeding" (3½d.); or the "Nutshell" booklets (2½d. each): No. 1 "Goldfinch," No. 2 "Linnet," No. 3 "Skylark," No. 4 "Song Thrush and Blackbird," No. 11 "Bullfinch," No. 13 "Chaffinch," No. 15 "Greenfinch," No. 22 "Siskin, Redpoll, and Twite," No. 25 "Small Insectivorous Birds," No. 26 "Large Insectivorous Birds," No. 6 "Ailing Birds and How to Cure Them," No. 9 "Disinfection of Cages, Birdrooms, etc.," No. 12 "How to Moult British Birds." All thoroughly practical and instructive. Prices quoted are post free from "Cage Birds," 154, Fleet Street, London, E.C.

Very Young Mules.

Barnstaple.—It is not a record to have young Mules about to leave the nest now. I have this year seen announcements of still earlier birds in Cage Birds. It is very early, however, I freely admit. When they are commencing to feed themselves offer (in addition to soft food) maw seed, lightly cracked canary and hemp seeds, groats, or coarse oatmeal, shelled and broken up sunflower seed; also seeding heads of chickweed, shepherd's purse, and groundsel. Don't at the same time forget grit and cuttlefish, likewise old, crushed mortar. Steep some summer rape seed in cold water, which thoroughly change every day. It will soon begin to germinate (burst), and is then ready for use, dabbing it as dry as possible in a towel before offering it to the birds. This is very good, especially where anyone experiences difficulty in getting green food regularly, for which it is to a certain extent a substitute. All crushed seed should be prepared fresh daily. Wean them off egg food as soon as possible, substituting for it home-made egg cake, moistened, if necessary, with a spot or two of milk or of water; or a little stale madeira or sponge cake, or crushed sweet biscuit (maizena wafer, tea or Osborne), also moistened with milk. Egg cake made and baked at home really does not need damping. Don't make the mistake, when dropping egg, of leaving off soft food entirely.

POST MORTEMS.

Mr. G. Yates, M.R.C.V.S., 2, College Road, Harrow, Middlesex, will examine and report upon dead cage birds for a fee of 1s. 6d. each bird; for reply direct, 2s. 6d.; analysis, 21s. Subjects for post mortem examination must be sent packed in a box direct to Mr. Yates, with the fee, this and any accompanying letter being kept from contact with the dead bird. Send by letter-post; it is cheaper and quicker than parcel post. Any bodies sent to the office of this paper will be thrown away, and if a fee is enclosed the loss will be the sender's.

B.W.—Bird fever, a contagious disease.

GENERAL.

Answered by The Editor.

The Railwaymen's Blackbird (W. Radcliffe).—We do not quite understand why you should send a cutting taken from Cage Birds to Mr. Fulljames. We hope he reads his own copy every week!

An Aquarium (F. Williamson).—You are making many mistakes, as you will gather from the "Nutshell" booklet. You are keeping too many fish of large size, and the sample of food you send we do not think adequate (it is not fresh, for one thing). You need running water (constantly changing), with weeds, snails, etc., to keep so large a number of big fish in your aquarium in good health.

Report of Lecture (S. Andrews).—We are much obliged to you for sending this to us, and will publish it at an early date.

CLUB & SOCIETY NOTICES

ONE notice of any forthcoming Society meeting inserted free. It should reach us not later than Tuesday morning's post. Specially printed Club Notice Postcards may be had free on application to our Manager. Secretaries should always use them.

Annfield Plain F. and F.C.B.S.—Mar. 16. Annual meeting. Election of officers, date of show, and judges.—J. W. Christon.

Bath F.A.—Mar. 21, Foresters' Hall, 8. Open table show, A.V. Committee meeting at 7 o'clock.—E. W. Cotterell.

Bankfoot C.B.S.—Mar. 19, Red Lion Hotel, 8.—F. Gelder.

Bournemouth C.B.A.—Mar. 21, Railway Hotel, 8. Discussion, "Pairing, Feeding, and Rearing Canaries, and Hybrids."—W. O. Brooke.

Ardwick and Manchester C.B.A.—Mar. 19, Onward Hall, 8. Lecture on "British Birds," by Mr. A. E. Long. Friends invited.—J. Spencer.

Ashton-under-Lyne O.S.—Mar. 19, P.S.A. Rooms, 7.30. Table show, two classes—A.V. Muling Pairs, A.V. Hyb. Pairs. Judge, Mr. Gavin (Denton Soc.); staged 7.30.—J. R. Colville.

Annfield Plain C.B.S.—Mar. 16, J. Lumley's, 7. Special for annual meeting; intending members please come.—T. Robinson.

Bradford East O.S.—Mar. 19, Park Chapel Schools, 8. Election of Yorks. Union delegates, and a special meat pie supper. All members specially invited.—H. Hill.

Birkenhead C.F.A.—Mar. 19, Abbett's Cafe Room, Market-street, 8. British bird show; Mr. Mallinson judge. Birds to be staged at 7.45 p.m. Nine classes. Ent. fee, 7d. New members may be enrolled.—A. E. Lloyd.

Cardiff C.B.S.—Mar. 21, Maskell's, 8. Annual meeting; election of officers, etc.—W. Sampson.

Codnor Park and Eastwood C.B.S.—Mar. 16, Three Tuns, Eastwood, 7. Will those who had tickets for stock pair show please return all unsold, and settle for those sold?—J. H. Mitchell.

Coventry O.S.—Mar. 20, Sydenham Palace, 8.30. Judge for next feather show, etc.—A. J. Barratt.

Cheltenham C.B.S.—Mar. 20, 8. Lecture, "The Norwich Canary," by Mr. J. Houghton (Gloucester). Place of meeting will be published in local press.—A. S. Treasure.

Eccles C.B.S.—Mar. 20, Diamond Inn, 8. Annual meeting; election of officers. Fanciers invited.—J. Hall.

Gt. Harwood C.B.S.—Mar. 18, Dan MacNally, Church Street. Business of importance. Subs. now due.—A. Bentley.

Hanley C.B.S.—April 3, George and Dragon, 8. Choosing judge for open show and the fixing nest feather show.—W. G. Llewellyn.

Kelty and Blairadam C.B.A.—Mar. 19, headquarters, 6. Replies from judges, etc.—A. Dickson.

Lancashire and Lizard F.A.—Mar. 23, Old Boar's Head, Manchester, 6.30. Discussing spls, and arranging for annual tea and social.—J. Rukin.

Leicester C.B.S.—Mar. 21, Saracen's Head Hotel. Table show, four classes—(1) Goldfinch (Brit.), (2) Bullfinch, (3) Bramble, Green, or Chaffinch, (4) Linnets; all field-moulted. Fanciers invited.—G. H. Groocock.

L. and P.O.S.—Mar. 21, Raglan Hotel, Aldersgate Street (next G.P.O.), 8. Lecture on "The Norwich Canary," by Mr. C. A. House.—C. W. Law.

Leicester Hand-in-Hand C.B.S.—Mar. 19, White Swan, 8.30. Goldfinch, Bullfinch, A.S. Brit. Hen.—A. Freestone.

Morpeth C.B.S.—Mar. 16, Earl Grey, 7.30. General.—E. Cowling.

Manningham C.B.A.—Mar. 18, headquarters, 8 Members' show schedule.—H. Grange.

Metropolitan C.B.A.—Mar. 16, All Saints' Mission Hall, Prince of Wales Road, Battersea Park, 8.30 Lecture by Mr. G. Gardner; fanciers invited.—J Best.

Manchester and Northern C.O.S.—Mar. 19, Deansgate Hotel, 7.45. Lecture by Mr. Cutmore (Liverpool)—"Cage Birds' Ailments, Their Causes and Cure," with illustrations. Friends and fanciers invited. Ticket money for late show.—H. Boothman.

Northern Counties Norwich P.C.—Mar. 20, Lockhart's, 8. Selection of cup; general business.—W. Curry.

National Green Marked Y.C.C.—Mar. 16, Market Tavern, Bradford, 6.30. Committee meeting of the club will be held. Business very important—re objection, etc.—F. Armstrong.

Newcastle C.B.S.—Mar. 21, 65, Grainger Street, 8. Committee meeting; important business.—J. W. Reed.

Northern B.B.M. and F.B.C.—Mar. 20, 65, Grainger Street, Newcastle-on-Tyne, 8.15. Annual meeting, general business; also table show, 4 classes—(1) Brit. Goldie or Bullie, f.m., (2) Hyb. Pairs, Brit. or For., (3) Brit., A.V., (4) For., A.V. Judge, A. Storey, Esq.—G. Taylor.

North Shields C.B.C.—April 3, 37, Howdon Road. 7.30. Table show for Britishers; birds to be staged at 6.30 (not later). Please note.—R. P. Fox.

North London C.B.A.—Mar. 20, headquarters, 8 British and Foreign Bird Show; judge, A. J. A. Marley.—P. W. Jefferies.

Plumstead and Woolwich C.B.S.—Mar. 21, headquarters, Beresford Street, Woolwich, 8. Staged at 7.30. British and Pairs Table Show; Mr. E. Jordan will judge. Members are asked to make this a success by making as many entries as possible.—E. Meades.

Portobello C.B.S.—Mar. 19, Masonic Hall, Lower Street, 8. Nominations of judges, etc.—J. Davidson.

Spen Valley C.B.S.—Mar. 18, Commercial Hotel, 8.—A. Lee.

Sowerby Bridge C.B.S.—Mar. 21, Wharfe Hotel 7.30. Annual general meeting; report and balance sheet and alteration of show rules.—Sutcliffe and Walker.

Scottish National C.B.S.—Mar. 23, 142, High Street Edinburgh, 6. Business of utmost importance Members requested to be present in large numbers.—J. R. Meikle.

Sale C.B.S.—Mar. 18, Volunteer Hall, 8. Table show; judge, Mr. T. Harrison (Altrincham).—Royle and Wood.

Sunderland C.B.A.—Mar. 16, Fawcett Street Cafe 7.30. Show business; important.—J. Jeffrey.

Tong C.B.S.—Mar. 19, Hand and Shuttle Inn, 7.45 Adjourned annual meeting. Important.—W. Walker.

Wakefield O.S.—Mar. 16, Crown and Anchor Hotel 8. Cup and specials for competition, etc.—J. Isherwood.

Walkden C.B.S.—Mar. 19, Bull's Head, 7.30. Selection of judge for nest feather show.—H. Howard.

Wolverhampton C.B.S.—Mar. 21, Duke of York, 8 Paying out prize money, etc.—J. Gibbons.

Wibsey C.B.S.—Mar. 16, Horse and Groom Inn, 8 Important; election of judges for members' shows etc.—H. C. Crossley.

Windhill C.B.S.—Mar. 16, Blue Bell Hotel, 8. Suggested classification and rules for combined shows with Eccleshill. Also lecture by Mr. S. Dean (Gt Horton); fanciers invited.—Taylor and Gunn.

Yorkshire C.C. of Scotland.—Mar. 19, 71, London Street, Glasgow, 8. Conditions of open show patronage; F.F. show arrangements, etc. New members welcomed.—R. B. Gibb.

Press Cuttings (C. H. Goodman; P. T.; A. Bowler; and others).—Accept our thanks for the newspaper cuttings sent us.

The Essay Competition (T. Stanley).—The small matter you mention would not entail disqualification.

Catching Birds (J.A.).—It would be impossible to answer your question except by writing a long article. You should send three penny stamps to Messrs. Wyman and Sons, Ltd., printers, Fetter Lane, London, E.C., for copies of the Wild Bird Acts applying to the counties of Somerset and Gloucestershire; also 7d. to Messrs. Trower and Co., 442, Caledonian Road, London, N., for a copy of their "Bird Catchers' and Dealers' Guide." From these you will get all the information you desire. Broadly speaking, catching is prohibited between February and September, but the close season varies in different districts. The Linnet builds in furze or gorse bushes (a favourite site), blackthorn and whitethorn bushes, and shrubs and hedges generally.

Members Shows.

Leicester C.B.S.: Held March 9, Headquarters. Judge, Mr. Hayes. Chief winners.—Canaries (open): Mr. Gamble; novice, Messrs. Cook, Bate, Bellamy, Wortley, Toone. Hybrid pairs: Messrs. Brooks, Yates, Bellamy.—G. H. Groocock (hon. sec.).

Darlington C.B.S.: Annual pair show, held Mar. 6th. Judges, Messrs. J. Forster and J. Paterson. Principal winners.—Yorks.: Mr. Paterson; Nor., Messrs. Cornor, Brunskill; A.O.V., Mr. Todd; Muling, Messrs. Grainger, R. Todd, Burton Bros.; Brit.: Messrs. H. Todd, Gregory.—H. Todd, Sec.

City and County of Perth: Pair show held Laidlaw's Hotel, March 4. Judge, Mr. J. Craig (Brechin), who afterwards pointed out the merits and defects of the exhibits. Principal winners: Nor.: Messrs. Forrest, Mooney; Crests: Messrs. Duncan, Bruce; Borders: Messrs. Kerr, Bruce; Hybrids: Messrs. Kirk, Bruce.—J. Kerr, Hon. Sec.

Llandudno C.B.S.: Held March 9, Cobden Hotel. Over 70 birds staged. Judge, Mr. W. O. Roberts. Spl. for best in show, Mr. D. G. Jones (Goldfinch-Bullfinch); spl. for 2nd best in show (kindly given by Mr. H. W. Sheldon), Mr. Gwil Jones. Principal winners:—No.: Messrs. Gwil Jones, E. E. Griffiths, Pike, Nolan; Yorks.: Messrs. Pike, D. Jones, H. Thomas; A.O.V.: Mr. Thompson; Mules: Messrs. D. G. Jones, E. E. Griffiths; British: Messrs. Hughes, R. Williams, Wood, Hartle, D. G. Jones; Foreign: Mr. Hartle.—F. S. Berry, Hon. Sec.

Leicester (Hand-in-Hand) C.B.S.: Held Mar. 5. Mr. E. Noakes judged. Principal winners:—Champion: Messrs. Peberdy, Holder, and Gibbins; novice: Messrs. Moores, Reeves, Charles, and Jolly.—A. Freestone, Sec.

Sheriffhill F. and F.S.: Held March 2, St. John's Mission Rooms. Mr. W. Witherley (Felling-on-Tyne) judged. Principal winners: Yorks.: Messrs. W. Stockton, S. Burrell, J. Major G. Willis; Nor.: Messrs. J. Davison, J. Major; Border Fancy: Mr. J. G. Greison; For.: Mr. A. Stockton; Brit.: Messrs. J. McGuire and A. Stockton.—W. Stockton, Hon. Sec.

Boldon Colliery C.B.S.: Held Co-operative Hall, March 8. This show decided winners of two medals given for most points gained at the table shows. Mr. A. Widdowfield judged. Principal winners:—Nor.: Mr. Stephenson; Crests Mr. Tracey; British: Messrs. Tucker, Stephenson Mason; For.: Messrs. Urwin, Tucker. Winner of gold centre medal, A. Tucker, 140 points; J. Tracey and J. Stephenson equal in points, 134 each, for 2nd medal.—J. Stephenson, Sec.

Bury C.B.S.: Pair show held Mar. 5th, headquarters. Mr. J. Gorton (one of our oldest members) judged. Fourteen pairs staged. Messrs Armstead, 1st and 3rd, and Croseley 2nd. Decided to hold our autumn show same Saturday as formerly viz., Nov. 30.—H. Jamieson.

Sittingbourne C.B.S.: Held Mar. 4th Mr. G. Whatford judged. Principal winners:—Yorks.: Messrs. Olive, Gifford; Nor.: Messrs. Broadbridge, Whatford; Brit., Messrs. Hyland, Grant, Attwood, Olive, Whatford; hybrid pairs: Messrs. Wakelin, Grant; For.: Mr. Grant.—B. Tidy, Sec.

City of Birmingham C.B.S.: Pair and British bird show, held Crown Hotel, Mar. 6th. Entries totalled 49. Eight pairs of Crests graced the show. Mr. Derry captured both champ. and novice spls. for most entries; that for best novice Yorks. Mr. Allsop; spl. for best Brit., Mr. Jeffrey's Nightingale. Mr. G. Baker judged. Principal winners: Crests Mr. Groves; novice Crests: Mr. Peace; Cinn. novice: Messrs. Hammersley, Southern; Nor.: Messrs. Collier, Broadhurst; Nor. novice.: Messrs. Childs, Derry, Yorks.: Messrs. Allen, Clay; Yorks., novice: Messrs. Allsop, Steventon; Muling, Messrs. Derry, Jones; Brit., Messrs. Derry, Jeffrey.—J. H. Jones, Hon. Sec.

Torbay O.S.: Pair show held Lower Public Hall, March 6. Thirty pairs only staged. Three members of committee, Messrs. Webber, Hodge, and Lamble, were prevented from showing and attending through illness. But it was gratifying to receive visitors from Newton Abbot and Torquay. Mr. T. Redwood judged. Principal winner:—Nor.: Messrs. Fox, jun., Jeffery, Daw; Yorks., Messrs. Bishop, Innes; Muling and Hybrid: Messrs. Badcott, Roper, sen., Roper, jun., Wyatt, Hicks. Junior winners: W. Burridge and W. Roper.—J. N. and J. Jeffery, secs.

Leyton C.B.A.: British bird show, held Grange Park Hall, Mar. 4. Spl. for best, Mr. C. R. Evans (a Blackbird). Mr. J. S. Clarke judged. Principal winners: Messrs. Hellens, Forse and Son, Evans Dalton, Perring, Hammond; For.: Messrs. Sadler, Rhodes.—Forse and Son, Hon. Sec.

Glasgow and West of Scotland Club: Annual pair show, held Feb. 20, College Hall. Judges, Messrs. Maxwell (Nor. and Borders), Jamieson (Yorks, Muling, etc., pairs); entry, 53 pairs. Principal winners: Nor., Messrs. Sloan, Jarvie, F. Taylor, Hannay; Yorks., Mr. Bowman; Borders, Messrs. Park, Hughes; Cinn., Mr. Jackson; A.O.V., Messrs. Chalmers, Jackson; Muling, etc., Messrs. Sloan, Campbell, Watson, Park. Mr. Maxwell gave us some valuable remarks on the merits of the different pairs, and his opinion of what they were likely to produce.—F. Taylor, Sec.

HOW TO REAR CANARIES.

By H. A. WADDINGTON (Earlestown, Lancs.)

Now that the season is drawing near at which full eggs and full nests are the fancier's hoped-for portion, this account of a successful system of rearing will be perused with interest.

TO me the rearing of young Canaries is certainly the most interesting part of the captivating hobby of bird-breeding, and I presume most fanciers will agree with me in this, so I mean to enter fully into details of the crowning part of all our studies and endeavours. I use coarse pine sawdust, disinfected with Jeyes' Fluid, for the floors of my cages, and hang on the front of the cages (inside) within easy access from one of the top perches, a tin drinker filled with good grit. My birds' "Bill of Fare" from the end of the moulting season until the end of the year:—Good Spanish in the seed-box; clean water every day; twice a week a teaspoontul of a mixture of German rape, blue maw, teazel, white millet, gold of pleasure, linseed, hemp and inga; twice a week a piece of apple or a spoonful of grated carrot, whichever the bird prefers. If any bird seems inclined to constipation, give once a week in the drinking water as much Epsom Salts as will lie on a sixpence, or as some birds dislike the saline taste of Epsom Salts, a good substitute is sulphate of soda.

During January I give once a week a small teaspoonful of egg-food made from a hard-boiled egg, and equal weight of home-made bread crumbs, with a little castor sugar and blue maw seed sprinkled on the top. In February I give the egg-food twice a week, and towards the end of the month I give young Dandelion leaves instead of the apple or carrot. I also hang the bath on as often as possible, every other day if the morning is suitable, and remove at noon so as to give the bird plenty of time to dry before dusk.

Treatment During March.

About the beginning of March I put my birds in the breeding cages (until then I have all my hens together in flight cages) the hen in one compartment, the cock in the other, keeping the circular hole closed until I see them feed each other through the wires at the bottom of the centre partition. I then allow the birds to run together, and place in a nest-pan. My nest-pans are white pottery, in which I paste a white swansdown lining, and are suspended by a wire to a screw in the back of the cage, allowing the edge of the nest to be slightly higher than the two top perches, and between them. Being above the perches causes the bird on leaving the nest to rest first on the edge of the nest-pan, and thereby prevents many an egg or youngster being pulled out. Placing it between the perches enables the parents to feed from both sides of the nest. I now give the egg-food and dandelion more lavishly. As the eggs are laid I take them away and replace them with dummy eggs until the evening of the day the third egg is laid. I then replace them and give the inside of nest a good dusting with powder (three parts of insect powder to one part Hellbore powder). By moving the eggs as laid, you will find the youngsters are all hatched about the same time, and they all have an equal chance of being fed.

We will now imagine that your hens are on full eggs, and plenty. During incubation you can leave in the cock, or remove him; you must be guided by circumstances; there is no royal road to success, and as I have previously said, the birds will always have something to say about your arrangements. I prefer to remove the cock (if permitted) when replacing the eggs. Whilst sitting, I give the hens just a small quantity of egg-food every day, as it is a very trying time, as you will agree if you weigh a bird at the beginning and completion of incubation. At mid-day on the thirteenth day of sitting I run the cock with the hen again, and give a teaspoonful of egg-food and an unlimited supply of hemp seed. When the young are three days old I also give young lettuce fresh every time I give the egg-food, which is three times a day, gradually increasing the proportion of bread in the egg-food, until on being weaned off it is in the proportion of one egg to four times its weight of bread.

Worth the Extra Trouble.

When nine or ten days old, I place the youngsters in a fresh nest dusted with insect powder; such precautions are worth the extra trouble in keeping red mite conspicuous by their absence. I also crush the hemp seed, as this lightens the labour of the parents. I never use dandelion after the hens have gone to nest with the first round, as it has a tendency to make the hen broody again before she has finished with the first nest. I grow my own lettuce in a small frame, but if you prefer to buy it you need not experience much difficulty in being supplied by someone who grows it. When the parents are feeding young, I think it impossible to give them too much hemp seeds or green food; these and clean water are the best "persuasive powers" possible to bring up strong healthy youngsters to three weeks old, or a little later. If during this time you find a youngster on the cage floor apparently dead, take it in your hand and breathe on it for a few minutes; this treatment will often revive it, when you can replace it in the nest.

You will now have to keep a strict watch on the youngsters, for if the hen wants to go to nest again, she has a beautiful lining for a new nest very convenient to the site of her building operations, namely the feathers on the youngsters, and sometimes she will half strip them in a few hours unless prevented. If you have cages similar to mine (double breeders) you simply put the youngsters in the other compartment, and only allow the parents to feed them through the wires in the slide. If not, you use a nursery cage, or a Yorkshire show cage. Place the youngsters in it and hang it on the front of the breeder about three inches lower, so as to minimise the chances of plucking as much as possible.

Why Plucking Should be Prevented.

The reason you must prevent this plucking as much as possible, is because the feathers are (broadly speaking) formed from the blood and this extra drain on a young bird's system is a severe handicap on the bird's development, and the first six weeks of a bird's life either makes or mars it. On taking the young away I place in the cage some of the same egg-food the parents are having, and some crushed hemp seeds in a separate vessel (their beaks are not yet strong enough to crush seed). Do not give ordinary drinking water. Mix each day, in rotation, with the water, a little infusion of gentian, Parish's Chemical Food and lime water, or instead of the last, as much bicarbonate of soda as will lie on a sixpence—to a quart of water. If you use lime water you will find a film forms on the surface in a short time, and the youngsters dislike to drink it then. As soon as they feed themselves, place in a cage by themselves, discontinue the infusion of gentian and Parish's Chemical Food, just giving the lime water (or the alternative) about twice a week until they are well on hard seed.

You will find that youngsters are as a rule great gluttons, and it is generally through eating too much and drinking too much ordinary water that they bring on stomach troubles. I find milk sop given occasionally, made by pouring boiling milk over stale bread and then straining off all superfluous milk, then just sprinkled over with a little castor sugar and blue maw seed, the greatest panacea for baby Canary troubles, along with lime water or the alternative.

When five weeks' old, hang on the seed box filled with Spanish Canary seed, the top layer being crushed to persuade them to eat it, and gradually wean off the hemp seeds and egg-food; at six weeks they are generally on hard seed.

Eating and Drinking Too Much.

If you notice any of your birds huddled up, with feathers puffed out, and a general disinclination to either live or die, they are most likely suffering from inflammation, probably caused by eating and drinking too much. When you notice birds in such a condition, begin to relieve them at once; it is folly to wait until they are seriously bad before doing something for them. Take away all hard seed if you have given them any. Catch the bird and give three drops of equal parts castor oil and tincture of rhubarb. Replace in the cage and give milk sop; and put 10 drops of tincture of aconite in the drinking water. On the second day give milk sop again, with the addition of a little powdered aromatic chalk sprinkled on the top, and give lime water to drink for a couple of days at least, and they will most probably be all right again. Get on hard seed by giving rape soaked for 24 hours in cold water, occasionally changing the water, and drained as dry as possible, and mixed with a little powdered biscuit for a day or two, gradually weaning off.

I begin giving my youngsters a bath as soon as they leave their parents, and also begin to steady them by hanging a show cage on the front of the box cage, by running them in and out occasionally, they soon learn what is expected of them. When about ten weeks old for first round youngsters, and seven for later ones, I commence giving colour-food made from bread, hard-boiled egg, and a little tasteless pepper, gradually increasing the quantity of pepper until I get it the required strength. They are then placed on the fare given at the commencement of my essay.

By following the above routine I have experienced very good results; it is worth a trial, and I am convinced that anyone who adopts it will find that strong, healthy young birds will be reared.

THE BIRD THAT REACHED MY HEART.

By WESLEY T. PAGE, F.Z.S., etc.

If I were reduced to keeping only one bird, my choice, says the writer of this article, would fall upon the Gold-fronted Fruitsucker.

DURING the past two years the number of rare and gorgeous tropical and other feathered gems from foreign climes reaching our shores has been almost legion. Recently, those "Tiny Feathered Exquisites," the Indian Sunbirds, have become almost common, while the equally beautiful Sugar Birds have been quite numerous; and the number and variety of gorgeous Tanagers obtainable has indeed been legion. But exquisite, rare and beautiful as most of the above undoubtedly are, they do not surpass, either in beauty or interest, the subject of this little sketch—viz. the Gold-fronted Fruitsucker (*Chloropsis aurifrons*). Extravagant as my language may perchance appear to some, it does not misrepresent the bird, for it is impossible to exaggerate such a "feathered exquisite." It is a "dream of loveliness," and if a thing of beauty is a joy for ever, this certainly must be true of the Gold-front, for apart from its beauty all its other attributes are above the average. Just as we exclaim "How Lovely!" as we gaze upon some glowing sunset, so in like manner shall we often exclaim as we see this bird flashing about in a roomy flight, or with outspread wings—butterfly like—in a roomy cage. It has beauty of form, gorgeous, yet not garish, plumage, and many desirable and interesting characteristics.

The genus *Chloropsis* has been variously designated Harewas, Green Bulbuls, Chlorops and Fruitsuckers. Of all these the last-mentioned is undoubtedly the appellation for general use; it is descriptive and not cumbersome.

On Its Native Heath.

Its range is a wide one—over the various provinces of India, frequenting both the wooded and cultivated districts. From various writers and traveller-naturalists we learn that Gold-fronts are strictly arboreal in habits and go about either singly or in pairs. But while very active on their feet when in the branches, they are very awkward when on the ground, their method of progression being by a series of awkward hops, but in their native wilds they are not often met with on the ground.

They feed principally on insects, searching the leaves of trees for prey with a sort of sideways vision (I have observed this frequently in captivity; they often appear unable to see an insect placed directly in front of the beak, but directly the head is turned they observe it at once, as evidenced by their quickness in seizing it). Amid the branches of trees and on the wing they are most active and graceful. Their flight is undulating, very similar to that of the Wagtail.

Its Emerald Garment.

The intensity or otherwise of the hue of its garment varies considerably. Undoubtedly locality and age are responsible for this, as with all the specimens I have possessed there has been an increase of the golden-sheen with each moult, after the nestling plumage has once been shed. An adult Gold front is the richest of silky grass-greens in colour, the upper parts being more or less overlaid with a lovely golden-bronzy sheen; the shoulder of each wing is adorned with a patch of shining turquoise blue; the bastard wing is ultra-marine-blue and the flights deep bluish-green; the sides of face and throat are velvet-black, relieved by two moustachial streaks of bright blue; the centre of the throat is also blue right up to the base of the lower mandible, where it forms a junction with the moustachial streak; the forehead and fore crown are fiery golden-orange; a distinct golden-orange surrounds the base of the black facial and throat patches, gradually merging into the green of the lower part.

Solving the Sex Problem.

I have not yet been able to arrive at a knowledge of any difference in the plumage of the sexes. Mr. Teschemaker, who has possessed a true pair of this species, found that the black face patches did not extend beyond the eye with the female, and that the eye side of this patch was almost straight. Dr. Amsler, of Eton, has a true pair which have hatched out (but not reared) three broods in his aviary; he has examined them, and so have Mr. W. R. Temple and myself, without being able to establish any satisfactory distinction between them. Recently I had an opportunity of a close examination of them at the late Windsor and Eton Show, and it appeared to me that the hen was a wee bit smaller, that the frontal band was also slightly less intense, and that the face patch was more restricted; but the difference was very slight, and it was difficult, even in a cage, to tell t'other from which for long together, and there the question must remain for the present.

The Rev. C. D. Farrar, describing his Malabar Fruitsucker (this species differs only in plumage from the Gold-front by having the centre of the throat black, this portion being blue in the Gold-front), states that the hen is considerably smaller, and of a different shade of green impossible to describe, but easy to see in the actual specimen; her forehead is not so bright, and the yellow area is a little more restricted. With the Gold-front, from four pairs I have examined, the distinctions are not so clear, being almost infinitesimal, but the fortunate possessor of a true pair would be able to distinguish which was which by the song and mannerisms of the respective birds.

A Great Mimic.

The natural song of the species contains many rich and full notes, and some harsh ones also; some, however, are quite flute-like. But Mr. Gold-front is so merry and whole-hearted about it, that even when he indulges in this alone, his melody seldom displeases anyone. Even in a state of nature he is a mimic, and utters in a realistic manner the calls and cries of the other feathered denizens that share with him his native heath. In captivity, it is more so, but though I have seen many of these delightful birds and heard of still more, I shall write of but one, my present bird.

In the winter he used to share a flight 4ft. by 2ft. by 4ft. high, with a Shama, with whom he never fraternised; in fact, they lived together in a state of armed neutrality. He never mimicked the Shama's song, nor yet that of the Jamaican Hangnests with whom he often had a spar through the wire netting dividing their respective enclosures.

The first evidence I had of his powers of mimicry was his perfect reproduction of the scream of the Jendaya Conure, which fortunately he has now forgotten; but in the spring when he went out of doors with Parrakeets, Thrushes, and Babblers all occupying the same aviary, he copied none of them, but turned his attention to the song of the English Blackbird (these frequenting my garden in some numbers), which he soon reproduced in a most realistic manner, and it was a delight to listen to him. After he had perfected this, he turned his attention to the calls of Cockateels, Budgerigars, Cardinals, etc., and introduced them all at times, occasionally treating (?) me to a general mixture. But to the delight of his owner, it was the Blackbird's song that pleased him best.

(To be continued.)

A Wonderful Convivial Gathering of Fanciers in Yorkshire.

Annual Social and Prize Distribution of the Yorkshire Specialist Societies. Remarkable Display of Valuable Trophies. Some Splendid Cups, etc., Won Outright.

THE magnificent gathering at the Market Tavern, Bradford, on Saturday last caused one's thoughts to go in mood reminiscent back to the year 1890, when the first efforts were made in the direction of organising the Yorkshire Canary breeders. Those who attended the conferences, which began at Wakefield in the spring of 1890, and finished with the founding of the Yorkshire Union of Ornithological Societies at Bradford later in the same year, little thought how strong and robust would be the growth of the seed they then planted. At that time the societies in the neighbourhood were few and the shows held in the club rooms of local public houses and beer shops did not command much support; the quality of the exhibits was not of such superlative excellence as it is to-day; five to forty shillings was the general run of prices for well bred Yorkshires; occasionally higher prices were obtained, but we know of more than one Palace winner that did not cost a sovereign. The atmosphere of the Fancy was not so pure as it is to-day. Staining, painting, plucking and trimming were rampant, and the fanciers of that time were not so refined in character as are the breeders of to-day, they seemed to prefer "making" a prize winner, to breeding one!

What the Yorkshire Union Has Accomplished.

Thanks to the Yorkshire Union, all this has been altered. It has encouraged and assisted the honest struggling fanciers. It has put fear into the heart of the dishonest, staining and painting are practically unknown, and very little trimming is practised. One cannot say it is quite unknown, but it is not so prevalent as it was, because breeders of to-day are of a more thoughtful turn of mind, and they breed on more scientific lines than did the breeders of old; thus there is less occasion to trim. The Yorkshire Union has lifted the Yorkshire Fancy out of the atmosphere of the tap-room and set it upon a higher plane, and as a consequence we find that its devotees are given the patronage and support of those in very high places in the land. The Lord Mayors of each of the great West Riding cities of Leeds, Sheffield, and Bradford, have shown interest in the work; members of the House of Lords and the House of Commons have done the same, whilst many a town and city councillor has helped on the good work, as have the clergy, too.

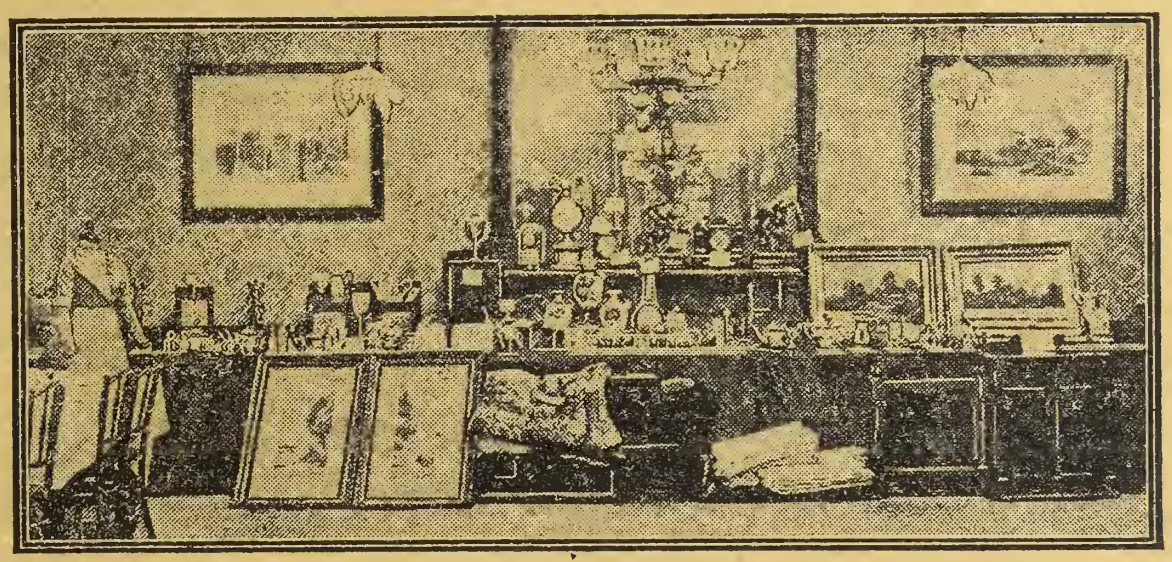
To-day, the Yorkshire Union has a membership of 1,200, but this figure does not represent one fifth of the breeders who dwell in the county. Many are not members of any society, and further, the Yorkshire Union is practically confined to Bradford and the district in the immediate vicinity. The shows are held in schools and other public huildings, and the breeders, instead of heing scorned and looked down upon by a number of their fellows, are now considered, and rightly so, to be engaged in a work which makes for the moral uplifting of the working-man, and the improvement of his position both socially and financially.

Goodwill and Merriment Reign Supreme.

On Saturday last the special prizes distributed ran into three figures in number, as they did in value, whilst one trophy alone was worth £30. A wonderful trihute to the changed condition from the old days of copper kettles, etc. All this has heen hrought about by the efforts of the Yorkshire Union. From it has sprung a number of specialist cluhs dealing with the Yorkshire Fancy, also one which has the advancement of the Norwich as its ohject. Had there been no Yorkshire Union there would possibly have been no Cage Birds prizes, which during the last four years have totalled between £140 and £150. There would not have been Mr. Shackleton's unique gift, no Y.C.C. cups and specials, nor any of the other great benefits to which we have referred. Great honour is due and should be given to those who founded the Yorkshire Union, to those who have piloted it through the two decades of its existence, and to those who are now in authority. They have, indeed, done great and lasting work, not the least of which has heen the raising of the value of Yorkshire Canaries from shillings to pounds.

Saturday's gathering went with a vim and swing which betokened much careful thought, and hard work in its organisation and execution. It spoke of harmony, good fellowship, and honest endeavour to uplift the Fancy and do away with all that is unbrotherly, and unsportsmanlike. Proud, indeed, must have been the men responsible for the great and good work that is being done as they looked over the sea of faces heaming with satisfaction, goodwill, and merriment. The ahsence of Mr. Sunderland was the suhject of much regret, but Mr. H. H. Towers made a most excellent substitute, and the ease and speed with which the evening's entertainment was gone through said much for his ability as a leader.

Mr. Halliday made a most excellent speech concerning the work of the Yorkshire C.C., marked by a conciseness and pithiness as commendable as its practicability. Full of fire and enthusiasm as he is, Mr. Halliday was forced into the minor key when he had to refer to the unappreciative spirit shown by many of the novices.



A RECORD DISPLAY OF SPECIAL PRIZES.

The tables literally groaned under the weight of the good things piled upon them.

There was no need for our old friend, Mr. "Dick" Garnett, to plead he is no orator. His speech was full of Yorkshire "go," and made "racy" with many a good point, and he quite brought down the house when he said: "If there are any here who have not paid, now is the time they should." There is much truth in what Mr. Garnett said as to the Green-marked breeders having punished the Cinnamon-marked, and also as to their indehtedness to them. "Dick" also scored when he called on Mr. Luther Ogden to stand up and show the sort of stuff the Cinnamon-marked Club put into the suits it gave away!

"Brass" in the Norwich.

"Ahr Albert fra Accrington" made a strong appeal for support for the Open Norwich Club, and for the birds of the chubby hreed. Mr. Hirst knew he was talking to Yorkshire lasses when he spoke so strongly about the "brass" there is in Norwich. Of all the prize distrihutors, Mr. Shackleton was the most hrief and business-like—he intended the business of the evening to roll on.

Chairman Towers looked as swagger and proud as his Palace Diploma winner when he was talking of all the good work the Yorkshire Union had done, was doing, and intended to do; hut like Mr. Halliday, he had to deplore the fact that the novices did not show much enthusiasm. Mr. Archer was determined to let the gathering know that the British Bird and Mule section of the Yorkshire Fancy are by no means lacking in push, and his record of the work done by the small club over which he presides secured the approbation of his listeners. Had the Editor of Cage Birds been present and heard all the nice things Mr. Archer had to say of him he would have blushed for a week and a day.

Mr. House, who handed over the valuahle prizes given hy Cage Birds to the winners, spoke very highly of the work done by the leaders of the Union.

To Mr. Sam Dean fell the task of proposing the vote of thanks to the donors of the prizes, and he did it in a most delicate and tactful manner. Mr. Ramsden, who responded, met with a veritable tornado of applause when he rose, and it was renewed when he said he would cheerfully miss his train home if by staying a certain event (which shall go unmentioned here) would take place. He made special reference to the good sportsmanship of the Yorkshire fanciers.

Huge was the shout which arose when, in responding to the vote of thanks to the Chairman and Secretary, Mr. Hill announced that he would again act as Secretary to the Cinderella Show. One of the leading lights turned to us and said: "That's the best news I have heard for many a day. It's worth £20 to the Cinderella Fund. No one can work that show like Hill."

OUR SPECIAL DETAILED REPORT.

The annual amalgamated prize distribution and social of the Yorkshire Union, the Yorkshire Canary Club, the Cinnamon Marked Yorkshire C.C., the Open Norwich Plainhead Club, the National Green Marked Yorkshire C.C., the Yorkshire County British Bird and Mule Club, and Cage Birds prizes, was held on Feb. 9, at the Market Tavern, Bradford. At five o'clock tea was served to 150, and this number was greatly augmented by six o'clock, the time of the commencement of the evening's entertainment, to about 400. Tho display of prizes was splendid, many being of considerable value, and they ranged in size from a cabinet sewing machine down to miniature silver salt-cellars.

Amongst the visitors we noted Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Towers, Mr. J. W. Ramsden, Mr. C. A. House (London), Mr. A. Hirst (Accrington), Messrs W. A. Wilson (sec., Leeds O.S.), Moir, Norton, Rhodes, Hall, Johnson (Leeds), Humphries (York), W. E. Fergusson (Harrogate), Archer, Battye (Huddersfield), Mr. and Mrs. Isherwood (Wakefield), Mr. and Mrs. Brown, Mr. and Mrs. Lane, Mr. and Mrs. Inman, Mr. and Mrs. Dykes, Mr. and Mrs. L. Ogden, Mr. and Mrs. T. Ogden, Mr. and Mrs. F. Hammond, Mr. and Mrs. Simonett, Mr. and Mrs. Dean, Mr. and Mrs. F. Self, Mr. and Mrs. E. Self, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Hirst, Mr. and Mrs. Hardaker, Mr. and Mrs. J. Crowther, Mr. and Mrs. Plowright, Mr. and Mrs. Garnett, Mr. and Mrs. Pickup, Mr. and Mrs. Horsfield, Mr. and Mrs. Drake, Mr. and Mrs. Fortnam, Mr. and Mrs. F. Rhodes, Mr. and Mrs. W. Crabtree, Mr. and Mrs. Clegg, Mr. and Mrs. R. Sutcliffe, Mr. and Mrs. H. Sutcliffe, Mrs. G. Ormonroyd (Wibsey), Mrs. Hudson, Mrs. Chapman, Messrs. W. Mundell, J. Wilson, Halliday, L. Hodgson and Son, H. C. Crossley, J. E. Priestley, J. Wilman and Son, E. Stobart, P. Sunderland, Chapman, W. Mann, J. and J. Nichols, W. Richmond, J. Thornton, W. H. Shackleton, Priestley, Kaberry, Jowett, J. Greaves, H. E. Parkin, F. Armstrong, S. B. Grayshon, Wood, Binns Bros., L. Briggs, H. J. Chittenden, F. Allen, Joe Thomas, J. Roe, F. Ludbrook, Myers and Lumb, W. A. Cowgill, J. W. Metcalfe (Liverpool), Townsend (Halifax), and scores of other fanciers from various parts.

Mr. H. H. Towers expressed his regret that Mr. Sunderland was unable to be present. Mr. Sunderland had asked him to express his best wishes for the success of the meeting, and he hoped it would be quite up to the previous year's. Mr. Priestley, of Halifax, the pianist, then opened the musical programme with a pianoforte solo, after which Mr. Towers called upon Mr. R. Halliday, the Vice-President of the Yorkshire Canary Club, to distribute the prizes of that club, in place of the President, Mr. Sunderland.

The Oldest Still Going Strong.

Mr. Halliday stated that the Y.C.C. was the oldest specialist club catering for the Yorkshire bird now in existence. When other clubs commenced to branch off, he, along with others, was afraid it would injure the parent body, but this had not been the case; the Y.C.C. to-day was stronger numerically and financially than ever it had been, aud he advised the fanciers, and novices in particular, to come forward and join the club, as by doing so they would assist the club which had done a great deal for them in raising and keeping up the price of the birds. They ran good competitions each year for champions, open novices, and junior novices. Mr. Halliday then called upon Messrs. Ogden Brothers, the winners of the Bailey Trophy, for the winning of which they had, as a surprise, an eiderdown quilt. Mr. Dykes, second, took a gold medal, and also one of Mr. Ramsden's tea-pots; Mr. Bailey, who, through illness, was unfortunately unable to be present, receiving for the third prize a "Swan" fountain pen. Fourth place and Sandiford's Cup went to Mr. F. Allen; Messrs. Thornton and Bower, for the fifth prize, receiving a sugar jar and sifter ready for the strawberries they are going to grow next summer. Ramsden's Cup and money specials competitions:—Winners, Messrs. Ogden Brothers, who hold the cup for next year. Mr. Dykes, second, received a rose bowl; teapot for third went to Mr. Bailey; Mr. Towers, fourth, carried away a sugar jar and sifter. In the open novice competition Messrs. Brown and Sons were successful, and had as a prize a silver sugar basin; Mr. Morrison, second, a silver water jug, also securing one of Mr. Ramsden's cruets; Mr. Elsegood coming in for third place and having for his prize a cruet and a jam jar. Junior novice: This competition was won by Mr. S. B. Grayshon, a gold albert being chosen by him for his prize; Mr. Sutcliffe, second, a magnificent pair of bronzes; third, a clock, Mr. Tyas; Mr. Simonett, fourth, a cruet.

A Suggested Amalgamation.

Mr. Towers said Mr. Sunderland had mentioned to him the amalgamation of the various Yorkshire specialist Clubs into one body, as Mr. Sunderland thought if they were all brought together it would be a step in the right direction, and certainly this had been talked about for some time, but nobody had yet come forward with a definite scheme.

After a splendid rendering of the song "Roses" by Mr. Wright, Mr. Garnett, the popular President of the C.M.Y.C.C., presented the prizes of his society. He regretted the Club had not been so successful as in previous years, either from the exhibition or the financial point of view. When the Club meets at the beginning of the year to fix up their prizes aud competitions they take into consideration the number of members on the books and give to the utmost capacity in the shape of prizes for the following year, and when, at the year end, the secretary is nearly fifty per cent. short of subscriptions, the financial outlook was of necessity decidedly dull. He was sorry to say the exhibiting members had been smaller in number than usual, and thought the explanation was that green marked birds are easier to breed, and some competition would have to be formed to keep breeders breeding Cinnamons Marks. Ladies should get their husbands to take up the Cinnamon Marks, as some grand and useful prizes were put up for competition.

Birds Win His "Sunday Best"!

Mr. Garnett went ou to say that it was a great pleasure to call upon Mr. Towers, the winner of the open competition, to receive at his hands a writing table and smoking cabinet, and he hoped he would live long to use them. Mr. Towers said it was the second time he had won the competition, but he hoped someone would come forward and beat him next year; in fact, he would try to lose. (Laughter.) Second place was secured by Messrs. Ogden Brothers, and the prize selected was a suit, which was on the back of the junior member of the firm, Mr. L. Ogden. Mr. Garnett laughingly asked him to step up on his chair and allow the visitors to see the prize, Mr. Ogden doing as requested amidst much laughter. It is a good thing when one can be clothed out of the birds! Mr. Bailey secured the Sandiford Cup for third place; fourth, Mr. A. Cooper. In the open novices' competition, where the prizes are competed for in the open classes, Messrs. Brown and Son were successful, and received a silver cake stand; second, Mr. C. Morrison, a silver teapot; a grand pair of vases going to Mr. D. Thornton, for third. The junior novice competition, which runs through the Yorkshire Union novice classes, was won by Mr S. B. Grayshon, a rose bowl being the prize; and he was also the winner of the Ramsden cruet; second, Mr. H. Simonett, a salad bowl and utensils being selected for the prize; third, Mr. Fergusson, a brief bag (presumably to fetch further prizes in next year). Mr. H. Grange secured a table cloth for fourth prize. Mr. H. H. Towers was also the winner of the Ramsden cruet in the open section. Mr. Butterworth then gave a comic song and patter, much to the delight of the audience.

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THE GREAT GATHERING OF YORKSHIREMEN.

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(Where the Norwich is Not so Popular.)

The President of the O.N.P.C., Mr. A. Hirst, was now called to hand over the prizes of that club. Mr. Hirst alluded to the Norwich breed as a very popular bird in some parts of the country, but not so popular in this part, and he advised fanciers to go for it. He could assure them it would be a good speculation, as the Norwich was making good headway in the district, especially during the last four years since the club was formed. Mr. Hirst called upon Mr. Joe Thomas, the winner of the open competition, and Mr. Thomas came forward; but he surrendered the prize, £2 10s., and supplemented it by a similar amount to provide a rose bowl to be competed for next year, the donor himself not to compete. (Great applause.) Mr. Thomas was also the winner of the Percy Illingworth Cup and the Sandiford Cup, a remarkable achievement. Mr. Humphreys, of York, came in second, and received a beautiful pair of pictures (or will receive them as soon as Mr. Mitchell, the secretary, is well and about again, and able to finish them). Messrs. Greenwood and Pickles, third, received a pair of blankets, and were also the winners of a Ramsden cruet. Open novice: First, Mr. Heap, a clock; second, Mr. Johnson, a copper kettle and jam pan, also one of Mr. Ramsden's cruets. Mr. Jackson was called upon to receive a set of knives and forks, and the President expressed the wish that he would have plenty of use for them. Junior novice: First, Mr. H. Simonett, a case of spoons; a set of ornaments sent to Mr. J. Roe, second; Mr. F. Rhodes, for third, having a music stool to carry home.

Mr. Wright rendered with good effect "Mary of Argyle," after which Mr. Dean, in proposing the vote of thanks, said it gave him the greatest pleasure to testify to the generosity of the various donors of specials, as these prizes, so willingly given, were very acceptable. They had Mr. Carl, the proprietor of Cage Birds, to thank for a large number of prizes, and Mr. Ramsden, one of our very liberal supporters, also Percy Illingworth, Esq., M.P., also Messrs. Brown and Son, W. H. Shackleton, J. Bailey, T. Sandiford, F. Armstrong, H. H. Towers, and many others. Mr. H. Sutcliffe seconded, and Mr. Ramsden, in responding, said it gave him great pleasure to give his prizes, and he knew he could say the same for the other donors. He further said he would be pleased to repeat his prizes next year on the same lines, and give about the same number. (Loud applause.) He also wished to thank the Yorkshiremen for the excellent support given to him at the Crystal Palace; it was a long way to send the birds and to come, but he never feared that they would fail him. He was sorry to hear that Mr. Bailey was ill and had been in bed most of the time since the show, he having caught cold there. He had thought it was only the Southerners who suffered from chills, the Yorkshiremen being too hardy; but evidently the latter could catch cold also. Mr. Butterworth then amused the audience by his graphic illustration of the "woes" of married life, etc.

Mr. W. H. Shackleton presented the prizes of the N.G.M.Y.C.C. First, Shackleton Trophy and gold medal, Mr. L. Dykes, Mr. W. H. Shackleton being second, receiving a shaving cabinet; a pair of blankets going to Messrs. Sutcliffe and Son for third place; fourth, silver medal, Ogden Brothers; fifth, H. H. Towers, box of cigars; sixth, F. Townsend, rose bowl. Open novice competition: First, Messrs. Brown and Son, teapot; Mr. Morrison receiving a rose bowl. Ramsden's specials: Winner, L. Dykes, teapot; Ogden Brothers, second, sugar jar and sifter. Junior novice: First, S. Moore, pair of paintings; second, Tidswell, hot water jug; third, Smith, cruet; fourth, Sutcliffe, pair of flower vases; fifth, Packer.

Valuable Trophies Won Outright.

Mr. H. H. Towers, as President of the Yorkshire Union, handed over the prizes to the various winners, and this was all the more interesting inasmuch as the valuable trophy presented by Mr. W. H. Shackleton, value thirty guineas, was now won outright, the fortunate fancier being Mr. J. Bailey, who selected as his prize a fireplace to fit in his house, to the value of £15. This exhibitor also won the H. W. Naylor Cup for the third time, so this, too, becomes his own property; also a gold medal and Ramsden's cruet. Messrs. Ogden Brothers, who have been second every year since the competition started, received a cabinet sewing machine, a gold medal, and a Ramsden special. Mr. W. H. Shackleton, the donor, takes the third prize, a valuable medal, and Mr. H. H. Towers the medal for the competition throughout the present year, and also the medal for fourth place. Mr. Towers then handed over to the following novices the gold medals won in the Yorkshire Union novice classes, Yorkshire section, one and second Ramsden special, S. B. Grayshon; 2, S. Smith; 3, W. E. Fergusson; 4, Tyas; 5, S. Moore; 6, L. Jobson; 7, A. Sutcliffe; 8, E. Ellis; 9, S. Denby; 10, H. Pearson; 11, Tidswell; 12, J. H. Fowlo. Norwich section; 1, H. Simonett, also first Ramsden special; 2, J. Roe; 3, F. Rhodes; 4, H. Clegg. Mr. Wright here gave an artistic interpretation of "My English Rose," from "Merrie England."

Mr. C. A. House, in distributing Cage Birds prizes, expressed regret that Mr. F. Carl was not able to be present, and said: "As I look round this room it brings back to my mind a number of old memories. Some of the Yorkshire lads have known me for more than twenty years. It is now twenty-four years since I first came amongst you, and though I have been back in the South for a few years, I still always have a good reception when among the Yorkshire boys. It may be news to many who are here to-night to know that the Yorkshire Union to-day has a membership of 1,200. The Yorkshire Union started in a very small way. They say: "Better the day, better the deed." There are here two of the men who were responsible for the starting of the Yorkshire Union—Mr. Joe Wilman and myself. The Yorkshire Union sprang from a meeting held at my house in London on the Sunday night of the Palace Show following the big Norwich Conference. Mr. Walter Horridge said: "Why can't we have a Yorkshire Canary Conference?' We talked it over, and the outcome eventually was a meeting at Wakefield Show, then held on Easter Tuesday, and of which Mr. Horridge was secretary, and this led up to the formation of the Yorkshire Union. It is marvellous to think when we look at these prizes to-night the difference between the cage bird Fancy then and to-day. . . . last season the great show on national lines held for charitable purposes in the Central Baths Hall proved a great success. It is a wonder that English fanciers have not moved more in the direction of benefitting charities, as on the Continent shows and sales are being constantly held with this object. This last successful attempt is undoubtedly a move in the right direction. In the old days the price of a good Yorkshire hen was 10s. at the most, but during the last season £15 has been refused for a yellow hen, and the Yorkshire Union and the specialist clubs are to be thanked for this most satisfactory state of things."

Mr. Hammond's Hard Work.

Mr. House proceeded with the distribution of Cage Birds prizes, which, during the years they have been so generously given, have reached a grand total of £140, and said that he was authorised to state they would be repeated next year, but on different lines, to be stated later, and Mr. House further said that Mr. Fred Hammond must be given credit for a good deal in connection with these prizes, as he had done all the work at great expenditure of time and considerable trouble. Champion Section: 1, Bailey (a pity "Jim" was not able to come to receive it); 2, Ogden Bros., lady's dress. The remarks anent this caused much merriment amongst the company. It was on view on a dressmaker's dummy (see photo); 3, W. H. Shackleton, rug; 4, H. H. Towers, rose bowl supported by an elephant, Mr. Towers passing the remark (quite the bull of the evening) that Mrs. Towers had chosen this because she liked birds); 5, Mr. L. Dykes, set of vases; 6, J. Chippendale, gold bangle for his wife; 7, R. Sutcliffe, two ladies' umbrellas, which elicited the remark: "Ev yer two wives nah, Bob?" who retaliated, "Well, ah'm big enuff for two, arn't ah?" which caused much laughter; 8, Allen, pair of pictures; 9, Halliwell, gold medal. Amateurs: Yorkshire Union—1, Morrison, teapot and cruet; 2, Stobart, silver ornament; 3, Radley, six show cages and case ("He's bahn ta dew summat next yeer, isn't 'e? Onyhah, he's gettin' reddy.") Y.C.C.: 1, Brown and Son, cream jug; 2, Hall, pair of blankets and quilt; 3, Burdekin Bros. C.M.Y.C.C.: 1, Thornton, cruet. N.G.M.Y.C.C.: 1, Casey, teapot and match stand; 2, Ramsden, navy dress length and lining. O.N.P.C. Champions: 1, Thomas, damask table cover; 2, Humphreys, barometer; 3, Greenwood and Pickles, alarum clock ("Him at es it es ta goa an wokken t'other"). Amateurs: 1, Heap; 2, Johnson; 3, Jackson. Y.C.B.B. and M.C. Champions: 1, Martin and Archer, rose bowl; 2, Inman, brass fender. Amateurs: 1, Lane, rug; 2, Wilson, coal cabinet; 3, Isherwood, clock under globe. Also there were numerous cash specials.

Mr. Archer, President of the Yorkshire B.B. and Mule Club, presented the prizes of his club, and gave a report of the year's working, which was very satisfactory both from an exhibition point of view and financially. Open section: Messrs. Martin and Archer, first; followed by T. H. Inman, second; third, W. Lee.

Mr. House proposed a vote of thanks to Mr. Towers and Mr. Hill, the gentlemen who had done the organising work in connection with the evening's function. It did not look much when everything was passing off well, but there was a great amount of thought and work to be done in a quiet way before such an evening's entertainment could take place, and great credit was due to all who had served on the committee. Mr. Hammond seconded. Mr. Towers and Mr. Hill suitably responded.

Mr. Butterworth then related his experiences as a football referee at a friendly (!) match. Mr. Wright sang "The Irish Emigrant," and shortly afterwards "Genevieve," all present joining in at the chorus in the old-fashioned style. Unfortunately the birdy man's favourite, Mr. Stafford, was unable to attend owing to illness.

This gathering may be said to have been quite up to the usual standard, but owing to the curtailed train services to some of the outside places, arrangements were made to close the meeting as early as possible, so as to allow those present to pack up their prizes and get off in good time.

Correspondence.

The Southall & District C.B.S. to be Re-formed.

Sir,—I have been requested by a number of fanciers to re-form the Southall and District Cage Bird Society. A meeting for the purpose of considering this will be held at St. John's Schools, Southall, on Thursday next, March 21, at 8 p.m. Will all fanciers interested kindly make an effort to be present and take this as an invitation? One enthusiastic fancier has already promised a cup for competition.

Jeffery Jefferis.

10, Western Road, Southall.

Wellington (Salop) Show and a Gold Medal.

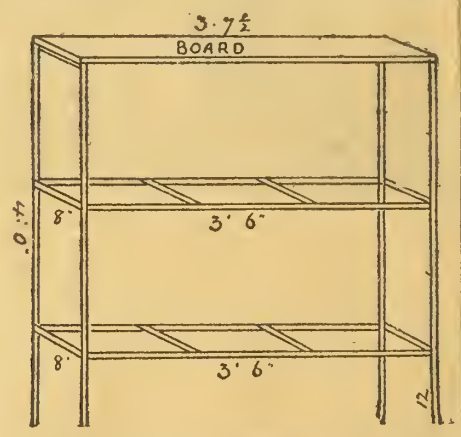
Sir,—There are others who have not had fair play. I have not received my prize money nor my gold medal for best bird in show. I have been promised this medal and prize money over and over again. I think it is time steps were taken in this matter. Will others who have been served likewise be agreeable to club together and enter an action? It is nothing but right. They begged me to make entries; they had my fees, and my railway fares had to be paid, and I do not get even my medal, which I would prize. I shall be glad to hear if anyone is agreeable to help to take this matter up and fight it out. Why should they take our fees and then leave us without either prize-money or special prizes?

G. Edwards.

Leominster.

A Useful Cage Rack and How to Make it.

Sir,—I enclose sketch of a useful cage rack. I have made one of these myself, and I find it very valuable. It can be moved about without any trouble. I also made six single breeders to fit same. Thinking that perhaps some readers of Cage Birds would like to make one, I have written what follows. I am sure I should have been pleased if anyone had



told me how to make one before I made mine. I may say that I started bird-keeping and taking in your paper, Cage Birds, three years ago. I had a pair of common birds given me and I made a cage for them. They reared fifteen young birds. The next year I made more cages and had three pairs; and from these I had twenty-four young ones, which they reared. Last year I had five pairs, and from these I reared forty young, which I sold. With the money I got for them I built a bird room which is worth looking at—7ft. high, 7ft. wide, and 7ft. 6in. long. I also bought some more stock birds, so that I have now a nice stock and a nice place for them to live in. I am safe in saying, therefore, that I have got all this from one pair of birds, and from hints from Cage Birds. My rack can be easily made from slate battens (about 1in. by 1½in.), which can be obtained from any timber yard at a very small cost. First saw four lengths 4ft. long and four 3ft. 6in. long. Screw these together as shown in the sketch, and then saw ten pieces 8in. long (six for the ends and two each for the shelves); screw these together (as shown). Get a board for the top ½in. or ⅝in. thick and 3ft. 7½in. long; screw this to the top to act as a shelf; it will also do on which to put two single breeders. The rack is intended to be fitted with four single breeders 21in. long, 17in. high, and 11in. deep. It can also be used for six single breeders. It will be found that this makes a very strong and useful rack, and one which can be made at a very small cost.

Fritz Heath.

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Steadying Nest Pans in the Breeding Cage.

Sir,—Being interested in your "Ideas" column, I noticed Mr. Kershaw's method of fixing nest pans so as to be steady. The way I fix mine is to let the flange of the pan rest on a perch, which is easier for the birds getting on the nest, also for them when feeding, and better for the youngsters when leaving the nest. The perch is much further away from the side of the cage, allowing the birds, especially Yorkshires, to turn round without breaking their tails.

F. Cockeram.

The City and County of Perth O.S.

Sir,—Being a member, I was more than surprised to see a report of a Pair Show held by the said society. I beg to ask Mr. Kerr, secretary, why county members were not notified of the Pair Show? Are they not worthy of the same consideration as city members? Was this Pair Show held to satisfy the curiosity of a certain few. Why was no balance sheet issued to county members? Seeing this society was unable to hold an open show last season, every encouragement should be held out to members and nonmembers to fall in and rally round. Apparently the officials think differently, but this "keep all to ourselves" sort of a business is not to be tolerated by county members. So awake, ye sons of the shire, for this society wants waking up badly in the humble opinion of

Auckie Hogan.

The Avadavat's Hopeless Infatuation!

Sir,—You might be interested to hear of a queer case which occurred amongst my birds. In a large cage I had several Mannikins, a Spice Bird, four Nuns, four hen Avadavats, and one cock Green Avadavat. After some time I added to this collection a hen Ribbon Finch. I soon noticed that the Green Avadavat paid her great attention. One day I noticed the Ribbon Finch seemed very ill. I caught her and tried all the remedies for egg-binding. She laid a soft egg, and unfortunately died in the night. Several months later I chanced to get a pair of Ribbon Finches, which I put into the aviary. The instant I put them in the Avadavat dashed after the hen, and, in spite of pecks from the cock, pursued her for some days, but, finding himself not a match for the cock, he contents himself by sitting as close as he can to the pair. When they go to feed he also goes; when they take a bath he hovers round as close as he dare; in fact, wherever the Ribbon Finches are, there he is also.

A. M. B.

Birds Not Judged at Milford Haven Show.

Sir,—Kindly grant me space to state the treatment I received at Milford Haven (Pem.) Show, held Jan. last. I entered four birds, and received labels in good time; and I despatched birds off night before show to arrive same night—a distance of about thirty miles. You may judge my disappointment when, on opening the basket after the return journey, I saw that a slip was attached to the cages stating birds arrived too late for judging. I wrote to the secretary per return for information as to why my birds were too late, as I thought it was the railway company's fault. The secretary handed my letter over to Mr. Gibbon, manager, cage bird section, who deserves credit for the straightforward way he explained why my birds were not judged. I sent in a claim for out-of-pocket expenses, as requested by Mr. Gibbon, and was informed same would be paid about Feb. 7, but although I have written the secretary several times for payment, he has not had the courtesy to take notice of my letters. Little wonder that such shows cry out for entries when exhibitors get treated in such a way as I have been.

Harry Lohr.

Some Truths about the Scotch Fancy Canary.

Sir,—Having read Mr. Smith's remarks, I can endorse his statements to a great extent, only I differ a little with him in price—I know I cannot get a pair that would breed good ones at four pounds. But you cannot get a good pair of any variety cheap. I would say you could get a fair pair at £5, and if you could get a few young ones you would be well repaid. I think the Scotch as hardy and as free a breeder as most of the varieties of the Canary family, and I think it one of the most graceful varieties that adorn the show bench. I hope the day is not far distant when they will be exhibited in greater numbers. I think breeders of this variety should voice their opinions through Cage Birds a lot more. I cannot help wondering why breeders of the Scotch Fancy are so quiet. Look at breeders of the other varieties; they have lectures on the breeding and pairing and general management. Now, I think if there were a few lectures given on this variety by some of the "old hands" it would improve matters a great deal; or if some of our Scotch friends would give their experience through Cage Birds I am sure the Editor would only be too glad to publish them. I hope these few remarks will start a discussion on this variety, once the King of the Fancy. Wishing Cage Birds every success; I have read it from the first number.

William Dunlop, Sen.

The Early Nesting of Budgerigars.

Sir,—I have had for the past eighteen months in an outdoor aviary, in which there is no artificial heat, one pair of yellow and one pair of green Budgerigars. To my delight the yellow pair commenced nesting three weeks ago, and I find they have a family to-day (March 9), and appear to be doing well. Seeing it is so early, and being out all through the winter, do you not consider this a record?

T. J. TURNER.

Norwich Plainheads at Kirkcaldy Show.

Sir,—I shall be glad if all the Norwich Plainhead fanciers who were exhibiting at Kirkcaldy open show last November will kindly let me know the date when they sent in their entries, and also inform me as to who had their entries returned for unflighted yellow hens. This is important, and an answer from fanciers concerned will oblige.

CHARLES RAE, Sec.

15, Anderson Street, Kirkealdy.

The Dipper's First Appearance on the Show Bench.

Sir,—I have noticed your remarks anent the Dipper, assuming its appearance at the Palace Show to be its first on the bench, but if my memory serves me right, this assumption is incorrect, as one was exhibited at Halifax Annual Show, in the Mechanics' Hall, in 1909, and if I am not mistaken by the same exhibitor, Miss G. Fishburn. I should be pleased to have this confirmed or otherwise through the columns of your valuable weekly, of which I have been a reader for the past six years.

C. PICKLES.

Sir,—It was a surprise to my daughter to see a photograph of her Dipper and cage, and Mr. Swaysland, the judge, in last week's issue. One of your correspondents wanted to know how to keep them. I feed them on gentles alone; at first, when a young bird, I gave it all the caterpillars, grubs, etc., I could find in the garden, also wasp-grubs and fresh ants' cocoons.

F. FISHBURN.

The Yorkshire Union and its Method of Balloting.

A Challenge.

SIR,—I am instructed by the Bolton Woods C.B.S. to ask you to allow us space in your valuable paper to publish the following re the annual ballot of the Yorks. Union of Cage Bird Societies. At a meeting held on Saturday last (March 9), the following resolution was passed unanimously: "That this society is entirely dissatisfied with the published results of the annual ballot, and that they challenge the governing body of the Yorkshire Union to publish in the Fancy Press the exact number of votes given by each society, *not the total number*. Also by whom they were counted." Also they wish to add that in future all candidates for any office should be invited to see them counted, whether they are members of the governing body or not. We also dispute the number of votes recorded, as we have the support of other societies, which shows the figures differently from those published. Is it a mis-count or a mis-print? Therefore we desire every ballot paper to be published to satisfy over 200 members of different societies, who are entirely dissatisfied. Some dissatisfaction prevailed two years ago, when something similar happened, when one person for an office was credited with only 8 votes, but as a matter of fact Bolton Woods C.B.S. gave over double that number for this same person. There was no mistake about not being sent, as they were filled up at the meeting and posted at the same time. We also wish to state that the ballot papers are not clear enough for those with only a moderate education, and should be drawn up to be more readily understood by such persons. We have also noticed that new rules that have been sent up have not been placed upon the ballot papers. Perhaps these have not suited the governing body, and have been ignored; if so, it is high time, in the interests of true sport, that the whole lot of officers resigned. We also wish to congratulate Mr. H. Hill on retaining his position as secretary to the Yorkshire Union by such a huge majority, but we are curious to know where the remaining votes for Mr. M. Skirrow have gone to, above those published in the Fancy Press, as we know that more votes were given by three societies alone than those published. We desire an explanation on the whole of these matters through the medium of CAGE BIRDS. If these are not satisfactorily given, or a re-ballot on the whole of the offices taken, disaster is sure to follow to the Yorkshire Union. After careful consideration of the whole matter, and as true sportsmen, we decided as a body that the Yorkshire Union was of no practical use to the Bolton Woods C.B.S., and we wish to tender our resignation from that body.

M. SKIRROW

(on behalf of several societies) Sec.

Bolton Woods C.B.S.

A Thrush Builds its Nest in an Old Hat.

Sir,—On Saturday afternoon, while out for a walk, I found a Thrush's nest in a battered old hat; it contained four eggs. The hat is tilted up on one side, and is placed nearly in the bottom of a hawthorn bush, so situated, in fact, that even the keenest eye would hardly dream of looking into it.

THOS. UMPLEBY.

Suggested Norwich Plainhead Club for the Midlands.

Sir,—A few fanciers of Birmingham, West Bromwich, and Wolverhampton have for some time been considering the dseirability of forming a Norwich Plainhead Club, to be run on the same lines and cover the same district as the Midland Counties Yorkshire Canary Club. As the Fancy is so strong in the Midlands, I personally think it would be a great advantage to the Norwich Plainhead Fancy. I should be pleased to know what the Norwich fanciers think of this, and perhaps a meeting could be arranged.

H. T. COLLIER.

Roller Canaries at the Crystal Palace Show.

SIR,—Dr. Read makes another mistake when he states that I am not prepared to prove that his private letter to me is bluff, and it will only take up a small space to prove it. At the last meeting of the B.R.C.C. Dr. Read expressed his great gratification as to how recent events had turned as regards myself, also at that meeting he threatened me with legal proceedings, yet a few days after he sent a letter to me with the impertinent endearing term, "My Dear Mr. Norris." If this is not bluff, well, I don't know what is; so that the impertinence is on his side. Really, my dear Dr. Read, it grieves me to have to point out another mistake of yours. You must be more careful. In your letter published last week you state that Mr. Ramsden called on you on Dec. 10th, 1911, and informed you that the L. and P.O.S. were going to have Roller classes at the Palace, and that he would send an express paid letter to the B.R.C.C. meeting, being held that night. Well, I need not remind you that the B.R.C.C. do not meet on Sundays; allowing that you meant Dec. 12th, you are wrong again, as it was Nov. 21st, 1911, and I only received the ONE letter, and that letter stated that the birds would be judged in a separate room, and afterwards staged in a separate room, but this latter point Mr. Ramsden could not guarantee. My reply to that letter was that the B.R.C.C. had gone well into the matter, and had no desire to give the patronage. That is the only letter I received. Therefore, as you say you saw Mr. Ramsden Dec. 10th, 1911, who told you that everything would be done for the comfort and benefit of the Rollers, it was your duty as a Vice-President to have told the B.R.C.C. of this fact, but you did not. Now we can account for your replies at the last meeting, when you let the cat out of the bag, when you stated that you knew the conditions would be improved. When pressed as to why you did not inform the Club, you stated that you did not see why you should, and yet you now say that you have acted for the best interests of the Roller Fancy. After these few facts it is not worth my while to waste time in writing, as anybody can see through bluff.

J. W. NORRIS.

Railway Rates and the Cage Bird Fancy.

The Petition for Revision of Charges is Unsuccessful.

Sir,—In accordance with the instructions of the Council of the London Federation of C.B.S. I beg to enclose herewith a copy of a letter received from the Railway Clearing House relating to the petition organised last year for the purpose of obtaining a reduction in railway charges for cage bird fanciers. The Council requests that you will be so kind as to print this letter.

JAMES BRAY, JUN.

Hon. Sec., London Federation of C.B.S.

Copy of Letter from Railway Clearing House.

2nd February, 1912.

Dear Sir,—The petition from the Cage Bird Union, the London Federation of Cage Bird Societies, and the Yorkshire Union of Cage Bird Societies, addressed to several of the railway companies for:

(1) Cage birds to be charged at the ordinary parcels rate when being conveyed as parcels traffic to and from shows;

(2) Members of societies affiliated to the unions above-named to be permitted to travel to and from shows at a single fare and a quarter on production of a certificate signed by the secretary of the society to which the member may belong;

(3) Cage birds to be charged at half the ordinary parcels rate when being taken as passenger's luggage to and from shows;

has been carefully considered by the railway companies' superintendents in conference, and I have been desired to inform you that they regret they are unable to accede to your request.

(Signed) H. Cuff Smart, Secretary.

J. Bray, jun., London Federation of C.B.S.

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How I Started in the Fancy.

From Parrots to Roller Canaries.

Sir,—When I was a boy in knickerbockers I often had a longing to keep birds, but my purse only allowed me to invest in a cheap second-hand cage and a Linnet; and I used to look with envious eyes at the lovely array of British and foreign birds displayed in the naturalists' windows. However, when I got older one day a friend of mine showed me half a dozen young grey Parrots which he had purchased at Liverpool. My friend, I might mention, when he saw anything which took his fancy, bought it on the spur of the moment, whether he knew anything about it or not, in the hope of making money out of the transaction. He explained to me how he had got them for 25s. each, and he was going to train them to talk, when they would be worth anything from £2 to £10, according to their abilities. I was greatly impressed by the easy way one could make money, so I asked him to sell me one, which he did. I must confess I knew no more about Parrots and their treatment than the "man in the moon," only that young Grey Parrots should be fed on boiled maize. However, I was delighted with my purchase, and the bird was a very interesting pet. But, alas! not for long, as at the end of five days, poor Polly suddenly became ill, and in twenty-four hours was dead. It was a great blow to me, but as a little consolation my friend gave me a Goldfinch and a cage. A little later the whole five birds belonging to my friend died also! However, the Parrot fever was upon me, and after getting a catalogue I fancied a Green Amazon this time, which was described as "just beginning to talk; comes out on finger, whistles and dances, etc." The price was not outlandish, and, thought I, that's just what I want (I had learned by this time that Amazons were much hardier than the African Greys). So I sent for this particularly clever bird, which arrived at the end of a week. After I had had it awhile it made no attempt either to talk or dance or whistle (or, luckily, even screech). The only sound it did make resembled a hen calling for her chickens—i.e., "cluck—cluck." By this she had had plenty of time to get used to us somewhat, so I thought I would try her on my finger. Oh, my stars!!! I put my hand in the cage, but Polly, if she wasn't quick at picking up words, was quick at picking up my finger. I did not try again! I then took a trip to the dealer, accompanied by "Polly," and asked him to make an exchange. I made my selection, and after paying more cash, I made for home, feeling confident I had got a very promising African Grey, although it could not talk then. My new Polly soon became a great favourite with both my wife and myself. She would let us stroke her, and as soon as either of us entered the door she greeted us with a loud whistle. By the end of another month I would not have sold her at any price. She began to speak a word or two, and she was also very affectionate. We used to give her all kinds of tit-bits, which she greatly enjoyed. I had not seen a copy of CAGE BIRDS then, I am sorry to say, or I should not have made the mistakes I did with regard to diet, for Polly began to be ill, and all our efforts to save her were of no avail. I have given the Parrot Fancy up for a time, but not for good. I still intend buying another—but not a young one. My friend next informed me he had started in the Canary hobby. He had purchased three pairs of Rollers, and had already a nest of eggs. Now, thought I, why not breed some Mules? I had already a Goldfinch, and a hen Canary would only cost 2s. 6d., so that I should soon be having a good supply of young birds. I therefore purchased a hen, procured a breeding cage, etc., and awaited results. Neither the hen nor the Goldfinch seemed very anxious about nest-building. So long as there was plenty to eat and drink they seemed happy, and contented to remain as they were. Thus weeks passed by, and my friend had now a nest of five young ones. I was more determined than ever to breed, so I invested in a Roller cock, which was as full of fire as could be, and I put him with the hen. I had also received a copy of CAGE BIRDS, which was just what I had been wanting (and which I look forward to weekly now more than any other paper). It put me on the right track. The Roller cock soon paved the way, and I very soon had my first nest of eggs. But it was very late in the season, and I was glad the eggs did not hatch, as the hen had already begun to moult. So I separated the pair. I am now looking forward to this season, having procured a good stock of birds, and I hope, with the aid of the ever-valuable CAGE BIRDS, to have satisfactory results.

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Club Reports.

NORTHERN B.B.M. AND F.B.C.

Meeting held Feb. 28. Mr. W. H. Butler was elected a member. Mr. J. Maddison informed us that he would not compete for the British cup next show season. His reasons were that as he had won the Mule cup outright, it would hardly be fair to the novice exhibitors if he competed. He was thanked for his sporting offer. A successful table show was held. Principal winners:—British: Messrs. Taylor, Irving; For.: Messrs. Irving, Young. Mr. J. Bertram judged.—G. Taylor, Sec.

COLINTON AND CURRIE PARISHES O.S.

Meeting held Mar. 9, Drill Hall, Juniper Green, Mr. Begbie in chair. Replies from honorary members were read and considered very encouraging. Following new members admitted:—Mrs. P. Roy (Geddis), Rev. D. C. Stewart, Messrs. H. Williamson (Currie), Smith (Balerno), P. Whitson (Colinton), T. Prison (Slateford), and A. Shiels (Juniper Green). Members were reminded that at meeting on April 6, classification and election of judges would take place.—J. Napier, Sec.

ROTHERHAM C.B.S.

Special meeting held at College Inn, Mar. 9, Mr. W. Ducker in chair. There was not a very large attendance; I suppose it was due to the wet weather. But we got through business all right. Decided, to alter Rule 8 to read: "That there be four birds entered per class, and under four only half prize money for all members' shows." Also Rule 16: "That all members wishing to show for cups pay 1s. entrance fee for each cup." Decided, to have a discussion at next meeting (March 30) on egg-binding and the best best way to prevent it. All fanciers welcome.—B. Bailey, Sec.

OPEN NORWICH P.C.

Annual general meeting held Market Tavern, Godwin Street, Bradford, Mar. 9, 1912. Mr. A. Hirst (Accrington) presided. Business transacted: Minutes passed as read. Membership of the following endorsed:—Messrs. H. Clegg, J. Roe, W. Tose, W. Richmond, and S. Wilcock. New members elected were Messrs. F. Western and J. W. Ingham. Resignations of Messrs. W. Blakey, Brown and Son, F. Greenwood, and H. J. L. Williams accepted. Auditors' report was given by Mr. H. Simonett, and the balance sheet, showing £1 0s. 10d. in hand, was passed. Results of the past season's competitions in connection with the club were read and confirmed. Following officers were elected:—President, Percy H. Illingworth, Esq., M.P.; vice-presidents, Mrs. Lewer, and Messrs. F. Carl, W. A. Cowgill, J. Haigh, J. W. Ramsden, and J. Thomas; chairman, Mr. A. Hirst; secretary and treasurer, Mr. C. Mitchell; auditors, Messrs. H. Simonett and J. Wilcock, jun. The rules were revised and new ones adopted. One of the latter requires that resignations from membership must be in writing to the secretary. Resolved unanimously, that a message be sent to Mr. and Mrs. Illingworth expressing the members' heartfelt gratitude and satisfaction on the deliverance of their little son, who was run over in London last week by a motor-car and escaped unhurt. Messrs. F. Rhodes, J. Roe, and R. J. Jones were elected to serve on the Bradford National Show Committee. A collection towards next year's prize fund realised, £2. A five-guineas trophy offered by Mr. Joe Thomas was gratefully accepted.—Fred Hammond, Hon. Sec., pro tem

NATIONAL BRITISH BIRD & M.C.

Adjourned annual meeting held at headquarters, the "Feathers" Hotel, Westminster, on Feb. 29, for the election of officers. Messrs. Dobson (chairman), J. Dewhurst (vice-chairman), T. R. Trower (hon. treas.), P. Nicholls (hon. solicitor), C. Cooper and A. Silver (hon. auditors), A. Plumbridge and J. P. Carr (joint hon. secs.) Committee: London: Messrs. G. Crabb, R. A. Newley, W. Page, G. Mortlock, A. C. Askew, C. Botting, W. H. Shopherd, A. J. Marley, G. E. Weston, H. S. Grahame, W. D. Barker, and J. Montgomery. Provincial: Messrs. D. A. S. Longden, J. F. Dewar, W. Swaysland, W. T. Plumbridge, A. P. Hurst, and P. F. M. Galloway. The committee meeting followed with the reading of the minutes of the previous meeting, which were confirmed. Letters were read from Messrs. Cochrane, Tyson, Soames, Mays, Shellam, Snarey, Law, and CAGE BIRDS. Messrs. Burr and Snarey were elected members of the club, and Mr. G. Thurling a vice-president. Mr. Crabb read a letter he had received from the Aberdeen University respecting rings for marking wild birds, and the matter was left to Mr. Crabb to secure the required number and suitable sized rings. It was agreed for Mr. Shellam to have the possession of the Hyhrid cup providing he could find another guarantor approved of by the committee. The case of the disqualification of Mr. G. Lawrance's Mule at the Palace was discussed at some length, and it was unanimously decided to uphold the decision of the L. and P.O.S., and to debar Mr. Lawrance from competing for the club cups and medals until Feb. 15, 1913, and that he forfeit the gold medal won by him at the Palace show. A vote of thanks to the chairman concluded the meeting.—Plumbridge and Carr, Hon. Secs.

SHEFFIELD O.S.

One of the largest and most enthusiastic meetings was held at "Rose and Crown" Hotel, Waingate, Mar. 6th, the president (Mr. T. Dawn) presiding. There were upwards of 70 members present to hear a lecture on the Yorkshire Canary, by that well-known and successful exhibitor, Mr. H. Wilkinson (of Messrs. Wilkinson and Elliott). He gave one of the best lectures on the Yorkies any fancier in Sheffield has ever heard. He commenced at the beginning—the buying of stock birds. He did not, he said, advocate buying big winners at fabulous prices, but getting good, sound, reliable stock birds, taking particular care that where one bird fails its partner shall excel. He maintained that good stock birds purchased from a reliable breeder—birds that should breed winners—could be purchased at from 50s., to 70s. per pair; but don't pay more, as the most reliable material could be bought at these prices. He then went into the general management of birds, preparing them for breeding, pairing, rearing of young, steadying young for next feather shows, selection of best stock, preparation for moult, colour feeding, training for exhibition, and finally preparing for the show bench; in fact, everything about a bird was gone into. At the close of Mr. W.'s remarks a good many questions were asked, all of which were ably answered by the lecturer. A vote of thanks was accorded Mr. Wilkinson. By-the-way, we are losing him, as he is going to pastures new (Australia). But I am pleased to say that we are not going to lose his interest as a member. We proceeded with general business. Re the formation of a fishing club in connection with the society (Sheffield is a regular anglers' stronghold); a number of members gave in their names to join. A meeting to go into details will be held shortly. A good deal of business was gone into, and 16 new members were enrolled. The April 2nd meeting is important, viz., a table show of British birds (3 classes); prize-money, 4/-, 2/-, 1/-; (no entry fees). Members joining that night are entitled to show. Mr. H. J. Chick (Nottingham) will place the cards, and will give us a lecture on the general management and keeping of British birds. We hope every member will be present at the whist drive on March 25th at Forrester's Hall, Trippet Lane. Tickets (including refreshments), 1/- each. Bring your wives, sweethearts, and friends. New members enrolled:—Messrs. F. Cobb, T. Dodd, A. Green, M. Green, J. Green, W. Moore, C. Tattersall, Farrar, Kelsey, H. Rickett, H. Thornhill, Dr. A. M. Deane, E. Walker, A. Jackson, B. Duce, Hoyle.—J. A. T. Woodall, Press Correspondent.

DONCASTER AND DIST. C.B.S.

Meeting held March 9, in Victoria Rooms, a good muster of members turning up. Classes for seeds had been arranged. Canary, 1st, Mr. Carter; hemp, 1st, Mr. Pogmore; German rape, 1st Mr. Pogmore; niga, 1st, Mr. Hunt; mixed seeds, 1st, Mr. Truman. Our president, Mr. Barker, judged, and gave entire satisfaction. Mr. Barker commented greatly upon the excellent quality of seeds obtained by the members. Unanimously decided, to engage three judges for our next open show on Nov. 22-23, also to engage the Drill Hall. A vote of thanks was accorded Mr. Barker.—G. Bescoby, Sec.

CLAPHAM AND DIST. C.B.S.

Meeting held headquarters, Mar. 4. A large number of members attended to hear a lecture by Mr. C. A. House, who, however, wrote expressing his regret at being unable to fulfil his promise, and members were greatly disappointed at not hearing his lecture. Two cups were selected for competition at the annual shows, and a handsome silver cup was presented to Mr. C. T. Maxwell in lieu of the two cup won by him, each three times, for most points in the British and foreign sections. Mr. Maxwell generously offered a silver cup for competition at future shows, to be competed for under conditions to be decided upon later. The recent pair show produced a profit to the society of about 12s., which was considered very satisfactory. It was brought to our notice that the special for the best champion Yorkshire at the late pair show was won by the vice-chairman, Mr. Yeoman, and not by Mr. Fraser, as stated in the report of that show. Mr. Fraser won special for best novice Yorks., and we hear celebrated the event in right royal style.—S. A. Sandy.

BOURNEMOUTH AND DIS. C.B.A.

Annual meeting held end of January, and adjourned until end of February, when a good muster of members attended. Mr. G. W. Jones was voted to the chair. A vote of thanks to the retiring officers and committee was accorded. The Earl of Malmesbury was re-elected president, with the following vice-presidents: The Earl of Leven and Melville, Henry Page Croft, Esq., M.P., Dr. Hosker, Dr. Macgillicuddy, J. Downing Farror, Esq., L. Bousfield, Esq., H. Bousfield, Esq., C. Bousfield, Esq., Alderman J. Webber, J. R. Treadgold, Esq., Councillor A. H. Cartwright, Mrs. T. L. Gjers, Mrs. Parry-Crooke, Mrs. Sharpe, Miss M. Bousfield; hon. treas., L. Bousfield; hon. auditors, H. Matthews and G. W. Jones; committee, G. W. Jones (chairman), H. Matthews (vice-chairman), F. House, R. R. Churcher, S. M. Davis, M. Cook, C. Howard, F. Fulford, W. Basten, H. Goodland; hon. sec., W. O. Brooke. The year's working shewed a fairly successful result although an adverse balance of nearly £5 was recorded; this, the chairman said, he should like to see wiped off. This was generously responded to by subs. for various amounts, totalling nearly £14, thereby starting the year with a substantial balance in hand. Four silver cups (one for novice) were promised by various patrons, to be competed for by members at the annual show; also six silver gold-centred and six bronze medals for most points in the various open classes; also several special prizes promised for the young bird show in June. The radius was extended from 20 to 30 miles so that it is confidently hoped a good increase in membership will be gained to compete for the specials. A hearty vote of thanks was passed to those who had so kindly contributed towards the funds of the association and special prize list, also to the chairman for presiding.—W. O. Brooke, Sec.

POPLAR C.B.S.

First Annual Dinner a Huge Success.

First annual dinner held Mar. 9, at the Aberfeldy Tavern, East India Dock Road. It turned out a huge success. Mr. J. Robson took the chair for the dinner. The attendance was exceptionally good, 50 being present. The ladies were especially prominent, 16 gracing the tables. The dinner was excellently served, reflecting credit on the caterer, who in this instance was our esteemed president, Mr. Wrigglesworth, the proprietor of the Tavern. After dinner, our president took the chair, and as one of the artistes subsequently informed us in one of his songs, "we had a most delightful evening." The musical portion of the programme was under the direction of one of our members, Mr. G. A. Barber, who worked hard throughout the evening, the result being the whole programme was gone through without a hitch, and we take this opportunity of thanking him for his splendid services. The programme was an extensive one, those contributing being Messrs. T. Taylor, W. Emden, Gotcher, Mercer, Pine, Leech, Spink, Hunt, Francis, Barber, Wyatt, Mrs. Stopher, and Mr. and Mrs. Gedge. The various toasts were responded to heartily, and in some cases with musical honours. During the interval the chairman took the opportunity of presenting the various cups and medals won during the past year. Each presentation was accompanied by a graceful speech given by our president, who at the close stated that although he was unable, owing to business pressure, to take the interest in the society he would like to, still his thoughts were always with us, and he thought it a fitting time to announce that was his intention to present 12 special prizes to be competed for by members during the coming show season. This most generous offer was received with loud cheers, and was accepted with musical honours; and we take this opportunity of publicly thanking him for his generosity. To add to the pleasure our president had already given us, he stated later on that if we could get some ladies to join us, he would present them with a special prize worth the winning, the description of which would be announced later. This kindly thought was also received with acclamation. Had time permitted our music could have extended well into the morning. The evening closed with the singing of the National Anthem.—H. W. Cook, Hon. Sec.

BEAMISH AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

Meeting held March 9, Mr. J. Davidson in chair. Mr. W. Reid was elected to judge our Nest Feather Show on July 6. Nominations for annual show on Nov. 23: Messrs. W. Reid, J. Hands, J. Stanger, J. Snell, A. Holden, J. Riseborough, T. Dixon, and R. Bewick.—W. Knowles.

COVENTRY (Godiva) C.B.S.

The society finished the year with a balance of £4 1s., after meeting a loss of £4 11s. 6d. on the last open show. I have resigned secretaryship, and Mr. H. Saunders, of 31, Vernon Street, has taken same over. Election of officers: President and treasurer, Mr. J. Busby; chairman, Mr. Howe; vice-chairman, Mr. T. Roycroft; auditors, Messrs. H. Mann and W. Batlin; committee, Messrs. A. Wright, J. Symonds, J. Blackshaw, H. Wright, Payne, A. Symonds, A. J. Lucas, Adkins, Houghton, Clarke, Ingram; reporter for shows, Mr. R. Symonds; hon. assistant sec., Mr. W. Rowley; hon. secretary, Mr. H. Saunders.—R. Symonds, Late Sec.

NEWARK AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

Annual general meeting held Boar's Head Hotel, Feb. 27. The society has had a successful year, having run three shows during that time. On the proposition of Mr. W. Toynbee, seconded by Mr. W. Measham, balance-sheet was adopted, showing a balance in hand of £4 6s. 2d. to commence the year with. Following officers elected:—President, Ald. W. E. Knight; vice-presidents, Ald. F. H. Appleby, Messrs. E. F. Nicholson, J. McNaught Davis, J. T. Parnham, and Botsford; chairman, Mr. W. Townbee; vice-chairman, Mr. A. Wells; hon. secretary, Mr. W. Lidgett; hon. treasurer, Mr. F. Smith; committee, Messrs. W. Measham, R. E. Shepherd, J. Lamb, W. Spinks, R. Simpson, F. R. Burtidge, A. Martin, J. Dolman, A. Coe, C. Timm, Messrs. A. Wells and W. Spinks were elected auditors.—W. Lidgett, Sec.

HANLEY AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

Meeting held at "George and Dragon," Mar. 6, when we had a fair muster of members. Moved and seconded that we guarantee 25s. advertg. in CAGE BIRDS, and that our show be fixed for Oct. 17. Will other societies take note of our date to avoid clashing? Mr. Naylor's terms for judging were accepted. We have a well lighted and well ventilated room, and I think there is more chance of visitors getting round without crushing. Mr. Naylor has promised to get a few specials for our show, and is himself giving a bronze medal for best Norwich bred by a member. Mr. W. Evans is giving a gold medal for the best Yorks. bred by a member. We made a new member in Mr. S. Taylor, and have prospects of more shortly. I hear that it is rumoured that the Hanley Society is going down, but I can assure all that we shall come out in full bloom in our turn. We have got the best balance in hand we have ever had, which is saying more than a good many can, and we are growing stronger every year in membership. We are slow but we are sure, which I think is the best in the end for any society.—W. G. Llewellyn, Sec.

WIGAN AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

A Lecture on the Pairing of Norwich.

A lecture was given by W. Dyer (Wigan) at headquarters ("Legs of Man" Hotel), on Mar. 2. There was a large attendance of members and fanciers. The lecturer brought with him a few birds so as to give those present an idea of the type of Norwich wanted for the show bench; also some books of Blakston's, showing the old style of Norwich (which was carefully studied by all). Mr. Dyer gave us first the scale of points of the specialist clubs. He said, in selecting your stock go in for type first, although most of the present-day judges went more for colour than they should do according to points allowed. He seemed to think type ought to stand before colour always. He preferred a medium sized pair for breeding purposes. If you are not able to get a medium sized pair, get a good sized cock, and put him to a typical hen; it would not matter if she were on the small side, as he found that the hen was responsible for type. Next came colour. Without colour you stood no chance on the show bench. To get colour you must have green blood in your stock, as green blood was the fountain of colour. Pair a green marked cock to a clear hen, or vice versa, and you would get a good colour in the young birds. By this pairing you would not get your stock too heavily marked. Next came quality of feather. Quality of feather showed a good typed bird off well. To get it, he preferred a cinnamon marked cock, as no doubt cinnamon blood improved quality of feather, and had a tendency to throw short wing and tail (which you must have in a typical Norwich, as long and crossed wing and long fish tails spoilt a nice bodied bird). Size was an important thing, as a good, big bird would always beat a good little one. Size was soon lost if you were not careful.

Double buffing, he found, improved size. Norwich fanciers had not gone as far as they might in this matter. The general idea was that after the first pairing you lost colour and quality, but look, he said, at German Canaries. You found here good colour and quality of feather; also Crests were good coloured birds, and it was rarely you found a yellow German or Crest. One also wanted a short beak, as nothing spoilt an otherwise good headed bird more than a long beak. He found that young follow their parents more in this point than in any; so one must be very careful to have birds good in this essential point. He continued: You want clear beak and legs; if they are not clear, while not disqualifying your bird, it tells against it in strong competition. If you have a good bird you must stage it in fine condition. You must have condition in order to get that lovely sheen seen on a show bird.

The lecturer then invited questions, which were freely asked. Mr. McAndrews: Where do marked beak and legs come from?—Answer: Green blood.

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Mr. Vickers: Which is best for shortening feather—double-buffing or double-yellowing?—Double-buffing; double-yellowing improves colour.

Mr. Young: Do cinnamon-marked birds put quality in birds?—I find cinnamon-marked birds are extra quality birds. I am never without cinnamon blood in my stock.

Mr. McAndrews: Why do you prefer variegated birds?—In order to keep colour in stock.

Mr. Vickers: Which bird do you prefer for breeding type, cock or hen?—Hen.

Mr. Farremond: How do you get colour, by feeding or breeding for it?—Breeding.

Mr. Green: Do you prefer buff cock and yellow hen, or yellow cock and buff hen, for size?—It makes no difference.

Mr. Fairhurst: What makes buffs larger than yellows?—The feather is more dense in buffs, and the frame seems bigger.

Mr. Green: Can buffs be bred from two yellows?—Yes; but yellows cannot be bred from two buffs.

Mr. Horton: Is it possible that birds that fail on both sides can breed anything good?—You may breed something good if they come from good parents, but it will be by chance only. The proper way is, if one bird fails in one point to get a mate for it that is strong in that particular point.

Mr. Fairhurst: If two birds don't hit, would changing them make any difference?—If I had two birds which I thought would breed good birds, and their young failed to come up to my expectations, I would certainly try with another, and would hope to get better results.—H. Young, Sec.

SHERIFFHILL F. AND F.S.

Meeting held Mar. 2, St. John's Mission Hall, Mr. G. Willis in chair. Agreed, that we hold our nest feather show June 29; Messrs. Gilesby, Maddison, and Brown nominated judges. Since the meeting I have seen Mr. Gilesby, and as he had first choice I have fixed up with him. Proposed, that secretary try and get permission for our members to have a ramble through the woods of Lord Ravensworth, and if all goes well, same to be on Whit Monday. Owing to the capable way in which Mr. J. Gray (Low Fell) judged our table show in January, we have arranged with him to judge our April table show. A lot of other business was got through in good order, which brought a pleasant meeting to a close.—W. Stockton, Hon. Sec.

HARROGATE C.B.S.

Annual meeting, held Friendly Society's Hall, Mar. 4th. There was a good attendance. Balance sheet was read, showing a balance of £1 18s. 9½d., along with stock (tresseks and tables), £6 10s. Officers elected as follows:— The Hon. Ed. Wood, M.P., and Lady Dorothy (patron and patroness), H. Milling, Esq. (president); vice-presidents, D. Duncan, Esq., H. Abbott, Esq., H. Schunck, Esq., H. Webster, Esq., C. Richardson, Esq., Rev. T. S. Dawson, Miss C. M. Hawke; committee, Messrs. Beilby, Walker, Head, Lealman, Ireland, Houseman, Gill. Secretary was re-elected, with Mr. G. H. Barnwell as joint secretary and treasurer. Prizes for winter competition were distributed to the following winners:—1st, J. T. Hollins, 67 points; Gill, 60; Ireland, 57, in the open competition; in the novice, J. Blackburn, 50 points; C. Fleetham, 44.—W. E. Furgusson and G. H. Barnwell, Joint Secs.

PUDSEY, STANNINGLEY AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

Meeting held Mar. 4. In the absence of the president, Mr. W. Richmond took the chair. After the usual business we were favoured with a lecture by Mr. A. Halliday (Shipley) on breeding and rearing. Commencing with the birdroom, he said some fanciers did very well, no matter what the aspect. The larger the cages are, he said, the better. Without cleanliness no fancier could hope for success. The seed needed to be the best you could lay hands on; poor seed would be dear as a gift. He next dealt with the stock birds; the points wanted in the cock needed to be extra good in the hen, and vice versa. He liked the old fashioned egg-food—home-made bread and hard boiled egg. He preferred watercress as greenfood. He then answered questions, of which there was any amount; he dealt with them all to the satisfaction of every.

READING AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

Meeting held Mar. 6th. It was the unanimous opinion of all that it was the finest meeting we have ever had. The occasion was the pair show and lecture afterwards on the birds, by Mr. J. Robson. The room was crowded by members and friends, and we were very glad to see several ladies present, who joined in the discussion afterwards. Mr. S. Pike presented a splendid silver cup for most wins with birds bred by exhibitor, after which Mr. G. H. Aeton presented us with another lovely silver cup for best bird bred by an amateur or novice. Both gentlemen were heartily thanked. Both cups were on view, and created a lot of interest. About 30 pairs were entered, and, as at the Nov. show, the Yorks. were in the majority. Breeders of this variety seem to be on the increase amongst members, and we are glad to see it, as they have been in the background for a long time. After judging, Mr. Robson gave us a thoroughly practical and instructive lecture. Plenty of questions were asked and answered in good style. By the time we had finished there was not time to transact ordinary business, so it was left till next meeting. Principal points winners were: Messrs. F. Dearlove 21, S. Pike 18, F. T. Avis 16, A. Montgomery 14, E. J. Sheppard 14.—W. H. Pyke, Hon. Sec.

ILFORD AND COUNTY F. & F.S.

Business of the annual general meeting completed, after an adjournment, at an extraordinary special general meeting held Feb. 27th, Mr. F. W. Holliday in chair. Decided, that in future the society be named "The Ilford and County Fur and Feather Society," the radius to remain as before. Annual subscriptions raised from 2s. 6d. to 3s. per annum. In future there will be a cup fee of 1s. per section, same to cover any number of exhibits in one section only (not all as heretofore). Mr. Jerrold kindly promised a sectional cup, for which he was kindly thanked; it was given unconditionally. In future where there is only one exhibitor in a class, half points only are to be allowed to count for 1st, 2nd, and 3rds. Election of officers: Patrons: Sir J. H. Bethell, Bart., M.P., Ald. W. P. Griggs, J.P., and H. Jell, Esq.; president, Councillor, F. D. Smith; vice-presidents, F.W. Holiday, Esq., and A. Webb, Esq.; club reporter, Mr. E. J. Reynolds; hon. auditors, Messrs. J. Clarke and J. Blennerhassett; hon. sec. and treasurer, Mr. J. H. Priestman; hon. assistant sec., Mr. H. Brown; committee: Messrs. G Bransford, A. Gollintz, W. J. Goddard, E. Jarrold, A. Keates, H. Phipps, E. J. Reynolds, W. L. Roe, R. Stevens, E Satherthwaite, S. E. Towson. An interesting list of fixtures was arranged for 1912, including a lecture by Mr. C. A. House, judging competitions, and a lantern lecture by Mr. W. L. Rae. Members elected: Messrs. F. Warne, H. Cox, E. Lawson, H. Blows, H. Cook, J. Bramble, H. Ratter, G. Oliver.—E. J. Reynolds.

ASHINGTON AND HIRST C.B.S.

Meeting held Feb. 24th, Harmonic Hall, Mr. J. Miles presiding over a good attendance. Decided, to have annual show Nov. 9th. Classification, 28 classes. Mr. J. Stanger, judge. Arranged, that secretary get Mr. E. Floyd to give a washing exhibition at next meeting.—W. Hall, Sec.

SUNDERLAND C.B.A.

Meeting held Mar. 2, Mr. J. Farrer presiding. Messrs. Rawson and Proctor were made members. Next meeting Mar. 16th, when we will consider question of holding the open show and fixing dates. Fanciers wishing to join will be welcomed. All members are requested to attend.—J. Jeffrey, Sec.

STIRLING AND DIST. C.B.S.

General meeting held Douglas Hotel, March 2, Mr. Summers in chair. The auditors examined the books and found them correct. New office-bearers elected: President, W. Summers; treasurer and sec., Wm. Clubb. Decided to hold annual show Nov. 16. Decided also to revise rules and nominate judges at next meeting, April 6.—Wm. Clubb, sec.

LONDON AND COUNTIES A.C.B.

Meeting held Mar. 2nd, at "The Earl Cathcart," Osnaburgh Street, Regents Park. Mr. A. Ransley in chair. Agreed, to hold a special meeting to settle details of competition for the Cathcart silver challenge cup, and other important business in connection with the association, on Mar. 16th, at 8 p.m. prompt. The committee hope every member will try and attend, so that rules for above competition may be thoroughly understood.—Alfred Mowl, Sec. pro tem., 60, Osnaburgh Street, Regents Park, N.W.

SHIPLEY O.S.

Annual meeting held Prince of Wales, Mar. 5, when a long agenda of business was gone through. Balance sheet showed a very creditable balance of over £9. Election of officers:—Chairman, J. B. Martin; vice-chairman, A. Brown; secretary, A. Tillotson; assist. sec., E. Grange; treasurer, L. Crossland; auditors, J. B. Martin, H. H. Towers; trustees, H. H. Towers, J. B. Holroyd; Union delegates, A. Brown, E. Grange. Dates and classification for members' show arranged, which I hope to have in schedule form in the course of a few weeks. We have made some good classification for champions and novices, and we hope for as good competition as last year.—A. Tillotson, Sec.

HEYWOOD AND DISTRICT O.S.

Meeting held Feb. 27. Mr. J. Dewhirst presided. After the usual business the members took part in a judging competition. Mr. J. Lees (Rochdale) judged (6 Norwich pairs). Mr. A. Smith won 1st prize, 2nd being divided between Messrs. J. Moscrop and R. Schofield. On Mar. 6, members again met, and Mr. J. W. Howarth presided. The meeting was arranged in honour of our president, Mr. J. Perry, who is leaving the district, having accepted a new position. During the evening Councillor R. D. McMurdo, on behalf of the members, presented a silver-mounted umbrella to him. In a few well chosen words Mr. Perry said he should never forget the happy times he had spent at our meetings, and the kindness shown him by the members. We have engaged Mr. H. W. Battye (Huddersfield) to judge our F.F. show on June 29. We are hoping to have a good time at our coming shows.—A. H. Meadowcroft, Sec.

CITY OF BIRMINGHAM C.B.S.

Meeting held Crown Hotel, March 6th, followed by a table show of matched pairs of British birds. Mr. Broadhurst in chair. Mr. Mole presented the audited accounts for 1911. The receipts for members' subs. were the highest since the fee was reduced a few years ago from 6s. to 4s. Unfortunately the open show again resulted in a heavy loss of £11 8s. 9d., while that on next feather show was 14/2. A whip-round to wipe out the deficiency realised £4 12s. 6d., the net result for the year being an adverse balance of 6s. 4d. But had all the donations promised, and other outstanding items, been received, there would have been a good balance to carry forward. The society had other assets to the value of £6. Messrs. Smith and Fessy were elected members, and two other nominations were received. Mr. Jeffrey arranged to give his lecture on British softbills on April 3rd, and we heartily invite all bird lovers, whether members or not, to be with us. Report of show will be found in another column; prize money paid out same evening. During the evening Mr. F. Peace explained his matings in Crest class. Taking out a Crest he showed the deficiency of feather at back of head, and said it resulted from double cresting with unsuitable birds, and to counteract that he had mated it to a yellow Lancashire. The other pair (both Crests) he thought had the essential qualities for producing typical Crests, both having neat Crests, with good centre and nice veiny feather; and he intended breeding them as paired that evening. Mr. Broadhurst also explained his pairing of Nor.; from one pair he expected to obtain good stock hens, and from the other two pairs show birds. He emphasized the importance of having plenty of size with good heads and wide entrance. Mr. Jeffrey means to wake up the British bird fanciers, and will guarantee two soft-bill classes at our next open show, as well as provide a special prize.—J. H. Jones, Hon. Sec., 169, Church Lane, Aston, Birmingham.

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The Shows.

TRURO.

Second annual show of the Truro F. and F.S. held St. Dominic Mews, March 8. The entry was double last year's. The exhibits were nicely staged down one side of the hall, which was well lighted, and free from draughts. The winner in the A.O.V. class was a grand Goldie-Greenie Hybrid, shown in rattling fine form, which captured special for best in show. The novice medal was won by A. E. Buzza, with a capital Norwich yell.; special for most points, Messrs. Gaved and Stephens. The secretary, Mr. Pascoe, had everything well arranged, and carried out his duties in an able manner. The society in his hands should have a bright future. Mr. F. Collins (Camborne) judged, and his awards were well received.

The Critique.

NOR. YELL. (5): 1, 2, Pascoe, grand quality and type, nice short flights and tail, rare col., 2nd larger than winner, nice head and neck; 3, Buzza, good type and quality, wins novice medal; abs., 2 and 4. BUFF (6): 1, Gaved and Stephens, grand size and type, good head and neck, well mealed; 2, 3, Wotton, good quality and type, nice substance, fine col., 3rd varieg., in nice condition; r, vhc, Pascoe, nice type and quality. YORKS. YELL. (9): 1, 2, Thomas, grand length, quality and position, good backs, well up on leg; 3, vhc, Richards, non-fed, grand col., well up on leg, in nice condition; r, Oatey, varieg., fine length. BUFF (11): 1, 2, 3, Thomas, trio of grand birds for type, quality, and position, in lovely condition; r, Oatey, cinn. mkd., nice quality; vhc, Gaved and Stephens. A.O.V. (15): 1, sp., Rowe and Richards, Goldie-Greenie Hybrid, grand blaze and wings, lovely condition; 2, Gaved and Stephens, lovely lightly-mkd. Goldie Mule, in good condition; 3, Richards, Scotch Fancy, tkd. head, good shoulders, carries tail well under; r, Trenerry, yell. cinn., good col., and type; vbc, Greenway. GOLDIE, ETC. (21): 1, Rowe and Richards, Bullie, grand size, good cap, well mkd., nice breast col.; 2, Michael, Goldfinch, nice square cut blaze, good bars and buttons; vhc, Gaved and Stephens, grand size, good blaze, nice moons; r, Pascoe, good Finch, well mooned. A.O.S. (21): 1, 2, 3, Gaved and Stephens, grand team, Hawfinch leading, good size and col., lovely bib, 2nd Bramble, nice spangling, lovely col., 3rd lovely Diamond Finch, good spots; r, Wotton, lovely laced hen Siskin.

WOLVERHAMPTON C.B.S.

Annual members' and inter-club show with Walsall C.B.S., held Mar. 2nd, Duke of York, when close on 90 birds were staged. Judges, Messrs. J. A. Tonks (Nor.), I. Jones (Yorks), F. J. Weaver (Brit.); and all gave satisfaction. Mr. J. Gibbons won special for best Canary; Mr. H. E. Rowley, special for best British. It was very pleasing to see our new members came to the front with the champions.

The Critique

NOR. CK. YELL. (2): 1, spl, Gibbons, nice cl., good head and front; 2, Weaver, fine well filled neck and back, fails only in substance. BUFF (5): 1, Weaver, bis old stager looking in the pink, needs no comment; 2, Hampton, varieg., neat head, well filled back; 3, Garfield, good size, plenty of substance, some preferred; 4, Robinson; vhc, Martin. HEN (6): 1, Garfield, cl. buff, splendid, should do its owner good; 2, Weaver, almost four-pointed buff, good head and neck; 3, hc, Robinson, very neat yell. hen; 4, Harrison; vhc, Martin. YELL. UNFLIG. (3): 1, 2, Weaver, two very neat birds, should make up well; 3, Hampton, varieg. yell., nice front. BUFF (8): 1, Hampton, good youngster, nice head, well filled neck; 2, Garfield, good size, nice wing carriage; 3, Gibbons, marked buff, broad head; 4, Robinson; vhc, Loach; hc, Weaver; c, Rowley. YORKS. CK. (2): 1, Millincamp, yell., good length, very typical; 2, Hall, marked buff, nice feather, well carried wings. HEN (8): 1, 2, Hall, brace of nice birds, good length, compact wings and tail; 3, Gibbons, big buff, well cut away; 4, hc, Millincamp; vhc, Robinson. UNFLIG. (5): 1, Hall, neat head, well filled back, nice feather; 2, 3, Gibbons; 2, cl. buff, neat head, very breedy, 3rd yell., fine length; 4, Millincamp; vhc, Robinson. GOLDIE (7): 1, 3, Tonks, 1st well-known winner, put down in splendid condition, 3rd Greypate, should be heard of later; 2, 4, Thomas, two very nice exhibits, good faces; vhc, Gibbons; hc, Martin; c, Harrison. LINNET (2): 1, Tonks, very nicely pencilled, steady; 2, Thomas. BULLIE, ETC. (9): 1, vhc, Gibbons, well marked Bullie, good cap; 2, Rowley, nice sized yell. Greenie; 3, Harrison, another Bullie, larger than winner, but unsteady; 4, c, Record; hc, Martin. REDPOLL, ETC. (7): 1, Gibbons, nice pencilled Mealy, with a good bib; 2, Hall, well-fed Siskin, good flank markings; 3, Thomas, Lesser, beautifully pencilled; 4, Martin; vhc, Fullwood; hc, Garfield; c, Rowley. A.O.S. (3): 1, spl, fine Hawfinch, good bib and hood; 2, 3, Fullwood, 2nd very nice Snow Bunting, but unsteady; 3, Grey Tit, good size, nicely marked. A.O.V. CAN.: 1, Hall, green Yorks., good one. MULE (3): 1, 3, Weaver, 1st lightly marked Goldie Mule; 3, good sized dark Goldie, fine face; 2, Hall, another large Goldie, shows parentage well. FOR. (5): 1, vhc, Price, well-known Siberian Goldie, looking himself again; 2, 4, Record, 2nd very nice pair of Cutthroats; 3, Fullwood, another nice Goldie, should make a fine bird when steady.—J. Gibbons, Sec.

BO'NESS AND DISTRICT F.A.

At a meeting held Mar. 9, the following officials were appointed: T. Bell, president; T. Scotland, vice-pres.; R. Stevens, treas.; T. Cameron, sec.; C. Liddle, assist. sec. Annual show, Nov. 2. Secretaries please note.—T. Cameron, Sec.

SITTINGBOURNE C.B.S.

At show held Mar. 4th, a most interesting lecture was given by Mr. C. Cornelius (Faversham), on "The Norwich Plainhead." It proved very interesting. Useful hints for both old and young fanciers were to be had. There was also a pair show for Nor. and Yorks., for report of which see under "members' shows."—B. Tidy, Hon. Sec.

NEWCASTLE C.B.S.

Meeting held Mar. 7; chairman, Mr. T. C. Crawhall. Rules were revised, and several alterations made to facilitate business of the society. Messrs. Thurston (Cramlington), G. W. Scott (Newcastle), and T. Nirley (Newcastle) were elected members. A discussion was held on the cause and cure of a white furry substance appearing under the feather of birds. Several members gave their opinion, and two cures were suggested, one being paraffin oil, and the other sulphur mixed mixed into a paste with milk or lard. Carried, that meetings commence at 7.30 p.m. in future, instead of 8 o'cl. This concluded one of the most successful meetings Newcastle C.B.S. has held. Subs. are now due, and members are requested to pay same as quickly as possible to—J. W. Reed, Sec., 218, Ladykirk Road, Newcastle.

Singing Contests.

DURHAM.

Linnet sing held Hemlinton Inn, Hunwick, March 9, when 24 birds competed. Result: 1, 2, 3, Troman and Bell with the noted "Pit Jacket." Judge, Mr. Joe Gardener.—Wm. Fairless, sec.

SEAHAM HARBOUR.

Linnet contest held Northumberland Arms, Mar. 9th, when 26 birds competed for eleven prizes:—Richardson, 1st; Hills, 2nd, 3rd, 10th; Briggs, 4th, 7th; Robson, 5th, 8th, 9th; Walker, 6th; Hartley, 11th. Judge, Mr. George Johson; timekeeper, Mr. T. Wilkinson.

PONTEFRACT.

Open Linnet contest, held March 10, Woodman's Inn, Horsefair, when 17 birds sang for three good prizes. Two birds sang a dead heat (72 seconds each), but they sang off, and the result was:—1, G. Shaw; 2, C. Scott; 3, H. Dickinson. Open sing, March 17; all are welcome.—J. Martin, sec.

NEWTOWN (Leeds).

Linnet sing held Prince Albert Inn, March 10, when we had the largest entry this year, the number of birds entered being 29. Two birds were brought from Durham by Mr. Brady and his friend. Judges: Messrs. Harry Allen and H. Hayes. Timekeeper: E. Wood. 1, 3, J. Bland; 2, C. Lorriman; 4, A. Binns.—E. Wood, hon. sec.

KIPPAX.

Kippax and Dist. Linnet Club open sing, held Mar. 9th. Owing to the coal strike we only had ten birds entered. Mr. O. Potten won 1st, and Mr. J. Liversedge, junr., 2nd. We withheld the other prizes. Messrs. J. Wallace and W. Perkin were timekeepers. Members' sing, Mar. 16, first birds hung at 3.15 p.m. In a few more weeks our members will have some splendid birds, and some that will be a credit to their owners. We shall no doubt be able to compete against all comers when we have a contest open to all Yorkshire. R. Plows, Hon. Sec.

CASTLEFORD.

Linnet contest held March 9, a lot of fanciers and friends being present to hear 52 of the best time singers in Yorkshire. We broke all records. The winning bird sang two minutes all but five seconds at five seconds a break, four minutes hung; so far it is leading for our ten-guinea challenge cup. Winners: 1, W. Nelson; 2, C. Scott; 3, W. Dobson. Also on March 10 we had 26 birds. Winners: 1, E. Smith; 2, W. Nelson; 3, J. Kirk. All members are allowed two birds free entrance; all above must be paid for until further notice.—Walter Dobson, hon. sec.

LEEDS.

Contest held Skinner's Arms, Buslingthorpe, Mar. 9th, when 19 birds sang. 1st, Chippendale; 2, 3, Ward. Also Mar. 10th, when 26 birds sang:—1, Chippendale; 2, Sellars; 3, Ward. Judges, Messrs. Turner, Green. Mr. Turner remarked that he was delighted to hear the best singing possible to be heard.—C. Clayter, Hon. Sec.

Linnet sing for quality held Old Bird House, King's Head, Shannon Street, March 9, when 20 birds sang. Bird lovers were present from Durham. 1, T. Stead; 2, A. Richardson; 3, P. Madden. Judges, Messrs. W. Naylor and D. Clegg. Also on March 10, when 28 birds faced the judges, Messrs. W. Naylor and A. Jennings, who gave every satisfaction. 1, 3, T. Stead; 2, H. Wigfield.—T. C. Summers, hon. sec.

SALFORD.

Contest for quality held at Boat House Hotel, on Mar. 10. Some very good singing was heard before a splendid attendance. Winners:—1, H. Coates; 2, 3, J. Green; 4, J. Caswell. Judges, Messrs. W. Cain and A. Marshall. Bird-keeper, Mr. J. Green; attendant, Mr. J. Caswell. Meeting held to consider the Atherton trouble. The delegate, Mr. W. Cain, gave his report, and after a lengthy discussion it was decided to adhere to the penalty inflicted on the offenders, the secretary to send a full report of the result to the offender. Our next open-to-all-England contest is fixed for Mar. 23, when all the Lancashire affiliated clubs will be represented. Fanciers and friends specially invited. Members note the contest for to-morrow, Queen's Arms, Atherton, at 2 p.m. (time and quality).—B. Wharton, Hon. Sec.

LEIGH.

Globe Inn Linnet Club, affiliated Linnet contest held Mar. 9th, Globe Inn, when 55 birds entered, and some very good singing was done. Following clubs were represented by 5 or more birds:—Blackburn, Wigan, Tyldsley, Salford, and Atherton. I was pleased to see such a good entry considering we are in the centre of the great coal strike. We gave the advertised number of prizes, namely, four for each class. Winners for quality:—T. Statham (Leigh) 1st; J. Dobson (Blackburn) 2nd; M. Yates (Wigan) 3rd; and J. Green (Salford) 4th; for time: R. Fairhurst (Atherton) 165, 1st; R. Statham (Leigh) 136, 2nd; R. Fairhurst (Atherton) 122, 3rd; and J. Poole (Leigh) 113, 4th. Judges for quality: Messrs. W. Barnes, J. W. Jones, and J. Milligan; for time, Messrs. J. Everett and W. Statham; tappers, Messrs. J. Evens and R. Disby; timekeeper, Mr. B. Jones. Mr. J. Pearson (Salford) kindly gave a very nice cage for a club special; this was won by W. Barnes, of Wigan, for the first misser in quality, also another for a guessing competition, which was won by Mr. J. Harrison (Tyldsley), for which he scored 230. I was very ably assisted by Mr. Peet (Wigan). Don't forget the contest at Queen's Arms, Atherton, Mar. 16th, for quality and time.—J. McAllister, Sec.

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WANTED an even marked pair of Cinnamon Yorkshires, good birds only: Goldsmith, Stationer, Maidenhead.

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WANTED Yorkshire hen Canaries and weekly supply of Linnets: Blackett, 42, Hassard-st., Hackney-rd., London.

WANTED good colour-fed Yorkshires, cheap for cash: state price; on approval: V. Hankey, 419, Mill-st., Liverpool.

WANTED two good Norwich hens (C.F.); will exchange good Norwich cock: C. May, St. Johns-rd., Mortimer, Berks.

WANTED, all kinds of Canaries and British to sell again; also Foreign birds: 21, Paradise-st., Portsmouth, Hampshire.

WANTED house-moulted cock and hen Bullfinch; exchange for two Roller hen Canaries: W. Lugg, 2, Merton-st., Swindon.

WANTED Yorkshire terrier, will exchange Parrot and cage or Yorkshire cocks; no dealers: 36, East-st., Barking, Essex.

WANTED giant Siberian cock Goldfinch; exchange two pure Seifert Rollers hens, 3/6 each: Seeney, 24, Padiham-rd., Burnley.

WANTED Yorkshire or Border Canaries for four cock Linnets, two bred Mules last year: H. Parkin, Kirkbride, via Carlisle.

WANTED, large house-moulted hen Bullfinch; exchange unflighted yellow Yorkshire hen, or sell, 6/-: Auton Bros., Spalding.

WANTED, birds, any description; exchange for loose fronts, single or double breeding cages: Leigh, 63, Page-st., Liverpool.

AFRICAN Grey or Amazon Parrot, cheap for cash; approval, deposit; also Budgerigars: Mrs. Cawson, 4, Alexandra-st., Goole.

WANTED, Linnet Mule, Linnet song, exchange new pair policeman's trousers; approval: W. Bunting, 12, Leman-st., London, E.

WANTED Norwich Canaries; exchange mahogany Crystal Palace aviary, perfect; offers: Clark, 27, Regent-rd., Gt. Yarmouth.

WANTED, wholesale price lists (for fanciers' provider); best prices for good stuff; deposit: Wilton, 7, Winsley-rd., Colchester.

WANTED 1911 yellow Norwich cocks; exchange pure-bred Liver Cocker Spaniel dog, six months; approval: Kendrick, Coachman, Monument-hill, Weybridge.

WANTED, small six chambered revolver, exchange gents boots: Holmes, Bootmaker, Hunloke-road, Holmewood, Nr. Chesterfield.

WANTED, all varieties of Canaries, Mules and British birds; cash immediately; state price, etc., to: 61, Havelock-st., Leicester.

WANTED Goldfinches, Bullfinches, Linnets, Larks; also Canaries and Mules; best prices given: Manager, Bird Stores, Oscott, Yorkshire.

100 hen Canaries wanted weekly, cheap for cash; state price and breed: Edward Bruce, 124, Blackfriars-road, Salford, Manchester.

WANTED good young Crested cock, about £4; on approval; give particulars to: Hardy, Stubley Mill, Littlebrough, near Manchester.

WANTED, two good Yorkshire cocks, or two pairs, also breeding cage, in exchange for gent's cycle: S. Rowland, Yetminster, Dorset.

OLIVER, 2, Bridport-place, Hoxton; wanted colour fed Yorkshires, will give 27/- dozen hens, 60/- dozen cocks, full song; cash deposited.

WANTED, Siberian cock Goldfinch, muler; exchange 4 clear 1911 hen Canaries, or sell 10/-: Allen, Chelsea Barracks, London.

WANTED, Norwich hens; exchange Linnet Mule and cock Canary, both in full song: Thorne, 43, Chestnut-grove, Bootle, Liverpool.

PARROT, or Canaries, for pair all steel (ball-bearing) roller skates, fit any size, cost 25/-; offers: Gittings, 41, Wilson-st., Castleford.

WANTED large Buff Yorkshire cock; exchange two unflighted hens, beautiful quality; approval: Underwood, 41, Thornton-st., Darlington.

EXTRA large Norwich, also surplus Canaries; state lowest prices: Andrew Dawson, c/o Eastmans, Ltd., 33a, Stevenson-st., Calton, Glasgow.

WANTED mandoline, hanjo-mandoline, or other musical instrument; exchange four hen Canaries: Southorn, Acklington, Northumberland.

WANTED Canaries, monkeys, Parrots, dogs, pigeons, poultry, rats, guinea pigs, etc.; purchase or exchange: Barlow's Aviaries, Greenwich.

WANTED cock Green Budgerigar, exchange yellow, or pair Bramble Finches; also exchange yellow cock for yellow hen: P. Brown, Potton, Beds.

WANTED for cash, Canaries, Mules, either sex; state lowest price: Trask, Bird Specialist, Chesham House, Broadway, Deptford, London, S.E.

WANTED, Greenfinch, field-moulted, must be topper, good head, colour, etc., second raters useless: Brown, 64, Woodbine-st., Gateshead.

WANTED, Norwich Canaries; exchange boots and shoes any kind; satisfaction guaranteed; offers; approval: Alfred Adcock, Boot Stores, Chatteris.

WANTED, healthy Yorkshire cock; exchange two Black Rosecomb Bantam hens, little cash given if Canary sent first: Wilson, Fintry, Stirlingshire.

GOOD long Yorkshire hen Canaries wanted; state lowest price; I will buy any kinds of birds, cocks or hens: W. Perkins, 132, East-st., Walworth, S.E.

WANTED, good gent's bicycle for pair winning Yorkshires, 22/6, and pair Rollers, 10/-, breeding condition: B. Gunton, 221, St. Albans-rd., Watford.

WANTED, Norwich and Yorkshire hens, also Linnets, Goldfinches, Bullfinches wanted; state lowest price to: Hall's Central Bird Stores, Patricroft, Manchester.

NOTICE, will give 6/- per pair for colour-fed Norwich or Yorkshires, 10/- per pair for Crests and Scotch Fancy: McKeand, Hamilton-place, Castle Douglas.

WANTED, quarter-plate hand and stand camera, double extension dark slides, with or without lens; exchange good Norwich: Collett, 22, Gerard-st., Heeley, Sheffield.

WANTED, Goldfinches, Bullfinches, Linnets, etc., also cock Mules, state price; I will give 1/6 each for large hen Canaries: Thomas Hughes, 65, Saltley-rd., Birmingham.

WANTED Cockatiels, Zebras, White Javas, or anything in exchange for Howe's treadle sewing machine, costume and coat, small lady; no cards: Wightman, Quadring, Spalding.

WANTED to sell two Yorkshire show cages and case, cash with order, 5/6; two buff Yorkshire cocks, full song, 17/6: Henry Blamires, Little Royd Cottages, Earlsheaton.

WANTED, first-class pair Norwich or Crested, in exchange for new ¼-plate stand camera, in cabinet, cost 60/-: E. F. Lemon, 2, Victoria Grove West, Stoke Newington, London, N.

WANTED, slim, racy yellow Yorkshire cock or hen, unflighted, ½ Belgian or Cinnamon-marked; exchange high-class buff cock or hen; offers entertained: Ferguson, College-st., Whitehaven.

WANTED good gramophone and records for Canaries, pair Crests, large Yorkshire cocks, in full song; gramophone first, will deposit: Parker, 25, Woodseats House-rd., Sheffield.

WANTED, a very large house-moulted cock Greenfinch, must be a good muler, will pay, 5/-; approval, deposit; send particulars to: White, Seed Establishment, Park-st., East Cowes.

WANTED, Canaries, all varieties, Bullfinches, Siskins, Goldfinches, etc., also chickens, guinea pigs, cheap for resale; state lowest price: Bird Stores, 60a, Charlotte-st., Portsmouth, Hants.

WANTED good stout Norwich and Crestbred, also Yorkshires; exchange black oil-skin fishing overcoat (Irish Police) six-chambered revolver; or pair of Richardson's roller skates: Baker, Waterloo-rd., Ipswich.

WANTED, buyer for joiner-made bird-house, excellent condition, 8 ft. x 6 ft. x 8 ft., real bargain, £4; four grand buff Norwich hens, 4/-; three yellow hens, 3/6; yellow green cock, 7/6; all unflighted: Lill, Bank-rd., Matlock.

WANTED Norwich Greens and Cinnamons, Borders Greens and Cinnamons, Yorkshires, Greenfinches, Yellowhammers, Linnets, Siskins, Goldfinches, Twites; approval: Stuart and Dalling, Boghead Farm, Bathgate, N.B.

WANTED, winning Goldfinch, Bullfinch, Hawfinch, Bramblefinch, must be recent winners, and large, rich coloured birds, will give full value in gent's boots: Holmes, Bootmaker, Hunloke-road, Holmewood, nr. Chesterfield.

WANTED Canaries for cash, any surplus stock cocks and hens Norwich or Yorkshire; a fair price given for good birds; business straight; same address 20 years: G. Smith, Central Bird Stores, Charlotte-st., Portsmouth.

WANTED, hen Goldfinches, Mules, 1/3; hen Canaries, 1/6; good long Yorkshire hens wanted; I will buy any kind of live stock, Linnets, Goldfinches, Chaffinches, wanted cocks or hens, state price; all kinds of British and foreign birds kept in stock; lovely Moustache Parrakeet, talking, and new cage, will sell 12/6; or exchange for Canaries: W. Perkins, Bird Dealer, 132, East-st., Walworth, London.

WANTED any quantity cock and hen Canaries, all breeds; give particulars and state lowest price for prompt cash; or exchange good British or Siberian cock Goldfinches; strictly honourable dealings guaranteed; no stock too large; breeders please note, my bankers are Lloyd's Bank, Ltd., and I have 21 years unblemished reputation for straightforward dealing; no name-changing with me: W. Gore, Gooch-st., Birmingham.

WANTED, singing Goldfinch, exchange large, steady song Thrush. Wanted large exhibition cock Linnet, proved winner in keen competition, exchange British Bullfinch, hen, winner, 3rd Bethesda, 4th Cardiff, highly commended, Palace, 1912; also an extra large, well marked Yellow Bunting cock, wiuner, 1st Carnavon open show, 1911; exchange large cock Siskiu, proved winner, apply: E. Jones, 3, Priory-terrace, Carnavon, North Wales.

WANTED—CANARIES.

Any quantity bought, good prices given for Plainhead Norwich, Yorkshire and Crests: West of England Bird Exchange Co,, 13, Durnford-st., Stonchouse, Devon.

FLOWERS OF LONDON

Wholesale and retail bird dealer, buys from catchers; supplies the trade; oldest establishment: F. Flowers, 76, Solater-st., Shoreditch.

1000 Hen Canaries Wanted

for shipment, will give 18/- dozen; also any quantity of hen Goldfinch Mules, will give 15/- dozen; cash or deposit: Rutherford, Bird Importer, Leytoustone, London, E.

NATURAL HISTORY

BIRDS and animals preserved cheaply by practical hands; latest improvements: F. Livermore, Windley, Derby.

BIRDS, animals, fish, etc., preserved and mounted, reliable work at the lowest price: Wilcox, 66, Lower Vauxhall, Wolverhampton.

BIRD-STUFFING requisites, stuffed birds, eggs, nest, books, illustrated catalogue free; egg collecting outfit, 2/-; egg collector's guide, 1/-: Messrs. Davis, Museum, Dartford.

SALE or EXCHANGE.

Mainly British.

SIBERIAN cock Goldfinches, 5/-; or exchange pure-bred Canaries or British birds: H. Jinks, 2, Bramall-lane, Sheffield.

TWICE house-moulted cock Linnet, singing fierce, 3rd prize winner, 7/6; or offers: E. Weedall, Johnst., Winsford.

GOLDFINCH Mule, exchange for Brown Linnets, or offers, or sell 7/6; approval: Wilson, 40, Hospital-st., Nantwich.

WILL exchange real good Goldfinch for good typical buff Yorkshire hen; on approval: Snell, Rae Barn, Brixham, Devon.

ALBINO cock Blackbird, and new cage, in full song, nicely marked, 7/6: Jonathan Williams, Colley Gate, Cradley.

EXCHANGE cock Linnet Mule, cock Siskin Mule, for two hen Budgerigars or Foreign birds: Smalley, Dover-st., Kibworth.

SPLENDID cock Woodlark, full song; exchange for Yorks. cock, hens, or offers: Street, Little Bicton Place, Exmouth.

GENUINE 1911 hand reared singing cock Blackbird, make winner, exchange light mule: N. Bourne, 85, Hotlane, Burnslem, Staffs.

EXCHANGE hand-reared brown Linnet, singing loud, for Yorkshire cock Canary, sure muler, sell 5/-: Pugsley, Tower View, Totnes.

EXCHANGE H.M. Bramblefinch and Bullfinch, cocks, for hen Siskin, Redpoll, Twite, or offers: S. Hawkins, 192, Huish, Yeovil.

SPLENDID singing cock Linnet, house-moulted, bred Mules, sell 6/-, or exchange for cock Canary: T. Amery, Crowle, Lincolnshire.

EXCHANGE selected large yellow cock Siskin for house-moulted Siberian Goldfinch cock; approval: Irvine, 24, Perth-st., Blairgowrie.

HOUSE-MOULTED English cock Goldfinch, in full song, very steady, cage included, 7/6, or offers; see Rollers: Turner, 66, High-st., Maldon, Essex.

ALL house-moulted cocks, two Bullies, Goldies, Twite, and Redpoll, sell 10/- lot, or exchange cock Siskin, or offer: Strachan, 10, Victoria-st., Dumbarton.

EXCHANGE 5 large exhibition cock Bullfinches, for pair Norwich or 3 hens, 1911, sell 2/- each; week's approval: G. Wells, 11, Sepulchre Lane, Fellside, Kendal.

SALE or exchange, large foreign Bullfinch hen, house-moulted, for large yellow Siskin or Border cock, value 7/6: Wm. Raine, Sowerby-st., Sacriston, Durham.

THREE toppers to moult, Bramble, Chaffie, Yellow Bunting; exchange Yellow Norwich cock and 100 Primrose plants, for cock Goldie: Fraser, Killiecrankie, Perthshire.

EXHIBITORS, 2 large massive cock Chaffinches, extra good in whites, perfect feather, 2/- each; exchange for large muling hen: J. Gainford, Calder Bridge, Cumberland.

COCKS; light Goldfinch Mule, 7/6; dark, 6/-; two Goldfinches, house-moulted Chaffinch, 3/- each; exchange Canaries; outdoor preferred; all correspondence answered: Pearce, 231, Cathedral-rd., Cardiff.

NOTICE, beautiful Welsh cock Goldfinch, sure muler, when moulted make storming exhibition bird, price 7/6, worth 12/6; also monster exhibition Snow Bunting cock, 6/-, worth 21/-; exchange unflighted yellow Norwich cocks: Bishop, 50, Endborne-rd., Aintree, Liverpool.

TWO grand cock Goldfinches, h.m., two field-moulted, three cock Greenfinches, one hen, h.m., make grand hybridisers, perfect Linnet Mule, pure Linnet notes; sell or exchange yellow Norwich cock and hens, Lizard and Border hens: Victoria Hotel, Penygroes, North Wales.

Mainly Canaries.

WANTED, British; exchange, Yorkshires: Jefferies, Lynluton-avenue, Leigh-on-Sea.

FOUR Roller hens, 3d. each; or exchange two cocks: J. Spicer, Germain-st., Chesham, Bucks.

GOOD green Roller hen, ready for breeding cage, 4/- lot: Wyatt, 86, Rodney-rd., Walworth.

H. KING, 8, Rifle Butt-rd., Brighton, will exchange 2 young hen Canaries for 1 young cock Canary.

PAIR 1911 Rollers, cock full song, and breeding cage 7/6 lot: Miller, Craven-st., Barnoldswick.

YELLOW Yorkshire cock, ticked; exchange pair Norwich: Lear, 55, Waterloo-square, Camberwell.

FOR sale or exchange, prize-bred Yorkshires for youth's boots: Geo. Tweedie, 30, High-st., Maryport.

NORWICH cock, beauty, 7/6; exchange large buff hen, or good British: Calvern, 242, Moor-rd., Chorley.

WHAT offers in Canaries for lady's gold watch, quite new, cost £4; McKeand, Seabright Villa, Castle Douglas.

SALE three Yorkshire cocks, or exchange Yorkshire terrier bitch: Fortune, 35, Victoria-terrace, Keighley.

EXCHANGE buff Norwich cock for 2 hens, one Yorkshire, one Norwich, value 7/6: 69, Cornwallis-st., Stoke-on-Trent.

SALE or exchange Cinnamon Norwich cock or Yorkshire pair for British or Siberian Goldfinches: James Swan, Kirkcudbright.

HIGH-CLASS 1911 Yorkshires, four cocks, healthy, full song, 20/-; approval, deposit; exchange: Hance, King-st., Tring, Herts.

PAIR prize-bred Norwich and new single breeding cage; exchange Waltham watch; offers: Miller, Craven-st., Barnoldswick.

1911 LARGE buff Norwich hen and show cage; exchange Yorkshire cock, full song; yours first: Jones, 72, Bethesda-st., Amlwch.

SEIFERT hens, good strain, 3/6 and 4/6; or exchange for double breeders or flights: Gooding, 14, St. Marys-rd., Bayswater.

EXCHANGE, pair 1911 Norwich, 12/6, for pair Seifert Rollers, 1911 birds: Longstreth, 25, Ferry-st., Ardwich, Manchester.

EXCHANGE one cock and two hen Canaries, 1911, for pair of cycle tubes, new; offers: Marshall, Sutton Bonnington, Loughborough.

TWO Seifert Roller hens and double breeding cage; exchange Goldfinches, Linnets, or offers: Thomas Cole, Butchers-lane, Cradley.

EXCHANGE pair Yorkshire Canaries, for 2 good Norwich hens; approval both ways, or sell 15/-: J. Naylor, Police-st., Brighouse.

CRESTED cock for a yellow Scotch Fancy hen or a pair of Lizards, or sell 14/6; approval; yours first: S. Andrews, Mersey-rd., Widnes.

PRIZE-BRED Norwich Canaries; exchange for scrap brass, copper, zinc, lead, pewter, or anything useful: 61, Havelock-st., Leicester.

PAIR of prize-bred unflighted Yorkshires, 15/-; or exchange pullets to value; mutual approval: Keegan, 6, York-st., Barton Hill, Bristol.

YORKSHIRES, Norwich, and singing Canaries, cold-room, prices reasonable, fair dealing, honest value: Halhead, Foxley Hill-rd., Purley.

EXCHANGES, cock Goldfinch, Siskin, Linnet, or Greenfinch, all aviary moulted, for singing Canary: Lovegrove, 58, High-st., Banbury.

PAIR Rollers, cock full song, with breeding cage; exchange for eighteen cock brown Linnets: Silcock, 47, Charlestown, Ashton-under-Lyne.

BUFF Norwich hen, 3/6; yellow Siberian, 4/6; exchange Norwich cock, typical yellow hen, anything useful H. Teat, Ancaster, Grantham.

CLASSICAL Yorkshires, Balley's strain, sell or exchange scrap copper, brass, tin, anything useful: Cooper, Taylor-st., Batley, Yorkshire.

EXCHANGE large buff cinnamon cock, white tail, 1910, good breeder, for good young Seifert Roller cock in song: Holmes, 13, Clement-st., York.

SACRIFICE typical Norwich unflighted yellow cocks, 7/6, 8/6, 10/6, room wanted; approval, exchange: Taylor, 65, Bowden-rd., Smethwick.

SEIFERT Rollers, cocks 9/6, hens 3/6, all 1911 birds; sell or exchange, cycle tyres, or offers: James Shepherd, 285, Ainsworth-lane, Bolton.

HENS, 2 Norwich, 2 Yorkshire, 2/6 each, worth double; or exchange good Roller cock, in song, 1911: Cooke, 80, Selwyn-avenue, Richmond, Surrey.

EXCHANGE buff Yorkshire cock, first prize winner, for good, long, slim yellow Yorkshire hen, or sell £1: Champion, 76, Mushoom-lane, Sheffield.

WHAT offers (no live stock) for about 1 dozen Yorkshire Canaries and breeding cages: 8. Humphries, Langley Nurseries, Chippenham, Wilts.

TWO buff Border cocks, 6/- each; one variegated buff hen, 2/6; one clear yellow Yorkie cock, 7/6; or £1; offers: A. R. 3, Inwood-crescent, Brighton.

WILL exchange prize-bred Norwich, nesting, or British show cages, for Siberians, British Goldfinches, or Siskins: Metcalfe, 8, Fuller-st., New Cleethorpes.

TWO cock Goldfinch Mules, 1911 bred, will exchange for Canaries, any class, what offers: R. J. Andrews, 16, Howick-st., Monkwearmouth, Sunderland.

WHAT offers in Canaries for suit length good tweed, value 25/-, or lady's dress length, value 12/6; any colours: McKeand, Seabright Villa, Castle Douglas.

YORKS. yellow cock, winner 1st, class of 14, also other honours, 20/-; exchange buff hen; mutual approval: Tomkinson, 426, Station-rd., Winsford, Cheshire.

WHAT offers, 2 cinnamon-marked hens, 1911, 1 cinnamon mother, 1909, beauty, perfect; prize-bred Yorkshires, sell 10/-: Sharp, Fern Lea, Chapeltown, Sheffield.

EXCHANGE 2 long Yorkshire hens, 1911 yellow, and 1910 buff, for green and variegated Yorkshire cock: F. Pope, Lawsons-rd., Thornton-le-Fylde, Lancashire.

LARGE unflighted yellow Norwich hen wanted; will exchange two yellow pink-eyed Sibs., or sell 5/- each; yours first: Hobden, Aberlyn, Grosvenor-avenue, Wallington.

LIZARDS for sale or exchange for joiner's tools or anything useful in house, or sell 7/- to 8/6 per pair; odd cocks, 4/6 upwards; stamp: C. Fisher, Fitzalan-st., Glossop.

EXCHANGE 1910 Goldfinch Mule, in splendid song, for 2 clear buff Norwich Plainhead hens, 1911, must be good quality: Hart, 10, The Colonnade, Boscombe, Bournemouth.

GRAND pair Yorkshires, 15/6; cock, 10/-; three Norwich Crest-bred hens, 15/-; exchange Rosecomb Pekin Bantams: Miss Elliott, Shadycombe, Salcombe, Kingsbridge.

EXCHANGE, two long clear typical Yorkshire hens, yellow and buff, for large cinnamon Norwich hen, unflighted yellow preferred: Ryan, Ballinacarrow, Ballymore, Sligo.

EXCHANGE, variegated cock Canaries, 2 Roller hens, cock Greenfinch, proved muler, 1 Greenfinch Canary, for pair Crested Canaries, or offers: Swan, Panfield Lane, Braintree.

EXCHANGE, Norwich P.H.'s for gas engine, dynamo, or electrician's tools, or sell; also two pairs barber's clippers for anything useful: Hynd, 77, Victoria-st., Dunfermline, Scotland.

EXCHANGE grand exhibition ticked yellow unflighted cock for two yellow Yorkshire hens, good type necessary, mutual approval: Smith and Sellers, 4, Pioneer-st., Littleborough, nr. Manchester.

EXCHANGE large splendid clear yellow Norwich cock, value 15/-; several large buff and yellow hens, 4/-, 5/-, 10/- each, Lauder's strain; exchange cock Goldfinches, to value; Goldfinches first; apply: T. Ross, Argyle-st., Leicester.

YELLOW green Yorkshire cock, 2 buff Yorkshire cocks, buff Norwich cock, 10/- each; 4 buff Yorkshire hens, 4/- each; variegated Crested cock, variegated Crest-bred hen and Crested hen, 25/- the three, or useful exchange: Wagstaff, Queen-st., Middleton.

CANARIES for sale, Norwich cocks, £1 13/- for six, or 6/6 each; hens, 24/-, 30/-, dozen; cinnamons, cocks 7/6 to 10/- each, hens 3/6 to 5/- each; good three-year-old breeding Goldfinch, 10/6; all cocks warranted in full song, fine, healthy birds: John Boxall, 5, Lavender-st., Brighton.

TWO young short cobby buff hens, 17/6; cock Goldfinch Mule, 2nd Windsor, 15/-; cock Goldfinch, 4/-; exchange lot for long upstanding yellow Yorkshire cock; no rubbish: Montgomery, High-st., Staines.

Mainly Foreign.

PAIR Black Gouldians, finger-tame, Budgerigar, healthy, good condition, what offers?: R. Faux, "Colmer," Cator-rd., Sydenham.

HANDSOME young talking Parrot, with large cage, £1, or exchange two Yorkshire cocks, singing: Lamport, Under Cliff, Tilford, Farnham, Surrey.

HANDSOME Blue and Yellow-fronted Amazon Parrot and cage, a real beauty, 30/-; offers invited; letters only: F. Chadwick, Tool Shop, Market, Wrexham.

GARDEN aviary: Beautiful ben Bulbul, 7/6; hen Cockaticls, nesting, 6/6; both perfect condition and out-doors all winter, approval; exchange small outdoor Foreigners: Horace Haywood, Stourport.

Miscellaneous.

PAIR new cycle tubes, 28 x 1½, 10/6; exchange for birds: Amery, Crowle, Lincolnshire.

LIGHT Goldfinch-Canary Mule, full song, £1; exchange laying fowls: Spicer, Germain-st., Chesham, Bucks.

WHAT offers in Border cock Canaries, for lady's gold Albert, cost, 30/-: A. Bate, 146, Elm Park-rd., Reading.

EXCHANGE one pair Magpie pigeons for H.M. Siberian cock Goldfinch: J. Rowland, 11, King-st., Doncaster.

GIVE gent's 24in. safety and accessories for two pairs stock Norwich, sell 20/-: Woodruff, 19, Donald-st., Cardiff.

TWENTY-FOUR Pathe disc records, 8¾in., 7/6 doz.; exchange anything: Thomas, 29, Stevenage-rd., East Ham.

THREE pairs Racing Homers, grand strain, 8/-; exchange Canaries or fowls; stamp: Nunn, 232, Grange-rd., Plaistow.

TWELVE racing homers, flown up to 200 miles, 10/- lot; exchange birds, anything: F. T., 176, Sumner-rd., Peckham.

GENT'S brown cycle shoes, 5/6; youth's calf boots, 5's, 12/6; exchange hen Canaries: 88, Desborough-rd., Wycombe.

EXCHANGE gold pendant, cost 17/6 for good Roller Canary or good pair Norwich: Edwards, Odin, Tunnel-rd., Llanelly

SALE, six-chambered revolver 10/-, or exchange good pair Norwich Canaries; approval: Hotchin, 28, Belmont-st., Lincoln.

EXCHANGE hand camera for good hen Bullfinch and cock Linnet; birds first: J. McRigen, 37, India-place, Edinburgh.

SELL, 8/6, or exchange pair good Norwich or 3 hens; professional outfit; piccolo, as new: Savage, Square, Abingdon.

150 CAGE BIRDS, clean, few plates; exchange for hen Yorkshire or first offer: Towersey, 18a, Argyle-avenue, Hounslow.

SANDOW developer, good condition; accept good Roller cock or offers: John Yarnall, 29, Flint-st., Poplar, London, E.

EDISON Standard, in perfect order; offers wanted in Yorks. and breeding cages: Palmer, Langford-rd., Weston-super-Mare.

GOOD Black Rosecomb cock, 1910, good stock bird, 7/6; offers in exchange; approval: McKinnell, 22, Mill-st., Dalbeattie.

EXCHANGE gent's grand new morning coat and fancy vest, 36 chest, 15/-; anything: Brown, 183, Dorning-st., Wigan.

PAIR Silver Owls (Watnough's), one Archangel, lot 10/- or exchange Canaries: R. H. Turner, 1a, Albert-rd:, Oswestry.

PAIR Bullfinches, exchange for Canary; massive crossbred Flemish does, 2/6, 3/6: C. Hendre, Burnham Market, near Church.

WILL exchange 1 doz. 12in. x 12in. and ½ doz. 12in. x 10in. cage fronts for Canaries: Gale, 28, St. Georges-st., Peckham.

EXCHANGE Bovril engravings, large and small sizes, for Canaries, or offers: Lamin, 206, Stephendale-rd., Fulham, S.W.

EXCHANGE ½-plate hand camera for Roller cock and box cage: Thomas Dawson, 71, Clifton-ter., Clviger, near Burnley.

WILL exchange two large Bovril pictures and one small for a pair of good Rollers: G. Rowley, 2, Byrom-st., Leek, Staffs.

EXCHANGE heavy silver hunter watch, cost 30/-, for brass fender curb; offers: Rawlings, 5, Victoria-st., Barnsbury, London.

DUNLOP cycle cover, 28 by 1¾, only run about 50 miles, sell 9/-; or exchange Canaries: Burgess, Water End, Hemel Hempstead.

PATHE gramophone, 16 double records: cost £4 12/-; sell £3; part exchange pair Yorks, Norwich: 13, Ridgefield-st., Castleford.

EXCHANGE silk and delaine blouses, underclothing, etc., for live stock, or offers: Ward, 14, Talavara-place, London, N.E.

PAIR bowling green bowls, almost new; exchange gramophone records in good condition: J. Pillans, 342, High-st., Kirkcaldy.

BOY'S clothing, lady's new shoes, lady's fawn three-quarter coat; exchange Canaries, pigeons: C. Youngman, Scarborough.

GENT'S hall-marked silver double albert; exchange Canaries; Goldfinch Mules, full song, sell 7/6: Barton, Pope-st, Birmingham

WILL exchange 32 Edison records, as new; for Canaries in full song; approval: A. Willoughby, 66, Westcott-rd., Wckingham.

PISTOL, as new, shoots shot or ball cartridges, nicely silver-plated, bargain, 5/6: Mackinson, 6, Barnet-st., Armley, Leeds.

PURE White Orpington cockerel, 4/-; one yellow Border cock Canary, 6/-; approval: Bignell, 170, Meyrick-rd., Clapham Junction.

SPLENDID large doll's house, new, 18/-; photo; stamp; exchange anything useful: Brooks, 127, Balls Pond-rd., Dalston, London.

EXCHANGE Scotch blankets for Canaries, sell 25/-; gold-cased watch, pair Canaries: Wright, 16, Haggs-rd., Pollokshaws, Glasgow.

BOY'S violin complete, also full sized violin complete; exchange Canaries or British; any offers: 65, Ewart-rd., Nottingham.

EXCHANGE grand trio of Modern Black-red Game Bantams for buff cock Yorkshire and show cage: Allen. Breeder, Faversham.

TWO dozen ladies' rubbers, one dozen gents', star bend, 11 lbs., for Rollers: Miles, Bootmaker, 26, Bewdley-st., Kidderminster.

FOUR pairs of white prize Fantails; also hen Pheasant; for British birds or Canaries value £1: Gurdin, 39, High-st., Redhill, Surrey.

EXCHANGE, one dozen Zonophone and Odeon 10-inch records for Seifert Roller or offers: Lee, 23, Primrose Hill, Northampton.

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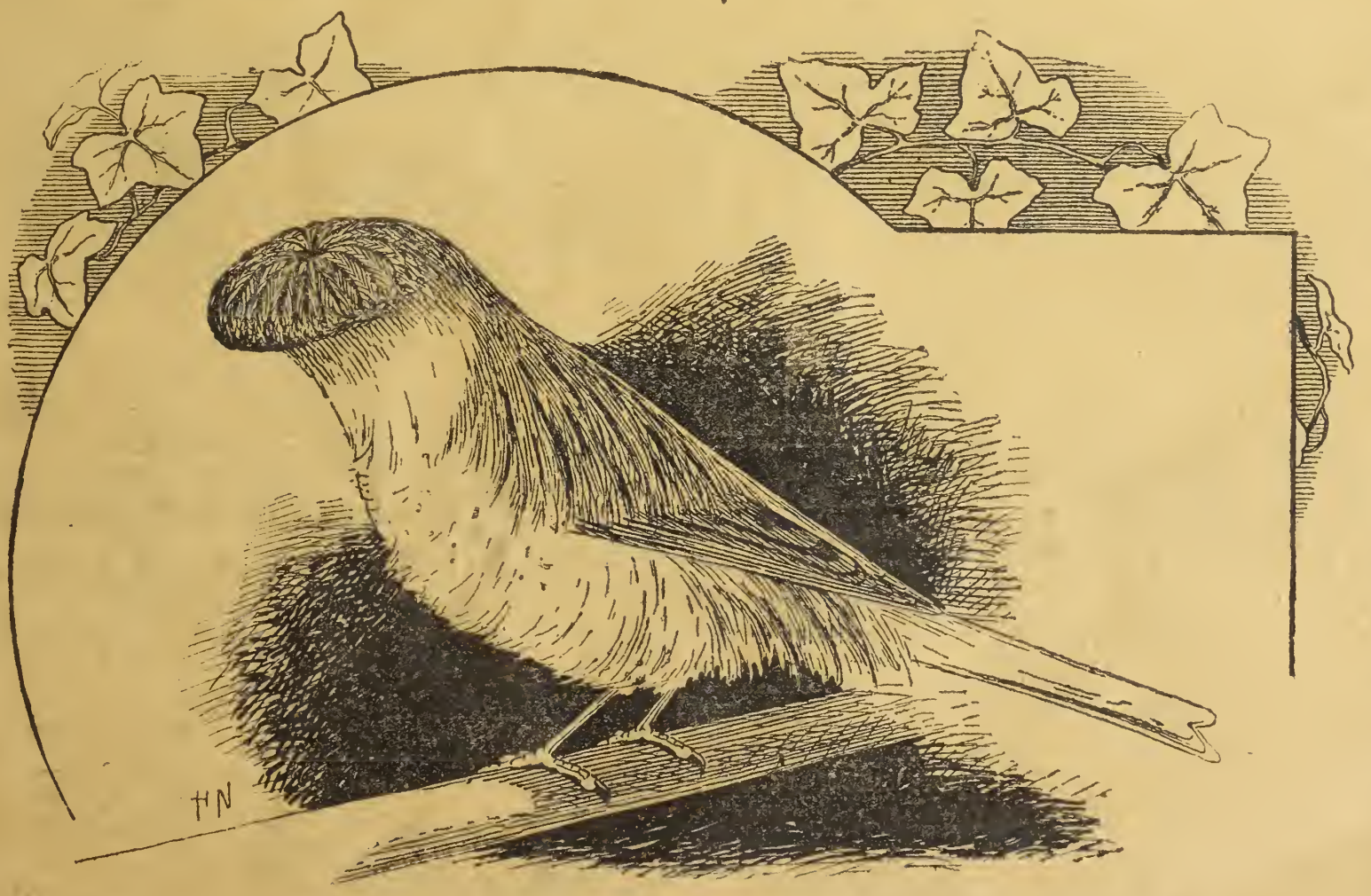

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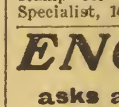

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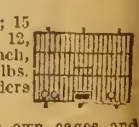

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Goldfinches, 3/6, 5/-, Crossbills, Siskins, 5/-, Chaffinches, Yellowhammers, Twites, Linnets, 1/-, 1/6, Greenfinches, Redpolls, 6d., 1/-, Mules, 3/6, 5/-, Scotch Fancies, 10/-, Norwich, Yorkshires, 7/6, hens, 3/6, 5/-, large hen Bullies, 2/6: Irwin, Bird Specialist, Lurgan.

GOLDFINCHES, LINNETS, LARKS,

etc., beautiful coloured cock Goldfinches, 2/-, 2/6, three 5/6; large, specially selected, 3/-, 3/6, three 6/6, six 12/-.; hens 1/-, three 2/6; cock Linnets 1/-, three 2/6, six 4/6, 8/- dozen; large selected for showing, 1/6, 2/-; cock Larks 9d., three 2/-, six 3/6; singing cock Lark and new cage, 1/6: Matt Hopkins, Bird Specialist, 11, Fylde-st., Preston, Lancashire.

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DESSICATED Yolk of Egg is far superior to boiled egg, rears every bird; try sample, 3d. free: Liverine Limited, Grimsby.

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PRIZE Borders, 10/- pair; odd cocks from 6/6, hens 4/- each: Apply, Bell, 4, Holly-st., Jarrow-on-Tyne.

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GOOD Border cocks, 7/6 each; yellow and buff hens, 3/- each to clear: N. Levasou, Mosswell House, Whitehaven.

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BORDERS. Surplus stock, prize bred, hens 3/-; cocks, 5/-; good birds: Henry Wilson, Hill View, Station-rd., Bannockburn.

BUFF variegated hen, 3/-; buff cock and yellow variegated hen, 6/- pair, or exchange for yellow cock: Mann, Ann-terace, Brechin.

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TYPICAL Borders, yellows, buffs; cocks, 7/6; hens, 4/6 upwards; see reports L.C.B.A., Palace; approval, stamp: Blair, Postman, Kippen, Stirlingshire.

A FEW good pairs from 10/- to 15/- a pair, same strain as my winners; also a few for even mark breeding; approval: Metcalfe, 68, Brunswick-rd., Liverpool.

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LARGE unflighted buff Cinnamons, cocks, hens, Norwich type, breeding condition, from 7/-; approval, stamp: Fernie, Sandy-rd., Renfrew.

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DO you want Cinnamons, really good and cheap? I have them; send for list, or state requirements, but no odd yellow hens in this variety, sold: Rudd, Bird Specialist, Norwich.

CINNAMON CRESTS.—Breeder, William Tatman, 111, Midland Road, Wellingborough.

Crests and Crestbreds.

BREEDER'S CARD.

WILLIAM TATMAN, 111, Midland Road, Wellingborough, has for disposal few good Crests and Crest-breds, yellows and buffs, cocks and hens.

LOVELY green Crest-bred hen, 6/-: 83, Fortess-rd., Kentish Town, London.

CRESTS and Crestbreds, reduce my stock, cheap: Boulter, 32, Palmerston-rd., West Hampstead, London.

MASSIVE dark Crested Norwich cock, full song, 12/6, rare chance: Mrs. Hermann, 489, Cambridge-road, London, E.

WELL bred young Crested and Crest-bred Canaries, 10/6, 7/6, approval: Miss Hacker, 1, Elsworthy-terr., Hampstead.

CHAMPION large massive Crests and Crestbreds, from 7/6 to 15/6 each, ten days' approval: W. Powick, Dewsbury.

DARK Crest buff cock, perfect health, fine stock bird, winner, 15/6; exchange: J. F. Robinson, Broad-st., Windermere.

LARGE variegated Crestbred cock, healthy bird, full song, 7/6, approval, deposit: A. Hunter, 2, Spital-rd., Lewes.

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FEW good Crest and Crest-bred cocks and hens, price reasonable; state wants; approval: Pettit, 146, Moselle-avenue, Wood Green.

BARNETT'S Crests and Crest-breds; good reliable stock hens or cocks, cheap; approval: Bushell and Dewing, Wodehouse-st., Norwich.

CRESTS and Crestbreds (Norwich) bred by owner in cold room, cocks from 6/6, hens from 3/6: 272, Upland-rd., East Dulwich, London.

MASSIVE Green Crested-bred cock, grand head, also Crested ditto, Brooke's strain; unflighted, 20/- each: Taylor, 53, Walsgrave-rd., Coventry.

CREST, Crest-bred cocks, full song, exchange new modern bike, for 6ft. rider, sheets, lace curtains, costume cloth, table linen: T. J. King, Ingogo, Cheltenham.

WE buy any quantity large Crest and Crestbreds for cash; state full particulars to West of England Bird Exchauge Co., 13, Durnford-st., Stonehouse, Devon.

LARGE clear buff dark Crest cock, 12/6; green Crestbred cock, 12/6; young, healthy, and bred from winners; approval: Peters, 56, Warwick-sq., London, S.W.

CRESTS and Crestbreds, best blood, can spare a few pairs and cocks, from 60/- and 30/-; state price prepared to give; stamp: Rev. G. W. Joyce, Wellington, Somerset.

HANDSOME pair prize-bred Norwich Green Canaries, cock Crested, hens Crest-bred, 20/-; variegated Crest-bred cock, 12/-; yellow hen, 4/-: Cannon, Surbiton House, Market Deeping.

IF you want Crests or Crested-breds, please state requirements to me, or send for list. I have some good Crested-bred hens and cocks, with grand entrances: Rudd, Bird Specialist, Norwich.

WINNING strain of Crests, matched pairs 15/6, 20/6, 30/6; grand wing-marked dark Crest hen, long frontal, 70/-, bargain; single cocks or hens from 10/6; approval: Roberts, Stannah Hey, Newton Drive, Blackpool.

LOVELY pair, clear buff cock with grey crest green hen, large birds, abundant feather, Barnett's strain, 30/-, to clear; approval, deposit; six Seifert Roller hens, 15/-: Rev. Runnels-Moss, Ladywood Vicarage, Birmingham.

HIGH-CLASS Crests, grand birds, cocks or hens, 35 years breeder, judge of 100 shows. I don't exhibit now. I breed for my customers to win. Sold as many winners as any fancier; reasonable; approval: T. Billington, Hambleton, Poulton-le-Fylde.

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HAVING bad a successful breeding time, I must reduce my stock of Crest and Crest-bred, no better blood can be bought at double price; pairs from 15/-, single birds from 7/6, on approval; deposit with Editor: Tetin, 124, Chestnut-ave., Forest Gate, Essex.

HIGH-CLASS Crests, Green Crest cock, clear Crestbred hen, 50/-, worth £5; clear body, dark Crested yellow cock, Green Crestbred hen, 50/-, worth £5; all 1911 and very large; all fit to show; breeding condition; approval: Billington, Hambleton, Poulton-le-Fylde.

MASSIVE feathery variegated dark Crest cock, grand crest, 9/-; another feathery ditto, 7/6; grand variegated Crest-bred cock, 9/6: ditto, 6/6; massive feathery variegated dark Crest hen, 9/-: ditto, gem, 5/6; massive feathery variegated Crest-bred hen, 8/6 ditto, 6/-; all large healtby birds; approval: Hatton, Aviaries, Belper.

T. GROVES, 20, Adelaide-st., Brierley Hill, Staffordshire, can spare evenly marked dark Crest cock, with evenly marked dark capped Crestbred hen, 35/-; clear body, dark Crest hen, with Green Crestbred cock, 20/-; Green Crest hen, 25/-; variegated Crest hen, 20/-; approval, deposit; these are all 1911 bred, and same blood as my winners at leading shows; for further particulars enclose stamped reply: T. Groves, 20, Adelaide-st., Brierley Hill, Staffordshire.

HAVING selected my breeding stock, must dispose of following at half value to clear; monster variegated dark Crest cock, grand dense crest, 17/6; monster green ditto, perfect drooping crest, 17/-; massive feathery ditto, 12/-: monster variegated Crest-bred cock, grand broad head, 17/-; massive feathery yellow variegated ditto, 12/-; massive feathery variegated dark Crest hen, lovely crest, 15/-; massive feathery ditto, nice neat crest, 11/-; massive feathery variegated Crest-bred hen, nice broad head, 15/-; grand feathery green ditto, 11/-; all grand stock birds, from winning strain, in perfect feather; approval with pleasure: Miss Stone, Fleet, Belper.

A. FIDDAMENT, POSTMAN

has a grand lot of Crests and Crest-breds, both in cocks and hens, 1911 bred, from 7/6, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, £1; week's approval; deposit: 105, Trinity-st., Norwich.

WINNING CRESTS.

Monster variegated Crestbred cock, wonderful lash, first Birmingham, 2nd Crest Club Show, £4 4/-; large clear crested cock, 50/-: 2 ditto, 25/-, 30/-; large clear buff Crestbred cock, with wing marked dark crested hen to match, 50/- pair; variegated dark crested cock, dark cap, Crestbred hen to match, 40/- pair; several other cocks, 10/-, 15/-, 20/-; approval: T. Gilbert, 37, Craven-st., Coventry.

CRESTS. CRESTBREDS.

A. Lister, 106, Rectory-rd., Gateshead, Breeder and Exhibitor, can spare immense green Crested cock, 85/-; wing marked dark Crested cocks, 12/6, 15/-, 20/-; wing marked dark Crested hens, 12/6, 15/-, 30/-, 40/-, monster lightly marked Crestbred cock, 35/-; big variegated Crestbred cock, 25/-.

Dutch Frills.

DUTCH Frill Canaries, Vulture shape, Dutch and French Canaries; catalogue free: Bernard-Blanquart, Lille, France.

Greens.

FORTY Yorkshire Greens, selfs and fouls, in pairs, singles, or the whole lot; approval, deposit, stamp: H. Hughes, 6, Argyle-st. South, Birkenhead.

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SPLENDID lot of best pedigree strain Yorkshire and Liverpool Greens in England, cocks 7/6, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6; hens 3/6, 5/6, 8/6; also grand Border Greens, very cheap; cages 3d.—W. Rudd, The Bird Specialist, Norwich.

Lancashires.

LANCASHIRES, Plainhead cocks or hens, 10/6 each, ten days' approval: W. Powick, Dewsbury.

SALE. Good yellow Lancasbire coppy hen, 1911 bred, healthy cold-room; approval: Nadin, 13, Roydsst., Rochdale.

STILL have few pairs and odd cocks to sell reasonable; on approval; stamp for reply: Smith, 50, London-rd., Oldham.

ONE young Buff Plainhead hen, good bird, 9/-, or exchange unrelated pair of Norwicb: Greenwood, Heatb Villas, Halifax.

TWO buff Plainhead cocks, one buff Plainhead hen, best offer, or exchange good watch; approval, particulars: Postlewaite, 24, Canal-street, Macclesfield.

Lizards.

FOR Lizards see my list: Rudd, Bird Specialist, Norwich.

CLEAR capped gold and silver hens, cbeap to clear, 3/- eacb; healthy: Wood, 4, North-rd., Hytbe, Kent.

CHAMPION Lizards, bred from my Manchester Rochdale and Palace winners, hens, 6/-; cocks from 7/6; approval: Holland, Bootbby-st., Macclesfield.

OWING to removal have some grand Lizards for sale; my own champion strain; pairs from 12/6; cocks from 7/6 eacb; inspection invited; stamp reply: John Dewsnap, 14, Princess-st., Glossop.

Norwich.

BREEDERS' CARD.

E. BAKER, 14, High Street, Cowes, I.W., Breeder and Exbibitor High-class Norwich Plainheads, winner at most big shows. Write for prices.

J. HODDER, breeder of champion Norwich, winner of championships; few nice buff hens left; cheap; approval.—6, Banner Street, St. Luke's, London. E.C.

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W. READ, Chellowdene, York-road, Guildford, breeder and exbibitor of higb-class Norwich; surplus stock only for sale; over 100 to select from; seen any time; from 15/6 pair; approval.

WANTED, any quantity Norwicb bens: Barnes, Aviaries, Merthyr.

CLEAR yellow Norwich cocks, from 9/6: 83, Fortess-rd., Kentish Town.

YORKSHIRE and Norwich hens cheap: Broxup, Naturalist, Burnley.

GOOD feeding Norwich hens, 2/6 each: Miss Fox, 65, Benford-st., Leicester.

SURPLUS stock. Four large pure cocks, 6/- each, £1 the lot: Miss Hopton, Homend, Ledbury.

FEW Norwich Canaries to clear, cocks 7/-, hens 2/-, 8/6 the pair: A. Bayer, 35, Carr-st., Ipswich.

NORWICH cocks from 6/6 each, hens from 3/- each: W. Gilbert, 2, Cromwell-st., Red-lane, Coventry.

E. GODLEY has few grand Norwich for disposal, single or pairs, also Cinnamons: Rishton, Blackburn.

NOTICE, grand Norwich cocks, 3/6, cock and hen 5/6, approval: McKeand, Seabright Villa, Castle Douglas

WM. HINDMAN, 26, Sarah Ellen-st., Blackburn, has only 5 pairs for disposal, 20/- per pair, and upwards.

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HENS ready for nest from 3/-; good birds, cold-room: Salmon, 5, Arundel-place, Barnsbury. No Sundays.

TWO big buff 1911 Norwich bens, 5/- each, good bold beads; approval, deposit: Eddy, Bellevue-terr., Penzance.

NORWICH cocks, yellow and buff, from 7/6 upwards: G. Langridge, 17, Watson-st., Newington Green, N.

MORTARA, 2, Soutb View, Winchester, bas got 4 high-class buff hens left, from 12/6; approval; cash or deposit.

HENS, 2 green, 1 splashed, 1 buff, ready to nest, 3/- each; genuine: Ives, 115, Bride-st., Barnsbury, London, N.

GRAND Norwich hens, yellows and buffs, clear and marked, 3/- each: Harrison, Penny-lane, Derby; see Hardbills.

SIX cock Canaries, 4/6 each, 4 yellows, 2 buffs, good colour, full song, £1 4/- lot: Smalley, Klhworth Aviaries.

HEALTHY 1911 Norwich cocks, full song, outdoor aviary bred, 5/-, 6/- eacb; approval: Morley, Baker, Linton, Cambs.

NORWICH Roller cock, green, 7/6, ready for breeding, on full song: C. H. Pickett, Romford Common, Romford, Essex.

J. B. COLE, 10, Levington-rd., Ipswich, can spare four unflighted cocks at 7/6, one pair 15/-; worth donble; approval.

NORWICH buff hens, my Crystal Palace ben was claimed £2 10s.; three her equal, 30/- each: C. Silk, Emsworth, Hants.

CLEAR yellow unflighted Norwich cock, commencing to sing, 6/-: H. Burchell, 6, Edgar-rd., Chadwell Heath, Essex.

ROOM wanted, yellow and buff cocks, 1911 bred, cheap to clear, approval: Miller, 3, Stephen-terrace, Anniesland, Glasgow.

SIX large healthy Norwich hens, yellow, buff and variegated, 3/- each, lot 17/-: J. Trengove, Music Warehouse, Spalding.

GARDEN aviary, 35/-, wortb 70/-; large yellow Norwich bens (Vardy's), 5/-, 10/-, 1911: Green, Bigg House, Arnold, Notts.

FIVE grand 1911 Norwich hens, two yellows, two buffs, one green, all clear, 3/6 each, 15/- lot: Ellis, 1, Mill-rd., Kettering.

FOUR yellow cocks, 5 buff hens, splendid quality, cheap to clear; approval, deposit: Schneider, 72, Fairfield-rd., Winchester.

FORTY Norwich Canaries to sell, cocks 5/- upwards; hens 2/- each; approval, deposit: S. R. Jefferys, High-st., Erith.

GOOD pair clear Norwicb wanted, exchange three Yorkshire hens, one cock Canary-reared Linnet: C. Wbite, Cann, Shaftesbury.

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CINNAMON pairs. Good size, Norwich type, 10/6; buff Norwich cocks, slightly marked, 5/6: Wiseman, 118, Withersfield-rd., Haverhill.

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BUFF variegated Norwich cock, 9/-; large clear yellow Norwich hen, fed, 4/6, or 12/6 pair; approval: Lashmar, 21, Bank-st., Ashford, Kent.

HEALTHY typical Norwich hens, 3/6 each; also two variegated cocks, 7/6 each; approval, deposit: Blower, 202, Victoria-rd., Old Charlton.

NORWICH cocks, yellows 7/6, buffs 6/6, var. yellow hens 3/-, buffs 2/6; cold-room bred: Turner, 138, Haliburton-rd., St. Margarets, Twickenham.

CANARIES, Norwich cocks, splendid condition, full song, cbeap, 5/- or offer: Mrs. Holloway, 116, Queen's-rd., Finsbury Park, London, N.

WANTED, Norwich, Yorkshire cocks and hens, colour-fed, also few good large Norwich; no rubbish: Percival, 19, Pimlico Walk, Hoxton.

HANDSOME Norwich cocks, grand songsters, 5/-, 5/6; hens, 2/6, 3/-; pairs, 7/-, 7/6; value unapproachable; approval: Hatton, Aviaries, Belper.

PRIZE-bred Norwicb, cocks, in full song, 4/-, 5/- each; hens, same strain, 1/9, 2/6 each; satisfaction guaranteed: Heathcote's Aviaries, Leicester.

A few good large surplus yellows and buffs to clear, cbeap; can be seen any time; or on approval: G. Ward, 21, Warwick-st., Pimlico, London.

ROBERTS, 39, Ossington-st., Bayswater.—Good stock: buff cock, 25/-; another, 20/-; few bens, 6/-; see reports: Queen's Park, Feb. 17tb; inspection.

SURPLUS stock; a few variegated buff Norwich, bred from winners; cocks and hens, cheap to clear: Hyde, 1, Raydon-st., Soutb Highgate, London, N.

MISS EDWARDS, 54, Reigate Hill, Reigate, offers one typical pair, winning strain, 18/- to clear; 1 odd hen, 4/-, or the lot £1; all in breeding condition.

HIGH CLASS Norwich cocks, 4/6, 5/-, 6/-, 7/-, 8/-; hens, 2/-, 2/6, 3/-, 4/-; not suited, money returned: Alfred Riley, Grocer, Lower Churcb-gate, Leicester.

LARGE clear yellow Norwich cock, 1st selling class Cbelmsford, 12/6, or with good yellow ticked 1911 Norwicb hen, 17/6: Rev. Raynor, Hazeleigh, Maldon.

ARTHUR GREEN, Gordon Villa, Tunnard-st., Boston, offers splendid Norwich cocks, breeding condition, clears 7/6; variegated 6/6; bens 3/3; 1911 birds.

SEVEN pairs well-bred Norwich (A. Grey's strain), from 15/- pair, or offers tbe lot; also cages, etc.; business pressure: Crombie, Cleft-st., Sunderland.

GIVING up Canaries for want of time; Norwich cocks, breeding cages, other cages, etc., cheap to clear: Richards, 10, Dewhurst-rd., Shepberd's Bush Road.

GOOD Norwich cocks, in full song, 4/6, 5/-; 6/6; hens, 2/-, 3/-, 4/-; clean and healtby; cash, approval, deposit: S. Sanders, 131, Upper Conduit Street, Leicester.

FEW typical Norwich for sale, cocks 6/6, bens 3/6, in breeding condition; satisfaction guaranteed; approval, deposit: Madsen, 14, Byng-st., Millwall, London.

NORWICH Plainheads clear yellow cock and buff hen, yellow hen and buff cock, 9/6 pair, or single, young birds; approval, deposit: C. Dickinson, Wells, Norfolk.

BUFF ben, 2/6; also 2 Silver Lizard hens, 2/-; one all green crossbred hen, 2/-, or exchange lot for one cock yellow Norwich: Sbeldon, Holly House, Chingford, Essex.

W. MILES, Aviaries, Chichester, has grand clear buff cock, big winner, 40/-; typical clear buff ben, 15/-; also several yellow and buff hens, 5/- and 7/6 each; approval.

SPECIALLY big yellow green Norwich cock wanted, must be young and extra good colour, Plainbead or Crestbred; full particulars to: Archd. Milloy, Campbeltown, Argyll.

LARGE typical bens, from winners, lovely quality, from 6/-; grand cocks, full song, 7/6 upwards; own breeding only; approval: Miss Gwyn, Somerville, N. Avenue, Ramsgate.

PRIZE-BRED Norwich Canaries, cocks, warranted in full song, 4/6, 5/6, 6/6 each; hens, same strain, 2/-, 3/-, 4/- each; satisfaction guaranteed: Fred Johnson, 22, Goswell-st., Leicester.

A. L. HAWKES offers a few exceptionally large framed yellows and buffs, Norwich hens, at 7/6 each; great sacrifice; must make immediate clearance: Grove Green-rd., Leytonstone.

A. L. HAWKES is offering some exceptional bargains in typical c.-f. Norwich to effect immediate clearance: Write for particulars, and state wants, 390, Grove Green-rd., Leytonstone.

MASSIVE framed, large, thick-set, rich, coloured buff Norwich cock, winner several high honours recently; accept 15/-; approval; great sacrifice: Hawkes, Grove Green-rd., Leytonstone.

CAN spare big yellow cock unflighted, and a winner, 15/-; buff hen, splendidly made, 10/-; also big buff cock, 12/6; good yellow hen, plenty of size, 10/-: T. Weedall 82 Higb-st., Winsford, Cheshire.

C. ROBERTS, Stannah Hey, Newton-drive, Blackpool, breeder, exporter; large Bullfinch type Norwich; matched pairs, 20/6, 30/6 upwards; single cocks or hens from 10/6; state wants; approval.

C. W. BAKER has a few champion pairs yellow cocks and buff bens, 35/- and 30/-; buff cock and yellow hen, 25/-; a few others 15/- a pair; much below value: 41, Cumberland-st., Pimlico, S.W.

COMPELLED to reduce stock owing to business; several pairs, selected for own breeding, 20/- pair; old birds cheap to clear; splendid type and quality: Mennard, Joiner, Cemetery-rd., Holbeck, Leeds.

MONSTER 1911 variegated yellow hen, immense size, large head and full neck, only 12/6, honestly worth £2, for stock alone, also choice exhibition buff hen, real model, for type and quality, feathered like silk, real gem, only 12/6, recently cost 30/-; genuine bargains; approval: Warminger, 28, Guernsey-rd., Norwich.

HENS, hens, hens: I have for disposal several monster Plainhead Norwich hens and cocks, bred from the same strain as my Palace winners: W. Neame, 13, Durnford-st., Stonehouse, Devon. Stamp reply.

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I HAVE three young yellow Yorkshire cocks, more than I want, also three splendid buff, 1 yellow hen, cash or deposit; inspection invited: Harry Jennings, 3, Anne-st., Great Horton, Bradford.

BARGAIN in Yorkshires. Having 4 pairs over my breeding stock, will sacrifice at 8/6 per pair to quick buyers, cash; if not approved of money returned in full: Firth, 9, Munster-st., Wakefield-rd., Bradford.

HOWARTH, 3, Rydal-rd., Blackburn, breeder of high-class Yorkshires, has a few for sale; cocks from 6/-, hens from 4/-; pairs from 10/-; approval, deposit; also 12 Roller hens, Lyons' strain, not rung, 3/- each.

YORKSHIRE yellow marked cock, 13/6; yellow variegated cock, 11/6; buff marked cock, 10/6; hens, green and buff, 3/6 each; breeding cages, 40 x 17 x 10½, 5/- each: Kightley, Mount Pleasant-rd., Finsbury Park, N.

J. C. BARNES, 113, Northfield-rd., Walkley, Sheffield; Sheffield Challenge Cup winner (3 years in succession); few grand lengthy specimens of correct position, and well on leg, to spare; cocks, 20/- up; hens, 10/- up; matched pairs a specialty; approval with every pleasure; inspection earnestly requested; no better blood obtainable.

Yorkshires

"All in First Class Breeding Condition."

Read following testimonials, which are **only a sample of scores received** last week:—From "155, King's Avenue, Clapham Park, London, March 17th, 1912. The two Yorkshire cocks arrived quite safe, and are singing grand, and also **they are extra good specimens** at price paid. **Several fanciers** who have seen them **are going to send you their orders.**—A. Davis to J. Taylor." Another from "15, Bridge Street, Kington, Herts. March 16th, 1912.—I received Yorkshire hens quite safe and give entire satisfaction.—W. B. Lloyd to J. Taylor." Another from "78, John Street, Bargoed, Cardiff, March 17th, 1912.—**Yorkshire cock** arrived in splendid condition and **is a fine songster.** More orders to follow soon.—W. Hewitt to J. Taylor." Another from "28, Wellington Street, Ballymena, Ireland. Mar. 16, 1912.—**Bird** I received from you arrived quite safe and **pleases me in every respect.** Will recommend you to all I know.—A. Davison to J. Taylor." Champion lengthy **yellow and buff Yorkshire cocks** at 6/-, 7/-, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/- each. **In clears, ticked, green-marked,** and **cinnamon-marked. Pairs,** properly matched to **breed winners, at 8/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, 20/-, 25/-** per pair. Extra good, **reliable hens, ready to nest** at once; **yellows,** at **3/6, 4/6, 5/6, 6/6, 8/-, 10/6** each; also **buff hens** at **3/-, 4/-, 5/-, 6/-, 7/-, 8/6, 10/6** each. All guaranteed in breeding condition, and **all orders sent off same day as received.** Colour fed and natural colour, and **over 500 to select from; all cold-room bred and kept.** Specially **selected Yorkshire songsters,** day and gaslight, at **6/-, 7/-, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6** each. Illustrated price list, post free. **All birds on seven days approval at my risk to any part of the country.** Travelling cages, **3d.** extra.

EASY PAYMENT TERMS.

Birds sent off at once on receiving first payment. Send for price list, terms, and full particulars, post free. No extras charged and same value given as if you were paying cash down. All on seven days' approval at my own risk to any part. Export orders a speciality. Only and old address—

J. TAYLOR,

36, Aireville Road,

Frizinghall, Bradford.

GRAND upstanding cocks, just the very thing for breeding winners, only 10/6, 15/-, 20/-, and 30/-, according to quality; fine racy hens, feathers like wax, 10/-, 15/-, and 20/- each: Arthur Harris, West Haddon, Rugby.

CAN SPARE yellow cock big bird, well up on leg, 10/6; buff hen, nice bird, 6/6; buff marked cock, splendid stock bird, 10/6; also yellow hen, full of quality, 6/6: T. Weedall, 82, High-st. Winsford, Cheshire.

A. L. HAWKES offers few exceptional typical colour-fed Yorkshires; hens, yellow and buff, 7/6 each, mostly unflighted, 7 days' approval; great sacrifice; must make immediate clearance: 390, Grove Green-rd., Leytonstone.

GRAND lengthy, slim, buff Yorkshire cock, 10/-; lovely reachy yellow hen, 8/6, 17/- pair; grand reachy yellow cock, 11/6; long, slim buff hen, 7/-; 16/6 pair; another grand pair, 11/-; grand healthy birds; bargains; approval willingly: Miss Stone, Fleet, Belper.

A. L. HAWKES is offering some exceptional bargains in typical colour fed Yorkshires, to effect immediate clearance; clear or marked yellows or buffs, cocks or hens, 7/0, 10/-, 15/- each; great sacrifice; 7 days' approval.—390, Grove Green-rd., Leytonstone.

TWO grand, long, slim Yorkshire cocks for sale standard length and bred from our winners; see show reports Grimsby, Tunbridge Wells, Leeds, Cambridge, etc.; sacrifice 8/6 each; honestly worth 15/-; also two, long, slim, typical, unflighted hens, 5/- each, a bargain; approval willingly: Auton Bros., Spalding.

FOR sale, yellow variegated Yorkshire cock and buff hen, 14/-; also buff variegated cock and yellow hen, 14/-, and clear buff cock and yellow ticked hen, 14/-, 1911 bred; buff Yorkshire cock, 10/-, 1910; a good white-legged cock Goldfinch, has bred Mules, 7/-; healthy; useful stock; cash or deposit with Editor: J. Skinner, 4, Alma-rd., Millfield, Peterboro'.

IRISH FANCIERS.

Grand Cinnamon marked yellow cock, a good show bird, 25/-; ticked buff cock, 15/6, dirt cheap; also other stock birds: O'Reilly, 10, Dolphin-avenue, Dublin.

J. BROOKS

has a few good classical Yorkshires to spare, matched to breed winners at, 25/-, 30/-, 40/ pair; odd cocks from, 7/- upwards, hens, 4/- upwards: 320, Ainsworth-lane, Tonge, Bolton.

POWICK'S CHAMPION YORKSHIRES.

The same strain as the winners at all the leading shows; length, type and quality; cocks in full song, 7/6, 10/6; hens, 5/6, 7/6 each; sure winners, 15/6 each; ten days' approval at my risk: W. Powick, Dewsbury, Yorkshire.

YORKSHIRE CANARIES.—14 days' trial, our risk. Very typical Cocks, 5/-, 6/-, 7/6, and 10/- each. Hens, 2/6, 3/6, and 5/- each. Well-matched pairs, 7/6, 10/6, and 15/- per pair. Breeding cages and all appliances. Catalogue free. Patronised by Royalty, Experts, and Judges.—**Northern Aviaries, Ormskirk Road, Preston.**

H. H. TOWERS,

offers Yorkshires in any variety at prices ranging from 15/- to 60/- per pair. Type, quality, and condition a speciality. Having won the Cinnamon Marked Competition, with over 40 points more than any other competitor, for the second year in succession besides many other trophies and specials, including the championship diploma for the best Yorkshire in the show at the Crystal Palace, 1912, is sufficient proof of the quality of my birds. Some extra good birds, suitable for stock or exhibition, at reasonable price. Special offer:—Slim racy unflighted yellow cock, 15/-, with hen suitably matched, 25/-. Full satisfaction guaranteed, or money returned at once. All on approval, for cash or deposit. State wants to 8, Colne Road, Glusburn, near Keighley.

Who's Who IN YORKSHIRES

You can read the various claims, and you may or may not believe them. All I ask is please read my record for this season and judge for yourself who is the champion Yorkshire exhibitor. I have made 276 entries this season at all the leading shows in England, Scotland, and Wales, and have won 83 firsts, 48 seconds, 45 thirds, 29 fourths, over 40 specials, also winning more firsts at Crystal Palace 1912 than any other exhibitor; the N.G.M.Y.C.C. 10-guinea trophy, gold medal, and Ramsden's Competition; two Y.C.C. trophies, 10-guinea rose bowl Bristol, for best unflighted bred by exhibitor, and numerous other honours. **And I have sold over 90 winners to my customers this season.**

This is plain proof of what I send to my customers:—From 88, Hallidays-road, Belfast, March 1st, 1912.—Pleased to tell you **I won in open competition** this season, **with birds exclusively your strain. 32 cash prizes and 11 specials, silver cup for best Yorks. Belfast, special best Yorks. Dundalk, special best Yorks., special best Cinn. mark, and special best hen at Holywood, and special for best Cinn. mark, special for best hen at Bangor Show.** So I cannot speak too highly of your strain.—Conn Tansey to L. Dykes.

I still have some **clinking stock birds** for disposal, and those requiring best blood in the Fancy note my prices. Champion Yorks.; **Cocks, 5/6, 7/6, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, 20/-** each; long racy **Hens, 4/-, 5/-, 6/6, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6** each. **Pairs,** carefully selected to **breed winners, at 8/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, 20/-, 25/-, 30/-** per pair upwards. Every bird in the best of health, and ready for breeding, and **guaranteed cold-room kept.** Clears, ticked, green, or Cinn. marked. Travelling cages, 3d. extra. **All on seven days approval at my risk.** Cash or deposit.

Easy payments arranged to suit. genuine fanciers who are not in a position to pay ready cash, without any extra cost. Price list and full particulars post free. Please state wants to the old reliable breeder and exhibitor with a life's practical experience, and **don't be had with misleading statements.**

L. DYKES,

16, Shann Street, Bolton Woods BRADFORD.

CUTHBERTSON'S

Yorkshires still to the front; owing to having to reduce stock, several this season's winners for sale, and also grand stock birds very cheap for quick sale; approval: Manor House, Helghington, R.S.O.

ALL ONE PRICE, 10s. 6d. PAIR.

20 pairs Yorkshires, 10/6 pair; birds from this strain have won at all the leading shows, some of my matched pairs include birds that have cost nearly £5 each, but I have decided to clear 20 pairs at 10/6; somebody will get a bargain, all colour fed and in the best of health; try one pair, my risk, 10 days' approval; satisfaction guaranteed: Clegg, Victoria Schoolhouse, Dewsbury.

SAMUEL DEAN.

Few yellow Yorkshire cocks, from 7/6 each; also twenty clinking buffs from 5/- to 15/-, special value; fifty grand yellow and buff hens, from 4/6 to 12/6, in clear, ticked, green marked, and cinnamon marked, matched pairs from 9/6; all must be cleared by end of month; 7 days' approval; cash or deposit: 6, Ash Mount, Great Horton, Bradford, Yorks.

HENS! HENS! HENS!

The finest lot I have ever offered to the Fancy. They are real gems of extra good length, type, position, and quality of feathers. The wings are well braced to long tapering waists, and finished off with long, closely packed pipe tails. The birds have plenty of leg, and stand well up on the perch, displaying that breedy, swanky appearance, so much admired in a first-class Yorkshire. I have a few grand matched stock pairs, calculated to breed some real clinkers, also a few odd stock cocks possessing both length, substance, and quality, I can supply at prices to suit all pockets; approval, cash or deposit; stamp for particulars: W. H. Shackleton, Mayrose Aviaries, Lytton-rd., Girlington, Bradford.

WE HAVE THEM, WE BREED THEM, WE SELL THEM.

We have the largest and most wonderful stock of winners that has ever been in one room; over 40 first prize winners this season, and 20 of them for sale, reasonable We have shown more winners that we have bred this season than any other six exhibitors put together. For proof see our winnings this season. At the Crystal Palace, 1 first, 3 seconds, 3 thirds. Winning Carl's trophy, the G.M.Y.C.C. trophy outright with birds bred by exhibitor; both Y.C.C. competitions, the Yorkshire challenge trophy, Ramsden 6 guinea cup, £10 Yorkshire Union trophy five years in succession, which now becomes our own property, champion diploma at Crystal Palace, 1911; also we have bred and sold four of the first prize winners at Palace, 1912; four years in succession winning the C.M.Y.C.C. Our strain has won more competitions and trophies than any other, so write direct to the breeders who breed their own winners, and can give an honest pedigree. Cocks or hens, 7/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/6, 20/-, 30/- each. We guarantee the best value in England; inspection invited; all birds sent on approval: Ogden Bros., Dudley Hill, Bradford.

CHAMPION YORKS.

Winners of hundreds of prizes, gold and silver medals, cups, etc. Some real beauties on approval; also strains which won at Crystal Palace these last 20 years. Some direct from strain that won 2 firsts, 1 second Crystal Palace, 1912. Mr. Redfern, Pentre, Hawarden, Feb. 1st, 1912.—Sir,—Yellow Yorkshire cock you sent me won 1st and spl. Hawarden on Saturday last in strong class of 18. I have supplied scores of winners and can do so yet, not exhibiting this variety myself; I some grand yellow and buff cocks, 6/-, 7/-, 8/-, 10/-, 12/-, 15/-, 20/- each; hens, yellows or buffs, 4/-, 5/-, 6/-, 7/-, 8/-, 10/-; matched pairs to breed winners, 12/-, 15/-, 16/-, 18/-, 20/-, 25/- pair; any on approval; full guarantee given: breeder 30 years this address: Sandiford, Canary Breeder, Preston, Lancs.

Remember, I Invite You

to pay a visit to my aviaries on any day but Sunday. Every fancier, whether desiring to purchase or not, can be assured of a hearty Yorkshire welcome. You need not announce your visit. Just come, and it will be a pleasure to show you round.

I have the largest and finest collection of birds in this country, a collection well worth coming to see, as is testified by thousands of my visitors.

As regards the quality of my stock, I need only say that they have secured over 300 prizes during the 1912 show season, and all in championship classes. **My customers** have also had remarkable success with birds bred and sold by me, as testimonials I have here (filed for inspection) abundantly prove.

WINNING YORKSHIRES.
20/-, 25/-, 30/-, 40/- per pair.

I am now offering a few pairs Yorkshires, bred from and related to my winners, which have secured firsts and specials at all the leading championship shows in the country, including Scottish National and Crystal Palace. These birds are specially matched by me with a view to breeding winners, at the above prices. This is a **unique opportunity for fanciers to introduce new blood (and that the finest in the country) into their bird rooms at a reasonable price.** I have also a few grand lengthy birds at the following prices: Cocks, in full song, 6/-, 7/6, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, 20/- each. Grand racy hens feathered to perfection, at 3/-, 4/-, 5/-, 7/6, 8/6, 10/-, 12/6 each. Matched pairs, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, 17/6 per pair. in Clears, Ticks, Marked or Greens.

GRAND LARGE COBBY NORWICH, THE BULLDOG STRAIN,
20/-, 25/-, 30/-, 40/- per pair.

This strain has won firsts and specials all over the country this season, including Bradford National and the Crystal Palace. They have also won the open Norwich Plainhead Club's trophy, also the Unflighted trophy, the Illingworth challenge cup, the Sandiford cup, F. Carl's trophy, etc., etc. It is a simple fact that I am now offering a few pairs of grand birds, bred from these winners, at **20/-, 25/-, 30/-,** and **40/-** per pair. This does not represent anything like their real value. Blood is sure to tell in the end, and this is a splendid opportunity for fanciers to start on the highway to success in breeding their own winners.

I have also a few good birds at any of the prices quoted for Yorkshires.

PURE SEIFERT ROLLERS.

in full rolling song by day or gaslight, **10/-, 12/6, 15/-, 17/6, 20/-** each. Hens, same strain, **3/-, 4/-, 5/-, 7/-** each.

GIANT SIBERIAN COCK GOLDFINCHES.

Real beauties, **7/6, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6** each.

CRESTS, CINNAMONS, ETC.

I have also now in stock some real good birds in the following varieties: Greens, Cinnamons (either Yorkshire or Norwich type), Border Fancies, Crests, Crestbreds, Lancashires, Mules, etc., etc.

Come and make your own selection but if you cannot come, don't forget to send a P.C. for my free illustrated catalogue, and **remember** I am prepared to send any variety you require on 7 days' approval at my risk absolutely, and guarantee you absolute satisfaction. Travelling cages **3d.** extra.

Easy payments arranged with genuine fanciers and birds sent on receipt of first payment.

ESTABLISHED OVER 34 YEARS.

JOE THOMAS Breeder, Exhibitor, & Exporter AMBLER THORN, HALIFAX

THE YORKSHIRE BREEDERS

Society do not claim to have won more prizes than others, but we do claim that a large percentage of the winners for which others get the credit have been bred by us or from our strains, which have been supplied to the leading exhibitors and dealers of Bradford and district. We intend these strains, which are of 40 years standing, to be distributed world-wide, instead of allowing two or three to monopolise the winners, which are bred from them year by year. Breeders who wish to breed their own winners will be well advised to take advantage of this genuine offer, and secure some of this blood at an early date, as not being dealers our stocks are limited. Breeding sets (1 cock and 2 hens), 12/6, 15/-, 20/- up; pairs, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6 upwards; cocks from 6/-, hens from 4/-; approval, cash or deposit: Address, "Secretary," 40, Springcliffe, Manningham, Bradford, Yorkshire.

Various Canaries.

NORWICH hens 2/6, Yorkshire hens 2/6; cocks 8/- each, 10/- pair: G., 41, Swafflield-rd., Earlsfield, Wandsworth.

HANDSOME pair yellow green Canaries, fine birds, 7/6; two good hens, varicgated, healthy, clear 4/6: Lanham, Ripley, Derby.

TWELVE good healthy 1911 hen Canaries, buffs, yellows, marked, and cinnamon green; what offer: Smith, South-rd., Taunton.

CANARIES.—Three beautiful pairs, ready for nesting; own stock; giving up; no reasonable offer refused: "Phyllis," Ambleside, Margate-rd., Herne Bay.

LONG yellow Yorkshire cock, 7/6; good buff Yorks cock, 5/-; good buff Norwich cock, 5/-, warranted on song, or money returned; stamp: Tavener, Sherford, Taunton.

NORWICH and Yorkshires, up to the standard, colour-fed or natural, cocks 7/6, hens 5/6 each; six cocks, full song, 33/-; ten days' approval: W. Powick, Dewsbury.

LANCASHIRES, Norwich, Cinnamons, deep chested yellows 4/-, buffs 3/-; several green heavy marked buffs, hens 3/- cocks 6/-; yellow greens, foul marked, two dark buff Siberian Goldfinch Mules, cocks, 1911, approval, deposit: Cooper, Wellington-st., Matlock, Derbyshire.

BIRDS SUPPLIED FROM 1s. WEEK.

on my easy purchase system. Birds forwarded on receipt 1st payment, on approval. No such terms offered elsewhere. Largest breeder in the West. Enormous stocks Plainheads, Norwich, Yorkshires, and Crest; having some of the finest birds in England, defy contradiction; stamp reply: Neame, Exporter and Exhibitor, The Aviaries, 13, Durnford-st., Stonehouse, Devon.

CLEARANCE SALE.

I have a few birds to clear at low cash prices this week. Cannot be repeated. First orders get them, others returned. 1 Gold Lizard cock, 3/7, 1 Silver Lizard Cock, 3/7; 1 Var. Crested cock, 8/1; 1 Var. Crested Hen, 5/1; 20 feeding Border hens, 2/- each; 20 typical Yorkshire hens, 2/6 each; **above are for cash with order only.** Also Norwich, Yorkshires and Rollers. Matched pairs 10/6; deposit half, balance 2/6 per fortnight. Other birds quoted on application. —**E. BROADBENT, The Millhouse, Lime Street, Sheffield.**

To those Fanciers

desirous of purchasing first-class stock at reasonable prices, this advertisement specially appeals, because never in the whole of my experience have I been able to offer such exceptional value at such moderate prices. **Remember, I guarantee satisfaction, and send all birds on approval, and you may deposit cash with Editor.** I hold thousands of genuine unsolicited testimonials, which is proof that I give good value every time. Typical **prize-bred Yorkshire cocks,** all cold-room bred, from 5/6, 6/-, 7/6, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6 upwards; **Hens, 3/-, 4/-, 5/-, 6/-, 7/6** upwards; **properly matched pairs, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-** upwards; grand stock of green Yorkshires and cinnamon ticked. I have a remarkably **fine stock of Plainhead Norwich,** colour-fed and natural colour, **Crested and Crest-bred, Lancashires, Lizards, Cinnamons, White-legged Goldfinches, and Sib.-bred hens. Hartz Mountain Rollers, with many changes, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-.** Send to-day for my 58-page catalogue and bird price list, both profusely illustrated gratis and post free.—**GEO. TAYLOR, Bird Specialist, 3 and 7, Thornton Road, BRADFORD.**

MULES—HYBRIDS.

WANTED, large cock Goldie, muler, approval, deposit: Couper, Taylor-st., Methil.

FOUR Goldfinch, 2 Linnet Mules, 7/6 each, also muling Linnet and Goldfinch cocks: Fuller, 216, Mill-rd., Kettering.

CHOICE Linnet, songster, with nice hen Canary, good birds; approval, 4/-: Beenham, 168, Cromwell rd., Peterborough.

HOUSE-moulted cock Goldie, 5/6; two house-moulted hens, 2/- each; Peathroat, cock, 5/6: Jupp, Stone-st., Maidstone.

SELECTED cock Goldfinches for muling, 5/-; also yellow Norwich hens, 3/-; approval: R. Edwards, 21, Chestnut-st., Worcester.

TWO Goldfinch Mules, full song, Goldfinch note, 6/- each; approval; hens 1/2: W. Wilkinson, 9, Grafton-st., Clitheroe, Lancs.

BARGAINS; Hybrid pairs; cock Goldfinch, hen Bullie, 8/6; cock Linnet, house moulted hen Greenie, 6/6: Savage, Square, Abingdon.

EXCELLENT Siberian Goldfinch on full song, 15/-; Mealy Redpoll, 4/-; show specimens, approval: Wickham, 28, Rainham-rd., Chatham.

TWO splendidly marked cock Linnet Mules, fit for show, full song, warranted, 10/- each: Ives, 115, Bride-st., Barnsbury, London, N.

LARGE pink-eyed Sib.-bred hens, sure Light Mule breeders, yellows 7/6, buffs 5/6; cocks, 7/6 each; ten days' approval: W. Powick, Dewsbury.

HOUSE moulted cock Redpoll, 3/-; giant Siberian cock Goldfinch, 10/6; breeders: Roberts, Junr., Stannah Hey, Newton Drive, Blackpool.

WANTED, large healthy yellow variegated hen, Norwich type, must have bred Mules and be good feeder: Miss Gilpin, Park House, Ealing.

LARGE pink-eyed Sib-bred hens, sure Light Mule 9/6, 3/-, 3/6 each, yellows or buffs; satisfaction guaranteed: Heathcote's Aviaries, Leicester.

FOURTEEN Sib-bred, ten years inbred, 5 cocks, 9 hens, to breed light Mules, bargain, 70/-, or separate: Miss Gover, Bank House, Crediton.

LINNET Mules, several good 1911 cocks, Linnet song, cold room all winter, 7/6 each; hens 1/- each; approval: A. Manning, 49, Chipstone-st., Leicester.

WANTED large H.-M. Siberian cock Goldfinch and very yellow H.-M. cock Greenfinch, good price given for steady sure mulers: Harold Mullens, Halesworth, Suffolk

I have a very large British Goldfinch, 3 years old, pairing to lengthy 1911 Yorks hen, now going for 10/6; approval: Mrs. Hermann, 439, Cambridge-rd., London, E.

VARIEGATED Goldfinch Mule, colour fed, incessant singer, 8/6, also several house moulted cock Linnets, sure mulers, 3/6 each: G. C. King, 14, Ashby-st., Norwich.

HENS! Hens! Hens! The right sort for light Mule breeding, warranted inbred, clear buffs, 2/6, 3/- each; clear yellows, 3/6, 4/- each: Fred Johnson, 22, Goswell-st., Leicester.

GRAND opportunity, yellow sib cock Canary, from strain inbred over 20 years, with Greenfinch hen, running together since Christmas, feeding, cheap, 10/6: Royston, Alverstoke.

HYBRID Breeders! Selected birds for producing exhibition stuff; Greenfinch cock, Bullfinch hen, been together all winter, 7/6; approval, deposit: offers, stamp: Gibbon, Tobacconist, Milford Haven.

HOUSE moulted cock Goldfinch and Norwich hen 7/6, twice house moulted cock Linnet, grand songster, bred Mules, and Norwich hen, 7/-; steady cock Bullfinch, 3/-: Cooper, 16, Wembury-st., Harpurhey, Manchester.

OUTDOOR aviary reared Sib-bred Canaries (Yorkshire type), proved light muling strain, bred outdoors for years; cocks full song, 7/-; hens 5/6; pairs 10/6; ready for early breeding: Holloway, North Road Aviaries, Wells, Somerset.

MUST SELL, 4 muling Linnets, 3/6 each; 1910 Goldfinch Mule; 1911 Linnet Mule, 10/- each, worth 30/-; all cocks, singing, been used for catching; three selected cock Brambles, beauties, caged three months, 1/6 each; no sensible offer refused; stamp: E. Anstee, 6, Belmont-rd., Luton, Beds.

HIGH-CLASS Sibs., few grand hens, also cocks, for light muling, 43 years inbred; warranted, 10/- each. Breeder, Mr. Jones' champion light Mule Kitchener, winner 57 firsts and special prizes, bred 1910 four-pointed buff ticked yellow, ticked bull; 8 lightly-marked, bred 1911, ticked yellow, ticked buff; 9 lightly marked Mules; approval: Samuel Sperry, 133, Curzon-st., Leicester.

THREE breeding cages, made of plywood, can be made into flight 6ft. long, or 6 singing cages, cost 7/6 each; also seed chest, 2 drawers, hold 10lb. each, two 3-partitioned, hold 1lb. each, 3 single, hold 1lb. each, cost 12/6, all new last season; bronze green Nor. hen, cost £1; very light York. hen cost 10/-; also yellow green Norwich hen, cost 12/6; best offers; approval; stamp reply: Mr. Yerbury, 27, Cross Wellington-st., New Whittington, near Chesterfield.

MULE BREEDERS

Genuine Muling Hens for Goldfinches, Linnets, etc., 3/-, 3/6, 4/6, 5/-; pink-eyed, 6/- each. These hens are good and genuine. Have on approval and prove my statement. Satisfaction guaranteed; cages, 3d. extra. Grand lot of champion Singing Mules, with Goldfinch notes. List free.—**W. RUDD, The Bird Specialist, Norwich.**

PURE MULING HENS

Mr. J. McCaldin, Bambridge.—Sir, the Dk. Mule bred from your last muling hen wins this season, 1911-12, 1st Dublin, 1st Dundalk, 1st Banbridge. 100 grand ones, Norwich or Yorkshire type, 3/-, 4/-, 5/-, 6/-, 7/6, each; scores supplied which have bred winners. Send for catalogue for proof; established 1879: Sandiford, Canary Judge, Preston, Lancs.

DOVES.

RING Doves or Barbary Doves, in breeding condition, 1/6 pair, 2 pairs for 2/6: Northern Aviaries Preston.

FOREIGN BIRDS.

TALKING Amazon Parrot, nugget-talk, 20/-: 83, Fortess-rd., Kentish Town, London.

FOR sale, hen Green Budgerigars, 3/6: Mrs. J. Waldy, 1, Green Park, Darlington.

AVIARY-bred 1911 Red Crested Cardinal; outdoors all winter: Hamilton Scott, Hamildean, Ipswich.

ANY varieties of Foreign Birds, send postcard for price list: Yeo and Vickery, 22, Maple-rd., Exeter.

ARCHBISHOP Tanagers, acclimatised and healthy, in splendid feather, 20/- each: Yealland, Haven-street, Wight.

WHAT cash offers for cock White Java Sparrow, Cut-throat, and Cockatiel, outdoor aviary bred: Baker, Bank, Tewkesbury.

TAME healthy cock Zebra Finch, acclimatised, in perfect plumage, with new enamelled cage, 5/6: Freeman, Ironmonger, Brockley, S.E.

FEW acclimatised Foreign birds from private collection for sale; wanted exchange, hen Zebra Finches: W. Howell, Potton, Beds.

WANTED, Budgerigars, Parrakeets, Cockatiels, Foreign birds; cash or exchange fishing rod, garden rifle, air gun: Fred Kings, Erdington.

TWO fine cock Zebra Finches for 5/-, or 3/6 each; pair lovely Brown-winged Blue Grosbeaks: Galloway, "Fernville," Fortis Green, E. Finchley.

PARROT, Blue and Yellow-fronted talking Amazon, finger tame, acclimatised, grand plumage, 35/-; Mealworms 4/6 lb.: Mrs. Miller, Goldstone Villas, Hove.

MAGNIFICENT cock Bloodrump Parrakeet, show or breeding condition, two years old, bred outside aviary, bargain; 25/-: Gloyns, 78, Holmesdale-rd., Hampton Wick.

COKER-NUT husks, double wired, holes top or front, 5/- dozen; coker-nut shells, for tiny Finches, 5/- dozen; nest made of any bar none: K. Older, 64, Kingsland-rd., Bristol.

HEN Indian Shama, perfect, 50/-; cock Red-eared Bulbul, 12/6; cock Rosy Pastor, 20/-; hen Lined Finch, 5/-; Grey Finches, 7/6 pair; approval: Walsh, Bird Specialist, Blackburn.

VERY pretty talking green Parrot, says upwards of nine words, comes out of cage, acrobat, very amusing, with good square cage, 14/6, cost 30/-: Mackenzie, Commercial Hotel, Beeston, Notts.

PARROT, African grey, whistles, mimics and chatters, full wings, scarlet tail, been in England four months, in good round cage, 47/6 Parrot and cage: Miss Williams, Central Hotel, Moor-st., Birmingham.

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DERWENT VALLEY C.B.S.

Meeting held Mar. 2nd, Church Hall, Hamsterley, Mr. G. Barkas in chair. Decided, that Messrs. W. Reid (Sunderland) and G. Wilson (Frizington) be the judges at our open show on Oct. 26th. We should be pleased to see a few more members turn up at our meetings, and any wishing to join will be accorded a hearty welcome.—Lindsay and Marsh, Secs.

SOUTH-WEST LONDON C.B.S.

Meeting held "Plough," St. John's Hill, Mar. 14. Prize money paid for pair bird show. Several cups were on view for selection by the committee, one of which was chosen for presentation next meeting night. The committee wish to draw the attention of fanciers in the district to this society as being one of the oldest and having a good balance on the right side. Any fancier wishing to join will have a cordial welcome. H. Freeman, Hon. Sec.

RESULTS OF OUR RECENT LITERARY COMPETITION.

THE WINNERS OF THE £1 1s. PRIZES.

We give this week the names of the writers of five prize-winning essays in our recent Literary Competition. The destination of the chief prize (value £4 4s.) is not yet decided, but the winner of this will be announced in our next issue, when also a few interesting details concerning the competition will be published.

In section 1 ("Mating Canaries to Breed Exhibition Specimens"), the guinea cash prize has been awarded

MR. W. SPILLMAN,
35, Alcester Street,
Devonport.

In Section 2 (""The Management of Canaries") the guinea goes to

MR. E. C. SMITH,
55, Roseberry Avenue,
Plymouth.

In section 3 ("British Birds") the winning essay has not yet been decided upon, owing to the large number of contributions to be considered and the keenness of the competition. It will be announced next week.

In Section 4 ("Mule or Hybrid Breeding") the prize is secured by

THE REV. F. RICHARDS,
22, Carlton Street,
Ayres Road,
Old Trafford,
Manchester.

In Section 5 ("Foreign Birds") the vote of the judges was given to

MR. BERNARD C. BRIARS,
22, Mafeking Road,
Enfield,
Middlesex.

In Section 6 ("The Management, etc., of Aviaries or Bird-rooms"), the winner has proved to be

MR. F. S. MORTON,
7, Bury Street,
Bolton,
Lancashire.

DENTON AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

Pair show held at last meeting, March 11th. Chairman, Mr. T. Rowbotham. About 22 pairs were staged. Mr. J. Mellor (Ashton-under-Lyne) judged. Winners: Messrs. T. Rowbotham, Hopwood Bros., T. Blease and Son, Taylor Bros., A. Booth, F. Summerton, G. Fielding, W. Howard, E. Walker. Mr. Mellor was asked several questions, which he answered in a prompt and satisfactory manner. A vote of thanks was passed to the judge. The hope was expressed that this friendship and mutual help between Ashton-under-Lyne and Denton would last for a good many years.—W. Hopwood, Sec.

Members Shows.

New Cross C.B.S.: Held Mar. 7, "People's Hall," Tanners Hill, Deptford. Principal winners: British: Messrs. Pope, Gunnell, G. Barton; Mules: Messr. Pope, Gunnell, Deane.—Barton and Barton, Secs.

Croydon F.A.: Pair and British bird show, held St. Michael's Hall, Mar. 13. Total entries, 31 pairs and 6 single birds. Mr. J. Robson judge. Principal winners: Nor., Messrs. Kilby, Gunnell, Saunders; Yorks., Messrs. Soper, Truelove; A.O.V., Messrs. Saunders, Britter; Mules, Mr. Gunnell; Brit., Mr. Gunnell.—F. W. Capell, Sec.

Stockton-on-Tees C.B.S.: Pair and British bird show held Mar. 7; special for most points in Canaries, Mr. Carlisle; in British, Messrs. Lawes and Sons. Judges, Messrs. Williams (Hartlepool) for Canaries, and Marwood for British. Principal winners: Yorks., Messrs. Chesworth, Broadbent, Carlisle; Nor., Messrs. Ducas and Angell, Freeman, Pearson; Crests, Mr. Yeates; A.O.V., Messrs. Lowes and Son; Mules, Messrs. Sanders, Briscoe and Son; British, Messrs. Lowes and Son, Sanders, Ducas and Angell, Briscoe and Son.—Lowes and Son, Secs.

Brighton and Hove C.B.A.: held headquarters, March 13th, when Mr. H. T. Gibb judged. Only a few birds turned up. Principal winners:—Yorks: Messs. Dandridge, Holley. Nor.: Messrs. Dean, Pinyoun. A.O.V.: Mr. Pinyoun. Brit. Goldfinch: Mr. Bignell. A.O.S.: Mr. Bignell. A judging competition was also held, points gained being: A. Goble 41, H. Akehurst 38, E. Holley 34, W. Cadman 32, A. Flook 29, H. Bignell 29, F. Dandridge 26, W. Miles 15. April table show, April 10th, Mr. H. Akehurst judge.—W. H. Gibb, Hon. Sec.

Springburn (Possil Park) C.B.C.: British Bird Show held Reid Hall, March 13th, Mr. A. Sloan presiding. Two new members made (Messrs. D. Brownlie and J. Fyfe). Mr. T. C. Dowell elected judge for next monthly show, April 10th. Mr. R. Watson judged. Principal winners:—Linnets: Messrs. Gordon, Waugh. Mealy Redpoll, etc.: Messrs. Sloan, Crawford. Lesser: Messrs. Crawford, Gordon. Bullfinch hen: Messrs. Gordon, Watson. A.O.S. Hen: Messrs. Sloan, Gordon. J. Waugh, Sec. and Treas.

Leeds C.B.S.: Pair show held headquarters, 2nd March. 31 pairs staged. Following specials won: Messrs. W. A. Wilson (2/6 for best pair, and 2/0 most points champ. Nor.); J. W. Storey (best pair Yorks); T. Baldwinson (most points champ. Yorks); E. Middleton (2/6 most points Mule or Hybrids); J. R. Beckwith (2/6 most points novice Yorks); M. Kitchin (2/6 most points novice Nor.). Chairman, Mr. H. J. Minnard, proposed a vote of thanks to our Vice-President (Mr. Malcolm Kitchin) for presenting us with a silver challenge cup, to be competed for at Boxing Day show, with best unflighted bird (bred by exhibitor). Messrs. F. Farar and W. Johnson judged. Principal winners: Champ. Yorks, Messrs. Baldwinson, Bristow; Nor., Mr. Wilson; Mules, etc., Mr. Middleton; Novice Yorks, Messrs. Storey, Beckwith; Novice Nor., Mr. Kitchin. —W. A. Wilson, Hon. Sec.

TIMELY HINTS.

Our New Helpful Competition

Four prizes of 2s. 6d. each (cash, or our books to value, at option of winners) given weekly to the senders of the four best Hints, All hints must be WRITTEN ON POST-CARDS. *with sender's name and address at foot, and reach us by Monday's post.*

To Fumigate a Birdroom.

[Winner of half-crown prize.]

Readers who are troubled with red mites should remove all birds from bird-room, then stop up all niches round windows and doors with paper, and get a bucket (tin) one quarter full of unslaked lime. Place this in the centre of the room and pour sixpennyworth of "eight-eighty" ammonia into the bucket with the lime. Of course you must "hop it" as soon as you have put the ammonia with the lime. This not only kills all insects, but "stoves" the room.—W. H. Appleton, 12, Anthony Street, West Gorton, Manchester.

Obtaining Roomy Baths.

[Winner of half-crown prize.]

To obtain a roomy bath, which enables our birdy friends to bathe with every freedom, and at the same time keep their living cage snug and dry, sort out your old Yorkshire show cages, take off the door and a wire at each side to widen the aperture; place inside a shallow dish or tin to hold the water. If you treat three or four cages like this, and hang them all on at the same time, it will induce even your "tramps" to take their "annual," as they can see the other birds ducking and splashing about.—Thomas Pluck, Oak Street, Cargo Fleet, Yorkshire.

To Trap Red Mites.

[Winner of half-crown prize.]

Keep away the red mite from the cages by using thin bamboo perches. First burn out the centre to make it hollow. Then cut one or two holes underneath the perch. Every morning take the perches out and tap on a piece of paper, and then you will shake out the mites. This should be done regularly every morning as the red mites leave the perches and return to the birds at night.—Mrs. Taylor, 44, Aberfeldy Street, Poplar.

Rearing Young Hybrids.

[Winner of half-crown prize.]

Knowing the difficulty in rearing young hybrids from two British birds, when the eggs have been put to a hen Canary to incubate, I advise removing young hybrids as early as possible to another hen Canary that has been feeding other young for three or four days, as by this time the Canary begins to feed in a more solid form, which is more to the nature of the young hybrids, as wild birds feed "coarse" from the time of the young being hatched. This is not so with the Canary; she feeds more of a fluid nature for three or four days. This the young hybrids cannot take, therefore are lost. I pen this from a life's experience, having reared a few good hybrids.—T. Fisher, 7, Gerrard Street, Willow Lane, Lancaster.

A Warning When Painting.

Now the time for cleaning and painting cages has commenced, the bird-room (with most fanciers) is generally the place where this work is done. When repainting cages see that the drinking vessels in the cages wherein birds are kept are washed out and filled with clean water. The reason for this is that the vapour from the paint settles in the form of a thin skin on the water, and if this is left on the birds may drink it with fatal results.—H. Hunt, Dartmouth.

Cleansing Drinking Vessels.

Place a small quantity of clean gritty sand in the drinkers, together with a little water. Then rub the finger round, pressing the sand against the glass, and it will thoroughly rid them of any "foreign" matter. To cleanse the closed top fountains put the sand and water in as before, place the thumb over the drinking hole, and shake vigorously, and it will make them look like crystal.—William Lascelles, Seghill.

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Oct. 10 & 11.—**Norwich Alliance.**—(R. Roll, 62, Ashby St.). W.E.G., J.R., W.V.
Oct. 12 & 12.—**Derby.**—(Wharam and Bamsey, 18, Colyear St.)
Oct. 12.—**Leeds** (W. A. Wilson, 75, Bayswater Mount, Roundhay.). J.H.R. and W.M.
Oct. 12.—**Morpeth.**—(E. Cowling, Market Place.) H.W.B., A.B.
Oct. 15 and 16.—**Western Counties O.S.**—(T. Pope, 98, Embankment Rd, Plymouth). J.R., T.H.
Oct. 17.—**Hanley.**—(W. G. Llewellyn, 45, Hawthorn St., Cobridge, Stoke-on-Trent).
Oct. 18 & 19.—**Newcastle.**—(J. W. Reed, 218, Ladykirk Rd., Benwell). J.C.B., J.C., J.S., J.P., A.S.
Oct. 23 & 24.—**London and P.O.S.**—(C. W. Law, Brimley House, Woodhouse Rd., N. Finchley).
Oct 24.—**Stamford.**—(A. Harrison 7 New St.). J.R.
Oct. 25 & 26.—**Manchester and N.C.O.S.**—Belle Vue. —(H. Boothman, 10, Parker St., Levenshulme.)
Oct. 25 & 26.—**S. Shields.**—(W. L. Smith, 3, Queen Street.).
Oct. 26.—**Hartlepools.**—(Woodhead and Pyman, The Elms, Westbourne Rd., W. Hartlepool).
Oct. 30.—**Torbay O.S. (Paignton).**—J. N. and J. Jeffery, "Sartor House," Winner Street, Paignton.) J.H.P.
Oct. 30 & 31.—**Cheltenham.**—(A. S. Treasure, Idahoe, Oakland Ave.) W.G., H.W.G., J.F.
Oct. 30 & 31.—**Grimsby.**—(Towl and Smith, 205, Welholme Rd.). J.H.R.
Nov. 1 & 2.—**Sheffield O.S.**—T. Bishop, 69, Alexandra Road.). W.M., C.H., W.V.
Nov. 1 & 2.—**Wolverhampton.**—(J. Gibbons, 64, Napier Rd.). J.R.
Nov. 1 & 2.—**Liverpool.**—(Metcalfe and Deacon, 68, Brunswick Rd.). H.W.B., J.W.
Nov. 2 & 4.—**Leicester Hand-in-Hand.**—(A. Freestone, 79, Clarendon Street). J.H.P.
Nov. 7 & 8.—**Leyton.**—(Forse and Son, 31, Thornhill Rd.) J.R., J.F.
Nov. 8 & 9.—**Old Shildon.**—(J. H. Elwell, 35, Church Street, Shildon).
Nov. 8 & 9.—**West Stanley** (W. Elliott, 15, Fairford Terr.)
Nov. 0 & 11.—**Nottingham.**—(G. E. Wilkinson, 80, Lenton Boulevard), T.H., W.V., G.E.W.
Nov. 9.—**Warrington.**—(G. M. Nelson, 466, Knutsford Rd.).
Nov. 14.—**Stoke-on-Trent.**—(J. Pitchford, 218, London Rd.).
Nov. 14 & 15.—**Brighton and Hove C.B.A.**—(Will. H. Gibb, 19, Bond St.). C.A.H., J.R.
Nov. 15 & 16.—**Hull.**—(E. R. Ridley, 19, Lambton Street.) J.R., H.W.B.
Nov. 19 & 20.—**Bournemouth.**—(W. O. Brooke, 102, Nortoft Rd.). J.H.P.
Nov. 19 & 20.—**Wimbledon.**—(H. Smith, 115, Merton Rd.) H.N., R.H., J.R.
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Nov. 22 & 23.—**Haltwhistle.**—(Nicholson and Tallantyre, Westgate.) J.D., A.H.
Nov. 23.—**Cramlington.**—(J. R. Chestney, Quarry Cottage).
Nov. 23.—**Hinckley.**—(H. Ridgway, Priesthills Road).
Nov. 28, 29 & 30.—**L.C.B.A.**—(W. H. Mugford, 1, Strathearn Rd., Wimbledon, S.W.).
Nov. 30.—**Darlington C. and B.B.F.A.**—(A. Walker, 47, Montrose St.).
Nov. 30.—**Coventry Godiva.**—(R. Symonds, 29, Melbourne Rd., Earlsdon.) H.W.B.
Dec. 6, 7, & 9.—**Bradford National.**—(H. Hill, 15, Settle Terr., Thornton Lane.)
Dec. 7.—**Rotherham.**—(B. Bailey, 47, Craven Street, Parkgate, nr. Rotherham.) J.C.B.
Dec. 11.—**Luton.**—(E. Bloomfield, 22, Hitchin Rd.) J.R., J.F.
Dec. 13 and 14.—**Gateshead.**—(J. Davidson, 16, Weathercock Lane, Low Fell.)
Dec. 14.—**Sheffield C.B.S.**—(A. Hobson, 66, Langsett Avenue) J.R., H.W.B.
Dec. 14.—**Yarm, Eaglescliffe.**—(T. W. Wilson, High st.)
Dec. 26.—**Anfield, Everton.**—(R. B. Wright, 9, Canon Rd., Liverpool.)

Scotland.

Oct. 5.—**Broughty Ferry.**—(R. Whitton, 2, Churchill Place).
Oct. 5.—**Dysart.**—(J. S. Harris, Victoria Bar).
Oct. 12.—**Lochgelly and Dis. C.B.S.**—(W. Whiteford, 81, Hall St.)
Oct. 19.—**Kelty and Blairadam.**—(A. Dickson, 37, Adams Terrace.)
Oct. 26.—**Perth.**—(Jas. Kerr, 18, James St.).
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Nov. 2.—**Brechin.**—(G. Mitchell, 118, Montrose St.)
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Nov. 9.—**Hamilton Cadzow Oak.**—(G. Marlin, 21, Glebe Street.) J.Sn., J.Hn., R.B.
Nov. 16.—**Cowdenbeath.** (J. R. Reid, 7, Woodland Place.)
Nov. 16.—**Galashiels.**—(J. Brown, 156, Croft St.)
Nov. 30.—**City of Dundee.**—(A. Miller, 3, Park Ave.)
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Wales.

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Nov. 28.—**Pentrebach.**—(A. E. Brown, 66, Clare St., Merthyr Tydfil.)

Ireland.

Nov. 7 & 8.—**Banbridge.**—(A. McCagherty, Belmont Terrace, Banbridge.)
Nov. 22 & 23.—**Lurgan.**—(S. McCollum, Drumgor).
Nov. 28 & 29.—**South County Dublin (Kingstown).**—(D. Smyth, 21, Eden Terr., Kingstown.)
Dec. 6 & 7.—**Ulster O.A. (Belfast).**—(R. Trimble, 11, Waring St., Belfast.) J.F.D., W.V.
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More Local Hon. Secs.

This week I have the pleasure of announcing the following additions to our list of local Hon. Secs. Every Hon. Sec. adds immensely to the influence of the League in his own particular district, and I have hopes that before long I shall be able to say that every town or district throughout our islands is represented by a Local Honorary Secretary.

Forres, Scotland:—Mr. Wm. Cumming, 28, North Rd.

Ealing and Dist.:—Mr. F. Cane, 7, St. John's Rd., West Ealing, Middlesex.

Hulme, Manchester:—Mr. Arthur Downs, 4, Phillips St.

Attercliffe and Dist.—Mr. G. A. Watson, 517, Abbeydale Rd., Sheffield.

The Fining of a London Bird Dealer.

The officials of the R.S.P.C.A. last week successfully prosecuted a woman bird-shop keeper, and the case was fully reported in the last issue of Cage Birds. The total stock of this dealer consisted of twelve Skylarks, a few Linnets, and three pigeons. Only a few of the back cages in which the Linnets were kept for sale, four of the Lark cages, and one store cage, were old ones. The remainder were practically new, having been in use only for a day or two, and there were plenty of witnesses available to prove that, although the birds were not kept in ideal conditions, yet their state as a whole was not such as to furnish grounds for a prosecution. In fact, there was only one cage in the shop which could be truly said to be in a neglected condition, and this was a store cage. In this cage there had been kept for a time a Skylark which had unfortunately broken one of its feet.

All practical bird-keepers know that in very many cases a broken foot may be set in small splints in such a way that the bird will shortly regain its full use; also that when by the nature of the fracture it is necessary to amputate the broken portion, the operation is a simple one, entailing very little pain, and one from which the bird quickly recovers. This bird had been so operated upon, and the defendant informed me that she should have given the bird its freedom after the operation, if it had not been for a relation of hers who begged her to give him the bird, and she was keeping it for him until he was ready to take it away. Here the society would have found it difficult to prove "wanton cruelty." The injury was the result of an accident, and three alternatives were open to the owner, to kill the bird, to set it free to fend for itself with only one foot, or to keep it and feed it in a cage. It was certainly not "wanton cruelty" to adopt the latter proceeding.

The Real Offence.

Where the defendant was really at fault was in being in possession of a Thrush which, acording to the evidence of the prosecution, was suffering with cramp, and in keeping this bird and the Skylark in a cage which was in a very dirty condition. She had the excuse that the Thrush had only been in her possession for a few minutes, and she was unaware what was wrong with it, but this did not alter the actual fact, nor did it explain the condition of the cage, and she was fined in consequence.

A Doubtful Diagnosis.

As usual, the prosecution made the very most of the case, and called a veterinary surgeon who gave it as his opinion that this bird (which had only been in the dirty cage for an hour) was suffering from blood-poisoning, set up by eating contaminated food. The condition of the cage could not be denied, and it was of very little use to suggest that the veterinary surgeon was wrong in his diagnosis. The defendant was therefore, as stated last week, fined twenty shillings, and the Society will probably use the incident as a groundwork of a diatribe against the "horrors" of bird-shops in the gross. The prosecution emphasises the fact that the Society is straining every nerve to obtain convictions, and if it result in directing the attention of bird-shop keepers to the certainty that any slight lapse on their part may result in prosecution and fine, we members of Cage Birds League will, as bird lovers, have no cause to regret that the action was brought.

Leicester C.B.S. and the League.

Members of Cage Birds League will be pleased to see from the report which appears in our Club Reports column, that the committee of the above Society has passed a resolution to the effect that one half of the subscriptions of its members to Cage Birds League shall be paid from the funds of the Society, the individual members having only, therefore, to pay sixpence a year themselves, together with the price of their badges. The result of the resolution has been that three-quarters of the members present at the meeting have given in their names, and it is expected that practically all will come in.

It is gratifying to know that fanciers are realising that Cage Birds League has no axe to grind. It is here for the protection of the Fancy, for the furtherance of the proper keeping of birds in captivity, and for the promotion of good-fellowship among bird-lovers of every grade. It has no aspiration or intention of becoming a governing body, and will not conflict or interfere with any club or society. No effort will be spared to further in every possible manner the best interests of bird-keeping, and of those who make bird-keeping their hobby, and the more members who are enlisted under its banner the more powerful will be its voice whenever occasion arises for it to speak out. Cage Birds has 50,000 readers, and Cage Birds League should have 50,000 members, without counting those keepers of just a bird or two who do not yet know that there is such an organisation as our League, or such a paper as our official organ, Cage Birds. Individual fanciers could do much on behalf of the League by simply mentioning its existence to outside bird-owners.

"The Finest Thing for the Fancy."

Mr. Wm. Cumming, Hon. Sec. of Forres and Northern Onithological Association, writes as follows:—At the annual meeting of the above Association, held last week, we resolved to have only cage birds at our annual show, as the committee is now composed of cage bird fanciers. A discussion arose with regard to members joining the League. I hope to get the majority to join in the course of a week or two, as the members are all agreed it is the finest thing that could happen for the Fancy.

Medal Scheme in Preparation.

To replace our last year's scheme of returning half the membership fees in the form of original drawings and paintings, there is now in course of preparation an arrangement under which Societies will receive as special prizes gold, silver, and bronze medals, in proportion to their membership of the League. Full particulars as to this will be announced as quickly as possible. It is recognised that the granting of these medals will add a new zest to competition on the show bench, and will increase the entries at any show at which they are offered. Societies will do well, therefore, to follow the excellent example of the Leicester C.B.S., and ensure that they have some of these medals to add to their schedule of prizes.

How Some Members are Helping.

A fortnight ago I mentioned that one of our members had taken the trouble to controvert misstatements which had been published in a local paper, having been contributed by one of the sentimentalists who hold that the keeping of pet birds is an atrocity, and I am glad to hear that several other members of our League are taking opportunities to disprove similar letters when they come under their notice. Letters of such a nature generally come from those who know little or nothing of the subject, of which they write, and are written for the edification of those who know, if possible, less. One reply from anyone who knows something of bird keeping is generally sufficient to close the correspondence, but members of Cage Birds League will do well not to let these vapourings pass without that reply, and it is pleasing to gather that our members are recognising this.

One member writes as follows:—"I cannot understand why it is that all those who keep pet birds do not come forward and join the League. Perhaps they do not take Cage Birds, and so are unaware of the doings of those who would put an end to the hobby. If they *are* aware of it, I think it is cool of them to stand aside and let the League fight the battle." This is what I have been saying myself week after week, and I hope the members will do their best to make known to every one who keeps a bird the objects and work of Cage Birds League.

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Singing Contests.

NEWTOWN (Leeds).

Linnet singing held Prince Albert Inn, Mar. 17. Judges, Messrs. H. Hayes and E. Wood. 1, 2, A. Binn; 3, H. Playforth. 12 birds entered.—E. Wood, Hon. Sec.

PONTEFRACT.

Weekly Linnet contest held headquarters, Wood Inn, Horse Fair, before a good company, when we had 16 birds to sing. Result: 1, T. Piper; 2, T. Jones; 3, C. Scott. We are having an open sing, March 24th. All welcome.—J. Martin, Sec.

CASTLEFORD.

Weekly Linnet contest at "George and Dragon," Bridge Street, and 56 of the best time singers in Yorkshire sang. Some of the best times were done since club was formed two years ago. Winners: 1, A. Sweeting, 104; E. Smith, 92; W. Nelson, 91. There will be a general meeting after the sing on March 23rd. I hope all members will try to attend, as two birds are allowed free.—Walter Dobson, Hon. Sec.

SALFORD.

Open-to-all-England contest for March 23rd will be postponed owing to the coal strike, as all the fanciers are concerned in the dispute. Any Linnet fanciers who wish to hold a contest, please attend; we can arrange among the company. Prizes according to entry. Meeting and contest for members and visitors March 24th, at 7.30. Special business: Club match for the 30th. Fanciers invited.—B. Wharton, Hon. Sec.

SHEFFIELD.

Linnet sing held "Royal George," Brightside-lane, Mar. 17th, when Mr. C. Hill gave three special prizes to be sung for; 17 birds entered (3 minutes time singing). Thompson took first, 72sec.; 2, Bisby, 63sec.; Driver, 57sec.; Driver, 46sec., Rawson, 50sec.; Bisby, 45sec. Also Mar. 17th. Twelve birds entered. Rawson took first with 26sec.; 2nd, Thompson, 17sec.; 3, Thompson, 3sec. All new members wishing to join Whitsuntide contest apply to Mr. C. Hill, "Royal George." Contest every week-end.—A. Thompson, Sec.

LEEDS.

Linnet singing contest for quality held Old Bird House, King's Head, Shannon Street, Mar. 16, when 19 birds sang. 1, J. Hollingworth; 2, T. Stead; 3, D. Clegg. Judges, Messrs. W. Naylor and A. Jennings. Also Mar. 17, when 29 birds faced the judges. 1 and 2, J. Bland; 3, J. Hollingworth; 4, W. Farrar. Judges, Messrs. S. Hardcastle, Walt. Naylor, and T. Johnson. Mr. Joe Hollingworth will sing any bird in Leeds from £2 upwards.—T. C. Summers, Hon. Sec.

Quality singing for Linnets held Skinners' Arms, Mar. 16th, when 18 birds sang. 1, Richardson; 2, Chippindale; 3, Ward. Judges, Messrs. Siesons and Grainger. Also Mar. 17, when 19 birds sang. 1, Chippindale; 2, Ward; 3, Ward. Judges, Messrs. Turner and Blackburn. Members please note that Mar. 24 is the last day for paying up entrance fee for the big sing at Easter. There will also be a members' meeting Mar. 24, at 8.—C. Clayton, Hon. Sec.

ATHERTON.

Atherton Linnet Club first open-to-all-England Linnet sing, held Mar. 16th, Queen's Arms, Bolton Road, when 30 birds sang for some good prizes. The entry was not as good as it might have been, but, of course, the coal strike had a lot to do with it. I was a little surprised at there not being an entry from Salford, Blackburn, or Wigan, but I expect the strike has affected them also, for they are nearly always represented. We gave prizes for both classes of singing for quality. Winners: W. Barnes, 1; T. Statham, 2; J. W. Jones, 3; J. M'Allister, 4. For time: R. Fairhurst, 1, 172; J. Poole, 2, 163; R. Fairhurst, 3, 129; J. Woodward, 4, 113. Judges for quality: Messrs. W. Barnes and F. Gibbins; for time, Messrs. J. Everett and J. Parkinson; tappers, Messrs. Evens and Eckersley; birdman, Mr. J. Halliwell. After the contest we decided to call a general meeting for Mar. 22 at 7.30 o'clock, when all members are requested to attend. Mr. Pearson (Salford) kindly sent a grand Canary cage for a special; this was won by R. Fairhurst for first club member who missed a prize in quality; also another Canary cage for a guessing competition, which was won by H. Barber with 250. J. M'Allister, Sec.

JUDGES OF CAGE BIRDS

The attention of Show Secretaries is directed to the following list of gentlemen willing to act as Judges. Terms for insertion on application.

J. C. BARNES, 113, Northfield Road, Walkley, Sheffield. Judge of all varieties of cage birds. Long, practical experience. Terms moderate.

T. BENNETT, 11, Cumberland Rd., Lidget Green, Bradford. Judge of Cage Birds. Long and practical experience.

A. C. DAVIS, 110-112, Tib Street, Manchester. Judge of all varieties of cage birds. Specialist Norwich judge.

GEORGE BENNETT 46, Wenlock Street, Luton Beds., judge of all varieties of cage birds; life experience; terms moderate.

J. W. BRUCE, Coldstream. Judge of all varieties of cage birds; Border and British Bird specialist. Terms moderate.

F. COLLINS, 60, Union-st., Camborne. Judge of all varieties of cage birds. Life experience.

W. A. COWGILL, 115, Washington Street, Girlington, Bradford. Judge of all varieties of cage birds. Practical experience. Terms moderate.

GEO. GARDNER, 11, Haverstock Road, London, N.W. Judge of all kinds of Cage Birds.

J. HARTLEY, Victoria St., Micklethwaite, Bingley (late of Bradford).—Judge of Cage Birds; specialist, Yorkshires and Norwich.

R. E. HELLIWELL, 149, Claremont-road, Boothtown, Halifax, judge of all varieties of cage birds; specialist Greens; life practical experience.

C. A. HOUSE, 82, Upper Walthamstow Road, Walthamstow. Judge of Canaries, Mules, British and Foreign Birds.

J. R. HOUGHTON, 21, Hatfield Road, Gloucester Judge of Canaries and Cage Birds; specialist in Norwich; terms moderate.

F. MARWOOD, Nene House, Eaglescliffe, Co. Durham. Judge of Hybrids, British, and Foreign Long, practical experience, Hybrids and British a speciality.

W. MUNDELL, 6, Carlisle Place, Manningham, Bradford. Judge of Canaries and Cage Birds.

J. W. METCALFE, The Yorkshire Aviaries, 68 Brunswick Road, Liverpool. Judge of Cage Birds Specialist Yorkshire and Norwich.

H. NORMAN, The Eyrie, Salisbury Road, Carshalton, Surrey. All varieties of Cage Birds. Specialist Hybrids and British Birds.

W. POWICK, Orchard, Savilletown, Dewsbury. Judge of all varieties of cage birds, 30 years' practical experience.

J. PATTERSON, Chirnside. Judge of Cage Birds; all varieties. Wide practical experience. Specialist Border Fancy Judge.

J. H. PAYNE, 17, Northgate Street, Gloucester Judge of Canaries, British and Foreign Cage Birds.

T. ROBSON, 41, Shield Street, Newcastle-on-Tyne Judge of Canaries. Specialist Crests.

C. E. SILK, The Aviaries, Emsworth, Hants. Judge of all varieties of Cage Birds. Life experience.

WALTER SWAYSLAND, 47, Queens-rd., Brighton Judge all varieties of cage birds. Life experience

HENRY TAMS, Orchard Place, Longton, Staffs. Judge of Canaries, British and Foreign Birds Twenty-five years Breeder and Exhibitor.

S. TICKELL, 22, Honey Street, Bodmin. Judge of all varieties of Cage Birds; specialist Norwich, Cinn. & Lis. Long practical experience. Terms moderate

W. VARDY, The Aviaries, Hucknall Huthwaite, Notts. Judge of all variaties; specialist in Norwich Plainheads. Life experience. Terms moderate.

J. WALSH, Bird Specialist, Blackburn. Judge of Cage Birds, Specialist of Hybrids, British, and Foreign. Terms moderate.

G. WILSON, 14, Frizington Road, Frizington, Cumberland. A.V., 25 years' practical experience; specialist British and Mules. Terms moderate.

A. WOOLLARD, Sprowston, Norwich. Judge of Canaries and Mules, Specialist in Norwich Plainheads, Crests, and Crestbreds, Cinnamons, and Mules.

TONBRIDGE AND DISTRICT F.S.

Fifth annual show of members' exhibits, held at Red Lion Hotel, March 13th. The entries were of exceptionally good quality. Mr. Scarisbrook judged.

YORKS. CK. (4): 1, 3, W. Creed; 1st, typical buff, nicely cut; 3rd, good one; 2, 4, Cross; 2nd, nice buff, a bit longer than winner; 4th, yell., good quality. HEN (4): 1, 2, 4, Cross; 1st, buff, good length, well up on leg; 4th, yell., nice hen for stock; 3, Barkaway, good bird. NOR CK. (7): 1, res, hc, Greenaway; 1st, heavily var., good size, nice col., in the pink; 2, 4, vhc, Smithers, good bird, short flights and tail; 3, Loveland, tick yellow, fine quality, nice head. HEN (7): 1, sp, W. Creed, good hen, takes special for best bird in show; 2, Loveland, yell., good quality; 3, Smithers, good size buff looking well in feather; 4, res, vhc, Greenaway; hc, Barkaway. BRIT. GOLDIE, ETC.: 1, Creed, Goldie; 2, 3, Cross, Goldie and Bullie. A.O.S.: 1, 3, Cross, Linnet; 2, Creed, Redpoll. PAIRS (all Nor): 1, 3, Smithers; 2, Creed; all good birds.—Percy Stonestreet, Sec.

AINTREE AND DISTRICT F.S.

Annual pair show, held Mar. 12th, Church Hall, Long Lane. The President (the Vicar of the Parish) gave a very interesting address to the members, congratulating them on the very good show they had, and pointing out the great humanising influence the keeping and care of such valuable specimens must have on those devoted to the hobby. In Mr. Anderson the society have a keen worker who puts heart and soul into the business, and his report of the progress of the society was well received by the very large attendance present; and we were pleased to see a good muster of well-known Liverpool fanciers present. Mr. S. Hadwin (Liverpool) judged.

YORKS. YELL. CK., BUFF HEN: 1, 3, Gregory, leaders clinking matched pair; 3rd, lovely hen; 2, Skilling, long reachy cock, fails a wee trifle in head. BUFF CK., Y.H.: 1, Skilling, both good length and stylish, we liked very much; 2, 3, Gregory, nice ones, not quite the style or quality of leaders; vhc, Green, Junr.; hc, Eaton. GREENS, Y.C. B.H.: 1, Gregory, good col., shape and style, well matched; 2, Skilling, fails only in quality, nice pair; 3, Eaton, very similar. BUFF CK., Y.H.: 1, Skilling, good col., size and length in the cock, with a very neat, well-drawn hen; 2, Eaton, very neat.

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Twitterings.

Will Mr. Savage kindly communicate with me at Holmewood, as his address has been misplaced, writes Mr. W. Holmes.

We have decided to hold a one-day open show of cage birds, etc., on Nov. 23, writes Mr. H. Ridgway, sec. of the Hinckley F. and F.S.

I have taken off Mr. Williams the aviaries at 16, Mountvernon Road, Liverpool, writes Mr. Arthur Smith, and have left Myrtle Street.

We hear that Mr. W. Reid (Sunderland) has been elected to judge Beamish Nest Feather Show on July 6, and Derwent Valley C.B.S. Open Show on Oct. 26.

We are holding our Open Show on Oct. 12 at Salem Lecture Hall, one of the finest halls in the kingdom, writes Mr. W. A. Wilson, hon. sec. of the Leeds C.B.S.

Allow me to congratulate you on your excellent "Annual" for 1912. I think it far surpasses any of its predecessors.—Ernest A. Bish, jun. (Durrington).

West Bromwich C.B.S. have again obtained the services of Mr. J. H. Payne (Gloucester) to judge their open show on Nov. 13, writes Mr. W. G. Andrews, the hon. sec.

We have decided to hold our First Feather Show on June 22, in the Assembly Rooms of Newbold Friendly Society, when Mr. W. Hardy (Oldham) will judge, writes Mr. T. Holt, hon. sec., Rochdale Good Intent O.S.

Mr. Wm. McAdam (Lasswade) has consented to judge Scotch Fancies, Norwich, and British birds and Mr. T. Spence (Methil) the Borders, at our annual club show on Oct. 12, writes Mr. W. B. Smart, sec. of the Loanhead and Dist. C.B.S.

Secretaries and others are asked to note the following changes of address:—Mr. A. Maxwell from 40, Stewartville Street, to 7, Rothesay Gardens, Partick, Glasgow; Mr. J. Dewsnap, from 68, Princess Street to 14, Princess Street, Glossop.

Will societies who will be wanting the patronage of the Yorkshire County British Bird and Mule Club please let me hear as soon as possible, so as to get everything in working order for next meeting, writes Mr. J. Lane, the hon. sec.

Our First Feather Show is to be held on June 22, writes Mr. J. R. Chestney, sec. of the Cramlington and Dis. C.B.S., and our second Annual Show on Nov. 23, when we hope for an even bigger success than on Nov. 25 of last year.

As the annual general meeting will be held early next month, I shall be glad if any member who has any matter to place on the agenda will let me have same at once, writes Mr. J. W. Rennie, hon. sec. of the Southern Yorkshire C.C.

The Larkhall and District Horticultural and Industrial Society have fixed July 25 as the date of their annual open show, writes Mr. A. W. Sealy, the hon. sec. They have appointed Mr. J. R. Houghton (Gloucester) as judge in the cage bird section.

We are holding our first show on Oct. 30 and 31, writes Mr. A. Afrigan, hon. secs., Ramsgate C.B.S., and have secured the services of that well-known judge, Mr. G. Gardner. Further particulars will be given later. Will secretaries please note?

Fanciers in and around London will do well to visit Sandiford's, of Preston, new branch shop at 89, Sclater Street, Bethnal Green, where they will be able to purchase everything in the bird line. The very best and cheapest of everything. Note! Now open.—Advt.

In the Hanley and District C.B.S. club report the printers have made an error. It says: "Mr. Naylor's terms for judging were accepted." It should have read: "Mr. Naylor's terms for the room at the George and Dragon Hotel were accepted,' writes Mr. W. G. Llewellyn, the sec.

Will all societies who desire the patronage of the Norwich Plainhead Club kindly make application at once, as the committee meet on March 30, writes Mr. F. Cunliffe, 19, Lark Street. Societies receiving our patronage will have to guarantee the following:—Sixteen classes for Norwich (four money prizes per class, to the amount of 22s.); also they will have to select one of the Club judges.

Livezine, Limited, of Grimsby, are placing a food on the market for the rearing of young birds in what should be a very popular form, the packets costing but 2d. each. The scientific analysis of it is certainly of a very high order. It is composed largely of desiccated yolks, and the name given it is "Desiccated Yolk of Egg." This is claimed to be the best food for rearing young Canaries and for use when the birds are moulting or in delicate health.

Hamilton (Cadzow) Oaks O.S. have secured the services of the following specialist judges for their show on Nov. 9, writes Mr. G. Marlin, the sec.:—For Norwich Plainheads, Mr. J. Smeaton (Musselburgh); for Borders, Mr. J. Hamilton (Eskbank); for Mules, Hybrids, and British Birds, Mr. R. Bald (Bathgate).

Among the new members who joined the South Birmingham O.S. at the last meeting, writes Mr. J. Sheppard, the sec., was Mr. Long, the official local hon. sec. of Cage Birds League, and as we do not so far possess many in the League we shall hope to hear Mr. Long give us information on same at an early date.

The first meeting of the new society for Waterford, writes Mr. W. H. Furlong (Waterford) will be held on March 28, at 8 p.m., at Messrs. Power Bros. (hairdressers), 30, O'Connell Street, Waterford. Cage bird and other fanciers are invited to attend. Anyone unable to attend but wishing to join should write Messrs. Power Bros.

I have again taken over the secretaryship of the Redhill C.B.S. for another year, writes Mr. A. W. Bacon. We have now three challenge cups, and on the year we have a balance of £1 10s., which I think is good for the first year. Subscription, 3s. per year. All communications should be sent to me at 14, Charman Road, Redhill.

At the annual general meting of the Scottish Norwich Plainhead Club, to be held on March 23 in Good Templars' Hall, 122, Ingram Street, Glasgow, at 5.30 p.m., a financial statement for the year ended Jan. 31 will be submitted, showing cash in hand of £1 16s. 2½d. This is 1s. 10½d. more than the balance from the previous year, despite a loss on the club show of £3 6s.

Owing to my leaving England for Canada early in April, I am reluctantly obliged to give up the secretaryship of the Nelson and Dist. C.B.S., writes Mr. J. Gregson. All communications should be addressed to the assistant secretary, Mr. Fred Ainscough, 54, Beaufort Street, Nelson. As I am selling all my birds and cages, I shall have to give up my hobby.

IMPORTANT NOTICE.

Will all correspondents, and secretaries and officials of societies in particular, please note that "Cage Birds" now goes to press on Wednesday evening, so that all matter for publication in our issue of the same week MUST reach us on Tuesday to be certain of inclusion, or first post Wednesday at latest.

The Leeds C.B.S. syllabus for 1912 includes lectures on "Breeding and Rearing (on April 6), "British Birds" (by Mr. H. J. Chittenden), etc.; a First Feather Show (June 1; judge, Mr. W. A. Wilson); a Young Bird Show (July 6; Judge, Mr. Chittenden); an Open Show (Oct. 12; judges, Messrs. J. H. Roe and W. Mundell); and Members' Shows on Nov. 9 and Dec. 26. The secretary is Mr. W. A. Wilson, 75, Bayswater Mount, Roundhay, Leeds.

It came as a great pleasure to find my three Border Fancy Canaries on the front page of your very popular paper, Cage Birds. Mr. Norman must be a great artist, as he has made a very lifelike sketch of same. The yellow hen that was 3rd at the Palace was awarded 1st at Carlisle (Border City) Show in October, and was shown sixteen times afterwards, never being without a money ticket. I think it a fairly good record.—H. Davidson (Lockerbie).

Our society have elected Messrs. A. Brown (Gateshead) and F. Marwood (Eaglescliffe) to judge our open show on Nov. 8 and 9, the former to judge the Canary section and the latter the British, Mules, and Foreign birds, writes Mr. W. Elliott, sec. of the West Stanley C.B.S. On March 23 Mr. A. Brown will lecture at headquarters (the Town Hall) on "The Norwich Plainhead." All members please turn out at 6.30 p.m. Members still being enrolled.

I have sold my unflighted ticked buff Norwich cock, also clear yellow, to Mr. W. H. Howe, of Wellingborough, for a good figure, writes Mr. R. P. Bixter (Prescot). Their wins were:—Buff: 1st Manchester (Novice), 1st Thatto Heath, 2nd Lancaster and Preston, 3rd Runcorn and Liverpool, etc.; Yellow: 1st Lancaster and Thatto Heath, 2nd Preston, champion classes. These two were brothers, and reared in the same nest. I wish the new owner good luck.

The marking rings for young Canaries and other birds which are sold by Mr. Sam Drake (Haley Hill, Halifax) have acquired a very high and deserved reputation, and his goods for the 1912 season should be even more popular than ever. Mr. Drake, who is one of our oldest established makers of rings, writes:—"I had to give up advertising last season because I had so many orders for rings at the latter end of the season from the Aberdeen University, but this time I shall be able to get every order out for rings the same day, as I have been making all winter for the University, and have got them all finished."

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"Bird Notes," the journal of the Foreign Bird Club, contains this month accounts of the aviaries of Mr. Temple, by Mr. Wesley T. Page; and of Miss C. W. Thorburn, by "A Visitor." Notes on the breeding of Tanagers are given by Mr. J. Easton Scott; of Pekin Robins, by Mr. E. Chawner; and of Silver-eared Mesias, by Mr. O. Millsum. Other articles are —"The Black-headed Sibia" and "The Himalayan Whistling Thrush," both by Mr. H. Goodchild; and "Tanagers in Cages," by Lady Pilkington. Mr. W. S. Bailey records his nesting results for 1911, and Mr. H. Willford continues his very interesting notes entitled "Bird Life Through the Camera."

Through the kindness of a few friends, I am able to announce that a very handsome silver cup will be offered for competition in novice Canary classes, to be won outright, at our annual autumn show on Nov. 5 next, writes Mr. W. Hodson, hon. sec. of the Dulwich and Peckham C.B.S. Novices joining the society at once will be eligible to compete for this, as well as for the other trophies, namely, "News of the World' Shield, Points Cup, and Young Bird Bowl. A handsome silver-plated coffee pot (Grahame Trophy) is open for competition in the British bird classes only, besides a wealth of other specials always provided at our shows. Now, fanciers, is your chance. Send your names to me at 39, Friern Road, East Dulwich, and become members at once.

Yorkshire Canary Club.

Nomination of officers for 1912.—Will members fill in the nomination papers in centre of club's handbook, and return to the secretary not later than March 31? Members in arrears of subscriptions, please remit same at their earliest convenience.—John Greaves, secretary.

U.S.A. Birdy Men Please Note.

I would like cage bird fanciers over here to look me up or correspond, writes Mr. S. F. Carpenter (53, East 74th Street, New York), as it is hard work getting into touch with birdy men, as we have no paper published in the United States.

How to Rear Canaries.

I think my essay of last week would have been improved if I had stated that when the youngsters are placed in a cage by themselves the infusion of gentian and Parrish's Chemical Food should be discontinued gradually as they grow stronger. The infusian of gentian checks them from drinking too much, and the chemical food aids digestion; so I advise that neither be discontinued too quickly.—H. A. Waddington (Earlestown).

Grimsby Fancier's Total Loss.

Mr. J. Drinkell, a member of Cage Birds League, writes to Mr. Fulljames as under. We trust that any Grimsby reader who may have birds offered to him in circumstances which suggest that they may be some of Mr. Drinkell's birds will do his best to help this fancier to trace the culprit or culprits:—"I have had the misfortune to have my aviary broken into," he writes; "and if you could kindly make a reference to this in our journal, Cage Birds, it may be the means of tracing the thieves. The birds stolen were one yellow hen, two yellow cocks, two ditto colour-fed, one variegated hen, two cock Goldfinches (one Siberian, one Welsh), two Linnets, twenty-three month-old Canaries. Besides losing the birds, two nests of eggs have been spoilt." Mr. Drinkell's address is 69, Tunnard Street, Grimsby.

He Got His "Bargain."

The other day, in the Cattle Market at Holloway, one of the itinerant "bird dealers" was plying his calling. He had a nice stock of German Canaries of striking colour. Standing by was a quiet-looking workman. "There! two hob; warranted to sing in three days after you get it home, or your money back." The workman bought the bird, and was told he had a "bargain." He laughed, and said: "Oh, yes, I believe I've got the bargain that I wanted. This is the sixth bird I've had, and the other five which you warranted cocks have all turned out hens. So whenever I want a hen now I know where I shall be sure to get one. There's nothing like coming to a man in whom you have confidence, is there? Here's your two bob, for I know I've got a right 'un."

Swallows Nesting in a Train.

In the Australian magazine, the "Emu," attention is drawn to the remarkable, and, it is believed, unparalleled, fact of a pair of Swallows building in one of the carriages of a train. The Swallows (Hirundo neoxena) had built their nest in the under iron framework of one of the second-class carriages of a train running daily from Stony Point to Mornington Junction and back (fifteen miles each way), but occasionally going on to Mornington Station, eight miles further. When examined at Somerville Station early in December last the nest contained five eggs, which were then warm. The nest, which appears to have been constructed at Mornington Junction terminus, is stated to have taken five weeks in building. The birds were not seen to be always following the train, but joined it at various points en route.

Appreciated Sympathy.

Mr. V. Wynn asks us to return his heartfelt thanks to those who sent him such kindly words of sympathy in his recent great bereavement, as he finds it impossible to personally answer all who wrote. The numerous messages—many of them from fanciers in different parts of England who were previously unknown to him—have touched him deeply and helped in no small measure to lighten his burden of grief. The relatives of the late Miss Shephard join him in this expression of thanks.

Trouble in the L.C.B.A.

We regret to hear that serious internal dissension is rife in the London Cage Bird Association, resulting in stormy scenes at the last meeting. We learn also that Mr. John Tyson, who has played such a prominent part in the history of the L.C.B.A. for over 20 years, having been secretary, treasurer and show manager by turn, has tendered his resignation as a member; while the chairman of committee, Mr. Tinniswood Miller resigned some little time ago. We sincerely hope some means of smoothing over the present troubles may be found and that the Association may not lose the services of such respected and valued members, but steer clear of the rocks which would seem to be looming ahead.

Progress at Lockerbie.

We are only having cage birds at Lockerbie Show this year, and are trying to make it as large a show as possible, writes Mr. H. Davidson. There will be more cups and medals (amongst other valuable prizes) offered for competition. We have a few "new hands" in the hobby, especially Dr. Irving, of this town, who has built a large outside aviary, and is filling it with British and foreign birds. Also we have Mr. Bryce (all the way from Bathgate), who is going in for pairs for hybrid breeding, also a few Border Fancies. Lockerbie will be a hotbed shortly for birds, and ere long I hope they will be able to boast of it being the Palace Show of the North.

Sparrows and Crocuses.

They say that it is for the sake of the saffron in it that the Sparrows attack the crocus, playing sad havoc among the spring flowers of this name, writes "Whist" in the "North Mail." There are several ways of keeping the birds off. The best way that I know of is to stick into the ground, all along the crocus border, small pieces of twig about a foot high and a yard apart. Take a reel of ordinary black sewing cotton, tie it to the end stick and carry it from one stick to another, giving a few twists round each to keep it firm. This is a sure protection. The Sparrows are afraid of getting their feet entangled in the thread, and do not touch the flowers so protected. If the twigs are cut from shrubs or trees they hardly show at all, and do not disfigure the borders.

The Lady's Slight Mistake.

We have received, says the "Swindon Evening Advertiser," the following remarkable letter from the Secretary of the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds:—

> Sir,—It is to be hoped that the picture which appears in the "Daily Mail" of two detestable young women wearing stuffed Robins in their hats as a "compliment" to the Swindon Football Team, is a libel and an invention. The footballers who call themselves by the name of our popular little Redbreast can hardly be gratified by seeing the dead bodies of their mascot stuck on girls' heads, and if they possess the ordinary healthy instinct of young Englishmen are more likely to hiss the wearers off the ground than to wish to walk out with them on Sunday.
>
> I am, sir, your obedient servant,
>
> (Miss) L. Gardiner.
>
> Sec. R.S.P.B.

This is really too funny for words. Miss Gardiner might have spared herself much pain and trouble had she taken the simple and judicious step of ascertaining whether the Robins which these "two detestable young women" were wearing were actually stuffed, or merely artificial. One can well imagine the indescribable shock which this revolting picture must have given this good lady, and we hasten to calm her feelings by at once assuring her that these "popular little Redbreasts" are nothing more or less than a fantastic composition of felt, paper, and wadding—in fact, quite artificial! They can be bought in Swindon for one penny each. No fewer than eight thousand of these perky little mascots were sold in Swindon last year by one tradesman alone.

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The Cinnamon-marked Yorkshire and the problems of its breeding are dealt with by two of the most noted of present-day exhibitors. They consider Cinnamon blood indispensable to any winning strain of Yorkshires.

YOU have asked one of the most difficult questions possible, namely, concerning the breeding of Cinnamon-marked birds. It is impossible to get a single Cinnamon-coloured feather from dark-eyed birds, providing (mind you) they have no Cinnamon blood in them. But it is nearly impossible to tell when many of the Yorkshires of to-day possess Cinnamon blood, for there has been so much bred into them of late years that it is impossible to get a Yorkie and definitely say, "There is no Cinnamon blood in this bird." Mind you, we don't mean there are *no* Yorkshires without Cinnamon blood, but there are very few. We certainly can breed Cinnamon-marks from dark-eyed birds, but we must have bred the dark-eyed ones, and know exactly how they were bred. It would be folly for anybody to start and try to breed Cinnamon-marks from dark-eyed birds if they did not know how the latter were bred.

One of the Brightest "Stars" in Canarydom.

This beautiful variety (the Cinnamon Marked Yorkshire) is one of the prettiest and most interesting of all Canaries. What can be more effective or charming to the eye than a bird with two good eye-marks and a pair of well-balanced wings? To our mind an even-marked bird of this description is one of the brightest "stars" in all the Canary family. Just recently we had a fancier in our rooms who asked us if we had no Cinnamon-marked birds with dark eyes, so we think it will be of benefit to the new beginner to state here that *all* Cinnamon-marks have pink eyes; even if they have only one Cinnamon feather you will know they are pink-eyed. When they get to be adults the pink of the eye is not usually easy to distinguish, except by an experienced fancier, and he cannot always be certain. The best way to tell them is to run the birds into the show cage and hold them up to the window to a strong light; this is the best way to catch a glimpse of the pink tinge of the eye. But when the birds are young (in the nest) they are very easy to tell, as their eyes are like "drops of blood." Then there is the clear bird with pink eyes (carrying no Cinnamon feathers at all). The pink eye denotes Cinnamon blood. Whenever you see a bird with pink eyes you will be *certain* it has Cinnamon blood in it; but the dark-eyed birds that have Cinnamon blood in them you cannot tell, except by knowing how they are bred.

We should advise the new beginner to start with, on one side, a Cinnamon-marked bird, marked on both eyes and both wings, and, on the other side, a clear pink-eyed bird, or one very slightly ticked; because by pairing two marked birds together, in a lot of cases they throw the young too heavily marked, and we have proved that it pays better to be under marked rather than over, as the clear pink-eyed, or slightly ticked birds, will sell better than the heavily-variegated and whole Cinnamons. We have bred several whole Cinnamons when pairing two good marked birds, so the new beginner must not think that if he pairs two perfect marked birds together, he is going to get all the young perfect in markings; not at all. It is quite possible to get clear, ticked, good marked, or self Cinnamons from them.

Certain to Breed Good Marked Birds.

Now the following year, if you pair one of these whole (self) Cinnamons to a clear pink-eyed bird, you will be certain to breed good marked birds, providing the clear pink-eyed one comes from good marked stock; if it is of the same strain and a bit related to its mate, it will be no worse. We have on several occasions bred with whole Cinnamons in this way, and have produced some champion marked birds (both eyes and both wings) as near even as possible. But you must not think you can do it with *any* whole Cinnamons. Here, again, comes in the advantage of knowing how they are bred. If there is a time when blood (or "pedigree") is of vital importance, it is in even-marked breeding. You must know something of the birds' forefathers to be successful.

A real champion winning Cinnamon-marked bird is more difficult to breed than clear birds, for the simple reason that you have marking to attend to, over and above all the other properties. For instance, you may get a clear pink-eyed bird, or one or two heavy-marked birds, perfect in type and quality and all other things; then you say, if this had only been correctly marked, what a knock out. On the other hand you may get a bird perfect in markings, but failing in type, quality, or some other important property. So you will see that you cannot be too careful in selecting your stock.

The Advantage of Cinnamon Blood.

The advantage of having Cinnamon blood in the Yorkshire is that it helps you to get colour and quality. By mixing Cinnamon and Green together we get those lovely salmon-tinted buffs. You can put Cinnamon blood into your stock without breeding Cinnamon-marks by using the pink-eyed hens, as by pairing a pink-eyed hen to a dark-eyed cock you will never get a Cinnamon feather, if the cock has no Cinnamon blood in him. Cinnamon marking comes from the cock's side, so you see you are compelled to have Cinnamon blood in the cock to produce Cinnamon-coloured feathers in the young the first year. But the sons of the above pair (pink-eyed hen and dark-eyed cock) mated up the following year to dark-eyed hens, will be capable of throwing Cinnamon marks; but all the Cinnamon-marks so bred will be hens, as it is impossible to get a Cinnamon-marked cock bird by this method of pairing. But pair these same cocks to pink-eyed or Cinnamon-marked hens and you can produce Cinnamon-marked cocks.

If you want to breed Cinnamon-marks the first year, it is best to mate a Cinnamon-marked cock to a dark-eyed hen. We advise a dark-eyed hen because the dark-eyed birds are supposed to be better in type. But if you are pairing this way with a view to improve type, see that the dark-eyed hen is really typical, as there are a lot of dark-eyed hens a long way off the type we require. If you want to breed all Cinnamon-marks, it is best to have pink-eyed on both sides; then you can depend on all the young being pink-eyed. If you find your stock throwing too many clear pink-eyed birds, it is advisable to breed with a whole Cinnamon, or a heavy marked bird occasionally, to keep the marking up; but mind it comes from a good marked strain, as we have proved that marking wears out or deteriorates. What we mean by this is, the birds drift so much towards clears; this is proved by the original Green Canary, from which all Canaries have descended.

Blood that is never bred out.

There is another curious thing about Cinnamon blood; once you have put it in, you can never breed it out. Cinnamon blood can lie dormant for practically any length of time and then show itself, to the surprise of the owner, by a pair throwing a Cinnamon-marked or pink-eyed youngster. This is exactly the way we bred our buff Cinnamon-marked hen which won first prize at the Crystal Palace "Jubilee" show. We had introduced no Cinnamon blood into this strain for 10 or 11 years, and we were rather surprised to get a real good marked one (marked both eyes and both wings and very evenly balanced). You must have Cinnamon blood in the Yorkshires of to-day to be successful on the show bench, as we have proved beyond doubt that this is the source whence we get that lovely tint of colour, also that glossy appearance of the plumage so much admired to-day on the show bench.

REWARDS OF THE SUCCESSFUL FANCIER.

Some of the splendid trophies won by the exhibition Yorkshires owned by Messrs. Ogden Bros. (whose photographs are inset at top).

FROM FIELD TO SHOW BENCH.

By J. STEEL (Dalkeith).

Continued from page 253.

The second instalment of a very instructive discourse upon British birds, delivered before the Edinburgh C.B.S.

MAKE some so-called "bird-lime" — a compound resembling a mixture of treacle and Stockholm tar. If you purchase it you will perhaps get it in a tin with two lids, the inner one having holes in which small twigs are inserted, printed directions for use being supplied with each box. You are instructed to stick the twigs on a hedge or bush at an angle of forty-five degrees (perhaps birds don't like any deviation from this rule), and the directions conclude with the only sensible action of the whole proceedings—"retire and hide yourself," to which I should add, "and never more show yourself." The subsequent results can be imagined, that is, if any foolish but unfortunate bird alights on those twigs before the alleged bird-lime has run off or dried on them; a besmeared and miserable victim is left scrambling about the hedge bottom to show that the "fool bird-catcher" has been there. This is one of the things which bring discredit on bird-keepers.

Using Bird-Lime Humanely.

I will now describe the humane method of using good bird-lime. Make or purchase some proper bird lime, tough and elastic in consistency; this is made from holly bark; it should neither run nor "freeze," and when affixed should be capable of being disengaged without injuring a bird's feathers (as no lime remains on the bird). For Gold-crests, take a few lengths of esparto grass, that is, a tough wiry grass, largely imported from Spain and used in paper making; it is most familiar in the form of "carpet switches." In its natural state it has a slight crook at the base, and a long tapering point at the other end, both of which should be removed, the former because it precludes insertion, and the latter because it is liable to become entangled and break. The portion left will be about ten or twelve inches long. Take a number of these and separate them into two lots; dip the ends of one lot in the lime, and twist till sufficient is engaged, taking care not to get too much. If the lime is good it will be found necessary to cut it free from the tin. A pair of scissors, previously wetted, are useful for this purpose. Take the remaining lot of grasses and contrive by twisting the two lots together, to coat the grasses very lightly for two-thirds of their length with lime. Holding them before a fire facilitates this operation. These rolled in a sheet of strong glazed paper will be found effective in taking almost any species of bird.

I wish to impress one important point on those who mean to try this method of catching their own birds. Never go for a walk without the grasses. A habit becomes second nature. As sure as you go out and forget them, you will see something good; I have experienced this scores of times, and you will probably smile when I inform you that this pocket was made to hold grass, and that to hold my field glasses. This may seem like the Yankee habit of carrying a gun. I can, however, certify that the grass, like the gun, may be carried a long time without being required; but there comes an occasion when it is wanted "durned bad."

I may mention one of many instances; I had been on the look-out for a good Gold-crest for quite a long time, and all I had seen was a poor specimen, not worth taking. Accepting an invitation to visit our genial friend Wat., of Loanhead, I, in company with our worthy president, trained to Polton Station; of course, I forgot the grasses, and I touched a magnificent specimen twice with my stick that day. Now, if I had possessed the grasses I should have improvised a rod by splicing two hemlock stems or nettles and inserting two grasses in the top. I should without making any undue fuss or chasing have endeavoured to approach close enough to permit of my touching the bird on the wing with the limed portion, which, being very slightly inserted, would have remained on him and effectually prevented his flying.

The "Touch Down" Method.

If the bird is in a hedge, and you are accompanied by a friend, it is a good plan to ensconce yourself in a gap and allow him or her to drive it very gently towards you. I have found that holding a leafy branch before you greatly facilitates a near approach. This method of taking I term "the touch down." I have taken almost every species of Warbler by this means, also Tits, Treecreepers, Siskins, Redpolls, etc. It is a very convenient method of taking nestlings which have the power to fly but are still in that stage of infantile ignorance which allows you to approach so near, and yet be so far. I succeeded in marking over 100 birds for the Aberdeen University Bird Migration Enquiry Committee and a private gentleman last year—mostly by this method. As showing what can be done by effective screening, I touched down and marked seventeen Martins in one morning, not one of which lost a feather in the process. There are other methods of using the grass, which I will explain when you come to deal with the species. Meantime, having caught our Gold-crest, we will proceed to moat it off, or wean it on to a diet of preserved food. The stock cage for this and similar small insectivorous species, should be box pattern, i.e., wired in front only, and not less than 18in. long, 8in. deep, and 12in. high, as although these birds are small they are very active, and any sudden curtailment is detrimental to health.

It is not within the scope of my lecture to demonstrate the bad effects which result from a maximum of food and a minimum of exercise, but I wish to impress on you a the folly of expecting a bird to retain a healthy condition if confined in one of the small abominations too often met with.

(To be continued.)

Questions and Answers.

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(7)—*Queries relating to illnesses of birds, except enquiries as to cause of death (for which see Post Mortems will be answered by return of post on receipt of a postal order for sixpence and an addressed stamped envelope. Queries of an ordinary nature will be answered by post, if desired, on receipt of a postal order for one shilling and a stamped addressed envelope.*

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(9)—*All queries must be addressed to the* **Editor, "Cage Birds,"** *154, Fleet Street, London, E.C. Only queries so sent will be answered. Postcards are not admissible.*

THE following gentlemen represent CAGE BIRDS staff of **ADVISORY EXPERTS.** Queries must in no case be addressed to any of them individually, but to the Editor.

Canaries.—**Claude St. John.** British Birds, Mules and Hybrids—**G. E. Weston.** Foreign Birds—**Wesley T. Page,** F.Z.S., M.B.N.H.S., &c., Wild Bird Lite—**H. Norman.**

NOTE.—If an answer is required concerning the proper mating, etc., of Norwich, Yorkshires, Crests, Cinnamons, Greens, Borders, Lizards, Scotch or any other variety of the Canary family, we shall, should the querist desire us to do so, be pleased to submit his questions for answer to some leading specialist of the day on the variety concerned.

CANARY QUERIES.

Answered by CLAUDE ST. JOHN.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT (First Year).—Many thanks for your appreciative letter and kind remarks about CAGE BIRDS ANNUAL. Hope you will have a successful season.

CAUSE OF DEATH (F.S.).—As a rule the only possible way in which to ascertain the cause of a death is to have a post-mortem on the body. In your case, however, there is no doubt whatever the bird died from an apoplectic seizure, and nothing you could have done after the attack came on would have been of any avail. If you could have anticipated the attack by a few days of spare plain dietary, with a liberal supply of green food, and frequent aperients, it might have been prevented, though even this would depend to some extent upon the nature of the exciting cause.

HOLDING BEAKS OPEN (Harry).—This is sometimes simply due to nervousness, or fright at some unfamiliar object. See if you can discover any such cause, and, if so, remove it, or place the birds where it will not trouble them much, when the effect will disappear. If no such cause exists, the birds are probably in an overfed condition. Try the treatment advised to "Portsmouth" for a fortnight, but give the sponge cake once only in each week, and omit from it the sherry and oil. Also give the buckthorn every second day for a week, and the gentian mixture every second day in the following week.

NOT SINGING (F. R. Armstrong).—Follow the advice given to "Portsmouth" as regards feeding and management. Add six drops of syrup of rhubarb and as much Epsom salts as will cover a sixpence to the water every second day for a week, and in the next week give the gentian mixture as advised in the reply referred to. Also give a little of the following paste. Place a tablespoonful of pure honey, a small teaspoonful of cod liver oil emulsion, as much chlorate of potash as will cover a shilling, and the same quantity of grain of paradise in a small gallipot, stand pot in a saucer of hot water, and mix thoroughly, adding, meanwhile, sufficient finely pounded biscuit to make a fairly stiff paste. When cold, cut off a small piece, and stick between the wires at the end of a perch for bird to peck when so disposed.

ASTHMA AND WHITE CANARIES (Fancy).—(1) The bird making a noise as you suggest does not necessarily mean it is suffering from asthma. See that it is kept in a comfortable and equable place quite free from draughts. Add ten drops of syrup of buckthorn to its drinking water for two days, and afterwards give 20 drops of whisky, five each of oxymel of squills and ipecacuanha wine, and two of eucalyptus oil well shaken in its water, every second day for a week. (2) When first obtained, white Canaries were certainly sports, or freaks, as you put it—but as they stand to-day they may well be regarded as the pioneers of a new, though, as yet, undeveloped, variety. White is the natural colour. They are not colour fed.

VARIOUS (Mrs. Hodges).—(1) No, I do not think you should try to breed with the green hen any more. Even if she apparently recovers from the painting I would not do so. Feed her as advised to "Portsmouth" for a fortnight, and give the medicine advised to "Fancy." See that she is kept in healthy surroundings and free from draughts. (2) I do not care for these elaborate mixtures of seed for regular use, neither during breeding or at any other time. You should get "Canary Breeding for Beginners" for details of feeding. (3) It would have been quite safe to put the two eggs a week old under the other hen, and they would probably hatch out if they had been kept under proper conditions. But as being a little stale would probably delay the hatching some hours, it would have been best to use these eggs as dummies to replace the hen's own eggs as laid, leaving them in the nest when the other eggs were returned on the evening of the third day.

DOES NOT SING (New Beginner).—I should begin to doubt it being a cock. Follow advice given to "F. R. Armstrong" for a fortnight, and if it is not then coming in song get some experienced fancier to look at it and tell you whether it is a cock or hen. I imagine it will be the latter.

MIXED SEEDS AND FEEDING (A.V.S.).—(1) For occasional use as a tit-bit, and to tone birds up, the following is excellent. Two parts each hemp, niga, and millet; one part each black rape, and teazle; half-part each of sesame, gold of pleasure, and maw, and a quarter part each of linseed and mustard. (2) No. 10 Nutshell booklet will tell you all about feeding Roller Canaries, and No. 5 about other varieties. (3) It is not necessary to place a dummy egg in the nest for each egg removed. One dummy to replace the first egg is quite sufficient.

SWELLING ON BACK (Fag).—As the swelling is not reduced under the treatment already given there is nothing for it but to excise it, and judging from what you say, it is, I imagine, now quite fit for removal at any time. You may, if you wish, try painting with iodine every second day for a week, though I doubt the efficacy of doing so. If a valuable specimen, get a vet., or a chemist, to open the skin and remove the substance, which will probably press out quite easily all at once. If your medical man would do it, so much the better. If you attempt it yourself, unless you have some knowledge of the part, you would have to take the risk of making matters worse than they now are.

BLISTERS ON YORKSHIRE (H. Towner).—I cannot gather clearly from your description what these blisters may be. Do they appear to be filled with air or fluid? Thoroughly examine cage and bird for the presence of insect pests, and if any are discovered clear them out. Allow bird to bathe freely in mild weather. Give a staple diet of plain canary seed, and every second day give separately half-a-teaspoonful of egg food or crushed sponge cake, with three drops of cod liver oil emulsion well mixed in it, and sprinkled with maw seed. On the alternate days give a pinch of summer rape, and two leaves of dandelion. Twice a week give a small teaspoonful of the seed mixture advised to "A.V.S." Add 20 drops of chemical food to the drinking water two days in every three. If not well, report progress in two or three weeks.

NOT REARING YOUNG (F.J.).—If you mean that you have already had two nests this year, you started much too early, and this is, or will be, a considerable bar to good success by the end of the season. If you follow the advice in the ANNUAL with the next brood, you will stand the best chance of success. You should, however, remove the cock next time when the hen commences to sit, and leave her to hatch and rear the young by herself. Many hens will go along famously under these conditions, which will not fully rear their young when the cock is left with them permanently. It would also be advisable to try to get another common hen nesting about the same time in order to transfer the young to her care if the Norwich hen fails to do her duty again. When the young are a week old begin to vary the diet, and make it as tempting as you can. Give a little crushed hemp daily, fresh green food two or three times daily, and a little soaked rape seed. Allow hen to bathe if she will. You will find names and addresses of club secretaries in the ANNUAL. Mr. J. Sheppard, 9, St. Oswald's Road, Small Heath, is secretary to the S.B.O.S.

MOULTING (Alice B.).—If the bird is in no draught, it is practically certain to be subject to constant rapid extremes of temperature. Move it out of the window, and keep it within the room, in a nice bright position, free from draughts, great fluctuations, or impure air from burning lights. A box cage is preferable, but if bird is in an open wire one, cover it over for a week or so on three sides at least. Give a staple diet of three parts canary to one part summer rape. Every second day a half-teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake with four drops of sherry and two of cod liver oil emulsion mixed in it and sprinkled with maw seed; on the alternate days give a pinch of hemp and a leaf of dandelion. Twice a week give a little of the seed mixture advised to "A. V. S." In the water add six drops of tincture of gentian and four of tincture of steel every second day until feathers cease dropping. The bird will not sing until moulting ceases.

A BAD START (Posthorn).—Very sorry to hear you have lost the hen. She clearly died from egg-binding. Possibly you might have saved her had you noticed her in time, and treated her as advised in the ANNUAL, or Part VIII. of "Our Canaries." It is most inadvisable to try running a cock and two hens all together in a double breeding cage. But you might very reasonably get two hens, as you suggest, and keep one in each compartment of a double-breeder with the wood slide between. Then if one is ready to mate before the other, introduce the cock and let him send her to nest, then remove him and introduce him to the other one. When No. 2 has gone to nest, remove cock and cage him alone until No. 1 is ready to go to nest with a second brood. Then repeat the process. If both hens are equally forward in going to nest, run the cock with each one alternate every day. Say put him with No. 1 in the morning, and at midday run him through the slide to No. 2; let him remain until next midday, then turn him back to No. 1, and so on until both have gone to nest, then move him and cage him alone.

A BALL OF FEATHERS (Portsmouth).—You do not give sufficient particulars to enable me to form a very clear idea of what is wrong. Try following treatment for a fortnight, and if not then well, write again. In the first place, see that the bird is kept in a healthy and comfortable place, and is quite free from cold draughts, of great fluctuations of heat or cold. See that cage is free from red mites, and keep floor strewn with clean, gritty sand. In addition to the staple of plain canary seed, give half a teaspoonful of summer rape every second day. On the alternate days give a similar quantity of crushed sponge cake with four drops of sherry and two of cod liver oil emulsion well mixed in it, and sprinkled liberally with maw seed. Give two crisp young leaves of dandelion daily. Limit diet solely to this. In the water give ten drops of syrup of buckthorn for two days, and afterwards four drops each of tincture of gentian, tincture of calumba, and aromatic sulphuric acid every second day for a week.

SINGS VERY LITTLE (Kintore Foxe).—Follow the advice given to "F. A. Armstrong" in this issue, which will probably soon set matters right.

SILENT YORKSHIRE (Novice).—You give absolutely no particulars about the bird and its treatment to enable me to form any definite opinion. If it is a young bird and in good health it should have been in song before now. Follow advice given to "F. R. Armstrong" for a fortnight, and if not then in song try to get some experienced fancier to see it and tell you if it is an undoubted cock. You may also write again, referring to this reply and giving full particulars about the bird and its treatment.

MATING CRESTS (E. Johnson).—I take it that by the term "plain crest" you mean a Crestbred bird; that is, a bird with dense heavy head feather and overhanging eyebrows, but no definite crest, such as are bred intimately with crested birds. If this is so, then you will do quite right to pair such a bird with a crested specimen. This is the usual way of mating. Occasionally two crested birds are put together for some special purpose, but this method is not to be commended to inexperienced breeders who have no such objects in view. You should get Parts XII. and XIII. of "Our Canaries" for a full discussion of all these points.

FORWARD HEN (Posthorn).—(1) No, the forwardness of the hen is no indication that she had been mated before you had her. The way in which she went to nest is, indeed, the strongest proof that she had not been mated. (2) If pairing took place, it is quite possible the eggs may be fertile, but as the cock seems out of condition, this is by no means a certainty. Let them sit the full time and prove themselves. (3) A hen sitting out her full time on a clutch of eggs which prove unfertile has absolutely no harmful effect upon her. (4) It would have been much better to remove the cock as soon as the hen began to sit, leaving her to hatch and rear the brood herself. Then you could have fed him up and brought him into condition, as given in full detail in CAGE BIRDS ANNUAL.

A VARIETY (Market Cross).—(1) It is quite possible the hen would breed in the condition you describe, but not very probable, and if she did it is highly probable she would not rear the young, and, again, if her young were reared with the help of feeders, the probability of them inheriting this weakness and being strongly predisposed to similar attacks is very great indeed. Therefore, you see how unwise it is to breed with such birds. See No. 1 reply to "Mrs. Hodges." (2) You may get some Crested birds from the Crest hen and the Norwich Plainhead cock, but you must not look for anything at all exceptional. The number and quality of the birds would depend upon the breeding of the Crest hen. It is impossible to say whether you would get a clear body dark crest from the mating. It may be possible, but it would be a mere sport. (3) The above cock mated with a Crest-bred hen would breed large, feathery birds, a large proportion with heavy eyebrows, long tails and flights, and, perhaps, a quite small proportion with some sort of apology for a crest. In both cases the young would be simply crossbreds of no particular value. (4) Mated with a Roller hen you would get some young quite as large as the Norwich, and others little larger than the Roller. It would depend upon which bird was the most vigorous and dominant, and also upon the way the parents fed them to some extent.

DIARRHŒA (F. Wells).—It is useless putting the hens up for breeding until this trouble is removed, and as the treatment you have now given has not removed it you must look well into your foods, water, etc., as there must be something wrong here. Continue the same general method of feeding and treatment as already advised, but instead of any other kind of soft food, give a piece of bread the size of a large hazel nut dusted all over with carbonate of bismuth every second day, and on the alternate days a pinch of good sound hemp, and a quarter teaspoonful of maw. In the drinking water give six drops of tincture of gentian and four of aromatic sulphuric acid every second day. Continue the treatment for a fortnight, if necessary, and if not well then, write again and report progress. The sample of canary seed sent is to all appearance an excellent one, and is not musty; but there is a suspicion of softness in the kernel which makes me suspect it may be stored in a damp place. The summer rape is also very good, but there is, I think, a little indication of it being infested with mites, though the sample was too small to make quite certain of this. Look into these points.

A NEGATIVE SIGN (F. MacPherson).—Instead of casting feathers being a sign of breeding condition, it is significant of the fact that the bird most certainly will not breed as long as the loss of feather continues. Had you had a copy of CAGE BIRDS ANNUAL by you you would have seen full details how to deal with this trouble. See that the bird is kept quite free from draughts and insect pests, and keep floor strewn with clean gritty sand. Give a staple diet of three parts canary to one part summer rape. Every second day give half a teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake with four drops of sherry and two of cod liver oil emulsion well mixed in it and sprinkled with maw seed. On the alternate days give a similar quantity of equal parts hemp and millet, and a leaf of dandelion. Allow bird to bathe in bright, mild weather. Keep fairly warm and equable, but not overheated. Add ten drops of syrup of buckthorn to the water for one day, and afterwards six drops of tincture of gentian and four of tincture of steel two days in every three until feathers cease dropping. From November to end of February is about best time to purchase birds for stock.

OUT OF CONDITION. (John Henderson).—I have not the least doubt these birds are kept under decidedly unhealthy conditions, and most likely exposed to damp, cold draughts, or extremes of heat and cold. For a young cock to be in the condition you describe is a most gloomy prospect for success in breeding. Indeed, I doubt the wisdom of breeding with such a bird at all, even if it should apparently recover. See that both birds are kept in a quite comfortable place, not overheated, but free from any of the above-named causes. Keep cages quite free from red mites and strewn with clean gritty sand. Give a staple diet of plain canary. Every second day add half a teaspoonful of summer rape, and on the alternate days twice each week give a piece of bread and milk the size of a hazel nut with three drops of cod liver oil emulsion on it and sprinkled with soft sugar. On each of the remaining days give a pinch of maw. Give a spray of chickweed or leaf of dandelion daily. In the drinking water give six drops of syrup of rhubarb and as much Epsom Salts as will cover a sixpence every second day for a week, and afterwards 20 drops of whisky, five each of oxymel of squills and ipecacuanha wine, and two of eucalyptus oil well shaken together, every second day for a week or fortnight, as may seem necessary.

BRITISH BIRDS, MULES, AND HYBRIDS.

Answered by G. E. WESTON.

THE BEST SONGSTER (S. D., Shrewsbury).—It is largely a matter of choice. Personally I prefer a Linnet Mule as a vocalist; still, the Goldie Mule is a fine, free songster. The former, however, has a fuller, sweeter voice, the latter being a more shrill, and what one might describe as "aggressive," vocalist.

IDENTITY OF BIRD (F. A. Hinder).—The bird you have caught is a Lesser Redpoll, one of the commonest Finches we have. It is a cock; the hen has not a red breast. Feed as you would a Linnet, This species is very easy to keep. You should read the "Nutshell" Booklet (No. 22) dealing with this bird—post free 2½d.

YOUNG BLACKBIRDS AND THRUSHES (Throstle).—The food you gave them killed the young birds. Consult the "Nutshell" booklet on these birds (No. 4; post free 2½d.), and you will have no more trouble. It tells how to hand-feed them and how to treat them when adult. The only sure way to sex Song Thrushes is by the song.

LINNET AILING (H.W.B.).—Bird-keepers are constantly advised by CAGE BIRDS (to say nothing of books on bird-keeping) not to move birds from heated into unheated rooms, or vice-versa. It is a highly dangerous thing to do. You will gather from this that you have only yourself to blame for the illness of your bird. Give him a course of the medicine advised "Out of Sorts" in this issue. Give also the "tit-bit" mixture recommended by me in reply to a querist last week.

UNCERTAIN (H. A. F.).—I am not quite sure whether Hawfinches have been bred in confinement. I seem to remember reading of its being done in an aviary, but cannot at the moment trace any reference to the case. Perhaps some readers of these notes will write and tell us. I don't see any reason why Hawfinches should not nest in a suitable enclosure.

WHEN SHOULD THEY SING? (A. B. C.).—The Goldfinch ought to have commenced to sing before this, and the Thrush also, I think, seeing that both are, you say, "fairly steady and in good health." Larks are usually longer in "opening out." A good deal depends upon the nature of the individual bird, however, also upon the place in which it is kept. If you put your birds in a quiet, sunny spot, for instance, they will be more likely to sing there than anywhere else. The tale told you by the "other fellow" is just nonsense; ignore it.

SIX OF 'EM (N. M. Hall).—(1) Hawfinches I have always found peaceably inclined towards other birds kept in the same aviary. (2) Experience differs as regards the Crossbill. One well-known aviculturist turned a pair into his aviary, and the cock slaughtered several of the inmates, and was very murderously inclined. A friend of mine, however, kept a cock bird for a long time "on his own" amongst a crowd of birds in an aviary, and this bird did no damage whatever (to other birds, at any rate). (3) I think you would find Blackbirds and Thrushes somewhat unsuitable for your place. A friend had a pair of Blackbirds in his aviary, and during the spring the cock knocked out the brains of several other smaller birds therein before his misdeeds were brought home to him. A pair of Great Tits were suspected as being the culprits. But it so happened that one afternoon I saw the cock Blackbird rush upon and murder a Hedge Sparrow right under my nose. After his removal no further crimes were committed. (4) I think you can safely introduce the hens mentioned, providing you have not two cocks of the same species to one hen, in which case ructions may ensue. (5) Ivy and mountain ash berries are eaten by the wild birds. (6) Breeding in a small aviary with a mixed lot of birds is always very much of a lottery with plenty of tickets and very few prizes, so to speak, as a general thing.

AN UNSTEADY GOLDFINCH (An Amateur, F.A.).—I am inclined to think that the advice you were given is thoroughly sound; the Goldie in question would be likely to do better in the aviary. If you elect to use a cage, let it be a roomy one, and hang it in a very quiet room. Of course, if you have any other cock birds in the aviary, one or other of these might pair up with the Canary hens. The Linnet you describe should be treated as advised in the answer given "Out of Sorts" in this issue. Don't give the Parrish's Food.

GREENIE AND HEN CANARY (Beginner, E.L.). No need to draw the centre slide until the hen Canary shows decided signs of wanting to build by persistently carrying bits of nesting stuff about in her beak. Until then, just let the two birds see each other. Let the Greenie have every day about a dessertspoonful of white sunflower and hemp (mixed), cracking the former, if necessary. Get him a little dandelion (young leaves and seeding heads), flowering groundsel, chickweed, and shepherd's purse, whenever you possibly can do so.

BLACKBIRD BALD (Calx).—Your method of feeding is wrong, and may be at the root of the trouble. Peameal is too heating and indigestible to be suitable for regular and extensive use, and bread and milk should only be indulged in occasionally. Get the "Nutshell" booklet on the Blackbird (No. 4), and arrange the diet on the lines laid down therein, not overlooking the minced greenfood and the fruit, both of which are essential. Red-mites may also be the cause of the loss of feathers. Are you sure the cage is free from them?

IN AN AVIARY (No nom-de-plume).—Generally speaking, it is better to have only one pair of each species in an aviary if breeding results are desired. There are exceptions to this (Linnets for instance), but Bullfinches can be very nasty to each other when trying to nest in the same enclosure,

CANARY QUERISTS,

should consult St. John's "Canary Breeding for Beginners" (7d.); House's "Canary Manual" (1/2); Battye's "Yorkshire Canaries" (1/1½); House's "Norwich Canaries" (1/1); Weston's "Stock Book" (7d.); Dr. Clarke's "Septic or Bird Fever" (7d.); Dr. Creswell's "Hygiene of Bird-keeping (1/1); Norman's "Aviaries, Bird-rooms, and Cages" (2/3); Ramsden's "Colour-feeding" (3½d.); "Seeds and Foods for Cage Birds" (1/2); or the "Nutshell" booklets (2½d. each): No. 5 "The Pet Canary," No. 6 "Ailing Birds and How to Cure them," No. 9 "The Disinfection of Cages, Bird-rooms, etc.," No. 10 "The Roller," No. 23 "The Border Fancy," No. 24 "Green Canaries." All thoroughly practical and instructive. Prices quoted are post free, from "Cage Birds," 154, Fleet Street, London, E.C.

BRITISH BIRD & HYBRID QUERISTS

should consult Houlton's great work, "Cage-Bird Hybrids" (7/6); Norman's "British Bird Manual" (2/3); or Part 1 "Hardbills" (1/1), Part 2 "Softbills" (1/1); "Aviaries, Bird-rooms, and Cages" (2/3); "Seeds, Foods, and Wild Plants" (1/2); "Secrets of Hybrid Breeding" (1/2); Dr. Creswell's "Hygiene of Bird-keeping" (1/1); Dr. Clarke's "Septic or Bird Fever" (7d.); "Colour-feeding" (3½d.); or the "Nutshell" booklets (2½d. each): No. 1 "Goldfinch," No. 2 "Linnet," No. 3 "Skylark," No. 4 "Song Thrush and Blackbird," No. 11 "Bullfinch," No. 13 "Chaffinch," No. 15 "Greenfinch," No. 22 "Siskin, Redpoll, and Twite," No. 25 "Small Insectivorous Birds," No. 26 "Large Insectivorous Birds," No. 6 "Ailing Birds and How to Cure Them," No. 9 "Disinfection of Cages, Birdrooms, etc.," No. 12 "How to Moult British Birds." All thoroughly practical and instructive. Prices quoted are post free from "Cage Birds," 154, Fleet Street, London, E.C.

and especially the females—it is often quite impossible to keep two hens in the same aviary during the nesting season, as the weaker (or more timid) bird is led an awful life by her companion. Your enclosure is a very large one, however, and you can try the experiment and see how several pairs get on. I find I cannot now keep two Bullies (either cocks or hens) together in my flight cages if they are in high condition without one constantly harassing the other. You could try several pairs of Goldfinches. Have never tried to breed Hawfinches in an aviary. I have never found them aggressive with other birds, however. Your aviary would easily accommodate 20 to 24 pairs of birds if the species were mixed. The Hawfinches will subsist largely on sunflower seed (the white kind for preference), but like hemp and some of the other seeds supplied to the Finch family.

A COUPLE (Novice No. 1).—(1) It would be best to choose the mate of the Norwich cock yourself. I advise a hen Bullie, as any progeny would be valuable, and this cannot be said of the progeny likely to result from the other two hens you mention; (2) A cage 2ft. x 12ins. is only large enough for one bird, in my opinion; certainly not for three. If you really must keep two in it, try the Goldfinch and Linnet cocks.

A CHANGE OF MATE (H.W.H.).—I think if you separated the Goldie and his present mate at once, and took her right away (out of the room), then put the Goldie close by the hen Canary (within close sight of her) for a week or so, that you would find him "take to her" all right when she feels like going in for house-keeping. I may say that it is quite the usual order of things to find hen Britishers build and lay in a cage, and then refuse to incubate their eggs. You ought to have transferred the eggs of your hen Goldie to a Canary foster-parent.

A PAIR OF ROBINS (A. Friend).—I "hae ma doots" about a pair of Robins breeding in a cage; that they would do so in a well-fitted outdoor aviary is pretty certain. It is possible, however, that a skilled fancier could contrive to get Robins to nest in a large indoor cage. What would you propose to give them to rear the young with? Adult Robins need a high-class insectile mixture, prepared in the usual way, as their staple item of diet, with live foods in season (gentles, mealworms, flies, smooth caterpillars, grubs, small beetles, plant lice, and the like), while my birds liked ripe fruit and berries, and ate a little canary seed and coarse oatmeal now and again with relish.

A TAIL OF A HAWFINCH (J.C.).—It is not an infrequent occurrence that a tail which is pulled out fails to be reproduced properly until the next moulting season comes round. This is especially likely to happen if a tail gets pulled or knocked out twice within a short period of time. Most keepers of small softbills know this only too well, unfortunately. Are you sure the "stumps" of one or two feathers do not remain in still? Anyway, you cannot do anything to remedy matters; leave the case to Nature to effect a cure when the next moult takes place.

THE CASE OF A GOLDFINCH (Out of Sorts).—I think if you gave your bird a course of a tonic and building-up medicine he would soon pull himself together, as it were. I have found compound syrup of hypophosphites B.P. (Fellows' syrup) very valuable, and am never without it in my bird-room. Get an ounce or so from a high-class chemist. Stir 12 drops into two tablespoonfuls of drinking water. Give this for four days, fresh daily, then on alternate days (plain water in between) over a period of 10 to 14 days, according to the bird's condition. You seem to be feeding him very well. Get him some fresh dandelion seed and young leaves—not too many of the latter.

FOREIGN BIRDS.

Answered by Wesley T. Page, F.Z.S., Etc.

LORRIKEETS (T. H.).—The only kinds you are likely to obtain at present are those I named in my previous reply, and these are not easy to lay hold of. Try an advert in our columns for such as you fancy. The New Guinea Lorrikeets are almost unknown to English aviculturists, save to a few who have sent out collectors. Keep a watch on the Fancy Press for new arrivals, and seize the opportunity.

INDIAN GREEN PARROT (Mrs. Buswell).—Give the bird a seed mixture of one quart each canary and white millet seed, one pint each oats and hemp seed, and half a pint each of monkey nuts, grit (not sand), dari, maize, paddy rice and sunflower seeds, well mix and keep a supply in the cage. Give Dinneford's Magnesia (one teaspoonful to two tablespoonfuls of water) twice a week so long as the voidings are not watery. While the sneezing lasts, add a few chilies to the daily supply of seed mixture. Bathing or spraying the nostrils with diluted glyco-thymoline will clear them and benefit the bird—bathing them daily for a week should give relief. It is not sickness, but a natural habit; some individuals and species are more prone to it than others. If a pair were together after regurgitation it would feed its mate; having no mate it re-swallows the regurgitated food—in similar fashion, after being fondled and made a fuss of, it will go through this habit, which ceases to be objectionable when understood. Cease giving table scraps at once.

KEEPING BUDGERIGARS OUT-OF-DOORS (C. E. Johnson).—Yes, they can be so kept, but your cage must have a retiring place fitted, and only be open netting at the front; and you must provide a glass slide to cover this during periods of severe weather. The joints of the cage must be wind and rain proof, also the woodwork must be well painted so that the interior or cage will not be damp. If you take these precautions the Budgerigars should pass the winter out-of-doors in comfort. Use twiggy branches for perches. They should breed. Hang up a couple of coco-nut husks. You must not put the birds out till May, unless you procure outdoor birds, and they can then be left out altogether.

CUTTHROATS AND JAVAS (M.U.M.).—See reply to "G. J. N.," in this issue re Java Sparrow; the treatment is identical, but the Cutthroats are very fond of ants' eggs when rearing young. I should give the Cutthroats a Hartz travelling cage (any dealer will sell you one for a few pence), take out the perches and fittings, cut away or pull out one of the bars, push in a little hay, and leave the birds to do the rest. Do not be too inquisitive; many foreign species decidedly resent their domestic affairs being pried into. For the Javas, supply a nest box described in above reply, and act in a similar manner. As the dimensions of your cages are rather small for breeding purposes, each nest should be screened with a twig branch, and disturb birds as little as possible when renewing food supplies. The eggs usually get broken by the sitting bird rising off the nest with a rush; eggs temporarily adhere to plumage, but fall away and get broken. Will probably have results from next clutches.

GOULDIAN FINCH AND PADDY RICE (M.S.).—Very glad to hear the bird is recovering, and if you continue the treatment the inflammation will gradually disappear. I should advise you to use a twiggy branch in lieu of ordinary perches in your cages, as the different thicknesses of the twigs give good gripping exercise to the feet, and help to keep them fit. As regards Paddy rice, any of the seed merchants advertising under "Foods" will supply you. Paddy rice is rice in the husk, and many of the Grassfinches are very fond of it. As soon as obtainable free from frost, supply liberally seeding (flowering) grass; keep a supply of crusbed eggsbell and grit in the cage.

WHITE COCKATOO (J. C. W.).—Give this bird a seed mixture of one pint each canary, white millet, oats, hemp, and half-a-pint each of grit (not sand), dari, Paddy rice, monkey nuts, maize, and sunflower seeds, well mix and keep a supply in the cage, also supply regularly ripe fruit, nuts, plain biscuit or crust of household bread. Give as little boiled maize as possible, and gradually discontinue this, as you see the bird eating heartily of the seed. Keep a piece of clean cuttlebone in the cage. For a month give one teaspoonful of Dinneford's Magnesia in the drinking water every fourth day, and on the intervening days half-a-teaspoonful of Byno-phosphates, also in the drinking water. Use a glass or crock drinker when giving drugs.

PARROT WITH BROKEN MANDIBLE (A. E. Wasley).—Am afraid "poor old Koko" will have to put up with the inconvenience for some time, these breakages taking some time to renew. But it will undoubtedly be renewed ultimately. However, as soon as the bird has got used to the loss of the hook and the soreness has passed away, the inconvenience will soon cease. In the meantime give it a little boiled maize daily—boil till soft, drain off all water, and supply to the bird, but supply it at the same time with seed and ripe fruit, as usual. Note: The boiled maize only keeps fresh one day, and stale grains must not be left about. For the next month at least put half-a-teaspoonful of Bynophosphates daily into the drinking water, using a glass or crock drinker. If the beak starts bleeding again, apply the Friar's Balsam at once.

BULBUL (Foreign Bird).—Red-cheeked (red-eared, Red-whiskered) Bulbul is a native of India, but it extends to China, Siam and the Malay Peninsula. Description: Upper surface, light brown, darker on flight and tail feathers, the latter tipped with white; head and crest black; ear coverts white, with a tuft of silky crimson feathers almost obscuring them; under surface white, with the sides of the breast dark brown. In a state of nature it feeds on fruit, but also eats seeds and insects. In captivity it should get all the above, and also some good soft food (insectile) mixture. Its scientific name is *Otocompsa jocosa*. The Red-vented Bulbul

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should consult Page's "Foreign Birds for Beginners" (1/1½); Arthur's "Budgerigars and Cockatiels" (6d.); Arthur's "Parrots for Pleasure and Profit" (7d.); "Aviaries, Bird-rooms, and Cages" (2/3); "Seeds, Foods, and Wild Plants" (1/2); Dr. Clarke's "Septic or Bird Fever" (7d.); Dr. Creswell's "Hygiene of Bird-keeping" (1/1); "Colour-feeding" (3½d.); or the "Nutshell" booklets (2½d. each): No. 6 "Ailing Birds and How to Cure them," No. 9 "The Disinfection of Cages, Bird-rooms, etc.," No. 14 "Gouldian Finches," No. 16 "Avadavats," No. 17 "The Grey Parrot," No. 18 "Budgerigars," No. 19 "The Pekin Robin," No. 20 "Waxbills." All thoroughly practical and instructive. Prices quoted are post free from "Cage Birds," 154, Fleet Street, London, E.C.

(*Pyconotus hæmorrhous*) ranges over Ceylon and westerly to Central India, and northwards to Sindh. Natural diet: Fruit and insects, in captivity feed same as Red-cheeked. The upper surface is dark brown, most of the feathers having smoky-brown margins; head and crest, black; upper tail coverts white; below more smoky-brown than the upper surface, with the lower abdomen ashy, and the vent and under-tail coverts crimson. Size: Both species in size are about the same as the Red-crested Cardinal, which bird they also resemble in form, but are more elegant and shapely. The latter is the larger of two, being about 8¾ inches long. The sexual distinctions are very slight—the male is slightly larger, and has a more powerful bill.

INDIAN SPECIES (G. J. G., Quetta).—It is difficult to give a list off-hand referring to a particular province, in the museum all districts are mixed. If you could send me a list (if time permits) of birds obtainable, I could then soon indicate values, and if you send me the list in duplicate, I will mark up values and return it you per next mail. As regards Fringilla montifringilla, the value of these is so low it would barely pay freightage. Numbers are caught every year in England. Himalayan Goldfinches and Greenfinches and Siskins about 35s. pair. If you have in your neighbourhood any of the following genera, a moderate quantity of each should pay you for the bringing: Poliopsar, Sturnopastor, Psaroglossa, Ploceus, Coccothraustos, Procarduelis, Carduelis, Chrysomitris, Montifringilla, Erythrospiza, Passer (uncommon species), Carpodacus, Pyrrhospiza, Loxia, Emberiza (uncommon species), also any Chats, Warblers, Bush Robins, Babblers, Redstarts, and Flycatchers obtainable. The above is the best general reply I can give you, apart from a list.

CAUSE OF DEATH (Green Amazon).—It would be unwise for me even to attempt to guess cause of death. The body should have been sent at once to our Mr. Yates, who, by post-mortem examination, could have given you a satisfactory reply. I can only say it looks very much like either poison or a stoppage, probably the former, as its end was so sudden.

WHAT BIRD? (H. J. E.).—I have looked through the British Museum Catalogue and cannot find your bird among Lovebirds or Hanging Parrakeets. Please inform me where it came from, also is the tail a typical Lovebird's tail or is it longer? Your description almost reads like a Lorikeet, in which case supply the sponge cake sopped with milk, unlimited fruit, etc., but I should not continue the egg food. The other items you are giving are all permissible. Send me the information asked for at once, and I will give you a definite reply in next issue. I am keeping your query by me.

GREENHOUSE AVIARY (Avis).—From your remarks I gather that the floor area of the part you intend netting in will be about 10ft. square. In the first place you must put roofing felt either over or under the glass of this part (the wired-in portion), and in the winter cover the north side with either felt or frame matting, and then your birds will be fairly comfortable. You could plant the border under staging (which of course you'll take down), with such evergreens as will benefit from the slight protection, and also put up some twiggy branches and nest receptacles under the span of roof. I think by covering the roof you would dodge both the extreme heat and cold, and keep the place comfortable for the birds, but you must arrange your ventilation without draught. If the roof is covered your birds in the summer would be more comfortable flying loose in the flight than they would be in the cages. I knew of a very successful greenhouse aviary so arranged. Keep the parts given up to the plants well ventilated and the aviary end should ventilate itself into and from that portion. Repeat query as to any special point still in doubt.

AILING BLUE-FRONTED AMAZON (Kintore Foxe).—Am afraid I cannot give you much more assistance. I did not, and do not, attach much importance to it, and have had and seen birds that were so affected periodically, but not regularly day after day. On the other hand there may be some internal growth, not yet outwardly apparent, but even in this case, unless you consult a vet., you cannot do better than follow the treatment given, keeping the bowels moving quite freely, but not watery loose. Report at once if symptoms become more pronounced. If bird is very excited at such times give it, say, four doses of the following sedative: 4 grains bromide of potassium, dissolve in a little syrup and give, either direct to the beak, or soak it into biscuit, sponge cake or bread, or anything similar that the bird will eat. Give second dose at one day's interval; third, three days after second, and fourth a week later. If you write again, please inform me upon the following points: (1) Do you know what sex it is? (2) The attacks, I take it, have not the character of a fit? (3) Observe carefully, and note if the spasms have anything of a sexual nature. (4) Does it give evidence of being in pain? You might try the effect of fomenting the underside of body with a hot decoction of camomile flowers daily; dry the plumage afterwards, and keep strictly out of draught. The decoction must not be hot enough to cause discomfort.

BLOOD-RUMPS (Puzzled).—I should catch her again, and give three drops of tasteless castor oil direct to the beak, and at the same time carefully ascertain by gentle pressure if there is an egg waiting to be passed; if so, anoint the vent with the oil as well, and if this does not give relief you must steam her over a jug of hot water and put her in a small cage, in some warm place, till the egg is passed. You give me no idea of the diet, but a mixture of one quart each canary and white millet, one pint oats, and half a pint each of hemp, sunflower, paddy rice and grit (not sand), the whole to be well mixed. Also ripe fruit, green food, cuttlebone, and water. If you notice any signs of a cold put three drops daily of friar's balsam in the drinking-water (use a glass or china vessel holding about two table-spoonfuls) for about a week.

THE GREY PARROT (Anxious).—Yes, you will do better to mix your own seed. Get a quart each canary and white millet, one pint each white oats and hemp seed, and half a pint each dari, maize, monkey nuts, paddy rice, sunflower seed, and grit (not sand) the whole to be well mixed. Also supply ripe fruit, green food, plain biscuit and water regularly. Keep a piece of clean cuttlebone hanging in the cage, and keep it in some well ventilated, but not draughty, position. Get our Nutshell Booklet, "The Grey Parrot," 2½d. post free from our Manager; it will help you.

ROSE-BREASTED COCKATOO (G. E.).—Give the bird 5 drops of Dinneford's Magnesia direct to the beak from a quill, or soak it into a piece of biscuit or crust of bread, or piece of cake (either way so that you insure it taking it) twice weekly. Use a crock drinking vessel holding about two tablespoonfuls of water, and put therein 5 drops of friar's balsam daily till relief is given. Keep out of draught, yet in a well-ventilated portion of the room. Confine its diet to: Seed mixture, ripe fruit, nuts, green food, plain biscuit or stale crust of household bread, grit, cuttlebone and water—it is good practice to add a pinch of grit (not sand) to the daily supply of seed mixture. Do not give tea, coffee or milk sops, table scraps, or any kind of animal food.

BREEDING GOULDIANS (Gould).—You must take the whole paragraph re Crystal Palace cages and not merely the sentence, "admirable home, etc.," by itself. It is not meant as breeding quarters; for the latter see the cage described on p. 15 of the booklet. As regards diet, you can safely give all the items mentioned on pages 17 and 21 of the Gouldian Finch booklet, but the supply of spray millet should be liberal—a more varied dietary will be better for them. As a rule in a cage, when breeding commences the pairs do not live together in amity, and it is better to cage the respective pairs separately to get best results. Yes, spray millet should be given liberally, but not as the sole seed diet. As you have kept sexes separate so far, I should so keep them for another month or five weeks.

POST MORTEMS.

Mr. G. Yates, M.R.C.V.S., 2, College Road, Harrow, Middlesex, will examine and report upon dead cage birds for a fee of 1s. 6d. each bird; for reply direct, 2s. 6d.; analysis, 21s. Subjects for post mortem examination must be sent packed in a box direct to Mr. Yates, with the fee, this and any accompanying letter being kept from contact with the dead bird. Send by letter-post; it is cheaper and quicker than parcel post. Any bodies sent to the office of this paper will be thrown away, and if a fee is enclosed the loss will be the sender's.

MRS. DALDY.—Bird fever, a contagious disease. The liver was the principal seat of the disease, also the spleen, both organs being considerably enlarged. Death resulted from the absorption of poisons generated within the system as a result of the disease.

D. PRICE.—A very bad case of septic fever, and you must be prepared for further loss.

A. E. KIRBY.—Death resulted from acute inflammation of the lungs. The bird was in a very poor condition, but there was no evidence of long-standing disease. It may have been asthmatical, but this is not easily revealed on post-mortem.

GENERAL.

Answered by The Editor.

ILLUSTRATED IDEAS (Wm. Cooke; J. Brown; E. Thompson).—We have previously illustrated these little ideas; they may bear repetition in the correspondence columns, however.

PRESS CUTTINGS (Swindon; J. T. Powers; W. Bent; and others).—Many thanks for the newspaper cuttings you have forwarded.

AN ARTICLE (C. A. Scrimshire).—We shall probably be able to deal with it next week. We do not know of any book which touches upon this particular phase of the subject.

FRESH WATER FOR THE HOLIDAYS (J. Billier).—We are afraid this is a little too complicated for us to deal with.

CLUB & SOCIETY NOTICES

ONE notice of any forthcoming Society meeting inserted free. It should reach us not later than Tuesday morning's post. Specially printed Club Notice Postcards may be had free on application to our Manager. Secretaries should always use them.

Alnwick C.B.S.—Mar. 28, Temperance Hotel, 7.30. British bird table show; subs. now due.—A. Forster.

Brighouse C.B.S.—Mar. 28, Round House Inn, 8. Allotting specials for members' shows.—F. Mitchell.

Barrington C.B.S.—Mar. 23, Social Club, 7. p.m. To arrange for annual show and judge.—T. Griffiths.

Blackburn Quality Linnet S.A. Club.—Mar. 29, Headquarters, Old Red Lion, Snig Brook, 8. Special meeting.—R. Hayhurst.

Bradford National Show Committee.—Mar. 27, Market Tavern, Bradford, 8. Judges, patronage, etc; members of committee please attend.—H. Hill.

Bramley O.S.—Mar. 25, Old Unicorn Inn, 7.30. Special meeting and lecture on breeding and management of Canaries, by Mr. J. Chambers (Leeds). Fanciers and friends invited.—W. H. Steel.

Bonnyrigg C.B.S.—Mar. 30, Foresters' Arms, 7.30. Booking hens, etc.—J. Hamilton, 1, Castleferry Park, Eskbank.

Burslem C.B.S.—Mar. 28 Barnfield Inn 8. Classification, etc., of F.F. show.—L. James.

Cinnamon Marked Yorks. C.C.—Committee meeting, Mar. 23, 6, Market Tavern.—Grayshon and Allen.

Choppington C.B.S.—Mar. 23, Railway Hotel, 7.30 F.F. show, date, etc.—G. H. Seely.

City of Bradford O.S.—Mar. 23, Flying Dutchman Hotel, 8. Members' show arrangements for 1912; classification, dates and judges; other business.—F. Rhodes.

City and Suburban A.C.B.—Mar. 25, Church Institute, 60, Paddington Street, W., 8.15. A discussion on "Breeding," opened by Mr. Robson. Interested breeders welcomed.—H. W. Dickinson.

Chester C.B.S.—Mar. 26, Nag's Head Cocoa House, Foregate Street, 8.30. Arrangements for F.F. show, etc. Attendance particularly requested.—R. N. Williams.

Derby C.B.S.—Mar. 30, Derwent Hotel, 7. Important general business and arrangements for F.F. and open shows.—Wharam and Bamsey.

Dalton C.B.A.—Mar. 23, Y.M.C.A., 7.30. F.F. show and contributions, first quarter.—F. Houldsworth.

East Ham F.S.—General meeting, Mar. 27, 8. Prizes for whist drive on show at Mr. Lester's (tailor), High Street. All tickets not returned to secretary by 13th April will be considered sold. Monthly show, "Earl of Wakefield," Wakefield-st., April 15.—H. Rutter.

Green C.A.—Mar. 28, Oldham Hall, Oldham-st., Liverpool, 8 o'c. General meeting, balance sheet, election of officers, notices of motion, style of patronage, etc.—G. Green.

Grimsby O.S.—Mar. 28, Slatter's Rooms, 8. Goldfinch and Can., Greenfinch and Can., A.O.V. hybrid pairs, Goldfinch or Bullfinch, Linnet, Siskin, Twite, Redpoll, Greenfinch, A.O.S. Brit.—Towl and Smith.

Glasgow Queen's Park C.B.S.—Mar. 27, Marie Stuart Halls, Crosshill, 8. Lecture; new members welcome.—R. Heggie.

Gainsborough O.S.—Mar. 23, Marshall's No. 1 Mess Room, 7. Adoption of rules, etc. All interested are invited to attend. Bring new members.—J. E. Conway.

Glasgow and Western Counties C.B.S.—Mar. 30, 122, Ingram Street, 6.30. Muling and Hybird pairs, 6 classes: Goldfinch, Linnet, Greenfinch, and A.O.V., 1 each; Bullfinch Hybrid, 1 class; A.O.V. Hybrid 1 class.—W. Connelly.

Huddersfield O.S.—Mar. 25, Old Hat Hotel, 8. Table shows.—F. J. Sykes.

Hebden Bridge C.B.F.A.—Mar. 26, Lellos Dining Rooms, Market Street, 7.30.—A. Roberts.

Heywood O.S.—Mar. 26, "Rechabite Hall," 7.30. Suggested F.F. amalgamated show business.—A. H. Meadowcroft.

Highgate and Hampstead C.B.S.—Mar. 28, Spencer Hall, D. P. Hill, 8. Lecture on Canary breeding, by Mr. G. Gardner; pay prize money, pair show.—G. T. Clark.

Hebden Bridge and Calder Valley O.S.—Mar. 28, White Horse, 8. Subs.; general.—A. Pickles.

Leigh C.B.S.—Mar. 27, Railway Hotel, 7.45.—Rule cards for new members, etc.—R. Charleson.

Midland R.C.C.—Mar. 28, Swan and Peacock, 8. Fixing show date, etc.—T. J. Smith.

Morley C.B.S.—Mar. 23, Sycamore Hotel, 7.30. Preparations for the forthcoming show.—L. Holliday.

Musselburgh O.S.—Mar. 30, Gray Horse, 7. Election of judges, classification, etc.; full attendance requested.—W. Nisbet.

Mid-Rhondda C.B.S.—March 28, White Hart, 7. Every member requested to attend to consider question of adopting the closed ring for 1912.—J. T. Lloyd.

Northern Specialist Club's Social and Prize Distribution.—March 27, Crosby's Cafe, Northumberland Street, Newcastle, at 7 o'c. Supper first, concert and prize distribution afterwards; tickets 1/6 single, 2/6 double; from the secretaries of the various clubs, or J. G. Hutchinson, 72, South View West, Heaton, Newcastle-on-Tyne.

National B.B. & M.C.—Mar. 28, "Feathers," Gt. Chapel Street, Westminster, 8.—Plumbridge and Carr.

North Manchester C.B.S.—Mar. 26, St. Stephen's Schools, Conran St., Harpurhey, 8. Lecture by Mr. J. Beswick (Stockport), on "Norwich." Fanciers and friends invited.—J. Davey.

Oldham C.B.S.—Mar. 26, Textile Dining Rooms, 8. Show and general business.—J. Cope.

Pelton Fell C.B.—Mar. 25, Institute Hall, 6. Annual and nest feather show dates and judges.—W. Forster.

Pendleton and Salford O.S.—Mar. 25, Irwell Castle, Lower Broughton, 8. Important; please attend.—Critchley and Metcalfe.

Queen's Park C.B.A.—Mar. 28, Emmanuel Hall, 8. General meeting.—W. J. Lethbridge, Junr.

Rochdale Good Intent C.B.S.—Mar. 27, Temperance Club, Toad Lane, 8. F.F. show.—T. Holt.

Rawtenstall F.S.—Mar. 26, Mission Room, Hall Street, 7.45 p.m. Fanciers cordially welcomed. For membership apply—H. Kershaw, Sec., 624, Clough Terrace, Newchurch, near Manchester.

Sunderland C.B.A.—Mar. 30, Fawcett Street Cafe, 7.30.—J. Jeffrey.

Scottish Plainhead Club.—Mar. 23, Good Templars' Hall, 122, Ingram Street, Glasgow, 5.30. Ann. general meeting.—J. Brown.

Swansea C.B.A.—Mar. 26, Market Coffee Tavern, 8. Table show: Bramblefinch, Yellowhammer, Lesser Redpoll, A.O.V. house and field; mulled classes; judge, Mr. W. J. Bancroft. Visitors invited free.—S. H. George.

West Stanley C.B.S.—Mar. 28, Town Hall, 6.30. Lecture by Mr. A. Brown on the Norwich.—W. Elliott.

Warrington C.B.S.—Mar. 28, Blue Bell Salerooms, 8. Egg-food making demonstration; elect judge for open show.—G. M. Nelson.

West Bromwich C.B.S.—Mar. 26, Dartmouth Hotel, 8. General.—W. G. Andrews.

Through a Bird-Room Window.

By the Rev. C. D. FARRAR.

Continued from page 256.

No. 22 of the New Series by this popular author deals with that charming little mite, the Orange-cheeked Waxbill, an inexpensive and dainty little morsel of bird-life.

I MUST begin this article with a very humble apology. I received this rather crushing letter from the Editor not so many days since: "It may interest you to know that we have already to pay the operators at rate and a half to set your manuscript, and even at this the men fight shy of handling your copy." It reminded me of the story told of the late Dean Stanley. It was said that he wrote three different hands; one that could be deciphered by himself, but not by his printers; one that was intelligible to the printer, but not to the Dean; and one which neither could read. Mine evidently came under heading No. 1 or 3!! Having done the handsome thing by my printers, I will now begin my article, and try to do better for a time!

Within the Reach of Everybody.

I get most pathetic little notes sometimes, begging me to write on something common sometimes. I am told it is not everybody that can buy Poë birds and such-like rarities. I determined, therefore, this time to write on a pretty little bird within the reach of everybody's pocket. In the early summer Orange-cheeked Waxbills can be bought as low as eight shillings a dozen, and any dealer would allow you to pick your birds at fifteen shillings; so that Orange-cheeks should be well within the reach of the very poorest of bird keepers.

It is always best to buy them as soon after they land in the shop as possible. They are then usually in the very pink of condition, and as tight as wax. By the way, this is not intended for a pun on their name. After a few days, should they have been caught again and again in the process of sale, they seem to go wrong, and never get over it.

A Very Necessary Warning.

May I here give a very necessary, but simple warning. Never transfer these little Finches straight from the big travelling cage they came over in to a nice open four-sided affair. If you do, they will infallibly die. The heat of the travelling cage packed close with some five hundred birds is like a place we have all heard about, but never want to visit. To bring the little things out of this to an open cage is about as sensible as to come straight out of a Turkish bath into the open air, without cooling.

Whenever I buy these tiny Waxbills I always keep them for some weeks in a box cage and throw a cloth over the front at night, and I never dream of turning them out of doors till the weather is really hot.

Orange-cheeks are not really very tender if you deal sensibly with them, but they will not stand idiotic experiments. I believe more birds are lost for want of thought than from any other cause. It is always as well to buy a dozen of these little birds, as with all the care in the world some will die, and the sexes, especially if they are all birds of the year, are not very good to tell. A dozen seems a lot, but as they will only cost eight shillings, and they would also be able to sit comfortably on your pen handle, it is not a very ruinous experiment.

Not the Gentleman's Name.

These poor little birds are saddled with the awful Latin name *Sporæginthus melpodus*. I should never dare go into a bird-shop and ask for a pair by this title. If I did, I should expect to happen what once actually occurred at a certain death-bed. One neighbour remarked, when the end had apparently come near: "Come away, he'll soon be in Beelzebub's bosom." "Hush, Martha," whispered a horrified voice from among the crowd, "that's not the gentleman's name!" I expect the poor dealer would say the same, if I asked for my little friend by such an outlandish title!

My great ambition has always been to breed every sort of foreign bird I have kept, and to win thereby the medal of the Avicultural Society. Some people think it an ignoble ambition. They can't understand why I place so much value on a little bit of bronze. It always reminds me of the Frenchman, who said to the German with reference to the Iron Cross, "I wonder at your wearing a distinction which is only worth a few centimes!" "I thought," replied the German, "that it cost you two Napoleons." If some of my readers knew how hard it is to get that medal, they will understand my anxiety.

It is comparatively easy to get these Waxbills to build a nest and lay eggs; it is quite another thing to persuade them to sit. They are so intensely nervous that the simple opening and shutting of a door scares them. Every passing sound brings them off the nest, and it is often half an hour before they can summon up courage to return, and at the next sound everything is enacted once again, to the natural detriment of the work of incubation.

The nest is a very untidy structure, made of growing grass, and to call it flimsy is to exaggerate on the side of politeness. In some books we are told these little birds are perfectly easy to breed. Such statements are about as veracious as many others *quæ volitant per ora virum*. There is only one person, so far as I know, to whom has fallen the honour of rearing these birds; this is Miss Rose Alderson, of Worksop, the well known authority on Doves. She has written a delightful book on her pets, and I advise everyone to order it at once from their bookseller.

It too often happens that the people who best know and appreciate things are not found among the writers of them. Their occupation and interest do not urge them to the dull mechanical exercise of maving a pen up and down. What books could not many keepers and poachers and boatmen and shepherds write if, like "Son of the Marshes," they could be expressive for once. Natural history has generally suffered in the past from the professional writer with borrowed knowledge. Poor Goldsmith's "Natural History," full of extravagant yarns suggested by Dr. Johnson and his facetious circle of friends, is the first and worst example. Goldsmith was great at "Vicars of Wakefield," but a child could have instructed him on hermit crabs. This is why it is such a pleasure to read Miss Alderson's experiences; and it gives me additional pleasure, because she was able to do what I never could accomplish. I really think this sounds very handsome. I am not always like this. My opponents are, for the time, my enemies, and I rejoice to see them in the dust.

Very Untidy Little Architects.

Waxbills are very untidy little architects; as they waste far more than they use, and the ground under the site of the nest is like a newly mown hay-field. They would have driven mad that ultra careful housewife of whom Oliver Wendell Holmes tells us, that if the Archangel Gabriel had come down from heaven to visit her, she would have complained that he littered up the place "by dropping his feathers about." When birds are good enough to go to nest a few stray bits of grass, more or less, do not count.

I always try to give my birds natural surroundings. It is no good to expect them to build unless you make them comfortable. I accordingly arranged a most natural looking hedge of furze and pea sticks, to the great discomfort of my poor hands. As I said, the Waxbills went to nest again and again, and laid eggs, I verily believe, by the score; but do what I could, they would not incubate. Imagine my astonishment, therefore, when some years ago I read of how Miss Alderson's birds had reared a nest. But do not run away with the idea that she won success the first year. This very seldom happens. A nest is usually the result of years of patient toil. It was so in this case; but after years of patient waiting success came to her, and one Sunday morning her man came to tell her that two little Waxbills were out of the nest. They were scarcely bigger than a bumble bee; their backs were soft mouse colour and their breasts grey; their tails were short and spread out like fans, and were dark, with a patch of dull red at the root; legs and feet grey, beak black, or nearly so, with a tiny spot of white skin on each side, eyes very dark and bright.

Next day two more little ones left the nest, and almost at once began to feed on spray millet. When Waxbills are nesting I always try to give them a good supply of branches coated with green aphides. Most gardeners can find these without much difficulty, and in considerable plenty. I do not think that any great success can be looked for without them.

In a Waxbill aviary I always took care to have a nice grass plot, and the birds were always busy from morning to night searching for insects, invisible to human eyes, just like our own Hedge Sparrows. The great requisite for success is absolute quiet. A mere human stranger looking through the wires will spoil all hopes of a successful nesting. If you want to rear Waxbills you must have an aviary hidden away where nobody but yourself can find it, and you yourself must be particularly circumspect in all your movements, and you may then hope for success, but remember that Hope is a hen that lays more eggs than she can hatch out, and that, as Josh Billings says, "Opportunitys are made just as often as they happens."

Pretty and Natural, but Hopeless.

The feeding of Waxbills is simplicity itself; white millet, spray millet, aphides and clean water; and with good luck you may hope to follow in the footsteps of Miss Alderson, but remember that luck is the prize given to hard work and plenty of it.

Perhaps some day when I'm turned out to grass, like Nebuchadnezzar, or an old horse that is past work, I shall have another try at breeding Orange-cheeks, but, alas, I can never be the first, for already another has stepped down before me.

While I think of it, there is one little caution I must lay down. It is hopeless in this country to let your Waxbills nest in growing bushes. I know it looks pretty and natural, but you have to think of the weather. In Africa rain in the breeding season is practically unknown. Here in Yorkshire we have such rain as, according to Bishop Arnulf who visited Jerusalem about the year 700, "exhibiteth God's peculiar attachment to this place." It is such as no nest built by mortal Waxbill can withstand for five minutes. Therefore take care that when the nest is built there is a good dry roof overhead. If you will let them build in a bush, before they begin, rig up an umbrella over it, and trust in Providence that they will face the monster.

And now I will end, lest you should be as polite as the people of Suffolk. A curate told of a deaf old woman whom he was teaching, and who, to his enquiry, "Can you hear?" replied, "Can't hear a word, dearie, but you go on!"

FUN IN THE FANCY.

By E. H. FULCHER

Amusing reminiscences by the treasurer of the Manchester and Northern Counties O.S. of his early experiences as a bird-keeper.

MY first venture of any consequence into bird-keeping was made just after I had married and got a home of my own. My next-door neighbour had a Canary whose singing I had often admired. One day I was chatting with him over the yard wall, when he was cleaning out the cage, and his wife was grumbling about the mess the bird made. She asked him why he did not get rid of it? I said nothing at the time, I was busy thinking. I had not been married very long, and I thought that perhaps my wife would not object very strongly to a few stray seed-husks. Eventually I struck a bargain with him for the bird and cage, and before long my wife and self became very much attached to our pet—so much so, indeed, that when ma-in-law suggested that we should give it to her for a birthday present we decided that we would buy her another instead. We bought her a very nice green Canary.

Father-in-law Catches the "Fever."

The following spring father-in-law and myself caught the "fever" properly. We decided that we would start breeding Canaries. Dad had a double breeder, so we bought two hens. These we put one in each compartment. They were not very long before they showed signs of wanting to nest. They seemed to settle down fairly well, and were soon very busy making nests and pulling them to pieces again. The green cock was very busy indeed during this time, and seemed to take full charge of operations, for as soon as his mate went to the nest he pulled her out and got in himself. Very much the same thing was happening in the other compartment. It seemed to be a matter of dispute as to which should occupy the nest. However, one fine morning, on looking in the cage, we were delighted and mystified to find that there were four eggs—one in each nest and one on the bottom of each compartment.

We compared notes and came to the conclusion that we must have missed seeing two eggs (one each side) the previous day. But next day the same phenomenon occurred! I suggested writing to the papers, but dad thought there might be some natural explanation of this extraordinary happening. He took the green cock back to where I had bought it, and the dealer did not take much convincing that it was a hen he had sold me. He was very reasonable, and gave me another in exchange. At the same time I bought a German Roller cock to go with my own two hens, and we made a fresh start!

My next venture took place about five years after this. I got acquainted with an old fancier who had once won a medal for the best bird in a show with a Crested cock. I thought this a good opportunity to get both birds and advice. My friend fixed me up, and I set to work in earnest. I followed a different plan with the birds. I had once as a child seen a Crested Canary at my uncle's house, and I felt quite competent to pick out my birds for myself! I selected two which I thought would suit me. I bought another hen from another source, as I did not think it wise to get all my stock from the same room.

This time I had great luck. I reared seventeen young ones. These were all winners, of course! But I thought it as well to have a look round before showing my prowess on the bench, so I paid a visit to the Manchester and Northern Counties O.S. open show at the Hulme Town Hall. My first rush was to the Crest classes. I was very much disappointed in the exhibits I found there. There was not one in all the classes to compare with the birds I had left at home! I went back and cleared right out—cages as well as birds. I decided that I could not lower myself to compete with such Crests as I had seen winning at the show.

A Decision to Breed Mules.

Next spring the "fever" recurred as strong as ever. I decided that I would breed Mules. I had a room upstairs which was not in use. I set to work and made a nice aviary, making a very good job of it. I wired off a corner about six feet by five feet, and the full height of the room. In this I fitted up a fountain fed from the cistern. I turned in a few cock Britishers, Linnets, Redpolls, Goldfinches, Siskins, Greenfinches and Chaffinches, with Canary and Bullfinch hens, about 25 altogether. I filled up the seed hopper, turned on the water fountain, and sat down to watch the birds start housekeeping! But they seemed as if they wanted to be left alone. So I left them alone.

Before very long my wife called me. Water was dripping through the ceiling! I rushed upstairs and found that the joint I had made in the feed pipe was leaking. I made that right and helped to clear up the mess. The birds settled down, and it was very interesting to sit in the room and study them. They commenced to build their nests. Here another difficulty presented itself: Each pair of birds wanted the site already occupied by another pair. To make matters worse, they all seemed to want the same piece of nesting material. As fast as one pair got it into position, another pair would take it away. I began to think Mule breeding was not all "beer and skittles." Then a heavy blow fell.

If I Had Only Known!

My wife and I were to go out all one Sunday. First thing in the morning I went into the room and replenished the seed hoppers. I cleaned out the fountain and set it going again, and had a final look round to make sure everything was in order. Then we went out. It was fairly late in the evening before we got back. Sometimes I think I would never have gone back at all if I had only known the trouble I had to face! By some means or other the overflow pipe from the fountain had become stopped up, and the whole of the day the water had been overflowing into the room. We will draw the curtain over what followed. Suffice it to say that I disconnected that fountain!

I have now got a nice lot of Norwich Plainheads together. I only wish, however, I could make the judges see the good points in them which I myself can see! Still, I have managed to get out of the novice stage in members' shows; and who knows but that I may some day get a medal for best bird in the show? I often smile to myself when I think of the fun I have had with my feathered pets. I am not so certain that my wife has always seen the "funny side." Anyhow, as she says: "Although we have not much money, we have seen life."

Correspondence.

The Early Nesting of Budgerigars.

Sir,—Mr. T. J. Turner will have to take a "back seat," as I had Budgerigars with eggs at Christmas, the first of which hatched on Jan. 1, and despite the Arctic weather of that month, and an open wirework side to my shelter, the old birds reared five "babies," and now again have young ones hatched out. The Budgerigars seem able to stand anything in the weather line and revel in the rain.

A. G. Beeston.

A Proposed Newcastle Society in the Interests of Novices.

Sir,—Some fanciers of Newcastle and Dis. have asked me to write Cage Birds to state a society is being formed in the interests of novices of all sections, who will have much to gain by being members; also each member will be elected separately on the committee, so as to cause harmony and honesty. Notices of the meetings will be published shortly in Cage Birds. Persons desirous of joining can obtain any further particulars about the society and its prospects by writing me.

T. W. Lumsden.

7, St. Thomas Street, Newcastle-on-Tyne.

Birds Not Judged at Milford Haven Show.

Sir,—In last week's Cage Birds I was very much surprised at reading a complaint by Mr. Harry Lohr, of the treatment he had received at Milford Haven Show. It all arose out of an unfortunate mistake, the explanation of which he was quite satisfied with, so I do not propose to go into partieulars here; the details are purely local, and consequently cannot be of interest to the general body of fanciers. Suffice it for me to say, as manager of the cage bird section of the above show, that in my correspondence with Mr. Lohr I undertook to see that his out-of-pocket expenses would be refunded him by the committee, or, failing that, by myself. At the meeting on Feb. 27th (the first meeting after the show which the secretary could convene) the matter was brought forward, and it was decided that the claim for expenses be paid in full, and the sec. was instructed to pay same forthwith. You can, therefore, readily imagine my surprise at reading Mr. Lohr's letter, as I quite expected that the affair was over, and he had received his cheque. I have handed Cage Birds to our sec., so I expect to see his reply and explanation in this week's issue.

Wm. Gibbon.

The Judging of Quality Song at Linnet Singing Contests.

Sir,—I should like to have a few words on the judgiug of quality song. It is a great trouble to some of the novices who attend these contests to understand the value of the quality song, and it is suggested that there should be a certain number of marks for certain notes, so that at the end of the contest they would be able to see what marks their birds had. Under the system that now exists the judges have got to keep the song in their mind. It is claimed that in an entry of say sixty birds it is impossible for them to do this, but if there were marks for notes and also for style and voice, they would be counted at the end of the contest, and any fancier who wanted to know what his bird had done could be told; also where his bird lost its place. I claim that if this was done it would give more satisfaction, as from the sheets that are handed in to me as secretary I cannot inform any competitor what his bird has done, only refer him to the judge. I should like some other fancier to take up this grievance who is more experienced than I am in quality singing, and to make some suggestions which would meet the above case.

J. McAllister.

Interesting Washing Exhibition.

Is Camden Town to Have a Society?

Sir,—Quite an interesting aud instructive illustration of the art of making fanciers—i.e., stimulating interest in cage birds—was afforded by Mr. Sam Smith, at the Stag's Head Hotel, Camden Town, on March 14. Mr. Smith is well known in London birdy circles as an expert in the art of washing birds for exhibition, but on this occasion he had succeeded in gathering together an audience of men and women who are not fanciers in the technical sense, but most of whom keep a song bird. Quite a large company assembled, and the proprietor of the hotel, who is devotedly attached to the breeding and exhibition of bull dogs, gave every facility to Mr. Smith for the purposes of his practical demonstration of how properly to cleanse a dirty bird. In response to invitation, one and another brought their "little birds" to be washed, and some of the birds were real "miners," and no mistake. They came dirty, but went away clean. So attractive and instructive was the demonstratiou made by Mr. Smith that already there are steps being taken to form a fanciers' society for that district, to include cage birds. The proceedings were diversified hy an excelleut musical programme, to the accompaniment of a blind pianist, who has pronounced ability as an instrumentalist.

One Who Was There.

The Early Chiff-Chaff.

Sir,—It might be of interest to some of your readers to know that I noticed the Chiff Chaff here (Carnalea, County Down) on Thursday, March 14. Although the Chiff-Chaff is a very early visitor, I think this is earlier than usual. I would also, while I am writing, like to thank your correspondent, Mr. F. Fishburn, for his information on the food of the Dipper. It is certainly a simple diet, but the bird must thrive on it; otherwise it could not have won a prize at the Palace.

Robert Cobain.

The Dipper's First Appearance on the Show Bench.

Sir,—Replying to Mr. C. Pickles' remarks about the first Dipper on the show bench, he is quite right in believing Miss Fishburn's bird was not the first. Mr. Mackwell, of Keighley, has exhibited a Dipper at least three times during the last three years at Northern shows. A friend of his exhibited one at Ayr (I believe) in 1908, and I also exhibited one in the same year, when a short article appeared in Cage Birds by "your humble.' Similar remarks then appeared about the "first Dipper on the show bench," but were corrected by a lady exhibitor, who stated through Cage Birds that she had exhibited the Dipper on two occasions four years previous to then. I do not suppose it would be stretching matters to say at least half-a-dozen Dippers were benched in 1908-9, all of which, I am proud to say, were sent from within a three mile radius of Miss Fishburn's residence, and were always in the prize cards. I shall be pleased to see reports of more birds reaching such an exalted position as Miss Fishburn's did. I, for one, intend to have a "flutter." I wish Cage Birds all success.

Chas. Shirley.

Sir,—In reply to Mr. Pickles about the Dipper at Halifax, I think that bird belonged to me; also I may say I exhibited one at North Shields some six or seven years ago, and a friend of mine, Mr. Chas. Shirley, sent one to St. Andrews, in Scotland, which took fourth prize. My exhibits did not even attract a mention, but, of course, when a bird gets first prize at the Palace it is more noticeable. I may say, too, that I exhibited a Dipper at Glasgow about three years ago.

Chas. Mackwell.

[The hon. sec. of the South Shields Society, Mr. W. L. Smith, writes that the Dipper was shown there in 1903.—Editor.]

The Type of Present-day Winning Norwich Plainheads.

Sir,—I enclose herewith the "Eastern Evening News" of March 16, and under the notes on the Canary Fancy, by "J. E. N.," appears an account of a meeting held at "The Leopard Inn," when a speech was made by Mr. A. Woollard in which he referred to winning Norwich Plainheads at the last Crystal Palace Show. I thought his remarks would be interesting to your readers. I attended the Palace Show, but cannot in any way agree with Mr. Woollard regarding the exhibits he made reference to in his speech.

Novice.

"The members of the United C.B.S. held a very successful smoking concert, presided over by Mr. Fred Cullington. The Chairman gave the toast of "Our Judge," to which Mr. A. Woollard responded. He thanked the Chairman for his kind remarks, and also the fanciers for their kindness and courtesy. He was glad to know that some of the members attended the late great National Show, but was sorry to hear they were disappointed with the winners in the Norwich Plainhead classes as to type and quality—so much so that one of them remarked that he would not have the winners in certain of the classes in his bird-room. Fanciers connected with this society knew what type and quality meant, and would not return from London with all kinds of fairy tales. He was not surprised at this, as he had attended the Palace Show twice, and neither times had he seen better Norwich Plainheads than he had in our old city. He felt sure that the Norwich amateur breeders could hold their own with the amateur section of any other bird centre in England. He added that type and quality were his first consideration in judging, and be always felt unable to do with large, coarse-feathered, or coloured Crestbred birds, as many of them seemed nothing less. When going over a class of Norwich Plainheads, good heads and necks had no weight with him if they were on bodies of half-bred Yorkshires or Lancashires. They might perhaps do for cheap stock birds, if properly mated, and a fancier cannot afford to buy better. Neither could he see that the Bullfinch type is correct. In his opinion a Bullfinch head and neck set on a Robin-shaped body would be much nearer the mark. He impressed upon all the members to get as much size as possible, but not at the expense of type and quality."

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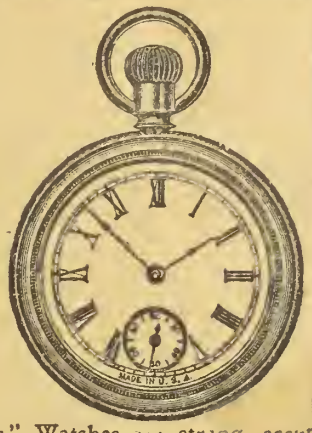

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The Suggested Norwich Plainhead Club for the Midlands.

Sir,—With reference to Mr. H. T. Collier's suggestion of a Norwich Plainhead Club for the Midlands, may I point out that the Norwich Plainhead Club deserves to be brought to the notice of Midland Norwich fanciers in preference to an entirely new concern. The Norwich Plainhead Club has already many Midland members, who take a large interest in its working, and who generally manage to figure on the list of special prize winners at the end of each season. Moreover, for some considerable time the club has allotted its patronage to at least one, and sometimes two, Midland shows, out of its five cup shows each year, for the encouragement and accommodation of the Midland Norwich fanciers, and the advancement of the Faucy in the Midlands. I hold no brief for the N.P.C., my only motive being the welfare of the Norwich fancy throughout England, but I think that the idea is much too prevalent that the Norwich Plainhead Club is a Lancashire club. This is not so. It is the original club to foster the breeding of the Norwich Plainhead throughout the British Isles, and in spite of growing competition, it still works for its object, and during the last few years has given patronage to shows all over the country, including Derby, Leicester, Gateshead, Wellingboro', Crewe, and London (L.C.B.A.). It would be much more to the point if Norwich fanciers generally and in the Midlands in particular, were to join the original club, so strengthen its hand, and at the same time partake of such advantage as no newly formed club can give for the same subscription. The Norwich Plainhead is still a progressive variety, and I should like fanciers to think of the Norwich Plainhead Club as a progressive association, ready, I am sure, to attend to any requirements of the variety if such are laid before it. If Mr. Collier will turn to his Cage Birds of March 16th, and refer to the result of the voting for the Norwich Plainhead Club officers for 1912, he will see that although most of the committee are representatives of Lancashire, the last three committeemen were elected by votes of 19 each or under, and consequently it would only require that many Midland fanciers join the voters to add such representatives to the committee as they wished; and as I stated earlier, there are already quite a number of N.P.C. members in the Midlands. If twenty Midland fanciers, instead of forming a weak new club, were to join hands with their more northerly brethren in the interest of the variety, I feel sure the result would be more satisfactory.

Richard Anderton.

[Kindly write on one side of paper only (vide rules).—Editor.]

The R.S.P.C.A. versus Stapleton

Sir,—In view of the recent charge of cruelty to wild birds brought against my father, perhaps you will be kind enough to find space for a few words from me, as I think I can claim a little knowledge of his methods of treating livestock. I have been living here in Bournemouth for this last six months, so I was ignorant of what was taking place or I would have certainly made an effort to have been present to defend his honour. It was only on March 11 I became aware of it. As was stated in evidence, he has been established in his shop for 28 years, and we have been brought up entirely in the bird business (although I am not following that business here at present). Apart from our interest in the Fancy as a means of livelihood, I have always taken a very great interest in the Fancy pure and simple. I succeeded in breeding a Short-faced Tumbler which won first prize at the Dairy Show some four or five years ago, beating some of the best fanciers in England, besides winning several 3rds and 4ths at the Crystal Palace and most of the leading shows. I held the office of hon. secretary of the Short-faced Tumbler Club for five years, with the result that the club made very rapid strides (the letter enclosed from a well-known fancier will testify). I was very reluctantly compelled to give up the pigeon fancy. I then thought I would try my hand at mule breeding; the result was I managed to rear over thirty at the first attempt (many well-known fanciers in South London can prove this is correct). At Bournemouth I have got together 26 Norwich and Yorkshire Canaries, all in excellent health and breeding condition. I say without the slightest hesitation that the main cause of my success is the manner in which father has always impressed upon me the necessity to give them proper care and attention. Every morning as regular as can be every bird in his shop has fresh food and water supplied, and they are always regularly cleaned out two or three times a week if need be, which many people who are accustomed to visit the shop know only too well. Therefore I think scarcely anybody can believe for a moment the accusations brought against him by the inspector of the R.S.P.C.A. Personally I have a very great admiration for the objects of the R.S.P.C.A.; it is a grand institution, and is capable of doing a great amount of good if conducted in a proper manner; but it seems quite obvious that the object of these men who go round is to secure as many convictions as possible, and in their thirst for such they are not above stooping to the meanest practices. Think what it would have meant to some less fortunate shopkeeper, who had not so many kind friends to support him; there is very little doubt he would have lost the case, have been mulcted in heavy damages, and would have been looked upon as a disreputable character. In all probability, too, it would have meant the ruin of his business. Therefore I think most people will admit it is a very serious matter that such men should be allowed to go about unchecked; something ought to be done to bring home to them the serious nature of the work they are undertaking, for so long as they are allowed to run loose in this manner there is no telling what harm they will do.

G. Stapleton.

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CORRESPONDENCE continued.

Roller Canaries at the Crystal Palace Show.

Sir,—Please permit me to make a correction. In my letter to you of March 9 the sentence beginning "On Dec. 10, 1911" is an obvious mistake on my part as to date. The sentence should begin "On Nov. 21, 1911."

Arnold E. Read.

Is the Use of Sprouted Oats to be Recommended?

Sir,—May I ask readers of Cage Birds their opinion of sprouted oats as a food for cage birds? It is highly recommended by poultry fanciers for fowls; and as I was making use of some for my fowls I gave some to some hen Canaries, and they ate them almost as greedily as the fowls. The method of growing is well known—ordinary white oats placed in a box and watered every day until they grow about an inch long. I have never seen it recommended for cage birds, but would be glad to know the opinion of anyone who may have tried it.

G. Stapleton.

Some Truths About the Scotch Fancy Canary.

Sir,—Mr. Smith remarks that the Scotch Fancy is a "bird of position, and has an attractiveness which can scarcely he claimed by any other member of the feathered tribe." Yes, it is a bird of position; but is this all? What about nerve and action? A Scotch Fancy without these latter would he useless, and would not deserve the name. The Belgian Canary is the bird of position, and is fully entitled to this name, for with position and shape combined you have got the "King of the Fancy," which title belongs to the Belgian and not to the Scotch Fancy, as Mr. Smith would lead us to believe. Coming back to the Scotch Fancy, of which I am a great admirer, I think Mr. Dunlop's price for a pair of good stock birds rather low, namely £5. I consider £8 a reasonable price, if you wish to breed high-class birds. I trust Mr. Dunlop's suggestions will he acted upon, and that a discussion will follow, both to the benefit of the bird and readers of your valuable paper, Cage Birds. Knowing Mr. Dunlop to he an Irishman, like myself, and both wishing to see this grand variety brought to a level with others, I trust Scotch Fancy admirers will fall into line and so help to bring the "Bird of Circle" up to the standard and numbers of some years ago. I am glad to see Ireland moving upwards in the birdy world; several new shows, and also some moribund ones (viz., Lurgan) again coming to the front—congratulations, Lurgan; more power to your elbow and best wishes for success.

Shamrock.

A Proposed Cage Bird Club for Wood Green (London) & Dist.

Sir,—Kindly spare me a small space in your valuable paper, Cage Birds, to announce that a cage bird club is proposed for Wood Green and district. There are plenty of fanciers around here, and I think we should be able to form a very good club. Of course, I am already aware there is a club here, hut it is a mixed one, and I know a good many fanciers will not join same. I shall be glad to hear from cage hird men with reference to calling a meeting to draw up the usual officers, etc.

W. Game.

7, Buckingham Road, Wood Green, N.

The Homing of the Starlings.

An Observation from Germany.

Sir,—At 5.30 this afternoon (March 18) I saw Starlings flying across the River Weser (Germany), and the number was estimated to he close upon a thousand hirds. I was told they had in all prohability migrated from Italy. They alighted in some fields, and appeared to my fancy fatigued, judging by the way they were flying; it was at the time blowing a keen easterly wind. I was informed that now was the time these hirds come over in enormous numbers. They are greatly encouraged to hreed here; in many places can be seen nesting hoxes with round holes, fixed to poles, trees, and walls. Last summer I noticed five of these hoxes fixed on a pole, and every one of them contained young. It was interesting to watch the parents going backwards and forwards in search of food.

G. Margaritis.

THE YORKSHIRE UNION AND ITS METHOD OF BALLOTING.

The Challenge Accepted by Secretary and Scrutineers.

Sir,—In referenco to the letter in last week's issue of Cage Birds, signed by Mr. M. Skirrow, secretary of Bolton Woods C.B.S., relating to the results of the annual ballots, the accusations are of such a serious nature, and fraught with so much importance to the welfare and status of the Yorkshire Union of C.B.S., that I feel compelled to refrain from replying (much against my will), until the Council of the Union have had the opportunity of dealing with the charges and decided what course of action shall he taken. A meeting of the Council will be held at the Market Tavern, Godwin Street, Bradford, on Saturday, March 30, at five o'clock, when all delegates for the past year will ho post-carded to attend (this heing the last meeting of the old Council). After that I shall gladly accept the challenge as issued by Mr. Skirrow, and prove heyond a shadow of douht that the accusations levelled at myself, Mr. F. Hammond, and Mr. W. Blakey, the scrutineers of the annual ballot two years ago, are entirely unfounded, for I have in my possession every ballot paper returned to the scrutineers two years ago, and, of course, every one as they have been returned this time, and which the auditors of the Union will report upon at the Council meeting on March 30. In the meantimo any person interested shall have the opportunity of looking over the ballot papers for themselves by calling at my address.

Horatio Hill,
Hon. Sec., Yorkshire Union of C.B.S.

Sir,—We have noticed the challenge issued by Mr. M. Skirrow, on hchalf of tho members of the Bolton Woods Cage Bird Society and others, to what he is pleased to call the "governing body" of the Yorkshire Union. It is not our intention to deal with the matter at issue so far as the ballot for this year is concerned, feeling that in the capable hands of Mr. Hill this will receive all tho attention called for. But, after practically charging those concerned with having issued a false statement of the votes recorded, he says: "The same thing happened two years ago, when one person was credited with eight votes, but, as a matter of fact, the Bolton Woods Society recorded over twice as many for the same person. Theso were actually sent, as they were posted from the meeting." Now, sir, we do not know whether or not Mr. Skirrow and those members who unanimously voted that this communication should be sent to the public Press are aware of the seriousness of such a charge, but, if not, we can assure them that an ample opportunity will be afforded them of learning that a person's character, honour, and honesty cannot be defamed with impunity. As scrutineers of the Yorkshire Union ballot papers of two years ago, we demand to know on what authority Mr. Skirrow and his friends have attempted to bring dishonour and disgrace upon us by publishing what is much more than a mere insinuation that we returned a false record of the votes cast. We have given notice to the secretary of the Yorkshire Union to call his Council together, when Mr. Skirrow and those associated with him in these charges may rely upon their challenge heing accepted in no half-hearted manner.

Fred Hammond.
William Blakey.
Scrutineers, Yorkshire Union, 1910.

Sir,—I read with astonishment the letter concerning the above in your last issue. I notice that the writer challenges, on hehalf of his society, and, according to what what he says, on behalf of "several other societies," the governing body of the Yorkshire Union to puhlish the exact number of votes given by each society in the recent ballot. If the society in question desire to do any challenging, by all means let them do so, hut let them speak for themselves. I think he mentions he is voicing the views of about 200 members of the Union; as the membership of the Bolton Woods C.B.S. was only 22 last year, according to the Y.U. handbook, it would be interesting to know who the remaining 180 are on whose hchalf he is writing, and if he has got the proper authority for so doing. To me, and also to most fanciers to whom I have spoken in regard to tho hallot papers, they are drawn up in language simple enough for any working man of ordinary intelligenco to readily understand. If thero is any difficulty, it is because of the ridiculous suggestions which have to be placed on the ballot papers occasionally, on the suggestion of such societies as the Bolton Woods C.B.S. Perhaps the writer of the letter never saw in your issue of March 2, amongst the details anent the election of officers, etc., for the Y.U. for 1912, that the ballot papers of two societies had been incorrectly filled in, and were therefore void; perhaps this will affect his calculation a little with reference to the number of votes given. The letter to me seems full of insinuations of dishonesty and untruthfulness, for which I am convinced there is absolutely no foundation. If the society in question had any grievanee, they have their delegates, and the only proper and sportsmanlike way was to have the matter brought up at the next Y.U. meeting. Personally I am convinced that the writer is only "firing bullets" made by a very small clique of certain members of the Y.U. who have not the pluck to do so themselves. I wonder if they will now back him up? In conclusion, I would just like to add, lest it be thought by your readers that I am one of the officials of the Y.U., that I am not an official, and have never been one, hut I have a very high opinion of the fair and capable manner in which the affairs of the Y.U. are worked by its willing and never-tiring hand of workers. No doubt the matter will be taken up and properly dealt with at an early date by the Yorkshire Union.

Bradfordian.

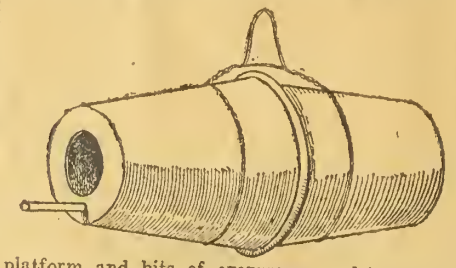
Illustrated Ideas

Every "Illustrated Idea" used in this column will entitle the sender thereof to a postal order for two shillings and sixpence.

No 577.
A Nest Pan Bracket.

Sent by Mr. T. Beers, The Old Rectory, Swithland, Loughborough.

I send you a bracket or hanger I use for nest pans, which I find very useful, as it prevents the young falling out of the nest. Also it makes a good nest for hyhrid breeding, if a few holes are bored around the outside of

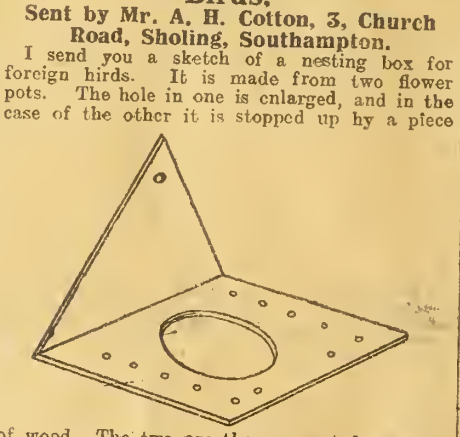


platform and bits of evergreen or dried grass put in to form a screen. Have a piece of thin wood ahout five inches square. Mark a round hole in centre half an inch smaller than rim of nest pan. Cut a piece out by running the point of a penknife around mark, so that the nest pan drops loosely in. Nail triangle peice at back to form hanger.—Thomas Beers.

No. 578.
A Nesting Box for Foreign Birds.

Sent by Mr. A. H. Cotton, 3, Church Road, Sholing, Southampton.

I send you a sketch of a nesting box for foreign hirds. It is made from two flower pots. The hole in one is enlarged, and in the case of the other it is stopped up hy a piece



of wood. The two are then cemented together and a piece of wire placed round them, forming a loop at the top to hang it up by. A small hole is then hored in one, and a stick inserted to form a perch.—A. H. Cotton.

Wild-Bird Life.

Notes on the Hedge Sparrow

Spring is advaucing, and already a few strange hirds have heen seen upon the Downs. Unfortunately, these were noticed by persons who are unacquainted with wild birds, or who only know them in a general way; but from what one can gather from rather imperfect descrfptions they are evidently some of our early spring visitors. Several species are due this month, but some of them, such as the Chiffchaff, are not easily noted. The latter is one of those small birds that are more frequently heard than seen. It is generally his double-note call that gives us the first indication of his presence.

At present the most conspicuous species in gardens, hedgerows, and furze-clad commons is the sober-pluinaged Hedge Accentor. Shy, and yet not particularly wild, the Hedge Sparrow spends tho winter is an everlasting hunt for grubs and seeds, varied occasionally by a little burst of music, rather high pitched in tono, but none the less welcome in the dull short days. He is a solitary bird during the early months, hut selects his partnor soon after Christmas. They wander together weeks before nest-building commences, although they are among the earliest of our smaller hirds to breed. They are unsociable birds, each pair keeping quite to themselves, although more than one may be nesting in the same hedgerow, almost in the same clump of bushes.

Hedgerows, low thickets, and dense bushes are the favourite nesting sites, although sometimes the nest may bo found in ivy clambering over old buildings or walls and palings. Few nests are prettier even before the lovely blue eggs are deposited, and when these are laid it forms one of the most beautiful pictures to be found in the whole range of ornithology. The birds are double-brooded, yet never appear to increase much in numbers. Their peculiar habits of creeping mouse-like at the bottom of hedges and round shrubberies and gardens expose them to dangers from ground vermin, which may possibly account for the depletion in their numbers considerably. The home of the Hedge Sparrow can never be confused with that of any other. The intense blue colour of tho eggs and absence of spots, combined with the open-sited nest, distinguish the species from all for which it is likely to he mistaken.

In the Courts.

AVIARY BROKEN INTO AT BURSLEM.

Conflicting Evidence; Sharp Sentence.

At Burslem Police Court on March 14 Percy White and Frederick Gratty, both of Burslem, were charged with stealing six birds and one cage of the value of £2, tho property of Henry Thomas Theohald.—The complainant, who is a collier, said about 9 p.m. on March 4 he locked up his aviary in the hackyard. The following morning, about eight o'clock, when he went to look at the hirds, he found six were missing, as well as a small cage. The four birds produced in court and the small cage were his.

Ralph Smith, North Road, Burslem, said at 11 a.m. on Tuesday, the 5th inst., the defendants came to his house and offered for sale a Goldfinch in the small cage produced, and a Canary. He asked them to whom the birds belonged, and Gratty said he had bought them. Witness gave 6s. for the two hirds and the cage. Gratty then said he had two more at home, and if he would lend him a cage he would bring them up. Later in tho day he (witness) purchased the other two birds produced for 3s. 6d.

P.C. Kettlety said he arrested Gratty at the Sneyd Colliery. On the way to the police offico he asked what he was wanted for, and when told "for stealing the hirds sold to Mr. Smith, of North Road," he said: "Oh! White bought them off a potter." Later in the day he arrested White, and charged him in company with Gratty with stealing the birds. White replied: "I helped to sell the birds. Gratty said he had them off an invalid at Dunn Bennetts, and had to sell them for 8s. What he got over he could keep. I had about 7s. of the money." Gratty replied: "I saw tho hirds in White's aviary on going to his house at 3.30 p.m. one afternoon last week. He said he had bought them for two pairs of hoots and some money. He asked me if I knew where he could sell them. A man told us to go to Smith's. We went there and White said: 'As you have run about with me, I will give you 2s. for your trouhle.'" White then said: "I deny that. He brought the birds and cage and put them into my aviary."

Both defendants pleaded not guilty.—White said ahout three months ago Gratty came to his house for lodgings. On the Monday night he returned about 11.30 with three hirds in his pocket, and a bird in a cage. Those produced in court were the birds. He turned them out into his (White's) aviary. The next morning Gratty said he thought he had a customer for the birds, and asked him (White) to go with him to sell them. They did so, and he (White) was given most of the money, Gratty saying it would go towards his keep.—Elizabeth White corrohorated. Her husband had been in all day, and was in all night on the 4th.

On oath, Gratty said he first saw the birds in White's aviary. He (White) told him that they were "the right sort of stuff," and added that he was going to crack a "good nut," and would tell him about it afterwards. They went to Smith's, and White sold two of the hirds. He sold two more later in the day. When they got back home White was smiling, and said he was going to send his wife to the North, with tho intention of following her.—They were each sentenced to two months' imprisonment with hard labour.—"Staffordshire Sentinel."

The Young Naturalist.

*All Good Friends.

Last year my father hand-reared a Magpie, and as it is tame he lets it out in the daytime It hops about the garden, destroying insects and worms, and is quite friendly with both dog and cat. My father often puts Mag's cage on the garden wall, and it gets into it and rests. When evening time comes tho bird goes to its cage, and my father takes it indoors.—Sent hy L. Davey (aged 12), 1, Henry Street, Plymouth.

*A Persistent Bird.

Georgo Stephenson, to whom we owe our railway system, one day closed a window at the top of his house, which had been for many days open, on account of the hot weather. Two or threo days afterwards a hird was seen to be beating against the window and trying in every way to break the glass. Stephenson opened the window, and watched to see what the bird would do. It flew straight to one spot, where a nest was afterwards found.—Sent by Alfred Ward (aged 15), The Stores, Church Street, Deeping St. James, near Peterborough.

**Not to be Done.

A friend of ours had a Lorrikeet who was given a plate of porridge, and when it had eaten all the porridge near the edge, the problem was how to reach what was left in the centre without stepping on the plate, which it did not care to do.- Tho bird stood still while seeming to reflect, with wise head askew after the manner of oldor thinkers. Hurrying to its playthings, which happened to be at the ond of the room, it selected a matchbox, dragged it chattering along, ranged it precisely close to the plate, mounted it, and from the extra elevation sipped the last drop with a chuckle of content.- Sent by Mary Ford (aged 14), "Daphne," Elms Avenue, Eastbourne.

Club Reports.

ANNFIELD PLAIN C.B.S.

Annual meeting held Mar. 16th, at Mr. Lumley's, Annfield Plain. Following officers elected: President, Mr. J. Lumley; Chairman, Mr. S. Foster; Secretary and Treasurer, R. Peart. Following names nominated for judging annual show, week after Gateshead: Messrs. W. Reid, T. Dixon, J. Hands, A. Brown, and J. Stanger. Moved, that we have a table show, Mar. 30th, with three classes: Brown Linnet, Goldfinch, and A.O.S. Brit., with Mr. W. H. Butler judge, entry fee 8d. per cage. Meeting during judging.—R. Peart, Sec.

BELFAST N.C. AND Y.C.C.

Meeting held Clarence Place Hall, March 2nd, Mr. Adams in chair. One new member was nominated by Mr. Stewart. There was a good attendance. The colour of show cages was discussed. The different shades for the inside will he the subject of discussion at our next meeting. Members please note. Mr. Raines has been engaged to judge Norwich, and Mr. Metcalfe Yorkshires at our show, so as to get the judging over in good time; also to give the public early admission to the room. I may say the large room has been engaged. So, fanciers, come and make this club the Pride of Erin.—Walter Connell, Hon. Assist. Sec. and Treas., 24, Bloomfield Avenue, Belfast.

NORTHERN SPECIALIST CLUBS' SOCIAL & PRIZE DISTRIBUTION.

Meeting of delegates held Lockhart's Cafe, 60, Grainger Street, Newcastle, March 14th, to make final arrangements. Will those who intend being present please note that supper will commence at 7 prompt, and will be followed by a concert. The prizes will he distributed during interval in following order: Northern Norwich and Cinn. C.C., Northern Crest Club, Northern Yorks. C.C., Northern Liz. C.C., Northern B.B. M. and F.B.C., and Northern Border and Scotch Fancy Club. The order of procedure was drawn for, as the fairest means of deciding. Following ladies and gentlemen have kindly offered their services, and we have the promise of such talent as has never been before a Tyneside birdy audience: Miss Humble (dancer), Miss Mary Chapman (daughter of Mr. T. Chapman, of Scotch and Border Fancy fame), Miss Wade (pianist), Miss E. Ferguson, Miss H. Ferguson, Mr. and Mrs. McKinney (the latter four will take part in a sketch), Messrs. T. Robson (Chairman N.C.C.) (tenor), Mr. Willson (bass), Messrs. Small, Walton, Goodfellow, and Doyle (humorous), and Li Chung Soo, the Chinese conjuror. With this programme we hid fair to have a most enjoyable evening, and I trust members and friends will turn up in good numbers and make this, our first venture, a huge success. Remember the address, Crosby's Cafe, Northumberland Street; tickets 1/6 single, 2/6 double, refreshments included.—J. G. Hutchinson, Sec. N.C.C.

LOANHEAD AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

Meeting held Mason's Arms, Mar. 9. Mr. A. Jardine presided over a good attendance. Members then booked their hens, after which a number of well-known fanciers were proposed as judges, and secretary instructed to write them in turn. I hope to be able to publish the names in a short time. Mr. Hamilton (Eskbank) gave a very interesting exhibition of hand-washing. He first called fanciers' attention to the fact that a good brush was required, handing his own round, saying, you will find that it is made of real badger hair. He found it greatly helped to turn out a better washed bird than a cheap brush did. He preferred to use butter milk soap. He then caught his first bird and showed how he held a bird while washing it—head between finger and thumb, with the body lying across the palm of the hand. After lathering the soap freely, he started at tail and washed up over body, finishing with the head and neck, being careful to keep thumb away from neck after he had wetted it. He then took as much water out of the feather as possible with a sponge, then dried with a drying cloth, after which he rolled the bird up in a small piece of flannel and laid it on its back with its tail toward the fire. He allowed it to remain ten minutes or so before turning it into a cage to finish off. He washed three birds, and every one turned out well. It proved a good thing for the young fanciers, every movement being carefully watched. The chairman, in moving a very hearty vote of thanks to Mr. Hamilton, assured him he had got a wrinkle that he had never heard of before. The vote was very heartily responded to after which a few songs and stories brought a successful meeting to a close.—W. B. Smart, Sec.

STOCKSBRIDGE AND DIS. C.B.S.

Founder of the Society Honoured.

On Saturday a particularly interesting gathering took place at the Friendship Hotel, when the Stocksbridge C.B.S. met to give a hearty send-off to Mr. H. E. Wilkinson, of Stocksbridge, one of their members, who is leaving this country for Australia, also to present him with some little token showing their esteem and appreciation of the services he has rendered to the Society, which he founded, and had brought to its present excellent position. The chair was taken by Mr. W. Moore, who alluded to the good work done by Mr. Wilkinson. Not only had he been the founder, but he had been the heart and soul of their society. The present was a solid silver cigarette case and letter-case, bearing the inscription: "Presented to H. E. Wilkinson, on his departure for Australia, March, 1912, by members of the Stocksbridge and District Cage-bird Society, in token of their respect." Mr. G. L. Sampson, in expressing regret at the severance, asked Mr. Wilkinson to accept a small token of respect, which had been subscribed to by the members. He was only expressing the feelings of the members, who wished him every success in the land where he was going to make his home. Mr. Wilkinson tendered his heartiest thanks. He alluded to the pleasure he had derived during the time he had been amongst them, both at their meetings and shows. Whenever he took the case from his pocket it would remind him of his friends at Stocksbridge. He would still remain a member of their society and of the Sheffield Society. The health of Mr. Wilkinson was toasted with musical honours. Mr. Elliott asked Mr. Wilkinson to accept the letter-case as a token of esteem and respect from his old partner, for during the three years they had been associated it had been a real pleasure. Mr. Wilkinson, in accepting, thanked Mr. Elliott, and congratulated him on the progress he had made. He was leaving him with one of the finest studs of birds. He hoped Mr. Elliott would be as successful in the future as they (as partners) had been in the past. Songs were given by Messrs. H. Birkhead, W. Kilner, G. Milner, J. Foster, Mr. Ashton (London), and others. Mr. J. Foster proved an able accompanist.—G. L. Sampson, Hon. Sec.

NOTTINGHAM & NOTTS. O.S.

Meeting held Mar. 12th at the Mechanics' Hall, when a good attendance of members elected the following gentlemen as judges at our annual open show, Nov. 9th and 11th next: Crests, T. Heath, Esq., Norwich, W. Vardy, Esq.; Hybrids, British and Foreign, G. E. Weston, Esq. A table show of Crests and Norwich stock pairs followed. Our esteemed chairman, R. Rhodes, Esq., made the awards, which were well received. Competition was particularly keen in the Norwich section. Result: Crests, 1, Wolffe; 2, White; 3, Renshaw. Norwich: 1, Hill; 2, 3, Boaler. Criticism and discussion followed. Two new members elected, and a further three were proposed. Mr. Chick has promised to come to next meeting, April 9th, to judge British and Mules, to which all fanciers are invited.—H. Royce, Asst. Hon. Sec.

NATIONAL GREEN-MARKED Y.C.C

Committee meeting held March 16th, 6.45 p.m., Market Tavern, Godwin Street, Bradford, Mr. H. H. Towers in chair. "That the following resignations be accepted with regret: Messrs. J. Wilcock, Eccleshill; S. Smith, Keighley; J. Crowther, Bradford; J. Waterworth, Bradford; and W. Bearpark, Henston, nr. Leeds." Messrs. J. H. Towle (Queensbury) and E. Stobart (Sowerby Bridge) were unanimously elected members for next season. "That Secretary be empowered to pay accounts for prizes given at annual prize distribution." "That Messrs. Ogden Bros. be recorded winners of breeders' prize." Will all members please note that all nominations for officials of the club for ensuing season, including that of hon. secretary and treasurer (as I have definitely decided to retire), should be sent to me on or before March 31st.—F. Armstrong, Hon. Sec.

BROXBURN AND DIST. C.B.S.

Annual general meeting held Public Hall, Mar. 14, Mr. W. Murray presiding over a good attendance. Auditors, Messrs. Thomson and Murray reported books and receipts correct. Secretary submitted balance sheet for 1912, showing a balance of £3 15s. 4d., which was considered very satisfactory. Election of officers for 1912:—President, Mr. Murray; vice-president, Mr. Paul; secretary, Mr. McLaren; assist. sec. and treasurer, Mr. Thomson; committee (same as in previous years). Agreed, to hold annual show on our old date, Dec. 14, 1912, and to advertise our show in CAGE BIRDS. So that any intending to form new society should please note date to avoid clashing. Election of judges: for Scotch Fancy, Mr. McLennan (Edinburgh); for Border Fancy, Mr. Hislop (Stirling); Norwich and British (judges to be decided on next meeting, Mar. 28).—W. McLaren, Sec.

KENT COUNTY C.B.A.

Meeting held Barton Road Boys' School, Dover, Mar. 13. There was a good attendance, and evidence of a keen interest taken in the management. I hope this interest will be maintained throughout the year. Mr. E. E. Rayner presided. Letter read from Mr. Wickham (Chatham) acknowledging receipt of British bird cup, and expressing his approval of its design; also proposing that a suitably engraved memento, such as a silver spoon, or any useful article, be presented to members on returning cups for further competition; further, offering to head a fund for this purpose. After considerable discussion, it was unanimously agreed that something should be done in this matter, and if sufficient money was subscribed as a separate fund, there would be no objection. As an alternative, it was proposed to give diplomas. Matter held over until later in year, when a most accurate estimate of the resources of association can be given. Letter read from Sittingbourne C.B.S., applying for patronage for their show on Nov. 27 and 28. In June a list of societies receiving patronage will be published. Letter received from Mr. Wood (Hythe) containing donation of 4s. to cup fund, being the first to hand this year, and there are two cups to be provided, viz., Yorkshire and Lizard. Letter from Mr. G. Sanderson (late hon. sec.) acknowledging receipt of two guineas, which was voted him as an honorarium for past services, and wishing the association prosperity. Mr. W. Smith (Chatham) accepted as a member on the motion of Mr. Wickham. Buck up, Chatham, you are nicely situated for headquarters, and a periodical change round would be a step in the right direction. An animated discussion on "light Mule" breeding brought a most enjoyable meeting to a close.—A. Hendry, Hon. Sec.

COWDENBEATH C.B.S.

A Washing Exhibition.

Meeting held Arcade, Temperance Hotel, Mar. 16, Mr. J. Baxter presiding. There was a large turnout of members. Secretary read reply from Co-operative Society re hall for show. Agreed, to delay this matter till next meeting. Secretary instructed to reply to enquiry re special prize; owing to the strike it was agreed to leave the smoking concert over until after next meeting. After business, the chairman called upon Mr. J. Hutchison (Dysart) to give a washing exhibition. Mr. Hutchison explained his method. He used Pears "Lustrene" soap, and a camel hair brush, also showing how to hold the bird. He then washed two birds, and after wrapping them up, placed them in the drying cage, and hung a cloth (wrung out of hot water) over the front of cage; which he explained was perhaps the slower way, but he strongly recommended it as he was of opinion that by drying slowly he got the feather in better condition, whereas a bird dried quickly was very apt to be dry and hard in feather. Mr. Hutchison then asked if any member would like to try his hand at washing the third bird under his guidance. Mr. J. Reid volunteered, and made a very fair job of it. While the birds were drying questions were ably answered by Mr. H. The exhibition all through was closely watched, and afterwards the birds were handed round for inspection. On the motion of Mr. Reid, a hearty vote of thanks was accorded the lecturer for his kindness. Since the meeting, Mr. W. Grewar (Lochgelly), late of Forfar, has agreed to give us a demonstration with a patent drying cage on Mar. 27th, in the same hall, at 7 p.m., when we hope again to have a large turnout of members and friends. Three new members were proposed, Messrs. W. Robertson, J. McKiver, and T. Yates.—J. R. Reid, Sec.

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BARROW AND DISTRICT C.B.A.

Meeting held headquarters, Mar. 13, Mr. J. Currie (president) in chair. After usual business, including date and schedule for Nest Feather show, had been discussed and adopted, a very successful table show of British birds was held, Mr. G. Large making the awards. Principal winners::—Messrs. West (Goldfinch), Fryer (Linnet). Questions were asked and answered by Mr. Large in a straightforward manner, greatly appreciated by the large number of members present. Decided, to bring this series of table shows to close next meeting night, Mar. 27, with a show of pairs for Mule or Hybrid breeding. Judging by the Britishers at this show, there should be some storming pairs for Mr. Davies (who was elected judge). Members are requested to note that nominations for Nest Feather show close next meeting.—J. S. Fleming, Hon. Sec.

NORTHERN YORKSHIRE C.C.

Annual general meeting held Feb. 29th, Mr. Crawhall in chair. Following officials elected: President, T. C. Crawhall, Esq.; Vice-Presidents, G. W. Cuthbertson, Esq., J. Curry, Esq., G. S. Ellwood, Esq., Mrs. Irwin Dees, J. Shepherd, Esq., Dr. Duncan O'Neal, T. Pearce, Esq.; Vice-Chairman, J. E. Atkinson, Esq.; Committee, Messrs. Wigglesworth, Hutker, Dix, Stewart, Tomlinson, Tweedie, Milne, Potts, Coomber, F. Johnson, Cattell, Mirley; hon. secretary, R. Tindale; auditor, Mr. J. E. Atkinson. Meeting adjourned until March 12th for secretary's report and balance sheet, as specials had not then come to hand. Mr. Crawhall again presided. Secretary presented his report on the year's working, which was considered most satisfactory. The membership had increased and there had been much greater support given to the patronage shows, both in champion and novice sections. The competitions have been most keen, not being decided until the last show. The members' table shows had also been a source of great interest, and a means of bringing members together; they had been well supported in the novice section and fairly well in the champion. The income was much in advance of any previous year, and the gratifying result of a balance in hand of £2 4s. 8½d. was considered the best feature of the year's working. A further donation of 10s. is promised, but not yet to hand. Decided, that a novice who gains his three firsts in novice competition may show in the champion section and the points gained shall count towards the novice special; this will do away with the handicap which the novice has had to contend with in the past. Also decided, that we ask societies requiring our patronage to grant three novice classes; this we can do with confidence of their getting well supported, as in the past our novice classes have averaged 19 entries, and with a better classification it is likely they will surpass this. Decided, that a member judging a show where our patronage is given shall be granted his average number of points.—R. Tindale, Sec., 141, Stanley Street, Newcastle-on-Tyne.

LEICESTER C.B.S.

A most successful meeting was held at Saracen's Head Hotel, Mar. 7th, Mr. Hawthorn presiding. The first business of importance was in connection with the provision of silver cups for competition among members. This show season we have had medals only, but it was thought desirable, in order to encourage the present members and to increase the popularity of the society, that for next season silver cups be provided for both Canary and British bird classes. Chairman volunteered to present the silver cup for the British if the members would find one for the Canary classes. This met with the approval of all, and it was decided to hold a whist drive to help towards the purchase of the 2nd cup. The question of the support of CAGE BIRDS LEAGUE was next considered. The Chairman spoke at length on the actions of faddists and extremists, who, under the guise of "humanitarians," were endeavouring to deprive the fancier of his hobby by making it illegal to keep a bird in captivity in any condition whatsoever. He said that CAGE BIRDS LEAGUE was formed to encourage the breeding and keeping of birds in cages in the proper manner and under healthy conditions, the furtherance of the Fancy in general, and the defence of our hobby against these faddists. Leaflets containing particulars of the LEAGUE obtained from the Secretary, Mr. Fulljames, were distributed to the members for their perusal, and having in view of the usefulness of such a union of fanciers, and the fact that the society is now in a strong financial position, it was agreed that any member of the society wishing to join the LEAGUE should pay 6d., and the society should pay the other 6d. This suited everyone, and fully 75 per cent. of the members gave in their names to become LEAGUE members, and it is expected that practically all will have joined by the next meeting. The meeting concluded with the usual table show, consisting of five classes, for Norwich Grecns, any other variety Canary, Open and Novice, and Pairs for Hybrid breeding. Classes were all well filled, and some exceedingly good birds were staged, especially among the Hybrids pairs.—G. H. Groocock, Hon. Sec.

SCOTTISH CRESTED C.C.

Annual general meeting held Nelson's Temperance Hotel, Ingram Street, Glasgow, Mar. 9th, Mr. J. Noble occupying chair. Owing, no doubt, to the restricted train service, occasioned by the coal crisis, only a very few of the members put in an appearance; consequently some important business received but a very half-hearted discussion. Financial statement for year considered; taking into account the liberal way the Club had catered for the benefit of its members at patronage shows, coupled with the regrettable deficit on club show, the balance in hand of 33s. 4½d. showed the majority of the members had responded loyally to the financial requirements. Balance sheet passed accordingly. Letters were read from Messrs. McNaughton (Larbert), Whitton (Broughty Ferry), and Mrs. J. A. Macqueen (Dollar). It was decided (by the Chairman's casting vote) to hold next annual general meeting in Edinburgh. A suggestion that we institute a "Novice" Cup, also adopt closed rings for current year birds, did not enlist any spirited interest from those present, and was consequently held over meantime. The long-delayed question of Club drinker again came up for discussion, and after the Secretary had produced a large and varied selection of samples, it was ultimately agreed to recommend a special hinged wire top drinker (2 patterns), Secretary being instructed to obtain information as to lowest possible cost of production, and report to Committee at first meeting. Also decided, to leave fixing of time and place for annual club show in hands of committee. Medals won during last season thereafter distributed. Following admitted to membership: Messrs. J. Boyle (Dunfermline), J. Watson (Wishaw), J. Brown (Kirkcaldy), J. Sneddon (Crossgates), W. Beaton (Kincardine on Forth), J. Brown (Bishopbriggs), A. McFadyen (Lanark), A. Smith (Inverness), J. Johnstone and W. Thornton (Kilmarnock), W. Griffiths (Glasgow), and Mrs. J. A. Macqueen (Dollar). Winners of club medals, 1911-12: Club show, gold medal for best young Crest, G. Mackie (Aberdeen); ditto, best young C.B., J. Young (Kilmarnock); silver medal, best old Crest, G. Mackie; ditto, best old C.B., J. Noble (Kilmarnock); Lochgelly, A. J. Howie (Dunfermline); Kelty, J. Veitch, (Winchburgh); Dunbar, J. Burns (Dunbar); Kilsyth, J. Sharp (Polmont); Dundee, J. Veitch; Dunfermline, J. Cram (Kilmarnock); Scottish National, G. Patterson (Bonnybridge).—J. Young, Sec.

CRAMLINGTON & DIST. C.B.S.

Meeting held Mar. 14. Officers elected:—President, Dr. Forsyth; vice-president, F. W. Bodger, Esq.; chairman, Mr. S. Wilson; sec., J. R. Chestney; assist. sec., Mr. T. Wilson; committee, Messrs. D. Moore, C. Ellison, W. Allan, W. Thurston, R. Mackie, J. Ducker, W. Moore, G. W. Scott, J. H. Hutchins, P. Pringle, T. Salkeld, M. Forster. We decided to hold our annual open show on November 23, and our First Feather show on June 22.—J. R. Chestney, Sec.

SCOTCH FANCY (National Derby) O.A.

Continued membership: A. Hannah (Glasgow), A. Jardine (Maryhill), J. Moore (Renfrew), J. Y. Miller (Govan), P. McAdam (Jamestown), W. Watson (Uddingston), J. McClure (Prestwich). Mr. W. McClure has furnished two fresh members, Mr. Jardine one and Mr. Miller one. A splendid start this, and encouraging to the Executive: R. Wright, President; J. Hogg, Vice-President; T. Smith, Secretary and Treasurer, 10, Lochside Street, Crossmyloof Glasgow.

TONG AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

Annual prize distribution held Hand and Shuttle Inn, Dudley Hill, Mar. 12. About 34 members and friends sat down to an excellent supper. After supper Mr. L. Hodgson, sen. (president) presented prizes to the successful competitors, namely, Messrs. L. C. Casey, L. Hodgson, sen., A. Gledhill, H. H. Clark, C. Padgett, J. Crabtree, O. Atkinson, and W. Walker. The musical part of the evening was provided by Mrs. Vi. Lucas, Messrs. T. Long, L. Walton, and W. Walker. On the motion of Mr. J. Firth, seconded by Mr. A. Gledhill, a vote of thanks to the host and hostess (Mr. and Mrs. J. Stocks) brought the most enjoyable evening of the society's career to a close.—W. Walker, Sec.

GATESHEAD AND DIST. C.B.S.

Meeting held Mar. 13th, Mr. Tindale presiding. Correspondence read. We considered the resignation of one of our members (Mr. Eastop), he having to go through a serious operation. Sec. was instructed to write Mr. Eastop expressing the sorrow of the members, and wishing him a speedy recovery. Judges for 13th annual show elected; voting result: Messrs. G. Harland, J. Robson, J. C. Barnes, C. Duncan, and J. Maddison. At next meeting Mr. J. Davidson, our new secretary, takes office, Mr. A. Holden having resigned through insufficient time. We hope our members will rally round Mr. Davidson, and give him all the support that lies in their power, and so help keep up Gateshead's reputation. We hope to chronicle another record show for 1912.—A. Holden.

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE (Hand-in-Hand) C.B.S.

Annual audit held Mar. 17th, 2.30, at "The Old House at Home," Wellingborough Road. Mr. S. G. Elte, chairman; Mr. A. Burrows, vice-chairman; Mr. A. E. Dunkley, treasurer; Mr. W. E. Allen, collector; and Mr. T. Brookes, of the committee, being present. Messrs. C. Gray and R. L. Wolpers, in a very able and masterly manner, conducted the audit. During the year 14 new members have been enrolled, two large shows have been successfully carried out, and the old debt from last year (caused by having all new staging, and other important alterations) has been wiped off. The accounts show a balance on the right side of £3 7s. 6d., which is considered most satisfactory. After the audit the treasurer invited the whole to a splendid meat tea. Thanks were accorded our host and hostess for their great kindness, also to our worthy President, W. H. Butlin, Esq. (former Vice-Consul for Spain), for taking so great an interest in the Society; same also was accorded to our vice-presidents and subscribers.—A. W. Law, Sec.

ROCHDALE (Good Intent) C.B.S.

Meeting held February 28th, headquarters, Toad Lane. We had our last show of the season, viz., a mating and judging competition, this time the big bold ones (Lancs.). Mr. G. Adams judged and gave satisfaction to the breeders of same. But when the non-experienced had a turn at judging, what a fall! Eventually the incident passed with a bit of good humoured chaff, and a pleasant evening was spent. Mr. T. H. Collinge won first, and Mr. J. Newell second prizes, given by the society. At a special meeting held March 11th, it was decided to run an annual amalgamated F.F. show on or about July 13th, to be a movable fixture to be decided by ballot. Following societies have signified their intention to join in the scheme: Rochdale Good Intent, Smallbridge C.B.S., Oldham C.B.A., Heywood O.S., Middleton O.S., and Bury C.B.S. This is an entirely new innovation as far as young birds are concerned, and will take place as soon as the members' shows are over in the radius. It will, I venture to predict, bring more members to the societies interested in the scheme. A further meeting will be held at Heywood on April 10th, to arrange matters.—T. Holt, Hon. Sec.

WALKLEY AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

Meeting held St. Philip's Mission Room, Westmorland Street, March 14th, Mr. T. Ridal in chair, supported by Mr. Butler and the treasurer and secs. The meeting had the misfortune to clash with others, consequently was not very well patronised. But what we lost one way we gained in another, novices coming in for something likely to benefit them in the breeding season. We decided on how many birds should count for our point special, the four highest awards being finally selected. Following new members enrolled: Messrs. D. Pickering and E. Sisson. Rest of evening was taken up by Sec. and Chairman in a lecture on breeding and general management, the Sec. taking the place of Mr. Woolhouse, who was engaged at another meeting. It proved a very instructive night, several of the older fanciers also giving their experiences. Sec. gave a paper on "The bird, from the egg to the show bench," also on the method previous to pairing up stock. Many were the questions put to him afterwards. The Chairman followed this up, ably, dealing also with the subject in masterly fashion. Next meeting, April 11th: Lecture on the Norwich Plainhead by Mr. J. A. Woodall. This gentleman is a very able lecturer, and we are hoping for a good meeting. All will be welcomed, at 8. We are forging ahead—22 new members this year. Old fanciers, remember your old society.—C. Tomlinson.

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EXCHANGE two cock Blackbirds, singing, for six Norwich or Yorkshire hens; wanted Linnets, Bullfinches: Halls, Central Bird Stores, Patricroft, Manchester.

FOUR cock Bullfinches, 2/- each, two hen Bullfinches, two hen Goldfinches, aviary-moulted, 1/6 each, exchange Norwich hens; offers: Stubbs, 23b, Well-st., Winsford, Cheshire.

FOR sale, following cocks: Siberian Bullfinch, Chaffinch, Redpoll, and cock and hen Goldfinch Mules, offers for lot, or exchange for Norwich: J. Robertson, Junr., Corra Linn, Dalyel.

TWO house-moulted Goldfinches, two extra good type buff Norwich cocks; will exchange for large 1911 Yellow Norwich cock, or Lizard hens: Victoria Hotel, Penygroes, North Wales.

LARGE 1911 hand-reared cock Blackbird, grand songster, 7/6; exchange for good cock Goldfinch; stout buff Norwich hen, 3/-, or cock Linnet or Bullfinch, offers: Palmer, 46, Walpole-rd., Gt. Yarmouth.

EXCHANGE five cock Goldfinches for good soft singing Roller cock; Crested cock, exchange Goldfinch or Linnet Mule, must be Goldfinch or Linnet song; two cock Goldfinches for good young muling hen, on approval: W. Steel, The Manor, Tendring, Essex.

NOTICE to exhibitors, Mule breeders and fanciers. I will exchange all kinds of British, also three house-moulted Goldfinches, sure mulers and large birds for common singing Canaries: Hollinshead, Cheshire Aviaries, Howard-st., Stockport.

GENUINE Siberian Greenies, two massive cocks, immense size, pick of twenty when imported, 5/6 each; exchange both for good, typical, slim ticked York cock; British hen, twice moulted, reared own Hybrids, 3/6: Secretary, 8, The Mall, Kensington, London.

GIVING up Fancy. Exchange all my winning British open shows, including Linnets, 1st and 4th at Barnsley, 2nd at Rochdale, and commended at Stockton-on-Tees. Mealy Redpoll, 21 in class, 1st at Stockton, Redpoll 2nd, and special at Rochdale; Redpoll, vhc and he Rochdale; Twite, 1st and spl. Stockton; also others; six double cages and rack, show cages, etc., for lightweight motor cycle, or offers or sell: 240, Hyde-rd., West Gorton, Manchester.

Mainly Canaries.

EXCHANGE Green Crest hen, Yorkshire hen, for two Goldfinches: Logan, Arthur-st., Newton Stewart.

EXCHANGE 5 good Yorkshire hens, for laying fowls, or sell £1: Francis, 98, Augusta-st., Poplar, E.

WHAT offer for seven pure Seifert Roller hens, cold room bred: James Goode, Foley Park, Kidderminster.

TWO Norwich Roller hens, 1911; 2 Roller hens, exchange Roller cock, sell 8/-: Housley, 54, Heath-st., Burnley.

WHAT offers in Canaries for lady's gold watch, quite new, cost £4: McKeand, Seabright Villa, Castle Douglas.

PAIR Crests, 25/-; 5 Norwich hens, 4/6 each; exchange big yellow Norwich cock; offers: 16, Higham-rd., Tottenham.

EXCHANGE two Norwich clear Crested hens, 1911, for good Norwich yellow cock: A. Greasbey, Wadhurst, Sussex.

EXCHANGE pair of Rollers, Lyons' strain, club rung, for pair of good Yorkshires: Myers, 97, George-street, Altrincham.

EXCHANGE buff Norwich cock, value 7/6, for unflighted yellow Norwich hen: T. Bussey, Park Row, Middleton-in-Teesdale.

EXCHANGE unflighted yellow Norwich cock for good buff or yellow 1911 hen: 34, Heysham-rd., Shirley, Southampton.

TWO clear buff Norwich hens, cold room, for big yellow Norwich cock: Turner, 45, Milton Court-rd., New Cross, London, S.E.

FOUR good buff 1911 Yorkshire hens, sell 15/-; exchange extra heavy tan boots, size 8, or offers: King, Wyke, Gillingham, Dorset.

HIGH class Yorkshires for sale (cheap), ready for breeding, 1911 birds, useful exchange: Key, 317, King-street, Hammersmith.

TWO buff Yorkshire hens, 6/-, or exchange for large Goldfinch or Yorkshire cock: Baker, Coachman, Workhouse, Norwich.

PRIZE-BRED Norwich Canaries; exchange for scrap brass, copper, zinc, lead, pewter, or anything useful: 61, Havelock-st., Leicester.

LARGE yellow Yorkshire cock, little rough in feather, 7/6 or exchange for two Yorkshire hens: Bartlett, Inveresk, Bournemouth.

FOUR pure Seifert 1911 hens, 2/3 each; typical yellow Yorkshire cock, 5/6; approval; offers birds, anything: China Stores, Brotherton, Yorkshire.

EXCHANGE high-class Yorkshires for surplus stocks of Canaries, or British song birds: Imeson, Commercial House, Ossett, Yorkshire.

TWO B.R.C.C. Rollers, stock bird and schoolmaster, 1910 rung, winning strain; exchange to value £2; no birds: Harper, New-rd., Darlaston.

CLASSICAL Yorkshires, Bailey's strain, sell or exchange scrap copper, brass, tin, anything useful: Cooper, Taylor-st., Batley, Yorkshire.

BORDERS. Three clear buff hens, 1911 bred, for yellow or yellow green cock, 1911 bred; approval; yours first: Lyall, 31, Montrose-st., Brechin.

GRAND Yorkshire cocks, good songsters, 6/6; hens, 3/-; exchange entertained; anything useful; antiques wanted: Round, South Side, Dudley.

TWO foul green Scotch Fancy hens, in exchange for pair of Borders, green or even-marked: A. N. Bowesman, 33, Claremont-rd., Sandymount, Dublin.

EXCHANGE for 2 good large yellow Norwich hens for muling, 3 1911 Yorkshire cocks, 4 hens, yellow and buff, or sell 15/-: Palmer, Newbuildings, Frome.

TWO 1911 buff Yorkshire hens, 7/6 and 10/6 each to clear, or will exchange; good yellow Yorkshire stock cock, no rubbish wanted: Weeks, 45, Court-rd., Cardiff.

WHAT offers in Canaries for suit length good tweed, value 25/-, or lady's dress length, value 12/6; any colours: McKeand, Seabright Villa, Castle Douglas.

WILL exchange exhibition or stock specimens of Norwich or Yorkshires, 12/6, 17/6, 25/- pair, for Toy Pom, or anything useful: Hawkes, Grove Green, Leytonstone.

CHAMPION Yorkshires, Bailey's strain, cocks 7/6, 10/6, 15/6, hens 3/6, 5/6, 7/6; exchange cigars, good suit; other offers entertained: Berry, 99, Selborne Grove, Keighley.

EXCHANGE foul green Yorkshire cock for three hens, yellow and buff Yorkshires and yellow Norwich, or sell 12/6: Williamson, 102, Merton-rd., Bootle, Liverpool.

WILL give two good Yorkshire hens and little cash for good buff Yorkshire stock cock, must be good, yours first: Potter, 71, May-st., Soundwell-rd., Kingswood, Bristol.

SEVERAL real good Yorkshires for disposal, sell cheap, or exchange for anything useful; wanted half-plate camera, Roller cages, bird organ; offers: 20, Lessingham-ave., Tooting, S.W.

EXCHANGE Cinnamon Yorkshire cock, Norwich Crested cock, both full song, and Roller hen and wire hanging cage, for good gramophone or anything useful: W. J. Doherty, 64, Stafford-rd., Bow, E.

TWO pair 7-inch Yorkshires, 3 ditto hens, 1 pair good Norwich, all unflighted, and three H.M. Chaffinch cocks, sell £3, or exchange cob harness or lady's cycle: W. Brown, Ightfield, Whitchurch, Salop.

CHAMPION bred Yorkshires, grand birds; cocks from 10/6, hens from 5/-; two buffs, 7ins., 15/- each; good exchange; no postcards; seen by appointment: Nicholls, 128, Gloucester-terr., Hyde Park, London.

FOUR Yorkshire cocks, untried, bred 1911, 7/- each, reason for selling, overstocked; exchange Yorkshire or Norwich show cages, anything useful for home; approval; deposit system: Thornton, Gold-st., Boothtown, Halifax.

SALE through unforeseen circumstances; 5 pairs of Yorkshires, 8/6 pair; cock Linnet, hen Canary, 5/-; 4 British cock Finches, 1/3; 7 double breeding cages, with fittings, good as new, 3/6 each: Grainger, Mayfield-terrace, Harrogate.

WANTED, extra good reliable silver chronograph watch in exchange for two grand pair of prize-bred Norwich Plainheads (colour-fed), yellow cocks, buff hens, or sell £4 4s.; or offers anything useful; approval: Hall, 4, Knowsley, Lees, Oldham.

TWO pairs Crest and Crestbred, 2 cocks, 2 hens, large feathery birds, 25/-, per pair, or exchauge Norwich Cinnamons or Plainhead Norwich to value: Fox, 73, Elsdon-rd., Gosforth, Northumberland.

GOOD pair Rollers, 12/6, typical clear Yorkshire cock, 10/-; large variegated Norwich cock, 10/-, in full song; also pair Sandow's spring grip dumbbells, as new, 7/6; exchange talking Parrot or offers: Sheldon, Manchester-rd., Tideswell.

Mainly Foreign.

FOR sale, three Red-crested cock Cardinals, 4s. each; exchange Yorkshires to value: Estill, Albion Hotel, Whitby.

HANDSOME Rose-breasted Cockatoo and cage, in splendid plumage; exchange quarter-plate camera: Willis, 63, Dorothy-rd., Leicester.

TWO Green cock Budgerigars, house moulted, 8/-; exchange hens Cordon Bleu and Golden-breasted Waxbill: Robertson, 22, Summerfield-terrace, Aberdeen.

EXCHANGE pair house-moulted Spice Birds, pair Cutthroats, Napoleon Weaver, Grey Java, for Norwich cock or house-moulted cock Goldfinch: Huckle, Birkenhead-avenue, Kingston-on-Thames.

Miscellaneous.

SALE or exchange, rough terrier dog for Canaries: Wilson, Tower View, Totnes.

EXCHANGE pair of racing pigeons for small British birds, or Canaries: J. Jarvis, Cirencester.

THREE Golden Pheasants, 32/-; exchange poultry or birds: Goodale, Moorfield, Urmston, Manchester.

THREE broody Bantams, 3 hen Bantams, 1 cock Bantam, sell 10/6, or exchange: R. Mudd, Bedale.

SPLENDID heavy English lever, perfect order, heavy silver chain, offers wanted in birds: 4, Peel-st., York.

EXCHANGE phonograph and 16 records for Canaries: H. Stanley, 15, Lowndes-rd., The Brook, Liverpool.

EXCHANGE hand camera, bargain, for good Mule or pair Yorkshires: F. Brewin, 3, Watergate, Grantham.

GOOD strong gent's hike, good condition, 26 inch, 25/-, or exchange singing birds; Apply, 4, Peel-st., York.

WILL exchange 10 volumes Circles of Science for Canaries, no rubbish: Barrow, Stocksbridge, Deepcar, Sheffield.

HANDSOME Whippet dog pup, 6 months, 15/-, or exchange Canaries: W. Robinson, 8, South-West-st., Blackburn.

EXCHANGE one pair Magpie pigeons for H.M. Siberian cock Goldfinch: J. Rowland, 11, King-st., Doncaster.

WIRE front for small aviary wanted; exchange silver watch; particulars: 46, Platt-st., Moss-side, Manchester.

EXCHANGE Airedale and Yorkshire dog, 15 months; for foreign birds: Mr. W. Allcock, 55, St. George's-rd., Redditch.

AVIARY for sale, or would exchange for two cock Canaries in song: Evans, Grocer, 8, Charlwood-st., Pimlico, London.

SIX new fronts, 12 by 10, small new fancy cage, exchange Bantams; offers: Podmore, 12, Werrington-rd., Bucknall, Staffs.

EXCHANGE single mail cart, value, 10/-, for cash, or anything useful: Mrs. Gardner, 109 Victoria-st., Gillingham, Kent.

EXCHANGE Angora doe, winner 2nd, 3rd, 4th, for good British Goldfinch, or sell 6/-: Winton, W. Clevage, Dunning.

GOOD cock Goldfinch, free singing, also four Linnet hop cages; exchange anything: Culshaw, Oakleigh, Maghull, Liverpool.

EXCHANGE spaniel fox terrier dog, 8 months, good guard, anything useful, sell 7/6: Boggis, Panfield-lane, Bocking.

MACAURA'S Blood Circulator, good condition; what offers?: Pte. Ellis, Officers' Mess, Lancashire Fusiliers, Tidworth.

SIX handsome glass sugar basins, fitted with plated stands, 6/-, exchange Foreign birds: Morris, 1, Highfield-rd., Ilfracombe.

FOUR double breeders, exchange British, garden gun, or bicycle tyres, 100 boxes ladies' millinery, 6d. each: Ghent, Beccles.

EXCHANGE three laying Buff Orpington pullets, for big pair Norwich or Crests, or slim pair Yorkshires: Longbottom, Wisbech.

NEW pigeon basket, hold 15, exchange cock Mule or two hen Canaries, or anything: A. Wilsher, Thornton-st., Hertford.

SIX March pullets, commencing laying, house and run, 30/-; three rabbits and box, 6/-: Beesley, 48, St. Andrew's-rd., Exmouth.

EXCHANGE 24 phonograph records, carrying case, lock, key, for pair Norwich Canaries, nesting: Dean, 39, Mirabel-rd., Fulham.

EXCHANGE pair prize bred Pigmy Pouters, nesting, red, black, or yellow, for Roller cock, sell 10/-: Connon, Hatton, Aberdeen.

GENT.'S grey tweed cycling suit (misfit), new, sell 12/6; exchange anything useful; approval, deposit: G. Frith, Crowle, Lincs.

GIVE 3 hen Canaries, box cage, little cash, for outer covers, 28 x 1½, saddle, handlebars, offers: Yandell, Workhouse, Buntingford.

EXCHANGE for Canaries, ratchet brace and bits, dovetail saw, iron smoothing plane, chisels: Roberts, 4, Octagon-st., Plymouth.

CANARIES, cocks, green, 6/6; variegated 5/-; hens 1/9; H.-M. Chaffinch hen, 2/6; exchange Toy puppies: Holt, Ironmonger, Bacup.

BLOUSES, underclothing, etc., made to order, exchange live stock, or offers: Mrs. Ward, 14, Talavara Place, London, N.E.

CROSSBRED eggs for hatching good table chickens, 2/6 setting; Norwich hen Canary, 3/6: C. Hendry, near Church, Burnham Market.

BLACK-BREASTED red bantam cock; exchange foreign birds, or sell, 4s. 6d.: Mr. W. Allcock, 55, St. George's-rd., Redditch.

SELL, gent.'s silver lever watch, 25/-, or part exchange common Canaries; yours first: Puddicombe, 28a, Hampstead-rd., Dorking.

TWO pair lady's brown boots, buttons, new, size 4, 6; exchange Canaries, Mules, cocks, hens: Tomson, 42, High-rd., Willesden Green.

SIX high class fantail pigeons; exchange for cock Roller in full song, or sell 12/6: Shackleton, Dolphin House, Wyke, nr. Weymouth.

EXCHANGE two pairs valuable prize pigeons (Black Nuns), for four good Norwich hens; approval: Adcock, Boot Stores, Chatteris.

WIRE haired Fox Terrier bitch, 10/-; offers Canaries, British, or anything: Baly, 2, Webbs-cottages, Star-lane, Caversham, Reading.

SPLENDID saloon rifle, good shot, very useful, sell 18/-; exchange Canaries, breeding cages, send offers: Williams, Waindew, Carmarthen.

COCKER bitch, 18 months old, partly trained, good pedigree; exchange for hives of bees or sell for £2: Mead, Highfield House, Drogheda.

EXCHANGE April hatched 1911 White Wyandotte cockerel for a Norwich 1911 cock Canary; apply: Whichcloe, 2, Cator-st., Peckham.

SPANGLED Bantams, 4 pullets and cockerel, for Norwich or Cinnamons, sell 25/-; approval: Brown, High Etherley, Bishop Auckland.

GENT.'S solid silver watch and chain, good timekeeper, 30/-, exchange Canaries: Evans, 427, Portobello Road, Notting Hill, London.

GRAND Scanderoon hen, winner, pair high-class working homers, exchange Canaries, or offers; sell 12/-: R. Hearn, Bettisham, Cambs.

EXCHANGE pair homers, flown Bournemouth, for pair Norwich Canaries, or sell 20/-: Murray, 152, Durham-rd., Sparkhill, Birmingham.

MAGNIFICENT fernery and aviary, suitable hotel, gentleman's hall; new, £8 10/-; framed pictures, £3; part exchange: Cypher, Bedwas, Mon.

CAGE Birds, Poultry, Cavies, Rabbits and pigeons, all varieties, high-class stock only; sale or exchange: Pet Stores, 255, Bethnal Green-road, E.

EXCHANGE trout rod and winch, three joints, for pair Zebra Finches or other Foreign birds; approval: Bouch, 23, Church-st., Egremont, Cumb.

LADY'S blue costume, also few pairs men's trousers, new; exchange anything: Knell, 35, Grosvenor-buildings, Manisty-st., London, E.

EXCHANGE one dozen gent's rubbers, 2 dozen ladies', Star Bend, 11lbs., for Rollers: Miles, Bootmaker, 26, Bewdley-st., Kidderminster.

EXCHANGE complete Cassell's Popular Educator, 32 parts, for good young Norwich cock, sell 10/-: Wilson, 67, Burdett-rd., Bow, London, E.

B.S.A. Miniature Rifle, ¼-plate camera, joiner-made kitchen dresser, cheap; exchange Edison Fireside Phono, or Canaries: Hall, Quarry, Unstone.

EXCHANGE four pairs prize fancy pigeons, Manchester terrier hitch, also garden tools, for Canaries anything useful: Drew, Plumber, Dowlais.

GOOD clean charlock seed, 1/- stone; mixed wild seed, 9d. stone; samples two stamps; exchange anything: Ernest Whiteley, Crowle, Doncaster.

WHAT offers in Yorkshire pairs, winners preferred, for gent.'s cycle, to value of 50/-; mutual approval: J. Underwood, 590, Mansfield-rd., Sherwood.

EXCHANGE Army and Navy opera glasses, 5-mile range, with case, for pair good Canaries and breeding cage: Robinson, Florist, Witham, Essex.

REAL Alaska Sealskin jacket, 32 long, 24 waist, storm collar, nearly new, exchange for talking African Grey Parrot: Crossby, Melrose-rd., Liverpool.

GOLDIE Muler, cock, variegated, singing, and show cage, 10/-; exchange boots, size 7; trousers, suit lad 16 years: Slee, Hairdresser, Pembroke.

EXCHANGE pair ball bearing roller skates (Winslow's), for pair of Norwich Canaries, unrelated: S. Corby, 121, Ruckledge-ave., Harlesden, London.

WILL exchange typical colour-fed Norwich or Yorkshires, 12/6, 17/6, 25/- pair, for Toy Pom, or anything useful: Hawkes, 390, Grove Green-rd., Leytonstone.

EXCHANGE an old violin and case for two house moulted cock Goldfinches, or a big, stout, chubby Norwich cock, sell 15/6: Brown, 22, Alma-rd., Weymouth.

500 GENT'S box calf and glace kid boots for sale, newly soled and heeled, 3/- per pair; ladies', 2/3; boys' 2/6, girls' 2/-: 275, Chester-rd., Hulme, Manchester.

EXCHANGE, 6 knives, pair lady's cutting-out scissors, carvers, and perfect hollow ground razor, for 2 cocks, or 5 hens, or mules: G. Boston, 71, Otley-st., Sheffield.

MUTUAL approval, exchange six ivorine handled knives, best quality, also hollow ground razor, for 1 cock or 3 hen Canaries: Marsden, 175, St. Philip's-rd., Sheffield.

THREE blocks, Crest, Plainhead, size two inches, one group of four, useful for memo's billheads; exchange pair good Norwich Canaries: Kirkland, Gartlea-rd., Airdrie.

EGGS from high-class Black Minorcas, 4/6 sitting; exchange for two good clear or ticked yellow unflighted Norwich hens; approval: Procter, Witton Park, Co. Durham.

EXCHANGE Crystal Palace aviary, 37 inches long, 12 wide; exchange large Siberian or yellow cock breeding Siskin or British Goldfinch: Apply T. Ross, Argyle-st., Leicester.

THREE drawing-room cages, good condition; 28 lovely coloured bird plates, few bird books; exchange for phonograph records: J. Simonds, High-st. North, Dunstable.

WANTED, Yorkshire Canaries, buff or yellow; will give good Dutch rabbits, 1 buck, 3 does, winners, no rubbish: Apply Frank Bailey, 5, Hanger's-row, Stoneferry, Hull, Yorks.

WILL exchange a pair of gent's roller skates, condition as new, value 10/-, for real good unflighted buff Yorkshire hen, or smart yellow cock; approval: Clee, 9, John-st., Treharris.

EXCHANGE or sell a brass-socketed trout rod, cost 10/6, used once, for Bantams, suit, or costume length, useful exchange entertained: Pinfield, Holly Cottage, Birmingham-rd., Bromsgrove.

GENT'S pneumatic cycle, free wheel, good order, 25/-; six-chambered revolver, 8/-; approval, deposit, or exchange good Norwich; Canaries first: A. Brewitt, West Gate, Sleaford.

EXCHANGE smart trio Old English Game Bantams (both pullets laying), for pair Canaries, any variety, or large muling hens; must be good; on approval: Henderson, Buckfastleigh, Devon.

PAIR North American Flying Squirrels, have bred, hardy, three years in garden enclosure; tame, price £2, or exchange acclimatised pair Gouldian Finches: Miss Chawner, Lyndhurst, Hants.

BLACK Leghorns, 3 pullets, cockerel, 15/-; two crossbreds, 5/-, guaranteed laying; 3 Norwich Canaries, buff, January, 1912, bred, healthy, offers: Bingham, Bramley House, Long Sutton.

GENT.'S cycle, 24in. frame, B.S.A. free-wheel, 2 roller brakes, new tyres, not soiled, cost £8 8s., sacrifice 65s., cash, or part exchange; approval, deposit: Smith, 48, Stafford-st., Birmingham.

PRACTICAL pictorial gardening, cost 14/-; volume Natural History, cost 6/-; six good named carnations, 2/6; sell 16/-; exchange Yorkshire or Norwich cock Canaries: Garrett, 10, Clifton-terace, Leeds.

SALE or exchange, the premier sound magnifying graphophone, first-class order, large horn, will play Standard records and Amberols, cost £20, take £7, or offers: Glew, Doncaster-rd., Ferry Bridge.

CAGE, 36 x 15½ x 25, tray, centre division (removable), 5/-; another (wire except bottom), 34 x 18 x 30, two doors, 9 feed-holes, tray, 10/-; exchange value British: Conly, Lench View, Pershore.

HARMSWORTH History World, unbound, 16/-; "Life times Edward VII," 26 parts, new, 11/-; electric magneto battery, 25/-; exchange Yorks., Rollers, part cash: Tate, Shoemaker, Newport, Middlesbro'.

TWELVE Plymouth Rock chickens, week old, 10/6 pair; Yorkshire Canaries, 12/6; handsome Australian Grey and Red Parrot, 15/-; make intelligent talker; exchange any for fancy: Barlow's Aviaries, Greenwich.

FINE specimen Lesser Guenon male monkey, affectionate pet, 3 years old; sell £2; exchange good pair Crests, or Norwich; rubbish will not be entertained; no cards: Wilkinson, Storekeeper, Union, Blackburn.

REAL genuine bargain, gent's bicycle, 24in. frame, free wheel, rim brakes, guaranteed perfect running order, almost new, tyres, tubes, all accessories, 15/6; inspection invited: Mackenzie, Commercial Hotel, Beeston, Notts.

BOOTS, clothing, suits, overcoats, mackintoshes, Blankets, quilts, sheets, drapery, curtains, carpets, dress lengths, cutlery, tools, electro-plate of every description; exchange for Canaries: Exchange Co. 57, Lime-st., Sheffield.

NEARLY new 16/- lockstitch hand machine, 6/-; sea fishing rod, reel, tackle, basket, 6/-; splendid treadle sewing machine, lockstitch, with cover, perfect, 16/- carriage paid; or exchange Canaries (songsters): 2, Tidy-st., Brighton.

PURE bred high-class Dogs, Bantams, Rabbits, Cavies, Cage Birds and Pigeons of all descriptions for sale or exchange; call or write, state wants, send offers, stamp reply: Maynard, Bethnal Green; Telephone 2528 London Wall.

GOOD gent's cycling suit with sweater, nearly new, fit man 5ft. 8in., 12/-; gent's cycle, cost 8 guineas last season, all complete, £3 10/-, Dunlop covers and tubes; exchange Canaries, African Grey Parrot, offers: Mimikin, Naturalist, Keighley.

BICYCLE, Royal Rover, 3-speed gear, gear case, Brooks' saddle, in perfect condition, £4, also Royal Medford, new, not ridden 20 miles, double brakes, free wheel, etc., £5: or offers in Canaries, good pairs: Mack, 12, Bombay-st., Belfast.

CHEAP, immediate disposal, phonograph, fifty records, would separate; gramophone records, bankrupt stock; post cards 4/9 gross, 12/6 500; all different; exchanges entertained; wanted, Budgerigars, cash till, aviary birds: Ross, Tobacconist, Lossiemouth, N.B.

BROTHER fanciers! Sterling silver Government hallmarked double cased gent's English lever watch, fully jewelled, timed to one minute a month, splendid watch, cause sale, workless through strike; bargain for someone, 21/-: Alf. Powell, 66, Nechells Park-rd., Birmingham.

GOLD cased bracelet, 20/6, double albert, 5/6; 6 Greenfinches, 7 Chaffinches, cocks, steady, 1/- each; child's collapsible and go-chairs, 5/- each; muzzle loader, 5/-; incubator, 5/-; exchange Canaries, Crests, or anything useful: Gordon, 44, Murray-st., Maryhill, Glasgow.

A joiner's cramp, new, 4ft. 6in.; glazier's diamond, 2 hen Bullies, 2 cock Greenies, all twice house moulted, one pair bred last season; exchange for muling hens, or part exchange Silver Wyandotte cockerel; yours first: Harris, 37, Newland-rd., Small Heath, Birmingham.

EXCHANGE two racing homer cocks, can win in show pen, value £1; also training hamper to hold 40, new, value 10/-; also flat mandoline and case, value 25/-; all together or separate; anything useful, no live stock: J. P. Kirkbride, 5, Field Foot, Grasmere, Westmorland.

BLACK suit, worn week, 44in. chest, cost 90/-, price 40/-, new plate glass mirror, 43in. by 30, oak frame, 28/-; double breeder, 2 pr. Norwich, nesting, 25/-; 8-day American clock, 100 years old, 25/-; wanted, talking Parrot and British birds, tame: J. Winterbottom, Drayman, Jordan-st., Glossop.

STRIKE this bargain; large phonograph, very plain talker, and 74 records in two lock-up carrying cases; 2 brass horns, sacrifice 38/-, or part exchange small foreigners or anything useful; monster Yorks cock, make winner, 8/6; complete 48 parts Harmsworth Self-educator, splendid reading, 14/-, or exchange; also double-ended punch-ball, unsoiled, 10/-, bargain; will exchange: F. L., 368, Rosliston-rd., Stapenhill, Burton-on-Trent.

JONES' upper closing machine and set of youth's and gents' upper cutting knives, value 18 guineas, exchange Yorkshire and Crest pairs to value; quality, not quantity, wanted; Gladstone bag, value 18s., exchange winning colour-fed Greenfinch; three pairs gents' tan willow calf boots, value 30s.; exchange good pair Crests; straightforward dealing only: Holmes, Bootmaker, Hunloke-rd., Holmewood, Chesterfield.

KENNEL.

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WANTED male dog or puppies, give cash and birds: Dutton, Dunstable.

BLUE Bedlington bitch, 18 months, sell 20/-; exchange Yorkshire, Norwich Canaries: Gallagher, 74 Cramond-st., Glasgow.

TWO powerful Bull-Alredale dog puppies, seven weeks, 7/6 each; bitch, 5/6, parents tackle anything: Barlow, Tobacconist, Greenwich.

BLACK and tan English terrier bitch wanted, pedigree; exchange pair exhibition White Fantails, or sell 30/-: Stewart, 504, Clarkston-rd., Glasgow.

LITTER of pretty Toy cross, rich black Pomeranian puppies, make about 5lbs., healthy, 8 weeks, 6/6 each, real bargains: Mackenzie, Commercial Hotel, Beeston, Notts.

DOG collars, best bridle leather, name, address on, 1/4; brass name plate, only 7d., chains 1/-, rugs, any breed, 3/6, post free: Young (C.B.), Netmaker, Crewkerne, Somerset.

BLACK retriever, bitch puppy, six months, from pedigree bitch; also strong leather lead and collar; sacrifice, 10/6; must sell; approval, deposit: Harrison, Market Deeping.

FOR sale, two beautiful male puppies, cross collie and elkhound, 7 weeks old, very strong and healthy, good pedigree, cheap, 30/- each.—H. C. Tritton, Littleridge, Sunningdale.

ONE splendid Irish Terrier dog, dead game, good ratter and badger fighter, 15 months old, first 25/-; also one red Setter dog, 11 months old, great bargain, £1; approval; deposit with Editor: R. Bell, Station-st., Ballycastle, Co. Antrim, Ireland.

HIGHLY pedigree bred golden sable and white Collie bitch puppy, 10 weeks old, immense coat, frill, brush, well carried ears and brush, white collar, clean, healthy, lovely specimen, sure winner, 15/-; approval; printed pedigree on application: R. Marshall, Hagworthingham House, Spilsby, Lincolnshire.

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SPORT; the Sure-Shot Catapult, with quantity of shot, 1/-, post free: Chas. John, 24, Camp-rd., Norwich.

EDISON Amberol records, all good, 9/- doz; Pathe Phone machine, 6 double sided records, good order, 25/-: 198, Oldham-rd., Failsworth.

GRAMOPHONISTS: Two new double 10 inch records, bottle of record restorer and 200 needles, only, 2/6 packed free: Ross, Cage Works, Forres, N.B.

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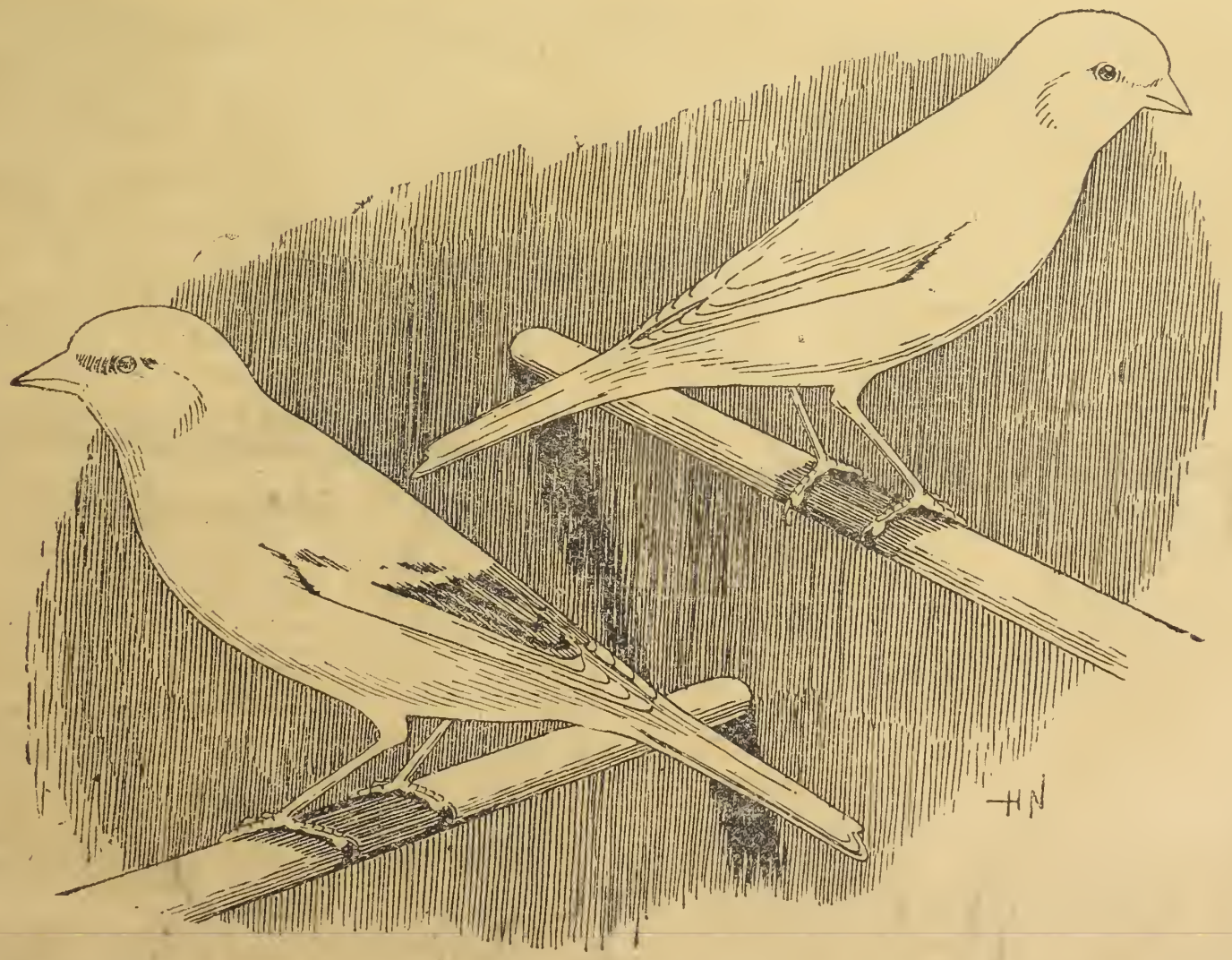

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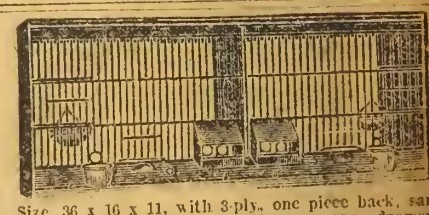

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TWENTY-EIGHT years a catcher. Exhibitors, private bird buyers. I have selected from season's catching 500 exhibition and breeding Linnets, full chests, Norwich type, birds beautifully pencilled, etc., bills slatey blue, every bird caged off and in full song, 1/- each, three 2/6; week's approval willingly, cash or deposit: Fearby, Bird Catcher, Murrayfd., Bedminster.

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GOLDFINCHES. GOLDFINCHES

Warranted cocks, 2/- each, three 5/-, six 9/-; specially selected, 3/-, 4/-, 5/- each; hens, 1/-, three 2/6; cage-moulted cock Goldfinches, 4/-, 5/- each; one Cheveral, 7/-; all approval: Haynes Bros., Selly Oak, Worcestershire.

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Softbills.

MONSTER Scotch cock Larks, 5/- dozen: Ross, Bird Stores, Forres, N.B.

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BRITISH birds, 30 species, price list free: Miss Rosey, Rosemary House, Eastbourne.

HOUSE-moulted cock Chaffinch, 2/6; Song Thrush, 1/-; young and in healthy condition: Maunder, 76, Leigham Vale, Tulse Hill, S.W.

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BLACKBIRD and cage, 7/6; cock Bullfinch, splendid colour, 3/-; hen, 2/6, been paired with Goldfinch, both H.M.; Redpoll, 2/-; muling Linnet, 2/6; all singing fiercely, 15/- the lot, or offers: J. Smith, Blacksmith, Bucknall, Lincoln.

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CHAFFINCH, Greenfinch (cocks), both full, fast singers, 2/6 each; exhibition cock Woodlark, beauty, full song, 10/-; exchange yellow Norwich cock, H.M. cock Redpoll, big hen Goldfinch, 4/6; cock Greenfinch, H.M., hen Bullfinch, 3/6, all finger tame; approval: Richards, Clodescourt, Fore-st., Exmouth.

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CANARIES.

Belgians.

CHAMPION Belgians, three 1911 buff hens for sale, bred from my winners, reasonable prices: Horrill, 17, King Edward-st., Barnstaple.

RETIRING through age, illness, must sell all my Belgians, 20 grand healthy birds, state wants; approval, cheap: George Baker, Reform-st., Barnstaple.

BUFF Belgian cock, 1910 bird, late McConnell's 1st Crystal Palace; also yellow pied, first-cross, great size; immense reach: James Mallagh, Warrenpoint, Co. Down, Ireland.

Border Fancy.

BORDER Fancies wanted, state price, particulars; stamp reply: Gledhill, Fleet, Queensbury, Bradford.

CLEAR yellow buff marked, yellow marked cocks, 5/-; hens, 3/-; four-pointed buff, 5/-: J. Logie, Park-rd., Brechin.

HIGH-CLASS Borders, cocks from 5/6, hens from 3/-, all 1911 bred; approval: Wm. Poole, Frostons-rd., Workington.

BORDER hens, 2/6, all colours, selected Scotch cock Linnets, 1/6; show birds, 2/6: David Douglas, Bridge-st., Brechin.

HIGH-CLASS Border cocks 6/-, hens 3/6; exchange pair for Norwich: Andrew Dawson, Specialist, 30, Dunchattan-st., Glasgow.

WANTED, pair good Cinnamon Borders; exchange good clears, to value; approval both ways: Watson, 10, Southesk-st., Brechin.

UNFLIGHTED clear yellow cock, buff hen, only pair left, 20/-; cheap to clear; approval: Kemlo, Wellington Place, Montrose.

TYPICAL Borders, buff cocks, 7/6, no yellows; hens, 4/6; yellows, buffs, Cinnamon ticks; stamp: Blair, Postman, Kippen, Stirlingshire.

FOUL green buff cock, rare type and quality, 7/6; variegated yellow hen, 4/-; clear buff hen, 4/-; approval, stamp: Aitken, 30, Allison-st., Ayr

BORDERS, yellow cock, buff variegated hen, 12/6, one yellow, two yellow variegated hens, 4/6 each, even-marked bred: Irons, Viewbank, Brechin.

FEW good Borders, clear buff and foul cocks, 5/-; hens, 3/6, good stock birds, cheap to clear; approval: J. Studholme, Dryfe Bridge, Lockerbie.

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LARGE buff cinnamon cocks from 12/6; good pairs from 20/- to 60/-; clear buff Norwich hens, 7/6 each; Crested pair, 30/-; approval: J. R. Ingram, St. Ives, Hunts.

I HAVE in stock a good lot of Cinnamons, cocks, 6/-, 8/-, 10/- each; hens, 4/-, 5/- each; week's approval, deposit: A. Fiddament, Postman, 105, Trinity-st., Norwich.

DO you want Cinnamons, really good and cheap? I have them; send for list, or state requirements, but no odd yellow hens in this variety, sold: Rudd, Bird Specialist, Norwich.

Crests and Crestbreds.

CREST and Crest-bred, sell cheap before pairing up: Boulter, 32 Palmerston-rd., West Hampstead, N.W.

CHAMPION large massive Crests and Crestbreds, from 7/6 to 15/6 each, ten days' approval: W. Powick, Dewsbury.

CRESTS, two pairs good 1911 birds cheap, 15/6 and 13/6; also two pairs good Yorkshires: Pike, St. Clair, Reading.

MUST sell, cheap, high-class Crests and Crestbreds; state wants; approval: C. Roberts, Stannah Hey, Newton Drive, Blackpool.

BARNETT'S direct, Crests and Crest-breds, reliable stock hens or cocks, cheap; approval: Bushell and Dewing, Wodehouse-st., Norwich.

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GOOD lot of cheap Crests and Crestbreds to clear, for breeding, 6/-, 7/-, 8/-, 10/- each; week's approval: A. Fiddament, Postman, 105, Trinity-st., Norwich.

FOUR crested hens, one flight and one breeding cage, good condition, 27/- the lot; would separate: Letters only to W., 5, Stratford Studios, Kensington, London.

1911 Crested cock, variegated, on full song 5/-; one Norwich Plainhead, 1910, on full song, 5/-, or 9/- the two; approval: R. Collins, Marsh-rd., Burnham-on-Crouch, Essex.

CRESTS and Crestbreds, best blood, can spare a few pairs and cocks, from 60/- and 30/-; state price prepared to give; stamp: Rev. G. W. Joyce, Wellington, Somerset.

GRAND CRESTS, Crest-breds, cheap, giving up; 13 cocks, 30/- to 7/6; six Crested hens, 7/6 each; 4 songsters, 5/6 each, 20/- lot; 2 feeders, 6/-: Drake, 64, Northgate-st., Gloucester.

IF you want Crests or Crested-breds, please state requirements to me, or send for list. I have some good Crested-bred hens and cocks, with grand entrances: Rudd, Bird Specialist, Norwich.

H. HORTON, 18 years breeder, has healthy, well bred, young, nearly green Crestbred hen, and variegated crested hen, 12/6 each; approval: 18, The Avenue, St. John's Park-rd., Blackheath, London, S.E.

CLEAR yellow crestbred cock, 17/6; buff, crestbred hen, cap and wing-marked, 12/6, buff, crestbred cock, 8/6, yellow variegated hen, lovely Norwich stamp, 7/6; approval: Sommers, Marlborough-st., Devonport.

HIGH-CLASS Crests, grand birds, cocks or hens, 35 years breeder, judge of 100 shows. I don't exhibit now. I breed for my customers to win. Sold as many winners as any fancier; reasonable; approval: T. Billington, Hambleton, Poulton-le-Fylde.

MASSIVE feathery variegated dark Crest cock, grand crest, 9/-; another feathery ditto, 7/6; grand variegated Crest-bred cock, 9/6; ditto, 6/6; massive feathery variegated dark Crest hen, 9/-; ditto, gem, 5/6; massive feathery variegated Crest-bred hen, 8/6 ditto, 6/-; all large healthy birds; approval: Hatton, Aviaries, Belper.

MASSIVE, feathery 1911 Crestbred hen, rare type and quality of feather, only 10/6; also grand, large 1911 dark crested cock, lovely neat drooping crest, only 15/-; also massive feathery 1911 Crestbred cock large head and neck, smothered in feather, only 12/6; also choice 1911 crested hen, exceptionally well bred, only 8/6 also several other real good massive feathery crested and Crestbred cocks and hens, 7/6, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/- and 21/- each, all strong and healthy, cold room bred, Barnett's Palace winning strain; satisfaction guaranteed; approval: Warminger, 28, Guernsey-rd., Norwich.

HAVING selected my breeding stock, must dispose of following at half value to clear; monster variegated dark Crest cock, grand dense crest, 17/6; monster green ditto, perfect drooping crest, 17/-; massive feathery ditto, 12/-; monster variegated Crest-bred cock, grand broad head, 17/-; massive feathery yellow variegated ditto, 12/-; massive feathery variegated dark Crest hen, lovely crest, 15/-; massive feathery ditto, nice neat crest, 11/-; massive feathery variegated Crest-bred hen, nice broad head, 15/-; grand feathery green ditto, 11/-; all grand stock birds, from winning strain, in perfect feather; approval with pleasure: Miss Stone, Fleet, Belper.

CRESTS. CRESTBREDS.

A. LISTER, 106, Rectory-rd., Gateshead, Breeder and Exhibitor, can spare immense green crested cock, 35/-; wing-marked dark crested cocks, 12/6, 15/-, 20/-; wing-marked dark crested hens, 12/6, 15/-, 30/-, 40/-; monster lightly-marked Crestbred cock, 35/-; big, variegated Crestbred cock, 25/-.

Dutch Frills.

DUTCH Frill Canaries, Vulture shape, Dutch and French Canaries; catalogue free: Bernard-Blanquart, Lille, France.

Greens.

TWO pairs high-class Green Yorkshires, 12/6 per pair to clear: Cain, 21, Fowler-st., Liverpool.

YORKSHIRE and Norwich, type and quality combined with colour, no better blood; approval with pleasure: Metcalfe, 68, Brunswick-rd., Liverpool.

NORWICH, Deacon's noted strain, having purchased entire stock, my winnings with same, see L.C.B.A., Preston, Bradford, etc. A few grand birds for sale, from 10/-: Harding, 29a, Market-st., Wellingboro.

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ISAAC PINDER, 5, Grafton-st., Clitheroe, Lancs., has for sale five buff cocks, one yellow, 6/6 each, from winners; approval.

FEW yellow and buff coppy hens, yellow and buff Plainhead hens, 15/- each; few cocks: John Swalwell, 146, Middleton-rd., Oldham.

BARGAINS to clear, buff Plainhead cock, yellow Coppy hen, 30/-; yellow Coppy cock, buff Plainhead hen 20/-, 1911: Inspector Green, Loughborough.

Lizards.

FOR Lizards see my list: Rudd, Bird Specialist, Norwich.

W. P. BARNES, breeder champion Lizards, only two grand pairs, 20/- and 25/-; six odd silver hens, 5/- each; approval: 23a, London-rd., Grantham.

OWING to removal have some grand Lizards for sale; my own champion strain; pairs from 12/6; cocks from 7/6 each; inspection invited; stamp reply: John Dewsnap, 14, Princess-st., Glossop.

HAVING selected my stock, can still spare about 30 grand Lizards, bred from my winning strain; pairs from 10/-, single 6/- each; inspection invited: E. Ollerenshaw, 37, Freetown, Glossop, Derbyshire.

Norwich.

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MORE, 62, Drive, Gt. Yarmouth, good Norwich Plainheads for sale, own breeding, related many this year's prize winners.

FEW Norwich Canaries to clear, cocks 7/-, hens 2/-, 8/6 the pair: A. Bayer, 35, Carr-st., Ipswich.

NORWICH cocks from 6/6 each, hens from 3/- each: W. Gilbert, 2, Cromwell-st., Red-lane, Coventry.

UNFLIGHTED yellow Norwich cocks, healthy, and full song, 6/6 each: Bowes, Longham, Dereham.

E. GODLEY has few grand Norwich for disposal, single or pairs, also Cinnamons: Bishton, Blackburn.

TWO large buff Norwich hens (Hodder's), anxious to nest, 4/- each: K. Older, 64, Kingsland-rd., Bristol.

MR. SILK, Emsworth, Hants, has several very nice pairs Norwich, at 15/-; few odd buff hens, 7/6; approval.

FINE large Norwich hens for sale, cheap: Smith, 41, Outram-st., Copenhagen-st., King's Cross, London, N.

TWO unflighted yellow Norwich hens, short in tail, and flights, 8/6 each: Lawrence, 11, South-st., Reading.

NOTICE, grand Norwich cocks, 3/6, cock and hen 5/6, approval: McKeand, Seabright Villa, Castle Douglas

WM. HINDMAN, 26, Sarah Ellen-st., Blackburn, has only 5 pairs for disposal, 20/- per pair, and upwards.

MORTARA, 2, South View, Winchester, has got 4 high-class buff hens left, from 12/6; approval; cash or deposit.

LARGE 1910 yellow hen, very typical, good mother, lost cock, 7/6; approval: Shaw, 23, London-st., Basingstoke.

HIGH-CLASS 1911 Norwich, 6/6, 7/6; hens, 2/6, 3/6; Hodder's strain: Simmons 11T, Guest-st., St. Luke's, London, E.C.

NORWICH, unflighted, 3 buff, 1 yellow, cocks, 2 buff hens, cheap to clear; approval: Chas. Makins, Berwick-on-Tweed.

NICE Cinnamon hen; also large buff hen, 5/- each, real good birds; approval: Williams, Minafon, Trefriw, North Wales.

TYPICAL cocks, full song, 7/6; hens, breeding condition, 3/-, 3/6; approval; cold-room: Poore, 43, Guildford-rd., Ilford.

NORWICH, good quality, unflighted, same blood as my cup winners, from 8/6; approval: Mack, 29, Kilmaine-rd., Fulham.

FEW good young variegated hens, 2/3 each; two good variegated cocks, 6/- each: E. Baldock, Kildare, Hawkhurst, Kent.

CINNAMON pairs. Good size, Norwich type, 10/6; buff Norwich cocks, slightly marked, 5/6: Wiseman, 118, Withersfield-rd., Haverhill.

WANTED buff Norwich cock, unflighted, must be of good substance and head; state particulars: C. Cubby, 62, London-rd., Carlisle.

SPLENDID breeding pairs Norwich, 8/6, 10/6; grand cocks, 5/9, 7/6; approval; clearing; cages, etc: Savage Westfield Aviaries, Goole.

GRAND matched pair Norwich Plainheads, 15/-, to produce winners: two buff Norwich hens, good size, 8/6: Davidson, Bookseller, Montrose.

SIX large healthy Norwich buff hens, 3/6 each; wanted large house-moulted cock Goldfinch: Harrison, 108, Harlesden-rd., Willesden Green.

HANDSOME Norwich cocks, grand songsters, 5/-, 5/6; hens, 2/6, 3/-; pairs, 7/-, 7/6; value unapproachable; approval: Hatton, Aviaries, Belper.

WANTED, any quantity Norwich; cash deposited with Editor; send full particulars and stamp reply: Gledhill, Fleet Lane, Queensbury, Bradford.

PRIZE-bred Norwich, cocks, in full song, 4/-, 5/- each; hens, same strain, 1/9, 2/6 each; satisfaction guaranteed; Heathcote's Aviaries, Leicester.

A few good large surplus yellows and buffs to clear, cheap; can be seen any time; or on approval: G. Ward, 21, Warwick-st., Pimlico, London.

NORWICH cocks, yellows, 7/6; buffs, 6/6; hens, 3/-; cold-room bred, breeding condition: Turner, 138, Haleburton-rd., St. Margaret's, Twickenham.

I STILL have some good buff cocks, 6/-, 8/-, 10/-; also buff hens, 4/- to clear; week's approval: A. Fiddament, Postman, 105, Trinity-st., Norwich.

C. ROBERTS, Stannah Hey, Newton Drive, Blackpool, breeder, exporter, large Bullfinch type Norwich, pairs, 20/6 upwards, single from 10/6; approval.

SPLENDID pair typical Norwich, 15/-; several real good hens, 3/6, 4/-; eager to nest; all colour-fed: Lawrence S. Gartmore Gardens, Goodmayes, Essex.

HIGH CLASS Norwich cocks, 4/6, 5/-, 6/-, 7/-, 8/-; hens, 2/-, 2/6, 3/-, 4/-; not suited, money returned: Alfred Riley, Grocer, Lower Church-gate, Leicester.

ARTHUR GREEN, Gordon Villa, Tunnard-st., Boston, offers splendid Norwich cocks, breeding condition, clears 7/6; variegated 6/6; hens 3/3; 1911 birds.

A FEW unflighted buff Norwich hens for sale, grand type and quality, good heads, 7/6 each: W. Foxall, Oaken Clough, Waterloo, Ashton-under-Lyne.

E. A. MORRIS, 219, Henley-rd., Ilford, can spare 2 good Buff Norwich cocks, 8/- each; also champion hen Greenfinch, laid in aviary, 2/6; approval.

GIVING up Canaries for want of time; Norwich cocks, breeding cages, other cages, etc., cheap to clear: Richards, 10, Dewhurst-rd., Shepherd's Bush Road.

GIVING up breeding; 20 pairs Norwich buff and yellow, cocks full song, 4/- each; hens 1/9; last year's birds; approval: John Hudson, 36, Raglan-st., Notts.

J. B. CREIGHTON, Morpeth, has a large stock of Norwich Canaries to dispose of cheap; large buff cocks, from 10/-; yellow cocks, 12/6; inspection invited.

EXTRA large buff Norwich cock, 9/-; large buff green Norwich hen, 4/-, both honestly worth double, cash or deposit: Spratt, 56, Orchard Lane, Southampton.

GOOD Norwich cocks, in full song, 4/6, 5/-, 6/6; hens, 2/-, 3/-, 4/-; clean and healthy; cash; approval, deposit: T. Sanders, 131, Upper Conduit-st., Leicester.

HAVE six cocks left, three yellow, three buff, Iron's strain, from 6/- to clear; good stock birds, mostly 1911 bred: Russell, Hampton-in-Arden, Warwickshire.

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HIGH-CLASS Yorkshires, 40 cocks, from 5/-; 20 hens from 3/-, splendid length, type and quality; inspection invited; approval; satisfaction guaranteed: Priestley, 121, Gaythorne-rd., Bradford.

YELLOW marked cock, 12/6; yellow variegated cock, 10/6; buff marked cock, 9/-; breeding cages, 40 x 17 x 10½, 4/6 each, clean and in good condition: Knightley, Mount Pleasant-rd., Finsbury Park.

SPECIAL offer. Several unflighted Yorkshires, cocks 7/6, hens 4/-; bred from best stocks obtainable; cold-room; lovely feather; only want seeing; approval, deposit: W. Oriel, Maesyrderwyn, Aberbeeg.

EXTRA smart hens, 2 yellow, 1 buff, real beauties, very hardy, proud, pink of health and condition, 8/6, 8/6, 7/6, or 21/- lot; also some extra good cages. Bargain; approval pleasure; correspond: W. Denis, Selby, Yorks.

Yorkshires

"All in First Class Breeding Condition."

Read following testimonials, which are **only a sample of scores received** last week:—From "155, King's Avenue, Clapham Park, London, March 17th, 1912. The two Yorkshire cocks arrived quite safe, and are singing grand, and also **they are extra good specimens** at price paid. **Several fanciers** who have seen them **are going to send you their orders.**—A. Davis to J. Taylor." Another from "15, Bridge Street, Kington, Herts. March 16th, 1912.—I received Yorkshire hens quite safe and give entire satisfaction.—W. B. Lloyd to J. Taylor." Another from "78, John Street, Bargoed, Cardiff, March 17th, 1912.—**Yorkshire cock** arrived in splendid condition and **is a fine songster.** More orders to follow soon.—W. Hewitt to J. Taylor." Another from "28, Wellington Street, Ballymena, Ireland. Mar. 16, 1912.—**Bird** I received from you arrived quite safe and **pleases me in every respect.** Will recommend you to all I know.—A. Davison to J. Taylor." Champion lengthy **yellow and buff Yorkshire cocks at 6/-, 7/-, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-** each. In **clears, ticked, green-marked,** and **cinnamon-marked. Pairs,** properly matched **to breed winners, at 8/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, 20/-, 25/-** per pair. Extra good, **reliable hens, ready to nest** at once; **yellows, at 3/6, 4/6, 5/6, 6/6, 8/-, 10/6** each; also **buff hens at 3/-, 4/-, 5/-, 6/-, 7/-, 8/6, 10/6** each. All guaranteed in breeding condition, and **all orders sent off same day as received.** Colour fed and natural colour, and **over 500 to select from; all cold-room bred and kept.** Specially **selected Yorkshire songsters,** day and gaslight, at **6/-, 7/-, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6** each. Illustrated price list, post free. **All birds on seven days approval at my risk to any part of the country.** Travelling cages, **3d.** extra.

EASY PAYMENT TERMS.

Birds sent off at once on receiving first payment. Send for price list, terms, and full particulars, post free. No extras charged and same value given as if you were paying cash down. All on seven days' approval at my own risk to any part. Export orders a speciality. Only and old address—

J. TAYLOR,

36, Aireville Road,

Frizinghall, Bradford.

OWING to the unsettled state of trade, have all my birds for sale; they are bred from the best strains in the Fancy, from 12/6 to 30/-, pair or in one lot (15 pairs); reasonable approval, deposit: Berry, Coal Merchant, Ingrow, Keighley.

FOR sale, Yorkshire cock yellow cinnamon, Yorkshire hen buff cinnamon; one double breeding cage; one single or flight, and one good flight cage, stand, case for two Yorkshire show cages, and appliances to clear, £1: Collison, 76, Hirst-st., Burnley.

REMOVING. Cinnamon blood. Prize-bred, grand quality, stylish, unflighted, green eye-marked yellow cock, 17/6; two clears, 12/6, 15/-; two yellow hens, 7/6 each; thirty cages; show cages, cases; approval: Lucas, Bedford-avenue, Whalley Range, Manchester.

GRAND lengthy, slim, buff Yorkshire cock, 10/-; lovely reachy yellow hen, 8/6, 17/- pair; grand reachy yellow cock, 11/6; long, slim buff hen, 7/-; 16/6 pair; another grand pair, 11/-; grand healthy birds; bargains; approval willingly: Miss Stone, Fleet, Belper.

CHAMPION Yorkshires, long, leggy, unstanding birds, just the sort to breed winners, 6/6, 7/6, 8/6 10/6, upwards; hens, 5/6, 6/6, 7/6, 10/6; pairs, properly mated, breed winners, 12/6, 15/-, 20/-; approval, 4 days; 26 years' breeder, exhibitor: Frank Stevens, Great Ayton, Yorkshire.

J. C. BARNES, 113, Northfield-rd., Walkley, Sheffield; Sheffield Challenge Cup winner (3 years in succession); few grand lengthy specimens of correct position, and well on leg, to spare; cocks, 20/- up; hens, 10/- up; matched pairs a speciality; approval with every pleasure; inspection earnestly requested; no better blood obtainable.

IRISH FANCIERS.

Two good yellow cocks, 15/6, 20/- each, grand yellow hen, 12/6: O'Reilly, 10, Dolphin-ave., Dublin.

CUTHBERTSON'S

Yorkshires still to the front; owing to having to reduce stock, several this season's winners for sale, and also grand stock birds very cheap for quick sale; approval: Manor House, Heighington, R.S.O.

HENS! HENS! HENS!

The finest lot I have ever offered to the Fancy. They are real gems of extra good length, type, position, and quality of feathers. The wings are well braced to long tapering waists, and finished off with long, closely packed pipe tails. The birds have plenty of leg, and stand well up on the perch, displaying that breedy, swanky appearance, so much admired in a first-class Yorkshire. I have a few grand matched stock pairs, calculated to breed some real clinkers, also a few odd stock cocks possessing both length, substance, and quality, I can supply at prices to suit all pockets: approval, cash or deposit; stamp for particulars: W. H. Shackleton, Melrose Aviaries, Lytton-rd., Girlington, Bradford.

THREE HIGH-CLASS MATCHED PAIRS.

Yorkshires for sale, large, clear yellow cock, with extra long, slim, stylish cinnamon-marked buff hen, 21s.; pair extra large, clear buff cock, with stylish tight feather clear yellow hen, 15/6 pair; marked buff cock, matched with gem of a clear yellow hen, 17/6 the pair; all Mr. Bailey's strain, 1911 bred; these are grand stock pairs, and well worth treble money; first orders get them: Cyril Victor Cubley, Lutton Gowts, Long Sutton, Lincs.

Do not miss the Announcements on pages 313 & 318

Remember, I Invite You

to pay a visit to my aviaries on any day but Sunday. Every fancier, whether desiring to purchase or not, can be assured of a hearty Yorkshire welcome. You need not announce your visit. Just come, and it will be a pleasure to show you round.

I have the largest and finest collection of birds in this country, a collection well worth coming to see, as is testified by thousands of my visitors.

As regards the quality of my stock, I need only say that they have secured over 300 prizes during the 1912 show season, and all in championship classes. **My customers** have also had remarkable success with birds bred and sold by me, as testimonials I have here (filed for inspection) abundantly prove.

WINNING YORKSHIRES.

20/-, 25/-, 30/-, 40/- per pair.

I am now offering a few pairs Yorkshires, bred from and related to my winners, which have secured firsts and specials at all the leading championship shows in the country, including Scottish National and Crystal Palace. These birds are specially matched by me with a view to breeding winners, at the above prices. This is **a unique opportunity for fanciers to introduce new blood (and that the finest in the country) into their bird rooms at a reasonable price.** I have also a few grand lengthy birds at the following prices: Cocks, in full song, **6/-, 7/6, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, 20/-** each. Grand racy hens feathered to perfection, at 3/-, 4/-, 5/-, 7/6, 8/6, 10/-, 12/6 each. Matched pairs, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, 17/6 per pair, in Clears, Ticks, Marked or Greens.

GRAND LARGE COBBY NORWICH, THE BULLDOG STRAIN,

20/-, 25/-, 30/-, 40/- per pair.

This strain has won firsts and specials all over the country this season, including Bradford National and the Crystal Palace. They have also won the open Norwich Plainhead Club's trophy, also the Unflighted trophy, the Illingworth challenge cup, the Sandiford cup, F. Carl's trophy, etc., etc. It is a simple fact that I am now offering a few pairs of grand birds, bred from these winners, at **20/-, 25/-, 30/-,** and **40/-** per pair. This does not represent anything like their real value. Blood is sure to tell in the end, and this is a splendid opportunity for fanciers to start on the highway to success in breeding their own winners.

I have also a few good birds at any of the prices quoted for Yorkshires.

PURE SEIFERT ROLLERS.

in full rolling song by day or gaslight, **10/-, 12/6, 15/-, 17/6, 20/-** each. Hens, same strain, **3/-, 4/-, 5/-, 7/-** each.

GIANT SIBERIAN COCK GOLDFINCHES.

Real beauties, **7/6, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6** each.

CRESTS, CINNAMONS, ETC.

I have also now in stock some real good birds in the following varieties: Greens, Cinnamons (either Yorkshire or Norwich type), Border Fancies, Crests, Crestbreds, Lancashires, Mules, etc., etc.

Come and make your own selection but if you cannot come, don't forget to send a P.C. for my free illustrated catalogue, and **remember** I am prepared to send any variety you require on 7 days' approval at my risk absolutely, and guarantee you absolute satisfaction. Travelling cages **3d.** extra.

Easy payments arranged with genuine fanciers and birds sent on receipt of first payment.

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JOE THOMAS Breeder, Exhibitor, & Exporter, **AMBLER THORN, HALIFAX.**

POWICK'S CHAMPION YORKSHIRES.

The same strain as the winners at all the leading shows; length, type and quality; cocks in full song, 7/6, 10/6; hens, 5/6, 7/6 each; sure winners, 15/6 each; ten days' approval at my risk: W. Powick, Dewsbury, Yorkshire.

H. H. TOWERS,

still has the following to dispose of: Long buff cock (unflighted), suitably paired to two yellow green marked hens, 25/-; also several typical hens, 4/- each to clear; Crystal Palace strain: Address, 8, Colne-rd., Glusburn, nr. Kelghley.

THE YORKSHIRE BREEDERS

Society do not claim to have won more prizes than others, but we do claim that a large percentage of the winners for which others get the credit have been bred by us or from our strains, which have been supplied to the leading exhibitors and dealers of Bradford and district. We intend these strains, which are of 40 years standing, to be distributed world-wide, instead of allowing two or three to monopolise the winners, which are bred from them year by year. Breeders who wish to breed their own winners will be well advised to take advantage of this genuine offer, and secure some of this blood at an early date, as not being dealers our stocks are limited. Breeding sets (1 cock and 2 hens), 12/6, 15/-, 20/- up; pairs, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6 upwards; cocks from 6/-, hens from 4/-; approval, cash or deposit: Address, "Secretary," 40, Springcliffe, Manningham, Bradford, Yorkshire.

MESSRS. AMBLERS,

THE YORKSHIRE SPECIALISTS.

Fountain head for winners, or stud birds, purest blood in the Fancy. Our birds have won thousands of prizes, cups, bowls, medals, etc., leading shows, including 27 first prizes, and three times special for best Yorkshire in show Crystal Palace. Few real gems for sale, cocks and hens, wonderful length and type, teeming with quality, pairs matched to breed the biggest winners. 15/-, 20/-, 30/-, 40/-, 50/-, 60/-; hens, 7/6, 10/6, 15/-, 20/-, 30/-. These require no puff or bounce; there are none better in the Fancy: Langton Lodge, Scotton, Knaresborough, Yorkshire.

SPECIAL OFFER OF HENS

all in first-class condition, and ready for immediate pairing; yellow or buff in clears and ticks, 3/-, 3/6, 4/-, 4/6, and 5/- each; room wanted; also a few buff cocks, at 5/- to 10/- each, and a few yellow cocks, at 7/6 to 15/- each: three days' approval; cash or deposit:

SAMUEL DEAN

6, Ash Mount, Great Horton, Bradford, Yorks.

YORKSHIRES

WITH A WORLD-WIDE REPUTATION.

Read following received here March 25th, 1912, from Caledonian Road, Christchurch, New Zealand.—"Dear Sir,—I want you to send me the following Yorkshires, for which I enclose M.O. You will be pleased to hear I won two **cups for best young Yorkshire in show, with birds bred from the last lot you sent me out,** and which have bred some really fine birds.—T. H. Henderson to L. Dykes."

I have still some **good stock birds,** also a **few show birds** for disposal, **that cannot be equalled** at much higher prices elsewhere, and **every bird in grand breeding condition,** and cold-room bred and kept.

Champion long slim racy **Cocks,** at **6/-, 7/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, 20/-** each. Lovely quality **Hens,** anxious to nest, at **4/-, 5/-, 6/6, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6** each. **Pairs,** properly matched to breed winners, at **10/6, 12/6, 15/-, 20/-, 25/-, 30/-** per pair upwards. Travelling Cages, 3d. extra. Also few good pairs of **Norwich at same prices** as Yorkshires. **All on seven days' approval at my risk.** Price list post free.

My winnings this season exceed those of any other fanciers:—**83 firsts, 48 seconds, 45 thirds, 29 fourths,** over **40 specials, at all the leading shows in England, Scotland, and Wales. I also won more 1sts at Crystal Palace, 1912, than any other exhibitor,** also winning the **Green Marked Y.C.C. Trophy, Gold Medal, and Ramsden's Competition, Two Y.C.C. Trophies, and Bristol 10 guinea bowl** for best young bird bred by exhibitor, and numerous other specials—proofs without doubt that my strain is one of the best in existence. Place your orders early and secure the best blood obtainable, as my stock is getting quickly exhausted. Inspection invited, and remember, my rooms are second to none, and the most up-to-date in the Fancy.

L. DYKES,

16, Shann Street, Bolton Woods BRADFORD.

WE HAVE THEM, WE BREED THEM, WE SELL THEM.

For proof see our winnings this season. At the Crystal Palace, 1 first, 3 seconds, 3 thirds. Winning Carl's trophy, the G.M.Y.C.C. trophy outright with birds bred by exhibitor; both Y.C.C. competitions, the Yorkshire challenge trophy, Ramsden 6 guinea cup, £10 Yorkshire Union trophy five years in succession, which now becomes our own property champion diploma at Crystal Palace, 1911. Our strain has won more competitions and trophies than any other, so write direct to the breeders who breed their own winners. Properly matched pairs, from 15/6 to 60/-; also a few winners, reasonable. We guarantee the best value in England; inspection invited; all birds sent on approval: Ogden Bros., Ashwood, Dudley Hill, Bradford.

Various Canaries.

ONE Yorkshire cock, 5/6; one Hartz Mountain Roller cock, 5/-: Watson, Higham-lane, Nuneaton.

SIX hen Canaries, 1/6 each, lot 7/6; 2 Yorkshire cocks, 10/6 each, two 17/6: Wright, Somerleyton, East Sheen.

YORKSHIRE and Norwich cocks, on song, 7/6; hens, 3/-; cold-room bred: C. Edwards, 17, Elmswood-road, Birkenhead.

PAIR Canaries, 1910, paired last year, with breeding cage complete, 12/6: Apply, Osbourn, 19, Rosemary-rd., Clacton-on-Sea.

PAIR Silver Lizards, 7/-; 5 Yorkshire cocks, 4 hens, 7/- pair, or 30/- lot: J. Robertshaw, 3, Mountst., Knowlwood-rd., Todmordeu.

HEALTHY Canarica, 3 cocks, grand songsters, 12 hens, cocks 5/-, hens 2/- each; lot 35/-: Devan, Weston Underlizard, Shifnal, Salop.

TWO slim Yorkshires (clear), 6/- each; 2 clear Norwich, 1 heavily variegated, 5/6, 1911 birds, full song: Morley, Baker, Linton, Cambs.

ROLLER cock, singing, 2 hens, 2 Norwich cocks, 1 hen, some little out of condition, 12/6 lot: Bridgeford, 89, Newcomen-rd., Wellingborough.

TWO grand pair Canaries (Lancashire and Yorkshire cross), last year's birds; cocks full song; 7/6 per pair; cocks, 5/- each; approval: Maynard, Craven Terrace, Settle, Yorkshire.

TWENTY hen Canaries, yellow, cinnamon, and green, 45/- to clear, in good breeding condition, 1910 and 1911 cocks, from 5/-, in full song: A. W. Waples, 9, Cavendish Drive, Leytonstone, N.E.

BIRDS SUPPLIED FROM 1s. WEEK. on my easy purchase system. Birds forwarded on receipt 1st payment, on approval. No such terms offered elsewhere. Largest breeder in the West. Enormous stocks Plainheads, Norwich, Yorkshires, and Crest; having some of the finest birds in England, defy contradiction; stamp reply: Neame, Exporter and Exhibitor, The Aviaries, 13 Durnford-st., Stonehouse, Devon.

HIGH-CLASS YORKS, NORWICH, CRESTS and Canaries of every variety. Those about to take up the hobby of Canary-keeping should not start without a knowledge of the groundwork, as set forth in "Nutshell" No. 5, "The Canary." This valuable little handbook tells you just what is needful to make the commencement in the hobby easy, and to fill you with enthusiasm at the prospects it holds out. Having mastered what it has to tell you, then turn to a work which makes prospects realisations. "Howse's Canary Manual" tells you everything concerning the keeping in health and condition of every variety of Canary, and shows you how to become a successful breeder. It is full of helpful sketchs. "Nutshell" 5, 2½d., "Manual" 1/2, post free from "Cage Birds," 154, Fleet-st., London, E.C.

BROADBENT'S

GREAT CASH CLEARANCE SALE.

Cash only this week. Yorkshire Cocks, 6/-; Yorkshire Hens, 2/6; matched pairs, 8/-; Roller Cocks, 7/6, hens 2/6, matched pairs 9/-; feeding hens, 2/- each; Crest cocks, 8/-; hens, 4/-.—

BROADBENT,

Decorator, The Millhouse Lime Street, Sheffield.

Buyers who Want Value.
Buyers who Want Quality.
Buyers who Want Quick Dispatch.
Buyers who Want Reliable Birds

are invited to have some of following on approval, and make a comparison with anything they can obtain elsewhere at any similar figure. That is the only way to test what is great value and what is not.

X NORWICH X

Norwich Cocks, 6/6, 7/6, 10/6 Hens, 3/-, 3/6, 5/6, and 6/6 each; pairs, 8/6 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, 20/- upwards. Note.—Some real good cocks, fed, and for show, 12/6, 15/-, 20/-; hens to match, 4/6, 5/6, 7/6, 6/6, 10/6, 15/-, 20/-.

X YORKSHIRES X

COCKS, 6/6, 7/6, 8/6, 10/6 15/-, 20/-.

HENS, 3/-, 3/6, 4/-, 4/6, 5/6, 7/6, 10/6 up.

PAIRS MATCHED FOR BREEDING, 8/6, 9/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, 20/-, 30/-, 40/-, including some tip-top Show Birds.

X Hartz Mountain ROLLERS X

Cocks, 6/6, 7/6 8/6. Hens, 2/6, 3/6. Pairs matched for breeding, 8/6, 10/6 upwards. Grand Seifert Cocks, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, 20/- each. Hens, 3/6 and 5/-; cages, 3d. extra. Remember, I can produce and have published more testimonials than any other person living or dead. Full detailed list free if desired. All birds on approval.

X Very Special to Amateurs & Novices X

I will match you Norwich, Yorkshires, Border Fancies, Hartz Mountain Rollers, or Lizards in the correct way; i.e., NOT two buffs, as the majority do when supplying the novice at a low price. All the pairs I am offering here shall have cocks that are on song, and shall be selected as strong, hardy birds, likely to do all that you require of them, at 10/6 pair. I will also fit you up with a double breeding cage, with everything complete for use, for 3/6 extra; or a better cage, with sand drawers, sanitary fittings, etc., for 5/- extra; this latter recommended. With the utmost confidence I offer these bargains. Travelling cages, 3d. extra in all cases.

For Cinnamons, Lizards, Border Fancies, and all other varieties, send for detailed Illustrated Price List.

Easy payments if desired.

W. RUDD, The Bird Specialist, NORWICH.

To those Fanciers

desirous of purchasing first-class stock at reasonable prices, this advertisement specially appeals, because never in the whole of my experience have I been able to offer such exceptional value at such moderate prices. **Remember, I guarantee satisfaction, and send all birds on approval, and you may deposit cash with Editor.** I hold thousands of genuine unsolicited testimonials, which is proof that I give good value every time. Typical **prize-bred Yorkshire cocks,** all cold-room bred, from **5/6, 6/-, 7/6, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6** upwards; **Hens, 3/-, 4/-, 5/-, 6/-, 7/6** upwards; **properly matched pairs, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-** upwards; grand stock of green Yorkshires and cinnamon ticked. I have a remarkably **fine stock of Plainhead Norwich,** colour-fed and natural colour, **Crested and Crest-bred, Lancashires, Lizards, Cinnamons, White-legged Goldfinches, and Sib.-bred hens. Hartz Mountain Rollers, with many changes, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-.** Send to-day for my 68-page catalogue and bird price list, both profusely illustrated gratis and post free.—**GEO. TAYLOR, Bird Specialist, 3 and 7, Thornton Road, BRADFORD.**

MULES—HYBRIDS.

THREE Norwich hens, 2/6 each, 2 Linnet Mule cocks, 5/6, 1 hen, 1/6: J. Dutton, Crofts Bank, Urmston.

GENUINE muling hen Canaries, 2/6, guaranteed bred mules last season: Formant, 240, Woolwich-rd., Charlton, S.E.

LINNET-GOLDFINCH Hybrid cock, winner, for pair good Norwich, or sell 25/-: Junor, Tomatin, Invernessshire.

CAN spare 3 muling hen Canaries, 2/- each; 2 cock Goldfinches, square cut blaze, 2/6 each: Cockram, Tatworth, Chard.

OFFERS (cash), 3 hen Mules, 3 hen Canaries, 2 Canary reared Linnets (proved mulers), can divide: Belletti, Falmouth.

THREE cock Goldfinch mules, 1911, 6/- each; three hens, 1/6 each; approval: H. Thompson, 24, Cross-st., Spalding.

SPECIAL house-moulted cock Linnet, large hen Bullfinch, 5/6 the pair; bargain: G. C. King, 14, Ashby-st., Norwich.

LINNET mules, warranted splendid songsters, 5/- each; inspection invited: Sedge, Freemason's Tavern, South Norwood.

WANTED cock Linnet Mule, Linnet song, exchange new pair policeman's trousers; approval: Bunting, 12, Leman-st., London, E.

LARGE pink-eyed Sib-bred hens, sure light Mule breeders, yellows 7/6, buffs 5/6; cocks, 7/6 each; ten days' approval: W. Powick, Dewsbury.

CHAFFINCH cock winner 2nd; mealy Redpoll cock, winner two 3rds, bred Mules, accept 7/6 each: Hawkes, Grove Green-rd., Leytonstone.

LARGE pink-eyed Sib-bred hens, sure Light Mule 2/6, 3/-, 3/6 each, yellows or buffs; satisfaction guaranteed: Heatheote's Aviaries, Leicester.

HANDSOME 1911 Goldfinch mule, grand songster, in wooden singing cage, complete, 7/6; approval: Macdonald, 88, Shakespeare-st., Nottingham.

COCK Mealy Redpoll, a gem 4/-; also clear buff Norwich hen, 4/-; single breeder, 4/-; all bargains: H. Rees, 9, York Terrace, Clapham, London.

SEVERAL genuine outdoor aviary moulted British Finches, suitable for Mule or Hybrid breeding: Particulars, Woods, Woodlands, Westfield, Woking.

FOR sale, large double yellow bred pink-eyed cock Canaries, yellows and buffs; perfectly clear Mule bred from this strain: Dark, 60, Rugby-rd., Newport, Mon.

HOUSE-MOULTED Goldfinch, proved muler, 7/6, with hen, clear, 10/6; cock, Yorkshire, 5/-; hen Bullfinch, very tame, 2/6: Stanton, Bootmaker, Wells, Somerset.

MAGNIFICENT cock Goldfinch, big winner, 20/-; cock Bullfinch, exhibition specimen, cost 45/-, accept 12/6; both Hybrid breeders: Hawkes, Grove Green-rd., Leytonstone.

LINNET Mules, on full song, warranted to sing pure Linnet note, good size and colour, 8/6, 10/- each; 7 days' approval; cash or deposit: James, Windmill-terrace, Brighton.

TWO cock Goldfinch Mules, one variegated, clear-breast, portion of wings, and tail, fit to show, each good swankey bird, £1 the two: Hoskin, 5, Archer-terrace, Plymouth.

HYBRID pair, cock Greenfinch, hen Goldfinch, breed Hybrids, both bred Mules; also four hen Canaries; what offer for lot, or separate: B. Meredith, 2, Clowes-st., Weaste, Manchester.

CLEARING 2 large inbred Lancashire cross muling hens, will breed light mules, 5/6 each; breeding cage, 1/-; aviary cage, 1/-; three call bird cages, 1/- lot: Lewin, 58, Marlborough-rd., Oxford.

HENS! Hens! Hens! The right sort for light Mule breeding, warranted inbred, clear buffs, 2/6, 3/- each; clear yellows, 3/6, 4/- each: Fred Johnson, 22, Goswell-st., Leicester.

GOOD Goldfinch, winner and muler, 12/6; good Greenfinch, bred with Bullie, 7/6; also two Linnets, both bred Mules, 7/6 each; show cages included; also hens cheap. C. Freeman, 89, Hartington-rd., South Lambeth.

EXHIBITORS. Three monster yellow cock Greenfinches, 2/- each; 1 exhibition, proved muler, 5/-; house-moulted hens, 1/- each; grand cock Chaffinch, also cock Bramblefinch, 2/- each; big spotted hen Thrush, 5/-, worth 15/-: Clarke, 82, High-st., Sydenham.

HYBRID breeders, house-moulted Greenfinch, hen Bullfinch, 5/-; house-moulted Linnet-Bullfinch, 6/-; Bullfinch-Bramblefinch, 4/-, together months; cock Linnet, 1/6; hen, two Greenfinches, 2/-; offers Canaries, foreign, anything: Foster, Derncleugh, Dawlish.

HOUSE-MOULTED birds, in perfect condition, perfect birds, for mule breeding; cock Greenfinch, 5/-; Mealy Redpolls, cocks or hens, 5/-; Lesser Redpolls, cocks or hens, 2/6; cock Chaffinch, 5/-; hens, 2/6; cock Bramblefinch, 5/-; muling hen Canaries, 4/- each; approval: Walsh, Bird Specialist, Blackburn.

HIGH-CLASS Sibs., few grand hens, also cocks, for light muling, 43 years inbred; warranted, 10/- each. Breeder, Mr. Jones' champion light Mule Kitchener, winner 57 firsts and special prizes, bred 1910 four-pointed buff ticked yellow, ticked buff; 8 lightly-marked, bred 1911, ticked yellow, ticked buff; 9 lightly marked Mules; approval: Samuel Sperry, 133, Curzon-st., Leicester.

MULING HENS, FINCHES AND MULES.

Muling Hens for Goldfinches, Linnets, etc. 3/-, 3/6, 4/6, 5/-; pink-eyed, 6/- each. These hens are good and genuine. Have on approval and prove my statement. Satisfaction guaranteed; cages, 3d. extra. Grand lot of champion Singing Mules, with Goldfinch notes; grand **Linnets,** also **White-legged Breeding** and other **Goldfinches,** including **several show birds.** List free.—**W. RUDD, The Bird Specialist, Norwich.**

W. VARDY.

TWO grand buff muling hens, bred from my grand muling strain, 5/- each; also grand yellow cinnamon hen, bred some grand dark Linnet Mules last season, 6/-; also a large yellow cock, bred for light muling, 10/-; good buff cock, 6/-; all bred from the very best muling strains, all strong and healthy, and from cold-room: W. Vardy, Aviaries, Huthwaite, Notts.

FOREIGN BIRDS.

WANTED good Parson Finch hen; state price: Tomlinson, Inveresk, Midlothian.

WHAT offers for cash, pairs of Zebra and Nutmeg Finches; all outdoor aviary bred: Baker, Bank Tewkesbury.

HEALTHY young Green Budgerigars, outdoor aviary all winter, 2/- each: Gibbons, Denmark House, Luton.

GREEN cock Budgerigar, 1911 aviary bred, has bred in cage, good condition, 2/6: 160, Hill Lane, Southampton.

COCKATIELS, splendid condition, out all winter 2 cocks, 1 hen, 15/-: Mrs. Read, 215, Chesterton-rd., Cambridge.

CHINESE painted Quail, hen, over a year in cold garden aviary, 10/6: Mrs. Hartley, St. Helen's Lodge, Hastings.

WANTED few healthy pairs Budgerigars and Zebra Finches, ready for breeding: 50, Chepstow-rd., Newport, Mon.

BLACK-FACED Lovebird, hen, and Redrump hen wanted at once; state lowest price: Elliott, Oakham House, Dudley.

FEW pairs of Budgerigars, 5/6; a pair ready to nest, odd cocks, 2/6; out-doors all winter: Pargeter Grimsbury, Banbury.

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RUGBY F.S.

Annual supper and smoking concert, held at the Railway Inn, Mar. 20, Mr. R. H. H. Over, M.R.C.V.S., presiding. Toasts were proposed to "the King," "The Rugby F.S." (with which were coupled the names of Messrs. T. G. Hough and A. James, response by Mr. Hough), "The Visitors" (response by Mr. W. Hawkesley), and "The Chairman." A first-class musical programme was contributed to by Messrs. R. H. H. Over, W. Brooks, S. Cook, C. Cockerill, W. Bissell, C. Elliott, Cleaver, T. Farrar, T. Hough, and H. Tarbox. The occasion proved a great success.—T. G. Hough, Hon. Sec.

KELTY AND BLAIRADAM C.B.A.

Meeting held March 19th, Mr. A. Anderson in chair. The following gentlemen were appointed to judge at our annual open show on 19th October: For Scotch Fancies, Mr. W. D. Hogg (Oakley); for Yorkshires, A.O.V., and common, Mr. Alex. Hunter (Lassodie); for Borders, Mr. J. Stevenson (Kerriemuir); for Plainheads, Mr. R. Martin (Kirkintilloch); and for Mules, British, and Foreign birds, Mr. R. V. Raine (Cathcart). Secretary to write to a gentleman re judging Crests. Agreed to apply for all Scottish Clubs' patronage. Mr. J. Baxter (Cowdenbeath) was admitted a member.—A. Dickson, Sec.

DUNFERMLINE & W. OF FIFE O.S.

Annual social held Royal Hotel, but fewer members than usual were present. Lord Bruce presided, and was accompanied by Mr. J. Hynd (Rep. Carnegie Dunfermline Trust). Lord Bruce said he had much pleasure in saying we were having our grant increased by Carnegie Trustees towards the funds of our society, which should help to make this show the best held in Scotland. Songs were rendered by Lord Bruce and Messrs. J. Boyle E. Pryde, W. Brown, J. Nolan, and Ar. Thomson. A piano selection was given by Mr. Dickson. Toasts were proposed: "The King," "Territorials," "Society," etc. An excellent evening was brought to a close by singing "Auld Lang Syne."—A. Hynd, Sec.

N. COUNTIES NORWICH CLUB

Meeting held Feb. 28th, Lockhart's Cafe, 65, Grainger Street. Chairman, Mr. R. W. Smith, presided. Medal was selected from the samples the Secretary had had on approval. Decided, that the novice winner be given a large silver medal with gold centre. Further subs. towards Cup Fund were received. Mr. Butler (Stanley) who was present, gave 5s. Following new members elected: Messrs. J. Dobson (Blaydon), Lawson (Gateshead), Pearson (Newcastle), Snowdon and French (Newsham), and we have several more to elect at next meeting, April 17th. Any fancier wishing to join, please attend or send name and address. Annual subs. 2s. 6d. Table show; Mr. A. Holden judging Principal winners: Messrs. R. W. Smith, H. Birkett H. Wellsbury. A hearty vote of thanks to Mr Holden brought a very pleasant evening to a close —W. Curry, Sec.

ECCLES AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

Annual meeting held Mar. 20th, at "Diamond Inn," Mr. Jones taking the chair. The auditors (Messrs. Griffiths and Peters) gave their report on the books, finding them correct, showing a balance of £1 15s. 6d., which gave members every satisfaction. Officers: We were sorry our hostess could not get to the room, owing to illness. We would all have liked to see her there with our host, Mr. Tims (our worthy president) to accept a very nice present in the shape of a biscuit barrel, selected by our treasurer, Mr. Jones, and subscribed for by all the members. We had a very good "suppering," to which every one of us did justice. After things were cleared away, Mr. Monks (one of our members) sang a few fine songs; Mr. Griffiths accompanied him on the piano. We are holding a first feather show for members on July 13th. The selection of judge is to be left over till next meeting, April 3rd. —J. Hall, Hon. Sec. [We have received a letter from Mr. Tims, who says: "Kindly allow me to express the thanks of myself and wife to the members and friends, both present and not present at our annual meeting, on March 20th, for the surprise that awaited myself and wife. I can assure them we shall prize the biscuit barrel very much. It shows the good feeling and friendship that exists between us all. We had a very enjoyable evening. I am pleased to say they have elected me again as president for 1912."—Editor.]

EDINBURGH AND DIST. C.B.S.

Meeting held 19th March; President (Mr. J. Charlton) presiding over a good gathering. Messrs. H. Craft, D. Sawers, J. Hay, and G. Staines were admitted members. Unanimously decided, to hold next meeting 20th April, instead of the Tuesday evening previous, at which a table show of British Birds would be held, open to professionals and novices; entry fee 2d. per bird. Mr. Crossley Sykes (Musselburgh) kindly consented to place the awards. Also agreed, to have a judging competition. Mr. A. Hoyle offered a special for best British exhibited at the April table show; the donor was heartily thanked. Following classes were drawn up: 1, Goldfinch (Brit. and For.); 2, Linnet; 3, Buntings; 4, Softbills (large and small); 5, Siskin, Redpoll, or Twite; 6, A.S. Finch; 7, Bullfinch hens (British and For.). Meeting and table show will commence at 3.30 p.m. 20th April. Entries are to be received by Secretary on and before this date. Members are respectfully asked to keep this in mind, as Judges for annual show will be appointed at this meeting, and the judging competition, it is hoped, will add considerable interest. Further, to encourage the novice members, the President intimated he would present a special to the novice gaining most points at the table show throughout the session, the F.F. show also to count. Members not having received syllabus for 1912 kindly make application; members are also reminded to have as many new members forward by next meeting as possible.—J. I. Mackie, Secretary.

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Thirty Years of the Norwich Plainhead Fancy.

An interesting lecture delivered before the London and Provincial Ornithological Society by Mr. C. A. House.

On Thursday, March 21st, before a splendid gathering of the members of the L.P.O.S., Mr. C. A. House gave a lecture on the above subject. Dealing with the Norwich Plainhead Canary as it was when he first commenced exhibiting, in the year 1880, Mr. House traced its evolution down to the present day. At the date mentioned it was a much smaller bird than it is to-day, except that it was not so upright in carriage, it was very like the twentieth century Border Fancy. Its feather was very fine and silky, and it fitted its body like a glove.

"Prescot Norwich."

Shortly after this the men of the North introduced some foreign cross into their strains, and the birds shown in the Liverpool district became much larger in body and coarser in feather. They certainly had rounder and bolder heads, stouter shoulders and deeper chests, but they lacked completely that lovely quality for which the breed had always been famous. Finding themselves outdone in size, the men of the Midlands and the South introduced some of these "Prescot Norwich," as they were called, into their strains. The result was beneficial in every way, the improved type which was secured by the introduction of these Prescot birds at once commanded attention, but it was at the expense of the lovely feather qualities.

The K.N. v. Non-K.N. Warfare.

Shortly after this began the reaction against the K.N. feeding which had been in vogue for some ten years. Great and heated were the controversies in the Fancy Press as to whether K.N. pepper was or was not injurious to the birds. Learned doctors and veterinary surgeons took part in the fight, and some very hard knocks were given on either side, but after a long struggle, the honours lay with those who fought against the use of K.N., although many prominent breeders stoutly maintained that their K.N. fed birds moulted better, and went to nest earlier than did the non-K.N. fed ones. Therefore, for a time classes were provided at the shows for K.N. fed, and Natural Colour fed birds. This led to a lot of grumbling and complaining, because it quickly became apparent that fanciers were feeding the Natural Colour birds upon something stronger than seed and egg-food, and indeed they were. Many and varied were the articles used to obtain colour—marigold flowers, nasturtium flowers, carnation, clove flowers, beetroot, carrot, saffron, annato, cochineal, madder and port wine, logwood and other vegetable, and mineral colouring agents were all brought into use. The crisis came when Mr. W. A. Blakston at a show at Swansea in 1885 disqualified a number of birds. This action of Mr. Blakston's had much to do with the abolition of the Natural Colour classes, and the show classification then became K.N. fed and Non K.N. fed, and so it continued until the great Norwich Plainhead Conference, which was held at the Crystal Palace in 1890, and which was attended by several hundreds of Canary breeders.

The Big Birds Condemned.

This conference was really brought about because some of the birds which were being exhibited were too big, too coarse in feather, and had little to recommend them except colour, as after the introduction of the Prescot blood the birds got larger and larger, until they had departed far from the old-fashioned Norwich. Just about this time came the introduction of other feeding methods, and the Non-K.N. fed birds were fed not with the ordinary red Natal cayenne pepper, but with the deep yellow Nepaul cayenne. The first recipes, that is, properly balanced quantities of the various colouring ingredients, were given by the lecturer to the Fancy in the columns of "Small Pets," which was then the only paper catering to any extent for cage bird lovers. Shortly after the Crystal Palace Conference came some talk of a specialist club for Norwich Plainheads, and in a short time it materialised, to be followed later by the Scottish, Southern, and other clubs all working for the benefit of breeders of the variety. The work, the good work, which those clubs have done is known to all, and to-day we have more truly typical well feathered Norwich Plainheads than ever.

In the eighties, said Mr. House, the great breeding centres were Norwich, Plymouth, Nottingham, and Northampton, Coventry, Leicester, but of these only Plymouth had held its own, and to-day there were some of the best Norwich Plainheads in the kingdom in the western port. He gave some highly interesting personal reminiscences of the olden times amongst the breeders of the towns named.

Breeding Problems.

Dealing with the breeding of the variety, Mr. House said he did not advocate the pairing up of young birds, as he was convinced that birds which were allowed to run over the first season bred stronger and better-shaped birds than did those which were paired up before they were twelve months old. Colour and quality of feather both came largely from the use of green blood, and the breeder who would be successful should never forget this fact. Many breeders were of opinion that the predominant partner was the cock bird, but, said the lecturer, England's sons have derived all that is best and good from their mothers, and there was not the slightest doubt that the breeder who looked well after his hens was the most successful. Size and colour undoubtedly came from the cock, but shape and quality of feather were invariably imparted to a strain by the hens, and no strain ever became lastingly prominent in which the selection of the hens was made a secondary consideration. One point in particular was influenced by the hens, and that was head. Many otherwise good Norwich possessed poor frontals, and the only way in which a strain possessing such a fault could be improved was by selecting hens with goood width and rise of skull.

Wild-Bird Life.

A Favourite Nesting Site.

The mildness of the winter months has been so pronounced that there has been very little cessation of wild birds' song since the autumn. The Song Thrush has, of course, been the chief performer, assisted by the Robin, Skylark, Hedge Sparrow, and occasionally the Blackbird. The last-mentioned bird is somewhat a puzzle as regards his singing. Most birds will give us some of their best music during their early courting days, and will warble for many weeks before there are any signs of their going to nest, but the Blackbird is not by any means so prolific in song, and frequently the winter will pass without a single note from him; but when he has paired, and perhaps commenced to build, and his yellow bill has a decided orange hue, we hear his glorious melody sounding over field and woodland.

Considering what a shy winter performer he is, it is rather surprising that he should be such an early builder. Many homes are made before there is a sign of leaf on the hedgerow. He frequently shows his wisdom by selecting some holly or laurel bush for his first attempt. One is now building in a niche in the old park wall near the writer's house. This same site has been selected by a pair of these fine birds for several successive seasons. The species is so plentiful that one can hardly affirm that it is the same pair which selects this cosy nook. It is well known that Blackbirds become firmly attached to the same locality, and that during the season the same nest will be frequently used for a second and even a third clutch of eggs, providing the birds are left unmolested. It is, therefore, quite possible these are the same birds that used this sheltered site last season, or at least one of the pair with a new partner.

The writer is inclined to think that many more species return to the same spot to incubate than naturalists generally give them credit for. And why not? If the long winged Swallow can travel thousands of miles between autumn and spring and can spend the interval in fresh scenes, and among a different fauna, returning afterwards to the same village to nest under the eaves of the old cottage where last autumn's brood was reared, other birds' memories and love of home should be equally as strong.

The Blackbird's Ways.

A peculiar habit of the Blackbird is to lift his tail and drop his wings as he alights. This he invariably performs, although only for a moment; but in the spring he will alight and strut about the lawn with his wings down and tail almost erect, especially if his partner is present, or a rival is anywhere handy.

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Suet as Preventive of Egg binding.

Many hens succumb, especially in the early stages of the season, to egg-binding. When pairing up your birds, get some best mutton suet and tie a piece to the cage front. You will find the hens peck freely at the suet. I have not been troubled with egg-binding since I adopted this method.—F. C. Sims (Barnsley).

Rearing Young Foreigners.

[Winner of Half-crown Prize.]

Knowing the trouble sometimes experienced in rearing young foreign birds, I send along the method of feeding which I have personally used with the greatest success. Take one hard-boiled egg, finely chopped, six biscuits crushed to a powder (butter fingers, I use); crush equal parts of best Spanish canary and white millet to a powder (well sift to separate husks); take one teaspoonful of the powder, and well mix with the egg and biscuit, adding one teaspoonful of fresh ants' eggs. Mix the whole thoroughly together, and feed in the ordinary way.— Percy J. Jamieson, 64, Westfield Road, West Ealing, W.

The Ready-made Nest.

I find it a good plan to supply my Canaries with a nest already made. I form the nest with cowhair or any other suitable material, then put in a round hot stone (about 2½in. in diameter). When cold the nest is perfectly formed, and most hens take to them directly, if ready to nest. Some will pull them to pieces, but for this I find a few small feathers in the cage for them to toy and play with will prevent it.—R. M. Presland (Woodford Green).

Teaching Them to Keep the Perches.

[Winner of Half-crown Prize.]

We are often troubled with birds going on to the cage bottom, Linnets especially, instead of on to the perches. To prevent them, select a cage from which you can run the bird out through the slide to another compartment; then make a box two inches deep to fit the cage within two and a half inches from the front; next get a tin made to fit the box, one that will hold water, place the tin in the box for support, put the box in the cage, and fill it one and a half inches deep with water. Then cover the water over with husks, so that the bird cannot see it. After replacing the perch for seed and water, and the front, draw the slide and let your bird into the cage again. He will take his usual drop, and he goes straight into the water. You will find he will not repeat it very often, but will stick to the perches rather than constantly drop into the water. The husks being on the water, he will not know whether the water is in or out.—A. Wellings, Salisbury Street, Prescot.

Helping the British Birds.

Now is the time to push on the British birds with which you intend breeding. Dandelion pods are to be got from the sunny side of banks and hedgerows; they are now white tipped. Give three or four daily. Cut off the white fluff, which only makes a mess about the cages. Give also a little egg food daily, and a sprig of flowered groundsel twice a week. This will put them in breeding condition.—W. H. Cummins (Exeter).

How a Canary Helps Mule Breeders.

[Winner of Half-crown Prize.]

Now that the breeding season is near, a hint to beginners starting at Mule breeding might help. I was very unlucky as a beginner, but experience teaches, and experience has taught me that sometimes more than a cock Finch and a hen Canary are required in order to produce Mules. My hint is to have a cock Canary in full loud song. Take him into the breeding room, and hang him out of sight of the muling pair; then, if he is in full, loud song, and the Finch is in breeding condition, you will have fertile eggs. This is the way I first succeeded. This year I have a hen Canary sitting on four eggs. She is paired with a Goldfinch. Three of the eggs are fertile, the song of the cock Canary being the sole cause.—James Porter, Newtown, Cunningham, Co. Donegal.

Preparing Biscuit for Egg Food.

[Winner of Half-crown Prize.]

Those fanciers who prefer biscuit for making their egg food will find this "tip" useful. Place the biscuits, about half a pound at a time, in a linen bag, or wrap them loosely in a cloth, then pass them several times through the domestic mangle, tightening up the rollers a bit each time you pass them through. This reduces the biscuits to powder far more effectively than rolling or pounding, and saves an enormous amount of time and labour. Several pounds can be done in half an hour, and stored in tins for future use.—A. W. Farmer (13, Thornhill Road, Leyton).

SHOW DATES FIXED.

To secure insertion in this column, a guarantee that the show will be advertised in "C.B." to the extent of at least 2/-, must be sent to our manager.

England.

Oct. 4 & 5.—**Burnley.** (F. Cunliffe, 19, Lark St.).
Oct. 9 & 10. **Clapham.**—(A. L. Priest, 28, Kytic Rd.), J.R., C.A.H., H.J.F., H.N.
Oct. 10 & 11.—**Norwich Alliance.**—(R. Roll, 62, Ashby St.). W.E.G., J.R., W.V.
Oct. 12 & 12. **Derby.**—(Wharam and Barnes, 18, Colyear St.)
Oct. 12.—**Leeds** (W. A. Wilson, 75, Bayswater Mount, Roundhay.). J.H.R. and W.M.
Oct. 12.—**Morpeth.**—(E. Cowling, Market Place.) H.W.B., A.B.
Oct. 15 and 16.—**Western Counties O.S.** (T. Pope, 98, Embankment Rd, Plymouth). J.R., T.H.
Oct. 17.—**Hanley.** (W. G. Llewellyn, 15, Hawthorn St., Cobridge, Stoke-on-Trent).
Oct. 18 & 19.—**Newcastle.** (J. W. Reed, 218, Ladykirk Rd., Benwell). J.C.B., J.C., J.S., J.P., A.S.
Oct. 23 & 24.—**London and P.O.S.** (C. W. Law, Brimley House, Woodhouse Rd., N. Finchley).
Oct. 24.—**Stamford.**—(A. Harrison 7 New St.). J.R.
Oct. 25 & 26.—**Manchester and N.C.O.S.**—Belle Vue. (H. Poothman, 10, Parker St. Levenshulme.)
Oct. 25 & 26.—**S. Shields.**—(W. L. Smith, 3, Queen-st.)
Oct. 26.—**Hartlepools.**—(Woodhead and Pyman, The Elms, Westbourne Rd., W. Hartlepool).
Oct. 30.—**Torbay O.S. (Paignton).**—J. N. and J. Jeffery, "Sartor House," Winner Street, Paignton.) J.H.P.
Oct. 30 & 31.—**Cheltenham.**—(A. S. Treasure, Idalioe, Oakland Ave.) W.G., H.W.G., J.F.
Oct. 30 & 31. **Grimsby.**—(Towl and Smith, 205, Welholme Rd.). J.H.R.
Nov. 1 & 2.—**Sheffield O.S.**—T. Bishop, C9, Alexandra Road.). W.M., C.H., W.V.
Nov. 1 & 2.—**Wolverhampton.**—(J. Gibbons, 64, Napier Rd.). J.R.
Nov. 1 & 2.—**Liverpool.**—(Metcalfe and Deacon, 68, Brunswick Rd.). H.W.B., J.W.
Nov. 2 & 4.—**Leicester Hand-in-Hand.**—(A. Freestone, 79, Clarendon Street). J.H.P.
Nov. 7 & 8.—**Leyton.**—(Forse and Son, 31, Thornhill Rd.) J.R., J.F.
Nov. 8 & 9.—**Old Shildon.**—(J. H. Elwell, 55, Church Street, Shildon).
Nov. 8 & 9.—**West Stanley** (W. Elliott, 15, Fairford Terr.)
Nov. 9 & 11.—**Nottingham.**—(G. F. Wilkinson, 86, Lenton Boulevard), T.H., W.V., G.E.W.
Nov. 9.—**Warrington.**—(G. M. Nelson, 466, Knutsford Rd.).
Nov. 14. **Stoke-on-Trent.**—(J. Pitchford, 218, Loudon Rd.).
Nov. 14 & 15.—**Brighton and Hove C.B.A.**—(Will. H. Gibb, 19, Bond St.). C.A.H., J.R.
Nov. 15 & 16.—**Hull.**—(E. R. Ridley, 19, Lambton Street.) J.R., H.W.B.
Nov. 15 & 16.—**Preston.**—(J. P. Leeming, 40A, West Cliff.)
Nov. 19 & 20.—**Bournemouth.**—(W. O. Brooke, 102, Nortoft Rd.). J.H.P.
Nov. 19 & 20.—**Wimbledon.**—(H. Smith, 115, Merton Rd.) H.N., R.H., J.R.
Nov. 22 & 23.—**Doncaster.**—(G. Bescoby, 1, Pavilion Street). H.W.B., W.V., J.W.
Nov. 22 & 23. **Haltwhistle.**—(Nicholson and Tallantyre, Westgate.) J.D., A.H.
Nov. 23.—**Cramlington.**—(J. R. Chestney, Quarry Cottage).
Nov. 23.—**Hinckley.**—(H. Ridgway, Priesthills Road).
Nov. 28, 29 & 30.—**L.C.B.A.**—(W. H. Mugford, 1, Strathearn Rd., Wimbledon, S.W.).
Nov. 30.—**Darlington C. and B.B.F.A.**—(A. Walker, 47, Montrose St.).
Nov. 30. **Coventry Godiva.** (R. Symonds, 29, Melbourne Rd., Earlsdon.) H.W.B.
Dec. 6, 7, & 9.—**Bradford National.**—(H. Hill, 15, Settle Terr., Thornton Lane.)
Dec. 7.—**Rotherham.**—(B. Bailey, 47, Craven Street, Parkgate, nr. Rotherham.) J.C.B.
Dec. 11.—**Luton.**—(E. Bloomfield, 22, Hitchin Rd.) J.R., J.F.
Dec. 12.—**Frome F.A.**—(J.R.)
Dec. 13 and 14.—**Gateshead.**—(J. Davidson, 16, Weathercock Lane, Low Fell.)
Dec. 14.—**Sheffield C.B.S.**—(A. Hobson, 66, Langsett Avenue) J.R., H.W.B.
Dec. 14.—**Yarm, Eaglescliffe.**—(T. W. Wilson, High-st.)
Dec. 26.—**Anfield, Everton.**—(R. B. Wright, 9, Canon Rd., Liverpool.)

Scotland.

Oct. 5.—**Broughty Ferry.**—(R. Whitten, 2, Churchill Place).
Oct. 5.—**Dysart.**—(J. S. Harris, Victoria Bar).
Oct. 12.—**Lochgelly and Dis. C.B.S.**—(W. Whiteford, 81, Hall St.)
Oct. 19.—**Kelty and Blairadam.**—(A. Dickson, 37, Adams Terrace.)
Oct. 26.—**Perth.**—(Jas. Kerr, 18, James St.).
Oct. 26.—**Kirkcaldy.**—(C. Rae, 15, Anderson St., Pathhead.)
Oct. 26.—**Ayr.**—(J. Sloan, 19, New Bridge St).
Nov. 2.—**Bo'ness.**—(T. Cameron, 7, Ash Terrace, Grangepans).
Nov. 2.—**Brechin.** (G. Mitchell, 118, Montrose St.)
Nov. 9.—**Forfar.**—(D. Kerr, 15, Green St.)
Nov. 9.—**Hamilton Cadzow Oak.**—(G. Martin, 21, Glebe Street.) J.Sn., J.Hn., R.B.
Nov. 16. **Cowdenbeath.**—(J. R. Reid, 7, Woodland-pl.)
Nov. 16.—**Galashiels.**—(J. Brown, 156, Croft St.)
Nov. 30.—**City of Dundee.**—(A. Miller, 3, Park Ave.)
Dec. 14. **Broxburn.**—(W. M'Laren, Church Street).
Dec. 14.—**Kilsyth.**—(A. D. Duncan, "Chronicle" Office.)
Dec. 31 & Jan. 1, 1913.—**Scottish National.**—(J. R. Meikle, 51, Lothian Rd., Edinburgh.)
Jan. 1 & 2.—**Edinburgh Open.** (J. R. Meikle, 51, Lothian Rd.)

Wales.

Nov. 13 & 14. **Swansea.**—(S. H. George, 32, Fisher Street). J.R., J.F.D.
Nov. 20 & 21.—**Cardiff.**—(G. Thomas, 48, Craddock-st.) W.M., W.V., D.A.S.L.
Nov. 28.—**Pentrebach.** (A. E. Brown, 66, Clare St., Merthyr Tydfil.)

Ireland.

Nov. 7 & 8.—**Banbridge.** (A. McCaghey, Belmont Terrace, Banbridge.)
Nov. 22 & 23.—**Lurgan.**—(S. McCollum, Drumgor).
Nov. 28 & 29.—**South County Dublin (Kingstown).**—(D. Smyth, 21, Eden Terr., Kingstown.)
Dec. 6 & 7.—**Ulster O.A. (Belfast).**—(R. Trimble, 11, Waring St., Belfast.) J.F.D., W.V.
Dec. 12 & 13.—**Larne.**—(T. Mayne, 35, Barnhill.)

Hybrid Breeding between two British Birds.

By THOS. SMITH (Glasgow).

A lecture delivered before the members and friends of the Vale of Leven C.B.S. on March 7th.

IN response to an invitation from your esteemed Secretary, Mr. McLean, I have pleasure in coming amongst you to read this paper on the interesting hobby of small hybrids. You are aware that hybrids are bred from two birds of different species, and that until a few years ago it was only a bird breeder here and there who took a special care of this particular section of our Fancy. Now, hybrid breeders are legion.

The Goldfinch a Popular Subject.

The Goldfinch has been a favourite among caged British birds as long as I can remember. He has bred freely with the hen Canary, by which means long lived songsters are produced. The Goldfinch Canary Mule makes a splendid house pet. Even at this date he is not known as he should be.

The wide spread introduction of the Bullfinch hen has increased the popularity of the Goldfinch and as a Hybrid producer he has become famous. We scarcely visit an exhibition of importance but we have the gratification of gazing on two or three of those "living pictures," rich in colour and lovely in plumage; the feathering of both parents is beautifully blended in the young. Of course, as in everything else, there is a superiority or inferiority in quality that is brought out chiefly in the management or mismanagement by the owner in the process of colour-feeding. A very great deal depends upon the quality and administration of the egg and colour mixture; that, however, is a matter which will be dealt with more particularly later on.

The Goldfinch should be mated to a large Bullfinch hen, that is a Siberian Bullie. It is a decided advantage in fact to have both parents Siberians, as Siberians in both cases are larger than Britishers.

The Much-prized Redpoll-Bullfinch.

Our forefathers would have laughed had they been told that the tiny Redpoll would be a hybrid producer with the Bullfinch, but it is an accomplished fact. True, they are rare, and on that account are prized; and they are persevered with in unlooked-for quarters. I would like to see, or hear, of greater success in the efforts which are put forth in this department. In my opinion, a light British Bullfinch hen is most suitable. So far as my acquaintance has gone the successful fanciers have mated the British hen with the Redpoll (Lesser or Mealy, as either produces the much coveted prize winner). Properly moulted and colour-fed, the Redpoll-Bullfinch is very often a successful competitor in the keenest of competition.

A Cross to Hold Its Own.

Four or five years ago it was considered a rarity to breed the Canary-Bullfinch Hybrid, and when it was obtained it was placed in the very front as much on account if its rarity as for its merits. More recently in one year there were no fewer than a dozen Canary-Bullfinch Hybrids throughout England and Wales at the various shows, and it was instructive to follow their movements on the show bench week in and week out. Needless almost to say, they were successful, and all things being equal this class of hybrid is likely to hold its own.

At this stage I think I cannot do better than exhibit before you one of the most complete pictures ever presented by that enterprising weekly CAGE BIRDS. It is the supplement to the issue of 12th February, 1910 and it is entitled "A triumph of the Hybrid Breeder." A yellow cock Canary and hen Siberian Bullfinch, with their progeny, the rare and valuable Canary-Bullfinch hybrid cock and hen. The hen hybrid is uppermost and very much paler in plumage than the cock, who is a charmer.

Would you, my friends in the Vale of Leven, like to have four of this kind? It is worthy of a trial. Get a nice yellow Norwich cock, and an ideal hen Siberian Bullfinch. Put them into the same cage early in March, and exercise patience until the end of April. Then put them into the breeding cage and you will be astonished one morning to see the hen rushing about with the twigs or grass with which she is supplied. She does nothing by half-measures in building operations; she is most assiduous, and as a rule has no equal in the laying of eggs, laying in one season as many as 50 to 60 eggs.

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Our Hon. Sec. List.

This week's addition to our list of Local Hon. Secs. is as under:—

Tonbridge and Dist.:—Mr. Thos. Smithers, High St., Hadlow, near Tonbridge.

The Membership Roll.

I have once more the pleasure of announcing a substantial addition to our list of members, and, as will be seen by the letter published below, I am in receipt of a cheering promise that yet another Society, the Attercliffe and Dist. C.B.S., is intending to support the LEAGUE in its work. The following are the names of the new members:—

Mesdames Browne, Dartford; Elliott, Ramsgate; Soames, Bromley; March, Upper Clapton; Payne, Stoke Newington. Messrs. Bunyan, Brixton; Cosby, Blackpool; Mead, Bath; Moss, Battersea; Gregory, Darlington; Stapleton, Rotherhithe; Cane, West Ealing; Roberts, Bloomsbury; Perry, Deptford; Smithers, Hadlow; Grimwood, Deptford; Barlow, Greenwich; Thomas, Ramsgate; Jinks, Sheffield; McSorland, Lugar; Bibby, Peterborough; Neville, Nottingham; Rhodes, Bradford; Williams, Ashbourne; Koch, Walthamstow; Gant, Acton; Davison Bishop Auckland; Downs, Manchester; Young, Misterton; Greenway, Creed, Cross, and Loveland, Tonbridge; Turner, Colne; Payne, Stoke Newington; Evans, Chesterfield; Hoey, Somerton; Afrigan, Ramsgate; Miller, Sunderland; Culpeck, Ilford.

A Promising Letter.

Mr. G. A. Watson, lately Hon. Sec. for Parkgate, and now of Attercliffe writes as follows:—"I am very pleased to be able to report that after the next meeting of the Attercliffe and Dis. C.B.S. I shall be able to send up about a dozen new members." This is the kind of support which CAGE BIRDS LEAGUE needs.

A Sentimentalist's Letter.

A member sends me a letter recently published in the "Belfast News Letter," which in a sample of those to which I referred last week as appearing from time to time in local papers, and which, absurd as they are, serve to show that maudlin opposition to bird-keeping is rampant in the land. The writer of the epistle in question is good enough to say that "Some birds seem suitably constituted for confinement, and, therefore, appear to be content in cages, such as the Canary and Parrot." For his admission we must, I presume, be sufficiently grateful, but the writer goes on to express the doctrine that "the wild Lark and grey, being differently constituted, appear to suffer continual mental anguish in their prisons.....A large percentage of them die within the first few days from sheer mental anguish."

This is the kind of piffle to which we have grown accustomed in the journals of the professional humanitarians, and which bears its own refutation with those who know anything of the subject of bird-keeping. When it strays from the columns of such papers as depend for their being upon the support of the subscribers to sentimentalist societies, and appears in more widely read local organs, members of our LEAGUE should take the opportunity of refuting it. The task is an easy one, but it is none the less necessary, and it is our duty, whenever occasion arises, to expose the absurdity of the doctrine preached by these ignorant critics. I am glad to know that many of our members are replying to such letters when they see them in their local papers. In this particular case it would be interesting to know wherein the "wild Lark and grey" are "differently constituted" to the "some birds" which are credited by the writer of the precious effusion as being "suitably constituted for confinement." Is not a Parrot as much of a wild bird in its native country as a Lark in ours?

League Leaflets in Trams.

A suggestion as to how members may help to spread the knowledge of the objects of CAGE BIRDS LEAGUE comes from Mr. A. Wilkinson, Hon. Sec. to the LEAGUE for Colne, Lancs. Mr. Wilkinson, in writing for a fresh supply of our leaflets says that he is in the habit of placing them on vacant seats in trams. He says he finds that openings for conversation result, and opportunities of explaining the reasons for the existence of CAGE BIRDS LEAGUE. It is of course quite unnecessary for me to say that a supply of our leaflets will be sent post-free to any member who chooses to apply.

Our Prize Medal Scheme.

I have received a number of letters expressing appreciation of the announcement of last week that during the forthcoming season gold, silver, and bronze medals would be offered for competition among members of CAGE BIRDS LEAGUE. The idea was suggested by several members, and I am pleased that it has been so well received. One of the members making the suggestion was Mr. W. Downing, of Manchester. His letter ran as follows:—

I would like to make the suggestion for this next year that we go in for CAGE BIRDS LEAGUE medals—one in gold with an enamel centre, similar to the centre group in our LEAGUE badge; remaining medal to be of silver with the same enamel centre, to be competed for among LEAGUE members at any shows instead of value prizes such as have been competed for this last season. Of course, the medals would be given only where the number of members competing brought the value about right. I think the medals would prove very popular, and would soon be in many hands—or, rather, in front of many waistcoats. They would catch the eye, enquirers would be many, the wearer would tell the tale, converts would be made, and members added to our LEAGUE from every part of the kingdom, to say nothing of the eager interest there would be at the show itself in trying to capture a medal. The cost of one cup, which could only be won by one member in one year, would provide many medals, many winners, and would result in many more people getting to know our LEAGUE, our members, and our objects.

Manchester. W. DOWNING.

I hope very soon to be able to announce the conditions under which these medals will be offered for competition. The number given at any show will depend upon the number of members of the Society holding the show who are at the same time members of CAGE BIRDS LEAGUE, and the competition will be strictly confined to our members. It only remains for Societies to support the League. The medals to which they will become entitled may be allotted entirely at the discretion of the committee of the show at which they are offered for competition.

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GRANGEMOUTH AND DIST. O.S.

Meeting held March 1st. President (Mr. D. Smart) presiding over a fair turnout of members. Decided to change our meeting place to the Rechabite Hall, as we are able to engage same for every fourth Wednesday, commencing April 10th. Also agreed to hold our F.F show on July 20th. We have engaged the following gentlemen to judge our annual show on November 9th, for Scotch Fancy and Borders, Mr. A. Chalmers; for Crests and Norwich, Mr. J. Winter; for Hybrids, British and foreign, Mr. P. McQuiston. I have had occasion to draw attention to the poor attendance of members, and although my appeal has not been in vain, there is still room for improvement. Will any fanciers in the district desirous of joining kindly communicate with me, and I will give them full particulars. We made two new members in Messrs. M. Payen and D. Stevenson.—J. Woodhouse, Sec.

JUDGES OF CAGE BIRDS

The attention of Show Secretaries is directed to the following list of gentlemen willing to act as Judges. Terms for insertion on application.

J. C. BARNES, 113, Northfield Road, Walkley, Sheffield. Judge of all varieties of cage birds. Long practical experience. Terms moderate.

T. BENNETT, 14, Cumberland Rd., Lidget Green, Bradford. Judge of Cage Birds. Long and practical experience.

A. C. DAVIS, 110-112, Tib Street, Manchester. Judge of all varieties of cage birds. Specialist Norwich judge.

GEORGE BENNETT 46, Wenlock Street, Luton, Beds., judge of all varieties of cage birds, with experience; terms moderate.

J. W. BRUCE, Coldstream. Judge of all varieties of cage birds; Border and British Bird specialist. Terms moderate.

F. COLLINS, 60, Union-st., Camborne. Judge of all varieties of cage birds. Life experience.

W. A. COWGILL, 115, Washington Street, Chapeltown, Bradford. Judge of all varieties of cage birds. Practical experience. Terms moderate.

GEO. GARDNER, 11, Haverstock Road, London N.W. Judge of all kinds of Cage Birds.

J. N. HARRISON, The Lawn, Belper, Derbyshire. All varieties. Experience unequalled.

J. HARTLEY, Victoria St., Micklethwaite, Bingley (late of Bradford). Judge of Cage Birds; specialist, Yorkshires and Norwich.

R. E. HELLIWELL, 130, Clare-mont-road, Pellon, Halifax, judge of all varieties of cage birds; specialist Greens; life practical experience.

C. A. HOUSE, Briardene, Idle, Bradford. Judge of Canaries and Cage Birds; specialist in Norwich; terms moderate.

J. R. HOUGHTON, 21, Hatfield Road, Gloucester. Judge of Canaries and Cage Birds, specialist in Norwich; terms moderate.

F. MARWOOD, Nene House, Lackcliffe, Co. Durham. Judge of Hybrids, British and Foreign Long, practical experience, Hybrids and British a speciality.

W. MUNDELL, 6, Carlisle Place, Manningham, Bradford. Judge of Canaries and Cage Birds.

J. W. METCALFE, The Yorkshire Aviaries, 63 Brunswick Road, Liverpool. Judge of Cage Birds Specialist Yorkshire and Norwich.

H. NORMAN, The Eyrie, Salisbury Road, Carshalton, Surrey. All varieties of Cage Birds. Specialist Hybrids and British Birds.

W. POWICK, Orchard, Savilletown, Dewsbury. Judge of all varieties of cage birds, 30 years' practical experience.

J. PATTERSON, Chirnside. Judge of Cage Birds; all varieties. Wide practical experience. Specialist Border Fancy Judge.

J. H. PAYNE, 17, Northgate Street, Gloucester Judge of Canaries, British and Foreign Cage Birds

T. ROBSON, 41, Shield Street, Newcastle-on-Tyne Judge of Canaries. Specialist Crests.

C. E. SILK, The Aviaries, Emsworth, Hants. Judge of all varieties of Cage Birds. Life experience.

WALTER SWAYSLAND, 47, Queens-rd., Brighton Judge all varieties of cage birds. Life experience

HENRY TAMS, Orchard Place, Longton, Staffs. Judge of Canaries, British and Foreign Birds. Twenty-five years Breeder and Exhibitor.

S. TICKELL, 22, Honey Street, Bodmin. Judge of all varieties of Cage Birds; specialist Norwich, Cinn. & Liz. Long practical experience. Terms moderate.

W. VARDY, The Aviaries, Hucknall Huthwaite, Notts. Judge of all varieties; specialist in Norwich Plainheads. Life experience. Terms moderate.

J. WALSH, Bird Specialist, Blackburn. Judge of Cage Birds, Specialist of Hybrids, British, and Foreign. Terms moderate.

G. WILSON, 14, Frizington Road, Frizington, Cumberland. A.V., 25 years' practical experience; specialist British and Mules. Terms moderate.

A. WOOLLARD, Sprowston, Norwich. Judge of Canaries and Mules. Specialist in Norwich Plainheads, Crests, and Crestbreds, Cinnamons, and Mules.

Leicester (Hand-in-Hand) C.B.S:

Held Mar. 19th. Mr. F. Ride judged. Principal winners: Messrs. Jolly, Reeves, and Turner. A. Freestone, Sec.

Ashton-under-Lyne O.S.:

Held P.S.A. Rooms, Mar. 19, when a fairly good muster of mule and hybrid pairs were staged. Mr. Gavin (of the Denton and Dis. C.B.S.) judged. Following gathered points to help swell their aggregates: Messrs. R. Dyson, R. Mossland, R. Baron, and J. Heap. Secretary was instructed to send an invitation to the members of Denton, Hyde, and Oldham societies to attend Mr. Bladon's lecture (see "Club Notices"), and it is hoped that in this way acquaintances and good fellowship may be formed among the societies in the district.—J. R. Colville, Sec.

NORTH LONDON C.B.A.

A very interesting and successful British and foreign bird show was held at headquarters, 20th March. The quality of the exhibits generally was well up to the high standard this Society has set. Special mention must also be made of the creditable way in which all the exhibitors staged their birds. The number of entries was very satisfactory; in fact, somewhat exceeded expectations. Mr. P. W. Jefferies, the new Hon. Sec., had everything well in hand, and seems to be settling down to his new post very comfortably. Mr. G. Mortlock, the popular chairman, conducted the meeting with admirable ability, and invited all present to put any questions they wished to the judge, Mr. A. J. A. Marley. Many took advantage of this offer, and were ably answered, after which a very hearty vote of thanks was accorded to Mr. Marley for his services, also to Mr. Mortlock as chairman.

GOLDFINCH, BRIT.: 1, Mortlock; 2, Williams; 3, Haslam; res, Penton; vhc, Bell. BULLFINCH: 1, Williams. GREENFINCH: 1, Moody; 2, Salter; 3, Williams. LINNET: 1, Sadler; 2, Haslam; 3, Williams; res, Sadler. SISKIN, ETC.: 1, Sadler; 2, Mortlock; 3, Bell. REDPOLL: 1, Sadler; 2, Haslam. A.O.S. FINCH, BRIT.: 1, Williams; 2, Sadler; 3, Bell; 4, Mortlock; vhc, London; hc, c, Hammond. A.S. HENS: 1, Bell; 2, Moody; 3, London. FOR.: 1, 2, 3, Williams. FOR. GOLDIE, ETC.: 1, Bell; 2, Sadler; 3, 4, Haslam.

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Twitterings.

I have only commenced to read Cage Birds this last few weeks. It is a jolly good paper.—E. Lambert (Manchester).

We learn that Mr. Jas. Stewart (Whitehaven) has been engaged to judge Yorkshires at Newcastle Show, to be held October 18 and 19.

London fanciers should remember that Sandiford, of Preston, has now a branch at 89, Sclater Street, Shoreditch, where birds and all appliances can be obtained at reasonable prices.

I shall be glad if members will make a special effort to attend our next meeting (April 3), writes Mr. W. G. Llewellyn, sec. of the Hanley and Dis. C.B.S. We are to choose judge and date of our next feather show.

Mr. R. B. Gibb, sec. of the Yorkshire Canary Club of Scotland, asks us to draw the attention of Scottish show secretaries to the conditions of his club's patronage, as set forth in the Club Report appearing on another page.

Having been elected secretary of the City of Birmingham C.B.S., will all secretaries and fanciers please address all society correspondence in future to me, writes Mr. J. H. Jones, 169, Church Lane, Aston, Birmingham.

The syllabus for 1912 of the Edinburgh and Dist. C.B.S. includes several interesting lectures and other special events. Particulars as to membership may be had of the sec., Mr. J. I. Mackie, Gorgie Post Office, Edinburgh.

Owing to the resignation of Mr. W. Elliott, sec. of the Burton-on-Trent C.B.S., I have been elected as sec., so that all communications should in future be sent to me, writes Mr. A. Wood, 10, South Oak Street, Burton-on-Trent.

Will all societies who desire the Cinnamon Canary Club's patronage kindly apply at once, as our general meeting will be held soon? We invite applications for the club show.—J. W. Metcalfe, hon. sec., 68, Brunswick Road, Liverpool.

I have resigned the secretaryship of the Stoke Newington F.A., writes Mr. Jas. Cochrane Spence, and the new secretary is Mr. E. G. Rhodes, 146, Lordship Road, Stoke Newington, N., to whom all future communications should be sent.

We have received a splendid sample of egg and biscuit food from Mr. E. J. Grain, seedsman, etc., Grey Friar Gate, Nottingham, which we think should prove a good substitute for hard-boiled egg, and one which will meet with approval from those on the look-out for an article of this description.

Secretaries and others are asked kindly to note the following changes of address: Mr. C. Barring, from Camberwell, London S.E., to "The Hedgerows, Mountnessing Road, Billericay, Essex: Mr. Harry Howard sec. Walkden and Dis. C.B.S., from Worsley to 50, New Earth Road, Walkden, near Manchester.

The smoking concert of the Cumnock and Dis. C.B.S., arranged for April 6, in the Co-operative Hall, Auchinleck, has been postponed until further notice owing to the coal strike and inconvenience of railway connections, writes Mr. J. Nutt, the sec. I will give notice of same as soon as everything gets into regular working order.

At a meeting of the Woodside O.S. (Aberdeen), held in the Northern Hotel, it was decided to hold the annual show on Nov. 30, writes Mr. Jas. G. Milne, the sec. The following judges have been appointed:—For the Norwich Section, Mr. Allan Chalmers (Kirkintilloch), and for the Variety and Wild Birds Sections, Mr. Wm. Bishop (Stirling).

Will all societies who desire the patronage of the Norwich Plainhead Club kindly make application to me at 19, Lark Street, Burnley? writes Mr. F. Cunliffe, the sec. Societies receiving our patronage will have to guarantee the following.—Sixteen classes for Norwich, four money prizes per class to the amount of 22s. They will also have to select one of the club judges. The committee meeting has been postponed owing to the coal strike.

We have received a "trilup" feeder, an excellent appliance for hand-feeding young birds, from Mr. C. H. Goodman, Bedford Road, Kempston, Bedfords, and can thoroughly recommend it to the notice of our readers. Mr. Goodman writes: "I myself reared thirty birds in two years with this feeder, and received numerous letters from customers last season appreciating the idea. You can feed a nest of young birds about ten times quicker than two parent birds can. The food goes into the crop just like a nibbler, and can be easily digested, because the appliance will not pass any in lumps. Fanciers who fill up the crops of their young birds every evening will find an extraordinary difference in the youngsters' condition in the morning whether the hen is feeding or not."

I have taken over the secretaryship of the Ealing and Hanwell Fanciers' Society, and shall be pleased to hear from and give particulars to any fancier who might like to join, writes Mr. Rowland Bamber, 78, Whitestile Road, Brentford, Essex. Radius, ten miles of Hanwell Public Library. We have challenge and points cups for each section, so can ensure good competition.

We were delighted to see the picture of our young Crested hen on the front page of Cage Birds last week, and we wish to thank you and Mr. Norman for it, write Messrs. Greenwood and Burson (Swindon). Also, we would like to thank all who have sent us congratulations, of which we have received a great number. I can assure you there has been a great demand for your paper here this last week. In answer to many enquiries as to how our hen is bred, we may say that she is bred from a wing-marked dark Crested cock (two years old) and a clear Crest-bred hen (one year old). She is a strong healthy bird, and promises to make up into a grand specimen.

EASTER HOLIDAYS.

In consequence of the Easter Holidays, next week CAGE BIRDS will be published one day earlier, and be on sale Thursday Morning, April 4th.

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The Offices of "Cage Birds" will be closed from Good Friday, April 5th, to Easter Monday, April 8th, inclusive.

All communications respecting the Cardiff C.B.S. should in future be sent to me at 48, Craddock Street, Cardiff, writes Mr. Edwin Thomas, the new secretary.

The Sale and Dis. C.B.S. First Feather Show is to be held on June 29, write Messrs. Royle and Wood, the secs. Mr. T. Harrison (Altrincham) has been elected to judge.

Mr. Meikle having taken over the secretaryship of the Scottish National C.B.S., all communications intended for the Edinburgh Open O.S. should now be sent to me at 15, Argyll Terrace, Edinburgh, as I have been appointed secretary, writes Mr. Robert Lile.

Wimbledon and District Cage Bird Society.—Monday next, April 1, at 6, The Broadway, at 8 p.m., lecture on "Rollers," by F. A. Lester, Esq. Specimens of the variety will be staged by well-known exhibitors. Visitors heartily welcomed.—Advt.

On March 22 a Canary belonging to Mr. Alexander Strachan hatched out four young birds—Norwich Canaries—from prize-winning stock, says the "Aberdeen Evening Gazette"; this is very early hatching. The young birds are all alive and healthy.

I am giving up my Norwich solely for domestic reasons, and most reluctantly, as I was doing remarkably well with my birds, winning in the open novice section at the recent Palace Show with a fine young buff of my own breeding, writes Mr. C. E. Bown (Kilburn). All must go, and are being advertised this week. Perhaps, in the course of a year or so, I may be able to take it up again. I hope so: "Once a fancier, always a fancier," you know.

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Those of our readers who are interested in the crusade against vaccination should read the sixteenth annual report (just issued) of the National Anti-Vaccination League, a copy of which may be had from the League offices, 27, Southampton Street, Strand, London.

Messrs. Bishop and Colton, hon. secs. of Sheffield O.S., write that a lecture on British is to be given on April 2, at 8 p.m., at Rose and Crown Hotel, Waingate, by that well-known fancier, Mr. H. J. Chick, of Nottingham. The society is making great headway with its table shows; the largest ever held takes place on April 2, when are provided three classes for British (fixed prize money—4s., 2s., and 1s. per class; no entry fee). Members joining same night are entitled to compete. Mr. H. J. Chick will judge.

L. and P.O.S. Lantern Lecture.

The L. and P.O.S. lantern lecture, entitled "Beauty in Birds," by E. Kay Robinson, Esq., fixed for April 4, has been postponed, writes Mr. C. W. Law, the hon. sec., till April 11, at "The Raglan." This lecture will be entirely free, and the L. and P.O.S. heartily invite brother fanciers or anyone interested in birds to be present, when they may be sure of a warm welcome.

Under Protection.

I think readers of your valuable paper will be interested to know that one of our Grantham fanciers, Mr. Bond, has a Thrush sitting on top of some peasticks in his garden; also in his tool-shed a Tit has built a very nice nest. This nest is made of moss that had been collected for the coming breeding season and put there to dry. There is just room to put your finger in. He is taking great care that no one shall interfere with them, and hopes they will bring their young up with him, as he is very keen on wild bird life.—W. Ratcliff (vice-chairman, G.C.B.S.).

Poor Polly!

Scene: A bird-washing exhibition. Speaker: A middle-aged lady who has a Parrot. "Bless me! Never saw anything like it in my life! See how clean the bird looks; and my Polly is very dirty!" At the next meeting of the club this lady was again present, enquiring after the "gentleman who washed the birds." Said she: "He said it was very easy to wash a bird; and I thought so. But Polly's dead. I washed her to get her clean, and I've come to-night to ask the gentleman if he cannot tell me how to wash her to life again. She *was* in a mess; soap all over her. I did as the man said—I got a nice lather on! But just as I thought I was going on fine, Polly bid me good-bye."

OUR HOBBY AND THE COAL STRIKE.

A Helping Hand to Bird-keepers affected by the present Industrial Trouble.

We realise that by reason of the grave labour trouble which is affecting the mining industry of the country, and through this a large body of workers connected with other industries, many bird-keepers and breeders must find themselves hard hit financially, maybe so badly as to prevent them advertising their surplus breeding stock in our columns, and so finding the best markets. We are anxious to lend a helping hand to fanciers who find themselves in this unfortunate position, and have decided to institute a special advertisement rate for their benefit until such time as the present trade dispute comes to an end.

From all bird-keepers thrown out of employment by reason of the coal strike we will accept undisplayed advertisements of surplus stock at one-half our usual rate.

The only condition we make is that the sender of the advertisement gives the name and address of the colliery or other works at which he was employed up to the time of the strike, closuring his means of livelihood. This is for our private information, as a guarantee of the bona-fides of those taking advantage of this offer.

Note.—This offer is not open to advertisers generally, but only to bird-keepers thrown out of employment by the coal strike.

To advertise in "CAGE BIRDS" means immediate sales.—So writes Mr. C. A. O'Reilly (Dublin).

I would require a special postbag to hold what answers came from my last advertisement in "CAGE BIRDS," writes Mr. Spencer, of Brosna, Roscrea, Ireland.

I have had too many replies to my advertisement in "CAGE BIRDS" (re exchange for Yorkshires) to be able to answer all. I hope those who wrote will accept this explanation.—J. Wright (Birmingham).

I have to thank "CAGE BIRDS" for the sale of my birds. I have had numerous letters in reply to my advertisement in "CAGE BIRDS." I have been a weekly reader for more than five years. I wish "C.B." every success in the future.—P. Andrew (Whitemoor).

Ought Closed Rings to be Abolished?

Our correspondent holds that they are dangerous to small birds and bring about disastrous losses in the breeding Season.

Sir,—I always like the clear and fearless way in which our well-known friend, judge, and fancier, Mr. C. A. House, tells us his views when he has anything to say about Fancy matters and it is not often I find myself in disagreement with him, but when he goes out of his way to recommend the use of closed marking rings for Canaries (as happened recently in your columns) then I feel I must have my say to the contrary. I have had a rough experience through using these closed rings and I think that worse advice could not be given than to recommend a bird breeder to go in for them. The idea sounds all right, for it is a good thing to be able to trace without mistake how a bird was bred, and that is how it seemed to me when I first decided to try it, but in practice I soon found my mistake out, though it cost me some young birds before I gave in, convinced that closed rings were no good to the Canary breeder. I say they are most dangerous things, that can cripple and spoil a young bird, or be the cause of its death at the hands (or beak) of its parents, though it is generally the fancier himself who is responsible for the crippling part. It is next to impossible, I hold, to put closed rings on to young birds a week old without damaging a toe now and again, such as causing a "slip claw" (breaking it) and so spoiling the carriage of the bird, even though you are an expert fancier and use every care. What the job must be to a beginner I can well imagine. If the birds are not done at this age, then the ring cannot be got on to the leg. Then when you have got it fixed, it is almost sure to attract the attention of the hen, who perhaps thinks it a bit of dirt; anyway in most cases she tries to remove it and usually ends by pulling the youngsters out of the nest on to the cage floor, when if you are not close by, but out at your work, they stop there to starve. I have had hens do this time after time. Others will so peck the youngsters legs trying to get off the ring, that they start them bleeding, and once the hen or cock begins this game it leads to the toes being eaten off, and worse things. Birds which "worry" youngsters in this way never seem to forget it, but do it again and again. I am not speaking for myself in this either, for some of my mates tell me they had the same thing happen when using closed rings. It is different when one puts on the split (or open) rings after the young have left their parents. If this is done late in the evening, by the next morning the birds have become used to the strange things on their legs and go on all right. Of course, the removable rings are not proof against fraud, if anyone wants to practice it for their own purpose, but there are plenty of honest fanciers; and anyway I know that I for one am not going to risk losing or spoiling youngsters from my best birds for the sake of using closed rings—good birds are too hard to get and you never know which one in the nest is going to be your best, perhaps win you cups or bring a big price. I respect Mr. House's opinions, as I have said, but to show him that others beside myself know that there is a dark side to the picture, I wish you would print the following remarks recently passed by Mr. John Robson (who is also a noted judge and authority) upon the use of closed rings.

"Some people seem to think it is extremely simple to put a closed ring on a young bird's leg at the age of seven days. I think Mr. Heath and myself were the only members at the C.C.C. meeting who have had any experience in the use of closed rings, and I am afraid it is not too easy a task to ring young Canaries with closed rings. The open rings, of course, are quite simple. . . . The ringing of pigeons with closed rings has been cited as an argument in favour of ringing Canaries; but to make comparison between a young pigeon and a young Canary is hardly reasonable. The pigeon's body at that age is larger than the body of an adult Canary, consequently easier to handle without fear of injury. A Canary at six or seven days old is so frail that some fanciers would almost fear to handle them to put on a closed ring. Everyone is not blessed with fine pliable fingers and a light touch, and these are certainly very necessary when handling young Canaries. Many Canary breeders, of course, are of the artisan class, where employment has a tendency to stiffen the fingers. The breeders whose hands are harsh will find themselves handicapped when they come to take the tiny body of a young Canary in their hand."

Of the putting on of the rings, Mr. Robson says: ". . . you come to the joint where the tarsus, known by most fanciers as the leg, joins with the toes. It is here the trouble comes. The ring must be small enough not to allow of its being removed once it has passed over the joint, consequently some little pressure is needed, and if not done with care crippled feet may result. . . . The joint can be moistened . . . But even with this it is not too easy. Confidence, gentleness and patience are of the utmost importance in the successful ringing of young birds with closed rings . . . Another trouble, too, is the occasional formation of those strong bony scales, commonly called shin-bones, on the front of the leg. It is not every fancier who would be able to perform the operation of cutting a ring off a bird's leg without injury to the bird. It may appear simple to some, but then many things appear simple until they come to be put in practice."

I should like to hear the experiences of others amongst your readers about these closed rings.

Old Fancier.

A CHEAPLY CONSTRUCTED FLIGHT CAGE.

By DOUGLAS E. SAYCE (Sunderland.)

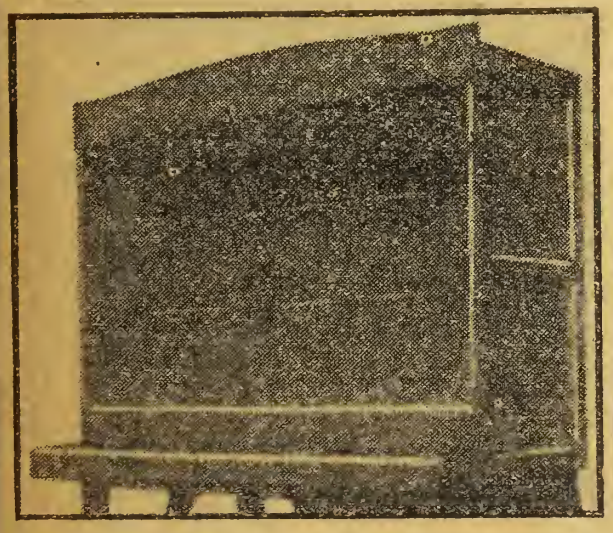
This contribution is No. 1 of a practical and helpful series dealing with Bird-room Requisites and How they are Made.

WERE I a millionaire, which I am not (yet), I think I should still find pleasure in manufacturing cages and other bird-room requisites for my pets. There is always a kind of satisfaction in looking at a certain article and saying: "I made it." Moreover, if one makes one's own things, it is always possible to embody one's own little ideas in them, and in nearly all cases a few shillings can be saved by expending (pleasantly, I think) a little time in the workshop, however small and inadequate that workshop may be. So these few short articles on the making of bird-room requisities will, I trust, be of interest to fanciers who have not an overdose of this world's goods, yet who have a few tools and are fond of using them for the benefit of their pets.

Something that Will Do Young Canaries Good.

My subject is a flight cage. The breeding season is now getting into full swing, and what will do the young Canaries more good than a "turn loose" in a big cage; and what will better fit them for the approaching first moult which carries off so many young birds which are not in glowing health? In the Christmas number of CAGE BIRDS there appeared an article, by myself, on the making of breeding cages from three-ply wood, and it is with three-ply that the flight cage is made; moreover, the wood obtained is from the same source, namely, tea-chests.

The cage measures 45in. by 30in. by 15in., and although such a fine size, yet the total cost is little more than five shillings. From one tea-chest (complete with lid) it is possible to get six pieces of three-ply, 15in. square; a little bigger sometimes, it is true; but this is allowing for all the rough sides to be sawn off. The whole cage, complete with sand-drawer, will need nineteen such squares; consequently four tea-chests had better be purchased (they are but twopence each), and the few extra pieces will come in handy in case some of the other sides are somewhat damaged. In addition to this, some strips for the framework will also be required, red pine probably being as good a wood as any for the purpose. Nearly a hundred feet will be required, so that a plank 10ft. by 10in. by ⅝-in. should be ordered from the timber yard; for a mere trifle they would saw it up into strips of one inch width, and for a little more they would run it through their planing machine and save you a lot of labour afterwards.



One of Mr. Sayce's Flight Cages showing the sand-tray pulled out a little.

Having now got these strips 1in. by ⅝-in. and a supply of three-ply we may proceed with the cage. But first let me point out that although it will be an inexpensive cage, it must be built with great care: no gaping joints should appear, and the workmanship throughout should be of the very best. In order to facilitate this, it is advisable to saw up the wood into correct lengths first, before the separate frameworks are made up. So proceed to cut seven lengths of 45in., eight lengths of 30in., six lengths of 15in., and eight of 15¾. If these are cut absolutely accurately it will save much annoyance when the cage is screwed together.

Start with the Back.

Perhaps it will be best to start with the back. The completed framework, with measurements, is shown in Fig. 1. (It will be seen that this framework will just accommodate six pieces of three-ply, and will then practically be a single sheet of 45in. by 15in., strong and rigid into the bargain). There will be twelve joints to make in this framework and great care should be taken to ensure that each joint is a sound one: a tenon saw and a sharp inch chisel will be all that is required. A half-inch screw put through at each joint will make all secure; but be careful to see that the corners are all perfectly square. It is a good plan to use glue as well as screws for the joints.

Having now completed the back framework, proceed to cut the six pieces of three-ply perhaps a trifle larger than 15in. square. Plane up the edges of these so that they are perfectly square, and by means of glue and half inch nails fasten them on to the framework (as shown with two pieces in Fig. 1., the shaded portion representing the three-ply). The little overlap is planed off at the end, and the edges are sandpapered. Be careful to see that each sheet exactly butts up against the next so that no open spaces are left as apartments for mites. If glue is applied to the edges it will effectually fill up any crevices, which sometimes will appear even in spite of the most careful work.

There is not much to say concerning the other frameworks after having spoken of the back, for they are made in a precisely similar way. The side frameworks are shown in Fig. 2, being 30in. by 15in. A word or two, however, had better be said concerning the top and bottom frameworks because it will be noticed that these are ⅞-in. wider than the sides; see Fig. 3. This is to allow the top and the bottom to be flush with the back and the front as well. The advantage will be found when the work is being screwed together.

To Prevent Wood-splitting, etc.

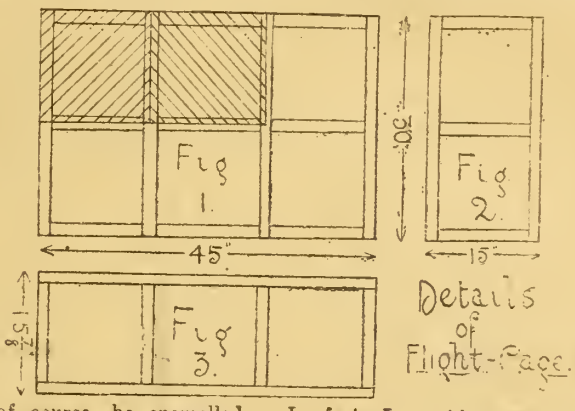
We will now suppose that all this has been done, and that the sheets of three-ply have been glued and nailed into position and the plane run round to make all smooth and flush. Some 1½in. thin screws will now be required; but before these are put in, it is advisable carefully to bore the holes and counter sink them. If this is done the wood will not split and the screw-heads will be sunk level with the surface. Don't use glue when fastening the frame together, because any time you are moving house, or you are not requiring your cage, it may then be unscrewed and packed flat, taking up much less room.

When the above work has been done, the cage will begin to look "something like," or at any rate ready for the next stage of the proceedings, which is to make of ½-in. wood a shaped top and a mainstay to carry the wires. A glance at the photograph will explain all the details of the front. Let me add a word of caution. The height of the cage is 30in., and the usual length in which bird-cage wire is sold is four feet, and if one of these is cut exactly in half it will make two lengths of two feet each. Now it would be distinctly annoying if, when we came to make the wirework, we found that each wire had to be just over two feet; it would necessitate the purchase of twice as much wire; so be careful to have the distance between the two mainstays a little under, rather than a little over, two feet. Both the stays should be screwed to the cage with round-headed screws; and then for the purpose of distempering the inside the whole wirework may easily be removed. It is not my intention, however, to explain here the making of a wire-front; this will be done in a later article. If the fancier thinks he cannot manage this he can easily get one made by one of the many advertisers in CAGE BIRDS.

Making the Sand-drawer.

As to the sand-drawer, the simplest way is to make another framework similar to that shown in Fig. 3, with three sheets of three-ply nailed on, but of such a size as to slide freely in and out. The framework will form a rail for keeping the sand or sawdust in the right place. A piece of wood, the same thickness as the stays, should be screwed to the edge of the sand-drawer, also a couple of knobs to facilitate its removal.

A good sanitary washable distemper is the best finish for the inside, of any colour to suit the taste of the fancier. My own is done out with a fairly dark blue, which looks exceedingly well. Don't enamel the inside; enamel dries with a hard gloss and in damp and foggy weather moisture will condense on this and collect in little drops, and may give poor Dickie a "cold in the nose." The outside may,



of course, be enamelled. In fact, I consider two coats of paint and one of enamel is the ideal finish for the outside of any cage.

I was politely but firmly told that in order that my own cage might stand in the spot I had previously chosen for it, it must be painted white, to match the door and skirting-boards. So I obediently painted it white with the result that it is necessary to have a good wash before tending the birds, otherwise the cage becomes a chart of finger-prints and thumb-o-graphs.

With regard to perches, don't crowd the cage with them; and don't put one directly under another (for an obvious reason).

I hope that quite a number of fanciers will try their hands at making a cage like this, for although from the description the job may look a little tedious, yet the actual manufacture is not at all complicated, and once a cage like this is installed in a bird-room, it will prove a boon both to the fanciers and the little folks who "rent" the cage.

A Jackdaw that Goes to School

And Fights His Small Owner's Battles!

UPTON, near Didcot, a little Berkshire village, should become world-famed (says a writer in the "Daily Mirror") as it possesses a boy who understands Jackdaws better than any other human being. He is Joe Butler, aged twelve, and his chief friend is a two-year-old Jackdaw named "Jack." Jack is so fond of Joe that he goes to school and church with him, pecks other boys who fight him, sits by him at meals, and will never let him out of his sight. To-day I have seen evidence of this extraordinary friendship.

For a year past the bird has gone to the village school with Joe and sat by him at his desk. Miss Hayward, the schoolmistress, allows the Jackdaw to sit there, since, if she kept him out, his mournful caws as he fluttered round the school-house would disturb the children. This afternoon I went to the school with Joe. His friend flew round and round his head. One by one the children came in and took their places. Joe came in and sat with the other boys at the back of the class.

Jack Flies Into the Schoolroom.

The schoolmistress then turned to the register and read out the names of the children. There was no sign of the Jackdaw. "He is waiting until we have started school," it was whispered to me. The register finished, the children were given books and began to read. Almost immediately a black bird fluttered round the window of the school-house. It was Jack.

Then he boldly flew in at one of the windows, stood for a moment on the window ledge, and flew across the heads of the children to Joe's desk. The reading went on as though nothing had happened. Jack took up his position by the ink-well and looked attentively at his friend with his bright beady eyes. Still the reading went on. It was amazing. I watched Joe and Jack closely. Once the bird opened his mouth and Joe raised a finger. Jack was going to caw, but stopped immediately.

During the dinner-time Joe showed me how his bird friend is ready to protect him against boys who want to fight him. A mock fight was arranged, and a little fellow took off his coat and pretended to attack Joe. Jack, who was perched on one of the posts close by, uttered an angry croak and flew towards the combatants. With wings outspread, he attacked the other boy like an angry cock. And woe betide anybody who gets a peck from Jack!

How the Friendship Began.

Joe undoubtedly possesses a most remarkable sympathy with birds, and talks to Jack in peculiar bird language of his own. The Jackdaw will go to nobody but Joe. He has but to call "Jack" and immediately there is an answering caw from a tree or a house-top, and down flies the bird.

On Sunday Joe goes to church with his brothers. Jack, of course, goes with him, but it has been impressed upon this remarkable bird that church is not school, and that he must not come inside. So Jack sits outside just by the porch, where he can keep an eye on his friend, and sometimes during the service there comes an impatient caw from the vicinity of the church porch, which has a disturbing effect on at least one member of the congregation.

How Jack got to know Joe is quite a romantic story. Two years ago Jack was born in a big tree. Bert, Joe's brother was passing the tree when he saw a poor little half-fledged Jackdaw on the ground. It had fallen out of the nest, and would have starved had he not picked it up and taken it home. Joe saw it and took pity on it. As he fed it the affectionate instincts of the Jackdaw must have gone out to Joe. Thus began the remarkable friendship of Joe, and "Jack," the Jackdaw.

The Misguided Robin.

In a stock of coal at Muswell Hill a Robin has built its nest. Showing its confidence in the early settlement of the strike (says the "Evening News"), it has laid three eggs, and expects to be undisturbed until they are hatched. Evidently the birds do not read the papers. If the strike continues, the coal will be wanted, and the Robin will have a rude awakening.

Will Swallows Breed in Captivity?

We hear that an interesting experiment is being tried by Mr. W. R. Temple in his spacious aviaries at Datchet, Bucks. Mr. Temple has been successful in breeding in captivity such delicate birds as Tree-Creepers, and is fitting one of his aviaries with temporary caves especially for the accommodation of the pair of Swallows which he now has. We heartily wish Mr. Temple success in his novel undertaking.

In Spring Dress.

The common House Sparrow is rapidly acquiring his best plumage. His colours are much more brilliant and dense than in the early part of the winter. Where the sooty air of a large town has not quite obscured his markings it will be noted that his gorget is now jet black, and his back and wings are quite bright with colour and shadings. If he had a good scrub with soap and water, he would be quite a handsome fellow in spite of his somewhat clumsy appearance.

Fourteen White Swallows in One Town!

The interesting letters on white Swallows which have appeared have induced me to draw attention to some observations some time ago recorded by the Hon. Walter Rothschild, writes Mr. W. P. Pycraft, in "Country Life." Briefly, in the summer of 1891 a pair of normally-coloured Swallows in the town of Aylesbury hatched out a brood of four white birds. The following year the same pair of birds reared one white bird out of an otherwise normal brood. In 1893 they produced two white and three normal young, and in 1894 two white young and two normally-coloured birds. Another nest in the same town, during the summer of 1894, also contained two white and two normally-coloured young; and Mr. Rothschild believes that this pair were descendants of the original pair. In 1895 this second pair produced two broods. The first consisted of three white and two normal birds, the second containing but one white young, the rest of the brood being normal. Thus, in this town during four years, no fewer than fifteen white birds were produced; but it is significant to note that none of these white birds returned to the place of their birth.

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NOTE.—If an answer is required concerning the proper mating, etc., of Norwich, Yorkshires, Crests, Cinnamons, Greens, Borders, Lizards, Scotch or any other variety of the Canary family, we shall, should the querist desire us to do so, be pleased to submit his questions for answer to some leading specialist of the day on the variety concerned.

CANARY QUERIES.

Answered by CLAUDE ST. JOHN.

SEED SAMPLES (Pump, Dick).—The two samples are identical in kind and quality. There is nothing whatever to choose between them.

PEST DESTRUCTION (Spring Clean).—You may see a short article on this question before long. The subject is such an old favourite that I would suggest you and others keep the article handy for future reference.

PROTUBERANCES ON BEAK (T.H.E.).—These are probably small warty growths over the nostrils. Touch them twice a week for a month with a little boracic ointment, and if not removed or improved in that time, write again, and I will advise you further.

UNMATED FEEDERS. (D.E.).—Personally I have not tried to use hens as feeders which were not mated, but it is quite possible for such hens to be so used, as you would see on referring to Mr. T. R. Iud's notes on the Lancashire in Part XI. of "Our Canaries." The most common practice is to mate the hens to be used as feeders with cocks at the same time as the better class of birds, in order to have them nesting at the same time, and thus render it more easy to exchange broods of young which are very near the same age. Please see Mr. Weston's column for reply re Mule query.

WILL THEY BREED? (A. G. B.).—If the birds have quite finished moulting, and are in good active condition, and the cock resuming song nicely, they will be quite ready to mate by the end of this month, which is quite early enough to begin. In any case, the moulting will only keep them back a little, and they should be fit to mate sometime in April.

SAMPLES OF HEMP (Constant Reader). I'm afraid your samples may have got mixed up in post. One box reached me quite empty and only a small pinch of seed in the envelope. The boxes should have been wrapped or tied separately. No. 1 box was empty, and the seed in envelope was slightly better than that in No. 2 box, though there is very little to choose. In the main, both samples are very good, but have just passed the prime, and are on the verge of deterioration.

BUYING ROLLERS (Finchella).—All the large dealers replenish their stock by buying up surplus stock from breeders. Several of the larger dealers would doubtless supply you at wholesale prices, but it would be better to buy first hand, and work up a connection with breeders to get them to supply you with their surplus birds each season. The birds in wicker cages are sometimes, not always, imported from Germany, where a number of large wholesale dealers exist. You could easily get into touch with these by looking through adverts. in German bird papers, or inserting an advert. in our columns asking for quotations for quantities. Why not try an advert. in CAGE BIRDS Continental edition. This is precisely such a medium as will suit your need.

FEEDING BREEDING CANARIES (G.F.S.).—I'm afraid you have not read "Canary Breeding for Beginners" very carefully if you found nothing on this subject. Read pages 32, 33, 49, 52 to 59, and 57 to 60, then I think you will find you have overlooked a good deal. For still greater details you might get Part V. of "Our Canaries." It is impossible to go into details in this column. Your feeding is certainly faulty, and may be the cause of your trouble. Give a staple diet of plain canary only. Every second day give a small teaspoonful of summer rape to each pair of birds. If inconvenient to give this separately, you may give instead a staple mixture of three parts canary to one part rape. In addition to this, when the birds are about nesting give a small teaspoonful of egg food sprinkled with maw and gold of pleasure every second day, and on the alternate days a similar quantity of the seed mixture advised to a querist last week. Give a spray of green food daily, but as your hens are now so much troubled with egg-binding, you must strictly avoid giving dandelion. When about laying next time, add 20 drops of gin and ten of glycerine to the water for a few days. When eggs are laid and the hens begin to sit, reduce the diet to the plain staple only. For further details consult the above-named sources. You did right to steam the egg-bound hens, but it was wrong and useless to administer castor oil. One drop on the vent might have helped, but two drops of equal parts brandy and glycerine would have done more good internally.

ARE THEY SUITABLE? (Devonian).—Very much so. The Border Fancy is really one of the most suitable breeds for the beginner to start with. They are not very costly to start with, but may be made quite as profitable as any breed almost. They are quite hardy: can be kept in a cold room; will sit and rear their young as well as any breed; are good songsters, and do not need colour feeding. In fact, colour feeding is strictly forbidden.

AGE FOR BREEDING (Miss Bunyan). As a general rule hens bred in the spring and early summer in one year may be quite safely mated at the end of March in the following year. Many hens would start breeding at six months old, but it is not always advisable to allow them to do so, especially if the birds are of a large breed such as Crests or Lancashires. Some breeders of the latter keep a portion of their yearling stock unmated the first season, which is good policy where a large stock is kept so that a few may be easily set aside. But taken all round, hens may be considered quite old enough for breeding when nine months old. The same may be applied to cocks.

BIRDS DYING (Miss D. Price).—It is quite possible the paint not being dry would account for it, but this would not cause septic fever. You have probably either imported the disease with one of the birds purchased, or have it lurking in the cage. Treat the cock as a "suspect." Cage him alone, and keep him in another room quite isolated from all your other birds for at least a month. Remove the cage and thoroughly overhaul and disinfect it as outlined in Nutshell Booklet No. 9. and re-

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should consult St. John's "Canary Breeding for Beginners" (7d.); House's "Canary Manual" (1/2); Battye's "Yorkshire Canaries" (1/1); House's "Norwich Canaries" (1/1); Weston's "Stock Book" (7d.); Dr. Clarke's "Septic or Bird Fever" (7d.); Dr. Creswell's "Hygiene of Bird-keeping (1/1); Norman's "Aviaries, Bird-rooms, and Cages" (2/3); Ramsden's "Colour-feeding" (3½d.); "Seeds and Foods for Cage Birds" (1/2); or the "Nutshell" booklets (2½d. each): No. 5 "The Pet Canary," No. 6 "Ailing Birds and How to Cure them," No. 9 "The Disinfection of Cages, Bird-rooms, etc.," No. 10 "The Roller," No. 23 "The Border Fancy," No. 24 "Green Canaries." All thoroughly practical and instructive. Prices quoted are post free, from "Cage Birds," 154, Fleet Street, London, E.C.

paint, etc., before again bringing it into use. See that the paint is quite dry and hard before putting birds in it next time, and when bringing it into use again; keep first one or two common Canaries in it for a month, in order to test whether the infection has gone before trusting valuable birds in it. Keep cages (of all your birds), perches, seed and water vessels as scrupulously clean as possible, and see that all food and water is absolutely pure and fresh.

ROLLER DISTINCTIONS (Miss Calley).—The real difference between a Seifert Roller and a Hartz Mountain Roller is of a wholly negative description. Originally the Seifert Roller was a strain of birds bred and trained by a Herr Seifert on the Continent, but this trainer has long been gathered to his fathers, and his strain of birds lost. Nowadays the term Seifert Roller may be taken purely as a trade description of a class of song which has more variety of 'changes" in it than that of the highly-trained hollow Rollers for coutest singing, in which length and purity of deep hollow rolls is more valued than a great variety of "changes." A well-trained Hartz Mountain would have the same kind of varied song as a so-called Seifert.

SMALL CLUTCH (W. Miller).—(1) You are probably correct in thinking the hen is a young one. It is not uncommon for a very young hen to produce a small interrupted clutch for the first, especially when mated so early as you mated yours. The eggs are not necessarily unfertile, and you should allow the hen to sit her full time. (2) The bareness round base of beak of cock may possibly have occurred from being pecked out by the hen. You should, however, keep a sharp look out for the presence of red mites. If you had separated the cock from the hen as soon as she began to sit, you might have given him some treatment, but I would not advise you to attempt any now. The feathers will be recovered when the bird moults, if not before. Try and get a little crisp young lettuce or chickweed in readiness for feeding the young, if any are hatched, as I rather suspect this hen will need a little coaxing.

MAKES NOISE A T ROOST (J. Andrews).—(1) You should first of all make quite sure the bird is exposed to no cold draught or extreme variations of temperature at night, and that it is not pestered with red mites. Either of these might be at the root of the cracking noise, and if present must be removed. Give twenty drops of whisky, five each oxymel of squills and ipecacuanha wine, and two of oxymel of squills and ipecacuanha wine, and two of eucalyptus oil in the water daily for three days. Shake well together. Afterwards give four drops each of tincture of gentian, tincture of calumba, and dilute sulphuric acid every second day for a week. (2) If other things are not obtainable, cotton wool would make a tolerable nesting material, but I do not consider it very good or suitable for the purpose. The usual moss and cow-hair bags sold at a penny each are as good as anything, or cow-hair may be used alone, especially early in the season; or chaffe, either of which is very good.

UNFLIGHTED AND PINK EYE (Ignorannus).—(1) Unflighted is a term applied to yearling Canaries which are still carrying the flights (that is, the primary and secondary wing feathers), and tail which appeared with the nestling plumage. These feathers are not naturally moulted until the second moult, and in the days of K.N. feeding it was a common practice to pluck them out during the first moult, so that new ones might grow and show the effect of the colour food. This was called tailing and flighting, and a bird not so treated was termed an unflighted bird. The practice is not now necessary, and is probably very seldom resorted to, but the terms remains to indicate a bird still in its nestling flights and tail. (2) To see the pink eye, hold the bird in front of a window in a good light with your head, between bird and light and face turned from window. Let the light come over your shoulder on to the bird, and look at somewhere about an angle, but if you hold the bird in your hand and gently move it from one position to another you will soon detect the pink eye if it is there (3) See Mr. Weston's column for reply re Goldfinch next week.

SPROUTED OATS (G. Stapleton). I have no doubt sprouted oats would be an excellent food for Canaries as a change or variant, and probably of the greatest service in tiding shy feeding hens over the few days, which usually make all the difference between saving the young and losing them. Practically all kinds of sprouted seeds are relished by Canaries, as they are by other birds. Soaked and sprouted rape is also excellent, but needs care that it does not become sour.

BARE ON THROAT (F.W.).—I suspect this is chiefly, if not solely, due to friction, most likely arising from frequent visits to the water vessel, as the long continued diarrhœa will give rise to a good deal of thirst. Take notice whether any such friction occurs when the birds are drinking, especially when the water is getting rather low in the drinker, and if so, alter the perches so that friction is avoided as far as possible. Continue treating birds as advised in reply last week.

A NORWICH COCK (F.B., Hastings).—You say the bird sings now "only frequently," which I take it is meant for only occasionally. From what you say, I surmise it is in an extremely forward breeding condition, and if you do not intend mating him put him on a diet of plain canary seed for a week or fortnight, giving in addition to this staple a spray of green food daily, and just a pinch of mixed seeds twice a week. There is probably nothing else required. If you wish to breed with the bird, and have a suitable hen in equally forward condition, you may mate them at once, in which case you would, of course, not reduce the dietary of the cock as suggested above.

ABNORMAL EGG (W.H.).—The reproductive organs are evidently out of order, and the oviduct is probably in a slightly inflamed condition. It is extremely doubtful whether the hen will do anything in breeding this season. Separate her for two or three weeks. Give a staple diet of plain canary seed. Every second day give a morsel of bread and milk lightly sprinkled with soft sugar, and on the alternate days a morsel of banana, and a third of a teaspoonful of maw seed. Twice a week give a pinch of mixed seeds in addition to above, and a young leaf of dandelion or spray of watercress daily. In the drinking water give a crystal of sulphate of soda and ten drops of lemon juice every second day for a week, and afterwards six drops of tincture of gentian and three of tincture of steel every second day for a week or ten days. If she is quite active and appears anxious to mate at the end of this treatment, you may try her again.

BRITISH BIRDS, MULES, AND HYBRIDS.

Answered by G. E. WESTON.

HAS IT BEEN BRED? (D.E.). I have no knowledge of a hybrid having been produced from the cock Siskin and hen Bullfinch. I hope, however, to see one bred this coming season in someone's garden (my own for choice) or bird-room. I have no doubt that this mating will eventually be successful.

A BLACKBIRD (W. J. Gambrill).—It looks suspiciously as though your Blackie "sulks" because of the song of other birds. It is rather an odd thing for him to do, but similar cases are not unknown in other birds—Canaries, for instance. You could easily test it by keeping him alone in an indoor room for a spell. The only remedy, so far as I can see, is to keep him away from the other birds. You are certain, I take it, that nothing is ailing the bird?

ABOUT A SKYLARK (W.H.).—I think that the bird is nervous, and that it had not been long in captivity when you bought it, which would account for its shyness and refusal to sing when anyone is nigh. It will get over this in due course. Feed as advised in the "Nutshell" booklet, by all means. Personally I prefer to chop up the green food and mix it with the soft food. It can, of course, be hung inside the cage, if you prefer this way. The Lark has a "back-end" moult at about the same time as other birds (broadly, some time from the middle of July to the middle of September).

THRUSH "UNEASY" (F. Barker).—I presume you mean that the bird has become restless and is inclined to knock about at night. No doubt it has a touch of "pairing fever," due to the fine condition it is in. Reduce the richness of his food by mixing in a proportion of vegetable ingredients (finely chopped lettuce or chickweed, grated raw carrot, mashed boiled potato, for instance) and offer some ripe fruit (vide the "Nutshell" booklet). Remove the bird to a quiet, unlighted room at night, when it will not be necessary to cover over the cage. The trouble will pass off in a week or so.

LARK KEEPING, ETC. (Ambition). 1. The Larks would use the perches in the aviary sometimes. It is well to arrange a kind of small rockery here and there, in the corners or at back. Keep only one pair of each species—Shorelarks are handsome, though a wee bit expensive, and these and Skylarks ought to suit you. 2. Not if you turn in birds used to captivity. I don't recommend fresh-caught Skylarks. 3. Skylarks have bred in captivity, and there is no reason why a pair should not do so in the aviary you describe. 4. The Bullies should do no appreciable harm in the large place you describe. Put plenty of suitable weeds in (groundsel, chickweed, shepherd's purse, etc.), and sow some rape, etc., seeds. 5. They may quite likely breed.

HYBRID BREEDING MATTERS (Nature).—1. By "testing" the eggs is meant the putting of them under hen Canaries to discover whether they have been fertilised or not. After eggs have been sat upon six or seven days, if fertile, they are opaque when held up to a strong light; if you can "see through them" they are unfertile (i.e., clear). 2. Yes, quite possible. It is best, however, to provide the foster-mother (Canary) with a mate, especially if he is a good feeder. 3. Hen Greenfinches are not to be "relied" upon in a cage, but they are the most likely of all hen Britishers to bring up their own young. 4. May is the month during which most Hybrid couples get the "nesting fever." But June and July are the great months.

KEEPING A SKYLARK (G. French). The best advice I can give you is to send 2½d. to the publishers of CAGE BIRDS for a copy of the "Nutshell" booklet on the Skylark. It will give you all the details about cages, foods, feeding for song, etc.

A JACKDAW (Sister).—Table scraps of meat and vegetables, etc., are very much relished by the Jackdaw, and should be largely utilised. As a food base, use a good dog meal (such as "Melox," or Spratt's) thoroughly softened in hot water. The book you want is Part 2 of Mr. H. Norman's "British Bird Manual," published by CAGE BIRDS.

SEED MIXTURE FOR GOLDFINCH MULE (D.Ma). The following is an excellent stock mixture: Canary and teazle 3 parts each, hemp 1 part, summer rape and linseed ½ part each, by measure. Vary this by giving once or twice a week a feed of a good brand of packet Finch mixture; a little wild-seed mixture (this is also obtainable in packets now) is also extra with relish, given occasionally.

A MULING COUPLE (P.A.S.).—It is usual for there to be a little "squabbling" when muling couples are first put together, but so long as your Goldie and hen Canary do not indulge in serious fighting I do not think you will gain by separating them. Evidently the hen has not yet come into breeding condition, however, so you can part them, if you like, and return the Goldie when the hen commences to carry bits of nesting material about, and shows a desire to put it into a nest-pan. I do not put any of my own tried Goldfinches with hens until the latter are starting to build.

THREE ITEMS (E. Horne).—(1) You did quite right in giving the Epsom salts; one or two mild doses will do good. Provide also some green food (buds off fruit bushes or hawthorn hedges, groundsel, chickweed, shepherd's purse). Get a small quantity of sulphur ointment from a chemist and gently rub a little on the place once daily for a week. (2) An exhibition Greenfinch needs size almost above all things—a small bird is badly handicapped. The chest must be wide and well rounded, the neck

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should consult Houlton's great work, "Cage-Bird Hybrids" (7/6); Norman's "British Bird Manual" (2/3); or Part 1 "Hardbills" (1/1), Part 2 "Softbills" (1/1); "Aviaries, Bird-rooms, and Cages" (2/3); "Seeds, Foods, and Wild Plants" (1/2); "Secrets of Hybrid Breeding" (1/2); Dr. Creswell's "Hygiene of Bird-keeping" (1/1); Dr. Clarke's "Septic or Bird Fever" (7d.); "Colour-feeding" (3½d.); or the "Nutshell" booklets (2½d. each): No. 1 "Goldfinch," No. 2 "Linnet," No. 3 "Skylark," No. 4 "Song Thrush and Blackbird," No. 11 "Bullfinch," No. 13 "Chaffinch," No. 15 "Greenfinch," No. 22 "Siskin, Redpoll, and Twite," No. 25 "Small Insectivorous Birds," No. 26 "Large Insectivorous Birds," No. 6 "Ailing Birds and How to Cure Them," No. 9 "Disinfection of Cages, Birdrooms, etc.," No. 12 "How to Moult British Birds." All thoroughly practical and instructive. Prices quoted are post free from "Cage Birds," 154, Fleet Street, London, E.C.

thick-set, and the head broad and bold. The colour should be as rich and pure a grass-green as possible, with tinges of yellow here and there, and the bird should carry plenty of yellow in the edging of the flight and tail feathers. (3) All the "Nutshell" booklets, I think, describe exhibition specimens of the various birds they deal with. So does Mr. Norman's "British Bird Manual;" get Part I. of this work, which deals with the Hardbills.

ROOK AND CROW (J. Thornhill).—The Rook is the bird commonly seen about the countryside, and frequently (though erroneously) called "Crow." When adult it is readily distinguishable by the bare patch found at the base of the beak, giving the bird a kind of white face. The true Crows are the Carrion and the Hooded (more generally termed the Grey). The two Crows do not flock together in the well-known manner of the Rook, but are more solitary in their habits.

FOREIGN BIRDS.

Answered by WESLEY T. PAGE, F.Z.S., Etc.

BIRDS OF HAWAII (E. Todd).—Thanks for yours. We shall be pleased to hear from you at any time re birds of your locality.

WHAT BIRDS, AND FIRE FINCHES (C.L.H.).—The Fire Finches have a soft little song, but nothing of any moment. Re the Mocking Bird and the S. American Grey Bird, I will give you a detailed reply next week.

WHAT LOVEBIRDS? (H.J.E.).—Thanks for added information, which came to hand rather late, as it means a search I shall have to ask you to wait till next Friday for a reply. You appear to have got hold of some quite uncommon species.

ORANGE BISHOP (Orangeman).—(1) There is no cheap book dealing with the Bishops and Weavers; the fact is, these bird books usually result in a loss to their publisher. (2) Yes, but to my mind the fiery orange areas of their plumage would be spoiled by being, shall I say, "reddened," and the probability is that the lovely velvety blacks would lose their purity. Better leave well alone, for the fiery orange of a fully adult bird cannot be intensified. (3) Yes, in the Seedeater class it should stand a good chance if fit in every way. (4) Budgerigars incubate from 13 to 17 days. I have had young hatched in 13 days and others, which took the full 17. Weather and the steadiness of individual pairs are the main determining factors in such cases.

ROSEATE COCKATOO BITING ITS FEATHERS (J. T. Marsh).—Stop giving meat at once. Spray bird twice weekly with quassia solution; also dust under the wings, nape of neck, and lower back with Keating's Insect Powder. Give every fourth day one teaspoonful of Dinneford's Magnesia in the drinking water, and on other days half a teaspoonful of Byno-phosphates in the water. Use only a glass or crock drinker: one holding two or three tablespoonfuls will be large enough. Diet: Seed mixture, one quart each canary and white millet, one pint each oats and paddy rice, and half-a-pint each grit (not sand), monkey nuts, hemp, maize, and sunflower seeds. Well mix and keep a supply in the cage. Also supply ripe fruit, nuts, and plain biscuit. Keep a piece of clean cuttlebone in the cage, and the cage tray covered with gritty sand. Report progress a month hence.

AN AILING AMAZON (Rex).—See our reply to "J. T. Marsh," and give your bird the same seed mixture. Give boiled corn (only keeps fresh one day), ripe fruit, arrowroot biscuit, nuts (shelled walnuts are best). Give it Dinneford's Magnesia and Byno-phosphates as in reply to "J. T. Marsh." Do not give any milk sops, table scraps, or other messes. If it will not bathe, give it a spraying with a "mist" sprayer, weekly. Use tepid water containing a little quassia solution. Keep the bird warm (not in stuffy corner, though), and strictly out of draught. Treat strictly as above, and report progress a fortnight hence. Of course, if symptoms become more pronounced, write again at once with fullest details.

CARDINAL, ETC. (B.W.).—I should give the cage another wash out, with either Izal or Phenol crystals, as much as the water will absorb of either. After treatment the cage had better stand in the open, but under cover during wet weather, for a week, exposing it to as much sunshine as English weather will permit. After this it had better stand indoors for a couple of days to get quite dry before returning the birds to it. I am of opinion your Canaries are pretty safe now, but do not omit the above pre-

caution re cage. When you get another Cardinal keep it apart from the other birds for two or three weeks, till you are quite sure it is quite healthy. It is always dangerous to introduce newly-imported birds among healthy stock without first giving them the above quarantine period. Diet: Give it a seed mixture of one quart each canary and white millet, and half-a-pint each of paddy rice, oats, hemp and sunflower seeds. Well mix and keep a supply in the cage. You must also supply liberally ripe fruit, greenfood, and some live insects—anything you can capture, such as smooth caterpillars, beetles, spiders, flies, live ants' cocoons, and when these are not obtainable fall back on mealworms, say four per bird daily. You must also supply cuttlebone, grit and fresh water for drinking and bathing.

CONSTRUCTING AN AVIARY (F. J. D.).—The arrangements shown in your sketch will answer admirably, but I should extend the open end another six feet if possible, and plant this (open) area with laurel, aucuba, choisynias, privet, hawthorn, black currant, and put a few creepers in; wild clematis, bell-vine, major nasturtiums, hops, Rambler roses, etc., and the ground under these with grass, canary, millet, and wild bird seed mixture. You will then have an interesting and attractive aviary. Have the whole roof of the open part all wire netting, ½in. mesh. You could put in 20 pairs of birds. Finches: Zebra 7/6, Green Singing 3/6, Grey Singing 3/6, Ribbon 3/6, Bib 4/6, Spice 2/6, Striated 3/6. Mannikins: Bengalese 3/6, Silverbills 3/-, Magpie 2/-, White-headed 3/-, Black-headed 2/-, and Bronze-wing 2/6. Waxbills: Red Avadavat 3/6, Green Avadavat 2/- to 7/6, Grey 2/6, Orange-cheek 2/6, Golden-breasted 3/6, and St. Helena, 3/6. Also Red-crested Cardinals, 15/-, Java Sparrows, Grey 2/6, White 8/6 to 10/-. Price per pair.

BULBUL AND PARRAKEET (F.P.).—The Gold-fronted Green Bulbul soon becomes tame and will soon learn to come on the hand. The Editor has put the tale, "The bird that reached my heart," to an article of mine on this species, the first part of which appeared in "Cage Birds" for March 16th, and you will find all about this beautiful and charming pet therein. The temperature of any living-room will suffice for this species, so long as it is not subjected to draught. There are not many of the Parrakeets that make really good talkers—an Alexandrine would be about the best. I advise a Blue-fronted Amazon, and as the temperament of Parrots is variable, I should get one finger-tame and that has commenced to talk a little. Such a bird would be sure to please, and if costing a little more, prove the cheaper in the end. It is robust and hardy, but, like all birds, must be kept out of draught.

BUDGERIGARS (H.L.K.).—(1) The cock is evidently out of condition, or you are keeping them in a warmer situation than they have been accustomed to; give 10 drops daily of byno-phosphates in the drinking water for about a month, and supply seeding (flowering) grass ad lib as soon as you can get it untainted by frost—should be obtainable now, during mild weather, and be quite safe if gathered at mid-day. Is there any red-mite on the cock? If so, see reply to R. Murray in this issue. (2) It all depends on size of cage. Lovebirds can be kept with Budgerigars, but your cage must be large to accommodate them—an ordinary "double breeder" should only contain one pair of Budgerigars.

BUDGERIGARS (R. Murray).—As a novice you had better get our Nutshell, "Budgerigars," 2½d. post free from our manager; it will tell you more on all aspects of Budgerigars than is possible in the scope of this reply. You are dieting the birds about right, but give the millet and canary seed in equal parts. Re red-mite, you must treat cage as well as birds; scald it out, paint all crevices with paraffin, let stand for half a day in open air, and well swill with cold water, and when dry it should be free from pests. As regards the birds, spray (use a "mist" sprayer) with quassia solution, and also dust either with pyrethrum powder or Keating's insect powder. They should breed, but a roomy box with wire nettiug front would be better than the "Thrush cage." Now seeding (flowering) grass will be procurable in any quantity, supply this liberally, but you must not give it while tainted by frost.

BUDGERIGARS NOT HATCHING YOUNG (W.H.A.).—You give me no particulars, so I cannot even guess why. You do not say whether you are keeping in cage or aviary, but I should say it is very probably they have not yet fully settled; they are evidently fit as the eggs were fertile. I will suggest one or two possible causes in the form of queries. If kept in cages, have these become infested with red mite or other parasites? Can mice get access to the nest husks? By gathering at mid-day seeding (flowering) grass can be obtained now free from frost; supply as much of this as they care to eat. Our Nutshell "Budgerigars," 2½d. post free, from our Manager, gives the full treatment, both for cage and aviary; you had better get this booklet.

WILL LOVEBIRDS BREED IN A CAGE? (F. K. F.).—Your birds are Madagascar (Grey-headed) Lovebirds, and the hen of this species is an all green bird. They are not free breeders in captivity, but they have bred more freely in aviaries of late years. If you can give them a cage, say, 24in. long x 18in. deep x 24in. high, and fix up a square box, hollow log or small barrel, in one of the far corners of the cage, there would be a strong probability of them breeding. They require leaves and bark for nesting material. Supply them with a live branch, poplar, beech, birch, or from any fruit tree, and they will take what they require. As soon as you notice them begin to sit, stop supplying the nesting material.

JAVA SPARROWS AND CUTTHROATS (M.U.M.).—I can only conclude that "G.J.N." reply was crowded out of last issue, and that it will duly appear this week. If you had proper nest boxes for these birds you could not see them getting at their eggs. I never interfere with the nesting arrangements of foreign species, and do not think you will help matters by removing the eggs and returning them when sitting commences. A suitable nest-box for both species is one 6 inches square at base and 7 inches high, with a hole in one side near the top for entrance, either oval or round; if oval hole, 1 by ¾ inch; if round hole, 1½ inch dia. I should advise the throwing away of present eggs. Supply a suitable nest-box and leave the nesting arrangements of both species strictly alone. Shall be pleased to hear how matters progress.

BREEDING CUTTHROATS ("Cuttie").—Yes, but a better plan is to have a couple of nests and to put in afresh after the brood has flown; under the conditions of cage life the nest box and material become infested with insect pests; burn the latter and scald or bake the former, and also see that no parasites get a hold in the cage. I am pleased to hear of your success, and hope the young will continue to do well—young which left the nest in my garden aviary on December 24th last, are still living and doing well. Advertise them at 5/- per pair.

WHICH PARROT? (Price).—Either a Grey or an Amazon Parrot would suit you. The former for preference, and I advise you to procure an established bird, though these are fairly costly, as Grey Parrots are difficult to establish owing to the condition in which they arrive in this country. I also advise you, even if you have to wait a little, to get a bird from someone near your locality, where you can see it and hear it, under its accustomed conditions, and you will then know exactly what you are getting. Get our "Nutshell," "The Grey Parrot," 2½d. post free from our manager. It will tell you how to treat it. The same conditiuns apply to an Amazon. These make interesting and amusing pets, but are more given to screaming than Greys..

BRITISH AND FOREIGN BIRDS (Plato).—All the following are permissible: Quickthorn, Holly, Privet, (golden, common and oval-leafed), Laurel, Enonymus, Box, Fir, Cupressus, Hazel, Elder and any kind of fruit trees. Creepers and climbers for standards etc.: Wild Clematis, Honeysuckle, Hops, Bellbine, Rambler Roses, Major Nasturtiums, and Everlasting Peas. Plants: Michealmas Daisies, Sunflowers, Ribbon Grass, Mignonette, Cornflower, Garden Marigolds, also Dock, Mallow, Cow Parsley and all wild grasses. The berries of all varieties of privets can be used as bird food for such species as will take them. Friar's Balsam, three drops in the ordinary drinker (not a metal one), holding about two tablespoonfuls of water, usually soon gives relief. If this fails to meet the case, then get the following:—Ipecacuanha wine, oxymel of squills, and glycerine in equal parts; half teaspoonful in two tablespoonfuls of water as the day's drinking supply.

GREY JAVA SPARROWS (G. J. N.).—The Grey Java Sparrow (wild species) is not as ready to nest in captivity as the domesticated white variety, and a fairly ready way to get good results is to pair up a white hen with a grey cock, and their progeny would be mostly pure greys, and what few pied there are are usually handsome birds. The greys should ultimately settle down and breed—give them a roomy cage, and hang up a small square box at one end, the box to be closed on all sides, with a round or oval hole for entrance on one side; screen it with a twiggy branch. Diet: Canary, white millet, oats, and paddy rice, also millet sprays, green food, grit, cuttlebone and water. If any young are hatched, supply a little soft food, though they rear very largely on seed and green food.

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COWBIRDS AND BIB FINCHES (R.W.P.).—As regards the Bay-winged Cowbird, I should certainly offer white millet and a little hemp, as well as Canary seed; also green food, and supplement the mealworms by any spiders, smooth caterpillars, well-scoured gentles, beetles, wasp grubs, etc., according to season that you can capture or obtain. The song is about as you mention. Its scientific name is *Maluthrus badius. Spermestes nana*, the Dwarf or Bib Finch, is a native of Madagascar. I should add canary seed and green food to the diet you are giving them, also grit and cuttlebone. The sexes resemble each other, but the female is a wee bit smaller and slimmer than her mate, and her black bib also a little smaller. Any light and airy, but not draughty, position will suit both species, and they should thrive in your room. The Bib Finches are probable breeders.

BUDGERIGARS AND "FRENCH" MOULT. (Budgerigar).—If your bird has "French moult" it is no use for breeding, as its progeny would be more or less ill-feathered. If the bird is fit the tail feathers will be reproduced in due course; if there are any broken stumps in, these should be carefully removed and then they will be duly renewed; but if she remains permanently as she is, she will be of no use for breeding purposes. I cannot say how long before they start breeding when they settle down. Some pairs take longer to do this than others, but they should do so during the year. Get our "Nutshell" "Budgerigars," 2½d. post free from our Manager. You do not say what Mannikins, so how can I answer you? But with most of them the plumage of both sexes is very similar, but as a rule the hen's beak is not so arched, neither so deep at the base, as that of the male. Bengalese, Bib Finches, Bronze-wing and Magpie Mannikins, are the most probable breeders for a cage.

POST MORTEMS.

Mr. G. Yates, M.R.C.V.S., 2, College Road, Harrow, Middlesex, will examine and report upon dead cage birds for a fee of 1s. 6d. each bird; for reply direct, 2s. 6d.; analysis, 21s. Subjects for post mortem examination must be sent packed in a box direct to Mr. Yates, with the fee, this and any accompanying letter being kept from contact with the dead bird. Send by letter-post; it is cheaper and quicker than parcel post. Any bodies sent to the office of this paper will be thrown away, and if a fee is enclosed the loss will be the sender's.

C. E. Whiffen.—The Rosella I found in a badly nourished condition, death having occurred from inflammation of the bowels, possibly owing to change of food, or some foreign irritant material introduced with same. There was no organic disease existing, but at the same time the tissues were wasted, and the bird did not appear to be over strong.

H. Mackay, M.D.—Existing disease, bacillary necrosis. Exciting cause of death, acute pneumonia. Portions of the lung tissue were quite altered in character and consistence, being necrotic; and the disease had evidently been in existence some time, although, as is the case with birds, symptoms are seldom manifested until far advanced.

A. W. Hardiman.—Your loses arise from septic fever in an acute form. The principal post mortem lesions are great enlargement of the spleen, and an acute inflammation of the bowels, whilst the liver remains very little altered in character. Nothing but thorough disinfection, and isolation of healthy from diseased will tend to remove the infection. Any ailing birds should be at once destroyed, and the cage disinfected. The best plan would be for you to find another room in which to place those seemingly healthy, killing off at once any showing signs of illness, removing also cage, disinfecting same, together with utensils, and placing it apart for a few weeks before re-occupation. Discard any food you have in stock, and procure an entirely fresh supply. The person attending upon the sick birds or visiting the infected room should have nothing to do with those removed to fresh quarters. Am interested in your case, and shall be pleased to send you some medicine to try as a preventive if you will forward three stamps for postage.

CLUB & SOCIETY NOTICES

ONE notice of any forthcoming Society meeting inserted free. It should reach us not later than Tuesday morning's post. Specially printed Club Notice Postcards may be had free on application to our Manager. Secretaries should always use them.

Ayr C.B.C.—Apl. 3, Academy Hall, 7.30. Judges for open show; prepare syllabus, etc.—J. Sloan.

Ardwick (and Manchester Dist.) C.B.A.—Apl. 2, Onward Hall, 8. Lecture by Mr. T. Harrison (Altrincham). Fanciers and friends invited.—J. Spencer.

Anfield, Everton C.B.—Apl. 8 (Bank Holiday), St. Cuthbert's School-rooms, Robson-st., Liverpool, 8. General meeting; lecture on Greens, by Mr. S. Hadwin; membership cards; syllabus, and rules; C.B. annual's, and closed ringo.—R. B. Wright.

Annfield Plain C.B.S.—Mar. 30, Mr. Lumley's, 7. Election of judge for annual show, table show, and classes; Linnet, Goldfinch, and A.O.V. judge, Mr. W. B. Butler; new members welcome.—R. Peart.

Ashton-under-Lyne O.S.—Apl 2, P.S.A. Rooms, Albion-st., 8. Lecture by Mr. W. A. Bladon (of M. and N.C.O.S.), on "Breeding and Management." All bird lovers and fanciers cordially invited.—J. R. Colville.

Adwick-le-Street C B.S.—Mar. 30, Foresters' Arms, 5. Selection of judge F.F. show; lecture on "Breeding and general management of Canaries, by Mr. T. Trueman (Doncaster). Intending members please attend.—G. H. Robinson.

Barnsley C.B.S.—Apl. 6, Clarence Hotel, 7.30. Syllabus for 1912.—F. C. Sims.

Bradford East O.S.—Apl. 2, Park Chapel Schools, 8. Final arrangements for Easter ramble; delegate's report, etc.—H. Hill.

Bury C.B.S.—April 2, Textile Hall, 8. Amalgamated F.F. show; important.—H. Jameson.

Bolton C B.S.—Apl. 2, Joiners' Arms, 8.30.—J. Gerrard.

Burton-on-Trent.—Apl. 2, Staffordshire Knot, 8. Nominations for bowl.—A. Wood.

Bolton C.B.S.—Apl. 2, Joiners' Arms, 8.30.—J. Gerrard.

Blaydon C.B.S.—Apl. 6, Co-op. Library, 7.30. Election of judges for annual show, etc. Fanciers welcome.—G. Harver.

Border City (Carlisle) O.S.—Apl. 3, Headquarters, 8.15. General.—J. C. Bell.

Bootle C.B.S.—Apl. 2, Woods Cafe, 333, Stanley Road, 8. Election of judges for both young and old show. Please try and attend.—L. S. Hamilton.

Chester-le-Street C.B.S.—Mar. 30, Butchers' Arms, 7.30. Show and judge.—J. Hedley.

City of Birmingham C.B.S.—Apl. 3, Crown Hotel, Hill-st., 8.30. Lecture on British birds, residential and migratory. To conclude with the feeding and breeding of the Nightingale in captivity, given by Mr. J. Jeffreys. Bird lovers invited.—J. H. Jones.

City and County of Perth O.A.—Apl. 1, Laidlaw's Rooms, Leonard St., 8. Important.—J. Kerr.

Colinton and Currie Parishes O.S.—Apl. 6, Drill Hall, Juniper Green, 8. Classification and election of judges for annual show, Nov. 2; new members invited.—J. Napier.

Cheltenham C.B.S.—Apl. 3, 8 p.m. "Further thoughts on Hybrid Breeding," Mr. G. Stevens.—A. S. Treasure.

Clapham C.B.A.—April 1, Landor Hotel, Landor-rd., 8.30. General business; paper on colour-feeding, by Mr. Hobbs (owing to the illness of Mr. A. Silver).—A. L. Priest.

Coventry O.S.—Apl. 3, Sydenham Palace, 8.30. General business.—A. J. Barratt.

Crewe O.S.—Apl. 2, Brotherhood Institute, Beech-st., 7.30. Date of next show.—E. Jaycott

Clitheroe C.B.S.—April 1, Bennett's Tea Rooms, 8.—J. Southworth.

Darlington C. and B.B.F.A.—Apl. 3, George Hotel, 8. Election of judge for open show.—A. Walker.

Derwent Valley C.B.S.—Mar. 30, Headquarters, 7.—J. Lindsay.

Dunfermline C.B.S.—Mar. 30, Co-operative Hall, 7. Judging competition.—R. T. Campbell.

Dulwich and Peckham C.B.S.—Apl. 2, Reindeer Hotel, Rye Lane, Peckham. Lecture on British birds, by Mr. A. J. A. Marley.—W. Hodson.

Edinburgh North Eastern O.S.—Apl. 1, Free Gardener Hall, Abbey Mount, 8. Booking of hens, etc.—R. S. Spence.

Eccles C.B.S.—Apl. 3, Diamond Inn, 8. Selection of judge for F.F. show; new members.—J. Hall.

Edinburgh Western O.S.—Apl. 4, Riego Street Hall, 8. Booking of hens; election of judges; last meeting for new members.—R. Lile.

Edinburgh N.C. and M.B.S.—Apl. 4, Hall's, High-st., 8. Booking hens; replies from judges, etc.—J. Welsh.

Falkirk O.S.—Mar. 30, King's Head, Roberts Wynd, 8.—W. Niven.

Grimsby and Cleethorpes Rolier C.B.S.—Mar. 30, 119, Cleethorpes-rd., 7.30. Report of members' show, etc.—H. Mason.

Glossop Hadfield C.B.S.—Apl. 2. Mr. J. H. Senior's, Hair Dressing Saloon, High-st. West, Glossop, 8 General; will members kindly note change of headquarters; subs. now due.—E. Thompson.

Holmfirth C.B.S.—April 5, Headquarters, 7.30. Washing exhibition and lecture, by Mr. Charlesworth.—T. Smith.

Hanley C.B.S.—Apl. 3, "George and Dragon," 8. Choosing judge and fixing next feather show date. Now, chaps, all together; never mind the crush.—W. G. Llewellyn.

Hartlepools C.B.S.—Apl. 3, Y.M.C.A., Whitley-st., 8. Discussion on breeding topics. Woodhead and Pyman.

Hyson Green C.B.S. (Nottingham).—April 2, Cricket Players' Hotel, 8. F.F. show business.—Wm. Cottingham.

Ilford and County F. and F.S.—April 2, White Horse Hotel, 8 p.m. General meeting and discussion on breeding, opened by Mr. W. L. Rae. Members kindly note: 1912 subs. due.—J. H. Priestman.

Lancaster C.B.S.—Apl 6, Market Hall Coffee Tavern, 7.30. Selection of judge for annual show.—J. Bostock.

Long Eaton C.B.S.—Apl. 6, Council Schools, Sawley-rd., 7 for committee, 7.30 for members. Election of new members; also judge for annual show, etc.—G. T. Wall.

Llanelly C.B.S.—Mar. 30, Greyhound Hotel, 7. Should like to see all members.—D. John.

London and Counties A.C.B.—Mar. 30, Earl Cathcart, 39, Osnaburgh-st., N.W., 7.30. Table show of British for several prizes.—A. Moal.

Leicester Hand-in-Hand C.B.S.—Apl. 2, White Swan, 8.30. Linnet-Siskin, and Greenfinch-Redpoll—A. Freestone.

Lowestoft C.B.S.—Apl. 1, Fox and Hounds, 8.30. Please attend. Arrange annual show, judges, etc.—F. Rackham.

Lancashire C.A.—Mar. 30, Rochdale O.C., 6.30. Distribution of special prize, etc.—J. Hampshire.

Larkhall C.B.A.—Apl. 6, Miners' Hall, 7. Select judges for annual show, etc.—J. Pollock.

Manchester and N.C.C.S.—Apl. 1, Deansgate Hotel, 7.45. Table show, British, 5 classes (Goldfinch, Bullfinch, Linnet, Siskin, Redpoll, or Twite; A.O.V. Hybrid pairs); judge, W. Fairhurst; entry, 6d.—H. Boothman.

Mid-Rhondda C.B.S.—Apl. 4, White Hart Hotel, Tonypandy, 7. General business, and a large amount of important correspondence to be dealt with.—A. H. C. Legg.

Middleton C.B.S.—Apl. 3, Old Boar's Head, 8. Amalgamation of Y.B. shows, and correspondence.—J. Oldham.

New Cross C.B.C.—Apl. 4, Headquarters, The People's Hall, Tanner's Hill, 8. Schedule for Y.S. shows; ramble; 3 cups to be won outright, will be on view; subs. due.—Barton and Barton.

Newcastle C.B.S.—Apl. 4, 65, Grainger-st., 7.30. Nest feather show judges; picnic, social; question night, "Pairing, Feeding, and Rearing."—J. W. Reed.

Northern Border and S.F.C.C.—April 1, 65, Grainger St., 8. o'c.—M. C. Potts.

Pelton Fell C.B.S.—Apl. 3, Institute Hall, 6. To consider whether show goes on, or is let fall through.—W. Forster.

Provincial Roller C.C.—Mar. 30, Old Boar's Head, Corporation St., Manchester, 6. Please attend.—A. Perceival.

Pudsey Stanningley C.B.S.—Apl. 1, Fleece Hotel, 8. Business important.—H. Ratstrick.

Paisley, Tannahill O.S.—Apl. 6, Lockie's, 2, St. James's St., 7.30. Admission of new members, etc.—J. Stewart.

Partick C.B.C.—Apl. 5, Trades Halls, 8. Revising rules; show of British and Foreign birds (12 classes); judge, Mr. M. Craig (Tollcross).—J. Henderson.

Queensbury C.B.S.—Apl. 4, Granby Inn, 8. Specials for 1912 and 13; new members, etc.—H. Pearson.

Rochdale Good Intent C.B.S.—Apl. 3, Temperance Club, Toad Lane, 8. General; F.F. show, and general business.—T. Holt.

Rossendale F.A.—Apl. 2, Natural History Rooms. Half-yearly show; 3 classes for cage birds (viz., Yorks., Nor., and A.O.V.). Mr. W. J. Madeu, judge; ent. fee 3d.—T. E. Halstead.

Redhill C.B.S.—Apl. 2, Lindsey's Hotel, 8. Cage making and appliances, by Mr. T. Baldock.—A. W. Bacon.

Radcliffe C.B.S.—Apl. 3, Wareing Dining Rooms, 7.30. Lecture by Mr. R. Lloyd, of Pendlebury, on "Any Variety of Birds."—R. Pickup

Reading C.B.S.—Apl. 3, Palmer Hall, 8. General discussion.—W. H. Pyke.

Rotherham C.B.S.—Mar. 30, College Inn, 8. General meeting and a discussion on egg-binding. Local fanciers invited.—B. Bailey.

Sittingbourne C.B.S.—Apl. 1, Headquarters, 8. Table show B.B.; judging competition, at 8.30 p.m., and committee meeting, 9 p.m.—B. Tidy.

Stockton-on-Tees C.B.S.—Apl. 4, Leeds Hotel, 8. Schedule for open show.—J. W. Lowes.

Skelmanthorpe C.B.A.—Apl. 2, Liberal Club, 8. All guarantees for F.F. shows to be in; other important business.—J. Bird.

Sheffield O.S.—Apl. 2, Rose and Crown Hotel, 8. Table show of British, 3 classes; Linnet, Redpoll, Siskin, or Twite; A.O.V. hardbill; A.O.V. softbill. Prize money, 4/-, 2/-, 1/-. No entry fee. Also lecture on British, by H. J. Chick, Esq. (Nottingham) Fanciers and friends invited.—Bishop and Colton.

Stockport B.F.A.—Apl. 2, Boar's Head Hotel, 8. F.F. show, etc.—W. Stafford.

Stoke-on-Trent C.B.A.—Apl. 1, Red Lion Hotel, 8. Elect judge for open show; new members, etc.—J. Pitchford.

Sale C.B.S.—Apl. 1, 1912, Volunteer Hotel, 8. Open show business.—Royle and Wood.

Shipley O.S.—Apl. 2, Prince of Wales, 8. Busines important.—A. Tillotson.

Spen Valley C.B.S.—Apl. 1, Commercial Hotel, 8. Lecture by Mr. T. Bennett (Bradford) on "Pairing and Breeding of the Yorkshire Canary." Fancier and friends invited.—A. Lee.

Smallbridge C.B.S.—April 1, I.O.G.T. Room, 7.30. Business important.—W. Lanyon.

Vale of Leven C.B.C.—Apl. 4, Village Schoolroom Suzannah St., Alexandria, 8. Lecture, "British Birds for Exhibition," by Mr. J. H. Adams (Glasgow), also table show of British and Foreign Birds including Mules and Hybrids.—A. H. McLean.

Wimbledon C.B.S.—Apl. 1, 6, The Broadway, 8. Lecture on "Rollers," by Mr. F. A. Lester, and exhibits by some of the leading exhibitors.—H. Smith.

Wakefield O.S.—Mar. 30, Crown and Anchor Hotel, 8. Ordinary business and classes for show.—J. Isherwood.

West London F.A.—Apl. 4, Hampshire House Club, 8. Mr. R. L. Crisp will lecture on "The Yorkshire Canary."—J. Dewhurst.

Wombwell B.F.A.—Apl. 6, Park St. School, 7. Nest feather show, etc.—T. Eames.

Wigan C.B.S.—Apl. 6, Legs of Man, 8.—H. Young.

Walkden C.B.S.—Apl. 2, Bull's Head Hotel, 7.30. Important business. Kindly note change of address.—H. Howard, 50, New Earth-rd., Walkden, near Manchester.

Walsall C.B.S.—Apl. 3, White Hart Hotel, Caldmore, 8. Lecture, "Wild Bird Life in the Walsall District," by Mr. Davies. Trust all will bring a friend.—F. Price.

Yorkshire Union of C.B.S.—Mar. 30, Market Tavern, Godwin Street, Bradford, 5. Council meeting; annual general meeting; balance sheet; payment of delegates' expenses, etc. Delegates please attend.—H. Hill.

GENERAL.

Answered by The Editor.

Hints on Canary Keeping (J. Little).—Accept our thanks. We will certainly find space for your contribution.

Name and Address (R. B. Wright).—We have not the space available, we are afraid, to permit of this suggestion being carried out. There is the "Show Dates Fixed" column and the directory in Cage Birds Annual.

Newspaper Cuttings (A. Strachan, F. H. F., G. Mander, and others.)—We are much obliged to you for the cuttings you send.

Illustrated Ideas (T. Hannett).—Too difficult for the average fancier, we fear. (S. Geary, W. Baker.)—We have given these before.

Fumigating a Bird-room (W. Burdett).—Your card is so badly blotted as to be practically entirely undecipherable.

A Suggestion (Constant Reader, Horwich).—We will think over your suggestion, but are afraid it is somewhat outside the scope of our journal. You are not "asking too much," for we are always glad to receive suggestions, and we thank you for writing.

Sample of Food (Lover of Birds).—We shall be pleased to give you an opinion if you will send on the sample. Glad to hear you are joining the League.

From Field to Show Bench.

One of the best Lectures ever delivered.

By J. STEEL (Dalkeith).

Continued from page 299.

The third instalment of a very instructive discourse upon what the writer terms "Variorus" British birds, delivered before the Edinburgh C.B.S. (with additional matter).

FOOD and water vessels should be placed inside, and for perches I prefer a small bush, with all the twigs wrapped with soft yarn. Though I have found this species less liable to foot trouble than larger species, a little care is always advisable; and if the precaution is taken to select a bush, none of the twigs of which are directly under each other, the perches will remain clean and comfortable for a long time. In the show cage this yarn may be of a fast green colour. For the cage bottom I have used peat for some time, and I find it to be quite equal to fibre as an absorbent.

A peculiarity which this species shares with various of the small warblers—Tits, Treecreepers, etc.—is the habit of retiring to the shelter of some crevice or cranny at night, instead of roosting in the manner of Finches, etc. I have often explained this to bird-keepers, who wondered why these birds always spent the night crouched up in a corner of the cage bottom. For this reason I have always advocated supplying a warmly lined cocoanut shell or similar contrivance in the stock cage or aviary.

When Shelter is Needed.

The opinion seems to obtain, that because a species of bird is resident, its power of withstanding cold is unlimited. The fact that these birds contrive to maintain a bodily heat of 106 degrees, as compared with the human normal of 98 degrees, while the temperature of the atmosphere is something under zero, is due in a great measure to the unceasing activity I have mentioned. But with night and a suspension of energy comes a need for shelter. An instance I have witnessed is worth recording. Noticing one evening that a flock of long-tailed Tits were gradually decreasing in numbers, I found they were seeking a common shelter in an ivy-clad ruin. Carefully noting the place, I returned later, and with the aid of a bicycle lamp had the satisfaction of seeing a unique spectacle, viz., a flock of these asleep, when the combined mass bore a striking resemblance to a fluffy white kitten, and the absence of any visible head was amply made up for by tails, which stood out in all directions!

On turning our Gold-crest into the stock cage, his actions for a time will be indicative of his desire to get out. If the water vessel is large, he will probably succeed in saturating himself. Now, if anything is suggestive of great misery in a condensed form it is a newly-caught Gold-crest when wet. So as a precaution, use a narrow-necked water vessel. A method I adopt with this and all newly-caught birds, is to arrange a screen to subdue the light in all parts of the cage, except that where the food and water are placed. This prevents any frantic dashing about when the bird is approached, as the bird invariably retreats to the shady part. As he gradually becomes reconciled, the screen may be dispensed with. Sometimes we find that a specimen proves quite intractable and, despite all our efforts, refuses to settle down. The experienced hand soon recognises such, and if he be worthy of inclusion in our list of friends, he liberates these irreconcilables while they still retain sufficient vitality to recuperate. No doubt, it is annoying when a specimen which has every indication in the rough of being a gem, hoists the no-surrender flag to all our overtures. But, for my own part, I find consolation in the Spanish proverb: "Better great expectations than a poor possession."

The Process of "Meating Off."

My remarks on live food cannot be condensed without a sacrifice of that lucidity essential to the novice. When I state that I have never seen a British bird which could strictly be termed an entirely granivorous species, the scope of the subject may be left to your imagination. No doubt we have some species which can tolerate a deprivation of such additions without suffering any apparent inconvenience, and the need of such is not even suspected till we are faced with the difficulty of rearing their pure or hybrid offspring. I shall deal with that later, but the primary part of my discourse may be accepted as applicable to all the smaller species.

The process of meating off is governed by three factors: Firstly, the food must be suited to the requirements of the species; secondly, the supply and variety depend on the season; and thirdly, the supply must be maintained for a period which varies according, not only to the species, but to the temperament of different individuals of a species, some being easy and others being difficult to meat off; thus of two Wagtails taken simultaneously, I have had one so amenable as to be sporting the red first-prize card at a distant show, while the other was still dependent on a lavish supply of insects to maintain vigour. And the feeding habits of a given species are not always a guide, as I have occasionally had more trouble in meating off such partly frugivorous species as Blackcap, Garden Warbler, and Redstart, than such apparently ill to-cater-for species as Night jar, Sandpiper, etc.; so that the futility of laying down any hard and fast rules as to period or quantity is apparent.

The bird itself is the barometer by which to gauge progress. The bright eye, tight plumage and vivacious disposition, are the indications of favourable progress. An absence of these denotes a retrogade action already started, and not a moment must be lost in providing the remedy—live food in variety and sufficiency.

Foremost as a live food for these small birds, I place fresh or live ants' eggs. These are procurable from advertisers, but only during summer. But as at least one of my admirers has declared a wish to gather his own, I will describe the process. The nests are found in dry situations, pine woods being a favourite site. The appearance is as if a Crow's nest had been passed through a chaff-cutter, and thrown down anyhow. I have no desire to describe the internal economy of an ant's nest. Has not Solomon said, "Go to the Ant, thou sluggard; consider his ways and be wise?" Without wishing to depreciate the wisdom ascribed to that gentleman, I would advise the experimenter to be wise, and consider his ways before "knocking up" Messrs. Ant and Co. The ant is far from being the kindliest creature I have met.

Ants' Eggs and Where to Gather Them.

I was content to adopt good advice on my second attempt, so I chose a bright sunny day, and armed myself with a spade, a tight-fitting tin box, and a large sheet of paper. Spreading the paper in the sun conveniently near the nest, with the aid of small branches I constructed a miniature shady bower at each end of the paper, and putting the spade under the nest, I quickly transferred it on to the sheet. The result was a mass of ants' eggs, rubbish, and pine needles, the two latter predominating. Now sunlight is fatal to embryo ants, and the parent insects know that; so they at once proceed to transfer the cocoons under the branches, and into the shade. Their industry is admirable, but I have a grim satisfaction in knowing that they are not more industrious, or energetic, than I was the last time I visited them. After they had carried most of the eggs away, and thus effected a separation from the rubbish, I quickly swept the lot into the box. No doubt a lot of ants were included, but I soon made matters hot for them, when they were quickly forced to vacate. If the eggs are wanted fresh, this terminates the process, but if preservation is the aim, the evaporative and life-destroying heat must be gently applied.

As these preserved ants' eggs constitute the most valuable item in all insectivorous bird-food mixtures, I will describe the difference between a good and a bad sample. This sample is almost white in colour, but in daylight a pale creamy tinge is perceptible; it smells slightly acrid, but is entirely free from mustiness. The cocoons are unbroken, and have a full or plump appearance, and there is an entire absence in the sample of sticks, pine needles or dust. When handled, a slight oiliness is also perceptible; this is a very good sample. Now for the opposite: Brown in colour, shrivelled and mummified in appearance; musty smelling; crumbly when handled, and consisting of about one-half rubbish. This is a very bad sample, and though quoted at a price 60 per cent. under the first, is actually dearer, and for feeding about as valuable as sawdust.

But I will get on with the question of meating off. Having secured our ants' eggs, I make tracks for an old and decayed tree, which has been lying for a while. Get out another box, and with the aid of a trowel or jack-knife, I prise off large flakes of the decayed bark, and find a deposit of mould and fibre, on the inner side of which I sweep sufficient to fill the box. There is here food for reflection—and for Gold-crests. A careful scrutiny reveals the presence of a horde of creepy, crawly "horrors," eggs, chrysalides, spiders, etc.

(To be continued.)

A . . . MEADOW PIPIT . . FACES . . THE . . CAMERA.

An interesting letter, from Mrs. Sargeant, concerning this bird appears in our correspondence columns.

The Bird that Reached My Heart.

By WESLEY T. PAGE, F.Z.S. etc.

(Continued from page 280.)

FOR the past two years my bird has not been left in the hearing of Parrakeets and Lovebirds, and he now but very seldom utters their raucous calls. Instead he copies very fairly the song of the Grey-necked Serin and other Finches in the aviary adjoining his enclosure. Perhaps the most perfect of his drolleries is his imitation of the plaintive call of the little Indian White-eye (*Z. palpal rosa*). so perfect that even now I know of it, I am often deceived and look round to see if the White-eyes have followed me into his enclosure. He still sings the Blackbird's song, and also some part of the Robin's plaintive melody.

Attractive Qualities of the Species.

But, I hear some reader exclaim, haven't you already given the attractive qualities? Granted that his powers of mimicry are a great attraction, there are many others equally charming, and so as to be as connected as possible, my "yarning" will still be of the same individual bird; and though he was charming in his winter quarters, coming to the food saucer or fingers for worms and permitting one softly to stroke his head while he rested on your hand, it was in the spring and summer, when he revelled in the outdoor flight, that his charms were the most apparent, and the joyous abandon of living most evident. The enclosure was 12ft. square by 6½ft. high, and here what a flashing gem he was, as he sported to and fro in the glorious sunshine! In the early morning when the fresh supply of ripe fruit and milk-sop was carried in, he always insisted on taking his fill from the hand before the food could be placed down for the other birds. If a stranger carried it in, it was just the same; he claimed first toll of the food. But at other times he was equally delightful.

Entrancing Little Ways!

Whenever one entered into the aviary, he came to hand, shoulder, or arm, or tucked himself snugly away in the bend of one's elbow, or hopped about one's coat, probing under the buttons for prey, as if they were the leaves of the trees of his native wilds. I often humoured him by placing a mealworm under one or two of the buttons of my aviary jacket, and Mr. Gold-front soon found them out. But he objects to being handled. He's quite a knowing "coon," and is evidently aware it is not good for him. He will perch on your hand and permit you softly to stroke head or back, and lie contentedly on his back in your palm, but attempt to close the hand, and he's off, and very wise too, for he's so softly feathered that it is very difficult to handle him without retaining some of his plumage in the hand. On more than one occasion he was brought out of the aviary unconsciously on the shoulder or head, but he always remained there, and was thus returned to the aviary.

Complete success in breeding the species in captivity has not yet been attained, one of the chief obstacles being in procuring true pairs. Nevertheless, it has nested in several aviaries, and actually hatched out three broods in the aviaries of Dr. Amsler, of Eton, last summer, though he did not rear any. I saw one of these chicks in late September when visiting Dr. Amsler's aviaries. The chick was practically fledged, and it was most disappointing to come so near to success, and yet fail. The aviculturist must, however, endure many such disappointments.

Breeding in Captivity.

It is more than probable the species will be bred this season, and I for one hope Dr. Amsler will carry off the palm. The fortunate possessor of a true pair should give them, if possible, an aviary with a shelter attached, containing one or two growing bushes, and also put nest-boxes up under the eaves of shelter, and also inside the shelter. The usual dietary with live food ad lib will suffice.

These birds are not difficult to keep fit once the prostration incidental to importation has been overcome. The menu should consist of ripe fruit, milk sop, insectile mixture (not much taken) and live insects. Whether kept in cage or aviary, providing the cage is sufficiently roomy for exercise, the Gold-front should thrive and be long-lived on the above treatment.

To go into details: Any kind of ripe fruit may be given. Banana, orange, apple, grapes and any of our English fruits it will take, as in season. Change is most beneficial. The milk sop is most beneficial, and should be sloppy. It is a revelation to see the bird dip its long prehensile tongue into the sop, and delightedly suck it up. Prepare as follows: Crumbled sponge cake, Nestle's milk, boiling water, honey, and a little liquid malt: it may sound troublesome as you read, but it is not so in practice.

As regards insects, at certain seasons the mealworm must be the mainstay, but at others earwigs, small beetles, spiders, smooth caterpillars and flies are all eagerly welcomed dainties. For the insectile mixture, any good make will suffice. Equal parts of ants' eggs, dried flies and sponge cake, made crumbly moist, will suffice. A suitable cage would be one of the semi-box type 30in. long, 15in. deep and 18in. high; a twiggy branch at each end for perches, so fixed that the bird must fly to get from one end to the other. Use china or crock food hoppers.

A Family of Beauties.

One cannot properly wind up, when describing such a species. It must of necessity be a laying down of the pen and a more or less abrupt breaking off. I would, however, like a last word about plumage, and it shall still be about the one specimen—our description is of a normal specimen. The hues of these birds evidently increase in richness with age. This specimen has passed five moults with me, and it is now much richer coloured than at first. Gold-front is intense fiery orange and extends back to centre of crown, and the green of the remainder of the crown, nape and area at back of eyes is almost obscured with bronzy-gold. The whole of the bend of the wing is rich turquoise-blue in colour, and the bastard wing is ultra-marine-blue, and the feathers in near vicinity are deep greenish-blue. These blue areas are a little larger since the last moult.

All members of the genus *Chloropsis* possess beauty above the average, and in my opinion the well-known Gold-front is as attractive as any. In fact, as a last word I may say that if I were reduced to being able only to keep a single bird, I feel sure my choice would fall upon the subject of this sketch—the Gold-fronted Fruitsucker.

Correspondence.

Proposed Yorkshire Canary Club for Edinburgh.

Sir,—Permit me space in Cage Birds to propose a Yorkshire Canary Club for Edinburgh and district. There are any amount of "birdie" men about here, and I am sure the club would be well supported. What clubs and societies Edinburgh has at present are mixed, catering chiefly for Crests, Norwich, Borders, and Scotch Fancies. The poor "Yorkie" is left out in the cold. I should like to see some correspondence on the subject.

Auld Reekie.

Proposed Cage Bird Society for Thirsk and District.

Sir,—Kindly spare me space in your correspondence columns to announce that we propose forming a cage bird society for Thirsk and district, as a few fanciers here feel it would be beneficial to our hobby to organise, so that we can come more into touch with each other, and have a quiet chat together, etc. I should be pleased if all lovers of birds residing in the above-named district would forward their addresses to me so that I may send them a notice of the first meeting for the formation of such a club.

J. H. Barron, Sec., pro tem.
Millgate, Thirsk, Yorkshire.

The Dipper's First Appearance on the Show Bench.

Sir,—Your correspondents, Messrs. Mackwell and Shirley, in last week's Cage Birds, claim to have staged several Dippers previously to the one shown at the Crystal Palace, which is quite correct. The only difference is that the one shown at the Palace has been kept in a small cage nearly eight months, and is perfectly tame. Those shown by your correspondents were wild birds which had never seen daylight in an aviary, not to mention anything in the nature of a cage, before being unpacked at the shows. They were all flying in their native haunts the previous afternoon. Mr. Mackwell says the exhibits did not attract a mention; his friend says they were always in the prize cards. All the lot did not earn as much prize-money as would pay for the entry of one. Some of them died at the shows. The one Mr. Pickles wrote about I brought back from Halifax along with my own birds; it died the next morning. One survived a short time longer. The first genuine caged Dipper was the one shown at the Crystal Palace.

F. Fishburn.

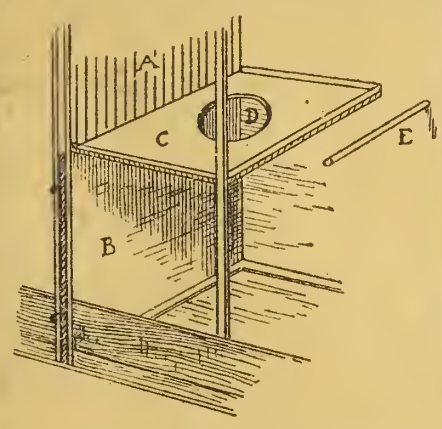
The Yorkshire Union and Its Method of Balloting.

Sir,—I shall be pleased if you will allow me space to reply to Mr. Hill, also Mr. F. Hammond and Mr. Wm. Blakey. We do not charge either of them with anything they mention in respect to their honesty. We asked if all the ballot papers were delivered. We mean by this, were any of them refused delivery on account of overweight (requiring extra postage), as in some cases two were in one envelope, unfastened, with halfpenny stamp. We know late delivered or spoilt papers are no use. If the persons concerned had replied to the Press that the ballot papers received represented the returns given in the Fancy Press, that would have met the case without trying to add a tail to a Manx cat. I also said that we were dissatisfied with the ballot this year; this is easily explained, and, quoting from "Bradfordian's" letter, where he says the ballot papers are quite plain to the ordinary man, I say they are not. I have the information from one society, where a large number were present and voted on the different items. They were, I am told, unanimously for one person, and none the other. The ballot paper was marked one in favour. Now, if twenty voted, nineteen votes were lost, as the person believed he had only to put "1," like he had put a "X" on other years, when each person was supplied with a ballot paper. This has turned up since the result was published, thus proving that if a re-ballot was taken, the result would be different. With regard to our saying that we were dissatisfied with the way of the annual ballots, we simply mean this, without any person taking unto himself that we are trying to cast reflection on his or their characters, viz., that no person or persons connected with or running for any office should have anything to do with the counting of ballot papers, and that each should be published separately so that each society could have the satisfaction of seeing its own paper was properly recorded or deemed a spoilt paper. It can be looked at in this light. Do Parliamentary or municipal candidates have the right to count their own votes? No. Are they regarded as dishonest persons? No. If they were, would they be nominated to fill honourable positions? The same applies to Messrs. Hill, Hammond, and Blakey. They are held in the highest esteem by the Yorkshire Union of Cage Bird Societies, and we do not cast any reflections on their personal characters; in fact, we do not attack any one of them with such statements as published. We have not made an attack on anyone, only the Yorkshire Union; the method of ballot wants a different system to give better satisfaction all round. If we are only a small society, we should have a right to an answer, as we pay our portion to the Union, without the three individuals taking unto themselves the whole question. If these persons feel they have been hurt in any way, I beg to apologise on behalf of our society for any kind of statement they think has applied to them; but we have not attacked any single person. Also, we do not say that the returns given are not the same as the ballot papers received. We said that the returns published in the Fancy Press were not as they were voted on at the respective meetings (on the information supplied by members of different societies), and that a re-ballot would tell a different tale; not that any other person or persons would be elected, but the figures would be different. We hope another year the ballot papers will be more easily understood and put an end to it all, and that members will know exactly what they are voting for.

M. Skirrow.
Hon. Sec., Bolton Woods C.B.S.

An Idea for a Nest Board.

Sir,—Here is a sketch of a useful nest board for an ordinary earthenware nest pan. Instead of having the whole partition sliding out, my breeding cages have the top half (a) wired, but fixed, the lower half being a sliding panel of wood (b). A shelf of wood (c) is placed halfway up the partition, at the bottom of the wired portion. This has half-inch sides and



a hole (d) for the nest pan. A perch (e) is placed a short way from it, and another the other side of the partition. The advantage of this plan is that the old birds, if put in the other compartment, cannot possibly pluck the young, but are able to feed them. I hope this may be useful to other readers, as it has been to me.

Robert Symons.

A Suggested Norwich Plainhead Club for the Midlands.

Sir,—Unlike Mr. Anderton, I was very pleased to see the suggestion of a Norwich Plainhead Club for the Midlands. It has always been a source of astonishment to me why there hasn't been one started before. There are plenty of fanciers who breed Norwich in the Midlands to run a specialist club for the variety, as well as plenty of good societies who will probably be pleased to have their patronage. The majority of N.P.C. members are resident in or around Lancashire, and the majority of patronage shows are in that district, and rightly so; but one doesn't expect a Midland fancier to send his birds into Lancashire for a week-end show when he has a show on his own doorstep, as it were. Now that a club for the Midlands is suggested, perhaps the patronage of the N.P.C. will be given exclusively to shows nearer home. And why not? There are plenty of good societies in or around Lancashire worthy of the patronage, and enough Norwich breeders to still keep the old boat in deep water. Mr. Anderton seems to look on the new Club in the form of a competitor. I can remember every club being started since the Parent Club, and each has been in turn remonstrated with, but without avail. The new clubs have gone on and prospered, apparently, and still the old club hasn't suffered to any appreciable extent. So why should we cavil at the formation of another, which will make six for England alone? Perhaps gallant little Wales will want one next! Mr. Anderton says the Norwich Plainhead is still a progressive variety. Personally, I don't quite see calling the Norwich a progressive variety and then almost in the same breath putting a spoke in the wheel of progress by trying to stultify a new club at its formation.

Sub Rosa.

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Formation of the Proposed Cage Bird Society for Middlesex

Sir,—At a meeting held at St. John's Schools, Southall, on March 21, it was unanimously decided to form a cage bird society, to be known as the "Middlesex Ornithological Society," with membership open to the county of Middlesex. The following officers were elected:—President, Rev. F. Roberts; chairman, J. R. Higgins; assistant secretary, T. H. Fletcher; secretary and treasurer, Jeffery Jefferis; committee, Messrs. H. Burrows, R. Cambers, A. Crockett, C. Huxley, P. J. Jamison, W. H. Phipps, J. Smith, W. Taylor, and F. Wright. Rules were adopted, and rule cards will be sent out as soon as received from the printers. Meetings will be held at St. John's Schools, Southall, on the first Monday in each month, at 8 p.m., and they will be duly announced in this journal. Next meeting, Thursday, April 4. The subscription is 4d. per month, with an entrance fee of 1s. Fanciers are cordially invited to join, and any information will gladly be given by the secretary and treasurer.

Jeffery Jefferis.

Secretary and Treasurer, 10, Western Road. Southall.

The Type of Present-day Winning Norwich Plainheads.

An Explanation.

Sir,—I notice in your issue of March 23 a letter under the above heading from one who signs himself "Novice." He enclosed to you the "Eastern Evening News" of March 16, referring to the concert held by the members of the United Bird Breeding Society, and also to the few words which I said there. I wish to say there were words in the "Eastern Evening News" which I did not say; some being left out and others added, which give my remarks a different appearance. But I should not have taken any notice had it not appeared in your paper. I notice, sir, that your printers have not copied it quite correctly, viz., Norwich Plainhead classes should be Norwich Plainhead cock classes, which makes a deal of difference, as the former would include hens as well. I may say I did not attend the late Palace Show myself, but the members of the U.B.B.S. said that the hen classes were grand. Neither did I say that one of the members remarked that he would not have the "winners" in certain of the classes in his bird room; it was one bird only, the winner in a certain class. That letter "s" added to the end of the word, what a difference it makes! I think, sir, your readers will find that the following statement gives matters a different appearance also. I must say that I have judged the shows of the U.B.B.S. for many years in succession, and I told them as they had elected me again to judge their next show, and as they had several new members, I thought it only right they should know that type and quality were the first considerations with me, and that I could not do with big, coarse-feathered, "fosy" chested birds (a kind of pigmy Pouter, I term them); neither could I do with colour-fed Crested-breds, as many of them seemed nothing else. I also said that birds of excellent type and quality could always be seen at the shows of the U.B.B.S. (some perhaps a bit small), and I told them by all means to get as much size as possible, but not at the expense of type and quality. Now, sir, I am quite aware that it is the easiest thing in the world to make a mistake, but as it is through no fault of mine that these mistakes got into print, I shall be glad if you will kindly correct.

A. Woollard.

Some Truths About the Scotch Fancy Canary.

A Plea for First Prizes of 25s.

Sir,—Replying to the letters from Mr. Dunlop and "Shamrock," what I stated as to the price last year, and the beginning of this, was absolutely correct, and they were birds bred from first-class stock. I am going to watch those that were sold at four pounds a pair. When our friends come to the West of Scotland to buy they have well-filled pockets; they go to those who can command big prices, and they have the honour of leaving behind more than they expected. A man should "know his way about." I went to the leading breeder's house years ago and fixed upon a grand buff cock. I asked the price; two pounds. I took him home, and he produced winners and was the founder of a reliable strain. Five months ago I advised a breeder to try and get a bird from one of the best breeders in Scotland; he acted upon my advice, and was well suited at less than two pounds. Scotch fancies have been a drug in the market, for the open shows have brought down the prices. The fancier who pays railway charges, admission to the show, and for dinner and tea, even with a 1st, has very little profit, as winners know. In going to a bird show, put all the birds in one cage, and pay for the other cages as empties—or send on the cages the day before at empty rate, and have them in the show ready to run the birds into. We will never have right open shows until the first prize for the Scotch Fancy Canary is 25s., and do away also with paltry special prizes. Let us have silent presidents, good organisers, hard-working secretaries, and energetic committees to run the shows on sound commercial principles; they will be supported by hearty fanciers, and we will see a reaction for the better in the Fancy. I say again that the Scotch Fancy Canary is a bird of position, but, of course, it has also nerve and action. I wish the breeders in Ireland every success in 1912. They have just to get hold of winning strains, and they will cause Scotch breeders to look to their laurels. Why has the Scotch Fancy Canary been discarded in England? By all means have lectures, etc., etc., and as I have opportunity I will help. Stir up the "hang-back" fanciers and workers; we have no room for them, but they are not unknown.

Thos. Smith.

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Esparto Grass.

Sir,—I notice in Cage Birds a very interesting discourse by Mr. Steel, entitled "From Field to Show Bench," in which he mentions esparto grass. I used to get this from a man years ago, but am now out of touch with him, and I haven't been able to get any since. I would be very grateful to Mr. Steel or any other reader of Cage Birds if he could tell me where I could buy some.

J. Gale.

Was it a Genuine Yellow-hammer-Canary Mule?

Sir,—When talking to a very old breeder and exhibitor the other day of the old-time shows, back in the eighties, our conversation drifted on to rare Mules and Hybrids. He said he remembered a bird exhibited at the Norwich Alliance Show as a Yellowhammer-Canary Mule. He could not give much information about it, except that it caused much talk at the time. The exhibitor stated it was bred from a Yellowhammer cock and a Norwich hen. I have several old show catalogues, and on looking them over I find this bird was shown in 1882 or 1883 (the date not being very clear on the page) by Mr. J. Drake, of Ipswich, in Class 32, "Any Variety Mule not before mentioned," where the judge gave it first. It would be very interesting if some of the old fanciers could enlighten us on this, and say if it was a genuine specimen and also if it was exhibited at any other show, as, following up the catalogues of different shows, including the Palace Shows, since 1884, I do not see any account of it being exhibited anywhere else.

—. Johnson.

A Meadow Pipit's Visit to the Photographer.

Cuckoo's Fourth Winter in Captivity.

Sir,—I thought you might like this little photograph of little "Tot," about whom I wrote to you some time back. It is taken by electric light. Most general photographers, I find, fight shy of taking birds, but the lady operator to whom I went said she would try her best. So on the next morning I popped "Tot" into a little cage and hurried off to the photographer's. The young lady closed the shop door and saw that the upstairs windows were closed. Then "Tot" and I were arranged properly; but just then the door rattled. Down went my hand as quick as lightning on "Tot," but, quicker still, away he flew. The young lady hastened to prevent the door being opened, and then we had to begin a search for "Tot." Just then she called out in an alarmed voice: "Oh, here is the dear little bird perched on the live wires" (and in a moment she had turned the electric current off); "do come quick and put him back in his cage; we shall kill him." Well, I could not reach him, but by dint of flicking him with my pocket handkerchief and shaking the wires, I dislodged him, and after a bit he came walking on to my finger. I just sat down anyhow, talking to him. Then, 'Can you keep still just five seconds? There, that will do." "Hey, presto," little "Tot" was taken nicely. When he was safely put back in his cage, the young lady, who is a great lover of birds and animals, and was brought up in the country, noticed my Cage Birds League badge, which I always wear, so I heard some charming little things about birds. I will tell you of one. It appears that a younger sister, Maggie, had a sweetheart: they went walking in the lanes together near the house, and a little bird would keep singing (so her mother said): "Maggie's got a sweetheart." From the way the young lady imitated the note, I thought it must have been a Chaffinch, for another lady I know (who also lived in the country as a girl and used often to suffer with severe headaches) no sooner used to doze off than a cheeky little Chaffinch would come into the tree just outside her open window singing at the top of his voice: "Hip, hip, hooray, J.U.L.I.A." (the initials of this lady's name). I have got a Chaffinch which I reared last spring. He is a clever bird. He incites the Greenfinches to go to the seed drawer and steal sunflower seeds; then, as soon as they have cracked it, he waylays them and takes it off them. But he doesn't talk yet! After "Tot's" photo was taken we went over to the tackle shop for some gentles for his lunch. He ate them, and was made much of. Then he got back home at last, and when released uttered his glad little cry of "Cheep, cheep." This is all he says. He is like Hans Andersen's little mermaid, and has to depend on his pretty ways, dainty walk, and fearless and loving disposition for the affection he gets. I am often asked how is your dear little bird? He goes in his cage at night (a breeding cage) and sleeps in the little nesting compartment on a little handful of hay. He is a delicate little bird. The old Cuckoo has completed his fourth winter. I lost the other one last week, when it was eighteen months old. I had no idea anything was wrong with him, but was expecting to lose one of the young ones, which had been bad for a long time. The young one that came from the Wagtail's nest is in good health, and the old one is fairly well, but seems to feel the damp, cold weather. The old one is awfully jealous of the others, and scolds if I let one of them out of the cage; he even scolded and would have fought the one I lost when I lifted him out of his cage dead. Yet he is not spiteful to the other birds, unless they steal his food. He is fond of little "Tot," and will let him eat out of his saucer and go into his cage and sit on his perch in the window beside him.

Mrs. E. M. Sargeant.

The Judging of Quality Linnet Song.

Sir,—Seeing the letter re the judging of quality song at Linnet singing contests, I venture this letter, hoping it will be some small service to our friend McAllister, for I can sympathise with the secretary who has to try to console the novice Linnet singer who rightly wants to know what his bird has done and how it has been beaten. I give two ways of judging the quality song. Firstly, there is the method for quality and style, which are left to the judge's own ideas, and this is, I think, only for expert men and expert birds; and as these are in the minority it does not secure so large an entry as the second method, viz., the counting of the quality changes, each pause, or false note to end, to count. The latter is the best way for the novice and the club. The copy of the judge's sheet which is generally used at York can be hung up at the contest for the enlightenment of the novice, who is the man to study, for what is good for the novice must be good for the expert. I think Mr. McAllister will get what he wants from this copy, and I hope to hear through your paper what he thinks about it, and I wish them and Cage Birds every success.

Thomas W. Lambert.

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What Happened to Tom and Jerry.

The New "Hact" and Its Possibilities.

Sir,—Tom Plumkins met Jerry McAnthony the other evening. Says Tom: "I say, Jerry, have you heard about that new Hact that's come in opperation? It's hot stuff, as hot as pepper. The other day a cove knocks at my door, and my missis went. I was just enjoying a sausage and mashed when I heard someone talking loud. He had a lot of side on him. He said 'Is Mr. Plumkins in?' My old gal says: 'Tom's in, if that's who you mean!' He says: 'I'm an inspector of the Royal Society.' The sausage vanished, and off I goes to the door wondering who this Royal bloke could be. 'Mr. Plumkins?' I believe, he said. 'My mother allus used to call me Tom,' I answered. 'Tom Plumkins.' 'Mr. Plumkins, I am an inspector of the Royal Society for Preventing Cruelty to Horses, Dogs, Cats, Mice, Rats, Snakes, Blackbeetles, Wasps and Flies (no sticky flypapers allowed), and now we are bringing in our beautiful song birds! I see, Mr. Plumkins, you have a bird in a cage.' 'Oh,' I said, 'that's my old Linnet; he sing, well again just now. But he's not for sale.' He looked and looked, and at last he says: 'Yes, fresh caught; I can tell by his light-coloured legs! Caught about a week!' And, blow me, a summons came. I went before the 'beak,' and that fellow told him that light legs was a sure sign of a fresh-caught bird, and they knocked me down 15s. and costs! I've had that old Linnet the last seven years!" Jerry McAnthony: "Tom, that's rich; but it's not in it with the Royal bloke what come to my house. He come right in, saying he was a Hinspector and wanted to see how many birds I had and how I kept 'em. I had my old Goldfinch in a Crystal Palace aviary, I think they call 'em, a big wire cage with what they calls a 'doom' at the top. The old chap is about eight years old, as close as I can tell. I am not quite sure this is not a fresh-caught one,' that inspector says. 'But I am,' I replied: 'it's as old as my little Fan here, and she's right!' 'Oh! you people can't deceive us. We inspectors knows! We go by the colour of the legs. Birds in the open always have pale legs; it's the action of the air. You cannot deceive me, old chap. Still, there's a double here, and you'll get the benefit; but don't let me have to complain again. You might keep it in a little larger cage, too.' 'Love us all,' I says. 'Why, missus asked when I brought that cage home whether I was going to keep a flock of pigeons in it.' She said it took up as much room as a bedstead. Why, I could put you in it, and if you ain't off I shall. Strikes me, inspector, you've got a soft job with rich old dames who've got a bit more cash than sense. You know as much about a fresh-caught bird as you do about the South Pole.' By gum, Tom, if these coves can let us in for fifteen bob on the tales they tells, you are right—it's as hot as pepper!" G. G.

Illustrated Ideas

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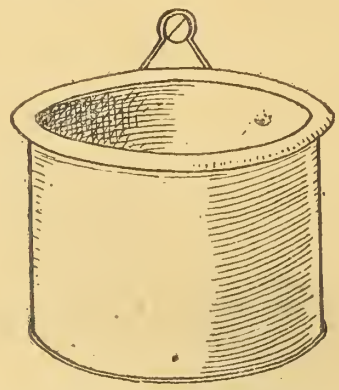
No 579.

An Easily-made Nest Pan.

Sent by Mr. J. Cliff, 83, Brook Street, Selby.

I send you an idea of my own for a cheap and easily made nest pan. First, I take a round tin (a Lyle's syrup tin will be found of a nice size), and slightly bend; then perforate the bottom. Mark the tin at the desired depth and cut off the upper portion. To make the rim, I take a piece of ⅜in. lead pipe and



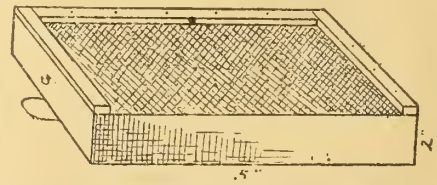
nick it through on one side, so that it will fit over tin; I bend it round and fit it on. When the outside edge is just closed in a little it will be found quite tight. This makes a good rim, and, besides being easily bent, makes the nest steadier. The wire for hanging-up purposes can then be soldered on. This makes a good, cheap nest pan, as the tin costs nothing and the cost of the lead pipe is only trifling.—J. Cliff.

No. 580.

A Cheap Egg Mincer.

Sent by Mr. E. Faulkner, Bull Street, Attleborough, Nuneaton.

As the breeding season is close upon us, I venture to put before my fellow-readers what I consider an excellent egg chopper, and one that can be made at a very little cost. Size, etc., are explained in sketch. The perforated zinc can be had from most ironmongers for



one penny. The egg should be placed on the zinc and worked through with a table knife, which takes but a few seconds. To make, cut two pieces of wood 5in. long, 2in. wide, and two pieces 3in. long by 2in. wide; ¼in. thick is most suitable. Nail these together. Next nail the perforated zinc to box and secure with three pieces of wood ¼in. square, which prevents the egg falling off. The above may be found very useful as a sieve.—E. Faulkner.

OBITUARY.

Mr. J. HOBBS (Devonport).

It is with great regret, writes Mr. T. Pope, secretary of the Western Counties O.S., that I have to announce the death of Mr. J. Hobbs, of King Street, Devonport, who has been a member of the W.C.O.S. for several years. Mr. Hobbs was well known in the West as a very keen and successful Crest fancier, having won prizes at most of the leading shows in Devon and Cornwall. Although the deceased gentleman did not take a prominent part in the management of the W.C.O.S., he was a regular attendant at the meetings on behalf of the annual show. At the meeting of the W.C.O.S. held on March 19 a vote of condolence with the widow and family was passed, in which I am sure all fanciers will join.

I am requested, writes Mr. R. B. Wright, by the members of the Anfield, Everton, and Dis. C.B.S. to record the very great regret with which we hear that one of the best and most respected of fanciers in the North-Western District—namely, Mr. Mallinson, late secretary of the Wallasey C.B.S.—has lost, after a long illness, his dear wife, who was a real lover of birds and a kindly woman who endeared herself to all.

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The Young Naturalist.

*She Knew Best.

At a Sunday School treat a little girl was asked by her Sunday school teacher if she would have some more cake. "Yes, please, teacher." The teacher asked her if she would have currant or seed. "Currant cake," the little girl replied; "I am not a Canary."—Sent by Dorothy Jones (aged nine years), 315, Ferndale Road, Swindon.

*An Amusing Parrot.

In visiting my auntie last week I was shown her wonderful talking Parrot—a Grey African. Immediately he saw me he sang out "Hulloa, what are you called?" I said, "Gladys, Polly." My auntie then gave me a biscuit and told me to hold it up in front of Polly and say to him, "God save the King." Polly walked to and fro on the perch and said in answer, "Hip! hip! hurrah!" I said, "What's your name?" He said: "Bobs." "Who are you?" "Lord Roberts." "Whom do you love?" "The Pope of Rome."—Sent by Gladys Drew (aged 8), 6, Wellington Street, Stoke, Devonport.

**The Pat of Butter.

A gentleman had a very tame Jackdaw, when the window was pulled down to air the room Jack would hop in, on to the breakfast table, steal one pat of butter (only one), and then hop out again. In course of time Jack left, and for at least two years was seen no more. One day, when the gentleman was out for a walk, he saw a long train of Rooks and 'Daws. He wondered if Jack were with them and called his usual caw. After repeating it several times a single 'Daw darted from the flock, came straight down, and pitched on his shoulder. He stopped through the night, and next morning stole a pat of butter and flew out again. After this it was seen no more. Doubtless it was the pat of butter that induced him to stay all night.—From the "Child's Companion."—Sent by Annie Jeans (aged 13), 17, Vigo Road, Andover, Hants.

Singing Contests.

PONTEFRACT.

Open Linnet contest, held Woodman Inn, Horsefair, before a large company, when we had 16 birds. Result: 1, T. Piper; 2, C. Scott; 3, G. Shaw. We are having another open to all England contest, March 31st.—J. Martin, Sec.

NEWTOWN (Leeds).

Quality Linnet singing contest took place Prince Albert Inn, March 24th, when 13 birds entered. Judges, Messrs. H. Hayes and C. Lorriman. 1st, H. Playforth; 2nd, G. Towers; 3rd divided between A. Binns and P. Madden.—E. Wood, Hon. Sec.

BLACKBURN.

Blackburn quality Linnet S.A.C., open to all England, Linnet contest for time and quality is to be held on April 6th, at Headquarters, Old Red Lion, Snig Brook. There will be birds from all the affiliated clubs of Lancashire. To commence at 2 o'clock prompt.—Rd. Hayhurst, Sec.

CASTLEFORD.

Weekly Linnet contest, held March 23, when 45 birds sang (4 minutes' singing), and some very good time was done. Winners: 1, E. Smith, 103; D. Nelson, 93; A. Sweeting, 86. Also on March 24 we had 25 birds (3 minutes' hang). Winners: 1, W. Nelson, 62; W. Dobson 61; W. Nelson, 60.—W. Dobson.

SHEFFIELD.

Linnet sing, "Royal George," Brightside Lane, March 24th, when 17 birds entered (3 minutes, time singing), when Thompson took 1st, 77 secs.; E. Bisby 2nd, 53 secs.; Driver, 3rd, 40 secs.; Thompson, 28 secs., Rawson, 27 secs.; Driver, 27 secs. Whitsuntide Club going strong. Wanted new members to join at once; levy put on after Easter. Contest every week-end. First pair hung at 3 o'clock on Saturday next.—A. Thompson, Sec.

KIPPAX.

Kippax and Dis. Linnet Club members' sing, held Commercial Hotel, March 23. Only a moderate entry. J. Liversidge, jun., claimed first prize, as his was the only bird that sang. Messrs. W. Wheatley and W. Perkin, timekeepers. A members' sing will be held March 30; first birds hung at 3.15 p.m. General meeting March 31, at 7 p.m., when all members are invited; business important.—R. Plows, Hon. Sec.

LEEDS.

Contest held Skinner's Arms, March 23rd, when 19 birds sang. Chiffchaff 1, Ward 2, Lorriman 3. Also March 24, when 36 birds sang. Richardson 1, Ward 2, Sillan 3, Green 4. Judges, Messrs. Granger and Turner. Members note that our Easter sing is on Easter Monday instead of Tuesday.—C. Clayton, Hon. Sec.

Linnet sing for quality held Old Bird House, King's Head, Shannon-street, on March 23rd, when 18 birds sang. Mr. Hollingworth's bird was worth a man's while to listen to. 1st, Hollingworth; 2nd and 3rd, Stead. Judges, Messrs. W. Naylor and T. Johnson. Also on March 24th, when 19 birds faced the judged, Messrs. S. Hardcastle, W. Naylor, and T. Johnson, who gave every satisfaction. 1st and 2nd, J. Bland; 3rd, T. Stead.—T. C. Summers, Hon.

SALFORD.

Contest for time, held Boathouse Hotel, March 23. Considering the coal dispute, entries were better than we expected. Some very good time was recorded. 1st, J. Green; 2nd, J. Caswell; 3rd, H. Cootes. Timekeepers, Messrs. Caswell and Wharton. On the 24th, a contest for quality was held. No time birds were allowed to compete (3 minutes being allowed to each pair). Some very good singing was done in gaslight. Winners: 1, J. Green; 2, N. Smedley; 3, H. Cootes. Judge, Mr. A. Marshall; timekeeper, Mr. Jack Caswell. Club match for members only, March 30th, when some good prizes will be given for quality and time. Two first prizes, copper kettles, one being given by the President (Mr. Cootes). A special request is given to all members, each being allowed two birds. First pair up at 3, fanciers and friends invited.—B. Wharton, Hon. Sec.

Club Reports.

WREXHAM (Central) C.B.S.

Meeting held Central Institute, Hill Street, March 13th, Mr. P. Griffiths in chair. Business was got through in good time, and new members enrolled. Matched pair show also held, some very good pairs being staged, both in Norwich and Yorks. Principal winners: Nor., Mr. E. Williams. Yorks, Messrs. Hampson, Jones. Brit., Mr. E. Hooson (Goldfinch and Hawfinch).—F. Hampson, Sec.

ATTERCLIFFE AND DIST. C.B.S.

Meeting held "Horse and Jockey," Mar. 14th, under the presidency of Mr. Havenhand. As previously announced, a lecture on the Norwich was ably given by Mr. Taylor (Darnall), a well-known breeder and exhibitor. His remarks were interesting and instructive, not only to Norwich fanciers, but to fanciers of other varieties. Afterwards Mr. Taylor invited and answered questions. We also had a table show of British birds and Mules, when a good number were staged. Mr. Welbon judged. Principal winners: British, Messrs. Green, Hailstone, Smith, Ritson, Harrison, Havenhand, Duce; Mule or Hybrid, Messrs. Havenhand, Smith.—W. Hailstone, Sec.

BRIGHOUSE AND DIST. C.B.S.

Annual meeting held Mar. 14, Mr. A. Dearden (President) presiding. Secretary read annual report, which showed the year had finished with a small balance on the right side. Election of officers: President, Mr. J. E. Hargreaves; Vice-president, Mr. A. Dearden; Secretary, Mr. F. Mitchell; Treasurer, Mr. J. Tattersall; auditors, Messrs. H. Stake and J. Naylor. Passed, that meetings be held at Round House Inn the next twelve months. Mr. A. Dearden was elected delegate to Yorks. Union. During the evening good specials were offered to be competed for at members' shows, and were gratefully accepted. Meeting closed with a vote of thanks to the retiring officers.—F. Mitchell, Hon. Sec.

MANCHESTER AND NORTHERN COUNTIES O.S.

General meeting, held March 18th, at headquarters, Mr. Raynes presiding over a good attendance, to hear Mr. Cutmore, of Liverpool, lecture on "Cage Bird Ailments, their Causes and Remedies," with illustrations. Mr. Cutmore went thoroughly into the general ailments that cage birds are subject to, and gave us their causes and remedies, illustrating them with drawings, and with different kinds of birds that had died of different diseases, and been preserved in spirits. The drawings showed the different organs in a bird's body, and where they were placed. Mr. Cutmore told us what they were there for, what work they had to do, etc. I was too interested to take any notes, my mind being taken up with the lecture. All who missed it missed a treat. Questions were asked, which Mr. Cutmore answered to everybody's satisfaction. Next meeting April 1st, when there will be a table show of British, with five classes, Mr. N. Fairhurst, judge.—H. Boothman, Hon. Sec.

NEWCASTLE C.B.S.

Committee meeting, held Mar. 21st, Mr. W. C. Crawhall in chair. We expect to get the Cambridge Drill Hall (our old hall) for our annual show on Oct. 18th and 19th. Our nest feather show will be held on June 22nd, in Crosby's Cafe, Northumberland-street. Also decided to have separate judge for each section. Annual picnic settled for Whit Monday (May 27th); the destination will be chosen later. We are trying to arrange for the social to be held on Boxing Day; failing our getting the hall for that date, the week before was mentioned; we hope to get date fixed shortly. We have the promise of several gentlemen to give us lectures, washing exhibition, cage-shaping, etc., so we hope to have a successful year; we don't see why we should not have. Will members and fanciers please note that our next meeting will be held at 65, Grainger-st., at 7.30 p.m.; the subject, "Question Night," "Pairing, Feeding, and Rearing"—come in crowds. I shall be happy to take subscriptions. I shall be pleased to give intending members information regarding our society, especially novices. I don't think any society does more to help the novice.—J. W. Reed, Sec., 218, Ladykirk Road, Benwell.

LONDON & PROVINCIAL O.S.

The L. and P.O.S. were entertained to a very interesting and instructive lecture, entitled "Thirty Years with the Norwich Canary," by Mr. C. House, at their meeting held at "The Raglan," St. Martins-le-Grand, on March 21st. In opening, Mr. House said it was like old times being amongst the L. and P.O.S., as he was the first to give a washing exhibition to the L.O.S., the L. and P.O.S. coming practically from the old L.O.S., founded by Mr. Thomas Heath. A summary of the lecture is given on another page. The views of the lecturer on inbreeding were considerably in advance of those expressed by any of the others present at the meeting. A very lengthy discussion followed, questions being asked by Messrs. Roberts, Oldaker, Matthes, Bamber, Lathkeilf, Campbell, Hodder, Crabb, and Wones. Mr. Crabb said how interesting the lecture had been, and moved a hearty vote of thanks to Mr. House, whom he hoped we might have the pleasure of seeing again to continue the subject at some future date. Mr. House, in replying, said it would give him great pleasure to do so, if by any means he should be in London on one of our meeting nights, as he was going into the country.—C. W. Law, Hon. Sec.

ROCHDALE O.C.

The last lecture of the season was held Mar. 10. Mr. J. Naden in chair. We had a capital attendance. Mr. J. Lees (Rochdale) the well-known Norwich Plainhead breeder and exhibitor, gave us a very good lecture on the Norwich Plainhead. He had, he said, a hard task before him, seeing there were so many well-known breeders present; but he would give his practical experience of his mode of feeding and breeding Norwich Plainheads. He told us his idea of what sort of room was wanted. Questions: What importance has the sun?—Answer: He did not think very much; only it had a tendency to bring the bird on sooner, say, a fortnight earlier. He preferred double breeders with a wire slide in preference to single breeders. He used sawdust for the cage bottoms, and grit he gave in a tin hung up on the wires. He advised the novice to buy two pairs of birds as good as his pocket would allow; also to go to a reliable breeder who had done some winning. One or two pairs of good birds were far better than a lot of wastrels. Question: Would you buy a pair of stock birds or a pair of show birds?—Answer: Always buy the best you can; if a stock bird is bought, let it be the cock; and always have type and feather on the hen's side. He was sorry to say he did not find as much type at the shows as he would like. He thought that before long there would be a change. The Southern Norwich was better for type than ours. He did not believe in too much inbreeding. Cousins were near enough. At this point we had a heated discussion on inbreeding; he answered the questions very well. He also believed in double-buffing, but did not believe in double-yellowing. Capped birds were a big drawback, making the heads look narrower than they were. He passed a capped bird round for us to examine. He told us how he fed his birds in the different months; also how he colour-fed them. He gave us a recipe for making colouring cake, which he always uses with good results. Question: Do you breed in couples, or one cock with two hens?—Answer: He bred one cock with two hens; also with a year-old bird and a young one. Q.: Do you think colour is good for the bird: do you think it goes against their breeding so long?—No; I have never had bad results. I have bred with birds I have fed for seven years. Mr. Naden moved a vote of thanks to Mr. Lees, and Mr. L. Butterworth seconded. Fanciers please note this is the finish up of our winter series of lectures. I hope fanciers will keep together and bring others with them. We have a grand room and every accommodation for another 50.—C. Whitehead, Press Correspondent.

WOOD GREEN F.F.A.

Meeting held March 12, with a good muster of members and friends. A most enjoyable and instructive lecture was given by Mr. T. Coleby. Next meeting April 9th. Table show. Judge, Mr. Braxted. Also first night of egg competitions.—A. Willson, Assist. Sec.

SUNDERLAND C.B.A.

Meeting held March 16th, Mr. J. Farrer presiding. The balance-sheet having been audited, was passed. It was decided to hold our open show on January 17th and 18th, 1913. We hope to engage the Miners' Hall, Roker Avenue, again. Several judges were nominated, the Secretary to write for terms. Three new members were made (Messrs. Fraser, R. Pitt, and W. Butler) and more to follow.—J. Jeffrey, Sec.

LONGTON AND DISTICT C.B.S.

Meeting held headquarters, Mar. 12, Mr. G. Perrins in chair. The inclement weather prevented a full attendance. The discussion on open show was left over till next meeting, also F.F. show, when all members are expected to attend. After business, Mr. T. Hawley gave a paper on rearing and breeding birds for the show bench. The chairman, in moving a vote of thanks to the lecturer, congratulated the society on being able to secure such practical men as Mr. Hawley, whose advice was given after a long and practical experience. Mr. J. Davies seconded the vote. One new member elected.—G. Lea, Corres. Sec.

WARRINGTON AND DIST. C.B.A.

Meeting held Blue Bell saleroom, Feb. 29, Mr. Weston in chair. Prize money of pair show paid out, and annuals distributed. Mr. J. Eckersley was elected a member. Decided, that several of the older fanciers give an exhibition on making egg food at our next meeting, and afterwards to invite questions. A very interesting lecture by Mr. Knowles was listened to by an appreciative audience on his method of rearing young Canaries. Afterwards he was kept busy some time answering the numerous questions, which he replied to in a very able manner. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded Mr. Knowles, on the proposition of Mr. Warburton, seconded by Mr. Hardy, and supported by Mr. Weston.—G. M. Nelson, Hon. Sec.

LIVERPOOL B.B.A.

Meeting held Oldham Hall, March 14th, Mr. F. Handley in chair. Decided to do away with the annual N.F. show and have three young bird night shows in place of same, in June, July, August; carried unanimously. Syllabus for 1912: April, elect judges for old show, judging competition on Britishers provided by Mr. Lloyd; May, lecture by a well-known fancier; June, N.F. Show, 13 classes for Canaries, 7 for British. Judges, Messrs. W. Hales and J. Lloyd; July, ditto, judges Messrs. J. W. Metcalfe and J. Bretherton; August, ditto, judges Messrs. F. Handley and J. Richardson; September, schedule for old show and elect delegates for Amalg. Show; October, washing exhibition and discussion on same; November, novice night show, 13 classes, judges Messrs. W. R. Knowles and J. Walker; December, pair show, and discussions on same, judge Mr. J. Abbott; January, annual meeting; February, drawing up syllabus for 1913. All points gained at N.F. Show and Old Show and Novice Night Show to count for season's specials, etc.—J. Lloyd, Assistant-Sec.

ANNFIELD PLAIN F. & F.C.B.S.

Annual meeting, held March 23, there being a grand attendance. Balance sheet read; it proved satisfactory leaving a balance in hand of £4 16s. Election of officers, etc.: Mr. Hall, re-elected chairman; Mr. G. Lane, vice-chairman; Mr. Davidson, treasurer; Mr. Archer, assistant secretary, and myself, secretary; auditors, Messrs. J. Elliott, and Hankey; working committee, Messrs. J. Williams, J. Elliott, Robinson, Carr, Lane, Callaway, Hankey Metcalfe, J. C. Gailes, Hutchinson, T. Andrews, Brown, and G. Mosley. Proposed, that we bank cash in N.E.B. Decided, to venture an open show to be held January 4. Will secretaries note date and avoid clashing. Fanciers of the surrounding district, we beg for your support, to make our first venture successful. We have not as yet decided on the Hall; some favour Co-operative Hall, and some the Rink; but whichever it is, there is every convenience, and it is free from draughts. Our contribution box is doing well, and if kept up, there is nothing to stop us from securing four cups, with plenty of specials. We enrolled four more members. Those dozen fanciers who have not paid, kindly oblige. Next meeting, April 13. Will committee note I am giving a special for those attending most meetings.—J. W. Christon, Sec.

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ORAMLINGTON & DIST. C.B.S.

Special meeting held March 19th, when the nominations for judges were taken. Messrs. A. Hay (Tweedmouth) and H. Seely (Choppington) were elected. Mr. Seely has also been elected to judge the first feather show. Classes for annual show also arranged. We are to have 15 classes for members, and 13 open. We are going to do our best to make this year's show even more successful than the last.—J. R. Chistney, Hon. Sec.

WINDHILL, SHIPLEY O.S.

A capital lecture on breeding was given by Mr. S. Dean at the Blue Bell Hotel on March 16th, the chair being taken by Mr. R. Garnett. The lecturer told how he came to be a fancier, his first start being with a songster and two hens. He touched on the quantity to keep, which all depended on how many one was able to look after properly. Success was chiefly dependent on regular feeding. His method was one cock to one hen; and he only tried for two rounds, so that he was able to get his birds moulted as soon as possible. The cages he used were single breeders, two feet long, and 20 inches deep, as he believed in giving them plenty of room. He had had no experience of egg-binding. The best thing he had found for red mites was burnt alum mixed with the whiting. A few questions were asked and readily answered, and the meeting closed with a vote of thanks to Mr. Dean for his capital lecture.—J. A. Taylor, Sec.

CARDIFF C.B.S.

Annual general meeting, held Mar. 21st, Mr. Whetton presiding. Mr. Smith in his report re audit paid a tribute to Mr. Sampson for the excellent way he had kept the accounts; he also congratulated the members on having a balance of £5. Election of officers:—Mr. Whetton re-elected chairman; vice-Mr. F. Slocombe; treasurer, Mr E. J. Davies; secretary, Mr. E. Thomas; committee, Messrs. H. C. Smith, A. Maggs, W. Wilson, F. Howard, F. Hopson, W. Chedgey, E. T. Banks, E. Allsop, W. Merrit, W. Morgan, A. T Simon. Mr. Sampson, on handing over the books, said that through pressure of business he was forced to give up the secretaryship. He was pleased they had found a successor, and thanked the members for the assistance given him at the open show. He appealed to members to rally round Mr. Thomas and assist him all they could. Although retiring he was not leaving them, he said, in debt. Mr. F. Jones in an able speech moved a vote of thanks to Mr. Sampson which was carried unanimously. Messrs. E Adams J. H. Brown and J. Dugmore, were enrolled as members. It was with regret we heard that Mr. H Owen was retiring from the Fancy; the members hoped he would soon be able to take to his old love again. Mr. E. James (of Messrs. James and Wells) has promised to give at our next monthly meeting his method of rearing Canaries. Decided to hold our open show November 20th and 21st. We have engaged Messrs. Mundell, Vardy, and Longden, to judge. I shall be pleased to hear from any fancier desirous of joining.—E. Thomas, Sec.

YORKSHIRE C.C. OF SCOTLAND.

First meeting of this season held in Duncan's Rooms, Glasgow, on March 19th. Our new President, Mr. R. Heggie, presided over what was probably the largest attendance we have ever had, and a lot of business was smartly got through. The committee's recommendation to hold the F.F. show on the last Saturday in June was unanimously adopted, and it was left with them to arrange for a suitable hall. Classification was discussed; decided, to have six classes: Cl. yell., cl. buff, tkd. yell., tkd. buff, varieg. yell., and varieg. buff. Judge, Mr. Bowman. Entry fee, 6d. per bird. Judging to start 3 p.m. prompt; no entries to be accepted after that time. Also agreed to give a silver medal for best bird shown by a champion, and a silver medal for best bird shown by a novice. Country members who may want to send a few entries, might let me know beforehand, and I will make special arrangements for having their birds looked after. In connection with the open show season, it was decided that all clubs desiring our patronage must grant the following classification: Clear or ticked yell. cock, ditto buff, ditto yell. hen, ditto buff; varieg. cock or hen, A.V.; unflig. yell. or buff cock; ditto hen. All applicants for patronage must give date of show and name of judge, and applications must be in my hands by 20th August. No one judge will be allowed to adjudicate two patronised shows during the season. Following new members elected: Messrs. A. Dykes, A. Bergman, J. Cobb (Glasgow), W. Gunning (High Blantyre), J. Henderson (Partick), W. Taylor and W. Nisbet (Uddingston), and C. Clayton and A. Cunningham (Cowdenbeath).—R. B. Gibb, Hon. Sec., 96, Middleton-st., Ibrox, Glasgow.

SOUTH BIRMINGHAM O.S.

Meeting held March 13th, at headquarters. Chairman Willmott presided over a good muster. Following names submitted to ballot:—Messrs. Deeley, Pinnell, and Long (Mr. Long is the local hon. sec. of CAGE BIRDS LEAGUE). While the scrutineers were dealing with the ballot papers the chairman said it would interest members to know that the monies of the society had been correctly dealt with and banked at Messrs. Lloyds. He hoped to see double the amount at the end of the year. With three more new members and everyone anxious to see the society forge ahead, a bright prospect was still before us. He called upon Mr. Jones to read his cup proposition, viz., "That two cups be purchased by voluntary subscription, price not to exceed 50s each for competition at the winter shows for members only for best unflighted bird shown, not more than three nominations, etc." Seconded by Mr. Derry. The discussion was fierce and strong. Many amendments were proposed and seconded; all were defeated, as well as the original proposition, which made the chairman ask if the members knew what they did want? (Loud laughter.) Finally decided to adjourn same until April meeting; this is one of the best ideas for the interest in shows possible. Secretary said other items for discussion included young birds shows, rules and classes for same. He hoped to arrange a "spanker" programme for both Wednesday and a Saturday show as before; two judges for Wednesday, and Mr. Roe for Saturday. He had pleasure in announcing that Mr. Saggers (a leading china merchant) had presented a very handsome tea service for competition at the two shows. So things are looking brighter than ever. Mr. Greenup thought members' attention should be given to a special rule with reference to two members residing at the same address, and the birds which were shown—(loud laughter)—the chairman remarking he hoped member Greenup would make a note of that for the next meeting. The chairman handed the prize money and awards cards from last pair show. As far as he could see from reports the society still held the record for numbers put down. He appeals to all to attend April meeting, that all can have a say in the cup proposition, etc.—J. Shennard, Sec.

LANCASHIRE C.A.

Meeting held March 16th, at Church Inn, Oldham, when it was decided to have next meeting at Rochdale O.C., March 30th, for distribution of special prizes. Following gentlemen competed, but should there be any mistake, please report same to me at your earliest. Champion section: G. Fitton, 79 points; A. Hordern, 65; R. Barrass, 54; T. H. Collinge, 52; J. Garner, 44; J. Naden, 23; C. Whitehead, 14; F. J. Green, 12; J. Oldham, 10; A. Beattie, 9; H. Laycock, 1. Novice section: J. Hampshire, 13. Meet 6.30 prompt.—J. Hampshire, Sec.

CROYDON AND DISTRICT F.A.

After a very successful pair and British bird show, held at St. Michael's Hall, Croydon, March 13th, Mr. John Robson, who judged, on the invitation of the hon. sec., went round the various classes and explained to members present the show points of the exhibits, many of which he said were excellent specimens. He gave valuable hints on the selection of the various exhibits for pairing. On the proposition of Mr. A. J. Kilby a hearty vote of thanks was accorded Mr. Robson. Several names were handed to the Hon. Secretary for membership. Any fancier (within a 12-mile radius of Croydon) can learn particulars on dropping a P.C. to the Hon. Sec.—F. W. Capell.

ARDWICK & MANCHESTER C.B.A.

General meeting, held March 19th, Onward Hall, Ardwick, Mr. W. Robinson presiding. Mr. A. E. Long lectured on British Birds. For his subject he took the rarer of our British birds. Everyone present was very interested; it was quite out of the ordinary run of lectures on British birds. He described the construction of the nests, the colour and marking, and numbers of eggs laid by each species, also the colour and markings of plumage. Some very useful information was gained both from the lecture and the questions asked. A vote of thanks was given the lecturer, and Mr. Long, in reply, promised to give us a lecture on the most popular of our British birds. Next meeting we are to hear Mr. T. Harrison (Altrincham); any fancier or friend will be made welcome.—J. Spencer, Hon. Sec.

SHEFFIELD C.B.S.

Meeting held March 14th, Wenworth Cafe, Pinstone Street, Mr. F. Jones (president) in chair, supported by Mr. J. Thorpe (vice-president), and the two secretaries. Secretary (Mr. A. Hobson) gave a report on our dinner. Several others spoke on same, and expressed the desire that it should become an annual event. Our auditors (Messrs. J. Thorpe and J. G. Cowley) then gave their report. We commenced the year with a deficit of £9 10s. 11d., and finished with a balance in hand of £6 5s. 0½d. They congratulated the Secretary. The recommendations of the committee re four special table shows adopted. Point specials are to be competed for at same. Messrs. J. Thorpe, P. Walsh, F. Jones, J. Woolhouse, J. G. Cowley, W. T. Furness, C. Hobson, G. Drabble, and A. Hobson promised specials. There are to be 12 classes (2 each cham. Yorks. and Nor., 2 each novice Yorks. and Nor., 2 Crests, and two Brit.); prize money, 3s., 2s., 1s.; also specials; entry fee, 4d. The table show of muling pairs proved a success. Principal winners: Messrs. L. Falding and A. Bailey. Mr. P. Walsh judged, and made a few instructive remarks on the first four pairs. Mr. Kelley also read a paper on Mule breeding, pointing out how best to breed for dark or light Mules and Hybrids, and the best system of feeding. Thanks were accorded Messrs. Walsh and Kelley. Mr. H. E. Woodham elected a new member. Next meeting, lecture on Breeding and Rearing; novices specially invited.—J. Woolhouse, Assist. Sec.

BRADFORD EAST O.S.

The winter session of meetings, shows, etc., was brought to a termination on March 19th, when upwards of 30 members partook of an excellent meat-pie supper, served in rare style by our respected president, Mr. E. Suddards. Supper was laid in the class room alongside that in which the ordinary monthly meetings are held, and after business, all present adjourned to the supper room, and did full justice to the fare provided. The idea was one suggested at the meeting previous by our President, and it turned out a most enjoyable and social evening, which will weld the members more closely together. It was decided to apply for the Y.C.C. National Green-marked Y.C.C., and the Yorkshire County B.B. and M.C. patronage to be extended to our annual open show on Nov. 16, with Mr. H. W. Battye judge, the members being desirous of making this the best show the Society has held. The voting for three delegates to represent the Society on the Council of the Yorks. Union resulted in Mr. G. R. Rushworth, Mr. J. Rhodes, and Mr. R. Wilkinson being unanimously elected. Two of these have served the Society on that body exceedingly well during the past year. Arrangements for annual Easter ramble left over to next meeting, April 2nd. Meetings will now be held monthly on the first Tuesday in each month up to October. The ramble is fixed for Grassington, the renowned beauty spot of Wharfedale, and the party will walk back to Bolton Abbey Station, via Burnsall and Barden Tower. A hearty invitation is extended to all who would like to accompany the party, and providing the coal strike does not interfere with existing arrangements, I have no doubt a good number of members along with their wives and friends will take the journey. All members are requested to note it was decided to make the four members' shows for old birds (October 5th and 29th, Nov. 26th, and Dec. 17th) all evening shows, instead of the previous arrangement to hold two of these on the Tuesday afternoon. All birds to be staged by 7.15 prompt. Tuesday shows have been made in order to avoid clashing with the Union open shows on the Saturday afternoons. Four new members were elected to membership; any others desirous of joining this go-ahead society, please attend next meeting.—H. Hill, Sec.

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TWO cock Hawfinches, 8/- each, exchange two pairs cinnamons, Green Norwich, or Yellow Budgies: George Redman, Eastergate, Chichester.

GOLDFINCH, bred Mules, safe with eggs; exchange large breeding Linnet or Siskin; sell 5/6: Bartlett, 32, Royal York-crescent, Clifton, Bristol.

EXCHANGE two h.m. Linnets, proved mulers last year, offers, Seifert Rollers, anything useful: Hatfield, 19, Lancaster-rd., Morecambe.

CHAMPION Snowbunting, big winner, cost 40/-; exchange typical green marked buff Yorkshire cock, or sell 30/-: Lloyd, 4, Pott-st., Pendlebury.

LARGE h.m. cock Bullfinch, sings almost like Canary, exchange good Roller cock or breeding cages: Brocklehurst, 55, Marston-rd., Stafford.

WHAT offers for two hen Bullfinches, one house-moulted, laid eggs in cage last season; wanted yellow Norwich hen: Short, 62, Stratford-st., Coventry.

H.M. cock Mealy Redpoll and h.m. cock Bullfinch, grand birds, exchange for good yellow Norwich hen; approval, offers: Thwaytes, Post Office, Carby, Carlisle.

GRAND house-moulted cock Linnet, full song, 3/6; not approved, money returned; exchange young yellow Yorkshire hen: John Devaney, Knaresborough.

HOUSE-moulted cock Goldfinch, 5/-; lovely cock Bullfinch-Canary wins, 6/-; large Mealy Redpoll, house-moulted, 2/6; exchange Canaries: S. Burch Woodbridge.

EXCHANGE white-legged cock Goldfinch, cock Bullfinch, cock and hen Greenfinch, all house-moulted, for best offers in Norwich, or sell 15/-: Cole, 16, Kaye-st., Bradford.

TWO house-moulted cock Goldfinches, 5/- each; cock Linnet, 3/-; all full song; approval, deposit; exchange unlighted yellow Norwich cocks; yours first: Booth, Thorne, Doncaster.

EXCHANGE Goldfinches. Goldfinch Mules, Linnets, 9 Canaries, for Airedales, Irish, Retrievers; approval: Stone, 11, Sussex-rd., Southall, Middlesex.

TWO Yorkshire cocks, two Yorkshire hens, two Norwich cocks, two hens, exchange the lot for a good camera or other offers; no livestock: Moss, 23, Lancaster-rd., Hitchin.

EXCHANGE pair of Bramblefinches, Chaffinches, Greenfinches and two hen Bullfinches, for hen Canaries; what offers: Georgeson, 6, Highfield-road, Ellesmere Port, Cheshire.

EXHIBITION Goldfinch, proved breeder, 1910 bird, 10/-, exchange pair good Yorksbires; cock Bullfinch, 2 large hens, H.M., exchange yellow Yorkshire hen: E. Jackson, Newport, Essex.

H.M. COCKS: Bramblefinch, Chaffinch, Linnet, Greenfinch, two Blackbirds, singing, for hen Canaries; sell, exhibition Bullfinches: Hall's Central Bird Stores, Patricroft, Manchester.

GENUINE bargains, 1 steady cock Bullfinch, 2/6; grand Siberian cock Goldfinch, 12/6; 3 good large feeding hens, 3/- each, good pair of Norwich, 10/6; all healthy and breeding condition: Taylor, Chanters-rd., Bideford.

BULLFINCH hen, largest living, paired grand Greenie cock, 12/-; Goldfinch, warranted muler, 10/-; Bullfinch cock, winner, 10/-; exchange buff Norwich cock or Crest hen, must send for approval: Cook and Hood, Roscvilla, Charltons, Boosbeck, Yorks.

GIVING up British.—Have still left grand exhibition Goldfinch, with fine big yellow Norwich hen, bred mules last year, 25/-; also winning Greenfinch, with slashing big yellow marked Norwich hen, 20/-; would exchange for winning Norwich: White, Grocer, Moorville, Carlisle.

Mainly Canaries.

WILL exchange, Roller cock and hen, for 10 or 12 inch records: Piggott, 18, Kirks Place, Limebouse, London.

WHAT offers in Canaries for lady's gold watch, quite new, cost £4: McKeand, Seabright Villa, Castle Douglas.

YELLOW Sib.-bred hen Canary, 4/6; exchange large Norwich hen, or offers: H. Teat, Ancaster, Grantham, Lincs.

ROLLER cock, two hens and breeding cage; exchange for Waltham watch: Miller, Craven-st., Barnoldswick.

ONE pair of Border Fancies, ready for nesting, 7/6, or exchange anything useful; mutual approval: Low, Tannery, Cupar.

EXCHANGE two healthy Norwich hens, bred 1911, ready to nest, for pair Zebra Finches: 357, Crookesmoor-rd., Sheffield.

EXCHANGE, 3 buff Yorkshire hens, for good yellow cock, sell 15/-: Appleton, 74, Heywood-st., Moss Side, Manchester.

EXCHANGE 1911 Buff Yorks. hen, for British cock Goldfinch or cock Roller; yours first: Allen, Travis-st., Littleborough.

GRAND unflighted variegated buff Norwich hen, exchange for two cock Mules, full song: Smith, 180, High-st., Cbatham.

TEN hen Canaries, crossbred, 3/- each, or offers, good feeding strain: L. Delaunay, 23, Agnew-rd., Gorton, Manchester.

WILL exchange few good Yorkshire unflighted hens for cigars, watch, or anybing useful: Brooks, 320, Ainsworth-lane, Bolton.

GREY Crested cock and C.B. hen, sell 20/-, exchange wool blankets, value; approval: Wilkinson, 9 Grafton-st., Clitheroe, Lancs.

EXCHANGE, Yorkshire cock, or 3 Norwich hens, for good buff Cinnamon-marked Yorkshire hen: Roe, Optician, Whittington Moor.

FEW left; Norwich, 7/6; Yorkshires, 6/6; singing, 5/6, pairs; cold-room; hankers, Lloyd's, Purley: Halhead, Foxley Hill-rd., Purley.

PRIZE-BRED Norwich Canaries; exchange for scrap brass, copper, zinc, lead, pewter, or anything useful: 01, Havelock-st., Leicester.

EXCHANGE Jonque cock Goldfinch mule, good songster, for 1911 cock Seifert Roller, cold-room bred: F. Mascall, Stansted, Essex.

SALE, 35 fine, healtby hen Canaries, Yorksbire and Norwich, 2/6 each, worth 3/6; carriage paid on 8: Harry Tuck, Queen's Hotel, Rochdale.

CLASSICAL Yorkshires, Bailey's strain, sell or exchange scrap copper, brass, tin, anything useful: Cooper, Taylor-st., Batley, Yorkshire.

EXCHANGE, yellow-green Border cock, prize-winner, for 1911 clear, yellow Norwich Plainbead cock: Deacon, Railway-terrace, Cockermouth.

FOUR fine Crested hens (clear, even-marked, ticked, variegated); exchange binoculars or anybing useful; will separate: Cooze, Postman, Exmouth.

PRIZE-BRED buff Norwich cock for sale,, 7/6; exchange for proved muling cock, Goldfinch, or Linnet; approval: Harris, Ellesmere College, Shropshire.

EXCHANGE, pair of buff Norwich, fine size and shape, with breeding cage (valued 35/-), for dark suit, chest 36ins.: William, 71, Carlton-st., London, N.W.

WHAT offers in Canaries for suit length good tweed, value 25/-, or lady's dress length, value 12/6; any colours: McKeand, Seabright Villa, Castle Douglas.

MASSIVE feathery variegated Crest-bred Norwich cock, 8/6; muling cock Goldfinch, 4/-; red-breasted cock Linnets, 2/-; exchange anything: Bugg, Stonemason, Holbeach

THREE good buff Yorkshire hens, 1911, 4/- each; exchange slim clears, champion buff cock, 15/-; exchange clear cock, will give buff hen for h.m. cock Goldfinch Muler: Finch, 234, Southwark Park-rd., S.E.

BUFF Border hens, three clears, one marked, two foul greens, also two pairs clears, typical, overstocked, reasonable approval; entertain exchange Mules or exhibition Goldfinch: Green, 36, Lord Nelson-st., Liverpool.

GRAND buff Lancashire cock, ditto hen, £1; nice marked buff Border hen, 5/-; two Black Pekin Bantam cocks, 10/-, all 1911; exchange yellow Norwich, exhibition British: Weedall, 110, High-street, Winsford, Chesbire.

PAIR Crests, clear body, dark crest cock, variegated C.B. hen, value 21/-; crested hen, three Glucke Rollers, cock, two hens; cash offer or exchange, good trout rod, tackle: Horler, Police Station, Wrington, Bristol.

TWO matched pairs, Lizards, 9/- pair; silver cock, 6/-; large variegated Crest-bred cock 8/6; large yellow Lancashire Plainhead cock, 12/6; all from best strains obtainable; exchange anything antique: H. Webber, 15, Temple-rd., Exeter.

TYPICAL pair Yorkshire Greens, 15/-, approval; exchange for good 1911 yellow Norwich cock, or anything useful: Gibson, Vernon Avenue, Nottingham.

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EXCHANGE, buff Scotch Fancy cock, 1910, for yellow Norwich hen, 1911 or 1910, must be good; mutual approval: Waters, 4, Argyle Square, Pulteneytown, Wick.

Mainly Foreign.

AUSTRALIAN Parrot and good cage, very tame and affectionate, 20/-, or exchange Canaries, birds first: Barker, Tufton-st., Silsden.

BLUE-FRONTED Amazon Parrot and cage, talking, 70/-; exchange jewellery, anything new; offers: Bate, Blaby-rd., South Wigston.

ROSEWINGED Parrot and cage, just learning to talk, splendid clean healthy bird, 30/-; exchange for lady's or gent.'s cycle, or Canaries: Amery, Fieldside, Crowle, Doncaster.

Miscellaneous.

VALUABLE brown Retriever dog, exchange pigeons, Canaries, sell 70/-: C. Youngman, Scarborough.

WILL exchange, 30lbs. of mixed wild seed for wired on cover, 26 x 1½, sell 5/-: G. Frith, Crowle, Lincs.

EXCHANGE, Irish terrier dog pup, 3 months, for push-chair, or sell 8/6: G. Ford, Bridgetown, Totnes, Devon.

FOR sale, provision scales and weights, 25/-; or exchange for Canaries: B., 51, Waveny-avenue, Peckham Rye.

SIXTEEN good homers and basket, some flown Perth; can be verified: Creamer, 56, Moray-rd., Finsbury Park.

EXCHANGE Loxley's pigeon basket, 22 labels, and holder, for 1911 Roller cock; offers: 37, Sunning Hill-st., Bolton.

WILL exchange a good banjo, cost £5 5/-, for Canaries; or what offers: C. White, West Wall, Wareham, Dorset.

COCK Linnet and hen Canary, bred mules, with cage; exchange revolver; offers: Miller, Craven-st., Barnoldswick.

SALE, Parrot's cage, 8/-; or exchange for cock or two hen Canaries: Apply, Ridoutt, 144, Stamshaw rd., Portsmouth.

GLAZIER'S diamond, value 15/-, as new; exchange Canaries, Mules, or offers: Ellis, 7a, Smith-st., Goswell-rd., London.

EXCHANGE, cock Bantam for hen Bantam, or muling hen Canary or seed mill: Robsou, Exeter-st., West Hartlepool.

GLAZIER'S diamond, good condition, exchange good marked yellow Norwich hen: Crook, 17, Grosvenor-st., Stretford

EXCHANGE birds, anything, for two pure-bred Fox Terriers, eight weeks, nicely marked, 6/6 each: Holt, Ironmonger, Bacup.

YORKSHIRE terrier dog, 18 months, exchange for Canaries or cock Mules: Hanley, Whitfield Cotts., near Crook, Durham.

LADY'S 1910 cycle good condition, 40/-; exchange common Canaries, songsters preferred: Holway, 6, Catherine-st., Swansea.

BREEDING cages, 20in., 2/-, full size; Japanese fiddles, sweet tone, 1/-, well packed: Watson, 42, Swan-st., Northampton.

TWO pairs red Jacobin pigeons, sell 6/- pair; exchange Canarics or breeding cages, or anything useful: Wilkin, Hathersage.

EXCHANGE new cycle cover, 26—1½, for buff Yorkshire cock, or sell 8/-; approval: Baker, 48 Milllane, Fazeley, Tamworth.

LARGE buff Norwich hen, 3/-; powerful Gem air-gun, 8/-, recently cost 15/-, or exchange: Prentice, Hazeleigh, Maldon, Essex.

GRAND pair exhibition homers, Conference rung, sell 40/-, or exchange cycle or Parrot; yours first: Slater, Crafnant, Trefriw.

410-BORE gun, 15/6; also 425-bore, by Cogswell and Harrison, 25/-; exchange foreign and Canaries; offers: Criddeford, Honiton.

WHAT Canaries for 24 parts churchman's family bible, illustrated with apocrypha, clean: H W., 138, Ifield-rd., Earl's Court, S.W.

EXCHANGE pair opera glasses, volume 1 King Edward; pair Norwich or Yorkshires: T. Belton, 36, Rectory Grove, Leigh-on-Sea.

EXCHANGE 7 dozen of 4½in., 1½ dozen of 3in. fish glohes, for Canaries, or anything useful: J. Howard, 14, Cemetery-rd., Bridlington.

SCOTCH Terrier dog, 9 months, exchange for pair of Yorkshire; offers, Canaries: Jackson, 3, Kershawlane, Audenshaw, Manchester.

EXCHANGE, new black rainproof oilskius for Canaries or breeding cages: Lowe, 6, Thorne-st., Wandsworth-rd., London, S.W.

EXCHANGE soprano cornet, as new, value 35/-; Canaries, or offers of anything useful: W. Emmett, Guildhall Cottage, Lyme Regis.

BLACK Pomeranian bitch, 20 months, good breeder and mother, 25/-; exchange Canaries, or offers: Coward, 40, Peter-st., Blackburn.

CHAMPION Yorkshire terrier bitch for sale; what offers, or exchange, Canaries preferred; 129, Forman's-rd., Sparkhill, Birmingham.

FINE white Wyandotte, April, 1911, for exchange Roller cock, no chopper: T. Goddard, 6, York-terrace, Frimley-rd., Camberley, Surrey.

EXCHANGE pair field glasses, value 10/6, for Canaries, Rollers preferred; what offers: R. Edwards, Manor House-rd., Glastonbury.

ZITHER banjo, with good black case, cost 32/-, little used; will exchauge good Borders or Yorkshires: Williams, 163, Lee Green, S.E.

CAGE Birds, Poultry, Cavies, Rabbits and pigeons, all varieties, high-class stock only; sale or exchange: Pet Stores, 285, Bethnal Green-road, E.

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MAGNIFICENT ferrery and aviary, suitable hotel, gentleman's hall, £8 10s.; framed pictures, £3; part exchange: Dray, Cypher, Bedwas, Mon.

EXCHANGE complete Cassell's Popular Educator, 32 parts, for good young Norwich cock, sell 10/-: Wilson, 67, Burdett-rd., Row, London, E.

EXCHANGE monstar Bulldog-Airedale dog puppy for Norwich; approval willingly: Martin, 6, Vallertort-place, High-st., Stonehouse, Plymouth.

SALE, Norwich cock Canary, full song, 7 6: pure white Leghorn eggs, 5/- sitting; offers: Hunter, Laburnum Cottage, Carnforth, Lancashire.

EXCHANGE pair gent's boots, for six 18in. single breeding cages, removable fronts and trays, good condition: Adcock, Boot Stores, Chatteris.

EXCHANGE handsome pair Flemish Giants and their 5 young, for Canaries, Goldfinches or Linnets: Chubb, 33, Chester-st., Caversham, Reading.

WILL give pair new trousers, any size, for pair Canaries, Norwich preferred; suit length for two pairs: R. Soanes, 95, Bevan-st., Lowestoft.

PUSH-CART, cost 27 6, as new, 14/-; phonograph and 120 records; cost £10, sell 50/-; baby's chair, 4/; offers: Griffiths, 104F Nightingale Buildings, Marylebone.

TWO Campine pullets, Jones's strain, also cross-bred pullet, best offers in large muling hen Canaries; approval: Richards, Wellfield-terrace, Llandilo.

EDISON Gem phonograph, recorder, 50 records, exchange suit case, rifle, anything useful for travel or sport: 58, Albion-road, Stoke Newington, London.

EXCHANGE, good solid silver watch, good timekeeper, for Yorkshire or Roller Canaries, cocks or hens: J. Thomas, 19, Albert-st., Canton, Cardiff.

EXCHANGE double barrelled breech-loader, for Seifert or Yorkshire Canaries; anything, or sell, 50/-: S. D. Graham, Fenton, How Mill, Carlisle.

EXCHANGE four-key piccolo, in good condition, value 7/-, for clear yellow Norwich hen; yours first: W. Smith, 5, Field Foot, Grasmere, Westmoreland.

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SALE, fawn Pom. bitch, good coat, about 10lbs., due to pup 24th April, 2 years, 15/-, or exchange pair Yorkshire or Norwich: Phillips, 55, Queen-st., Tredegar, Mon.

EXCHANGE motor slip-on brown oilskin jacket, full size; mandoline, with leather case for two good Rollers: Juniper, 11, Braemar-rd., Fallowfield, Manchester.

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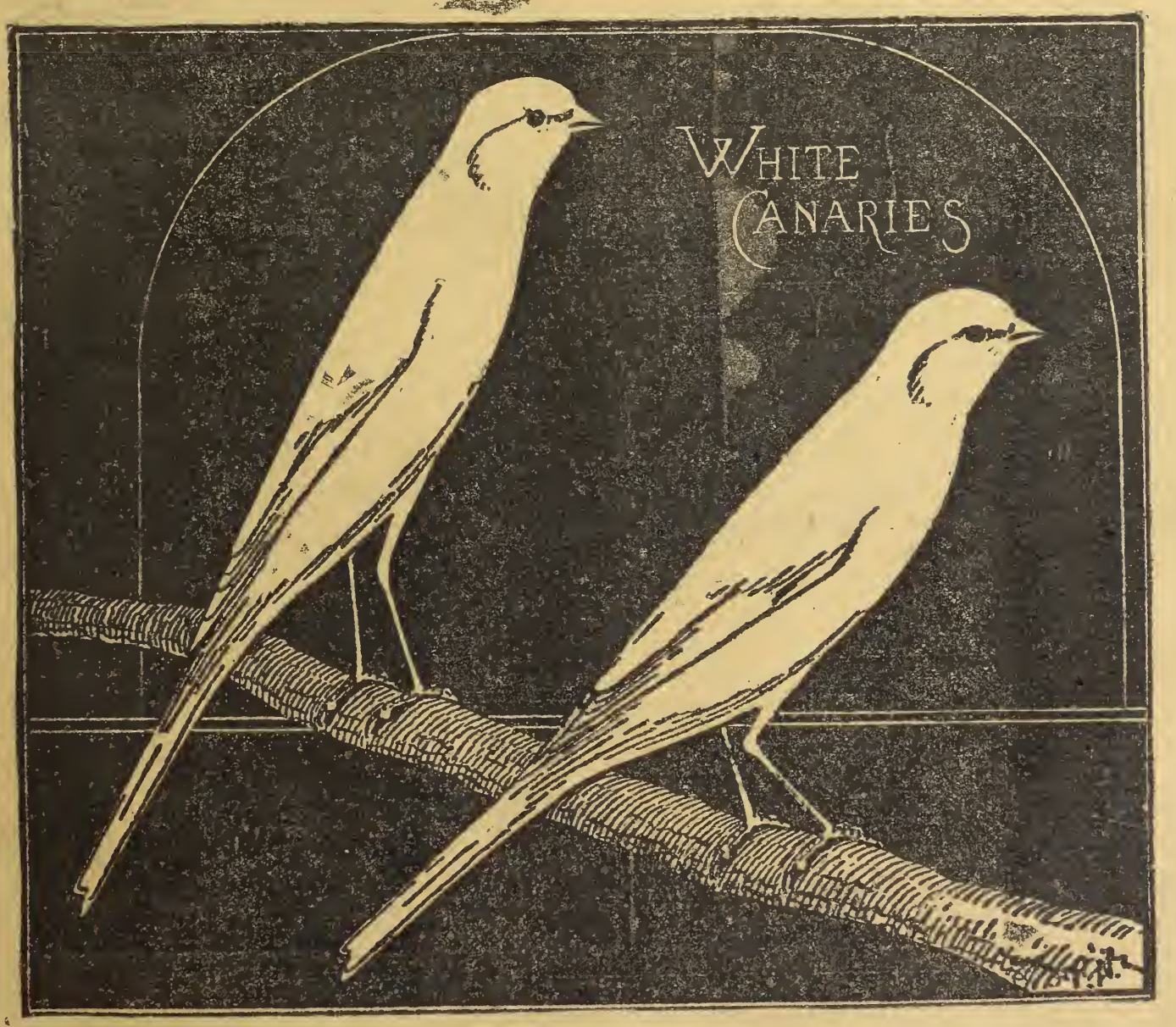

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LARGE buff variegated hen, green crest, champion bred, breeding condition, 20/-: Miss Tanner, Great Brickhill, Bletchley.

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MUST sell, cheap, high-class Crests and Crestbreds; state wants; approval: C. Roberts, Stannah Hey, Newton Drive, Blackpool.

BARNETT'S direct, Crests and Crest-breds, reliable stock hens or cocks, cheap; approval: Bushell and Bowing, Woodehouse-st., Norwich.

CRESTS and Crest-breds (Norwich), bred by owner in cold room, cocks from 6/6, hens from 3/6: 272, Upland-rd., East Dulwich, London.

BARGAINS. Cocks, Crest, variegated, 22/6; Crestbred, 30/-; Green Crestbred, 20/-; Crest hen, 10/-: Burgess, 62, Stockdale-rd., Battersea.

PAIR Crested or Norwich, ready to nest, with breeding cage aviaries 5/- and 7/6; breeding cages from 2/6: Coll's Hotel, Eastbourne.

HIGH-CLASS Crests, Crest-breds, few grand birds for sale, cocks or hens, will sell at half value; approval: T. Billington, Hambleton, Pouton-le-Fylde.

NOT having enough cocks, I will sell Crests and Crest-bred hens cheap, 1911 and 1910 bred; send on approval, deposit: Tetin, 124, Chestnut-avenue, Forest Gate, E.

FIRST prize (Crest cock, 1911) owner, Thos. Sampson, Fifeshire, from my birdroom, 2 Crest cocks, 9/- each; Crest-bred cocks, 12/6 to 30/-: Steen, Slateford, Midlothian.

CAN still supply Crests and Crestbred cocks and hens, 6/-, 8/-, 10/-, 12/-, 15/- upwards; deposit; week's approval: A. Fiddament, Postman, 105, Trinity-st., Norwich.

CRESTS and Crestbreds, best blood, can spare a few pairs and cocks, from 60/- and 30/-; state price prepared to give; stamp: Rev. G. W. Joyce, Wellington, Somerset.

TWO pairs Crests from winners, breeding condition guaranteed, 15/- pair; worth double; exchange exhibition yellow Norwich cock; stamp.—Townend, Nelson Lodge, Bognor.

A. LISTER, 106, Rectory-rd., Gateshead, has large heavily variegated Crested cock, 25/-; wing-marked dark Crested cocks, 12/6, 15/-; wing-marked dark Crested hens, 12/6, 15/-, 25/-; Crest-bred cock, 20/-; ready to nest; approval.

A. H. CAMPBELL having paired up, can spare variegated Crest-bred cock, 20 months, 30/-; lightly marked buff Crest-bred cock, unflighted, 30/-; same blood as my Crystal Palace winner this year; Barnett's strain; approval: Manor Lodge, Harrow-on-the-Hill.

MASSIVE feathery variegated dark Crest cock, grand crest, 9/-; another feathery ditto, 7/6; grand variegated Crest-bred cock, 9/6; ditto, 6/6; massive feathery variegated dark Crest hen, 9/-; ditto, gem, 5/6; massive feathery variegated Crest-bred hen, 8/6 ditto, 6/-; all large healthy birds; approval: Hatton, Aviaries, Belper.

HAVING selected my breeding stock, must dispose of following at half value to clear; monster variegated dark Crest cock, grand dense crest, 17/6; monster green ditto, perfect drooping crest, 17/-; massive feathery ditto, 12/-; monster variegated Crest-bred cock, grand broad head, 17/-; massive feathery yellow variegated ditto, 12/-; massive featbery variegated dark Crest hen, lovely crest, 15/-; massive feathery ditto, nice neat crest, 11/-; massive feathery variegated Crest-bred hen, nice broad bead, 15/-; grand featbery green ditto, 11/-; all grand stock birds, from winning strain, in perfect feather; approval with pleasure: Miss Stone, Fleet, Belper.

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Dutch Frills.

DUTCH Frill Canaries, Vulture shape, Dutch and French Canaries; catalogue free: Bernard-Blanquart, Lille, France.

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Greens.

YORKSHIRE and Norwich, type and quality combined with colour, no better blood; approval with pleasure: Metcalfe, 68, Brunswick-rd., Liverpool.

NORWICH, Deacon's noted strain, having purchased entire stock, my winnings with same, see L.C.B.A., Preston, Bradford, etc. A few grand birds for sale, from 10/-: Harding, 29a, Market-st., Wellingboro'.

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NORWICH AND YORKSHIRE GREENS

of type and colour, and ideal stock birds, are fully dealt with in "Nutshell" No. 24, "The Green Canary." This booklet is a mine of valuable information, relating to the successful management and breeding of this favourite variety, and enters fully into the question of Cinnamon blood. If Green Canaries have your favour, get the book at once, post free, 2½d., from "Cage Birds," 154, Fleet-st., London, E.C.

Lancashires.

LANCASHIRES, Plainhead cocks or hens, 10/6 each, ten days' approval: W. Powick, Dewsbury.

I HAVE for sale 2 yellow coppy cocks, 2 buff coppy hens, young birds, on approval: J. Mills, 81, Smithy Bridge-rd., nr. Rochdale,

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Lizards.

ROOM wanted for breeding, six beautiful Gold cocks, and hens to match, 10/- pair: Lawton, Sumner-st., Glossop.

HIGH-CLASS Lizards, bred from winners; hens from 4/-; cocks from 5/6; approval: Brookes, 32, Longacre-st., Macclesfield.

THE Lizard Prince offers grand Lizards from 7/6 each; approval; inspection invited: John Rukin, 44, Hall Carr-rd., Rawtenstall, Lancashire.

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OWING to removal have some grand Lizards for sale; my own champion strain; pairs from 12/6; cocks from 7/6 each; inspection invited; stamp reply: John Dewsnap, 14, Princess-st., Glossop.

HAVING selected my stock, can still spare about 30 grand Lizards, bred from my winning strain; pairs from 10/-, single 6/- each; inspection invited: E. Ollerenshaw, 37, Freetown, Glossop, Derbyshire.

Norwich.

BREEDERS' CARD.

E. BAKER, 14, High Street, Cowes, I.W., Breeder and Exhibitor High-class Norwich Plainheads, winner at most big shows. Write for prices.

J. HODDER, breeder of champion Norwich, winner of championships; some nice birds, reasonable, approval.—6, Banner Street, St. Luke's, London, E.C.

MORE, 62, Drive, Gt. Yarmouth, good Norwich Plainheads for sale, own breeding, related many this year's prize winners.

W. READ, Chelwdene, York Rd., Guildford, breeder and exhibitor of high-class Norwich, surplus stock only for sale; over 100 to select from; seen any time, from 15/6 pair; approval.

FEW Norwich Canaries to clear, cocks 7/-, hens 2/-, 8/6 the pair: A. Bayer, 35, Carr-st., Ipswich.

NORWICH, typical yellow hens for sale, 1911 bred: Riddle, 15, Bellelsle-st., Govanhill, Glasgow.

FINE large hens for sale; cheap for cash: Smith, 41, Outram-st., Copenhagen-st., King's Cross, London, N.

COCKS, on full song, 7/6; typical buff hens, 4/-, 5/-; cash or deposit: White, 3, Cornwallis-grove, Edmonton.

EIGHT smart hens, yellows, buffs, 1910-11, £1 5s. feeder price, or exchange matched pair: Stubbs, 139, Auckland, Ilford.

VARIEGATED Norwich hens, 2/9 and 3/6 each; cold-room bred: H. Wraight, 3, St. Johns-rd., Faversham, Kent.

NORWICH, good quality, unflighted, same blood as my cup winners, from 3/6; approval: Mack, 29, Kilmaine-rd., Fulham.

BARGAINS; typical pair, 12/6; large buff cocks, 6/6, 10/6; buff hens from 5/-: Miss Gwyn, Somerville, N. Avenue, Ramsgate.

BARGAIN, four splendid, healthy, 1911 hens, ready to nest, yellows, buffs and variegated, 13/- lot: Alfred Adcock, Chatteris.

DESSICATED yolk of Egg is far superior to boiled egg, rears every bird; try sample, 3d. free: Liverine Limited, Grimsby.

THREE pair prize-bred Norwich, 8/6 pair; 3 buff Seifert hens, 2/6 each; approval, deposit: Sanford, Kensington-rd., Morecambe.

J. HOLMES, breeder and exhibitor, matched pairs from 12/6; single cocks from 7/6; approval; stamp: 169, Fountainbridge, Edinburgh.

MORTARA, 2 South View, Winchester, has got 4 (1911) buff hens, lovely shape and quality, from 12/6; approval, cash or deposit.

LARGE typical hens, anxious to nest, best of blood, must reduce stock, cheap: D. Reauley, Netherton Colliery, Newcastle-on-Tyne.

TWO buff, two yellow cobby Norwich hens, grand chests and feather, sacrifice 4/6 each; approval willingly: Auton Bros., Spalding.

FOUR 1911 Norwich hens, three buff, one yellow, healthy, ready to nest, lot 8/-; approval: Roper, 134, Chester, Seven Kings, Essex.

NORWICH cocks and hens, yellow 7/6, buffs 6/6, hens 3/-, breeding condition: Turner, 138, Halburton-rd., St. Margaret's, Twickenham.

HENS, untried Norwich hens, eager to nest, 3/- each; handsome cocks, 6/6, 7/6; hatched, 1911: Arthur Green, Tunnard-st., Boston.

NORWICH hens, ready for nesting, 2/6 and 3/- each; not suited money returned: Alfred Riley, Grocer, Lower Church Gate, Leicester.

HANDSOME Norwich cocks, grand songsters, 5/-, 5/6; hens, 2/6, 3/-; pairs, 7/-, 7/6; value unapproachable; approval: Hatton, Aviaries, Belper.

CAN spare grand big buff Norwich cock, winner, accept 15/-; big buff unflighted hen, accept 8/6: T. Weedall, 82, High-st., Winsford, Cheshire.

WANTED, any quantity Norwich; cash deposited with Editor; send full particulars and stamp reply: Gledhill, Fleet Lane, Queensbury, Bradford.

A few good large surplus yellows and buffs to clear, cheap; can be seen any time; or on approval: G. Ward, 21, Warwick-st., Pimlico, London.

THREE pairs Norwich Plainheads, matched, cheap to clear; 2, large yellow variegated Norwich hens, 15/- each: Geo. Murray, 37, Mill-st., Montrose.

C. ROBERTS, Stannah Hey, Newton Drive, Blackpool, breeder, exporter, large Bullfinch type Norwich, pairs, 20/6 upwards, single from 10/6; approval.

LARGE, clear, yellow cock, 6/-, hen 2/3, pair worth 10/-, in breeding condition; Goldfinch-Canary hen, 9d.: Barker, 123, King's-avenue, Clapham, S.W.

FEW large typical Norwich hens, unflighted, cold-room bred, in perfect condition; buffs, 10/-; yellows, 15/-; approval: Walsh, Bird Specialist, Blackburn.

GOOD Norwich cocks, in full song, 4/6, 5/-, 6/6; hens 2/-, 3/-, 4/-; clean and healthy; cash, approval, deposit: T. Sanders, 131, Upper Conduit-st., Leicester.

JUDGE SILK is giving ten handsome cups to purchasers of his champion Norwich next show season; buy now and compete. This strain stands supreme.

FEW pairs of Norwich Canaries, from 8/6; splendid pair Goldfinches, 6/6; approval; cash or deposit: G. Rosier, Pickhurst, Chiddingfold, Godalming, Surrey.

A FEW unflighted buff Norwich hens for sale, grand type and quality, good heads, 7/6 each: W. Foxall, Oaken Clough, Waterloo, Ashton-under Lyne.

EXCHANGE house-moulted Siberian Goldie, fine breeder, for buff Norwich cock, must have substance and head: Clare, 30, Gladstone-st., Pendlebury.

HIGH-CLASS Norwich, few grand birds, cocks or hens, large birds, grand type and feather, sell cheap, approval: T. Billington, Hambleton, Poulton-le-Fylde.

SEVERAL good clear and variegated buff cocks, 6/-, 8/-, 10/-; also hens, 4/-, 5/-; week's approval, deposit: A. Fiddament, Postman, 105, Trinity-st., Norwich.

NORWICH hens, ready for nesting, coloured 2/6, clears 3/6, from prize-winners; Canary reared Goldfinches, full song, 6/6 each: Buckingham, Jeweller, Woodstock.

WANTED, Canaries, 7/6 pair, given for large, clean, healthy, typical Norwich Plainheads, any quantity bought for prompt cash; approval: Cooper, 28, Junction-rd., Norwich.

MASSIVE, large-framed, short, thick-set cobby buff Norwich hen, real gem; winner several honours, 10/6; exceptional bargain; approval: Hawkes, Grove Green-rd., Leytonstone.

FOUR buffs, two deep yellow variegated Norwich hens, 5/6 each, 30/- six; these birds are extra large, thick short bodies, necks, heads, worth 8/6 each: Ellis, 1, Mill Road, Kettering.

CLEAR buff cock, winner 2 firsts, special, and cup, 30/-; 2 good buff hens, 6/- each; cock Goldie Mule, winner, 4th, 10/-; approval, on receipt of cash: Dean, Cavendish-rd., Matlock.

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GREAT sacrifice; no room for pairing more up; typical colour-fed buff Norwich hen, gem for shape, style, and type, 3rd Enfield, etc., 7/6; approval: Hawkes, Grove Green-rd., Leytonstone.

TEN choice Norwich hens, Silk's strain, bred from winners, 4 clear yellows, 2 clear buffs, 4 ticked buffs, 4/6 each to clear, mostly 1911 bred; cash or deposit; approval: Rolington, Whitstable, Kent.

LARGE, clear yellow Norwich hen, 10/6; one pair, clear yellow cock, buff variegated hen, 20/-; also Cinnamons; 18 all wire, lifting top breeding cages; approval; stamp reply: Fernie, Sandy-rd., Renfrew.

SEVERAL really high-class pairs to clear of my noted Norwich, which have no equal; properly matched by an expert in this one variety, 25/-, 30/-, 35/-, 40/- per pair; approval: Judge Silk, Whitstable.

MR. HAWKES having no more room for mating, is offering the last two rich colour-fed Norwich cocks at great sacrifice; yellow, 15/-; buff, 12/6; equal to his noted winner; approval: Grove Green-rd., Leytonstone.

GIVING up, large variegated buff hen, 1910, last bird left, bargain, 8/6, cash or deposit; rack, dozen stock or single breeders, dozen show cages, all well made, cheap: Marshall, Wierton, Bromley-crescent, Shortlands, Kent.

RARE chance to secure the best grand yellow hens and cocks, those you are looking for, but impossible to obtain elsewhere. Note the name, which stands for all that is good in Norwich; all on approval: Judge Silk, Whitstable.

NORWICH Canaries, cocks in full song, 5/-, 6/- each; hens 2/6, 3/6 each; matched pairs (yellow and buff), nesting, 7/6, 10/- pair; cold room bred, and satisfaction guaranteed; F. Johnson, 22, Goswell-st., Leicester.

PRIZE bred Norwich cocks in full song, 4/-, 5/-, 6/- each; hens, same strain, 2/-, 2/6, 3/- each; pairs properly mated and ready to nest immediately, 7/-, 8/6, 10/- pair; satisfaction certain: Fred Heathcote, 134, Havelock-st. (late 61, Havelock-st.), Leicester.

HAVING paired up, can spare few exceptionally fine unflighted hens, 4/6, 5/6, 6/6; also typical cocks, 5/6, 7/6, 10/6; 10 correctly matched pairs, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-; all in breeding condition, and honestly worth double; must clear; approval, deposit: Hanford, Osmaston-rd., Derby.

GRAND stout cobby buff Norwich cock, nice head, 11/-; lovely stout yellow hen, 7/6, 17/- pair; grand stout yellow cock, 10/6; stout cobby buff hen, 6/6, 16/- pair; smaller pair, 11/6; all big, bold, healthy birds, from my winners; approval with pleasure; bargains: Miss Stone, Fleet, Belper.

GEORGE MITCHELL has for disposal cap-marked buff cock, mated to clear yellow hen (1st and spl. Exmouth, and best in show), 35/- pair; also his winning H.M. Goldfinch, mated to large clear yellow hen, 25/- pair; see show reports for winnings: Apply, Boot Stores, Topsham, Devon.

J. C. BARNES, 113, Northfield-rd., Walkley, Sheffield; well-known strain, of 20 years standing; Sheffield Challenge Cup winner (3 years in succession); having selected own breeders, can now spare few choice specimens, true to type, and full of quality and colour; cocks from 20/-, hens 10/- upwards; inspection cordially invited; approval with every pleasure; matched pairs a speciality.

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FRANK F. LAWSON.

Can spare several good buff cocks, unbeatable for type and quality, from 10/- each: 14, Pugin-st., Carlisle.

POWICK'S CHAMPION NORWICH.

The same strain as the winners at all the leading shows, large typical cocks, in full song, 7/6, 10/6; hens, 5/6, 7/6 each; sure winners, 15/6 each; ten days' approval at my risk: W. Powick, Dewsbury.

BARGAINS IN NORWICH.

Four yellow cocks, 7/6, 10/-, 15/- each; 13 buff cocks, 5/-, 7/6, 10/-, 20/- each; 7 yellow hens, 7/6, 10/-, 20/- each; 15 buff hens, 5/-, 7/6, 10/- each; mostly unflighted birds; see reports, Burnley, Bolton, Rochdale, Manchester, Great Harwood, Preston, Sheffield, Derby, Crystal Palace, winner of Whitehead challenge cup, 1910 and 1911; cold-room bred; approval, cash or deposit: R. Allen, 186, Blackburn-rd., Bolton.

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Rollers & Singing Canaries

BREEDERS' CARD.

ARTHUR CHILLCOTT, Breeder and Trainer, celebrated Water Glucke Rollers (pure Randall's), 181, South Avenue, Southend-on-Sea. Member B.R.C.C. Birds for sale, THE finest strain in England.

ALEXANDER PATTISON, Breeder and Exhibitor, Glücke, Water Glücke, Rollers (pure Randall's), 31, The Terrace, Gravesend. Member B.R.C.C.

DR. READ'S strain of Glucke and Water Glucke Rollers, 4 silver cups, 8 championship diplomas, 33 gold, silver and bronze medals (including 8 Crystal Palace and 20 B.R.C.C.), Championship diploma and gold medal for excellence in Roller exhibits at Crystal Palace, 1912: 58, Villa-st., Walworth, London, S.E.

T. W. WALTON, Breeder and Exhibitor of high-class Roller Canaries; write for prices: 20, Cecil Grove, Armley, Leeds.

ROLLER cocks from 7/6; hens, 3/-; cold-room bred, Mrs. Taylor, 54, Wellpark-rd., Saltcoats.

ROLLERS; cocks, 5/- and 5/6, in full song, also few hens: Dallow, 4, Pool-st., Wolverhampton.

GENUINE Hartz Roller Canaries, only 4/- couple, carefully packed: Broxup, Pendle-st., Burnley.

ONE fine cock Canary, in full song, 5/6; thoroughly healthy: J. C. Readshaw, 73, Kildare-st., Middlesbrough.

PURE Seifert Rollers, 1911, cold-room bred, cocks 10/6, hens 3/6: Wade, 65, Brading-rd., Brixton Hill, London.

HIGH-CLASS Rollers, 6/6, 7/6, hens 3/-; also Linnet-Canary Mule, 6/6, all in song: Bruce, Marine-rd., Dunbar.

A FEW Seifert hens for sale, B.R.C.C. rung, cold-room bred, 4/- each, cocks sold: Geo. Austin, 13, Cedar-st., Bury.

HIGH-CLASS Roller cocks, cold-room, B.R.C.C. rung; mechanical organ and Schoolmaster, trained, 10/-, 12/6; satisfaction guaranteed: Laurie, Kirkby Stephen.

HIGH-CLASS Rollers, in perfect breeding condition, call and inspect them; cocks, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-; hens, 5/-; exchange, entertained: Best, 5, Almaplace, Beckett-st., Leeds.

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MR. ARTHUR FOULDS, 7, King's Parade, Fallowfield, Manchester, has for sale a few high-class Rollers, schoolmasters and contest singers, prices 20/-, 40/-, and 60/- each; hens all sold.

PURE Seifert Rollers, English, cold-room bred, perfectly trained cocks, in full rolling song, 10/6, 12/6, 15/- each; few grand hens, in breeding condition, 2/6, 3/6, 4/6 each; approval: Walsh, Bird Specialist, Blackburn.

GERMAN Roller Canaries, in full song, cold room, English bred; parents and young ones for sale; cocks from 7/6, hens 2/6; all young hens guaranteed untried; inspection invited, travelling cages 3d. extra: J. Hardman, 25, Withington-st., Broad-st., Pendleton, Manchester.

TWELVE pure Seifert Roller cocks, 6/- to 10/6; 14 hens, 2/6 to 3/6; guaranteed untried and ready for breeding, must clear; offers for part or lot; or exchange; approval, deposit: Allen, 19, Albert-st., Wednesbury.

SALE, large outdoor aviary, 6ft. square, 7ft. high, containing 3 pair of good Rollers, and 3 hens, good birds, and a lot of cages, first £4 gets the lot; inspection invited, sole reason for sale, removing, cost double: J. Munro, 29, Rita-rd., Fentiman-rd., Vauxhall.

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GRANDEST STRAIN OF ROLLERS in the country; cold room bred; trained under Roller organ; cocks 10/-, 12/6, 15/- upwards, hens 2/6; seven days' approval; cash or deposit: F. Cartwright, Breeder and Trainer, 15, Farfield, Kidderminster. Established 25 years.

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Real Seifert Rollers, direct from Germany, specially trained under Nightingales, Woodlark, and bell notes with those long, wonderful trills, fit for any mansion, price 7/6, 8/6; real Schoolmaster, 10/6 and 12/-; hens, 2/6 and 3/-.

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Scotch Fancies.

BUFF hens, first cross, 1910, good breeder, healthy, £1; approval: Duns, Currie-st., Duns.

THREE Scotch Fancy cocks, prize birds, cheap, clearance; stamp: Apply, Sloan, Abbey st., Carlisle.

SCOTCH Fancies, 1911 birds; pairs or single, from high-class birds; sound condition; moderate; approval: Rosebank Cottage, Newmilns.

GIVING up.—Eight Scotch Fancies for sale, also breeding cages, or exchange for grandfather clock: Wm. Prentice, Millbank, Yoker, near Glasgow.

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Yorkshires.

BREEDERS' CARDS.

Messrs. **AMBLERS** (late of Bradford), Langton Lodge, Scotton, Knaresborough, Yorkshire, the champion Yorkshire breeders. Fountain head for winners or stud birds; 30 years' strain. See winnings at big shows.

SAMUEL DEAN, Breeder of high-class Yorkshires, in clear, ticked, variegated, or green; prices to suit all.—6, Ash Mount, Gt. Horton, Bradford.

JONAS KNIGHT, over 20 years' breeder high-class Yorkshire Canaries in all varieties; home and shipping orders for show and stock birds a speciality: Allerton, Bradford, Yorkshire.

LONG, slim Yorkshire hens, 3/-; cocks, 6/-, 6/6.—Fromant, 240, Woolwich-rd., Charlton, S.E.

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HIGH class Yorkshires, singles or matched pairs, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, 18/-, 21/-; approval: Ernest Cheshire, 26, Crawford-st., Bradford.

YORKSHIRES for sale, good birds, colour fed; cocks from 5/-, hens from 4/-, upwards: Smith, Gooseberry Place, Allerton, Bradford.

SPLENDID Yorkshire cocks, 1911, full song, breeding condition, 7/6, cheap; overstocked: Robinson, 164, Cronin-rd., Peckham, London, S.E.

FEW grand Yorkshire hens, cold-room bred, long, slim, typical birds; yellows or buffs, 4/-, 5/-, 6/- each; approval: Walsh, Bird Specialist, Blackburn.

YELLOW unflighted prize Yorkshire cock, 22/6; exchange four common cocks, for singers: Mostyn, 11, Bedford-avenue, Manley Park, Manchester.

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YORKSHIRES.

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GRAND lengthy, slim, buff Yorkshire cock, 10/-; lovely reachy yellow hen, 8/6, 17/- pair; grand reachy yellow cock, 11/6; long, slim buff hen, 7/-; 16/6 pair; another grand pair, 11/-; grand healthy birds; bargains; approval willingly: Miss Stone, Fleet, Belper.

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GIVING up Canaries; 50 Norwich and Yorkshire yellows and buffs, mostly hens, with cages, in one lot; or separate cheap for cash: Green, Beacons field-terrace, Street, Somerset.

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QUEEN'S PARK AND DIST. C.B.A.

Mr. J. Robson paid us a visit to give the members his promised lecture on "Breeding and Pairing." A fair muster were present, and spent one of the most pleasant and instructive evenings ever held by this society. Several questions were put and ably answered A hearty vote of thanks to the lecturer, and also to the chairman for presiding, closed the meeting.—W. J. Lethbridge, jun., Sec.

OLDHAM AND DISTRICT C.B.A.

At meeting held Mar. 26, at headquarters, it was decided that we draw up a syllabus for next winter, and have same published on the back of our new members' cards. Also moved and seconded that we include dates for F.F. and Back End shows in syllabus. Also decided, that we have a country ramble Mar. 26. (This date is probably a slip of the pen. —Ed.) Will fanciers kindly note that at our next meeting we shall be selecting date of back end show, also judge for same. There is a suggestion that show date be altered from October to November 9; so, fanciers, please turn up and record your vote; then there will be no room to grumble.—Jas. Cope, Sec.

ANNFIELD PLAIN C.B.S.

Meeting held March 30th at Mr. J. Lumley's. Mr. S. Foster in chair, when there was a good turn up of members for the meeting and table show. Mr. W. Reid was elected judge for annual show December 21st. We made four new members, and have promises of more if things were a bit more settled. The table show was a success. 21 birds being staged. Some well-known birds were amongst them. Mr. W. H. Butler judged, and his awards gave every satisfaction. Principal winners: Messrs. Peart, Bentick, Williams. We have every promise of a successful season if members will turn up to meetings the same as they have done at the two last.—R. Peart, Sec.

WOLVERHAMPTON C.B.S.

Meeting held March 21, Duke of York Hotel, when Mr. F. J. Weaver presided over a good attendance. A further discussion ensued re clashing of open show dates; after some time, we decided to stick to the date already fixed, and abide by the consequences. The members' cup, which was started last year and left to secretary to get by voluntary contributions from outsiders (into which fund he got £1 8s.) was considered. At the annual meeting in January we decided to buy out of the fund the two gold medals won by Mr. Weaver and Mr. J. Gibbons; this left a balance of 7s. Now Wolverhampton have always had a name for being wholehearted fanciers, and they upheld it on this occasion and proposed and unanimously carried that each member put 2s. 6d. each; Mr. J. A. Tonks promised to get £1 or thereabouts so as to purchase a good cup to put on the table at next meeting. Now, all those who were not present send in your half-crowns, and never mind the coal strike. After the Sec. had taken the names of all those present, we decided to appoint a sub-committee to draw up rules to govern the cup; selected: Mr. Weaver (to look after the champions interests), Mr. O. Robinson (the novices'), Mr. Rowley (the British), and J. Gibbons (the interests of the society). The meeting finished up with paying out prize money, and a hearty vote of thanks to the chairman.—J. Gibbons, hon. sec.

FALKIRK C.S.

Meeting held King's Head, March 28th, Mr. Robertson in chair. Agreed, that classes be as at last show, and that club be opened to members of other Falkirk clubs. Judges for November show, Messrs. Price (Barrhead), J. Hendry (Leith), and C. Campbell (Glasgow).—W. Niven, Sec.

HIGHGATE & HAMPSTEAD C.B.S.

Meeting held March 28th, when, in the absence of Mr. Gardner, Mr. Dann took the chair. Mr. J. Oldaker gave a very interesting lecture on Canary breeding which the members enjoyed. Several questions were asked by Messrs. Mitchell, Lock, Hyde, Johnson, Spark, Street, Cowie, Duke, and Clark, which were satisfactorily answered. Two new members were elected viz., Messrs. Wilkinson (Holloway) and Giles (Hampstead). A vote of thanks was given Mr. Oldaker.—G. T. Clark, Hon. Sec.

WOOLSTON AND DIST. F. & F.A.

First quarterly meeting held Alexandra Coffee Rooms, on March 20th, when a goodly number of members were present. It was made known by the chairman (Mr. J. Levy) that the membership would be open to the whole of the county of Hampshire, and that the Hon. Mrs. Eliot Yorke (president of the Women's Total Abstinence Union of Great Britain) had kindly consented to become patroness. Revision of rules, with additional ones made; the work of the secretary, assisted by Messrs. Hardy and Taylor were passed. A vote of thanks was accorded Lady Swaythling and Col. Sir Henry Crichton for their donations and cordial interest in the welfare of the association, whose special aim and object is the improvement of the various breeds of cage birds, etc. A most enjoyable evening was spent, and from the number of 70 members of last year it is fully expected that by the first of June the association will be 150 strong, when all fully-paid-up members will be eligible to compete for the valuable trophies to be given at the next annual show. Committee of twelve previously elected with Mr. J. Levy (chairman), Mr. H. McDermott (vice-chairman), Mr. D. Stevens (treasurer), Mr. F. G. Etheridge (secretary), Mr. G. Lock (hon. assist.-secretary).—F. G. Etheridge, Sec.

YORKSHIRE UNION ANNUAL GENERAL COUNCIL MEETING.

Mr. M. Skirrow and the Annual Ballot.

A well attended council meeting was held Mar. 30, at Market Tavern, Bradford, Mr. H. H. Towers (president) in chair. Hebden Bridge and Calder Valley reported a member for non-payment of subs.; decided, to leave case over to another meeting to obtain further information. Wibsey C.B.S. also reported two members for the same offence, and the Union secretary was instructed to write both these members and give them 14 days in which to pay their individual subs. or otherwise they will be suspended. Holmfirth C.B.S. applied for membership, which was granted. The resignations of Denholme and Thornton C.B.S., also Keighley C.B.S., were accepted with regret. Tong and Dis. notified the Council that they had decided not to hold an open show this year as previously arranged, and they were allowed to withdraw on condition that they paid their share of judge's fee. A letter from the Yorkshire C. and C.B.S. of Ireland, re subscription to the Yorks. Union, was read; after a lengthy discussion it was unanimously decided that as the Union was composed of Yorkshire societies only, they could not entertain any society to membership other than those actually in the county itself. Mr. E. Radley reported the Laisterdyke C.B.A. for not sending him his cage labels for two entries made at their last annual show, and sought to recover his entry fees for same; decided, to leave matter over until the secretary of Laisterdyke had been communicated with. Mr. C. Pickup sought help and advice from the Council in respect of two birds lost in transit to Ireland, for which he intends to claim from the railway company for full value. Mr. F. Hammond promised to obtain advice from a private source; the Council decided to leave the matter in his hands to try and obtain desired information. The balance sheet for the past year was submitted by Mr. F. Hammond (treasurer), showing a balance of £27 odd to carry forward to the Union's account; unanimously adopted. Messrs. F. Armstrong and R. Halliday (auditors) reported as to finding the Union books in perfect order, Council made a grant of £10 to the secretary for his services during the past year; Mr. Hill suitably responded. A vote of thanks to the retiring officers was enthusiastically carried, and suitably responded to on their behalf by Messrs. H. H. Towers and F. Hammond. Decided, to deal with the charges made by Mr. M. Skirrow (secretary of Bolton Woods C.B.S.), as regards the accusations made in respect to the result of the annual ballot. Secretary read correspondence between himself and Mr. Skirrow, and demanded that the Council should make a thorough investigation in order that no stigma should not rest on either the Union or its officials. The president called upon the auditors to give their report as to the scrutiny of the ballot papers, and both Mr. Armstrong and Mr. Halliday certified in a detailed report that everything was found correct except one slight mistake, which proved of no special consequence, Mr. Skirrow, who was present, was asked for an explanation, and stated that the information that he was working on was brought to him by members of his society, who were members of other two Union societies as well. The same remarks applied in the case of the ballot as returned two years ago, it being proved beyond doubt that the two ballots referred to were accurate in every detail, as published. Mr. Hammond demanded the names of the members who attended the meeting when the resolution was unanimously passed to send the correspondence to the Fancy papers, and these being forthcoming, the Council decided that another meeting be called of the old Council on April 13, and that the eight members referred to should be notified to attend. The Council were asked for their decision as to the status of a fancier who had taken a 1st prize in a class of 5 at an agricultural show, where one class was put on for Canaries, and the said fancier had never received the prize-money. The Council unanimously declared him a novice. This brought a very lengthy meeting to a close.—H. Hill, Sec.

IMPORTANT NOTICE.

Will all correspondents, and secretaries and officials of societies in particular, please note that "Cage Birds" now goes to press on Wednesday evening, so that all matter for publication in our issue of the same week MUST reach us on Tuesday to be certain of inclusion, or first post Wednesday at latest.

NORTHERN SPECIALIST CLUBS' SOCIAL EVENING.

"A success, a great success," was everyone's verdict of the first united prize distribution and social held at Crosby's Cafe, Northumberland Street, Newcastle-on-Tyne, on March 27th. In previous years the valuable cups, trophies and medals have been presented at the annual meeting of each club separately. Last year the Northern Yorkshire Club presented theirs at a social held in the Roma Cafe, Grainger Street, when members and friends to the number of about 50 were present. The pleasant evening then spent made others wish for a combined effort, and it is no exaggeration to say that every one was satisfied with the first attempt. And now that it has been inaugurated, we may look forward confidently to an even larger audience than was present this year.

The entertainment was preceded by a supper at which 138 members and friends sat down. Many who were unable to be present at the supper came in afterwards, so that the audience would number from 150 to 200. The Chairman (Mr. T. Robinson, Inspector for Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, of the Northumberland and North Durham Society) at the outset stated that his attention had been drawn recently to a case of a prosecution in London of a bird dealer for cruelty. He wished to say that those were not such cases as his society undertook, and considered that the prosecution was based on ignorance. To keep birds in cages was not cruel if they were properly cared for and looked after, and he considered that birds required more care and trouble than larger animals, such as horses or cattle or sheep, if they wished to be successful with them on the show bench. He strongly advised the wives of the fanciers present to take an interest in their husband's hobby.

Miss Wade opened the musical portion of the evening with a pianoforte solo. Mr. T. Robson followed with a song. Then we had the mysteries of Li Chung Loo, the famous Chinese conjurer. Some of the audience thought they had caught him "napping," but friend Li was one too many for them. Miss Mary Chapman sang, after which the attraction of the evening was little Miss Humble, the famous clog dancer from Blaydon. And didn't the chairman envy her, and wish he could make his old legs go as fast! Mr. W. Small gave us a song, and Mrs. McKinnie recited "Caddie doon," which touched the hearts of the mothers present. She was followed by Mr. J. J. Wilson in a song. This may be Mr. Wilson's last appearance before his birdy audiences in the North, as he told me he was going to Canada very shortly. We wish him God speed, and trust that in our Colony he may find many friends to charm with his magnificent voice. We next had a delightful song by Miss H. Ferguson, after which our old friend, Mr. Walton, gave us his impressions of a country scrize in a Yorkshire village, which made our sides ache with laughter.

This concluded the first part of the programme, and the more serious work of prize distribution was begun. Mr. J. Mackenzie presented the prizes for the Northern Norwich and Cinnamon Club, and hoped that this younger club would continue to flourish; also that some would take up the Cinnamon variety, and make it popular in the district. The new cup, which was won by Mr. H. [illegible], was greatly admired. Other members having received their awards, the Chairman called upon Mr. John Moore to present the prizes of the Northern Crest Club. Mr. Moore said that he was present on behalf of Mr. John Ford Maling, who was unavoidably prevented from being present, but who was with them in spirit. Mr. Maling was an old fancier of the Crested variety, and he regretted very much he could not get there. Mr. Moore said he thought every encouragement ought to be given the novice. He remembered showing a bird, not a Canary, and winning 13 firsts with it, whilst still a novice; this made him think he was equal to any champion. How nice it would be if some of our novices could win 13 firsts instead of having to go out at their third first prize and fight their way amongst the older and more experienced hands! Mr. Moore feelingly made reference to Mr. D. Dobson, who is ill in bed. The Northern Yorkshire Canary Club's specials were presented by Mr. T. C. Crawhall, who remarked upon the wonderful success of the secretary, Mr. R. Tindale, he having won the challenge cup for best young bird bred by a member, and special for most points both at members' shows, and in open competition. The splendid tea set given for novice competition was on view, but being won by Mr. Lyall, of Whitehaven, it had to be forwarded to him, as had Mr. Stewart's second in the champion section. The Northern Lizard Club specials were presented by the Chairman. Mr. Robinson said that of all varieties, none were prettier than the Lizard, and he hoped all fanciers would help to make it more popular. Each of the trophies had been won twice in succession by the same fanciers. The specials of the Northern British Bird, Mule and Foreign Bird Club were presented by Mr. Crawhall, in the absence of the President, Mr. W. J. Taylor. Mr. Crawhall remarked upon the mule and foreign bird cups being won outright by Mr. Maddison and Mr. Mackenzie, and hoped the club would be able to replace them this next season. The Northern Border and Scotch Fancy Club's specials were presented by Mr. J. E. Atkinson, who said that although the youngest club of all, it was second as regards membership, and he hoped all would rally round Mr. Potts, the new secretary, and strive to top the list in members. After presenting the prizes to their owners, Mr. Atkinson called upon Mr. J. N. F. Scott, the late secretary, and on behalf of the members, presented him with a beautiful gold medal as a memento from his friends, and wished him every success in Canada, where he is sailing to ere this is printed. Mr. Scott suitably replied, and said he would look back with pleasure upon the year he was in office in the N.B. and N.C.C.C.

This concluded the presentation of prizes, and the rest of the programme was proceeded with. Mr. and Mrs. McKinnie were excellent in the sketch, "Women's Rights," and when Mrs. McK. soundly raked her worse half for all the mess his birds made, it quite tickled some of the lady members, but the gentlemen had their revenge when he asserted his rights, and insisted upon keeping his birds, irrespective of any mess they made. Miss Humble sang again, and Messrs. Gentlelow and Davis, Robson, and Walton contributed. Mr. Crawhall proposed in warm terms a vote of thanks to the chairman and to the audience, and hoped this would be the first of many another such a gathering. He was sure one and all had enjoyed the night, and we were very deeply indebted to the ladies and gentlemen who had come so willingly and quite voluntarily to help us [illegible] such an enjoyable evening. The Chairman replied. To Mr. Hadcliffen, who had the arranging of the social, every one must tender praise, as well as to Mr. Crawhall, who got the programme together, as everything went without a hitch.

In the Courts.

Lads Steal Grimsby Fancier's Birds.

Four lads, T. H. Stokes (16), blacksmith's apprentice, H. E. Bishop (16), labourer, H. J. Cowdery (15), painter, and E. G. Lawson (14), of no occupation, were charged at Grimsby on March 22nd with stealing five Canaries, two Goldfinches, and two Linnets, valued at £5, the property of Job Drinkell.

The prosecutor, a painter, living at Tunnard Street, stated that he had an aviary at the back of his house, in which he kept a number of birds. He locked the place up as usual on Sunday, and on Monday morning he found that the door had been forced open and the lock broken, and the birds mentioned in the charge were missing. The buff-coloured hen Canary, variegated hen Canary, yellow cock Canary and Goldfinch produced were his property, and were worth £2 10s.

Det.-Sergt. Charles Tarttelin stated that when he called upon Lawson and asked him what account he could give of the Canaries, he said he bought them for 9d. from a boy in Hildyard Street. When taken to the police station, he said: "I'll tell you now. Four of us went on Sunday night. Two of them are at the back of our house now." Cowdery was afterwards seen, and he said, "I pulled the door open and got one Goldfinch. I gave it to Bishop to mind, as I hadn't a cage." Stokes said, "Me and Ginger (meaning Lawson) got three Canaries between us. There are two, and I let the other go last night." At Stokes' house witness found the iron bar (produced), which was used to break open the door of the aviary.—In answer to Mr. H. K. Bloomer, who appeared for the defendants, the witness said the lads had respectable homes and good parents.

Stokes was bound over to come up for judgment if called upon within three months. Bishop and Lawson were discharged, and Cowdery, who had been before the County Police Court on a previous occasion for stealing pigeons, was fined 10s.

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What a Prosecution Means.

I have received the following letter from Messrs. Ody and Wilmot in reference to the costs of the successful defence which they maintained against the R.S.P.C.A. in the recent prosecution of a Rotherhithe bird-dealer, Chas. Stapleton. The case was fully reported in our issue of Mar. 16th.

R.S.P.C.A. v. STAPLETON.

Sir,—The total expenses incurred by Stapleton in this matter are £13 8s. 4d. exclusive of any payments to the witnesses who attended at the court for him. After deducting the £5 5s. awarded against the society he has £8 3s. 4d. to pay for costs, and such further sum as the witness will agree to accept. It has to be borne in mind that there were three hearings of the summons, and that nearly a dozen witnesses had to be seen, and to be brought to the court.

We regard these cases as difficult to fight, inasmuch as a magistrate is not unnaturally averse from giving decisions against the society, which in other fields of action performs much useful work. It is almost invariably the case that the costs awarded are only a small proportion of the costs actually incurred, and it will generally be necessary for defendants in a humble position to obtain pecuniary help from their fellow dealers and fanciers if they are to successfully defend proceedings of the kind in question. In fact it is a regrettable incident in these prosecutions that the defendant is generally involved in expenses whether he succeeds or not. With regard to those of the witnesses in this case, who lost work by having to attend in court, we think it would be desirable to give them some small fee, otherwise in future cases witnesses may be reluctant to come forward.

Thanking you for your interest in the case.

ODY AND WILMOT.

Taking the case of Stapleton, who was able to convince the magistrate that the charges brought against him were unfounded, together with the second London prosecution by the Society under the new Act, in which the R.S.P.C.A. succeeded in getting a woman bird-dealer fined one pound and ordered to pay two guineas costs, we have an illuminating object lesson. In the first case the dealer was haled three times into the dock of a police-court on the uncorroborated evidence of three inspectors acting in concert, all of whom admitted that they made no notes at the time. These inspectors are the paid servants of a private society richly supported by voluntary offerings of private subscribers, and the defendant is a poor man who has for twenty-eight years eked out a humble existence by carrying on a trade against which there had never before been even a suspicion of complaint. A dozen witnesses attended three times in readiness to refute the unsupported evidence of the inspectors, and only three of them had been called when the magistrate stopped the case, dismissed the summons, and ordered the Society to pay five guineas towards the costs of the defence.

When the Society Loses.

Here is a shop-keeper who is able triumphantly to disprove the evidence of the prosecuting society, but the costs of doing so amount to over thirteen pounds. The Society responsible for the prosecution pays out of its well filled coffers five guineas, *and the innocent victim has to find eight pounds odd!* If he had not incurred these costs he would have been fined, to a certainty, and perhaps imprisoned (the liability is a fine of £25 for each bird, with or without imprisonment, perhaps with hard labour). So that he stands to lose heavily either way, even though he is entirely innocent of the charge which is brought against him!

The Injustice of it.

If a person bring a civil action against another and fail in his claim, he has to pay the costs of both sides; but if a private Society bring a criminal action against an innocent person and fail to substantiate it the prosecuting Society pay only such portion, if any, of the defendant's costs, as may be ordered by the magistrate. The defendant has to pay the balance as best he can, and his witnesses have to go unpaid.

When the Society Succeeds.

If the Society, by the aid of a veterinary surgeon, who admits that he knows little about birds, and goes on to prove it by diagnosing blood-poisoning in a bird which has been in a dirty cage for about an hour, gets a verdict against a defendant, and this is what happened in the second case referred to above, the defendant is lucky in getting off with a "mitigated penalty," amounting to three guineas, together with a homily from the magistrate, and a public warning that such mitigated penalty must not be quoted as a precedent in future cases.

Will Members Assist Mr. Stapleton.

I need scarcely say that if members of CAGE BIRDS LEAGUE care to help Mr. Stapleton, their fellow-member, in the position in which he finds himself through no fault of his own, I shall be glad to receive subscriptions, however small, and hand them over for the purpose of defraying the expenses which he has had to incur, and perhaps paying a small compensation to the witnesses who lost three afternoons' work in their attendances at the Police Court on his behalf.

"The Animal World" for the current month is silent about the two London cases, but heads a report of the Weston-super-Mare case as follows:—"We have frequently alluded to the sufferings of birds in the shops of some fanciers, and our remarks are confirmed by a case recently heard."

A Foundation of Sand.

It may be interesting to see what foundation there is for this frequent allusion "to the sufferings of birds in bird shops." In "The Animal World" there is published each month a table of convictions obtained during a previous month by the society throughout the country, these convictions being for cruelty of any kind to animals in general. For February the total convictions, according to this table, were 624, and three of these referred to birds. In January, 597 cases were recorded, and two of them were in respect of birds. We have, therefore, in two months of the present year, 1,221 cases of cruelty resulting in conviction, only five of the number being included under the heading "WILD BIRDS, *Offences during close season, etc.*," the "*etc.*" of course covering the "sufferings of birds in shops." The portion of the five which represents convictions for the latter offence is the portion which these people have as their support for the perpetual scare which they keep up by means of sensational pamphlets and the like directed against a trade which has for its reason of being the supply of the means by which thousands upon thousands of intelligent working people in our country may pursue an innocent and elevating hobby.

Lest it may be thought that in quoting the above figures I have taken two exceptional months, I give some figures from the list of convictions during a whole year (1910). The total convictions that year amounted to 6,556. Of these, 68 were included as "Offences during close season (under Wild Birds' Act)," and only *three* of the whole 6,556 were in connection with the keeping of birds in cages, two of these being for "withholding food," and one for "keeping in small and filthy cages." On these three cases they base their description of bird-shops as being "sickening and debasing, "infernos of agony," etc., etc.

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A Reliable "Foster Mother."

[Winner of Half-crown Prize.]

When (as often happens during the breeding season) hand-rearing young birds becomes necessary, one of the chief difficulties is in keeping the young warm through the night. Procure a tin flask (a cycle oil tin answers the purpose), and fill with boiling water. Cork tightly and wrap well with flannel. Enclose in a thick wooden box that will just take same, and put a nice nest on the top of the flannel. Perforate a few holes in the lid, and you have a foster-mother that can be relied on through the long night. I have hand-fed birds from two days with this arrangement.—Geo. Street (69, Park Road, Crouch End, N.).

A Remedy for Sweating Hens.

[Winner of Half-crown Prize.]

A "sweating" hen is one of the worst troubles we meet with during the breeding season. When this condition arises, the young ones are not fed, and gradually die. Removing the cock and leaving the hen to her own resources is a good remedy, and will often rouse her to do her duty; but the remedy that has been proved to be a success is to give a bath in which a little common salt is dissolved.—W. Wallis (5, Mansard Terrace, Dartmouth).

When Renovating Your Cages.

[Winner of Half-crown Prize.]

When painting or limewashing cages for the breeding season, all open joints or cracks in the woodwork should be filled with a stiff paste made by mixing common whitening with a hot glue. This paste should be pressed into the cracks while hot. It will be found to set very hard and will hold cracks together, as well as fill them.—F. Hayward (21, Marlborough Avenue, Manley Park, Manchester).

Parrots with Stomach Trouble.

[Winner of Half-crown Prize.]

Parrots are subject to inflammation. The bird is dull, does not care to move about, being drowsy, especially in the morning, and sits on the perch in a moping attitude. The ailment may be cured by giving special diet, thus:—Mix the yolk of a hard-boiled egg with well-boiled whole groats, and add milk and bread boiled. In the drinking water, rape seed which should previously have been boiled. Give Indian corn every few days. Give a little magnesia in water for one day.—L. Seng (390a, High Road, Willesden, N.W.).

Another Mite Destroyer.

A good way of ridding birds of vermin (such as red mites) is to take a piece of flannel and drop some spirits of turpentine upon it; then fold it closely round the patient, leaving only the head uncovered. Keep the flannel on for about one minute, and the mites will be found to be adhering to it. Destroy the rag and repeat the operation, if necessary.—A. A. Kirkland (Glasgow).

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HOLYWOOD & DISTRICT C.B.S.

Meeting held in the Old Masonic Hall on March 5th. There was a good attendance of members. The date fixed for the annual show, 22nd and 23rd November, 1912, Mr. A. Wellings (Prescot) being elected as judge.—J. Dunwoody, Hon. Sec.

WEST STANLEY C.B.S.

Meeting held March 23rd, Mr. W. Butler in chair. The first of a series of lectures was given by Mr. A. Brown (Gateshead). After a brief introduction by our chairman, Mr. Brown commenced with the Norwich Plainhead. He dealt with the Norwich of twenty years ago, and with our present-day Norwich. He described what an ideal bird should be from the end of its beak to the tip of its tail. After the lecture, he answered many questions. The meeting was well patronised, both by members and friends, and amongst the visitors we saw a few well-known faces and fanciers from a distance. A very enjoyable evening was spent, and at the conclusion a most hearty vote of thanks was accorded Mr. Brown by the Chairman, seconded by Vice-chairman E. Atkinson.—W. Elliott, Sec.

NORTH WALES C.B.S.

General meeting held headquarters, Carnarvon. Following officers elected: President, F. C. Brown Esq.; Vice-President, J. L. F. I. Pike; Chairman of Committee, Mr. Jones; Vice-Chairman, Mr. G. Jones; Treasurer, Mr. R. E. Griffith; Sec., Mr. J. Wynne Parry, Tithebarn Street; Committee: Messrs. R. Angel, D. Roberts, J. W. Jones, W. R. Roberts, J. O. Parry, R. W. Taylor, R. Green, and J. L. Sweeney; Delegates: Llandudno, Mr. D. G. Jones, Bethesda, Mr. J. Pritchard; Bangor, Mr. J. O. Williams; Menai Bridge, Mr. W. Nolan; Porthmadog, Mr. R. W. Roberts; Bethel, Mr. W. Winnard; Carnarvon and district, Mr. E. D. Owen; Talgarn and district, Mr. E. J. Jones; Blaumaria, Mr. W. H. Williams; Llanrwst, Mr. J. Kershaw. Resolved that members' subs. be raised to 1s. 6d. Balance sheet for last year read and confirmed. There is a balance in hand of £6 15s. Copy of balance-sheet will be sent to each member. The retiring officers were heartily thanked for their services.—J. W. Parry, Sec.

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Twitterings.

Mr. W. Vardy will judge our annual open show on Nov. 16, writes Mr. A. J. Barratt, hon. sec. of the Coventry O.S.

Will fanciers note that they are welcome to the lecture on British birds at Labour Hall on April 3, writes Mr. Hy. Todd, hon. sec. of the Darlington C.B.S.

I heard the Cuckoo here this morning (April 2nd) at 7.30 o'clock, writes Mr. J. G. W. Chitson (Bedhampton, Hants). This, I should think, is a record.

I am now secretary of the Coventry Godiva C.B.S., and in future all correspondence must be addressed to me, writes Mr. H. Saunders, 31, Vernon Street, Coventry.

Your good old paper, Cage Birds, is widely read amongst the members of the Woolston and Dist. F. and F.A. and their friends, writes Mr. F. G. Etheridge, the sec.

Those in London and district call at Sandiford's Branch Shop, 89, Sclater Street, Bethnal Green, for every kind of British or Canarics or any kind of cages or appliances. Everything of best and cheapest.—Advt.

Owing to stress of business, Mr. J. S. Harris has, we learn, tendered his resignation of the Dysart C.B.S. All communications should be addressed now to the new secretary, Mr. W. Russell, Castle "O" Guns, Dysart.

The handbook of the Yorkshire C.C. of Scotland contains the rules of the club, a list of its members, and the 1912 syllabus (which includes a First Feather Show on June 29). The secretary is Mr. R. B. Gibb, 2, Alexandria Terrace, Govan.

I have taken over the secretaryship of the Birkenhead C.F.A. in place of Mr. Lloyd, resigned, writes Mr. G. Morton, 35, Paterson Street, Birkenhead. I shall be pleased to hear from and give particulars to any fancier who may wish to join. No radius limit.

The table show of British birds and lecture following by Mr. J. H. Chick, arranged to take place on April 9, has been postponed until the following week, April 16, owing to the holidays, writes Mr. J. G. Royce, assistant hon. sec. of the Nottingham and Notts O.S.

Secretaries and others are asked to note the following changes of address: Mr. Edmund Taylor from Anniesland to 98, Eastmuir, Shettleston-by-Glasgow; Mr. H. Alston, from New Brighton, to 12, Kinglake Road, Promenade, Egremont; S.-Sergt. H. S. Stowe to 32nd Mule Corps, Sialkot, Punjab, India.

I am leaving 61 for 134, Havelock Street, owing to want of room and my increase of business, writes Mr. F. Heathcote (Leicester), taking the premises known as the "Havelock Dairy," which I am having fitted up with accommodation for 2,000 birds, and paying the strictest attention to sanitation.

The Whitburn C.B.S. have secured the services of the following specialist judges for their show on Dec. 7, writes Mr. R. Lambie, the sec.:—For Norwich, Mr. R. Martin (Kirkintilloch); for Borders, Mr. J. Thomson (Newtongrange); and for British bird and Mule section, Mr. James Strachan (Bathgate).

As an improvement on "Illustrated Idea, No. 577," I would suggest, writes Mr. W. Gibbon (Milford Haven), that the platform and hanger should be covered with a solution of gum (obtainable in penny bottles), and a mixture of dried moss and lichens be placed all over it. These will adhere to the gum and give the whole a very natural effect.

The following clubs have applied for the patronage of the Yorkshire County British Bird and Mule Club, writes Mr. J. Lane, hon. sec.:—Great Horton Good Intent, Nov. 23; Bradford National, Dec. 6, 7, and 9; Bradford East, Nov. 16; Sheffield O.S., Nov. 1 and 2; and Whitby, Nov. 27. Hurry up, secretaries, please; we still have five open dates. New members wanted.

I was agreeably surprised to see the picture of my champion Light Mule, "Prince Charlie," gracing the front page of Cage Birds last week, especially so in company with Messrs. Martin and Archer's noted clear Linnet Mule. My Mule is just under three years of age, and has forty first prizes to his credit—not a bad record, I should say. Many thanks for the honour paid to my bird.—C. Pearce (Abingdon-on-Thames).

A HOLIDAY REMINDER.

Owing to the Easter Holidays, "Cage Birds" has had to go to press one day earlier than usual this week; thus any notices, advertisements, &c., which reached us after Tuesday mid-day have had to be held over until our next number.

Bradford West C.B.A. have arranged their members' shows for the coming season as follows:—July 13 (First Feather), Oct. 16, Nov. 20, and Dec. 28. They have now three cups to compete for, one to be won outright in one year; also many prizes and money specials at all shows. We hope all shows will be record successes. We offer a hearty invitation to all late members of the Thornton and Denholme C.B.A. at our next meeting, April 13, at the Shoulder of Mutton, Girlington.—Kilburn and Western, secs.

Kindly note my change of address to 32nd Mule Corps, Sialkot, Punjab, India, writes S.-Sergt. H. Stowe. I liked the Birthday Number of Cage Birds, and the plates are fine. The one showing the Indian birds was very interesting to me. Take the Shortbilled Minivet, for instance. I saw a flock of them in Kasauli just before I left. They were grand, flying in the sun. One generally has the idea that a coloured plate is a little far-fetched, but your artist has rather underdone it than overdone it, for it seems dull compared with the actual birds.

OBITUARY.

Mr. J. G. Keulemans.

It is with very great regret that we have to notify the death of Mr. J. G. Keulemans, on March 29, at the age of sixty-nine. We shall hope to give a few particulars of the career of this very celebrated bird artist and naturalist in our next issue.

We regret to announce the sad bereavement sustained by our fellow fancier, Mr. W. Turnbull, in the death of his wife, writes Mr. J. G. Easter (Edinburgh). Mr. Turnbull is a Border Fancy breeder, and a member of the committee of the Scottish National, but will be best known from his long connection with the Selkirk Show, previous to his comparatively recent settling in Edinburgh. Mr. Turnbull is left with two young children. The deepest sympathy of fanciers is extended to him in this his hour of sorrow.

Strikes, which directly or indirectly tend to the dislocation or limitation of travelling facilities, invariably have the effect of arousing in the majority of us the desire to be independent of train and tram services. To be free from the thrall of the time-table, to be able to travel speedily and comfortably, to avoid vexatious delays and irritating loss of time, to say nothing of the saving of expense, is rendered possible by the aid of the cycle. A serviceable machine can be purchased for £3 10s. from Edward O'Brien, Ltd., of Coventry, who also offer an extensive choice of highest-grade Coventry cycles on conveniently low easy payment terms. This season's catalogues (which will be forwarded post free on request) are beautifully illustrated, and reveal the high state of perfection which the modern cycle has reached.

HOLIDAY NOTICE.

During the Easter Holidays the offices of "Cage Birds" will be closed from Friday to Monday next inclusive.

Will Advertisers, and Correspondents generally, kindly note that all matter intended for next week's issue should be posted early, to reach us on Tuesday, April 9th at latest.

A Parrot 107 Years Old.

A Parrot, which had been in the possession of three generations, has just died at Erfurt, Germany, at the age of 107, says the "Daily Express."

A Correction.

In my letter respecting the Middlesex O.S. in last week's issue, there is a slight mistake, viz., meetings to be held on the first Monday in each month, should be the first Thursday in each month, at 8 p.m., writes Mr. J. Jefferis (Southall).

Early Migrant Near London.

On Saturday, March 30, in the Colne Valley, near Uxbridge, I saw one solitary Sand Martin, writes Mr. Geo. Crabb. I had the bird well under observation with a field glass for some time. Mr. Howard Saunders, in his manual, says: "The Sand Martin is one of the earliest species to arrive in spring, often making its appearance during the last week in March." I also identified the Tree Creeper, Long-tailed Tit, Gold-crest, Kestrel, and a number of the more common birds; and I saw a young Thrush strong enough on the wing to fly over a fairly wide river.

Buntings and the Crane Fly.

During June, July, and August, when the perfect crane flies emerge, it is interesting to note how greedily they are pounced upon by the Yellowhammer and Corn Bunting. The Yellowhammers literally gorge on them till their little "tummies" can hold no more, and they will squat by the roadside letting the interested spectator approach quite close, only moving a little out of harm's way or to have "just one more." Of course, most insect-eating birds take their toll of the crane fly, but the "Yight's" prowess deserves all praise. Now that the nesting season is approaching, this fact ought to be a plea for the protection of their nests, which often fall a prey to the "school boy wandering through the lane."—L. C. P. (in the "Aberdeen Free Press."

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My small advertisement in "CAGE BIRDS" for week ending February 10th brought more letters than I could answer. This speaks well for your valuable paper.—J. Mitchell (Marazion).

I have had a grand month's trade. I have sold more mealworms last month (March) than I ever have sold in a month before. It is wonderful where your paper "CAGE BIRDS" gets to—places I have never heard of before.—J. Jones (Brighton).

Wild-Bird Life.

In the Woods in April.

Our poets have sung the praises of the month of April, and without a doubt it is one of the most beautiful of the year. A walk through copse and woodland with the bursting buds around one, the primrose and modest violet in all their beauty, and the songs of feathered creatures in the air, make one think how delightful it is to feel that dull winter is past, and we have now the best of the year before us. Everything is waking into new life, including the naturalist and bird-lover; the former will be busy among his wild flowers, butterflies and moths, and other creatures of the fields and woods, while the latter is looking forward to the coming of our summer birds, and having a good time generally hunting along hedgerows and across furze-clad commons for the artistic homes of his particular fancy. There is still a thick carpet of leaves under the beech trees, and the rustle caused by walking through them disturbs a cock Pheasant, who is particularly wary at this season.

A flock of big wood pigeons is aroused from their afternoon doze, and these whirl away in a circle, their wings making a considerable commotion. These birds are plentiful in the writer's district, and do much damage to certain crops, the extensive woods throughout the country giving them plenty of shelter and security for nesting. They do not receive quite so much attention from game watchers as the predatory kinds, and are only shot and destroyed for food purposes, and then only when occasionally met with; much shooting in the woods during the breeding season would disturb the game, which require quiet conditions during incubation as much as other birds.

Chaffinches are plentiful in the copse, and these gay birds will haunt a particular spot some weeks before commencing to build. It therefore seems as though they have in some way already decided upon the site of their future home. A peculiarly marked cock bird claimed our attention. He was a big, bold fellow with rich breast and cap, but the white shoulder patch extended almost to the nape of the neck, so that he appeared to have quite a white back. Possibly his parents had exceptionally large patches. Who can tell?

OUR HOBBY AND THE COAL STRIKE.

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SHOW DATES FIXED.

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England.

Oct. 4 & 5.—**Burnley.**—(F. Cunliffe, 19, Lark St.).
Oct. 9 & 10.—**Clapham.**—(A. L. Priest, 28, Kyrle Rd.), J.R., C.A.H., H.J.F., H.N.
Oct. 10 & 11.—**Norwich Alliance.**—(R. Roll, 62, Ashby St.). W.E.G., J.R., W.V.
Oct. 12 & 12.—**Derby.**—(Wharam and Bamsey, 18, Colyear St.)
Oct. 12.—**Leeds** (W. A. Wilson, 75, Bayswater Mount, Roundhay.). J.H.R. and W.M.
Oct. 12.—**Morpeth.**—(E. Cowling, Market Place.) H.W.B., A.B.
Oct. 15 and 16.—**Western Counties O.S.**—(T. Pope, 98, Embankment Rd, Plymouth). J.R., T.H.
Oct. 17.—**Hanley.**—(W. G. Llewellyn, 45, Hawthorn St., Cobridge, Stoke-on-Trent).
Oct. 18 & 19.—**Newcastle.**—(J. W. Reed, 218, Ladykirk Rd., Benwell). J.C.B., J.C., J.S., J.P., A.S.
Oct. 23 & 24.—**London and P.O.S.**—(C. W. Law, Brimley House, Woodhouse Rd., N. Finchley).
Oct 24.—**Stamford.**—(A. Harrison 7 New St.). J.R.
Oct. 25 & 26.—**Manchester and N.C.O.S.**—Belle Vue.—(H. Boothman, 10, Parker St., Levenshulme.)
Oct. 25 & 26.—**S. Shields.**—(W. L. Smith, 3, Queen-st.)
Oct. 26.—**Hartlepools.**—(Woodhead and Pyman, The Elms, Westbourne Rd., W. Hartlepool).
Oct. 30.—**Torbay O.S. (Paignton).**—J. N. and J. Jeffery, "Sartor House," Winner Street, Paignton.) J.H.P.
Oct. 30 & 31.—**Cheltenham.**—(A. S. Treasure, Idahoe, Oakland Ave.) W.G., H.W.G., J.F.
Oct. 30 & 31.—**Grimsby.**—(Towl and Smith, 205, Welholme Rd.). J.H.R.
Nov. 1 & 2.—**Sheffield O.S.**—T. Bishop, 69, Alexandra Road.). W.M., C.H., W.V.
Nov. 1 & 2.—**Wolverhampton.**—(J. Gibbons, 64, Napier Rd.). J.R.
Nov. 1 & 2.—**Liverpool.**—(Metcalfe and Deacon, 68, Brunswick Rd.). H.W.B., J.W.
Nov. 2 & 4.—**Leicester Hand-in-Hand.**—(A. Freestone, 79, Clarendon Street). J.H.P.
Nov. 7 & 8.—**Leyton.**—(Forse and Son, 31, Thornhill Rd.) J.R., J.F.
Nov. 8 & 9.—**Old Shildon.**—(J. H. Elwell, 35, Church Street, Shildon).
Nov. 8 & 9.—**West Stanley** (W. Elliott, 15, Fairford Terr.)
Nov. 9 & 11.—**Nottingham.**—(G. E. Wilkinson, 86, Lenton Boulevard), T.H., W.V., G.E.W.
Nov. 9.—**Warrington.**—(G. M. Nelson, 460, Knutsford Rd.).
Nov. 14.—**Stoke-on-Trent.**—(J. Pitchford, 218, London Rd.).
Nov. 14 & 15.—**Brighton and Hove C.B.A.**—(Will. H. Gibb, 19, Bond St.). C.A.H., J.R.
Nov. 15 & 16.—**Hull.**—(E. R. Ridley, 19, Lambton Street.) J.R., H.W.B.
Nov. 15 & 16.—**Preston.**—(J. P. Leeming, 40A, West Cliff.)
Nov. 19 & 20.—**Bournemouth.**—(W. O. Brooke, 102, Norfolk Rd.). J.H.P.
Nov. 19 & 20.—**Wimbledon.**—(H. Smith, 115, Merton Rd.) H.N., R.H., J.R.
Nov. 22 & 23.—**Doncaster.**—(G. Bescoby, 1, Pavilion Street). H.W.B., W.V., J.W.
Nov. 22 & 23.—**Haltwhistle.**—(Nicholson and Tallantyre, Westgate.) J.D., A.H.
Nov. 23.—**Cramlington.**—(J. R. Chestney, Quarry Cottage).
Nov. 23.—**Hinckley.**—(H. Ridgway, Priesthills Road).
Nov. 28, 29 & 30.—**L.C.B.A.**—(W. H. Mugford, 1, Strathearn Rd., Wimbledon, S.W.).
Nov. 30.—**Darlington C. and B.B.F.A.**—(A. Walker, 47, Montrose St.).
Nov. 30.—**Coventry Godiva.**—(H. Saunders, 31, Vernon St.) H.W.B.
Dec. 6, 7, & 9.—**Bradford National.**—(H. Hill, 15, Settle Terr., Thornton Lane.)
Dec. 7.—**Rotherham.**—(B. Bailey, 47, Craven Street, Parkgate, nr. Rotherham.) J.C.B.
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Scotland.

Oct. 5.—**Broughty Ferry.**—(R. Whitton, 2, Churchill Place).
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Oct. 12.—**Lochgelly and Dis. C.B.S.**—(W. Whiteford, 81, Hall St.)
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Oct. 26.—**Perth.**—(Jas. Kerr, 18, James St.).
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Nov. 9.—**Forfar.**—(D. Kerr, 15, Green St.)
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Nov. 16.—**Cowdenbeath.**—(J. R. Reid, 7, Woodland-pl.)
Nov. 16.—**Galashiels.**—(J. Brown, 156, Croft St.)
Nov. 23.—**Blairgowrie.**—(M. Irvine, 17, Brown St.)
Nov. 30.—**City of Dundee.**—(A. Miller, 3, Park Ave.)
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Dec. 14.—**Kilsyth.**—(A. D. Duncan, "Chronicle" Office.)
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Wales.

Nov. 13 & 14.—**Swansea.**—(S. H. George, 32, Fisher Street). J.R., J.F.D.
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Nov. 26.—**Llanelly.**—(D. John, 9, Pottery Place.) W.V., J.F.
Nov. 28.—**Pentrebach.**—(A. E. Brown, 66, Clare St., Merthyr Tydfil.)

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Nov. 7 & 8.—**Banbridge.**—(A. McCagherty, Belmont Terrace, Banbridge.)
Nov. 22 & 23.—**Lurgan.**—(S. McCollum, Drumgor).
Nov. 28 & 29.—**South County Dublin (Kingstown).**—(D. Smyth, 21, Eden Terr., Kingstown.)
Dec. 6 & 7.—**Ulster O.A. (Belfast).**—(R. Trimble, 11, Waring St., Belfast.) J.F.D., W.V.
Dec. 12 & 13.—**Larne.**—(T. Mayne, 35, Barnhill.)

THE SUCCESSFUL MANAGEMENT OF CANARIES.

By
E. C. SMITH
(Plymouth).

This thorough and instructive article was awarded first prize in section two of our recent Essay Competition.

FOR the purposes of this paper we are to assume that the would-be breeder has birds, cages and all utensils ready for the commencement of the breeding season at the end of March; the cocks singing lustily, their vents prominent; the hens tweeting and twittering when their future partners fill the air with their sweet music.

Our breeding cages have been washed, dried and enamelled, painted, distempered or whitewashed, to suit the taste of the particular fancier; the perches are in position, the sand drawer so that it will go in and out smoothly without jambing, or being put out of order by grains of sand getting thrown over the side by the birds; the hook to take the wire of nest pan is in position; cuttlefish bone is hung near a perch, and everything is ready for its future occupants.

If the single breeder is in use the hen may now be transferred to the cage and the hopper filled with canary and summer rape, in the proportion of four parts canary to one part rape seeds; give clean water in the drinkers; give her in addition, on alternate days, a half teaspoonful of a mixture made with equal parts of maw and niger, and a half part teazle seeds, and on the days when this is not given, give a little egg food or a little cracked hemp; don't overdo the latter, as we want vigorous, but not fat, hens. Give a spray of freshly gathered green food daily. Treat the cock bird similarly, except that a little more hemp may be allowed him.

When you see him "Spooning."

At the end of four or five days give the hen just a beakful of moss, and when we see her carrying this in her beak from perch to perch and looking for some place in which to deposit it, we must pop the cock bird in a nursery cage and hang him on the front of the breeder. Shortly, when he calls, we shall see the hen pop down. When you see him feeding her and then sitting at the wires "spooning," hang up the nest pan and nest bag and let the cock run in with her. Don't be alarmed if a terrible battle soon appears to be proceeding; this is usually the case, though not always. The following day one will find the pair have started building a nest in good earnest, although sometimes the cock's share is pulling out a lot of what the hen puts in; but this will not matter if your nest-pan lining is secure.

In about five or seven days one may expect the first egg. Now is the time to commence to reduce the extras. Cut down the egg-food and leave out the hemp altogether, and give the seed-mixture in much less quantity, so that by the time the 4th egg is laid it may be left out, too. Keep up the green-food, but reduce the quantity to a small spray twice daily. One reason for this is that a hen may not be tempted to leave the nest too often.

We will now return to the eggs. Remove the first, and give in its place a dummy egg, putting the good egg carefully away in a box filled with bran. Remove the second egg and place with No. 1. On the third day you will find egg No. 3; remove this also. If the hen has built even a passable nest leave well alone, and on the evening of the day when the third egg is laid, remove the dummy and give her back her three eggs. The following morning most likely the clutch will be completed, and if the eggs are fertile all will hatch out on the 14th day, counting from and inclusive of the day following that on which the eggs were returned.

The bath should be given practically every day from the time the hen is put into the breeder until the eggs are due to hatch, but it should not be given for the first four or five days after hatching has taken place, after which it may again be given and will prove beneficial both to old and young.

Egg-food must be given.

The old birds will have been kept during sitting to a plain diet of canary and rape seeds, with green food, but when the eggs are due to hatch, or, more correctly, the evening previous, the green food must be left out and kept out till about the fourth day, and egg food given in lieu of it. Some breeders give the yolk of egg only, chopped very fine; some mix bread or biscuit with the eggs; while others, again, use substitutes for egg food, such as Spratt's, Hyde's, Rudd's, Capern's, Spiller's, and other makes on the market. This matter we must leave to the individual, but egg food in some form or other must be given if we are to rear a good percentage of the birds hatched. Whatever form one may choose, a little (not more than a teaspoonful) should be given on the evening before the young are due to hatch. This is given to "buck up" the pair, so that they will commence their duty to the young in a proper manner.

On the following morning, if one listens near the cage one will hear a faint "cheep, cheep," from the nest. Be satisfied, and don't worry the hen from the nest. When she leaves the nest to feed one may be excused taking one peep, but it must be done quickly and quietly.

A supply of egg-food must now be given and continued three times daily—early morning, noon, and evening; or if the bird "pulls" in the morning a supply may be given the last thing at night, so that the birds may have it to feed with at daylight. At first the quantity needs to be very small—half a teaspoonful for each meal will be ample for the first two days; after which the quantity must be very gradually increased as the needs of the brood grow apace. On the fourth day a little green food may be given; let it be very young and tender, fresh gathered, and the quantity small; gradually increase it in quantity day by day until a fair portion is given. Some fanciers prefer one kind; some another. I believe in chickweed and shepherd's purse, but other kinds (as enumerated later) are also undoubtedly good.

How to prepare Soaked Seed.

Soaked seeds can now be given in a separate pan. Do not on any account mix them with the egg-food. The way to prepare them is to take separate jars or basins and put in each a supply (sufficient to last several days) of hemp, rape, and canary seeds; fill up the jars with warm water—not hot, merely comfortably warm, as this swells the seeds quicker than cold. Let them soak over night, and next morning pour into a sieve or very fine gravy strainer. Let the tap run through it and return seed to jar, filling now with clean cold water. At the end of 24 hours the seed is ready for use. When required pour into the sieve, wash with cold water, take the quantity required and spread on to a cloth to take off the superfluous water. Return the remainder to jar and fill up with clean cold water. Seed treated thus will keep sweet for a week in the hottest weather. Give this to your birds from the 5th day onward in the following order: Morning, hemp; noon, rape, evening, canary; all the while keeping the hopper filled with canary and rape as before-mentioned.

The water is also an important point. The drinker must be filled with fresh, clean water at least twice a day, after first being well rinsed out. With a pair of good feeding birds the young will be out of the nest at 18 days old if the procedure I have recommended is faithfully carried out.

(To be continued.)

Photo by] *[Phil. Jones.*

A FLASHLIGHT VIEW OF THE GATHERING AT THE COMBINED NORTHERN SPECIALIST CLUBS' RECENT SOCIAL EVENING.

FROM FIELD TO SHOW BENCH.

By J. STEEL (Dalkeith).

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I NOW proceed to a damp situation overrun with weeds. Turning them gently with a stick, I soon locate those which have been attacked by green fly, the under part of the leaves and stems being actually smothered with aphides. I soon make up a lively bouquet, consisting of sow thistle, nettles, shepherd's purse, etc. Had I failed in locating these I should have made an attack on certain trees and bushes, the partly devoured state of the leaves of which indicates the presence of another pest. Spreading the sheet of paper under a branch, I would by dint of striking the branch with a stick have dislodged a host of these small caterpillars, and then transferred them into the box. I have no need to pay a visit to my neighbour's infested currant bushes; they will come in useful later, also the roses. Hullo!—a wasp. I watch him. Is he rising or falling in his flight; is he laden with some helpless fly; are there any more going in that direction? I follow the direction he takes, and the scent gets warm. Soon I am busy studying from the manner I have indicated whether that host is going to or returning from the nest. Ah, I have you! I mark the place with a piece of paper, and am confident of a supply of nice fresh grubs for my larger softbills to-morrow. But I will be getting home now, to give the Gold-crest his first feed, and as he has not had anything for the four hours which he has had of "durance vile," I think he won't refuse these offerings. I have plenty of mealworms and gentles, but I scorn the use of the former in summer for these species, and I only use the latter when a sufficiency of the present stock is unobtainable. I will explain how I tempt him to partake of these before I turn to meating off in winter.

Keeping "Crawly" Things Within Bounds.

I will make no attempt, for at the very least two days, to induce my capture to partake of any form of preserved food; for this period I supply a sufficiency and variety of live insects.

Now a difficulty presents itself here, as womankind has an inherited abhorrence of anything which crawls; why, I know not, as mother Eve certainly had no such qualms; but possibly the dire results which followed can only be thus atoned for. So, like the old gentleman who on the fiftieth anniversary of his wedding, pledged the shares of his joys, in a hope for their better acquaintance, I bow to the inevitable, and I take measures to prevent the reptiles straying about "promiscusly," as Mrs. Harris has it.

This I manage to check by taking two feeders, one of which is about a half-inch larger in diameter than the other. Placing the insects in the smaller vessel, I put same inside the larger, and fill the space between with water. My "better half" suggested the substitution of golden syrup, but I find that water is an effectual deterrent of insect peregrinations, and constitutes a supply for the bird also.

This done, I murmur a quotation from a local monument (to a scold)—"Peace, perfect peace," and retire to a position, where "seeing all, by all unseen," I watch awhile, and am rewarded by seeing my Gold-crest pause in his acrobatics, to make a dive at the dish; further proceedings may then be described as gratifying to him and me and disastrous for the insects. I notice that the water department is also patronised, and (good sign) he begins to preen himself.

The Secret of Steadying Softbills.

Now I find that the aphides are the most appreciated item in the entire menu, with live house flies, a good second; so I use these as my steadying agent, i.e., he shall eat these in my presence or not at all, and I shall not omit a small supply every time I visit him; my presence, meaning something nice to eat, instead of occasioning terror, becomes then a welcome event. This is the secret of steadying Softbills, and if I would add anything it would be, have patience, and avoid any bustle or fuss.

The second day's procedure is a repetition of the first day's, but on the third day I limit the supply of live food, and make up the deficiency in quantity with a first-class brand of a preserved form. This I prepare by subjecting it to the steam from a boiling kettle till the various ingredients of its composition (viz., dried flies, ants' eggs, silk-worm pupæ, crissel, etc.) are rendered soft, but not sloppy. One item I add to this, viz., one part grated cream cheese. This, I find, is greatly appreciated, and must of course be highly sustaining. Never allow the prepared food to become stale; little and often is a good motto, as the difficulty of inducing these delicate species to partake of a sufficiency even when fresh, is sufficient, and to starve him into partaking of stale food is both cruel and inevitably fatal. Those who have not the time or inclination to give the bird proper attention in this respect, have no right to deprive such species of the liberty of providing for themselves.

A Few Gentles Are Very Useful.

Now a few gentles are very useful in this meating-off process, and in response to a request I shall devote a few minutes to these, as I find many are prejudiced against their use. The gentle is the larvæ or maggot of the blue-bottle fly, and his introduction to the house in that stage which the French describe *au naturel* is a signal for the Recording Angel to grab his pen, and (my wife declares) his nose, for verily he smells to heaven, offensive. This effluvia, as you are probably aware, has been causing quite a flutter in medical circles lately, it being said to be fatal to the bacilli of consumption; I cannot say whether this is because of the bacilli being unable to stand the strain, or because the smell arises from some antagonistic bacilli when the law of survival of the fittest would come in; perhaps big Bacs have little Bacs upon their backs to bite 'em, and little Bacs have lesser Bacs, and so *Ad infinitum*. However, I want gentles, and I want them minus smell, and in a state which permits of their being admitted to the house, without giving rise to a breeze, domestic or otherwise. How I succeed in this object will be better understood by a description of my method of propagating the maggots.

(To be continued.)

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CANARY QUERIES.

Answered by CLAUDE ST. JOHN.

TO CURE ROLLER CHOPPING (A.V.C.).—Am sorry I do not know of anything that will cure a Roller of the vice of "chopping." Once this fault becomes established in an adult bird, its cure is quite hopeless, and it should at once be isolated from the hearing of faultless singers. Unfortunately moral persuasion is not practicable.

SORE FEET, ETC. (J. E. Wood).—(1) It is quite the usual thing for a hen to scratch and shuffle about in the nest-pan or box very energetically when she is about building her nest. The same shuffling motions are employed to shape and mould the nesting material. But it is quite unusual for the feet to be damaged so badly in the process. Examine the lining of nest-pan carefully to see if it contains anything that could injure by pricking or scratching the feet. Also see that the hen's claws are not inordinately long from over growth, nor extremely fine and sharp. If the former, clip them back to a proper length, and in the latter case slightly blunt the points by carefully wiping a bit of very fine sandpaper over them. Paint the feet daily for a few days with extract of wych hazel, and when she next attempts to nest give only clean cow-hair for nesting material. (2) The young birds of both sexes may, if necessary, though lack of space, be kept together in flights until the moult is finished, but if you want to get the cocks in song early, it is much better to cage them up separately in about a month or so after they leave their parents.

CURE FOR BLINDNESS (D.W.).—If, as I assume, the pupils of the eyes turn a milky-white colour, the blindness is due to cataract, and nothing whatever will be of any use in curing it. If caged alone the bird will live quite comfortably, and may even sing after a time, but I would strongly advise you not to attempt breeding with it. If you do this you will in all probability establish a predisposition to blindness in your stock, which will cause you endless annoyance and loss in years to come.

NOT SINGING (Tottlia Everest).—He is probably only waiting for the spring zephyrs to blow, as many old birds do. In addition to the staple seed diet give him half a teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake, with two drops of cod liver oil emulsion mixed in it, and sprinkled with equal parts maw and gold of pleasure seed, every second day for a fortnight, and two crisp young leaves of dandelion daily. In the drinking water give 20 drops of whisky, 10 of lemon juice, and as much Epsom salts as will cover a sixpence every second day for a week, and in the following week give six drops of tincture of gentian and four of aromatic sulphuric acid every second day.

IN A BAD WAY (Miss A. Pugh).—I'm afraid the bird is in much too serious a condition to respond to any treatment. As you write of its staple diet as a certain firm's "food" a term which is applied to their speciality for certain soft-billed birds—I wonder whether you are using a seed mixture or a kind of meal. If the latter you had better send me a small sample. Meantime feed the bird on plain canary seed only, with a pinch of rape if obtainable every third day, and a few grains of hemp twice a week. Give a leaf of dandelion for preference each day as green food. In the drinking water give six drops of syrup of rhubarb, and as much sulphate of soda as will cover a sixpence every second day for a week, and in the following week give six drops of tincture of gentian and four of dilute sulphuric acid every second day, and 20 drops of Chemical Food on the alternate days. Report progress at end of fortnight.

EGGS DRYING UP (Disappointed).—Have you the present year's ANNUAL? If so, you will find this type of egg fully dealt with in the article therein from my pen. I cannot tell whether this egg would have been fertile or not, but these eggs which dry up in this way are not necessarily unfertile. Keep the hens that lay these eggs well supplied with cuttlefish, and clean gritty sand, and when they are about nesting again scatter a little finely mashed old mortar about the cage floors, and add a teaspoonful of limewater to each drinker

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should consult St. John's "Canary Breeding for Beginners" (1s.); House's "Canary Manual" (1/2); Battye's "Yorkshire Canaries" (1/1½); House's "Norwich Canaries" (1/1); Weston's "Stock Book" (7d.); Dr. Clarke's "Septic or Bird Fever" (7d.); Dr. Creswell's "Hygiene of Bird-keeping (1/1); Norman's "Aviaries, Bird-rooms, and Cages" (2/3); Ramsden's "Colour-feeding" (3½d.); "Seeds and Foods for Cage Birds" (1/2); or the "Nutshell" booklets (2½d. each): No. 5 "The Pet Canary," No. 6 "Ailing Birds and How to Cure them," No. 9 "The Disinfection of Cages, Bird-rooms, etc.," No. 10 "The Roller," No. 23 "The Border Fancy," No. 24 "Green Canaries." All thoroughly practical and instructive. Prices quoted are post free, from "Cage Birds," 154, Fleet Street, London, E.C.

every second day. For the next fortnight also add to their diet a morsel of bread and milk, lightly dusted with soft sugar every second day, and on the alternate days a small teaspoonful of a mixture of equal parts hemp, inga, millet, black rape, and linseed, and add 20 drops of Chemical Food to the water every second day during the same time.

IN A BALL (J.W.C.).—The birds are obviously in no form for breeding. Do you mean, by the way, that they are losing feathers? You should have been a little more explicit. Also you say they have been together since the third week in March, which I assume must mean February, as your letter would be written close on the heels of the third week in March, and if my assumption is correct, you put them together much too early. See they are free from cold draughts, and red mites. Give a pinch of Epsom salts in the water for one day, and afterwards give four drops each of tincture of gentian, tincture of calumba, and aromatic suphuric acid two days in every three for a week. Also add to the diet a small teaspoonful of egg food or crushed sponge cake with four drops of cod liver oil emulsion mixed in it, and sprinkled with maw seed every second day, and on the alternate days give a similar quantity of seed mixture, and two crisp young leaves of dandelion daily. If not more active at the end of a week write again, and give fuller particulars.

COLDS AND WHEEZING (B.P.C.).—The very best cure for this trouble, and one that is absolutely indispensable as a first step in every form of treatment, is to remove the cause. This I am pointing out almost every week. When this is done in many cases the cure may be safely left to Nature, which is far the best healer. Having seen to this part, and that the bird is in healthful surroundings, and quite free from cold draughts, give half a teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake with three drops of cod liver oil emulsion mixed in it, and sprinkled with maw seed, every second day for a week or so, and on the alternate days 15 drops of the following mixture in the water: Two drams each of glycerine and oxymel of squills, one dram each of ipecacuanha wine and chlorodyne, and eight grains of iodide of potassium; any chemist will mix this for you.

THE PINK EYE (Ignoramus).—In this reply last week the comp. appears to have missed setting a line or more of MS. The reply should read: To see the pink eye, hold the bird in front of a window in a good light, with your head between the bird and the light and face turned from window. Let the light come over your shoulder on to the bird, and look at somewhere about an angle of 45 degrees. This may not be the exact angle required, but if you hold the bird in your hand and gently move it from one position to another, you will soon detect the pink eye, if it is there.

LAYING WITHOUT NEST (A.V.C.).—It is rather unusual for a hen to lay a clutch of eggs in the nest-box without any attempt at all to make a nest. I presume you offered her a supply of nesting material. When you saw she was about laying and did not attempt to make a nest, you should have just roughly shaped a little hair in the box, and then, when the full clutch of eggs was laid and you were about returning them to the nest for incubation, you could quite safely have ventured to make a proper nest for her, as described in "Canary Breeding for Beginners," when she would doubtless have accepted the new order of things, and hatched out the eggs in the ordinary course. Had she, however, refused to sit them, then you should have given them to another hen to hatch and rear, or have distributed them between two or three other hens with small clutches.

BRITISH BIRDS, MULES AND HYBRIDS.

Answered by G. E. WESTON.

THREE-BY-SIX (Ignoramus).—This question is getting to be quite an old friend now. The generally accepted definition of a "three by six" Goldfinch is one which has the three outer feathers on each side of the tail marked with white underneath, towards the tip. Most Finches have but two feathers so marked.

HAWFINCH BREEDING IN CAPTIVITY (H.A.F.)—Mr. W. T. Page kindly draws my attention to the fact that Mr. W. E. Teschemaker bred the Hawfinch in his outdoor aviary in 1911. I could not call to mind who it was achieved this feat when I answered your letter in our issue of March 23rd.

THE CASE OF A LINNET (W.W.).—Of course, I cannot judge from your letter whether there is really anything wrong with the bird's leg. I doubt it, however, as many birds stand on one leg for long periods, especially if feeling a bit down in condition. Still, one would need to see and examine the bird to tell definitely. Judging by your letter as a whole, I should say that the Linnet is feeling the effects of its very late and prolonged moult. You are feeding him correctly and doing quite right in giving the hemp. Gather him some flowering groundsel and dandelion, and look out for chickweed and shepherds purse, allowing him a fair quantity daily. The best and cheapest "building up" medicine is compound syrup of hypophosphites B.P. (a form of Fellow's syrup). Get one ounce from a high-class chemist, and into two tablespoonfuls of drinking water stir 10 to 12 drops, giving this fresh daily for a week, and every other day (plain water in between) for a further period if it seems necessary. Let the bird indulge in a sun-bath whenever Phoebus shows his face, but beware of exposing him to cold, cutting winds.

NOT IN FULL SONG (M.T.).—Probably you are not feeding the bird generously enough; but you give me absolutely no information concerning your methods of management. I find that all too many of my correspondents seem to think bread and hemp seed or barley-meal and cheese the correct things for Thrushes, Blackbirds, and the like. Get "Nutshell" booklet No. 4 (post free 2½d.) and follow the advice given therein. Let your bird have a reasonable amount of live food daily—gentles, snails, mealworms, black beetles—and hang him in the sun whenever possible, but do not expose him to very cold winds.

BRITISH BIRD & HYBRID QUERISTS

should consult Houlton's great work, "Cage-Bird Hybrids" (1/6); Norman's "British Bird Manual" (2/3); or Part 1 "Hardbills" (1/1), Part 2 "Softbills" (1/1); "Aviaries, Bird-rooms, and Cages" (2/3); "Seeds, Foods, and Wild Plants" (1/2); "Secrets of Hybrid Breeding" (1/2), Dr. Creswell's "Hygiene of Bird-keeping" (1/1); Dr. Clarke's 'Septic or Bird Fever' (7d.); "Colour-feeding" (3½d.); or the "Nutshell" booklets (2½d. each): No. 1 "Goldfinch," No. 2 "Linnet," No. 3 "Skylark," No. 4 "Song Thrush and Blackbird," No. 11 "Bullfinch, No. 13 "Chaffinch, No. 15 "Greenfinch, No 22 "Siskin, Redpoll, and Twite," No. 25 "Small Insectivorous Birds," No. 26 "Large Insectivorous Birds," No. 6 "Ailing Birds and How to Cure Them," No. 9 "Disinfection of Cages, Birdrooms, etc.," No. 12 "How to Moult British Birds." All thoroughly practical and instructive. Prices quoted are post free from "Cage Birds," 154, Fleet Street, London, E.C.

A VARIED QUINTETTE (W. P. Q., Erdington).—(1) There is not the slightest danger to health in the keeping of birds in the room of a house. If there were, then I should not be answering queries at the present moment, I fancy, but have been engaged for long past in a far different pursuit, the exact nature of which I prefer not to prophesy, being by nature a bit of a pessimist. To return to business, however. (2) It would be much better to remove the wall-paper and coat the walls with sanitary washable distemper. It is an easy operation if you damp the paper and then fetch it off with a "scraper," the iron implement paper-hangers use for this purpose; it is also the finest thing out for scraping the draw-boards of cages at cleaning-out time. (3) You can certainly put both varieties of Canary in. For list of suitable foreign birds you must apply to our foreign bird expert, Mr. Page (vide rules). Put pairs of British birds in, and let them be Goldies, Linnets, Siskins, Bullies, Greenies, Redpolls, and Chaffinches—one pair of each. (4) Answered in number three. (5) There is a possibility, but it is very slight. Put in all Canary hens, and it would be a certainty; or you might put in cocks only of the Goldfinch, Linnet and Redpoll.

FEEDING A YELLOWHAMMER (Mrs. Atherton).—Yellowhammers live almost entirely upon canary seed, and this needs to be of the best quality. No other seed should be mixed with it. Sometimes they pick over a little wild-seed mixture with relish; or eat a little broken groats (or coarse oatmeal) and crushed hemp seed when supplied in a separate dish. They do not seem keen on green-food, but nibble at the small wild kinds (chickweed, shepherds purse, etc., and seeding grasses), also rape seedlings. To ensure them being in fine condition and health, get them to eat a little of a high-grade insectile food frequently, prepared in the usual way; also offer live-food according to season (mealworms, gentles, flies, grubs, smooth caterpillars, live ants' eggs, etc., and green-stuff infested with tiny insect life). I have found them partial to ants' eggs (the dried kind, of first-rate quality) which have been soaked in a little milk.

FOREIGN BIRDS.

Answered by WESLEY T. PAGE, F.Z.S., Etc.

A YOUNG GREY PARROT (M. Fish).—You do not say how you are feeding—keep it warm, out of draught, set in a well ventilated portion of the room. Sop a little household bread with warm water and chemical food (equal parts), sprinkle with moist sugar and well stir before supplying to the bird. Also supply boiled maize, canary seed, ripe fruit, shelled walnuts, and keep a piece of cuttlebone hanging within its reach—send me fullest details as to its condition, and your treatment ,and I will send you a postcard, as the case is urgent.

GOULDIAN FINCHES (J. P. Andrews).—Undoubtedly other things being equal, the showiest and brightest bird scores, but condition, steadiness, silky and sleek plumage, and a perfect specimen (that is, no claws missing, broken feathers, etc.,) are the main determining factors—however, rarity counts for something, and though in this respect there is nothing between the Red and Black-headed varieties, yet the fact remains that the former are not so numerous as the latter. There is a small balance in favour of the Read-head variety, but to be quite clear, a perfect R.H. would run a perfect R.H. very close, for there is little between them.

AILING BLUE-FRONTED AMAZON (Kintore Fox).—It is natural for Parrots to regurgitate the food; if it had a mate it would then feed it, but when kept singly they usually re-swallow the regurgitated food. Parrots often do this when being made a fuss of. A Hawk-headed Parrot of mine after doing so, would take my finger in its beak, just as if it had its mate's bill, and appeared quite content. I still think the "Spasms" are natural, but try the sedative given in my former reply. (In former replies I have really covered the ground so far as is possible from your data), or if you care, send me a stamped addressed envelope, and I will state the case plainer than I can here.

ROSE-CRESTED COCKATOO (H. R. Titswell).—Seed mixture: One quart each canary seed, and white millet, one pint each white oats and hemp, half-a-pint each paddy rice, maize, grit (not sand), shelled nuts, and sunflower seed, and one gill of chillies; well mix and keep a supply in the cage. **Also supply** ripe fruit, plain biscuit, green food, **and keep a** piece of clean cuttlebone in its cage. **It is a hardy** species, but must not be subjected to drought. In its native country it is of good repute as a talker, but in this country this is not so, but, still, I have come across quite talented birds of this species, so why not you too? Keep it, as soon as its tame in your living room, where it will have plenty to see and hear, put it, talk to it, and make a fuss of it generally (do not bid it though with table scraps and messes and sops), and it will sooner or later respond to a greater or lesser degree.

BREEDING BUDGERIGARS (Mrs. Jones).—If you carefully read up your booklet, pages 14 to 19, and also the note on "The cage," pages 22 and 23, you should not be in doubt, but I will deal with your present difficulties. I presume you have a pair, the cere of the male is blue, that of the female muddy brown. It is quite correct that these birds breed more readily where several pairs are kept together, but it is also equally true that a single pair will breed in a roomy cage, though they may take longer to make the start than they would flying together in a crowd in the aviary. If kept in an all-wire cage, the part containing the husk should be screened, and once they start to occupy the husk, do not pry into their arrangements—a box cage, if the husks are placed in the far corners of cage, supplies sufficient privacy. No nesting material is required. Supply as much seeding (flowering) grass in tufts as they will eat, but do not give it when tainted with frost. They should ultimately settle down to nest. Breeding time in this country all the year round, only stopping for the moult, and sometimes do not stop even for the moult.

COCKATIELS NOT SITTING STEADILY (Amateur).—It is full early yet, though some pairs of this species do act in the unsatisfactory way you name. You give me no idea of their quarters or nests, so it is difficult to give reason or suggest a remedy. Do they get disturbed by mice? Are their nests flat-bottomed? If so, I expect they give up in disgust. Take out their nests, well scald and clean, and then hang up again; with more genial weather, they may sit more steadily. There is nothing to equal a small barrel for Cockatiels or Parrakeets, but if they are to do any good in the breeding line their nests must have hollow bottoms to prevent the eggs rolling about, a barrel supplies this, and if it is hung up straight the sides of the barrel keep the eggs in one place about the centre, most necessary, as Cockatiels use no nesting material. If you care to give me fuller details I will try and point out cause in next issue.

AILING GREY PARROT (W. A. C.).—The bird has been mis-fed for a number of years, and it will be a work of time to get it fit again. Give Dinneford's Magnesia—one teaspoonful in two tablespoonfuls of water, as the day's supply of drinking water—every other day till the voidings become watery-loose, then cease the above till they become normal again; then give the magnesia as required to keep the bowels moving freely without being really loose. You must give boiled maize for a time (it must be made fresh daily), but dust it with flowers of sulphur for a month at least; also continue to give a

FOREIGN BIRD QUERISTS

should consult Page's "Foreign Birds for Beginners" (1s.), Arthur's "Budgerigars and Cockatiels" (6d.); Arthur's "Parrots for Pleasure and Profit" (7d.); "Aviaries, Bird-rooms, and Cages" (2/3); "Seeds, Foods, and Wild Plants" (1/2); Dr. Clarke's "Septic or Bird Fever" (7d.); Dr. Creswell's "Hygiene of Bird-keeping" (1/1); "Colour-feeding" (3½d.); or the "Nutshell" booklets (2½d. each): No. 6 "Ailing Birds and How to Cure them," No. 9 "The Disinfection of Cages, Bird-rooms, etc.," No. 14 "Gouldian Finches," No. 16 "Avadavats," No. 17 "The Grey Parrot," No. 18 "Budgerigars," No. 19 "The Pekan Robin, No. 20 "Waxbills." All thoroughly practical and instructive. Prices quoted are post free from "Cage Birds," 154, Fleet Street, London, E.C.

little sop, but prepare it as follows—piece of stale bread, sprinkle with moist sugar, put over it one teaspoonful of chemical food, then as much boiling water as it will absorb, and when cool supply to the bird. Gradually lessen the quantity both of the sop and boiled maize, and as soon as it is in better condition wean it from both altogether. Supply a seed mixture of one quart each Canary and white millet, one pint each hemp and oats, and half a pint each grit (not sand), paddy rice, and sunflower seeds; well mix and keep supply in cage. Also supply ripe fruit, nuts, plain biscuits (dry), green food and cuttlebone. Nutshell, "The Grey Parrot," 2½d., from our Manager, will help you.

AILING GREY PARROT (D. Anderson).—Having been privately brought over, it should largely have escaped hardships of importation, and should be free from infection. Dissolve three grains of bromide of potassium in a little syrup (about two teaspoonfuls) and after draining the water away from the usual supply of maize, put the above over the maize, and as soon as it has soaked in supply to the bird; give this on two successive days, and after an interval of three days repeat the treatment, and then repeat again whenever you see signs of a ut coming on. Give Dinneford's Magnesia every other day—one teaspoonful in two tablespoonfuls of water, as the day's supply of drinking water, so long as the voidings are not watery loose, when the latter occurs you must cease giving the magnesia till they become normal again, and then give the laxative as required to keep the bowels moving freely without being really loose. Diet as follows: Continue boiled maize for the present. Seed mixture: One quart each Canary and millet seed, one pint each hemp and oats, half a pint each paddy rice, grit (not sand), and sunflower seeds; well mix and keep a supply in the cage. Also supply ripe fruit, shelled nuts, plain biscuit, and a little green food, and keep a piece of clean cuttle bone in the cage. Keep the bird warm, out of draught, yet in a well ventilated portion of the room. You should have written sooner, as in the initial stages the trouble would have yielded more easily to treatment. I certainly think there is a chance for the bird; report progress in, say, 10 days time. You had better get our Nutshell, "The Grey Parrot," 2½d. post free, from our Manager, and as soon as the present trouble ceases treat the bird as advised therein.

GREENHOUSE AVIARY (Avis).—(a) About one hundred, but to encourage breeding, not more than half the number. (b) Waxbills in variety, Bronzewing, Magpie, Tricolour, White-headed and Black-headed Mannikins, Bib, Spice, Ribbon, Grey Singing, Green Singing, Ruficauda, Cuban, Olive, Diamond, Long-tailed Grass, Masked, Red-headed, Zebra, Pileated, Saffron, Sharp-tailed, Striated, and Yellow-rumped Finches; Cape Canaries, Java Sparrows, Silverbills, Combassous, Paradise Whydah, Orange, Madagascar, Red-billed and Napoleon Weavers, Black-headed Siskin, Yellow-billed and Green Cardinals; all the above should be in pairs, and all are seed-eaters. (c) Laurel, acuba, laurestinus, privet, any kind of fruit trees, ivy, clematis, and roses. (de) A joiner will be able to do all that is required. Under the circumstances make the staging solid on top with lino or something similar, and net off the space underneath. You must leave no crevices, or it will mean many losses. (f) I consider

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you will have ample ventilation through the netting front of aviary, and the present ventilators, and there'll be less risk of draught—if at all, it must be on the south side. (g) Twiggy branches must be nailed or wired up, or dead firs, etc., planted in pots and boxes. Husks and nest boxes must be hung about and screened with twiggy branches; put up about 40, and distribute them as far apart as possible. Suspend husks from ridge of roof.

POST MORTEMS.

Mr. C. Yates, M.R.C.V.S., 2, College Road, Harrow, Middlesex, will examine and report upon dead cage birds for a fee of 1s. 6d. each bird; for reply direct, 2s. 6d.; analysis, 21s. Subjects for post mortem examination must be sent packed in a box direct to Mr. Yates, with the fee, this and any accompanying letter being kept from contact with the dead bird. Send by letter-post; it is cheaper and quicker than parcel post. Any bodies sent to the office of this paper will be thrown away, and if a fee is enclosed the loss will be the sender's.

GENERAL.

Answered by The Editor.

ILLUSTRATED IDEAS (A. Gardiner).—We are afraid hopper and perch are too well-known. (F. Kershaw). Have previously given this. (W. Williams). We believe this door is part of the registered design of a certain cage. (J. Calvert; H. Westerby; E. Symons). Have given similar ideas before. (P. Ware). We cannot quite grasp this notion.

PRESS CUTTINGS (P. J. Sievwright; E. Parkinson; E. S.; and others). We are much obliged to you for the newspaper cuttings you have been good enough to send us.

Members Shows.

Craven Arms C.S.S.: Held at Clubroom, Mar. 20, Mr. Wolfe judging. Principal winners:—Messrs. Davies, Creasey, and Beach.—B. Clare Sec.

Grimsby O.S.: Meeting and show held Slatters Rooms, March 28. Judge, Mr. W. H. Moore. Principal winners: Mules, Messrs. Metcalf, Yearing, Cartwright; Brit., Messrs. Metcalf, Towl, Cartwright, Sadler, Siddle Bros.—Towl and Smith, Hon. Sec.

Leicester C.B.S.: Held March 21, headquarters. Judge, Mr. W. Judd, jun. Chief winners: Messrs. Ride, Brooks, Spencer, Toone.—C. H. Groocock, Hon. Sec.

Plumstead & Woolwich C.B.S.: Held Mar. 21st, headquarters. Every bird was shown by a novice. Spls. for most points, Mr. Hartland. Mr. E. Jordan judged. Principal winners:—Mules: Messrs. Hartland, Smith, Pawley. British: Messrs. Lane, Hall, Lafbury, Baston, Hartland. Foreign: Messrs. Hartland, Smith.—E. Meades, Organising Secretary.

GLASGOW & W. COUNTIES C.B.S.

Table show of muling and Hybrid pairs held Good Templars' Hall, 122, Ingram Street, Glasgow. It proved a very successful one, 55 pairs in 6 classes facing the judge, Mr. J. Young (Glasgow).

GOLDFINCH AND CAN.: 1, Pettigrew; 2, Edwards; 3, Connelly; 4, Munro; vhc, McFarlane; he, Halbert; c, Liddle. LINNET AND CAN.: 1, sp, Knot; 2, Edwards; 3, Connelly; 4, Pettigrew; vhc, McFarlane; hc, Bannerman; c, sp, Halbert. GREENFINCH AND CAN.: 1, McFarlane; 2, sp, Edwards; 3, Pettigrew; 4, Connelly; vhc, Adam; hc, Renfrew; c, Knox. A.O.S. FINCH AND CAN.: 1, McFarlane; 2, Adam; 3, sp, Connelly; 4, Munro; vhc, Pettigrew; hc, Renfrew; c,, Edwards. HYB. PAIRS: BULLFINCH CROSS: 1, Pettigrew; 2, Renfrew; 3, Knox; 4, sp, Connelly; vhc, Adam; hc, Liddle; c, Edwards. A.O.V. HYB. PAIRS: 1, Edwards; 2, Knox; 3, Adam; 4, Connelly; vhc, sp, Pettigrew; hc, Wright; c, Renfrew.—W. Connelly, Sec.

Singing Contests.

BLACKBURN.

Blackburn quality Linnet S.A. have postponed their affiliated contest for time and quality until Whit Saturday through the coal strike. They will hold an open contest for quality only as usual on April 6. Prizes according to entries.—R. Hayhurst, Sec.

DURHAM.

Friendly Linnet sing held Braudon Colliery, March 30th, when 16 birds competed. Result: 1st, Briggs; 2nd, A. Bailes; 3rd, J. Mills. Judge, Mr. G. Reed (Brandon). Fanciers please note that the Easter contest at Thinford Inn, Ferryhill, will be postponed until further notice, owing to the coal strike.—G. Reed, Sec.

TYLDESLEY.

Union Arms Castle contest held March 30th for members only. Owing to the coal strike we reduced the entrance money. We did not touch the funds of the club for prizes, but decided to send two members with the birds for Blackburn affiliation contest, all birds and expenses to be paid for from the funds. Time: 1st, J. Harrison; 2nd, P. Owen; 3rd, J. Harrison. Quality: 1st, T. McWalters; 2nd, W. Molyneux.—J. Harrison, Sec.

LEIGH.

Globe Inn Linnet Club second club contest this season, held Mar. 30. Considering the state of the coal strike I consider the entry of 30 birds was very good, and some fine singing for time was done. But quality could have been better. We gave four prizes for each class. Winners for quality: 1, T. Statham; 2, Howcroft; 3, J. Statham; 4, Brown; for time: 1, R. Statham, 189; 2, Banks, 147; 3, Poole, 121; 4, Brown, 109. Judges, Messrs. J. W. Jones and J. Dobson; for time, Messrs. J. Statham and R. Disley; taskers, Messrs. McAllister and W. Parkinson; timekeeper, Mr. J. Amison. After the contest we discussed the affiliated contest to be held at Blackburn on Saturday, and we came to the conclusion it should be postponed. But there will be a contest on April 6 at Blackburn, for quality only. This is because the notice coming so late no one will be disappointed, and prizes will be given according to the number of birds entered. The above was considered and decided by J. McAllister and J. W. Jones, of Leigh; and W. H. Topping and J. Dobson, of Blackburn.—J. McAllister, Sec.

NEWTOWN (Leeds).

Linnet sing held Prince Albert Inn, Mar. 31st, when 13 birds entered to sing for quality. Judges, Messrs. C. Lorriman and H. Hayes. 1st, H. Playforth; 2nd and 3rd divided between E. Wood and A. Binns.—E. Wood, Hon. Sec.

PONTEFRACT.

Usual Linnet contest held headquarters, Woodman Inn, Horsefair, before a large company, when we had the best singing so far this season, the winners doing some good time. Result: 1, Piper; 2, Wilson; 3, Nelson. Another open-to-all-England sing, April 6; all welcome. We shall soon be starting members' singing. Those wishing to join may do so, as the ent. fee is only 6d.—J. Martin, Sec.

CASTLEFORD.

Weekly Linnet contest held Mar. 30; entry of 36 birds. Several birds sang 30 seconds in one break, one even doing 37, which is a record in the district. Winners: 1, W. Nelson, 109; 2, A. Sweeting, 96; 3, E. Smith, 93; J. Kirk, 92. Of course, the last-named did not get in the prizes. Also on Mar. 31, there was an entry of 27 birds. Winners: 1, W. Nelson, 78; 2, W. Dobson, 46; 3, J. Kirk, 43.—W. Dobson, Hon. Sec.

SHEFFIELD.

Linnet sing held "Royal George," Brightside-lane, March 30th, when 14 birds entered (three minutes time singing). 1st, Thompson, 70 secs.; 2nd, E. Bisby, 69 secs.; 3rd, Rawson, 66 secs.; E. Bisby, 65 secs. (On March 31st 14 birds entered (three minutes time singing). 1st, E. Bisby, 72 secs.; 2nd, Booker, 71 secs.; 3rd, Thompson, 68 secs.; Albert, 34 secs.; Rawson, 38 secs. Contest every week-end. First pair bung at 3 o'clock, April 6th.—A. Thompson, Sec.

KIPPAX.

Kippax and Dis. Linnet Club members' sing held Mar. 30, Commercial Hotel. There was only a moderate entry. Nevertheless, there was some splendid singing. 1, J. Liversedge; 2, O. Potter; 3, A. Tomlin. It was a near thing between 2nd and 3rd. Messrs. J. Wheatley and G. Turner were timekeepers. Everybody is welcome to our sings; we have plenty of accommodation. Members' sing April 6, and one on April 8. Our membership is gradually increasing. We intend holding a special sing on Whit Saturday, giving three prizes, but not money prizes, as our ambition is to patronise those who help us.—R. Plows, Hon. Sec.

SALFORD.

Club match for members held Boat House Hotel, March 30th, when 18 birds entered for prizes only. But the singing was only fair, several good birds missing. Quality: 1st, B. Wharton (copper kettle); 2nd, J. Green (clock); 3rd, H. Cootes (vases). Time: 1st, A. Marshall (copper kettle); 2nd, J. Godson (flower pot and vase); 3rd, J. Caswell (vases). Judges, Messrs. Marshall and Cain. Timekeepers, Messrs. Hickman and Wharton-Cootes; tapers, Messrs. Bate and Caswell; birdkeeper, Mr. J. Green. After the contest a social evening was much appreciated, the president, Mr. Cootes, presenting the prizes. A meeting was held to consider business re affiliation match at Blackburn. Decided to send Messrs. J. Green and G. Bate. Members will be advised by post if cancelled. Contest and meeting April 7th at 7.30 prompt. Special business.—B. Wharton, Hon. Sec.

LEEDS.

Weekly Linnet sing for quality held Old Bird House, King's Head, Shannon-street, March 30th, when 19 birds sang. 1st, J. Hollingworth; 2nd, A. Richardson; 3rd, Playforth. Judges, Messrs. Walter Naylor and J. Johnson. Also March 31st, when 28 birds faced the judges, who gave every satisfaction. 1st, H. Wigfield; 2nd, T. Chadwick; 3rd, Kelly; 4th, Stranger. Judges, Messrs. Walter Naylor and T. Johnson.—T. C. Summers, Hon. Sec.

Quality sing, held Skinner's Arms, Bustinthorpe, Mar. 30th, when 19 birds sang. 1, Ward; 2, Chippindale; 3, shared by Sellars and Ward. Also Mar. 31st, when 29 birds sang: 1, 2, Ward; 3, Butler; 4, Sellars. We wish all Linnet fanciers please to note there will be a contest on Good Friday and Saturday, and a big sing on Easter Monday and Tuesday. Mr. Fishwick is adding a fine copper kettle to prize money. First bird on nail at 1.30. Open to all comers.—C. Clayton, Hon. Sec.

BRADFORD EAST O.S.

As the Easter excursions will be much interfered with owing to the coal strike, the annual Easter ramble, which has been arranged for Easter Monday by this society will probably have to be cancelled, and other arrangements made at meeting fixed for April 2. It was intended to go to Grassington, and as no particulars can yet be obtained as to whether there will be an excursion or not, it would be well if all members and friends intending to go on the ramble would ascertain for themselves what re-arrangements are made before taking any definite steps. This can easily be obtained from any of the members, who attend the meeting, or from myself. A notice will be published in the Press, if at all possible.—H. Hill, Sec.

LANCASHIRE & LIZARD F.A.

Special meeting held Old Boar's Head, Manchester, a good number of members being present. After the usual business we had a discussion as to place for holding our annual tea, social, and presentation of prizes. It had been fixed for April 13th, but on making further inquiries it was decided to have same April 20th, at The Old Boar's Head, Manchester, when Mr. Slater promises us a first-class tea. Tickets for tea will be 2s. a head, and all intending being present will help me very much in letting me know as early as possible, so that all arrangements can be made at an early date. I am requested to make it clear that ladies especially are invited, so buck up you gentlemen, and bring your wives, sisters, friends, etc., and make it a success. I shall be pleased to hear of anyone who will help to make a pleasant evening in giving songs, etc., so that a programme can be arranged. Am pleased to say that our old and respected friend and Lizard enthusiast, Mr. Ollerenshaw, sen., joined us once again. Plenty of room yet for more members; full particulars on application. Names of winners in Lancashire and Lizard sections were read out:—Champion Lancashires: A. Horden, 136 points; T. H. Collinge, 72; J. Garner, 69; J. Vickers, 57; N. Stansfield, 28; E. Fuller, 18; J. Oldham, 17; F. Hamer, 5; H. Laycock, 1. Novice Lancashire: W. Ridgard, 57 points; J. Hampshire, 13. Champion Lizards: John Dewsnap, 124 points; F. Hamer, 126; J. Rukin, 78; W. P. Barnes, 76; H. Oliver, 65; E. Ollerenshaw, 32; J. Hampshire, 16; A. Martin, 12; E. Fuller, 9; W. Whipp, 3. Novice Lizards: A. E. Bosworth, 42 points; A. Horden, 27; N. Stansfield, 18; E. Thompson, 6. Mr. J. Dewsnap wins Ramsden's cruet for most points gained at five shows. J. Rukin being second. Next meeting Old Boar's Head, Manchester, April 20th, in connection with tea and social.—John Rukin, Hon. Sec.

CLUB SOCIETY NOTICES

ONE notice of any forthcoming Society meeting inserted free. It should reach us not later than Tuesday morning's post. Specially printed Club Notice Postcards may be had free on application to our Manager. Secretaries should always use them.

Attercliffe C.B.S.—April 11, Horse and Jockey Hotel, 8. Questions and answers. Important business, also.—W. Hailstone.

Ashington and Hirst C.B.S.—April 6, Harmonic Hall, 7.30. Washing exhibition; enrolling new members.—W. Hall.

Batley and Dis. O.F.S.—April 8, Talbot Hotel, 8. General business.—G. G. Stafford.

Bolton Roller C.S.—April 9, Joiners' Arms Hotel, Deansgate, 8. Please attend.—W. Massey.

Beamish C.B.S.—April 6, Bird Inn, High Hold, 7. Selection of judge for annual show, etc.—W. Knowles.

Bath F.A.—April 18, Foresters' Hall, 8. Table show of all varieties. Let us have a bumping entry. Committee meeting at 7 sharp.—E. W. Cotterell.

Brighton and Hove C.B.A.—April 10, headquarters, 7.30. Committee meeting. Table show at 8.30; judge, Mr. H. Akehurst. Classes 1, A.V. Can.; 2, Dark Mules; 3, A.V. Brit. Hardbill; 4, Softbill.—W. H. Gibb.

Bedlington Station Social Club C.B.S.—April 6, 7.30. Members wishing to join please attend.—J. Smith.

Birmingham South O.S.—April 10, Sydenham Hotel, 8.30. Important; rules, classes, and judges for young bird shows; cup propositions continued.—J. Sheppard.

City of Bradford O.S.—April 6, "Flying Dutchman," 8. Members' shows for 1912; selection of judges and classification for same. Yorks. Union delegates' report.—F. Rhodes.

Dubmire Workmen's Club C.B.S.—April 7, Dubmire Workmen's Club, 10.30 a.m. Election of officers and other local business.—B. Robinson.

Doncaster C.B.S.—April 13, Victoria Rooms, 7.30. Consider cup for Canary section, also enter club business.—G. Bescoby.

Darlington C.B.S.—April 3, Labour Hall, 7.30. Mr. J. Forster will give a lecture on "British Birds"; all fanciers welcome.—H. Todd. (Possibly April 10 is meant.—Ed.)

Dewsbury C.B.S.—April 6, Little Saddle Hotel, 7.30. Shall we join Y. Union?; show dates, etc. Note new headquarters.—S. Shaw

Eccleshill C.B.A.—April 6, Fountain Inn, 8. Important.—W. Nettleton.

Glasgow West End C.B.C.—April 12, Co-op. Hall, St. George's Cross, 8. Meeting and lecture on the Yorks. Canary, by Mr. A. Hendry; large attendance requested.—W. Proudfoot.

Gainsboro' C.B.S.—April 6, Britannia Works, No. 1 Mess Room, 7. General business; election new members.—J. E. Conway.

Glasgow C.B.A.—April 9, Duncan's, 71, London Street, 8. Annual general meeting; balance-sheet, etc.—F. Bowman.

Heptonstall C.B.S.—April 10, Wadsworth View, 8.—R. Townsend.

Halifax O.S.—April 6, Plummit Line Hotel, 8. Syllabus for 1912 and 1913; classification for series of shows, etc.—H. Clegg.

Kent County C.B.A.—April 10, Barton Road Boys' School, 8. Correspondence and general.—A. Hendry.

Liverpool B.B.A.—April 11, Oldham Hall, 8. Elect judges for old show and judging competition on Britishers.—F. Eccleston.

Littleborough C.B.S.—April 10, Coffee House, 8. F.F. Show and general business.—H. Woodhead.

Leeds Roller C.C.—April 13. Usual monthly meeting postponed.—H. L. Davis.

Leigh C.B.S.—April 10. Railway Hotel, 7.45. Table show of Linnets, h.m. or f.m., to be shown in hop cages; judge, Mr. W. Ordish.—R. Charleson.

Leeds C.B.S.—April 6, Lockhart's, Briggate, 7.30. Lecture on breeding and rearing, by Mr. W. Richmond (Rodley).—W. A. Wilson.

Leicester C.B.S.—April 11, Saracen's Head Hotel. Table show: 1, Siskin, Redpoll or Linnet; 2, A.V. Canary; 3, A.O.S. British Bird previously shown; 4, A.S. Brit. Hen. Fanciers invited.—G. H. Groocock.

Longton C.B.S.—April 9, Castle Inn, 8. Fixing date for F.F. shows; elect judge for open show; important.—G. Lea.

London C.B.A.—April 10, Feathers, Gt. Chapel Street, 8. General business; lecture by Mr. J. Robson, "The Difficulties in the Breeding-room"; visitors most welcome.—W. H. Mugford.

Manningham C.B.A.—April 6, headquarters, 8. Lecture by Mr. A. Huddleston on "Bird Nature." Fanciers invited. Members who have changed address kindly notify for Y.V. Handbook.—H. Grange.

Nottingham and Notts O.S.—April 16, Mechanics' Institute, 8. Table show of Brit. Please note alteration of date.—G. E. Wilkinson.

Oldham C.B.A.—April 9, Textile Dining Rooms, 8. Special meeting. Suggested alteration of back-end show date, judge, and drawing up of syllabus.—J. Cope.

Portobello C.B.S.—April 9, Masonic Hall, 8. Booking hens, election of judges, etc.—J. Davidson.

Queen's Park C.B.A.—April 11, Emmanuel Hall, 8. Lecture by Mr. J. Dewhurst, "British Birds."—W. J. Lethbridge, jun.

Ryecroft and Rawmarsh C.B.S.—April 6, Queen's Hotel, 8. Cards, contributions, new members; nest feather show.—W. Wilshaw.

South Shields C.B.S.—April 6, Cyprus Hotel, 7.30. Alteration of rules, etc.—W. L. Smith.

Sheriffhill F. and F.S.—April 6, St. John's Mission Rooms, 6.30. Meeting, also table show, Mr. J. Gray (Low Fell) judge. If you have no cash, bring your birds and pay your entries when strike is over; judging to commence 7 o'clock.—W. Stockton.

Springburn Possil Park C.B.C.—April 10, Reid Hall, 8. Monthly show and meeting of For. Goldfinch, British Goldfinch, Bullfinch, Greenfinch, and Siskin.—J. Waugh.

Stocksbridge C.B.S.—April 6, headquarters, 7.30. Lecture on the Yorks. Canary, by Mr. F. Elliott.—G. L. Sampson.

South-West London C.B.S.—April 11, "Plough," 8.30. Presentation of cup, amendments to rules, general business.—H. A. Freeman.

South London Col. and F.A.—April 11, headquarters, 8. General meeting; election of annual show judges, printing, penning, advertising, and discussion re schedule. The new Yorkshire trophy on view.—G. F. Crawford.

Skipton C.B.S.—April 8, Globe Coffee Tavern, 8.—E. Gill.

Swansea C.B.A.—April 9, Market Coffee Tavern, 8. Table show (remaining classes in British): Mules and Hybrids (4), For. (4). Monthly business also. Judge, Mr. D. A. S. Longden.—S. H. George.

Tunbridge Wells F.A.—April 10, Friendly Societies' Hall, Camden Road, 8.30. General meeting. General question night with specimens (all sections).—H. G. Whibley.

West Bromwich C.B.S.—April 9, Dartmouth Hotel, 8. Election of new members; egg-food competition.—W. G. Andrews.

West of Scotland O.S.—April 6, Nelson Temperance Hotel, 7.30. Meeting and lecture on the Norwich P.H., by Mr. R. H. Livingstone. New members cordially invited.—W. Hutchison.

Wood Green F.F.A.—April 9, 8.30. Table show and meeting; judge, Mr. Braxstone. Commencement of egg competitions. Will members bring entries early?—A. Willson.

Wandsworth F.S.—April 11. "Red Lion," 8. Important open show business.—W. Lightfoot.

Watford C.B.S.—April 10, Essex Arms Hotel, High Street, 8. Fixing date of Y.B. and autumn shows and elect judges for same and distribution of new rule books.—W. Rackley.

Walkley C.B.S.—April 11, Mission Hall, Westmoreland Street, 8. Lecture on Norwich Canary, by Mr. J. A. T. Woodall. Fanciers invited.—A. Lawton.

Widnes C.B.S.—April 11, Grosvenor Hotel, 7.30. Fixing date for young show; judge and place for show and schedule.—S. Andrews.

ROMFORD AND DISTRICT F.A.

Will members kindly note that the committee meeting, egg show, and judging competition, arranged for April 8th, have been postponed until April 15th, when it is hoped a good entry will be sent to the White Hart. Nine eggs to form an exhibit, no entrance fee. Judging at 8.30 p.m. sharp by Mr. Sapsford. Following gentlemen have been added to the list of vice-presidents: Messrs. F. W. Ashby, Wm. Rice, C. Shaw Palmer. New members elected: Messrs. E. C. Nash (Squirrels Heath), F. Brown (Leytonstone), C. Earn, C. G. Bailey, H. Prior, F. E. South (all of Romford).—C. Ives, Hon. Sec.

STRATFORD & E. LONDON F.S.

Committee and general meetings held March 14th and 28th. Resolved that five evening monthly shows, all sections, be held in 1912. Dates fixed as follows: April 25th, May 23rd, June 27th, July 25th, and October 24th. The October show to be for young stock only. All shows to be admission free, and open from 8 to 10 p.m. Annual show date January 8th, members only. The show on April 25th to be judged by members, viz., Messrs. T. H. Harrison, A. Sears, and W. H. Collings; the cage bird judge not settled on. New members elected: Messrs. J. Barker, J. Gorham, A. V. Lane, and J. White. Next meeting April 11th, when all members are requested to attend. Final arrangements must be made for April show that night.—W. Maxey, Hon. Sec.

SCOTTISH PLAINHEAD CLUB.

Annual general meeting held Good Templars Hall, 122, Ingram Street, Glasgow, Mar. 23, presided over by Mr. W. Aitchison. The financial statement, copy of which had been sent all members, was considered, and after several questions, was adopted, on the motion of Mr. McLay, seconded by Mr. Sloan. The chairman then presented the president's prize and medals, after which the result of the voting for office-bearers for 1912 was intimated as under:—Committee: West: J. Young 24, J. McIay 17, C. Campbell 17, R. Barron 16, A. Sloan 14, R. Martin 14; north: W Grewar 26, J. Hector 21, G. Mitchell 22, W. B. Mackie 15, J. Logan 15, A. Harris 15; east and south: W. Aitchison 35, J. Winter 31, J. Smeaton 30, A. G. Cameron 30, J. Holmes 21, R. Craig 17. Auditors J. Peters and A. Maxwell; scrutineers, G. G. Henderson and A. Miller; judges, J. McLay 56, A. G. Cameron 25, A. C. Chalmers 22, J. Sproston 20, G. Mitchell 18, C. Campbell 15; sec. and treas., J. Brown 46. Arising out of a suggestion made at committee meeting on Feb. 29, to the effect that some sort of points specials be substituted for medals that have been granted in the past, a discussion, taken part in by almost every member present, took place. Finally decided to continue on same lines as formerly. Following were admitted to membership:—Messrs. J. Devoy (Stewarton), D. F. Webster (Partick), and R. McMillan (Paisley). Winner of president's prize for most points gained at 8 shows, Mr. E. Martin (Kirkintilloch), who scored 195 points; runner-up, Mr. J. Smeaton, 166. Messrs. J. Smeaton and A. C. Cameron won gold medals at club show for best unflighted cock and hen respectively, and the novice medal by Mr. A. Moffat (Musselburgh). Winners of silver medals at various shows: Messrs. R. Martin, A. G. Cameron, J. Smeaton, A. Harris, J. Kerr, W. R. Gibson, A. Watson, A. M. Gardiner, A. Chalmers, G. Mitchell, W. Grewar, W. Aitchison, W. Bishop, G. Steven, A. Fleming, W. R. Finnie, and E. Barron. I shall be pleased to hear from fanciers wishing to become members.—J. Brown, Sec. 599, Duke Street, Glasgow.

GLASGOW & W. COUNTIES C.B.S.

Meeting held Good Templars' Hall, 122, Ingram Street, Glasgow, Mar. 30, Mr. D. Knox presiding over a good turnout of members. Arranged, to hold annual show Dec. 7 in above-named hall. Four classes of British arranged for next meeting; also a judging competition. Mr. J. Young has promised a handsome special for the winner. Mr. J. McLuckie was admitted a member. Table show then held (see separate report).—W. Connelly, Sec.

GARSTON B.B.A.

Through the generosity of three members, viz., Messrs. H. Mullock, H. D. Greene, and A. Wilkinson, of this society, 30 members and friends were entertained free of cost to a substantial knife and fork tea at Messrs. Bonnell's Cafe, St. Mary's Road, on March 21st. Mr. A. Eaton occupied chair, and was ably supported by the donors, also by Mr. J. W. Metcalfe (Liverpool). After full justice had been done to the good things provided by the host and hostess, the evening was spent in speeches and songs, and, needless to say, all were too sorry when time for parting was called. The following artistes provided the entertainment: Messrs. R. Simpson (actor vocalist), M. Jones (humorist), H. Mullock, Master Mullock, L. Halstead, J. Mercer, T. Jones, A. Christopher. Messrs. Willis, Fararre, and T. Ellison officiated at the piano.—A. Wilkinson, Hon. Sec.

CINNAMON-MARKED Y.C.C.

Committee meeting held Market Tavern, Bradford, Mar. 23, Mr. R. Garnett presiding. Following resignations accepted with regret: Messrs. E. Field, W. Bearpark, A. Wright and Son, J. A. Taylor, A. Price, and J. Wilcock, the latter gentleman in particular, the Secretary's first acquaintance of him being at a Bradford show, where he had about 24 birds on exhibition. The Fancy cannot afford to lose such a good fancier as Mr. J. Wilcock. Decided, to hold annual meeting April 20th, 6.30 p.m., in the Market Tavern, Godwin Street, Bradford, when several matters of vital importance to the club will be under discussion, amongst others the evergreen "star or not star competing birds." Will all members kindly read Rule 5 in handbook? There are still a few members who are backward with their subs.; if this should catch their eye, look up any of committeemen, who will gladly accept same. —Grayshon and Allen (Secs.).

Through a Bird-Room Window.

By the Rev. C. D. FARRAR.

Continued from page 302.

The Red Rosella, a brilliantly arrayed member of the Parrot family, is the subject of No. 23 of the New Series by this popular author and aviculturist.

THE aviculturist's life is one of perpetual looking forward, and notwithstanding the gibes of the comic papers, he is the most hopeful of men—he must be—or he would soon "go mazed," as Devonshire folk say. For years and years I looked forward to getting a pair of Red Rosella Parrakeets. It is generally possible to get a cock, as he is a favourite show bird; and after the shows are over, and he has done a lot of winning, his ungrateful owner proceeds to offer him for sale, at the modest, but to him remunerative figure of two guineas.

The difficulty always is to get a hen. I went for years before I could light on one, and then all of a sudden the luck turned. Fortune often favours me, as it often favours the first efforts of the gambler, and doubtless for the same reason—to lead me on to my destruction.

Never Mind the Price.

One day I was scanning the sale columns, and my eyes nearly dropped out of my head, for I read: "A pair of Red Rosella Parrakeets for sale anxious to go to nest." Never mind what the price was; that's another story, as Kipling says. Need I tell my readers that those birds were very shortly located at Micklefield, in the County of Yorkshire. What though I already possessed a cock Rosella? Could I not sell him, and so win back part of the price of my pair? When I opened the soap box in which my new treasures had arrived, I was fairly delighted with my bargain, and, like Robinson Crusoe, I felt that I could start with "a good heart and modest confidence."

My first task was to get them out of the box; and as I could see a very big and ugly looking beak nosing around the small air holes, I felt that it would be better for me, and more pleasant for the birds if I just loosened one end of the lid, and let them come out "motu proprio," as His Holiness at Rome is wont to say. Mind you, I wasn't afraid—but I thought it was no use to run unnecessary risks!

A Gorgeous Creature.

The Red Rosella is a gorgeous creature. The first I ever saw was outside a cottage at Lewisham, when I was a curate. I could never go by that house without stopping to look at him. The old lady told me that her son, who was a sailor, had brought the bird over as a present. The head, sides of face back of the neck, and the breast are brilliant crimson. The chin and upper parts of the throat are pure white. The feathers on the back are very dark green, broadly edged with light green. The upper tail coverts are green, the shoulders a lovely lilac, mingled with black. The centre feathers of the tail are dull green, and the others lilac, deeping towards the base.

The sexes are good to tell, as the cock is far more brilliant in all his colours, and his head is more flattened and cruel looking than in the hen, and he is considerably bigger.

The hen has a small and very rounded head, her white is more dirty, and she has a dull band of green running down from the crown to the nape of the neck.

The gentleman from whom I got the birds was an old friend, and a noted aviculturist; and he told me that the year before the Rosellas had gone to nest, and laid eggs and hatched young, but that the chicks had died. I wondered at his selling them under these circumstances, but after all it was no business of mine; and his loss was certainly my gain.

I felt so proud of my new purchase that I could not rest till I had got a friend to come and look at them. I am always slow to trust my own judgment. I have always found that, whenever I thought a heap of anything I owned, there was nothing like getting the other fellow's views expressed in figures, and the other fellow is usually a pessimist at such times. I was therefore agreeably surprised then on asking my friend what he thought of the pair, and their probable value; he described them as the finest pair he had ever seen, and very cheap at £3. As I had given considerably less than this sum, I patted myself on the back, and felt very good.

I had at the time I am telling of a beautiful empty aviary, quiet, well sheltered, and with a most alluring log within the sleeping place—a log, as I said to myself, that would compel any self respecting pair of Rosellas to go to nest.

Grappling with the Mice Problem.

I have found that one of the great drawbacks in breeding Parrakeets is mice. The horrid little beasts run up the wooden sides of the houses, get into the logs, and frighten the sitting hens to death. My first care therefore is to make their presence impossible. I learnt the way of doing this by a visit to the splendid aviaries of my friend, Mr. Fasey. All round the bottom of his spacious buildings he has sheets of galvanised iron nailed. This renders the upward passage of the mice quite impossible. If they get into the aviary by some mischance, they can only run round and round the floor till an avenging foot arrives and ends their evil lives. The plan is simplicity itself, and it is absolutely effectual. If mice can get to the logs, good-bye to any hopes of success. The hens will absolutely refuse to sit; no self-respecting Parrakeet could withstand the shock of a mouse running about under her breast at midnight; she would be bound to come off; and then a nest of eggs is spoilt!

For years I tried to breed Parrakeets, where mice had free access to the nests, but I never succeeded. When you make a mistake, don't make the second one—keeping it to yourself. Own up. The time to spot out rotten eggs is in the nest. The deeper you hide them in the case, the longer they stay in circulation, and the worse impression they make when they finally come to the breakfast table. I have confessed my error, therefore take warning, and before you attempt to breed Parrakeets, make sure that the mice are effectually shut out.

A Sure Sign of Nesting Operations.

I turned my new friends into their mouse-proof aviary, and anxiously awaited developments. I had not long to wait. Hardly had they been in the place a week when I saw the floor beneath the log littered with fragments of rotten wood. This I knew to be a sure sign of nesting operations, and when a few mornings later I caught the lady actually in the log, as Mrs. Nickleby said on an historic occasion, "it came upon me like a flash of fire, and almost frozo my blood." Still, I knew that I was still a long way off my journey's end.

After some days of patient waiting, I thought that eggs ought to have been laid, and I determined to see if it was so. In the game of life, as in the game of cards, you must always have your stakes on the table; so wrote Balzac. I always have my stakes on the table, and am ready to risk my all at any moment. It was so in this case; but I fell, as did the lepers of old, who paid a visit to the Syrian camp. "If we remain here we die, and if we go forward we can but perish." If the worst came to the worst, the hen would desert the eggs. If I did not look I felt that something in my anatomy was bound to give way. I accordingly just "pepped," as an old Yorkshire dame once said to me about the arrival of a baby. I just pepped, and there they were, four of the loveliest, roundest, whitest, most seductive looking eggs you ever saw. I hastened away, hoping my friends had not noticed me. They were suspicious clearly, and with the brute creation, as with men, the best rule in such a case is to act naturally, with more quickness than usual, and give them time to get over their suspicions. The next time I came back I was relieved to see only the cock about, as it was clear that the lady had returned to her domestic duties.

A Bold and Somewhat Aggressive Gentleman.

The cock Rosella is generally a bold and somewhat aggressive gentleman; in fact, when kept by himself for exhibition purposes he decidedly suffers from swelled head. At such times he will swagger and bluster like a bully. "Nemo me impune lacessit." At home his watchword is: "Blessed are the meek." When the hen is sitting, the utmost he will venture is just to go to the edge of the log hole and peep in; but the rapid way in which he draws his head back tells an onlooker that the signals are set at "Danger."

One day my patience was rewarded by hearing those curious grating asthmatic sounds, which tell an experienced listener that baby Parrakeets have arrived; and I was further cheered by seeing Papa enter the log and remain quite a long time. Of course, I know that he could be only doing one thing—feeding—and when after twelve days the missus joined him at the seed tray, I felt that the medal was my own. Alas, I was wrong. Aviculture is a good deal like a nigger's wool—it doesn't look very deep, but there are a heap of kinks and curves in it. It was so in this case.

When the young—there were three of them—were nearly a month old, something went wrong. What it was I could never find out, but the old birds ceased to feed. I was like the boy who was chased by the bull, open to congratulation because he reached the tree first, and to condolence because a fellow up a tree in the middle of a forty-acre lot, with a disappointed bull for company, is in a mighty bad fix. So was I. I had managed to get a nest of young Rosellas, but alas! I was in as bad a fix as the poor boy; for how was I going to keep them alive?

A Moment of Despair.

There is nothing so impossible to feed as a baby Parrakeet. I know the books say, "Fill your mouth with seed, chew it well and patiently, and then insert the baby's beak into your mouth, and let it feed at leisure." You may insert the baby's beak as much as you like, but there will be no tender response; but only an obstinate struggle to get free. I knew what the end would be; it was only a question of time, and I should have a lovely set of corpses to bury; and so it was. Evening saw the end of all my hopes. I recalled the classic scene of Xerxes at Salamis, mourning over his vanished hosts. He counted them at break of day. And when the sun set, where were they? I know where mine were—in a nice little hole in the garden, like poor Bach, rapidly decomposing.

I don't think I ever quite got over the shock of their loss, and when I got a good offer for the treacherous pair, I let them go. The buyer had been worrying me for months to sell them, until by his continual coming he wearied me.

There is a story told of a lady, one of a party travelling in Egypt. They were in one of the smaller deserts and were short of water, and the lady added to the cheerlessness of the occasion by moaning without ceasing. "Oh, how thirsty I am!" The other members of the party endured the monotonous cry for some hours, but at last one gentleman exclaimed desperately, "Here is the last water; for goodness sake give it her, even if the rest of us have to perish." That was the way I felt; so I let them go. They say that every dog has his day, and every cat her afternoon; for myself I felt that the evening had come; at any rate for the moment.

And then, as one of life's "little ironies," a few mornings after my sad loss I got a letter from my friend Mr. Oates in Leeds. "Come and see me on Tuesday; I have got four young Red Rosellas out of the nest." I went, but Marius sitting on the ruins of Carthage was not more sad. I tried to say I was glad; but oh, it was so hard!

THE MIGHTY MITE:

How He May be Avoided, or Exterminated.

By CLAUDE ST. JOHN

Canary Expert to "Cage Birds."

Now that the breeding season is with us, and the hot weather fast approaching, these hints upon dealing with the red-mite will be found of great value.

ALTHOUGH so small and insignificant in appearance, the red-mite possesses a power for evil out of all proportion to its almost microscopic size. Its presence in cages very considerably affects the comfort of one's pets, and not infrequently turns the scale on the wrong side for the breeder of birds. Questions concerning this pest reach me with such regularity week by week that I have taken a comprehensive one just to hand to deal with in this prominent way, so that readers may easily keep these notes handy for future reference at any time when the red-mite becomes troublesome.

Habits by Day and Night.

"I should like to know more of their habits," writes the querist in the case referred to. The leading features in connection with their habits are repeated constantly. Though they feed upon the body—or, rather, the blood; for they are as much blood-suckers as leeches—they do not live upon the bird's body; neither will they ever be found there during the day unless it is in some quite exceptional and neglected case.

The insects are nocturnal in their habits, and only come out of their haunts after the birds have settled down to roost at night. Before morning they again retire, and hide away in and about the vicinity of the cage, in any kind of crack or crevice—at ends of perches, in joints of doors, vacant wire or nail holes, or even any slight roughness of surface in the cage or on the wall adjacent to where the cage hangs. The tiniest hole or crack is sufficient to harbour scores or hundreds of them, and it is only by the closest scrutiny, and that, too, not infrequently with a trained eye, that a colony can be detected; but probing any suspected place with a pin will often cause a great revelation.

The Mites' Remarkable Vitality.

One certain indication of the presence of mites, however, will always appear more or less about an infested cage. There will be a white powdery appearance at various points. On close inspection this will be seen to consist of very minute white dots adhering to the surface. This is the spoor of the mites, and generally shows first around the edges of the harbouring-places, and a cage on which it appears is to a certainty infested with mites. It is in these lurking places where the mites breed; here they lay their tiny, transparent, colourless eggs, barely visible to the naked eye, which in due course hatch out into greyish-white mites, so small that a number of them might run about on the head of an ordinary pin. They assume the blood-red colour of the parents—very frequently, if not invariably, with a white mark upon the centre of the back—in a short time after beginning to prey upon the birds.

Whether frost kills them, as this correspondent asks, I do not know, not having experimented in that line, but from what I have learnt of their vitality I suspect that if there were a fairly good harbour to which they would undoubtedly retire, and in which they would probably hybernate, no ordinary degree of frost would affect them much. Neither can I say definitely whether they live from year to year. Probably they do not in the same sense that individuals would survive to be a year or more old, though the autumn crop of mites, I have no doubt whatever, will survive, even under adverse circumstances, quite long enough to found new colonies in the following spring, whilst it is practically certain that the eggs laid in the autumn will be retarded by the cold, and only hatch in the warmth of spring.

An Interesting Experiment.

An experiment—one of a series—I made some years ago goes to prove the first point. A number of mites were enclosed in a practically air-tight, glass-topped metal box in October without so much as a feather, or particle of anything that might serve as food for them. They were kept in a quite cold place during a cold, damp and frosty winter, yet it was near the middle of February, four months later, before a death occurred among them, and they retained their activity to the end. The last survivor died after just over eighteen weeks' isolation. How long they might have existed had a feather or two, or a few droppings from a cage, been enclosed with them is problematical. I am convinced they will exist in an uncleaned cage without the presence of living birds for very many months, though they are probably breeding all the time, and it is not always the same individuals that are there.

In another experiment a few mites were placed in a small glass tube and kept until eggs had been deposited. The mites were then discarded, and the tube containing the eggs hermetically sealed, again without a particle of any form of sustenance. In a few days' time the eggs hatched out, and nearly a month later some of the young mites were still actively running about. These cases are eloquent proof of the utter uselessness of half measures or fitful efforts in attempting to get rid of a red mite infestation.

My correspondent goes on interrogatively, "Although breeding in birds best, can they multiply without," etc. Here is a very common error. Far from breeding best upon the birds, they do not breed upon them at all, but, as already stated, in the haunts where they secrete themselves by day, and their capability of multiplication without the presence of birds at all is made sufficiently clear above.

(To be continued).

Correspondence.

Early Mules.

Sir,—Having been a reader of Cage Birds for a considerable time, I should like to know if any other reader has been successful in breeding Mules before March 28? On that date I hatched four young from four eggs, all of which are strong and doing well.

A. Butler.

[Mr. Butler's Mules are early, but very many earlier instances have been recorded from time to time in our columns—one, for instance, this season (vide issue of Feb. 24), of Goldfinch Mules hatched on Feb. 1.—Editor.]

Prize Money at Guisborough Show.

Sir,—Concerning my letter in Cage Birds of Feb. 10 re prize money at the above-named show, I had a most courteous letter from Mr. Cook, the chairman, asking for full particulars to lay before the committee. Mr. Cook has now remitted me the prize-money, as he found that it had not been paid. I exonerate him and his committee from all blame, as they were quite unaware of the way in which I had been treated.

J. M. Williams.

Esparto Grass.

Sir,—If your correspondent, Mr. Gale, only requires a supply for his own use, I will be pleased to send him a little gratis. Should a large quantity be required, I will endeavour to put him in communication with a firm.

J. Steel.

119, High Street, Dalkeith.

Sir,—If Mr. Gale will send his address to me, with stamps to pay postage, I will try and send him sufficient grass for his purpose. That is, if he cannot get it elsewhere.

Main Road, Tweedmouth. A. Hay.

Sir,—I noticed a letter in last week's Cage Birds from Mr. J. Gale re the above. Does Mr. Gale require this as nesting material for his British birds, or does he want to use it for catching purposes? I have a bunch or two in my bird house here which I have no use for, and I shall be pleased to send Mr. Gale on some, gratis, if he lets me know. This grass is quite fresh and strong, and makes grand suitable building material for Bullfinches and other British birds. For catching purposes nothing can beat it. It is in various lengths. Perhaps Mr. Gale will let me know what he requires it for.

J. Maxwell, Jun.

A Nightingale Heard in a Favourite Haunt.

Sir,—I thought it would be of interest to record that I heard the Nightingale for the first time this year on March 27 in the neighbourhood of Ashstead, Surrey. On that evening I heard three of these lovely songsters answering one another, and one singing in the very same tree which they frequented last year. This part of Surrey is indeed favoured by the presence of these beautiful songsters during the summer months. What is more pleasant than to be right out in the midst of the country at midnight on a lovely summer's evening listening to the Nightingales singing away, answering each other all around, and whose song is heard so clear above all the stillness of the night?

L. M. Wade.

The Type of Present-day Norwich Plainheads.

Sir,—Now that this subject has been mentioned, perhaps you will allow a little discussion on the different types of special winners. I have visited a good many shows this last season, and it is surprising the difference in type of the birds that our judges select to award the special for best Norwich. But as an illustration of what I mean, I will take only two birds, both of which were at the Palace, and both of which belong to one stable. I refer to the unflighted Buff, winner of diploma at the Palace, a bird which seems to have come into his own at last, an honour which he has, in my opinion, merited more times than once at previous shows. I think this bird is the nearest approach to the ideal Norwich we have had yet; and, as your reporter truly said, he has a great career before him. The other bird I refer to is the unflighted yellow belonging to the same owner, winner of many 1sts and some specials, but which was relegated to the cards at the Palace, owing, it is said, to some missing tail feathers. Here we have two birds belonging to the same owner, very dissimilar in type. Take the Buff: he is of beautiful type and colour, feather of lovely texture, and shines like satin; has not a feather out of place; in fact, he might be carved from wax; he has a rare head and a bold eye, and stands well up from, but still across, the perch. He is of good size without being a monster, still plenty big enough for a show bird. The yellow is a very big bird—we might say a monster—for an unflighted; good shape, big broad head, nice feather and quality—and you have finished. Against his good points we have to weigh his bad ones, which are: beetle brows, or what we may term overhanging eyebrows; and crouching on the perch. Speaking for myself, I do not think there is any comparison between the birds as show birds. But the point I want to draw your readers' attention to is: the yellow was awarded special for best Norwich at probably the largest show of Norwich this last season. Now, for a bird to win special for best, it must be something approaching the ideal—something the like of which we must all try to breed. If so, then those fanciers who have seen the yellow bird with the special ticket on him must try to breed beetle-browed birds, and birds which crouch; while those who were at the Palace and saw the buff win the diploma must naturally take him as their ideal. I hope readers see my point. I am fortunate enough to have seen both birds, and know which I would sooner have—as a show bird, of course; but if some fanciers take a bird like the yellow one as an ideal to work to, while others work to one like the buff, there is every probability of different types and opinions in the near future. I hope the owner of these two birds will pardon the liberty I have taken in bringing them to the notice of your readers. My motive in selecting these two birds as an illustration is because one is undoubtedly the best unflighted buff out, while, in the opinion of some, the other is the best yellow; and because both birds have won the special at big shows, while being so dissimilar in type, they best answered my purpose. I am not quite certain which bird it is that the friend of Mr. Woollard wouldn't have in his room; but I can give a pretty shrewd guess. There seems to have been grumbling about this bird, but I have heard the remark passed that he is worth his weight in gold—as a stock bird.

Sub Rosa.

Show Dates in Ireland.

Sir,—Seeing in a recent issue that Lurgan have fixed their date now for Nov. 22 and 23, might I point out to them that this date Holywood have the claim to? Cannot they find a date without clashing with other shows? First they took the date from Larne; now from Holywood. Would the date which "Exhibitor" mentions in his letter of the 9th inst. not suit Lurgan? If they persist in taking the date from Holywood, it spells ruin for their show and Holywood also, as exhibitors cannot support both.

Weekly Shows.

The Lady's Slight Mistake.

Sir,—I have read with some interest the "Twittering" re the "Lady's Slight Mistake" in your issue of the 23rd inst., and have wondered upon what merits such an enlightened person was voted to the exalted position of secretary to the R.S.P.B. "Too funny" is putting the matter very lightly, especially if the two young women vindicated bring an action against her for damages, and who are no doubt quite as much "young ladies" as the person who does not know the difference between a mascot and a live bird. I have also wondered who the "healthy young English footballers" would prefer to walk out with—the persons who encourage their healthy English game or the person who has nothing more "English" to do than to look for trouble and libel respectable young Englishwomen? Would it not be wise to warn the members of Cage Birds League to keep an eye open in the event of their badge catching the eye of the worthy lady mentioned above? She might think the birds were real 'uns!

H. E. Smith.

A Point Concerning Bullfinch Hybrids.

Sir,—I have just come across an old report of a bird show held at the People's Palace in November, 1888. The report runs: "I also noted a splendid Bullfinch and Canary Mule—in fact, the best that I have ever seen, as it showed distinctly both crosses." Perhaps some of our numerous old breeders may remember this show, also the bird referred to. I am still very doubtful that the Bully was the male parent. It must have been the other way about—i.e., the Canary being the male. According to the Palace Show report of 1885, a Hybrid was shown as a Bully-Redpoll. In the report of the Palace in 1886 in Hybrids there are Bully-Linnet, Bully-Goldfinch; surely these are similar mistakes? Perhaps some of your readers may remember the shows. Mr. J. F. Hills was one of the judges in the British in those days; he might remember these birds.

Hybrid.

[We do not think that any importance, so far as indicating the respective sexes of the parents is concerned, can be attached to the fact that the word Bullfinch was printed first.—Editor.]

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Ought Closed Rings to be Abolished?

Risking Ones Best Birds.

Sir,—Your correspondent "Old Fancier" wishes "to hear the experiences of others amongst your readers about these closed rings." I fear that the number of Canary breeders who can give him actual experiences is limited to those who are unfortunately *compelled* to ring their young birds in accordance with the rules of the special club to which they belong—the British Roller Club, and I believe one or two others—while yet other clubs entirely prohibit their use. I have never rung a Canary with a closed ring, and never mean to. The objections to the use of these rings are put so well in the letter of "Old Fancier," and in the extracts which he gives from the opinions of that very experienced hand, Mr. John Robson, that it is quite unnecessary for me to dilate upon them. Suffice it to say, that I agree with these gentlemen in every particular (only even more so). In my mind's eye I can see the ordinary working man fancier, and the very best among Canary breeders belong to this class, taking in his hands, which have become hardened by honest toil, and have lost all delicacy of touch, in the left hand a tiny mite of a bird, six or seven days old, featherless, and without a set bone in its little body, and in the right hand a metal band, an eighth of an inch in diameter and in width. I can see him first looking at his prospective champion, then at the metal ring (if he has not in the meantime dropped it), and ultimately, if he is sensible, putting back the young bird into the snug nest from which he has just taken it. No, Mr. Editor, I don't think that many fanciers will be found willing to risk the utter spoiling of a bird which might ultimately win them fame and profit on the show bench. Of course, if they *have* to, as in the case of Roller Canary breeders, it is a different story, but without compulsion the use of closed rings will never become general. The difficulty of fixing them, and the danger of damage to potentially valuable birds will for ever preclude their general adoption. Now for your question, "Ought closed rings to be abolished?" As a humanitarian bird-keeper, my answer is yes. But how is it to be done? Better leave it alone to the common sense of Canary breeders, who will never adopt it unless they are unfortunate enough to be members of the individual specialist clubs which render it compulsory.

Another Old Fancier.

Repeatedly Seen Chicks Maimed.

Sir,—I was much interested in "Old Fancier's" letter, and can fully endorse his statements as to the difficulty with closed rings. I have repeatedly seen chicks maimed by the parents in their endeavour to remove them. I have conversed with various fanciers, and a summary of their objections may be worthy of consideration. In the first place, it is unwise to thus interfere with a feeding hen at such a critical period. Secondly, so many fanciers are utterly unable to perform the operation that there is always a grave risk attached. So grave is this risk that, though I have myself rung many birds, I certainly would not undertake to ring valuable stock for another fancier. The claim that closed rings are valuable as a means of identification can bear a double interpretation, one of which is sinister, inasmuch as many fanciers object to certain marks (or labels) on show cages, denoting that the bird is shown by a member of a certain club, especially when, as sometimes happens, it is conditional that the judge be also a member of that club. Many refuse to support shows where such conditions obtain, and if we begin with rings we shall probably have similar recriminations and reprisals. Another objection is that these rings are liable to chip the eggs prematurely during incubation. Many Canaries lay eggs which are deficient in shell, and this is further accentuated by a certain action (change) during incubation, which renders the shell very liable to fracture by contact with the edge of the rings. Let us consider the advantages claimed by those who advocate their adoption, viz., an infallible means of ascertaining the age of a bird, and also of identifying any given bird. Now I have been informed that any ring, other than an enamel ring, can be transferred. I myself don't think this to be possible with aluminium rings. Perhaps some jeweller reader could let us know. But as the unscrupulous breeder can nominate any of his stock as being the parents of certain rung birds, the identificatory value is not primarily a proof of pedigree, though by a system of universal registration (which is out of question) such might in time become recognisable as such. This would mean that all fanciers, however famous, especially if living in any outlying districts, who were unable to, or unwilling to, conform to this system, would be placed in a most unfortunate position. Again, a monopoly is intolerable, therefore we shall probably have a variety of rings, each conferring certain privileges in which the other is debarred from participating. This brings about that farcical competition in which an obviously inferior specimen beats a champion! In conclusion, I may say that in my opinion the adoption of closed rings would bring about a state of affairs, the evils of which would far outweigh any advantages derived by their use.

Sus-Arde.

Whole-hearted Condemnation.

Sir,—Your correspondent signing himself "Old Fancier" is fully deserving of the thanks of all fanciers who have the welfare of the hobby at heart. I can from my own experience bear out all he says against the use of marking rings, as being dangerous. I tried it a few times, but *never again*. On one occasion I put a young one about five days old along with three others the same age that were doing well, and in order to distinguish it I put a ring on it. I then placed it carefully in the nest, and left the room. Later on I went up to feed the birds. On entering the room my attention was drawn to the cage into which I had placed the young bird, by seeing the hen excitedly moving about with what, on closer examination, I found to be the young bird I had previously rung. I put it into the nest again, and retired to a safe distance to watch events. I had not long to wait. In a very short time she had the youngster out again, and was carrying him about suspended by the ring. I came to the conclusion at once that I must take the ring off if I wanted to have the bird reared. This ring, being one of the split kind, I thought I could take off easily, but with the bird being so young and its leg so tender, it was no easy job. However, it got reared successfully, along with the others, and turned out a fine bird. I fancy I can hear someone saying, how did I know? Well, I called him the "bent leg cock" ever after; and I would suggest if the use of closed rings becomes general that the classification at the various shows might be extended, to read something like this: "Bent or broken-legged, slip or deformed claws, yellow or buff." Such a class will be sure to fill well. I have tried what has proved to be a very successful plan to distinguish young birds, when it is necessary to mix them with others. My plan is to cut the down of the head of the young one that I intend to transfer. By this means you can trace which one it is up to about a fortnight old, and you can transfer three or even four. Just simply clip the down of the right side of the head of No. 1, the left side of No. 2, both sides of No. 3, and both sides and the tuft on the back of the head of No. 4. Make a note of this, and by the time they are feathered a little you will be able to find some other mark of identification that can easily be followed up. This method has proved to be successful as far as I am concerned. But you must remember that a young bird is very bad to handle when even a week old, and it is very sensitive to the least touch. They will hold up their head when least expected, but, to make sure that they will not move, I fill their crops before I start the operation. I hope that this simple method may be the means of some fanciers being able to distinguish their young ones, even after having mixed them up, and without the most dangerous marking rings.

Jas. Stewart.

A Strain of "All Whites" in New Zealand.

Sir,—Your readers may be interested to hear that I have had a very good season, finishing up with just fifty White Canaries. I have had eight nests from white hens mated to white cocks, and all the young from them being white, it looks as though the white is fixed in my type, and as though they will continue to breed true.

(Mrs.) Maud S. Martin.

Wairarapa, New Zealand.

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The Midland Counties Yorkshire Canary Club.

Sir,—With your kind permission, I should like to call the attention of Midland Yorkshire Canary breeders to the above club, hoping to get them to join. The benefits of such a club are exceptional in the Midlands, and why more fanciers do not join is puzzling to me, as our patronage is given to Midland shows only. And as most of the fanciers support the shows where our patronage is given, surely it would be greatly to their benefit to join, as in addition to the prizes offered by the managers where our patronage is given, they would get the benefit of our specials tacked on to their wins. Considering, too, that the annual subscription is only the nominal one of 2s. 6d., with 1s. nomination, I see no reason why the club should not become as strong as some of the Northern specialist clubs. Fanciers joining can with confidence rely on the interests of the Yorkshire fanciers being well looked after, and the greater the membership the better the officers of the club will be able to do this. Now, fanciers, let me urge you all to join, and so push the variety you are interested in to the front; and what better way can this be done than by a specialist club as above? Any information will be gladly given by applying to the hon. secs., Beck and Andrews, School House, Rookery Road, Handsworth, Staffs.

W. G. Andrews.

The Troubles of Exhibitors in the United States.

Sir,—I would like exhibitors in England to know what we have to contend with in the United States. I sent four Yorkshires from here (New York) to the last Boston Poultry and Pet Stock Show. First they cost me 8s. to enter; then 9s. 3d. for carriage. The show lasted from Tuesday till Saturday. I won 3rd prize, 8s. My birds were supposed to leave for New York on the midnight train, Saturday. Sunday I went to the express office, went through all the baggage cars which were full of poultry, but no cage birds. I wrote to Boston right away. Monday I telephoned (3s. 6d.), but could get no satisfaction. Tuesday I telegraphed and paid reply (3s.); no answer. Wednesday morning birds arrived; three dead, and one which I managed to pull round. Tried to claim from express people; nothing doing. Can get no answer to letters or telegrams from poultry people; no prize money sent, and this show was held in January. Instead of leaving Boston on Saturday, the birds were left in the hall and the caretaker shipped them off on Tuesday; so anyone can see where the fault lies. The birds that I imported from Mr. H. Peverall stand this climate very well, and I am glad to say that with all my reverses I am going very strong. I hope to look up some of the bird rooms when I come over to England next summer. Pleased to say I receive my Cage Birds every Monday regularly, ten days after English exhibitors get theirs. I always look forward to it. I would like a coloured plate of the Green Bulbul. They cost as much as £10 here, and yet I see them in Cage Birds at 4s. 6d. each; quite some difference in price.

S. F. Carpenter.

New York, U.S.A.

Proposed Norwich Plainhead Club for the Midlands.

Sir,—I, like "Suh Rosa," greatly favour the idea of the formation of a club, and I pen these lines with the good wish of prosperity from every Plainhead fancier of our society. In going through no less than eleven catalogues, I find that the Norwich are as strong [illegible] and the Midlands as anywhere in the country, then why should we be backward in coming forward? Now, then, you fanciers of the Midlands—I mean Nottingham, Leicester, Birmingham, Coventry, Hucknall Torkard, Stratford-on-Avon, Longton, Stoke, Hanley, Leek, West Bromwich, Birmingham, and many others, too numerous to mention—don't think this is like last Saturday's English Cup semi-finals, for there is a goal to be reached, and it can be done with pluck and determination. So let us put our heads together and arrange a place for a meeting, and get well along before the new season approaches upon us.

J. Gibbons.

Hon. Sec., Wolverhampton C.B.S.

Sir,—In spite of "Sub Rosa's" comment of last week, I still contend that there is no necessity for a Norwich Specialist Club in the Midlands, and that if one were formed it would have to be successful almost beyond possibility to justify its existence when a strong Specialist club is already at work in that district for that variety. I am sure that "Sub Rosa" does not wish me to understand that he believes a multitude of small specialist clubs are advantageous or efficient. No. The greater strength would be attained if there were one supreme specialist club in the kingdom for each important established variety. There should be as many local societies as possible to fulfil useful as well as ornithological obligations, but the idea of the duties of a specialist club are: (1) The safeguarding of the interests of its variety; (2) distribution of complete information on that variety; (3) institution of competitions for the breed on a larger scale than could be promoted by local societies; and (4) its encouragement and extension in all districts. By this you will see that I am not in favour of specialisation in the competitions promoted for special breeds. A fancier's natural ambitions would lead him to look for the most extensive conquests, but the winning of the cup or trophy of these specialist clubs must become easier and carry less honour as their numbers increase "Sub Rosa" as good as suggests that the Norwich Plainhead Club should confine its sphere of interests to Lancashire. I am quite sure that if it did so it would gain enormously in strength of membership and finances, and, as "Sub Rosa" admits, what opposition or competition newer and smaller clubs could put up could well be disregarded. But the fanciers at the helm of the Norwich Plainhead Club have other and greater intentions, and with them I most certainly agree. It is deeply necessary for the welfare of the Norwich that there should be this one supreme club specialising in Norwich Plainheads, and offering its protection and advantages to fanciers in the whole of the kingdom, and I venture to suggest that all Norwich fanciers worth their salt, even if they are members of another club and do not intend to join the N.P.C. cup competitions, should make themselves members, if only to show that they have the ultimate advancement of the breed at heart. I have seen many half-crowns spent in less worthy causes.

Richard Anderton.

Sir,—If "Sub Rosa" and all fanciers in the Midlands interested in starting a Norwich Plainhead Club will kindly send their names and addresses on to me, I will try and arrange a meeting as early as possible for the formation of the above club. Now, Midlanders, buck up, and let us have a specialist club of our own.

H. T. Collier.

110, Abbey Road, Bearwood, Birmingham.

An Amateur Combine in the Eastern Counties.

Sir,—I send you a report taken from the "Eastern Evening News," and written by "J. E. N.," of a meeting held by the Norwich Amateur Society, which I attended as a delegate from the Lowestoft F.S. I think this interests several hundred breeders of Canaries in the Eastern Counties, and I thought perhaps you could find space for it in your valuable paper. I wish Cage Birds every success.

Fredk. Rackham.

Sec., L. and D. C.B.S.

Extracts from "J.E.N.'s" Remarks.

"The talked-of combination of the amateur section of Canary breeders of three or four counties has made an impression on my mind through the remarks of Mr. Fred Rackham, the secretary of the L. and D.C.B.S. His idea is that should his society desire the patronage of breeders of the counties of Norfolk, Suffolk, Cambridgeshire, and Essex, it would prove successful to all amateurs to be confined to them only. It would no doubt bring about a heavy entry of birds in whatever town the show was held if this arrangement could be carried out. To ask for the support of the Norwich amateurs, Mr. Rackham has met a small assembly of these breeders, and fully discussed the matter. Whether this gathering will have the desired effect remains to be seen. Those Norwich amateurs who desire to support the L. and D.C.B.S. show, would be greatly benefited not only in an exhibiting point of view, but also in the sale of their birds from the show bench. At the same time, this class of breeder should be protected from being made champions before their time. Scores of members of this section possess birds at the present time for breeding stock that would surprise many who have been connected with the industry for years, and yet their desire is not to be made champions if they should take upon themselves to exhibit birds at a show in a county adjoining their own. I would suggest that the executive of the Lowestoft society should include in their schedule as under:—The following six classes are open to the breeders of Norwich Canaries in Norfolk, Suffolk, Cambridgeshire, and Essex. Dealers in cage birds and champion exhibitors are not eligible to compete in the classes named: Any variety Norwich Plainhead yellow cock; A.V. buff cock. These two classes guaranteed by Mr. W. W. Frecstone. A.V. Norwich Plainhead yellow hen; A.V buff hen. These two classes guaranteed by Mr. Fred Rackham. A.V. Norwich Crest (cock or hen). This class guaranteed by Mr. H. E. Dunham. A.V. Crest-bred (cock or hen). The next thing wanted is half-a-dozen special prizes, not medals, but useful articles (one of which I shall be pleased to give providing the other specials are promised). Then the fixture would go with a swing, if properly advertised. A great difficulty appears to be as to what constitutes a dealer in Norwich Canaries. Well, that is a question that has been brought forward and talked of for years, and it is one of those questions that may be argued upon till Domesday. I take it that persons who advertise birds for sale not of their own breeding, come absolutely under the heading of merchants. They purchase for profit, and make known what they have for sale, to gain that profit. Many fanciers have been known to buy birds on commission only, authorised by a dealer, and have received reward for so doing, but they do not come under the heading. Some years ago a well-known bird merchant was greatly in want of Norwich Canaries, not in their hundreds, but in thousands, and many breeders who knew what birds should be, were commissioned to buy up all they could, the money being given them previous to their purchasing them. They set to work, and did well; but they also would not come under the heading of a dealer in birds."

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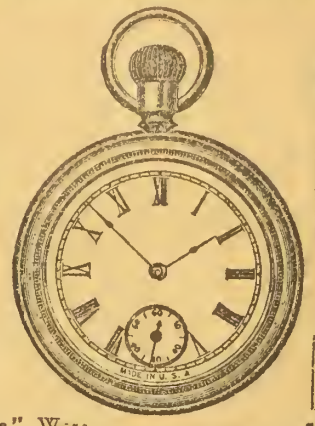

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Is Rain a Friend to Aviculturists?

Nesting Seasons in Africa.

Sir,—My attention has been called by a correspondent to a remark in one of the Rev. C. D. Farrar's recent articles which seems to have caused some doubt in my correspondent's mind as to the accuracy of a remark of my own which appeared some time since in your columns. The matter is not in the least important, but, as it raises a point of some interest to aviculturists, it may be worth while to say a few words about it. What I said was, if I recollect aright, one of the many curious ideas which prevailed in this country with regard to breeding foreign birds was that they and their young could not stand rain, although many tropical species reared their young in the midst of such rain as was never seen in this country. I see that what Mr. Farrar says is that "it is hopeless in this country to let Waxbills nest in growing bushes; you have to think of the weather. In Africa rain in the breeding season is practically unknown." I do not quite know what Mr. Farrar means by "the breeding season in Africa." In a vast Continent which extends more than 2,000 miles north and south of the Equator nesting is going on in every month of the year. In the extreme north the seasons (and nesting seasons) are much the same as those of Southern Europe, whereas in South Africa the winter is our summer; the summer our winter. As Mr. Farrar is writing about Waxbills, I expect he refers to South Africa, and he apparently is under the impression that Waxbills there nest in the dry season (the winter). If he will look into the matter, I think he will find that this is only exceptionally the case. Andersson tells us ("Birds of Damaraland") that "the pairing and breeding season of birds in Damara, Namaqua, and adjacent parts depends much, if not entirely, on the falling of the rains; that is, the season is late or early according to late or early rains. From November to May is the chief period of incubation, but very many birds pair as early as September." I expect that Mr. Farrar wrote rather hurriedly, because I know that he agrees with me that the vast majority of both seed-eating and insect eating species feed their young chiefly on insects, and the rainy season (or summer) in South Africa is the chief season for insects. Undoubtedly some species breed in the winter (for instance, the Red-headed Finch nests in June), in which case the young are probably fed on seeds chiefly, and some in both seasons (see Stark's remarks on the Violet-eared Waxbill); but the central fact remains that in South Africa the nesting season par excellence is the wet season. Rain accompanied by cold winds will, of course, kill nestlings, and I have no doubt that it would be difficult to rear young Waxbills in a cold county such as Yorkshire, but when Mr. Farrar says that they cannot be reared in the open "in this country," he must be speaking without reflection, because every year many broods are reared in many parts of the country under these conditions. Few counties can beat Devonshire in the matter of rain, yet in my own aviary Avadavats, Green Avadavats, and Zebra Waxbills used to breed year after year quite freely, and rear their young in bush-nests; and in the early days I had some fine broods of Cordon Bleus and Fire-finches, but I do not keep delicate species such as these latter now, because it seems to me hardly humane to import them with such a high mortality. My experience is that if one has two pairs of the same species, one nesting in the open and the other in a heated house, the former is far more likely to rear the young, and I also find that birds in an uncovered aviary, exposed to rain throughout the year, will frequently resume those natural colours which are rarely, if ever, resumed in a dry atmosphere, so ought not aviculturists to look upon rain as a friend rather than an enemy?

W. E. Teschemaker.

P.S.—I hear that Mr. Farrar is going out to Australia in search of Poe birds, and he is to be congratulated on possessing such energy; but may I suggest that the Poe is not found in Australia?

The Proposed Yorkshire Canary Club for Edinburgh.

Sir,—Might I be permitted a few lines in your valuable paper in answer to "Auld Reekie"? The Y.C.C. of Scotland should be pleased to see the Eastern Yorkshire fanciers coming to the front, but I doubt whether or not it would be wise to form another Yorkshire club in Scotland at the present time. As "Auld Reekie" will surely know, there is a Y.C.C. of Scotland, with their headquarters at Glasgow, and for the past four years they have done their utmost to promote the Yorkshire Fancy, and as far as I can see their labours are being rewarded more and more every year. If this be so, then would it not be better for Scotland and the Fancy if "Auld Reekie" and his numerous companions joined the existing Y.C.C. of Scotland and thereby improved its strength? Although I have only joined the ranks recently, I am sure if many new members from Edinburgh and district were to join, some of the meetings arranged by the Club might be held at Edinburgh. But this information might be got from the Secretary of the Y.C.C., Mr. Gibb. I therefore hope to see "Auld Reekie" coming forward and joining the Y.C.C. of Scotland.

St. Mungo.

I find "CAGE BIRDS" a splendid advertising medium. I advertised some Thrushes a fortnight ago, and they were sold on the same Friday night, and I had applications up to the next Friday night; in fact, there were so many I could not think of replying to all. I advertise something nearly every week.—Stanley Holt (Bacup).

Permit me to express my thanks to the numerous correspondents who wrote me as a result of seeing my small advert in "CAGE BIRDS." I advertised some birds for sale, or exchange musical instruments, enough of which were offered me to start an orchestra. I am only sorry I had not enough birds to supply all applicants, most of whom were eager to possess the birds, and I hope the disappointed will let me off for not replying to them, as I could not find time to answer everyone.—H. V. Boden (Andover).

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MASSIVE Greenfinch cock, Bullfinch hen, house-moulted, well mated, sacrifice 5/6; large tame cock Greenfinches, 1/6; exchange: Miss E. French, Tilkey-rd., Coggeshall, Essex.

JOSEPH MADDOCKS, Cowley Manor Gardens, Cheltenham, has some grand dark yellow Goldfinch-Canary Mule cocks, 7/6, 10/6, 12/6; hens, 1/3 each; 7 days' approval, on deposit.

TWO cock Goldfinch Mules, both full song; one variegated, clear breast, portion wings and tail clear, fit to show, one good Sirwitty bird, £1 two: Hosken, 5, Archer-terrace, Plymouth.

APPROVAL, deposit, 2 yellow-marked cocks, 3 buff hens, Sibs., 2 cock Greenies, one extra, and cock Linnet, 2 show cages, bargain, 30/-: Ernest Morley, 56, Ely-st., Stratford-on-Avon.

ONE Goldfinch Mule and two Linnet Mules (cocks), winners, 6/6 each, and one cross-bred Canary cock, 5/-; good singers; approval; cash or deposit: Steele, Police Station, Graemere, Westmorland.

SEVEN muling hen Canaries, cock Siskin, Mealy and Lesser Redpoll, Greenfinch, three Chaffinches, flying together in outside aviary, 30/- lot; exchange for Norwich pairs: Starr, Rydens-rd., Walton-on-Thames.

COCK Goldfinch Mules, warranted full song, 5/-, 6/-, 7/6 each; hen Mules 1/3; Sib bred hen Canaries, for light Mule breeding, 2/6, 3/6, 5/- each (yellow or buffs); satisfaction certain: Fred Heathcote, 134, Havelock-st. (late 61, Havelock-st.), Leicester.

HOUSE-MOULTED birds, in perfect condition, proved Mule breeders; cock Goldfinch, 10/-; cock Greenfinch, 5/-; cock Mealy Redpoll, 5/-; cock Lesser Redpoll, 2/6; selected hen Canaries, for light or dark Mule breeding, 5/-; approval: Walsh, Bird Specialist, Blackburn.

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WANTED.

WANTED, offers in hen Canaries for breeding or show cages: E. Tuorne, 49, Broadway, Cardiff.

WANTED good b.m. Siberian cock Goldfinch and Sib.-bred hen: W. Spencer, 85, Athol st., Burnley.

WANTED Norwich and Yorkshire cock and hen Canaries: S. Porter and Sons, 41, Church-st., West Ham.

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WANTED surplus stock Norwich and Yorkshire; state price and particulars: D. Ingles, 25, Mapledene-rd., Dalston.

YORKSHIRES, colour-fed cocks, full song, hens best prices; cash deposited; state price: Oliver, 2, Bridport-pl., Hoxton.

WANTED, Norwich and Yorkshires, or any other variety, state price: J. Sheard, Sackville-st., Ravensthorpe, Yorks.

WANTED, birds, any description; exchange four breeding cages, or loose fronts: Leigh, Cage-maker, 63, Page-st., Liverpool.

WANTED offers Canaries, exchange Cuckoo clock, or sell 30/-; warranted timekeeper: Drummond, 15, Hutcheson-st., Glasgow.

WANTED Parrots, Poultry, Pigeons, Monkeys, Dogs, Rats, Birds, etc.; purchase or exchange fancy: Barlow's Aviaries, Greenwich.

WANTED, Canaries for cash; Yorkshire, Norwich or Borders; best prices given: Drummond, 15, Hutchison-st., Glasgow.

WANTED Norwich hens, large, bred from clears; also offers of exceptional breeding Goldfinches: M., Quarry Hill, St. Leonards.

WANTED, German, Linnet song, or Linnet-Canary Mule, Linnet song; approval: Gaunt, 6, Norman Row, Abbey-rd., Kirkstall.

WANTED, Canaries in exchange for Yorkshire terrier dog, 7½ months, 7lb., or sell 35/-; no dealers: 36, East-st., Barking, Essex.

WANTED two whistling Canaries for two good Crested hens, sell 5/- each; approval: Pask, Hairdresser, East Kirkby, Notts.

WANTED phonograph, tyres, and tubes, Canaries; exchange show homers, Conference rung: Brooker, 15, Frome-terrace, Dorchester.

WANTED, lady's or gent's bike, new condition, give 3 pairs Norwich Canaries, nesting; state maker; particulars: Longbottom, Wisbech.

WANTED, Borders, Rollers, Yorkshires, Norwich preferred, 5/- pair; also 1/6 for large Norwich hens: B. Soanes, 95, Bevan-st., Lowestoft.

WANTED, Norwich cock, 1911, hen white Java; exchange double flight breeder, 48 by 19, enamelled, loose fronts: F. Woodnutt, Dorchester.

WANTED, surplus stock Norwich, Yorkshire, Crests and Lizards; prompt cash; any number taken: McKeand, Seabright Villa, Castle-Douglas.

GOLDFINCH, Bullfinch, or Siskin cock; exchange cross spaniel bitch, good watch; offers; mutual approval: Colville, Earlseat Mines, Thornton.

WANTED good Norwich and Yorkshire Canaries, also British birds; send lowest price to: A. Leitch, East End Bird Mart, 520, Gallowgate, Glasgow.

WANTED, hen Canaries, also Linnets, Goldfinches, Bullfinches; state lowest prices to Hall's Central Bird Stores, Liverpool-rd, Patricroft, Manchester.

FIELD Spaniel pups for sale; dogs, 10/-; bitches, 7/6; exchange Border cocks or Yorkshire pairs: Coomber, Bar Holt, Church-rd., Low Fell, Durham.

WANTED, pure pen of Bantams, Old English Black-reds preferred; will give good pair Norwich Canaries, or sell 15/-: Culshaw, Oakleigh, Maghull, Liverpool.

WANTED two Yorkshire cock Canaries or Zonophone records for Parrot and cage; also for sale Bull bitch, £2; youre first: Crosthwaite, 31, Church-st., Stockport.

WANTED Canaries, 7/6 pair given for large, clean, healthy, typical Norwich Plainheads, any quantity bought for prompt cash; approval: Cooper, 29, Junction-rd., Norwich.

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GIVE massive Siberian Goldie and yellow Sib. hen paired, and shaping well, for large, stout Norwich cock, or 2 ditto hens; approval, or sell, 12/6: R. Metcalfe, 8, Village-st., Broughton, Manchester.

WANTED one of "Cage Birds" 50,000 readers to exchange for my ideal hybridising couple, Greenfinch and Bullfinch, perfect specimens; a good large yellow Norwich hen, value 7/6: Gibbon, Milford-Haven.

WANTED, Canaries, poultry, and British birds; exchange cycles, sewing machines, phonographs, gramophones, records, all kinds of household furniture; catalogues sent, 3d stamps: Severn's Furnishing Stores, Alfreton.

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FIVE two-year Linnets, four young Linnets, full song, what offers; exchange Canarics: Hatton, George-st., Brighton.

FIVE cocks, one hen Chaffinches, caught September, cock Thrush, full song; offers Canaries: Snelling, Decorator, Kingston, Surrey.

CHOICE Goldfinch (cage bred), and Greenfinch; exchange opera or field glasses, sell 8/-: Strange, Chesley Manor, Cheltenham.

TWO H.M. cock Linnets and one Goldfinch (undersized); cash offers, or good Roller hens: Yearsley, 134, Bevidge, Blackburn.

EXHIBITOR'S two exhibition Linnets, winners, ready for breeding, 7/6 each; bargain; approval: J. Lane, 15, Aberdeen-terrace, Bradford.

TWO muling cock Greenfinches, 4/-; three singing cock Chaffinches, 2/- each; exchange disc records: Watson, Birdcatcher, Littleport, Cambs.

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HOUSE-MOULTED muling cock Goldfinch, full breeding song, 5/-; exchange good Siskin, offers: Haynes, Harcourt-st., Raunds, Wellingboro'.

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EXCHANGE winning British open shows for Norwich or Yorkshires, also gent's gold albert for gramophone: 240, Hyde-rd., West Gorton, Manchester.

SALE or exchange, Goldfinch and Linnet cocks, Canary reared, in full song, what offers in Rollers or cash: W. Harrington, Glebe Farm, Wickham Bishops.

WHAT offers Borders, Canary, Bullfinch, or Siskin hens for five cage-reared 1911 cock Greenfinches, sell 2/6 each: Bemrose, Bracken-bill, Chapeltown, Sheffield.

FOUR large selected cock Linnets, to moult for exhibition; exchange young yellow Norwich cock Canary, or offers: C. Barrie, 28, Robert-st., Arbroath, Scotland.

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PAIR Chaffinches, house-moulted, 3/6; variegated cock Goldfinch Mule, 6/-; exchange large unflighted cinnamon cock; yours first: Thomas Herbert, Headless Cross, Redditch.

THREE hen Goldfinches, caged winter, 13/6; two Yorks. hens, green yellow, big, nesting, 10/6 lot; exchange 1911 buff, long slim Yorks. cock, song, to value, yours first: Simpson, Crayke, Easingwold.

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HAND-REARED Thrush, perfect feather, loud songster, tame, 15/-; ditto Blackbird, 15/-; ditto hen Thrush, 5/-; twice house-moulted hen Bramble-finch, laid in cage, 5/-; buff Yorkshire hens, 3/- each: Todd, Saddler, Ripon.

WHAT offers in Yorkshires or Norwich yellow hens for 2 cock Bullies and 1 hen, laid two nests last year, cocks caught six months; tame, good, well-coloured birds: Ross Livingston, Bloom Cottage, Ballydoogan, Portadown.

Owing to the holidays we were obliged to go to Press on Tuesday at mid-day, so that a number of advertisements have been unavoidably held over. All advertisements for next week's issue must reach us by next Tuesday (April 9th) at mid-day.

Mainly Canaries.

EXCHANGE 3 prize bred 1911 Yorkshires, 2 cocks, 1 hen, for laying poultry: W. Holt, 21, Colne-rd., Barnoldswick.

EXCHANGE good variegated buff crest cock, large, for pair good Borders: Hagon, 38, Bolsover-st., East, Ashington.

PAIR Norwich Canaries, large breeding and two small cages, sell 23/-; exchange pullets: A., 27, Manley-grove, Stratford.

EXCHANGE winning Norwich for old china, Stafford figures, toby jugs, sell 15/- pair: Wiltshire, 38, Butler's-rd., Harrow.

I WILL exchange two well-bred unflighted Yorkshire hens for pair of breeding Budgerigars: Barron, Millgate, Thirsk, Yorks.

EXCHANGE a Buff-marked cock Canary, value £1, for 10in. flat records, or offers: T. Brown, Foxhouses, Whitehaven.

EXCHANGE, clear yellow Crested cock, in song, for clear Norwich cock: Manning, 712, Romford-rd., Manor Park, Essex.

EXCHANGE Yorkshires or Norwich, for gent.'s or lady's cycle; also tubes or covers: Duncan, 172, Hampstead-rd., Newcastle.

HEALTHY buff Norwich hen, 1910, good feeder, 4/-; or exchange Brown Leghorn eggs for sitting: French, Doddington, Cambs.

TWO high-class unflighted buff Yorkshire hens, 3/6 each; exchange Yorkshire or Roller cock; offers: S. Huggins, Caister-on-Sea.

EXCHANGE Yorkshire hen, 1 green hen, breeding condition, for 1 Norwich cock; anything: Howarth, 18, Hallfold, Whitworth, nr. Rochdale.

CLASSICAL Yorkshires, Bailey's strain, sell or exchange scrap copper, brass, tin, anything useful: Cooper, Taylor-st., Batley, Yorkshire.

EXCHANGE grand Norwich, 2 cocks and 2 hens; 1 Yorks. cock and hen, 1911 bred; what offers: Newbold, 10, Hunt-st., Everton, Liverpool.

EXCHANGE good buff Yorkshire hen for Norwich or British show cages, or sell 4/6; offers: H. McCormack, 95, Gill-st., Blackley, Manchester.

NORWICH cock, two hens, Hartz cock and Goldfinch, 17/; exchange Borders; all communications answered: Pearce, 251, Cathedral-rd., Cardiff.

PAIR typical Yorkshire greens, sell 25/-; or exchange for good Toy Yorkshire dog or bitch; approval: Young, Grosvenor-rd., New Brighton.

TWO Norwich hens, yellow and buff, Baker and Mackley's strain, direct; exchange 4 healthy feeders, offers: Crundell, 83, Bennetthorpe, Doncaster.

TAME Goldfinch Mule, full song, perfect plumage, with fancy brass cage, 10/6; approval; or exchange Canaries: Freeman, Ironmonger, Brockley, S.E.

TWO large Crest-bred hens 21/-, or exchange (1911) Crest-bred cock or Norwich hens to value; yours first: A. Pritchard, Woodham Mortimer, Maldon, Essex.

EXCHANGE Goldfinch-Mule Canary, in splendid song, for good buff Norwich hen, 1911, preferred, no rubbish: Hart's Restaurant, Boscombe, Bournemouth.

NOTICE, what offers in Canaries, Goldfinches, Bullfinches, for gent.'s suit length, value 25/-, lady's dress length value 12/6; McKeand, Seabright, Castle-Douglas.

EXCHANGE Roller schoolmaster for pair yellow Yorkshires, cock bird to be on full song, or sell 17/6; yours first: R. Goodman, Edgar-rd., Yiewsley.

EXCHANGE good cinnamon Yorkshire cock, excellent breeder, for hand-reared Skylark, full song; sell 10/6: Robinson, 164, Cronin-rd., Peckham, London, S.E.

EXCHANGE 2 Border cocks, 1 clear buff, other marked eye and wings, for two large 1911 muling hens, Norwich type; hens first; approval: Somerville, 22, Northgate, Peebles.

LARGE aviary, 3ft. by 2ft. 4in., 5/-; large buff Norwich hen, 2 yellow Yorkshire hens, 1911 birds, 3/- each; cock Goldfinch-bred Mules, 5/-: 1, Furnedale, Pinkney Green, Maidenhead.

WANTED, small incubator or ½-plate stand camera; exchange Canaries, Norwich and Yorkshire, sell 12/6 pair; also some good Roller hens, 2/6 each: G. Irons, 39, Church-st., St. Albans.

FOR sale, Cinnamon, also variegated, good Norwich hen Canaries, 3/6 each, or will exchange for Norwich cocks or Goldfinch mules; approval: Walker, Queens Hotel, Tirril, Penrith.

CLEAR buff Yorkshire cock, 7/-; dark Linnet Mule, 6/-, good birds; 3 healthy hen Canaries, 7/-; exchange part for yellow Yorkshire cock: J. Sullivan, 28, Winifred-st., Rotherham, Yorkshire.

EXCHANGE 4 unflighted prize bred Yorkshire hens; 2 yellow and 2 buff, ready for nesting, for 2 good large cock Goldfinches, or sell 8/- each: Rowley, 46, Grosvenor-avenue, Oakhill, Stoke, Staffs.

TWO yellow cocks, 6/- each, not quite full song; 2 yellow hens, 2/6 each; Norwich, 1911, related; exchange part for muling cock Goldfinch, Siberian, to value: Mills, 4, Greenlands-rd., Durrington, nr. Worthing.

GRAND unflighted Buff Norwich cock, 10/6; Yellow hen, 3/6; Buff Yorkshire hen, 3/6; large cock Goldfinch Canary Mule, full song, 7s.; exchange silver watch or offers: Allen, Albert-st., Wednesbury.

LARGE yellow ticked cock, marked buff hen, 30/-, cheap at 50/-; also a few genuine Roller hens, 1911 bred, 2/6 each to clear; wanted, a good fly rod and flies, or anything useful: Willoughby, House Decorator, Wolverhampton.

THREE Yorkshire cocks, clears; 2 buffs, 1 yellow, Ambler's strain; Canary reared Greenfinch cock, Bullie hen; what offers, or exchange exhibition British; approval willingly: Alexander, 125, St. Leonard Gate, Lancaster.

PRIZE Yorks, two pairs Yellows and Buffs, bred winners, nesting, and little cash, for good gent.'s cycle, about 24in. frame; also two hens for Cinnamon cock, must be good, or sell cheap; approval both ways: Jones, 8, Thurza-st., Chorlton-rd., Manchester.

WHAT offers for 2 yellow cocks, 2 buff cocks, 4 yellow hens, 4 buff hens? Giving up Fancy. All are the right size and shape; have no time to look after; also 16 single breeding cages, 15/-; 35 nest pans, 1/6; quantity of sundries; call or write (stamp): Cosier, 146, Earlsbrook-rd., Redhill, Surrey.

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Mainly Foreign.

EXCHANGE two pairs green Budgerigars for good Yorkshire cock, or offers: A. H. Richards, 158, Fishponds-rd., Bristol.

CARDINAL, Red-crested, grand plumage, full song, 1st Newcastle, 20/-; exchange Canaries or Mules: Dowse, 12, Bottle Bank, Gateshead.

Miscellaneous.

QUARTER-PLATE band or stand camera, accept 30/-; or exchange: T. Weedall, Fruiterer, Winsford, Cheshire.

BLACKBIRD cage, good, exchange for good large Norwich cock, or three hens: Mowle, Dairyman, Canterbury.

EXCHANGE new two-guinea air gun, bargain, for pair real good Yorksbire Canaries: Hindle, High-st., Lechlade, Glos.

EXCHANGE vertical boiler and engine for pair Yorks. or wood turning tools: W. Nichol, 13, Harrogate-st., Sunderland.

EXCHANGE first-class rifle, takes in two parts, 25/-; wanted birds; stamp particulars: White, High Flat, Crook, Durham.

EXCHANGE gentleman's gem metal watch, going order, for good singing Roller Canary: Bennett, 20, Union-st., Scarborough.

EXCHANGE pair Lancashire clogs, new, for Harts Roller cock, or offers in Canaries: Parker, Simonburn, Humshaugh-on-Tyne.

EXCHANGE new split cane fly-rod, 10ft. 6in., for 2 pairs Canaries, birds first: Undertaker, 186, Boundary-rd., Walthamstow.

EXCHANGE pair good cycle pedals, clips, bag, leather guard, new, for Norwich cock: Fredk. Godwin, 5, Common-rd., Stafford.

FIELD GLASSES, in sling case, 15/-; approval; exchange Mules, Goldfinches, Canaries: Traveller, 25, Glendish-rd., Park, Tottenham.

WILL exchange winning Tumblers in Reds, Blacks, or Yellows, for Norwich or Yorkshire Canaries: Banes, Rhosmore, Potton, Beds.

EXCHANGE greyhound's coat and hand-made collar, also air rifle target, for Yorkshire or other Canaries: Drew, Plumber, Dowlais.

TWELVE Roller singing cages, all metal, inside feeders, exchange Cocker Spaniel or offers: Cox, 22, Wolverhampton-st., Bilston, Staffs.

STRONG yard dog, Airedale Retriever, splendid guard, cheap; exchange house dog, or anything useful: Round, South Side, Dudley.

WILL exchange high-class Yorkshires for jewellery or anything useful; approval both sides: Ernest Cheshire, 26, Crawford-st., Bradford.

ROACH rod, pike rod, box, tackle, etc.; particulars S.P.C.; exchange Canaries or British; offers: Jordan, 1, Chisenhale-rd., Bow, London.

WHAT offers in Canaries for pretty little oil painting by "John Constable," richly framed: H., Sea View House, Portland-rd., Hove.

CAGE Birds, Poultry, Cavies, Rabbits and pigeons, all varieties, high-class stock only; sale or exchange: Pet Stores, 283, Bethnal Green-road, E.

"CANARIES, Hybrids and British Birds," new, cost 25/-; exchange Canaries, British, offers anything: Johnson, 21, Abbey-rd., Hanley.

EXCHANGE fretwork machine and lathe combined, cost £2, for lady's machine or fowls, or what offers: Brain, Vere-st., Cadoxton.

EXCHANGE brindle white hull bitch, Champion Prince Albert blood, due in season, good specimen, breeder, sell 50/-: Collinge, Bankside, Bacup.

EXCHANGE White Pom. dog, good coat and carriage, a good stud dog, for talking Parrot, offers, or sell 35/-: Higgs, 65, Waterloo-st., Tipton.

SALE or exchange, dog, 20 months, between Bull and Irish terrier, 16/-, for schoolmaster or Rollers, yours first: Ritchie, 3, Main-st., Lochgelly, Fife.

MAGAZINE camera, hold 12 quarter-plates, 10/-; pathephone, wants slight repairs, 10/-; exchange Yorkshire Canaries: Hall, Quarry, Unstone, Sheffield.

PURE bred Airedale bitch, good guard, rat and rabbiter, two years old, cash 10/-; exchange value 15/-; anything: Valentine, 17, Empress-rd., Wrexham.

AIREDALE bitch, 5 months, Cb. King, Orang, Primrose, Rebound strain, 12/6; exchange pair Seifert Rollers: Butcher, Panty Pwdyn, Abertillery, Mon.

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BOOK on hypnotism, cost 18/6; on walking, 1/-; on boxing, 2/6; The Way to Live, by Hackenschmidt, 2/6; what offers in Canaries: J. Verity, 211, Jack-lane, Hunslet, Leeds.

EXCHANGE Dr. Macaura's Pulsacon, cures rheumatism, cost 38/-, for Harts Mountain Rollers, cocks and hens: Apply J. R. Wilson, 15, Mount-terrace, Lower Wortley, Leeds.

THREE years' "Cage Birds," 3 years' "Amateur Gardener," exchange for cock Goldfinch or unflighted cock Norwich or Yorkshire: H. H., 30, Manor Park-rd., E. Finchley.

1X PLICO, No. 2 Kodak camera, 3¼in. by 3¼in., in case, also plated stand in case, lamp, dishes, etc., what offers in cash, all in first-class condition: Draper, Southam, Rugby.

RAZORS, first-class, hollow-ground razor, 5/-, guaranteed; exchange for good whistler; approval: Pask, Hairdresser, East Kirkby, Notts.

EMIGRANTS, large portmanteau, 20/-; shoemaker's machine (Jones), 30/-; exchange Canaries, exhibition British, or appliances: Tupman, Bootmaker, Camden-st., Middlesbrough.

EXCHANGE Italian pipe, 4 keys, cost 10/6; lathe with 4½-inch circular saw, good order, 15/-; for pair Yorkshires or Norwich, yours first: Lambert, 26, German-st., Oldham-rd., Manchester.

GOOD violin, bow, and case, 15/-, or exchange gent's hooks, sevens; also good buff Yorkshire hens, 1911, 4/- each, or exchange clear Yorkshire hens: Finch, 234, Southwark Park-rd., S.E.

MICROSCOPE, new, all accessories, objects, mahogany case, endless amusement, bargain, 60/-; exchange Canaries, Mules, British, offers: Lambert, "Beverston," Doris-rd., Sparkbill, Birmingham.

EXCHANGE eighteen 7d. parts Cassell's Canaries, Hybrids, and British Birds, not soiled or torn, for good Belgium hares or Flemish giants, or sell: R. Piested, 26, Highfield-rd., Berkhamstead, Herts.

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WHAT offer in cash for 14 volumes new Popular Encyclopædia, a "General Dictionary of the Arts and Sciences, Literature, Biography, History, Geography": Thos. Dowell, 6, Groenfield-st., Rhyl.

EXCHANGE splendid aviary, outdoor, 4ft. by 5ft., with shutter, perches, nest boxes, complete, sell £2; exchange gent's cycle; also good Parrot cage, as new, 3/6 cash: Hasler, Wennington, Rainham, Essex.

WHAT offers in Roller training cabinet, in exchange for large Bovril picture, "Blind Man's Buff" or "The Pilgrims," or sell 7/6 each; no rubbish offered, or wanted: Eber Gill, 50, Castle-st., Skipton.

WHAT offers in Rollers or Norwich for Cassell's Dictionary of Gardening, in 21 7d. parts, and "Our Canaries," in 14 parts, as new; will separate: T. Johnson, 47, St. Thomas-row, Tibshelf, nr. Alfreton.

EDISON Standard Phonograph, cost £7 7/-, amberol attachment, and 40 records, all perfect, sell £4; or exchange high class Glucke Rollers no choppers: Wilkinson, 5, Cross-row, Lane-head, Bacup, Lancashire.

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EXCHANGE, "The Book of the Rabbit," illustrated with coloured plates, not soiled, cost 10/6; wanted offers in birds, Canaries, or anything useful, mutual approval: J. Iveson, Sbotton Colliery, Co. Durham.

ELEVEN Border hens, mostly 1911, healthy, stylish, sell 20/- lot; "Modern Physician," 5 volumes, perfectly clean, cost 37/6, sell 25/-; exchange for pure-bred chickens, ducklings: Naylor, 120, Hasland-rd., Hasland, Chesterfield.

PURE bred high-class Dogs, Bantams, Rabbits, Cavies, Cage Birds and Pigeons of all descriptions for sale or exchange; call or write, state wants, send offers, stamp reply: Maynard, Bethnal Green; Telephone 2528 London Wall.

HOMERS, racers, and pen winners, some real beauties, strains Wakelam's Barker's, and Bonami's; exchange for Norwich or Crests, or sell from 10/- to £4 pair; no rubbish offered or wanted: J. Sberrington, Bellvilla-rd., Stranraer.

TWO Muling cock Brown Linnets, full song; Yellow Norwich hen, 1911; sell 8/-; exchange wire tyre, 28-1¼; also pedigree Yorkshire terrier bitch, in whelp (16 months old) to prize dog, sell 30/-; Webley, Lawnswood, Stourbridge.

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EXCHANGE special salmon rod, maker, Bond and Sons, London, 12/-, for yellow and buff 1911 Norwich hens; also pair field glasses, 15/-, for exhibition British or Siberian Goldfinch; mutual approval: Calder, 55, East Main-st., Whitburn, N.B.

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WANTED, dog or bitch (not large), well broken long rabbits nets: Gadler, 116, George-st., Altrincham, Cheshire.

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FIELD Spaniel bitch, 15/-; also pups; dogs, 10/-; bitches, 7/6; exchange Yorks. Canaries: Coomber, Bar Holt, Church-rd., Low Fell, Gateshead.

DOG collars, best bridle leather, name, address on, 1/4; brass name plate, only 7d., chains 1/-, rugs, any breed, 3/6, post free: Young (C.B.), Netmaker, Crewkerne, Somerset.

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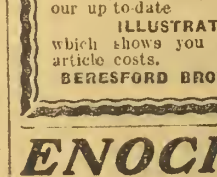

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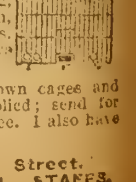

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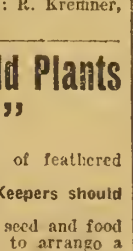

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WANTED, Canaries, 7/6 pair, given for large, clean, healthy, typical Norwich Plainheads, any quantity bought for prompt cash; approval: Cooper, 29, Junction-rd., Norwich.

GOOD unflighted buff Norwich cock, 1st Annan, 25/-; clear unflighted yellow cock, 15/-; buff cocks, from 6/-; see wins, Carlisle, Cheltenham: Bell, 35, Clementina-terrace, Carlisle.

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ABSOLUTELY genuine, forced to sell out, four large yellow hens, 7/6 each, buffs 4/- each, if not worth double will pay all expenses; approval: W. Walker, 50, Regent-rd., Morecambe.

HENS, hens, hens.—I have for disposal several monster Plainhead Norwich hens and cocks, bred from the same strain as my Palace winners: W. Neame, 13, Durnford-st., Stonehouse, Devon.

MASSIVE variegated yellow Norwich cock, has grand head, neck, wing carriage, sell £4; or exchange for 1911; good clear buff to value: Lavegrove-Lovegrove, 43, Kings-rd., Henley-on-Thames.

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CHAMPION NORWICH.

THE BULL-DOG STRAIN.

This strain has won firsts and specials all over the country this season, including Bradford National and the Crystal Palace. They have also won the open Norwich Plainhead Club's trophy, also the Unlighted trophy, the Illingworth challenge cup, the Sandiford cup, F. Carr's trophy, etc., etc. It is a simple fact that I am now offering a few pairs of grand birds, bred from these winners, at 20/-, 25/-, 30/-, and 40/- per pair, also a few odd birds, cocks or hens, from 10/- each upwards. This does not represent anything like their real value. Blood is sure to tell in the end, and this is a splendid opportunity for fanciers to start on the highway to success in breeding their own winners.

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SEVERAL really high-class pairs to clear of my noted Norwich, which have no equal; properly matched by an expert in this one variety, 25/-, 30/-, 35/-, 40/- per pair: approval: Judge Silk, Whitstable.

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RARE chance to secure the best grand yellow hens and cocks, those you are looking for, but impossible to obtain elsewhere. Note the name, which stands for all that is good in Norwich; all on approval: Judge Silk, Whitstable.

YELLOW Norwich cock, winner, first class, 30/-, not half value; grand ticked buff, first Woolwich, 30/-; see report; ditto, similar bird, 2nd Parkston, 25/-; few good buff hens from 7/6 upwards; approval: Silk, Emsworth, Hants.

NORWICH Canaries, cocks in full song, 5/-, 6/- each; hens 2/6, 3/6 each; matched pairs (yellow and buff), nesting, 7/6, 10/- pair; cold room bred, and satisfaction guaranteed; F. Johnson, 22, Goswell-st., Leicester.

PRIZE bred Norwich cocks in full song, 4/-, 5/-, 6/- each; hens, same strain, 2/-, 2/6, 3/- each; pairs properly mated and ready to nest immediately, 7/-, 8/6, 10/- pair; satisfaction certain: Fred Heathcote, 134, Havelock-st. (late 61, Havelock-st.), Leicester.

HAVING paired up, can spare few exceptionally fine unlighted hens, 4/6, 5/6, 6/6; also typical cocks, 5/6, 7/6, 10/6; 10 correctly matched pairs, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-; all in breeding condition, and honestly worth double; must clear; approval, deposit: Hanford, Osmaston-rd., Derby.

WANTED.

Plainhead Norwich, good prices given; state particulars: West of England Bird Exchange Co., 13, Durnford-st., Stonehouse, Plymouth.

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The same strain as the winners at all the leading shows, large typical cocks, in full song, 7/6, 10/6; hens, 5/6, 7/6 each; sure winners, 15/6 each: ten days' approval at my risk: W. Powick, Dewsbury.

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Two clear yellow unflighted cocks, 7/6 and 15/- each; five yellow hens, 7/6, 10/- each; twelve buff cocks, good large birds, 7/6, 10/-, 20/- each; twelve grand buff hens, all unflighted, 5/-, 7/6, 10/- each; cold-room bred and kept, in breeding condition; approval, cash or deposit; see reports Burnley, Bolton, Rochdale, Manchester, Great Harwood, Preston, Sheffield, Derby, Crystal Palace; winner of Whitehead challenge cup, 1910 and 1911: R. Allen, 196, Blackburn-rd., Bolton.

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BREEDERS' CARD.

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MR. ARTHUR FOULDS, 7, King's Parade, Fallowfield, Manchester, has for sale a few high-class Rollers, schoolmasters and contest singers, prices 20/-, 40/-, and 60/- each; hens all sold.

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SEIFERT Rollers, 1911 rung, Crystal Palace winning strain, I can spare 3 hens, at 6/- each, and 4 cocks, 1 at 25/-, 2 at 15/-, 1 at 7/-; stamp for reply; satisfaction guaranteed: J. C. Banks, 49, St. Huberts-rd., Great Harwood, Blackburn.

GERMAN Roller Canaries, in full song, cold room, English bred: parents and young ones for sale; cocks from 7/6, hens 2/6; all young hens guaranteed untried; inspection invited, travelling cages 3d. extra: J. Hardman, 25, Withington-st., Broad-st., Pendleton, Manchester.

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Real Seifert Rollers, direct from Germany, specially trained under Nightingales, Woodlark, and bell notes with those long, wonderful trills, fit for any mansion, price 7/6, 8/6; real Schoolmaster, 10/6 and 12/-; hens, 2/6 and 3/-.

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SCOTCH Fancy, young buff hen, 25/-: Gardiner, Teind-hill-green, Duns.

THREE Scotch Fancy cocks, prize birds, cheap, clearance; stamp: Apply, Sloan, Abbey-st., Carlisle.

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GRAND lot tip-top Scotch Fancies, 20/-, 25/-, 30/-, 40/- each, including actual winners, birds full of nerve and well up on legs, good shoulders and position: W. Rudd, The Bird Specialist, Norwich.

Yorkshires.

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SAMUEL DEAN, Breeder of high-class Yorkshires, in clear, ticked, variegated, or green; prices to suit all.—6, Ash Mount, Gt. Horton, Bradford.

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YORKSHIRE cocks, 1911, singing, 6/- each, cold-room bred, yellow or buff: J. Thomas, 19, Albert-st., Cardiff.

YOUNG cocks, yellow green 6/-, buff green 5/6, buff 5/-, two buff hens, 5/6; approval: Blakesley, Hinckley.

YORKSHIRE cocks, 6/-; buff hens, 3/- each, winning strain; 5 German hens, 2/- each: Smith, Fire Brigade, Leeds.

HIGH-CLASS Yorkshires, cocks from 10/-, hens from 5/-; in good breeding condition: Atkinson, 124, Stamford-st., Old Trafford.

HIGH-CLASS Yorks pair, cock deep yellow, 10/6; buff hen, 4/-; approval: Mrs. Hermann, 489, Cambridge-rd., London, E.

COLD-ROOM; cocks, full song; hens eager to nest; bred from winners, cheap to clear; approval, 134, Branksome-rd., Brixton.

CLEARING out: Yorkshire cock, two hens, 9/-; monster cock and hen Norwich, 14/-: Eastoe, 88, York-rd., Southend-on-Sea.

1911 YORKSHIRE hen, Dykes, cock Linnet, bred Mules: exchange yellow variegated Yorkshire stock cock: W. Tann, Littleport, Ely.

HIGH class Yorkshires, singles or matched pairs, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, 18/-, 21/-; approval: Ernest Cheshire, 26, Crawford-st., Bradford.

FEW grand Yorkshire hens, cold room bred, long, slim, typical birds: yellows or buffs, 4/-, 5/-, 6/- each; approval: Walsh, Bird Specialist, Blackburn.

LONG, slim Yorkshire cocks, grand singers, 5/6, 6/-; hens, 3/6, 4/-; grand pairs, 8/6, 9/6; value unapproached; approval: Hatton, Aviaries, Belper.

HAVING selected my breeding stock, can spare a few pairs at 12/6, 15/-, 17/6, and 20/- pair: approval anywhere: Metcalfe, 68, Brunswick-rd., Liverpool.

BARGAINS in Yorkshires, giving up breeding, 15 cocks, 14 hens, also cages and utensils for sale; inspection invited: 31, Clopton-st., Hulme, Manchester.

HEALTHY outdoor aviary reared Yorkshire cocks, in full song, 7/- each, two 13/-, three 18/-, six 30/-; exchange: Holloway, North-rd. Aviaries, Wells, Somerset.

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SONGSTERS, magnificent Yorkshire cocks, incessant songsters, 6/6, 8/6, 10/6 each, Yellows, Buffs, and variegated, scores of testimonials: Alfred Adcock, Chatteris.

THREE lovely Yorkshire cocks, 2 clear buff, both fit to win, 20/- each, one variegated yellow, invaluable for stock, from my challenge cup strain: C. Silk, Emsworth, Hants.

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GRAND lengthy, slim, buff Yorkshire cock, 10/-; lovely reachy yellow hen, 8/6, 17/- pair: grand reachy yellow cock, 11/6; long, slim buff hen, 7/-; 16/6 pair; another grand pair, 11/-; grand healthy birds; bargains; approval willingly: Miss Stone, Fleet, Belper.

CHAMPION Yorkshires, long, leggy, unstanding birds, just the sort to breed winners, 6/6, 7/6, 8/6 10/6, upwards; hens, 5/6, 6/6, 7/6, 10/6: pairs, properly mated, breed winners, 12/6, 15/-, 20/-; approval, 4 days; 26 years' breeder, exhibitor: Frank Stevens, Great Ayton, Yorkshire.

YORKSHIRES First & Special.

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I have sold nearly 100 winners to my customers this season, and my winnings at all the leading shows are almost twice as many as anyone else's, finishing up at Crystal Palace with more firsts than anyone in Yorks., 3 firsts, second, third, fourth, and diploma for best Green Mark. I have won cups, bowls, medals, etc., etc., too numerous to mention. If you want the very best blood in the Fancy, place your orders with the old reliable breeder and exhibitor, who breeds his own winners, and can therefore give you the best satisfaction. Having paired up, I can still spare some good pairs, at 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, 20/-, 25/- per pair, also odd cocks or hens. Cocks from 6/- upwards. Hens from 4/- upwards; also a few pairs selected for own use, but find I have more than I require, at 40/-, 50/-, 60/- per pair, honestly worth double. Also 3 extra good pairs of Norwich at 15/-, 20/-, 25/- a pair. Travelling cages, 3d. extra. Price list post free. All on seven days' approval at my risk. Please state wants, and every bird guaranteed in fine breeding condition, and all cold-room bred and kept, and, remember, the most up-to-date rooms in the Fancy.

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HIGH-CLASS Yorkshires, 40 cocks, from 5/-; 20 hens from 3/-, splendid length, type and quality; inspection invited: approval, satisfaction guaranteed: Priestley, 121, Gaythorne-rd., Bradford.

YELLOW marked cock, 12/6; yellow variegated cock, 10/6, buff marked cock, 9/-; breeding cages 40 x 17 x 10½, 4/6 each, clean and in good condition: Kightley, Mount Pleasant-rd., Finsbury Park.

GENUINE bargains, few really good Yorkshire hens, yellow or buff, 3/6, 4/-, 5/- each; five long, typical buff cocks, 8/- each, all ready for breeding, approval: Whiting, Ravensbury, Mordenrd., Mitcham, Surrey.

EXCEPTIONAL bargains, good, big, young, style 1st 7in buff Yorkshire hen, 12/6, worth £1; big, clear made 7in. yellow cock, 10/-; two cocks and three hens, £1; must clear: approval: Middleton Bros., Fell Lane, Keighley.

WHY pay fancy prices? The old Yorkshire breeder offers selected pairs, properly mated, ready to nest 5/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/6; cocks, full song, 5/6, 7/6, 10/6; hens, 3/6, 5/6, 7/6; approval, cash or deposit: Berry, Coal Merchant, Ingrow, Keighley.

TWO long, slim Yorkshire cocks, buff and yellow, unflighted, standard length, and feathered like wax, sacrifice 8/6; bred from our winners; see show reports Cambridge, Tunbridge, Grimsby, etc.; approval willingly: Auton Bros., Spalding.

MESSRS. AMBLERS, breeders of champion Yorkshires, winners of thousands of prizes, etc., these last 30 years: four firsts, three seconds, third, fourth, and championship for best Yorkshire in show Crystal Palace 1910-11; few real gems for sale, in pink of condition, and ready for breeding; pairs from 15/- to 60/-; hens from 7/6; if you want to be successful and breed winners, try these, the finest blood in the world; all on approval; cash or deposit, Langton Lodge, Scotton, Knaresborough, Yorkshire.

MUST BE CLEARED.

Champion Yorkshires, winning strain. Look here working fanciers, direct from breeder to you; pairs, matched to breed winners, 12/- pair; cocks, 8/- each, in full song, hens nesting, 4/- each, all to birds; on approval; cash or deposit; letters only: John Mitchell, West End, Marazion, Cornwall.

THE YORKSHIRE BREEDERS'

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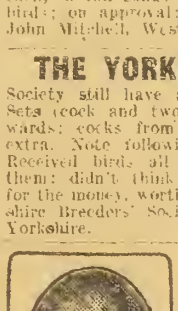

Winning Yorkshires.

20/-, 25/-, 30/-, 40/- per pair.

Having now selected my breeding stock I find I have a few more pairs Yorkshires than I can find room for. I have decided to offer them to the first comers at the above very low prices.

These birds have been bred by me from my winners (which have secured firsts and specials at all the leading championship shows in the country including Scottish National and Crystal Palace). They have been kept over with a view to breeding myself, and should produce youngsters able to hold their own in the best of company. This is a genuine opportunity for fanciers to introduce new blood (and that the finest in the country) into their bird rooms at a reasonable price. I have also a few grand lengthy birds at the following prices: Cocks, in full song, 6/-, 7/6, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, 20/- each. Grand racy hens feathered to perfection, at 3/-, 4/-, 5/-, 7/6, 8/6, 10/-, 12/6 each. Matched pairs, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, 17/6 per pair, in Clears, Ticks, Marked, or Greens.

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Every bird on approval. Satisfaction absolutely guaranteed. Easy payments arranged if desired.

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All ready to nest at once, and guaranteed untried. Cold-room bred and kept, and 200 to select from, and all worth more than double the prices quoted. Extra good Yorkshire hens, in clears, ticked, green marked, and cinnamon marked, at 3/-, 3/6, 4/6, 5/-, 6/-, 7/6 each. Colour-fed and natural colour. Sib.-bred hens, for dark or light Mule breeding, at 3/6, 4/6, 5/6 each. Few grand Yorkshire cocks, on full song, at 7/6, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/- each. Travelling cages, 3d. extra. All birds on seven days approval at my risk. Only and old address:

J. TAYLOR,
36, Aireville Road,
Frizinghall, Bradford.

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CAGE BIRDS LEAGUE

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The Membership Roll.

Our membership roll again shows a substantial increase, as will be seen from the list which follows. It will be noticed that twelve of the new members are from Leicester. This is a sequel to the resolution reported in these columns on April 23, which was to the effect that the Leicester C.B.S. would pay half the subscription of its members to CAGE BIRDS LEAGUE. In sending along the list of Leicester members, the hon. sec., Mr. Groocock, writes: "Unfortunately, at our last, when more were expected to join, the weather was so adverse that scarcely any members attended. However, it is hoped that more will join at future meetings."

Mesdames Munday, Axminster; Weddell, Kingsland; Messrs. Clark, Bristol; Melling, Millom; Ridley, Black Hill; Brandist, Bedworth; Rowley, Lindfield; Collier, Pinner; Wilson, Filey; Telfer, Douglas; Johnson, Attercliffe; Bradley, Sheffield; Cumming, Lories; Campbell, Forres; Hawthorn, Yates, Teone, Davis, Smith, Bellamy, Cook, Silcock, Spencer, Worley, Gamble, and Groocock, Leicester; Dunford, Cowes; and Tansley, Deptford.

More Local Hon. Secs.

I have the pleasure of announcing two more additions, as below, to our list of Local Hon. Secs. Before the beginning of the show season we shall have in working order our system of granting for competition at shows gold, silver, and bronze medals, according to the number of members of the League belonging to any particular society. Our list of bird-shop keepers whose shops are open to inspection with a view of becoming entitled to our certificate, is getting larger and larger, and our coloured membership certificates are in course of preparation. I shall have more to say on all of these subjects in the near future, and I hope in the meantime I shall be able to register many Hon. Secs. for districts not yet represented. Societies intending to support CAGE BIRDS LEAGUE will do well to hurry up, in order that they may participate in our medals scheme. The allotting of these medals will be entirely in the hands of the respective committees. The number, or grade, of medals will, as stated above, also be virtually in the hands of societies, for the more of their members who are members of CAGE BIRDS LEAGUE the more value will be given in medals for competition at their annual show. Our latest Hon. Secs. are:—

West Ham and Stratford.—Mr. J. Little, 154, Abbey Road, West Ham, Stratford, E.

Oldham.—Mr. G. H. Wilkes, 31, Hamilton Street, Middleton Road, Chadderton, Oldham.

A Member's Thanks.

Three weeks ago I was enabled, by the courtesy of the Editor, to insert a paragraph in the "Twitterings" column calling attention to the loss sustained by a member of CAGE BIRDS LEAGUE in having his aviary broken into. This member, Mr. Drinkell, of 69, Tunnard Street, Grimsby, now writes as follows:—

"I write to thank you very much for publishing the Twittering in CAGE BIRDS, telling readers of my loss. It was the means of tracing the thieves. One of our readers in Grimsby told me about it first, and through him and the police I have been able to recover five of my birds. Only one cock Canary is among these, however, and my breeding season seems to have been quite broken up, as, being out of work, I don't see any chance of getting any more. I should be very thankful if any of our LEAGUE members or readers better off than myself could help me in any way, as I feel lost without my birds to look after."

Another Hun Atrocity on the War Path.

An extraordinary hotch-potch of extracts from various epistles and pamphlets has been raked together by a person signing himself, or herself, "Drew Birch," and appears to be going the round of the provincial papers, for I have received it many times in the shape of newspaper cuttings. Several members ask me to reply to the individual papers from which they have taken the cuttings, but the whole jumble of second-hand hysterics is so absurd as to need no refutation from me. Further, I have in these columns dealt with most of them long ago. The writer says: "Here in Great Britain it is legal not only to trap and sell birds, but also to inflict great cruelty upon them." Birds, after being caught, are "subjected to slow mental and physical torture till death rescues them. . . 80 per cent. die in a few days from sheer mental anguish and ill-fit eatment, the remaining 20 per cent. get solitary confinement for life. This is the most dreadful punishment that can be inflicted upon any living creature. . . . men choose death by hanging in preference to it. . . . Let any one look at these Skylarks, and Linnets and Thrushes, etc., and observe they spend all their time searching, but in vain, for lost liberty and an escape from their dreadful sentence—the living death, buried alive, but fed regularly to prevent an escape from it by death itself," and so on, ad nauseam.

I thank the members who have sent me the cuttings, and only wish that there were something in the letter which needed a reply. The characteristic which is common to all the effusions of the humanitarians is a lack of knowledge of the subject of which they treat. The letter referred to above has the further characteristic of lack of originality, for every paragraph in it is copied from previously published mis-statements and exaggerations. If the writer really has anything to say it would be better to say it rather than hash up as original matter the puerile gushings of those who have gone before.

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Annual meeting held Headquarters, Mar. 21. Report and balance sheet passed as read. The latter showed a satisfactory year's working, leaving a small balance on hand. Following officers chosen for ensuing year:—President, Mr. A. Sutcliffe; vice-presidents, Messrs. E. Stobart and E. Crossley; committee, Messrs. H. Brandwood, Turner, and G. Mitchell; treasurer, Mr. E. Crossley; stewards, Messrs. Brandwood and Wild; secretaries, Messrs. Sutcliffe and Walker. We enrolled two new members. Following were last year's prize-winners:—Section 1: E. Stobart, 1st and cup (93 points), J. Robertshaw 2nd (91), A. Sutcliffe 3rd (44), E. Crossley 4th (34); Section 2: P. Sunderland 1st (93), E. Sutcliffe 2nd (78), W. Highley 3rd (62), F. Walker 4th (54); special prizes, 1st W. Wild (48), 2nd C. Senior (25).—Sutcliffe and Walker, Secs.

YORKSHIRE CANARY SOCIETY OF IRELAND.

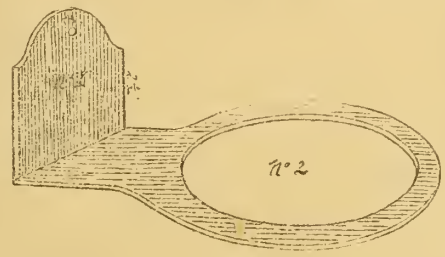
On March 19th an extraordinary general meeting was held for the purpose of electing by ballot, according to rule, a council and officers for the ensuing year. Mr. C. Lattimore elected to the chair. Following gentlemen were appointed scrutineers: Messrs. Dowling, Birse, Sheridan, and Furley; and 23 members voted. Following were elected: Vice-presidents, W. Keating, 19 (Dundalk); J. P. Rooney, 14 (Dublin); hon. secretary, C. H. Holley, 21; hon. treasurer, S. Stewart, 16. Dublin Council: P. Gillen 17, W. Birse 16, W. Sholedice 16, M. Callaghan 16, C. Lattimore 16, J. Dowling 16, P. McKenzie 16, P. Mulcahy 15, J. Briggs 14, J. R. Hyland 14, P. Power 13, W. J. Furley 16; provincial members: J. Devins (Sligo) 29, C. Tansey (Belfast) 19, E. Dunwoody 14, T. Watters (Dundalk) 14, M. Fleming (Belfast) 12, P. Goslin (Dundalk) 6. The declaration of election concluded the business. Council meeting held April 1st. Present: Messrs. Birse, Briggs, Furley, Gillen, Dowling, Holley, Hyland, Lattimore, Mulcahy, Power, Callaghan, McKenzie. Mr. Dowling in chair; Mr. Lattimore vice-chair. Mr. Stewart's resignation as hon. treasurer was accepted, Mr. Payne being elected to fill the vacancy. Show dates fixed as follows: Y.B. show, July 3rd; open show, October 31st and November 1st. Mr. P. Meason (Yorks. Union Show judge) was appointed to judge the open show, and Mr. Sholedice the Y.B. show. A letter from Mr. Faith (Cambridge) asking for two additional Norwich classes was discussed and held over, secretary in the interval to write Mr. Faith. A letter from W. Howard Saunderson was marked read. Mr. C. Lattimore was appointed ring registrar. The hon. sec. will be glad to hear from club secretaries desirous of securing the society's patronage at forthcoming shows as early as possible.—C. Holley, Hon. Sec.

Illustrated Ideas

Every "Illustrated Idea" used in this column will entitle the sender thereof to a postal order for two shillings and sixpence.

No 581.
A Steady Nest Pan Holder.
Sent by Mr. W. Danks, 14, Smith Terrace, Rutherglen.

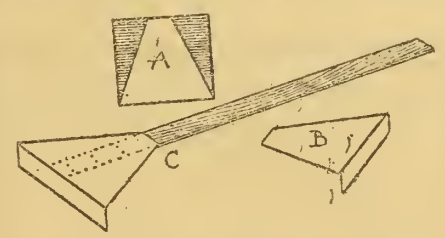
I enclose a sketch of a nest pan holder which I find is much steadier than the wire ones commonly used as there is no vibrating with this when the birds fly off and on to the nest. The main piece (No. 2) is cut from a scrap bit of three-ply wood with a fret saw (a very handy tool for home cage-making). Lay an ordinary wire holder on the wood and



run a pencil round the inside of the circle; then draw in the outer side (as in sketch). To cut out the centre part, bore a small hole and insert the saw blade, then cut round in the usual way. No. 1 is cut from a piece of scrap boxwood ¼in. thick. Make the hole A (before cutting) to take in a small screw nail, which fixes it to the cage back. Nail up through the three ply wood into the thickness of the back piece when putting the holder together. A coat of paint or enamel finishes it, and prevents any moisture soaking into the wood.—Wm. Danks.

No. 582.
A Useful Scraper.
Sent by Mr. W. G. Andrews, 1, Hayes Street, West Bromwich.

The following idea as to the making of a home-made scraper will, I trust, prove beneficial to brother fanciers. The cost is practically nil. The scraper is one that has every advantage. To make, procure a piece of 12-



gauge zinc (4in. by 3in.), and cut off the corners as shown in "A." Turn down the edge three-quarters of an inch (as in "B"). Next procure what is known as a plasterer's lath (sawn); nail with spriggs and clinch the spriggs afterwards. You have then a very useful and strong scraper as shown as "C."—W. G. Andrews.

The Young Naturalist.

*A Mischievous Robin.

While we were in church at All Saints' this morning a Robin came in and flew round the church. It pitched on my friend's hat and pecked at a bunch of cherries she was wearing and made us all laugh. Then it flew out of the window.—From Emmie Guppy (aged 12), Clevedon, Somerset.

*The Clever Canary.

A lady had two pets—a Canary and a Bullfinch. Her little sister one day was startled from her play by hearing a cry of distress from the Canary. On going to see, she found him well enough, but greatly excited, and evidently pointing to the Bullfinch. On looking, she found the poor bird with his head stuck so far into his seed-box that he could not draw it back. She called her elder sister, and with a little difficulty set him free, though the poor thing was half dead with fright. But he recovered in time. Thus the Canary saved his friend's life.—Taken from "Girls' Own Annual, 1881," and sent by Benjamin Waudby, Wesley Farm, South Cave, East Yorks.

**Good Mother Sparrow.

I think the following little story, taken from Volume I. of the "Zoological Journal," is proof of the Sparrow's love for its young:—"A pair of Sparrows, which had built in a thatch roof of a house at Poole, were observed to continue their regular visits to the nest long after the time when the young birds take flight. This unusual circumstance continued throughout the year, and in the winter a gentleman who had all along observed them determined on investigating the cause. He therefore mounted a ladder, and found that one of the young was detained a prisoner, by means of a piece of string or worsted, which had formed part of its nest, having become accidentally twisted round its leg. Being thus unable to procure its own food, it had been fed by the continued exertions of the parents."—Sent by Eva Dollin (aged 13), 16, Stuart Terrace, Stoke, Devonport.

JUDGES OF CAGE BIRDS

The attention of Show Secretaries is directed to the following list of gentlemen willing to act as Judges. Terms for insertion on application.

J. C. BARNES, 113, Northfield Road, Wadsley, Sheffield. Judge of all varieties of cage birds. Long, practical experience. Terms moderate.

T. BENNETT, 14, Cumberland Rd., Lidget Green, Bradford. Judge of Cage Birds. Long and practical experience.

A. G. DAVIS, 110-112, Tib Street, Manchester. Judge of all varieties of cage birds. Specialist Norwich judge.

GEORGE BENNETT 46, Wenlock Street, Luton, Beds., judge of all varieties of cage birds; life experience; terms moderate.

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F. COLLINS, 69, Union-st., Camborne. Judge of all varieties of cage birds. Life experience.

W. A. COWGILL, 115, Washington Street, Girlington, Bradford. Judge of all varieties of cage birds. Practical experience. Terms moderate.

GEO. GARDNER, 11, Haverstock Road, London, N.W. Judge of all kinds of Cage Birds.

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R. E. HELLIWELL, 149, Claremont-road, Boothtown, Halifax, judge of all varieties of cage birds; specialist Greens; life practical experience.

C. A. HOUSE, Briardene, Idle, Bradford. Judge of Canaries and Cage Birds; specialist in Norwich; terms moderate.

J. R. HOUGHTON, 21, Hatfield Road, Gloucester. Judge of Canaries and Cage Birds; specialist in Norwich; terms moderate.

F. MARWOOD, Nene House, Eaglescliffe, Co. Durham. Judge of Hybrids, British, and Foreign. Long, practical experience, Hybrids and British a speciality.

W. MUNDELL, 6, Carlisle Place, Manningham, Bradford. Judge of Canaries and Cage Birds.

J. W. METCALFE, The Yorkshire Aviaries, 68, Brunswick Road, Liverpool. Judge of Cage Birds. Specialist Yorkshire and Norwich.

H. NORMAN, The Byre, Salisbury Road, Carshalton, Surrey. All varieties of Cage Birds. Specialist Hybrids and British Birds.

W. POWICK, Orchard, Savilletown, Dewsbury. Judge of all varieties of cage birds, 30 years' practical experience.

J. PATTERSON, Chirnside. Judge of Cage Birds; all varieties. Wide practical experience. Specialist Border Fancy Judge.

J. H. PAYNE, 17, Northgate Street, Gloucester Judge of Canaries, British and Foreign Cage Birds.

C. E. SILK, The Aviaries, Emsworth, Hants. Judge of all varieties of Cage Birds. Life experience.

WALTER SWAYSLAND, 47, Queens-rd., Brighton. Judge all varieties of cage birds. Life experience.

HENRY TAMS, Orchard Place, Longton, Staffs. Judge of Canaries, British and Foreign Birds. Twenty-five years Breeder and Exhibitor.

S. TICKELL, 22, Honey Street, Bodmin. Judge of all varieties of Cage Birds; specialist Norwich, Cinn. & Liz. Long practical experience. Terms moderate.

W. VARDY, The Aviaries, Bucknall Hathwaite, Notts. Judge of all varieties; specialist in Norwich Plainheads. Life experience. Terms moderate.

J. WALSH, Bird Specialist, Blackburn. Judge of Cage Birds, Specialist of Hybrids, British, and Foreign. Terms moderate.

G. WILSON, 14, Frizington Road, Frizington, Cumberland. A.V., 25 years' practical experience; specialist British and Mules. Terms moderate.

A. WOOLLARD, Sprowston, Norwich. Judge of Canaries and Mules, Specialist in Norwich Plainheads, Crests, and Crestbreds, Cinnamons, and Mules.

PORTSMOUTH Cage Bird and Fanciers' Society. This old established society will hold their 26th annual show on Wednesday and Thursday, Nov. 27 and 28. Provision will be made for about 50 classes for cage birds, supported by and under the patronage of many clubs. Please note: This society has no connection with any other.—J. Tebbs Hipwell, Hon. Sec., 7, Osborne Street, Southsea.

HANLEY AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

Meeting held April 3rd, when a fair amount of business was done. Mr. G. Lawton proposed that we have Mr. A. Hirst for judge; seconded by Mr. S. Pygott. Mr. T. Bates proposed Messrs. Metcalfe and Bowyer; seconded by Mr. S. Brough. Mr. T. Dunn proposed Mr. Metcalf. The vote went in favour of Mr. Hirst by one. Mr. Hirst has booked our date, so that he will judge our show on October 17th. Re nest feather show, Mr. Robinson proposed that we hold it on our old date, July 6th; seconded by Mr. S. Pygott. Mr. Robinson proposed Mr. H. Watkin as a member; seconded by Mr. T. Dunn. We also held a very heated debate on the federation of the societies of North Staffordshire.—W. G. Llewellyn, Sec.

VALE OF LEVEN C.B.C.

Meeting held April 4th. President Hannah having introduced Mr. J. A. Adams (Glasgow), a very excellent lecture on Hardbills was enjoyed. Starting with the Goldfinch, Mr. Adams proceeded to Bullfinches, Linnets, Greenfinches, Siskins, Redpolls, Twites, Brambles, Yellowhammers, Hawfinches, etc. He explained how to deal with newly-caught birds; the various seeds and wild berries suitable for each; how to mount specimens intended for exhibition, and stage them when finished. He treated his subject in such a manner that several of the older fanciers present acknowledged it was the finest lecture on the subject they had ever heard. Numerous questions having been asked and answered, the chairman, in moving a vote of thanks referred to Mr. Adams' great popularity in the Vale Club, and as each visit made the club more attached to him he hoped it would not be long until he was amongst us again. Mr. Adams having replied amid great applause, the meeting adjourned until May 2nd.—A. H. McLean, Sec.

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Twitterings.

We have fixed the date of Vaynol Park Show for August 10, writes Mr. R. Hughes, the secretary.

I am pleased to see the great progress Cage Birds League is making, writes Mr. H. Rees (Clapham).

I have taken Cage Birds since the year 1905, and have found it very instructive and interesting, writes Mr. Geo. Taylor, sec. N.B.B.M. and F.B.C. (Newcastle).

The judges for our show on Nov. 5 and 6 are Messrs. J. H. Roe (Canaries) and H. Norman (British), writes Mr. J. Lawrence, sec. of the Portsmouth C.B.S.

We have secured the services of Mr. J. Lyon (Aberdeen) to judge our annual show on Dec. 4, writes Mr. Wm. Cumming, sec. of the Forres and Northern O.A.

We have engaged Mr. R. J. Howe (Wellingborough) to judge the British bird classes at our next "All England" Show on Nov. 2 and 4, writes Mr. A. Freestone, sec., of the Leicester Hand-in-Hand C.B.S.

At our meeting, held on April 3, Mr. J. H. Roe was elected judge for our annual open show, to be held Nov. 30, writes Mr. A. Walker, sec. of the Darlington Canary and British Bird F.A.

I have been engaged to judge the following shows, writes Mr. A. Wellings (Prescot):—July 6, Bootle; July 27, Penygroes; Nov. 22, Holywood; Nov. 30, Ashton-under-Lyne; Dec. 14, Bootle.

Will secretaries and others kindly note my change of address, writes Mr. Elliott (of Messrs. Wilkinson and Elliott), from Wood Willows to Grosvenor House, Stocksbridge, near Sheffield.

Will exhibitors please note that the open show of the Newcastle C.B.S. (on Oct. 18 and 19) will be held in Cambridge Drill Hall, Northumberland Road, our old hall, writes Mr. J. W. Reed, the sec.

It has been proposed to have a members' table show of British birds on May 1, when I hope all members will bring a bird or two, writes Mr. J. Hall, hon. sec. of the Eccles and District C.B.S.

Kindly note that I have been elected secretary of the North Wales C.B.S., and all communications for the society should in future be sent to me, write Mr. J. Wynne Parry, 18, Tithebarn Street, Carnarvon.

Those in London and district call at Sandiford's Branch Shop, 89, Selater Street, Bethnal Green, for every kind of British or Canaries, or any kind of cages or appliances. Everything of best and cheapest.—(Advt.)

The annual exhibition of the Newburgh and Dist. Gardening Society is to be held on July 20 in the East Shore Park. At this show ten classes will be provided for cage birds (five for Canaries, one for Mules, and four for British birds).

The judges appointed for our show on Nov. 7 and 8, writes Mr. A. McCagherty, hon. sec. of the Bankbridge C.B. and F.A., are:—For Scotch Fancies and British birds, Mr. A. Livingstone (Paisley), and for Norwich and Yorkshires, Mr. J. Hartley (Bingley).

Owing to pressure of business, I have been compelled to resign the secretaryship of Clapham and Dist. C.B.A., writes Mr. A. L. Priest. Mr. A. R. Coe, 18, Caldervale Road, Clapham, has been appointed as my successor; to him all communications should be sent in future.

A happy idea in picture postcards has been hit upon by Mr. E. J. Grain, the well-known food and seed expert, of Nottingham, who has had a large number of the prize cards, secured during 1911 by his customers' birds, etc., grouped in shield form, and the reproduction is very striking and artistic.

The following popular judges are down to officiate at the Galashiels O.S. Show on Nov. 16, writes Mr. J. Brown, the sec.:—For Scotch Fancies, Messrs. G. Fulton (Partick) and T. Brown (Duns); for Border Fancies, Mr. A. Gilchrist (Coldstream); for Norwich, British and foreign birds, Mr. A. Hay (Tweedmouth).

The following judges have been appointed for our show on Oct. 5, writes Mr. J. Harris, late sec. of the Dysart and Dist. C.B.S.:—For Scotch Fancies, Mr. J. Angus (Falkland); for Border Fancies, Mr. J. Craig (Brechin); for Norwich, Mr. J. McLay (Kirkintilloch); and for British and foreign birds, Mr. L. J. Arrighi (Edinburgh).

We have received a communication for our correspondence columns signed W. Bailey, and bearing the address, "Chariot Road, Hogan Highway," but a letter sent there has been returned to us through the post. If the writer wishes his communication to be published, he must forward us his correct address, or no notice can be taken of it.

Owing to the very low return of ballot papers, I am obliged to extend date for receiving same till April 15, and I sincerely trust members will take advantage of this and at least take sufficient interest in the existence of club as to see their way to appoint a committee of management for the current year, writes Mr. John Young, sec. of the Scottish Crested C.C.

The Bolton and Dist. C.B.S. have decided to hold two nest feather shows on June 22 and July 20 respectively, writes Mr. J. Gerrard, the sec. Messrs. J. and J. Hopkins have kindly consented to judge the former; judge for the other not yet elected. We are having a potato pie supper at headquarters, Joiners' Arms, Deansgate, April 17, at 7.30 p.m. A good array of talent has been arranged for, including Messrs. J. Quin and J. Dooley. It only requires a good attendance to make it a thorough success, and we invite fanciers and friends to come and see what we can do for the social side of the Fancy.

The opening article in the "Aviculiural Magazine" for April is an interesting account, by Mr. C. Barnby Smith, on the Display of the Tragopan Pheasant. Mr. P. T. L. Dodsworth continues his "Notes on the Wedge-tailed Green Pigeon in Confinement." This month's instalment of "Practical Bird-keeping" is by Mr. J. Lewis Bonhote. Other articles comprise "The Blue Thrush and Hangnest," by Mrs. Atherley; "Military Starlings," by Mrs. E. Warren Vernon; "Bird Notes from the Zoo," by the Curator; and the first portion of a "Diary of Birds seen on the White Nile," by Mr. R. Staples-Browne. In the correspondence columns Mr. J. Jeffery writes on the "Breeding of Nightingales."

We have received samples of "Ovatine," a food for the rearing of Canaries and other birds from the nest, prepared by that noted Scottish firm, Messrs. Dobbie and Co., Waverley Works, Leith, N.B. It is in four forms, Nos. 1 and 2, pure egg in powder and granules respectively; No. 3, pure egg combined with milk, in flake form; and No. 4, pure egg, milk, ground arrowroot, and sweet biscuit in combination. Nos. 1 and 2 are useful to fanciers requiring egg in these forms, and we venture to think that Nos. 3 and 4 deserve to be widely appreciated, as likely to be very reliable and time-saving in the breeding room. The combination of egg and milk seems to us to be particularly excellent—palatable and nutritious. All breeders of birds should certainly send to Messrs. Dobbie and Co. for samples (note advertisement in this issue).

Canary Visits a School.

The other day a Canary flew into the open window of one of the class-rooms at South Harringay Council School, London, N., much to the delight and amusement of the boys. The master in charge of the class caught the unexpected visitor, placed it in a cage, and (says the "Daily Sketch") awaited developments. The following day one of the boys noticed a reward of 3s. 6d. offered by the owner of a missing Canary, and the flyaway was restored to its home. By way of disposing of the reward, the master instituted a little competition among the boys' class and gave small prizes for the best work in the class.

An Enviable Record.

I was genuinely surprised to find that I had proved the winner of a guinea in the literary competition, writes Mr. E. C. Smith (Plymouth). It might interest you to know that it was only after reading your note that the essays were not coming in very fast that I decided to try, and sat down without notes and wrote a simple tale of the methods I had personally found to be the best in the management of Canaries during the breeding season. My methods have been formed or framed by Cage Birds, and it is there I have found a wealth of information from time to time. I have only lost one young bird of all hatched during the last two seasons, which I think is a wonderful result. I have never had a single bird with inflammation; the one bird lost had both legs broken (one of them in the thigh), and I put it out of pain. This year I am going to try my hand with Mules, as the reading of "Cage Bird Hybrids" has fired my ambition in that direction, and ultimately, as I gain experience with British, I shall have a try at Hybrids between them.

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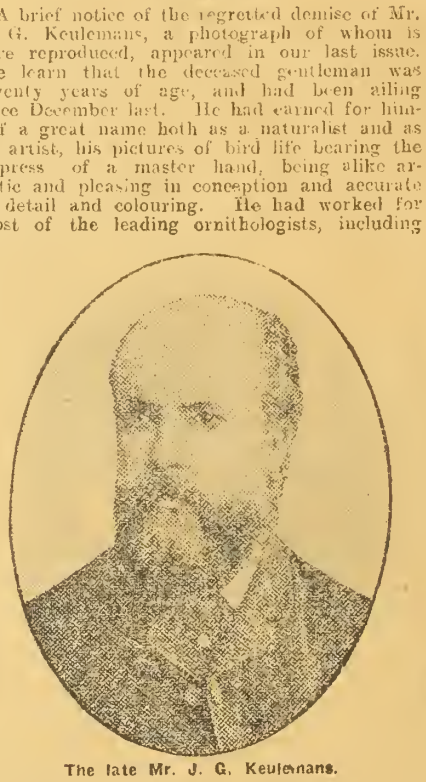
Broxburn and District C.B.S. have secured the services of the following specialist judges for their annual show on Dec. 14, writes Mr. W. McLaren, the sec.:—For Scotch Fancies, Mr. J. McLennan (Edinburgh); for Norwich, Mr. A. Chalmers (Kirkintilloch); for Border Fancies, Mr. G. Hislop (Stirling); and for Mule and British, Messrs. R. V. Raine (Glasgow) and J. Goodfellow (Edinburgh).

DEATH OF A NOTED BIRD ARTIST.

A brief notice of the regretted demise of Mr. J. G. Keulemans, a photograph of whom is here reproduced, appeared in our last issue. We learn that the deceased gentleman was seventy years of age, and had been ailing since December last. He had earned for himself a great name both as a naturalist and as an artist, his pictures of bird life bearing the impress of a master hand, being alike artistic and pleasing in conception and accurate in detail and colouring. He had worked for most of the leading ornithologists, including



The late Mr. J. G. Keulemans.

the Duchess of Bedford and the Hon. Walter Rothschild; also the Zoological Society and the British and South Kensington Museums. Mr. Keulemans was blessed with nineteen children, nine of whom survive him, and to these and to his widow our sincerest condolences are tendered. Mr. Keulemans was well known both in Paris and London, and his genial disposition and true Bohemian temperament endeared him to his many friends. Bird-lovers have suffered a great loss in his removal from our midst.

An Explanation.

Our attention has been drawn by Mr. W. R. Knowles, of Earlestown, Lancs., to a marked similarity between certain passages contained in the article on "How to Rear Canaries," by Mr. H. A. Waddington, of Earlestown, which appeared in our issue of March 16 last, and certain passages from a lecture on the rearing of young Canaries which he himself (Mr. Knowles) has several times delivered before various societies. We have compared the manuscript of Mr. Knowles's lecture with Mr. Waddington's article, and have come to the conclusion that it is due to Mr. Knowles that we should publish a paragraph to this effect; we may say, further, that the writer of the article complained of acknowledges his indebtedness to Mr. Knowles and other leading fanciers for the methods he follows, and has found successful, in the breeding of Canaries.

The Magpie's Amusements.

At one time a Magpie belonging to a neighbour used to pay frequent visits to my garden, says Mr. C. Reid in "Country Life." His favourite amusement seemed to be the picking up of articles, such as pieces of string. These he hid away in the most convenient crevices he could find in the garden furniture or elsewhere. Articles that he prized would be removed from one place to another, as fancy dictated, or perhaps for greater security. Like others of his tribe, he showed a preference for bright or shining articles. On his excursions one day he stole through an open window into one of our bedrooms. In a box of matches he found a new plaything. This was pounced upon, and its contents scattered all over the floor. A two-shilling piece that came his way elsewhere was carried off and deposited in a neighbour's garden. His feathered companions about this time were pigeons belonging to some boys. These he bullied and annoyed so much that, in order to prevent reprisals, he was deprived of his wonted liberty and condemned to undergo a period of solitary confinement. Another Magpie, belonging to a naturalist in the town, had the same habit of secreting things; but, unlike the bird referred to, he had an element of generosity in his mental equipment. When in confinement he occupied himself in stuffing his surplus food into the crannies of his dwelling. When at freedom he carried these morsels to a skating pond near by, and handed them over to a colony of Black-headed Gulls that congregated there in open weather. His owner was greatly amused and delighted.

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Wild-Bird Life.

Recording the First Migrants.

As the days lengthen we once more get records from observers of the early arrival of some of our spring migrants. Of all the birds which come to us for the summer the Cuckoo, Swallow, and Nightingale are the most looked for, and the species that everybody is eager to make the first record of. Needless to say, many of these are erroneous, although one cannot deny that year after year a stray bird or so manages to get over here some time in advance of his fellows. Yet anxious as we are to see the first arrival, we should always remember that "one Swallow does not make a summer," and when the cold easterly wind is blowing we wonder how the solitary wanderer manages to survive his long journey and to find sufficient food to exist upon now he is here.

Our country is so varied in the matter of temperature (some districts being warmer and so very much more sheltered than others) that it is just possible for a whole flock of birds to be within a few miles of a keen observer, without his noting a single specimen. The writer lives in a district situated some four hundred feet above sea level, and although during the summer months nearly all our migrants are plentiful, yet the spring is well advanced before the Cuckoo, the Nightingale, and batches of Swallows and Martins put in an appearance; and he has frequently seen them in other more sheltered situations many days and even weeks before they take up their quarters in their old haunts. One is tempted to ask the questions: Do these birds spend some days in a sheltered place before coming to their breeding grounds; and are they later in arriving than others? Careful observations show us that in many cases wild birds journey direct to their old haunts, and one of the prettiest sights we have is the behaviour of a pair of Swallows upon their first arrival. The ceaseless twittering, the flying in and out the old building where last season's brood was reared, the noisy activity and excitement tell one as plainly as birds can how delighted they are once again to reach the old home and surroundings.

Rookeries in April.

April is a busy month in the Rookery, and one can always find plenty to watch and interest. The mother birds are upon the nest and their partners sitting quietly beside it, or returning with food from a foray in the neighbouring fields. Rooks' nests must feel the full force of a rough wind, yet season after season goes by without an accident, although to look at them one would think the first gale would dislodge the whole colony.

Poor Bullie!

In a paper on "The Food of Birds," read by Mr. W. E. Collinge before the Association of Economic Biologists at Dublin, on March 27, he said it does not necessarily follow that because a bird is insectivorous it is beneficial; indeed, there are many birds whose food consists of more beneficial insects than injurious ones. Graminivorous birds, generally speaking, are injurious. At first sight it might appear that birds feeding upon the seeds of weeds are beneficial, but the fact that obnoxious weeds are largely distributed by the agency of birds, and that such weeds are never completely eliminated by the action of birds, must be borne in mind. Birds that breed early in the year feed upon the first broods of various species of insects, thus affording a very important check, often, no doubt, preventing a plague. Mr. Collinge, from an examination of some hundreds of Bullfinches, extending over the whole of the year, and collected over a wide area, showed it to be a most injurious species and a distinct enemy to the fruit-grower.

The Fascination of an Aviary.

By G. E. RATTIGAN. (London, S.W.)

Readers of this charming contribution will agree that the possessor of an Aviary is a person to be envied. It is possible to erect and stock one at a very small cost, and the present is the best of all possible times to do so.

I AM really still quite a novice in the art of keeping birds, and it is therefore perhaps rather presumptuous of me to essay the task of writing an article on this subject. However, I trust that though I cannot hope to supply much, if any, new information, I may yet contrive at all events to interest some of CAGE BIRDS' readers with my avicultural experiences.

Mortifying Experiences.

I commenced just about four years ago with a large, very draughty, and badly constructed cage, which I proudly called an aviary (6ft. long by 4ft. by 6ft. high). In this I placed two pairs of Budgerigars, two pairs of Zebra Finches, two cock Saffron Finches, two cock Madagascar Weavers, one pair of Bullfinches, one pair of Goldfinches, a Red-crested Cardinal, one pair of Pope Cardinals, two cock Red-eared Bulbuls, and one pair of Cockatiels. The last-mentioned I had to get rid of, however, as in this small space they terrified the other birds, and the Bulbuls died through my ignorance as to how to feed them properly. At this time I did not know of the existence of such a splendid paper as CAGE BIRDS, with all its fund of information valuable to both the novice and the experienced aviculturist; if only I had I should not have suffered all the mortifying experiences of those first few months.

Fresh Quarters for the Birds.

In the autumn following the purchase of the cage I have described, I caused a conservatory to be built 24ft. by 10ft. by 10ft., and heated it with hot-water pipes by a stove placed outside the building. A space of 4ft. by 10ft. at the western end of the conservatory I had cut off from the aviary, and I use it as a store room. This is fitted up with shelves for storing food, nesting material, etc.; it is also used as a quarantine for freshly-purchased birds.

The aviary itself is divided down the centre by a wire partition, and the entrance to it is effected by means of two glass doors, one opening on each side of this partition. At the further end of the aviary two windows give access to an outdoor extension. The wire partition is continued through the middle of this extension, but a door is placed in it so that it can be converted into one aviary or two at will. The extension I use in the spring and early summer for breeding purposes, and is planted with privet and other hardy shrubs and bushes every winter.

The conservatory aviary is, I regret to say, not a very great success, and I only wish now that I had put up instead an ordinary wooden shelter with a much larger flight. This would not have cost me a quarter of what the conservatory did, and would, I feel sure, have given infinitely better results. However, I suppose one can only learn these things from experience, though this has been a pretty costly one for me. But if ever I have another aviary constructed you may be sure it will not be of the conservatory pattern.

When and How the Birds are Fed.

The aviary is furnished with all manner of nesting boxes, coco-nut husks, nesting logs, etc. The most useful in my experience are the coco-nuts, nesting logs (Budgerigars are very fond of these), and a box with a kind of gable top, which is very much patronised by Zebras and Saffron Finches; the top of this box takes off, so that one can, if one likes, see how matters are progressing, though care should, of course, be taken not to disturb the birds more than once in a way in this fashion; Saffrons especially desert or eat their eggs for the least thing.

The birds are fed only once a day. As they are of various species, both hard and soft billed, two kinds of soft food mixture, besides hard boiled egg, bread, or sponge cake, mixed with ants' eggs and two different seed mixtures (Trower's English and Foreign mixtures, with a little sunflower seed added) are supplied; also a quantity of fruit of various kinds, and some of this is sampled by all the birds, even the Finches and other hardbills, and I am sure is very good for them. I also supply mealworms every morning, and a few live flies as an extra treat every other day. Of the latter the birds are very fond indeed, and it is an interesting as well as an amusing sight to see the dexterous manner in which they catch these insects on the wing.

Quite a Star Performer.

Some birds are very much more expert than others, and show great ingenuity in capturing their prey. Quite the star performer, however, is a Hardwick's Bulbul. Sometimes, when a fly gets between the wire and the glass at the top of the aviary, it is really wonderful to see the way in which the bird clings to the wire and flutters his wings till he succeeds in frightening his quarry away from the glass, when with a rapid sweep he never fails to secure it. This bird will not look at mealworms, gentles, or, as far as I have been able to ascertain, any other insect, but flies he simply loves, and his excitement when he sees one in the morning is simply tremendous. He flies about from perch to perch, and keeps peering through the glass into the store room to see what I am up to, and if he thinks he is being kept waiting too long he becomes very angry indeed, and utters a sharp, rather metallic and angry sounding cry, which he keeps up incessantly until his wants are attended to.

After the flies have been apparently all devoured, he will still search in all sorts of likely and unlikely places on the chance of finding a stray one; and if, as is usually the case, he proves successful in his search, his joy is something which must be seen to be properly appreciated.

This Bulbul is quite the monarch of all he surveys on his, the larger birds', side of the aviary (I keep the small birds on one side and the larger ones on the other); and he has his own ideas on etiquette and the keeping up of that respect which he considers due to his kingly dignity. For example, no bird is allowed on any of the three perches which are placed near the door leading to the store room. These he regards as his absolute property, and woe betide any bird, however large, whether Cockatiel or Rosy Pastor, which ventures to alight upon any of them.

In Splendid Isolation.

Here he passes the greater part of the day in splendid isolation. Even when feeding in another part of the aviary, he keeps a watchful eye on his territory, and hurries back with indignant wrath to avenge the insult if any other bird has the temerity to trespass in his absence. In addition to this he has his own special food tin. His fury if he catches any other bird feeding out of this is beyond description, and he pursues the sinner fiercely, often for as long as ten minutes; and even after this pursuit is over he continues to chatter angrily to himself for some time before finally settling down again.

One especially bad offender in this respect is a Scarlet Tanager, and I often think he does it out of a sheer spirit of mischief, relying on his wonderful powers of aerial acrobatics to avoid punishment, and leading the indignant Bulbul a regular "will o' the wisp" chase, always just out of reach, up and down and all round the aviary.

This same Tanager, by the way, is the most extraordinary catch that I have ever seen, and would, for this talent make a valuable addition to any team setting forth to "bring back the ashes." A mealworm flung high into the air, or low down, straight at him or past him, he hardly ever fails to secure.

An Admirer of the Shama.

Another bird worthy of special notice is my Shama. A more intelligent looking bird it would, I think, be difficult to discover. There is a wealth of expression in his eyes, which, somehow or other, reminds me more of a dog's than of a bird's, and his actions certainly do not belie his looks. He is, in fact, a very intelligent creature, and knows exactly when and when not to be on the lookout for a mealworm or other special tit-bit. Often, for instance, early on a fine morning, he is out for a "constitutional" in the extension part of the aviary (which I have already described), access to which in winter is afforded by a small square door cut in the wall on the floor of the aviary. This door was really made originally for the convenience of Quail and other ground birds, but in the winter, to keep the place warmer, I have the windows closed. The little door, however, is always kept open, and is used by all the birds.

To return to my story, the Shama, on these occasions, no sooner perceives me coming towards the aviary than he is all attention, but he does not actually make a move until he is sure that I am going to enter the aviary, which, if I am late, I sometimes do not do until after breakfast, contenting myself instead with a casual look around to satisfy myself that all is well.

Once the morning allowance of mealworms has been doled out, however, I can go in and out of the aviary a dozen times without his taking the least notice; unless I happen to call or whistle to him, when he comes in at once.

(To be continued.)

A Peep into one of the Bird-rooms belonging to Mr. L. Dykes (Bolton Woods, Bradford).

The Successful Management of Canaries.

By E. C. SMITH (Plymouth).

(Concluded from page 337).

WE have left the question of cleaning until late, but this point must not be overlooked. Where a pair of birds are kept in an 18 or 20 inch breeder this should be carried out twice a week, fresh gritty sand supplied, and the perches washed at least once a week. If this is done quietly, yet quickly, the birds will take no notice of you; and if your sand drawer fits properly there will be no jarring or other cause to make the hen leave the nest. Clean grit and cuttlefish, with some old mortar, if obtainable, are essential articles for your birds' welfare.

When the young leave the nest they should, if in a single breeder, be transferred to the nursery cage hung on front of the breeder, the door of which should be raised so that the old birds can feed the young through one set of wires only. They will not need food or water for the next day or two, but when 23 or 24 days old they will begin to pick up for themselves. Their pan should be filled with egg-food, a little crushed canary and rape scattered on the floor of the cage, and a seed box put on with crushed seed. Then in two or three days' time they will find it and begin to help themselves a little. When they are 26 days old hang on water also, and when they are a month old transfer them to a stock cage of fairly roomy dimensions, and give the egg-food three times daily with soaked seeds in separate pan and crushed seeds in hopper. At the end of a week begin to mix whole canary and rape with the crushed, and a little whole dry canary and maw with the soaked seed; but continue to soak the hemp for them. Gradually reduce the egg-food until the birds are eight weeks old, when it can be withdrawn altogether, if desired.

Good for the Young.

Keep the young now to canary and rape, and for green food give shepherd's purse or plantain in their green state, and occasionally a feed of soaked seed or cracked hemp, but no egg-food until moulting time, as the birds will be more hardy and less susceptible to the ills incidental to Canaries. Give the bath freely. Water should be given directly they are "on their own." Stomach troubles are more likely to result from lack of water than from an excess of it.

The old birds will have gone to nest again probably before the young are out of the nursery, having been supplied with a clean nestpan, etc., when the young were removed. One must follow the routine previously mentioned. Take two or three nests only from each pair in a season, which should end in July or beginning of August at latest. When the pairs are broken up the hens can be put into a flight, where they will get plenty of exercise, and should be fed plainly. Let them have plenty of green food (except dandelion) of all varieties, now very plentiful.

The Seed should be of the Best.

The seeds should be of the best. Canary: large, well ripened, full seeds, free from dust and dirt. Summer rape: reddish brown, with sweet nutty flavour when cracked between the teeth, free from mouldiness or tiny mites. Niger: coal black and shiny; the dull dingy black is mostly stale and rancid, and unfit for use. This is a valuable seed, for the hens especially. Maw: pale blue, a very fine seed, as a conditioner, or in cases of loss of appetite and looseness of the bowels. Hemp: The small hemp, I find, is usually the best, being fuller in the kernel (this is a seed that wants careful watching) and unless the kernel is full, white (not brownish) and sweet to taste, reject it; if one cannot get perfectly sound hemp it is better to do without it altogether, substituting a little sunflower seed crushed or chopped, or even soaked till bursting). Teazle seed: more of this seed would be used if fanciers only realised its value as a tonic, one very rarely finds any teazle left when it is given to the bird; it is a seed of which they soon get very fond.

Green foods are comprised chiefly of groundsel, chickweed, watercress, lettuce, shepherd's purse, plaintains, and dandelion, the last-named being most useful as a "forcing agent" in preparing birds for breeding; it is not generally liked for feeding young in the nest. Change the green food as often as it is possible, and don't keep the birds to one sort only; or two at most.

A Useful Nesting Tip.

I have noted that most breeders stick the lining of the nest pan in with paste. I would recommend its being pressed into the pan dry, and a button sewn on the outside of the pan, the needle passing through hole in bottom of pan, through lining and down again—just like sewing a button on to cloth. This will hold the lining firmly, and it can be pulled away. This will hold the lining firmly, and it can be pulled away from pan and plenty of insect powder dusted into the lining and between lining and pan. If this is done when the pan is first given to the hen, and again when she is set, the red mite will have no earthly chance of establishing themselves.

Let regularity in feeding and cleanliness as to cages, and all utensils be your strong points, and the young will "rear themselves," as it were. Let cock and hen rear the young together; it puts less strain on them and the young are better fed; consequently they are sooner out of nest.

Don't let cuttlefish bone ever be absent from your cages. Don't keep worrying the hen off the nest to see how the young are getting on. Don't forget to obtain "Canary Breeding for Beginners" when taking up our hobby. Get "Our Canaries," too; even the old hands can learn from it. CAGE BIRDS, of course, will come along every Friday. With their aid you will soon learn to surmount any trifling difficulties that may arise.

Questions and Answers.

DOUBTS AND DIFFICULTIES SOLVED BY SPECIALISTS.

(For Rules, see last week's "Cage Birds.")

THE following gentlemen represent CAGE BIRDS staff of **ADVISORY EXPERTS.** Queries must in no case be addressed to any of them individually, but to the Editor.

Canaries.—**Claude St. John.** British Birds, Mule and Hybrids—**G. E. Weston.** Foreign Birds—**Wesley T. Page,** F.Z.S., A.B.N.H.S., &c., Wild Bird Laws—**H. Norman.**

NOTE.—If an answer is required concerning the proper mating, etc., of Norwich, Yorkshires, Crests, Cinnamons, Greens, Borders, Lizards, Scotch or any other variety of the Canary family, we shall, should the querist desire us to do so, be pleased to submit his questions for answer to some leading specialist of the day on the variety concerned.

CANARY QUERIES.

Answered by CLAUDE ST. JOHN.

OUT OF CONDITION (B.N.).—Follow same advice as given to "F.W." for a fortnight, and if not then well, write again, and say what progress is made.

CANARY SEED (G.F.N.).—The sample of canary seed sent is of first-rate quality throughout—A1. I do not think it can be dear at 1s. 6d. per gall., though I am but a poor judge of prices by measure, always buying by weight myself. Still, such a seed can scarcely be really dear at any price.

WHEEZES AT NIGHT (Novice).—Your query seems to refer to a previous reply, to which you should have given a reference, as I cannot lay my hands on it. If my surmise is correct, go on with the treatment advised before; otherwise, give 20 drops of whiskey, five each of oxymel of squills and spearmint, wine, and two of eucalyptus oil well shaken together in one water, two days in every three, for a week or fortnight, as may seem necessary.

MOTHER AND SON (F.W.).—See that both these birds are kept in a bright, equal, and healthy position, free from draughts and damp. Also examine cages closely to see if red mites are troublesome, and if so deal with them as you will find advised in an article, which is now appearing. Then treat both for a fortnight the same as advised to "Trouble," except that you should give the rhubarb aperient every second day for the first week. At the end of the fortnight write again and report progress.

TWO SEED SAMPLES (P. Allen).—The dark reddish-brown seed is one the bird rape, but is a fat mustardy sort that I only advise for use in a seed mixture intended for occasional use. It is of rather poor quality. The whitish flat seed is of the same nature, and served the same purpose as sesame. I am not aware of it being sold separately by any particular name in this country. In India it is sold as white gingelly, our ordinary sesame being sold as red or black gingelly. It is useful in a seed mixture for preparing birds for breeding. No bird should be fed wholly on these seeds.

SHELLS SEED (Troubled).—Give a staple diet of plain canary only. Every second day give separately half a teaspoonful of summer rape and just a few grains of hemp, and on the alternate days a piece of bread and milk the size of a hazel nut lightly sprinkled with soft sugar, and also a pinch of maw. Give a crisp young leaf of dandelion daily. In the drinking water give six drops of syrup of rhubarb and as much Epsom salts as will cover a sixpence daily for three days, and afterwards four drops each of tincture of gentian, tincture of calumba, and aromatic sulphuric acid every second day for a week or ten days. A fortnight of this treatment should set matters right.

WILD SEEDS (J.B.S.).—The two thistles are nicely cleaned, and appear in very fair condition, so that I see no reason why you should not sell your surplus. An advert. in our columns would doubtless soon clear you out of it. It is very good for, and much relished by, nearly all the Finch tribe, including canaries, and makes a valuable item in a mixture for occasional use. The maggot is a larvæ that lives and feeds in thistles frequently. This maggot is also greatly relished by the birds, to whom it is most beneficial. If you split open a seed head and put in the cages the birds will see to it that none of these larvæ get far away. If the heads are picked whilst in bloom the seed would be "light," having very little kernel, and consequently comparatively worthless. The best time to gather is after a dry sunny day or two, when the copper-like downy part of head is on the point of beginning to sail away. I do not know what the mixed seeds consist of. It is probably a mixture of wild and cultivated plants, among which I recognise the common ordinary parsley, but am not botanist enough to discriminate between all. Gather dandelion heads as they ripen all through the spring and summer. Pluck them as soon as the pappus shows signs of flying. There will be a crop nearly practically every fine dry day. Gather sheltered parts as soon as the lower pods on the stem begin to burst open, and keep them in paper bags while the rest of the pods are ripening.

ROLLER AND CREST (Creste).—(1) It is not very unusual for a young hen to break the sequence in laying a clutch of eggs. She will probably finish with them and commence sitting by the 10th, when she should be given the fresh eggs to replace those broken and rise. If you did not do this the eggs will be useless, in all probability, owing to decomposition. You will find it very risky to do this when the nest is already occupied by fully developed young. (2) Dose with two drops of cod liver oil and malt every second day, and feed on the alternate days on a paste made of equal parts hemp meal, black rape and bread. Give a leaf of the dandelion daily. In the drinking water add six drops of tincture of gentian and four of tincture of calumba every second day.

THREE IN ONE (W. E. C.).—As your albino Roller cock has been feeding exclusively on soft food for a month, you need not trouble at all about his inability to crack hemp. Perhaps it would be better for him. Some quantities of hemp are very dry and may be found the poor bird's throat. Soak the hemp in water for a few hours before feeding it to him.

ROLLER COCK ILL (O.S.M.).—In addition to the staple diet of plain Canary give a morsel of bread and milk the size of a hazel nut, with two drops of cod liver oil emulsion on it, and liberally sprinkled with maw. Every second day give also a morsel of banana, but withhold all other kinds of fruit and green food until bird is recovered. Give one drop of a mixture of equal parts castor oil and brandy direct in the beak morning and night for two days, and afterwards six drops of tincture of gentian and four of tincture of calumba in the water every second day for a fortnight.

BROODY HEN WHEEZING (F.E.R.).—The hen may probably have got a chill, perhaps from vigorous bathing during the snap of chilly weather, though it is not very uncommon for a slight wheezing to occur at this time without any such cause. Withhold the bath during incubation, unless the weather gets very warm and the wheezing has disappeared, when you may offer it during the last two days of incubation with advantage. Also withhold green food during time of sitting. Give a staple of three parts canary to one part summer rape, and every second day for a week give a small teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake with four drops of sherry and two of cod liver oil emulsion mixed in it and sprinkled with maw. On the alternating days during the same period add five drops each of glycerine, oxymel of squills, and spearmint wine to the drinking water.

DOES NOTHING BUT EAT (Perplexed).—You are treating the bird quite wrong. If it will do nothing but gorge upon hemp then cut hemp entirely out of its dietary. You need not fear it starving. Keep it in a cosy place, not overheated, but equable, and quite free from draughts. Give a staple diet of plain canary only. Every second day give half a teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake with four drops of sherry and two of cod liver oil emulsion mixed in it, and sprinkled with maw, and also give two leaves of dandelion on these days. On the alternate days give a similar quantity of a mixture of summer and black rape and millet. In the drinking water give six drops of syrup of rhubarb and as much Epsom salts as will cover a sixpence every second day for a week, and afterwards four drops each of tincture of gentian, tincture of calumba, and dilute sulphuric acid every second day for a week. Let it bathe, in nice bright weather, three times a week. Feed and treat strictly on these lines for three or four weeks.

EGG BREAD (W. W. Despard).—A very good egg-bread is made as follows: Separate yolks and whites of four eggs. Whip yolks well, adding gradually four ounces castor sugar, then whip the whites of the eggs and blend with the yolks and sugar. Mix in four ounces of flour, stirring it well, and adding a few drops of milk, or butter-milk, if more moisture is required to make a dough. Bake in a well greased shallow tin in a moderately hot oven, and keep for several days to mature to a crumbly, consistency before use. Better get the presiding genius of the culinary department to carry out the bake. Other recipes will be found in the pages of "Our Canaries," also sundry articles on egg-food.

LOSING FEATHERS (Bore).—As you appear satisfied the bird is exposed to no draughts you should see that she is also free from great and rapid fluctuations of temperature and from damp. Keep in a fairly equable temperature, which need not be heated in any way now. Give a staple diet of three parts canary to one part summer rape mixed together. Every second day give a half teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake with four drops of sherry and two of cod liver oil emulsion well mixed in it and sprinkled with maw seed. On the alternate days give a similar quantity of a mixture of equal parts hemp, millet, black rape and teazle. Give a leaf of dandelion daily, and allow bird to bathe three or four times a week in nice mild weather. In the drinking water add six drops of syrup of rhubarb, and as much Epsom salts as will cover a sixpence for two days, and afterwards give six drops of tincture of gentian and four of tincture of steel two days in every three for a fortnight, or you might stop the latter sooner if the feathers have quite ceased dropping.

The intervention of the Easter Holidays makes it impossible for us to get all the Queries received answered in time for publication in this issue. They will be dealt with, however, next week.—Editor.

CANARY QUERISTS.

should consult St. John's "Canary Breeding for Beginners" (1s.); House's "Canary Manual" (1/2); Battye's "Yorkshire Canaries" (1/1); House's "Norwich Canaries" (1/1); Weston's "Stock Book" (7d.); Dr. Clarke's "Septic or Bird Fever" (7d.); Dr. Creswell's "Hygiene of Bird-keeping" (1/1); Norman's "Aviaries, Bird-rooms, and Cages" (2/3); Ramsden's "Colour-feeding" (3½d.); "Seeds and Foods for Cage Birds" (1/2); or the "Nutshell" booklets (2½d. each); No. 5 "The Pet Canary," No. 6 "Ailing Birds and How to Cure them," No. 9 "The Disinfection of Cages, Bird-rooms, etc.," No. 10 "The Roller," No. 23 "The Border Fancy," No. 24 "Green Canaries." All thoroughly practical and instructive. Prices quoted are post free, from "Cage Birds," 154, Fleet Street, London, E.C.

BRITISH BIRDS, MULES AND HYBRIDS.

Answered by G. E. WESTON.

GOLDFINCH NOT SINGING (Le Monde Aviole).—It sounds like a very unusual case. Are you quite sure the Goldie is in the perfect health you speak of? Take him away from the Linnets (in a room by himself) for a week, and see if this brings about a change. It may be "jealousy."

ABOUT THE HAWFINCH (Mick).—(1) There is a very similar difference between cock and hen Hawfinch as there is between cock and hen Chaffinch. The hen lacks the bright, glossy colours of the male—the warm browns and reds—and her bib is not so dense or (usually) so large. CAGE BIRDS some time ago issued a coloured plate depicting the cock and hen Hawfinch. (2) I expect your bird will eat the sunflower and hemp seeds out of the mixture you name, and waste the rest. Sunflower is the seed this bird prefers, hemp coming next. You will find, as you surmise, full details given in the Hardbill section of the "British Bird Manual"; a very good and valuable book. (3) If you want the bird for exhibition, by all means colour-feed it at the moulting season.

THE SAD CASE OF A GOLDIE (C.S.).—I am afraid that only too many fanciers are troubled with Goldfinches which fail to "properly do their duty," as you put it, in the breeding cage. There is no dependable remedy in the case of a bird like yours, and probably you would save yourself further clear eggs if you discarded him and tried another Finch. Should you be using a two-compartment breeding cage, shut him by himself during the night, and also during the day, except for an hour or so at early morning and at evening, when draw the slide and let him run with his mate. I think it is best to try a Finch of his disposition in a pretty big cage.

TWO ITEMS (Goldfinch, T.W.).—(1) I think you can try this Goldie with some confidence. Blow away the feathers from the lower part of the abdomen and examine his vent; if very prominent (well "sprung," as fanciers term it), then you can be sure that he is in full breeding condition. Canary fanciers always adopt this means of ascertaining whether their cock birds are in breeding form; it is an infallible guide, providing the bird is at the moment in a sound state of health. (2) You certainly ought not to have left the Linnet with the hen Canary while he "about stripped her." You ought to have parted them (it is in such a case as this where the double breeder comes in so very handily) until the hen began to build a nest, when he in all probability would not have molested her. This behaviour is generally the result of a "rank" male bird being put with a hen who is not up to concert pitch as regards breeding, and fails to respond to the overtures of her mate; the latter feels sore about it, and proceeds to make his displeasure known to her. If the Linnet is persistently badly behaved—that is, after the hen wants to nest—let him run with her for a short time morning and evening only until she is ready to incubate (has laid her third egg).

DEATH OF LINNET (Kay).—You write: "One morning its feathers were ruffled up, so at once put some Epsom salts in its water, but bird dead before night." How you imagine it possible for anyone to tell you the cause of death from this statement (plus two seed samples) I really cannot understand. The single symptom you describe (the feathers ruffled up) would be present in almost every disease birds suffer. Whatever the trouble, the speedy termination points to its being something uncommonly deadly in its concluding stages. As you have suffered other losses, it looks as though you have a contagious disease at work amongst your stock (I do not necessarily mean "fever"), and your most sensible plan would be to send a body to our Mr. Yates for expert post-mortem examination. He would tell you the exact cause of death, and then you could take steps to combat the trouble. With regard to the seed samples, No. 1 is not a mixture I should use myself as a regular thing for Linnets (it contains hemp and sesame), but the seeds of which it is composed seem of excellent quality; No. 2 is a wild-seed mixture of the "rough and ready" order, containing a large percentage of what is purely waste matter, but there is nothing about it to lead me to think it could harm birds, if used in moderation in the case of birds in small cages (most of the wild rapes, of which such mixtures are largely composed, are not easy of digestion, consequently are more suited to aviary birds—i.e., birds having ample opportunity of taking exercise).

BRITISH BIRD & HYBRID QUERISTS

should consult Houlton's great work, "Cage-Bird Hybrids" (7/6); Norman's "British Bird Manual" (2/3); or Part 1 "Hardbills" (1/1), Part 2 "Softbills" (1/1); "Aviaries, Bird-rooms, and Cages" (2/3); "Seeds, Foods, and Wild Plants" (1/2); "Secrets of Hybrid Breeding" (1/2); Dr. Creswell's "Hygiene of Bird-keeping" (1/1); Dr Clarke's "Septic or Bird Fever" (7d.); "Colour-feeding" (3½d.); or the "Nutshell" booklets (2½d. each); No. 1 "Goldfinch," No. 2 "Linnet," No. 3 "Skylark," No. 4 "Song Thrush and Blackbird," No. 11 "Bullfinch," No. 13 "Chaffinch," No. 15 "Greenfinch," No. 22 "Siskin, Redpoll, and Twite," No. 25 "Small Insectivorous Birds," No. 26 "Large Insectivorous Birds," No. 6 "Ailing Birds and How to Cure Them," No. 9 "Disinfection of Cages, Birdrooms, etc.," No. 12 "How to Moult British Birds." All thoroughly practical and instructive. Prices quoted are post free from "Cage Birds," 154, Fleet Street, London, E.C.

FOREIGN BIRDS.

Answered by WESLEY T. PAGE, F.Z.S., Etc.

AILING BUDGERIGAR (C.H.).—Separate this bird at once from its mate; the latter should have a clean cage, and the ailing bird left in the present one. When the ailing bird recovers, return him to his mate, and well scald out and disinfect the cage he has been occupying. Keep him in an even temperature, and out of draught. Every other day his drinking water should consist of one part Dinneford's Magnesia and two parts water. As soon as the voidings become watery, only give the mixture once a week. On other days give Bemax phosphate to drinking water in proportions as the maker say. Give grading (flowering grass) liberally, but it must not be tainted with frost. Keep a millet spray in the cage continually, also keep a small tin of crushed oats in the cage as well as the usual seeds. Please report progress a fortnight hence with as full details as possible, and describe where and how it is being and has been kept. Do not attempt at any time to make an ailing bird.

WHAT PARROT? (J. Baker). It is the Australian Rosecate (Rose-breasted) Cockatoo. It is a hardy species, and reputed to be a good talker in its native country, but most of those imported to this country do not accomplish much in this direction. Diet: Seed mixture (see reply to another correspondent last week), ripe fruit, nuts, plain biscuits, cuttlebone, and water. Do not give table scraps, tea, coffee, or milk sops, or any kind of animal food whatever. It is hardy and needs no coddling, but must not be subjected to draughts.

BUDGERIGARS AND LOVEBIRDS (G.Y.).—Yes, providing the cage is large enough, but a bare query like this is very misleading; you had better repeat query on this one point and send me size and description of cage, and then I can tell you what you can do with it. The Blue-wing and Lavender-heads are both about the size of Budgerigars, but have stouter bodies and short tails. The Budgerigars, as you will be aware, use no nesting materials, but you must either supply strips of bark and leaves, or supply living branches (this is best) for the birds to strip and line their nest boxes or logs with.

GREEN SINGING FINCHES (Greenbill).—Take out the division and let them fly together, but keep them under observation to see how they agree at first, and if they should quarrel put in a wire partition and keep it there, till such times as you see them feeding each other through the wire; it will then be safe to leave them together. Fix up, say, a Hartz travelling cage at one end of the cage, supply nesting material (same as for Canaries), and leave them to take their own course. In addition to your present diet, supply greenfood ad lib—seeding grass, chickweed, lettuce, groundsel, etc.—but it must not be tainted with frost. About three days before hatching is due (incubation lasts 13 or 14 days), supply a little of some good soft food mixture, and as soon as feeding begins, steamed ants' "eggs," live ants' eggs, and any other small live insects or their maggots you can capture, but do not pry into the birds' nesting arrangements.

ROSELLA PARRAKEETS (Bull and Bush).—(1) A seed mixture of one quart each canary and white millet, half a pint each of oats, hemp, and sunflower seed, and a gill of grit (not sand)—well mix, and it is ready to supply to the birds. Also supply ripe fruit and greenfood. (2) As a rule the hen has a small patch of green on the nape, and she is slightly less vivid than the male in colour, and the red on her head a little less extensive. (3) They have frequently been bred in outdoor aviaries in this country, and yours should do so as soon as they are fully adult. Hang up a barrel for them, or a nest-box with concave bottom. It is best to put up two, one in the aviary shelter and one in the open flight. The barrels are usually waterproof and need no cover.

ROSE-BREASTED COCKATOO (Mrs. Marshland).—There is no accounting for the habits some Parrots and Cockatoos form, but your bird, I should say, has either inflammation or rheumatism. Next time you see its feet bleeding paint them with Friar's Balsam, but look out for nips, as it will sting a bit when first applied. When there are no open sores I should paint these parts with bitter aloes, but they must be bathed frequently in warm water, say every other day, and the bitter aloes put on fresh after the bathing, as soon as the legs and feet are partially dry. Every other day, so long as the voidings are not too loose, put one teaspoonful of Dinneford's Magnesia into the daily supply of drinking water. Confine diet to seed mixture, plain biscuit, nuts, ripe fruit, and green food, with cuttlebone and grit. As soon as the habit of biting the feet is checked, in lieu of the bitter aloes, paint feet with neat whiskey after bathing, but if the bird commences the biting again, apply the Friar's Balsam, and as soon as the sores are healed, bathe and paint with bitter aloes again as required. These habits are very troublesome to check; you must persevere as directed above. Report progress a fortnight hence.

FOREIGN BIRD QUERISTS

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M. W.—Both birds died from same cause, viz., pneumonia, induced by cold. I should, however, take the precaution to cleanse and disinfect cage. Your experience is unusual, but you need feel no great cause for alarm.

A. SHEPPARD.—Septic fever.

GENERAL.

Answered by THE EDITOR.

THE DUTIES OF SOCIETY OFFICIALS (Looking Back).—The article you mention did not appear in this journal, but in the 1911 edition of CAGE BIRDS ANNUAL.

CLUB NOTICES (J. Woodhouse; J. Binns; D. Halliday; A. Wake).—Your cards arrived too late for our last issue; evidently you overlooked the notice respecting the holidays, and the necessity for being earlier to press.

Members Shows.

Leicester Hand-in Hand C.B.S.: Held April 2. Mr. T. Ride judged. Principal winners: Messrs. Hawthorn, Reeves, and Turner.—A. Freestone, Sec.

Partick C.B.S.: Meeting and table show held Trades Hall April 5th, Mr. Park presiding over a large attendance. A record entry (nearly 70) faced the judge, Mr. M. Craig (Tollcross). Principal winners:—British: Messrs. McRobbie, McMillan, Aitkenhead, Park, Grant, Priest, Webster, Walker. Mules: Messrs. Steel, Aitkenhead, Priest. Foreign: Messrs. Fraser, Park.—J. Henderson, Sec.

Vale of Leven C.B.C.: Held Village Schoolroom, Mr. J. A. Adams (Glasgow) judged. Principal winners:—Hybrid or Mule: Messrs. McLean, Hannah. British: Messrs. Lindsay, Roxburgh, Finlayson, Gillies, Thom, McEwan, Clemson. Foreign Goldfinch: Messrs. Taylor, Finlayson.—A. H. McLean, Sec.

Glasgow and West of Scotland N.M. & F.B.C.: Meeting and show of British held Collig Hall, 28, Spoutmouth Street, Mar. 26. Best bird was a very fine field-moulted Linnet shown by Mr. Craig (Tollcross), winning special for best in hall. Mr. Lawrie (Govan) judged. Principal winners:—Messrs. Craig, Watson, Crone, Dowell, Raine, Park, Sloan. Mr. A. Maxwell, of Partick, was admitted to membership.—F. Taylor, Sec.

Singing Contests.

ATHERTON.

Atherton Linnet Club: Owing to the coal strike there will be no contest on Saturday, April 13.—Joseph Everett, Sec.

NEWTOWN (Leeds).

Week-end Linnet sing took place on April 7, at Prince Albert Inn, when 14 birds entered. Judges, Messrs. C. Lorriman and P. Madden. 1, J. Clarke; 2, 3, J. Smith.—E. Wood, Hon. Sec.

FONTEFRACT.

Linnet contest held Woodman Inn, Horsefair, before a good company; but owing to coal strike we only had 13 birds to sing. 1, C. Scott; 2, T. Piper; 3, B. Nelson. Another open sing April 14, all welcome.—J. Martin, Sec.

BLACKBURN.

Blackburn quality Linnet sing Assoc. open Linnet contest for quality held April 6th, Old Red Lion, Snig Brook, when 26 birds competed. 1st, W. H. Topping; 2nd, J. W. Jones (Leigh); 3rd, R. Howcroft (Leigh); 4th, T. Statham (Leigh); 5th, R. Hayhurst; 6th, C. Dobson (Blackburn). Judges, Messrs. Jones, Dobson, and Topping; timekeeper, Mr. R. Howcroft; bird taker-away, Mr. C. Dobson. After the contest we had an enjoyable evening; songs and duets were rendered by members and friends.—R. Hayhurst, Sec.

KIPPAX.

Kippax and Dis. Linnet Club members' sing held April 6th, Commercial Hotel, where 11 birds entered (4 minutes' time singing). 1, A. Tomlin; 2, R. Collinson; 3, J. Liversedge. Timekeepers, Messrs. T. Hall and J. Nicholson. On Easter Monday a members' sing was held, with entrance money added to a special prize given by Mr. Lister. 14 birds entered for the special prize, and some splendid singing was heard. Result: 1, R. Collinson; 2, J. Liversedge; 3, O. Potter. Timekeepers, Messrs. T. Hall and W. Wheatley.—R. Plows, Hon. Sec.

SHEFFIELD.

Weekly Linnet sing held April 6, when 14 birds entered (3 minutes' time). 1, E. Bisby, 90 sec.; 2, Griffis, 63 sec.; 3, Thompson, 57 sec.; Griffis, 48 sec.; Bisby, 46 sec.; Albert, 41 sec. Also on April 7 (3 minutes' time), when only 9 birds were entered. E. Bisby and Thompson divided first and second prizes with 58 sec. each; 3, Thompson, 48 sec.; Bisby, 47 sec. E. Bisby's bird did a run of 49 secs., and he has done several runs of 65 secs. and 69 secs. at a time. Whitsuntide Club row in full swing. Contest every week-end.—A. Thompson.

SALFORD.

Contest for time held April 7, Boathouse Hotel, Oldfield Road, when a fair number of fanciers entered for four prizes and cards, some good singing being again recorded. 1, N. Smedley, 67, H. Coates 49, J. Green 36, J. Caswell. Timekeepers, Messrs. J. Hall, E. Birkman; toppers, Messrs. G. Bates, J. Caswell; minutes and birdkeeper, Messrs. Marshall and Green. At meeting held after contest Mr. J. Hall (Pathcroft) was elected a member. A balance sheet is open for inspection by any member. Correspondence is invited from fanciers wishing to join. Next contest April 13, at Queen's Arms, Atherton, 2 p.m. (open), contest at headquarters April 21, at 7.30.—B. Wharton, Hon. Sec.

CLAPHAM AND DIST. C.B.S.

Lecture by Mr. Hobbs on the Art of Colour-feeding.

Meeting held headquarters, April 1. The business included an item of much importance, viz., the election of a successor to Mr. A. L. Priest, who, to the regret of all, had to vacate the office owing to pressure of business. Mr. Priest has had a most successful run of office, and his successor will have a hard task to beat his record. His successor was found in Mr. Geo. Gee (of 58, Caldervell Road, Clapham Park, S.W.), a keen and up-to-date fancier, and the committee hope and believe the club will maintain its position. Medals were selected for competition amongst members at the forthcoming show, and a hand-some gold-mounted silver medal, as presented by an anonymous donor for best Goldfinch shown by a member at open show. At the next meeting on May 6, a washing competition is to take place, either British or Canary, any eligible. The bird may be entered on the evening of competition.—Mr. A. C. Askew, judge.

An interesting paper was read by Mr. Hobbs (Chairman), entitled "The Rise of the Colour-fed Bird." He said the art of colour-feeding was practically unknown until the year 1871, and when in those days from time to time a richly colored bird was staged, it was looked upon as a "freak" in the same way as the "all white" canary of the present day. It was an undisputed fact amongst the original breeders that the colour was due to the blood, and in the early stage of the growth of the feather they were merely tiny tubes. Anything "yellow" that the bird would eat was given it, and it became no longer a secret that certain foods would affect the colour, but each breeder closely guarded his mode of producing the high colour. The chief feeds were in those days marigold flowers, saffron solution, cochineal, port wine, beet root, and mustard seed. Towards the end of the year 1871, rumours became current that some wonderful coloured birds hailed from the Sutton-in-Ashfield district, and it was openly stated that the colour was due to some form of feeding. Although the best known tests of that date were applied, the colour could not be proved to be due to outward application. The birds were looked upon as "faked," but the fancier of Sutton-in-Ashfield kept his own council. A variegated buff was exhibited in that year at Cheltenham; a team of six hailed from the same quarter, and were recorded as winners. At the Crystal Palace show of 1872, a high coloured bird was passed as "dangerous," but one obtained a vhc. In 1873 a well-known Derby fancier brought out two highly coloured birds, and stated that they had been moulted in his own house, and the colour was due to their diet. The climax came at the Great Norwich Show of 1873, held at St. Andrew's Hall, a joint protest being made against a consignment of these birds which had secured all the prizes of note. It was, however, clearly established by analysis that no artificial colour had been used, and their reputation was at once established. Shortly afterwards the secret began to ooze out, and some fanciers boasted that they had made as much as £50 over it. The fancier (Mr. Bemrose) subsequently published the fact that the wonderful colour was entirely due to cayenne pepper. People were astounded. The secret could not have been so long held in the present day, for the doings of the Fancy are chronicled every week, and it would be impossible for intelligent men to grope in the dark as did our brother fanciers in the "Seventies."—S. A. Sandy.

AMBLE AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

Meeting held March 16th, Gardeners' Arms, Mr. A. Anderson in chair. Agreed, to hold annual show November 9th, also a F.F. show in June. Mr. A. Dippie (Morpeth) was elected judge for our annual show. Messrs. J. W. Moffit and J. Cockburn were elected members.—J. T. Crackett, Sec.

RYECROFT & RAWMARSH C.B.S.

General meeting held Queen Hotel, April 6th, Mr. R. J. Smith (president) in chair. There was a good attendance, and business was gone through in quick time. Decided, to hold our first nest feather show June 22nd at the club-house, eight classes being provided. Mr. J. Warriner (Hoyland) was elected judge. At our next meeting we are to be favoured with a lecture on "Breeding and Rearing" by Mr. J. Evans. A hearty welcome is extended to all.—W. Wilshaw, Sec.

READING C.B.S.

Meeting held April 3rd; a very good attendance. Messrs. Bucket and P. Chalker were elected members. Full details of Y.B. show on July 10th were arranged; same classification as last year, and society will add £1 to the prize-money. Mr. J. Brooker has kindly promised to judge. Breeding reports were eagerly discussed by members, one member making the interesting announcement that he had a pair of Gouldian Finches nesting in a cage indoors; we hope he will be successful. The hon. sec. would like to hear of a few more fanciers in this district wishing to join. All information gladly on application. The new silver cups will be on view at Clifford Bros., Kings road, for two weeks.—W. H. Pyke, Hon. Sec.

SWINDON AND DIST. F. AND F.A

Meeting held Baths, Milton Road. Present, Messrs. A. Ireland, S. Lewis, J. Smith, W. Brooks, J. Bennett, H. A. Northover, T. R. Gee, W. Greenwood, and W. J. Moran. New member elected, Mr. J. T. Edmonds. New rule cards were issued. Judges elected for 24th open show, Nov. 27th and 28th: Messrs. J. H. Payne (for cage birds). Clem Watson, A. Leith, C. Higham, and W. C. C. Dibble, with Mr. J. Penketh to pen and feed exhibits. Mr. A. J. Parker kindly promised a valuable medal for the best young cage bird. Mr. J. Bennett read a most interesting paper, and a discussion followed. Next meeting April 24th, same place, when Mr. A. Ireland will read a paper. We shall be pleased to see friends and shall be only too pleased to propose them as members.—W. J. Moran, Hon. Sec.

EDINBURGH N.C. AND M.B.S.

Meeting held Rooms, 142, High-street, April 6th. In the absence of the president, Mr. Charlton presided. There was a large attendance considering the stormy weather. Agreed to hold a V.B. show July 6th from 2 till 5 p.m., and if possible to have same in Buccleuch Parish Church Halls. Members please note, as the classification will be given out to all present at the May meeting, when final arrangements will be made. This society has nearly forty members, and will admit any fancier who resides within 12 miles from Edinburgh at meeting May 2nd, but not later. The following judges are to place the awards at our annual show on November 15th: Norwich, Mr. W. Grewar (Lochgelly, late of Forfar); Border Fancy, Mr. D. Hamilton (Hamilton); Mules British, and Foreign, Mr. J. F. Dewar (Edinburgh). I would again remind members and friends of the ramble on the afternoon of May 11th to Musselburgh. Train leaves Waverley Station at 2.40, when Mr. Sykes will meet the party and conduct them through the estate. This should prove interesting to all, as Mr. Sykes is an expert on British birds and their haunts. Mr. Napier (Junior Green) was admitted a member, and Mr. W. Rizzi was proposed and accepted. Intending members write for all information to me.—J. Welsh, Sec., 67, Roebuck-place.

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BLAYDON-ON-TYNE & DIS. C.B.S.

Meeting held April 6, there being a fair turn-out of members. After the ordinary business, the members decided on an annual show in July on a date yet to be fixed. Also decided to have annual show on Nov. 1 and 2, for which they elected two popular judges. Mr. J. J. Walker (Blaydon) was elected a member.—Geo. Havver, Hon. Sec.

DERWENT VALLEY C.B.S.

Meeting held March 30, Church Hall, Hamsterley, Mr. G. Barkas in chair. Decided, to guarantee 25s. worth of advertisements in CAGE BIRDS for our annual show. Will members please note that our worthy chairman, Mr. G. Barkas, is giving a washing exhibition at our meeting, April 27th. Fanciers will be accorded a hearty welcome.—Lindsay and Marsh, Secs.

RADCLIFFE AND DIST. C.B.S.

Meeting held headquarters April 3rd, Mr. H. Pilling presiding over a good number of members to hear Mr. W. Lloyd (Pendlebury) give a lecture on different varieties of cage birds. He touched on different subjects—how he became to be a fancier and how to breed different varieties. Every member present was very pleased with the lecture, and questions were asked which Mr. Lloyd answered satisfactory.—W. Pickup, Sec.

ARDWICK (and Manchester District) C.B.A.

General meeting held April 2nd, Mr. W. Robinson presiding over a fair attendance of members assembled to hear Mr. T. Harrison (Altrincham) give a most interesting and instructive lecture, namely, "Seeds and Food: Their Uses and Effects." The lecturer classified them as follows: Hard food, soft food, green food, flesh-forming, heat-giving, tonic and conditioning seeds. To begin with hard food, he was in favour of a good Turkish, but great care must be taken in buying this. See that it is clean, he said, bright and brownish in appearance, free from grit. He advised sifting the seed before using, as it was well worth the little extra trouble to free it from all dust; give this, together with a little mixed seeds, such as rape, etc., added to counteract the fattening effects. Flesh-forming seeds: Hemp, sunflower; heat-giving: oats, groats; tonic: maw, gold of pleasure, red and white millet; conditioning: dandelion, lettuce, teasle, thistle; soft food: egg and bread, egg and biscuit, Madeira cake, baked rice pudding, also "Harrison pudding"; green food: for choice, watercress well washed with a little salt in water, then rinsed in clean water, chicken weed, dandelion, discontinuing the latter after the first nest, as it assists to force nature. As a stock mixture he used canary, rape, hemp, inga, and sunflower all the year round; for winter use, groats, crushed oats, and quaker oats, thrown in bottom of cage. Before breeding: Cod liver oil, or biscuit foods. Nesting: Inga. Feeding young: Egg and biscuit, hemp, green food, using the green food as soon as the young were hatched, as he contended that it assists nature. He condemned the use of dog biscuit, as it creates scurvy. Weaning: Egg and biscuit, ground hemp. Take a quantity of hemp, place it in a cloth, and wipe clean; then put it through the grinder, afterwards picking out as many of the husks as possible. Never mix ground hemp with egg food, he said, as it contains a fair amount of dirt which will adhere to the soft food, and is very injurious to the birds. For moulting he preferred sunflower to linseed, as it was more nourishing and gave a better polish to the feather.

After the lecture many questions were asked Mr. Harrison, who answered them in a very straightforward way. A vote of thanks, moved by Mr. Downing, seconded by Mr. Booth, and supported by the chairman, was heartily given. Next meeting April 23rd; mind the change of date. We are to have Mr. Downing. Members and friends, don't miss it, it will be a treat.—J. Spencer, Hon. Sec.

CHELTENHAM C.B.S.

Lecture on Norwich Plainheads by Mr. Houghton.

A pouring wet night was responsible for a rather small attendance of members to hear a paper on "The Norwich Plainhead," by the well-known breeder and exhibitor, Mr. J. Houghton (Gloucester). Before calling upon Mr. Houghton, the usual routine business was transacted, which included the election of four new members, and the appointment of a small committee to arrange for new headquarters, as unfortunately we shall probably be unable to use the present room much longer. Chairman, Mr. Lewis. Mr. Houghton, without any preamble, came straight to the point, and gave his hearers the benefit of his experience. A show bird, he said, must not be more than 6½ inches in length, of a thick set type, somewhat resembling the Bullfinch in shape, with a round, full neat head, a short thick neck, merging gracefully into a broad full chest, and the body short, with a wide and well-filled in back, the tail short, compact and well carried, the wings being well braced to the body, but never crossing. The legs to be well set back, and both these and the feet free from coarseness, and clear in colour. The plumage should be short and close fitting, and perfectly free from any coarseness or roughness at the sides, thighs, or round base of tail, and the feathers of a soft, silky texture, with a brilliant sheen. The roundness of the head must be well finished off with a short, stout beak, clear in colour. Although stoutly built, it must not be clumsy, and the bird should stand well across the perch. It is a safe rule to endeavour to get as much of the bird as possible in front of the perch, and as little as possible behind.

To breed a show specimen, I should, he said, prefer a buff cock to yellow hen, as with the buff cock you get more size and bone than from a yellow cock. You should always look to the cock for size, and the hen for type and quality.

Mr. Houghton then went on to explain his methods of pairing, and strongly deprecated the use of Cinnamons, to increase colour, as by doing so you lose type and stamina, adding that he had in his room 30 to 40 per cent. of Green or marked birds, as green blood not only produces colour, but quality of feather as well. He also warned his hearers against trying to increase size by the use of Crested or Lancashire blood, as it took 3 or 4 years of judicious mating to breed it out again. Mr. Houghton then turned his attention to the novice, and gave a lot of useful hints as to trimming claws and beaks, caging and staging for shows, etc., and in conclusion said he should be pleased to answer any questions or make any further explanation on any points not quite clear.

This the members took due advantage of and an interesting discussion took place, in which Mr. J. H. Payne (whom we were all pleased to see) took part. A vote of thanks to Mr. Houghton was proposed by Mr. A. Smith, seconded by Mr. Hayling, and unanimously passed. The Secretary announced that Mr. Payne had promised a special prize for the best yellow Canary at the next first feather show.—A. S. Treasure.

CLUB & SOCIETY NOTICES

ONE notice of any forthcoming Society meeting Inserted free. It should reach us not later than Tuesday morning's post. Specially printed Club Notice Postcards may be had free on application to our Manager. Secretaries should always use them.

Annfield Plain F. and F.C.B.S.—April 13, Smith Arms, 7.30. Election of judges, etc. Will all attend?—J. W. Christon.

Bramley O.S.—April 15, Old Unicorn Inn, 8. Important.—W. H. Steel.

Birkenhead C.F.A.—April 16, Ablett's Cafe, 8. Dates and judges for young and old bird shows.—G. Morton.

Bankfoot C.B.S.—April 16, Red Lion Hotel, 8. Smoke night and social. Admission 6d. each. Fanciers and their wives and friends heartily invited.—F. Gelder.

Bradford West C.B.A.—April 13, Shoulder of Mutton, Girlington, 8.—Kilburn and Western.

Bingley O.S.—April 16, Co-op. Rooms, 7.30. General. New members please attend. Fanciers invited to join.—A. Livesey.

British Roller C.C.—April 16, "Royal Mail," Noble Street, St. Martin's-le-Grand, 8.—J. W. Norris.

Consett P., Etc., S.—April 20, Co-operative Buildings, 7.30. Committee meeting.—J. Hedworth Coupland.

Cheltenham C.B.S.—April 17, Prince of Wales Hotel, 8. Table show British birds. Judge, Mr. Hamlin. Followed by judging competition.—A. S. Treasure.

Cowdenbeath C.B.S.—April 17, J. Ewan's "Fountain Bar," 7. Nomination of judges. Hall for open show.—J. R. Reid.

Crewe O.S.—April 16, Brotherhood Institute, Beech Street, 7.30. Revision of rules.—E. Jaycott.

Denton C.B.S.—April 15, headquarters, 8. Table show Brit., 5 classes. Judge, Mr. J. Heap (Ashton-under-Lyne). Birds to be staged at 7.30 p.m.—W. Hopwood.

Darlington C.B.S.—April 17, Labour Hall, 7.30. Lecture by Mr. J. Forster on British birds. All fanciers welcome. H. Todd.

Edinburgh C.B.S.—April 20. Cairns Memorial Hall, Gorgie Road, 3.30 p.m. Table show and judging competition. Mr. Crossley Sykes judge. Election of judges and classification for annual show.—J. I. Mackie.

Ealing & Hanwell F.S.—April 17, Hanwell Public Library, 8. Lecture by W. Clark, Esq. All heartily welcomed.—Rowland Bamber.

Eccles C.B.S.—April 17, Diamond Inn, 8. Important.—J. Hall.

East Ham F.S.—April 15, Earl of Wakefield, Wakefield Street, 8. Monthly show. Visitors welcomed. 16th April Secretary expects to see a good muster at whist drive, at Woodgrange House, 607, Romford Road, E.—H. Rutter.

Gt. Horton (Good Intent) O.S.—April 13, Church Schools, Southfield Lane, 8.—H. Gornall.

Gateshead C.B.S.—April 10, Lockhart's Cafe, 7.30. Nest feather shows, etc.—J. Davidson.

Great Eastern Railway F. and F.S.—April 12, Mechanics' Institute, Stratford, 8. Washing demonstration, etc.—W. G. Rogers.

Hebden Bridge and Calder Valley O.S.—April 18, White Horse, 8. Arrangements for series of shows.—A. Pickles.

Houghton-le-Spring C.B.S.—April 13, White Lion Hotel, 7.30. Judges nominated for nest feather show, etc.—R. H. Dixon.

Kelty and Blairadam C.B.A.—April 16, headquarters 6. Printing estimate. Reply from judge, etc.—A. Dickson.

L. & P.O.S.—April 18, "Raglan," 8. Lecture on "British Birds."—C. W. Law.

Leicester Hand-in-Hand C.B.S.—April 16, White Swan, 8.30. Important.—A. Freestone.

Leeds Roller C.C.—April 13, 55, Briggate, 7.30.—H. L. Davis.

Leith O.S.—April 13, Liberal Club, Hope Street, 7. Booking of hens, election of judges.—G. Brown.

Morpeth C.B.S.—April 13, Earl Grey Hotel, 7.30. General.—E. Cowling.

Manchester and Northern Counties O.S.—April 15 Deansgate Hotel, 7.45. Paper on Ornithology, by Mr. W. A. Bladon. Friends cordially invited.—H. Boothman.

Newcastle Novice Society.—April 18, Mr. Smyth's Cafe, Clayton, opposite Bird Market, Newcastle, 7.30. Committee, name of society, etc.—T. W. Lumsden.

Nottingham and Notts O.S.—April 16, Mechanics Institute, 8. Table show of British birds.—G. E. Wilkinson.

Portsmouth C.B.S.—April 24, Long's Memorial Hall, 8. F.F. show schedule. Paper by Mr. Birkett.—J. Lawrence.

Plumstead and Woolwich C.B.S.—April 18, headquarters, Trinity Schools, Beresford Street, Woolwich, 8. Lecture on "Yorks.: Their Management from Egg to Show Bench," by Mr. F. Easterling. Fanciers and friends invited.—E. Meades.

Rochdale O.C.—April 15, Club Rooms, 8.30. Open show business, balance-sheet, etc.—R. Blincoe.

Sowerby Bridge C.B.S.—April 18, Wharfe Hotel, 8. Syllabus, etc.—Sutcliffe and Walker.

Sale C.B.S.—April 15, Volunteer Hotel, 8. Special business.—Royle and Wood.

Sandy Lane C.B.A.—April 16, Victoria Hotel, 8. Ratcliffe and Shaw.

Spen Valley C.B.S.—April 15, Commercial Hotel, 8.—A. Lee.

Sunderland C.B.A.—April 13, Fawcett Street Cafe, 7.30.—J. Jeffrey.

Tong C.B.S.—April 16, Hand and Shuttle Inn, 7.45.—W. Walker.

Walkden C.B.S.—April 16, Bull's Head Hotel, 7.30. Important.—H. Howard.

Wakefield Roller C.C.—April 15, Elephant and Castle Inn, 8.—H. Roebuck.

Wolverhampton C.B.S.—April 18, Duke of York, 8. Settling matters for cup, fixing up nest feather show dates and judges. J. Gibbons.

Yorkshire Union of C.B.S.—April 13, Market Tavern, Godwin Street, Bradford, 6. Bolton Woods C.B.S. and the annual ballot; special meeting of last year's Council.—H. Hill.

York C.B.S.—April 15, 8. Lecture, "How to Breed and Exhibit Norwich Plainheads," by Mr. A. Humphries; subs., at 7.45 p.m.—H. Sayles.

NORTH WALES C.B.S.

Both P. E. Brown, Esq., Llanfair Hall, and J. J. F. J. Pike, Esq., Penmaenmawr, have accepted the presidency and vice-presidency respectively for 1912-13. It has been decided to hold a members' show on Whit Monday, and an open show next Boxing Day. Membership cards and balance sheet for past season will be issued next week. The name of Mr. Edward Jones, Priory-terrace, was inadvertently left out of the committee list which appeared in the last issue. There is every prospect of a successful year. Both the president and vice-president have sent handsome donations towards the funds.—J. Wynne Parry, Hon. Sec.

HOW TO MAKE A SIMPLE WIRE FRONT.

By D. E. SAYCE (Sunderland.)

Continued from page 253

This Contribution is No. 2 of a practical and helpful series dealing with Bird-room Requisites and How they are Made.

HAVING spoken of the making of a large flight-cage in the previous article of this series, we will turn our attention to the wire front. Probably few fanciers, even if they make their own cages, attempt to make the wire-work, but prefer to buy the fronts ready made. They are very cheap, granted, but for a large cage like this, it will certainly save a little if he makes his own.

Essential Items Easily Obtainable.

Bird-cage wire is now obtainable of almost every ironmonger, moreover, most dealers who keep foods, etc., stock it. The wire is usually obtainable in long, straight lengths of four feet, made of iron, but covered with a thin film of tin which renders soldering extremely simple. Cage wire costs 6d. per pound and between 25 and 30 lengths make up one pound. In addition, punched bars are sold. These also are four feet in length, and are really strips of tinned iron; they are "punched" with holes through which the wires exactly pass. Moreover, different meshes can be obtained, but for Canaries and similar birds half-inch (or five-eighth) mesh is the best, which, of course, means that the holes in the punched bars are half an inch apart. It will thus be seen that fronts of any size can be made up.

I now want to say a few words concerning soldering. When once this subject is understood it will be possible to make not only wire fronts, but many other little articles such as seed-hoppers, drinkers, finger-drawers, egg-drawers, racks for nesting materials, etc., etc., all of which will receive attention later in this series. Soldering has lately been greatly simplified, and the spirits of salt and zinc flux (chloride of zinc) and resin are now things of the past. Of course, we are not now dealing with work done by the plumber, but with little jobs easily accomplished by model-makers and bird-cage makers.

Very convenient fluxes in the form of pastes are now obtainable in tins at 6d. each, known as "Fluxite," and also "Rozinal." The writer has used both, and has found them excellent, a single tin lasting for a long time. With these pastes, of course, the ordinary soft solder is still to be used, but this also is inexpensive, sufficient for a number of jobs being obtainable for 3d.

Replacing the Soldering Iron.

Another simplification of soldering has been brought about by the introduction of "Tinol," but this is a rather more expensive method. However, to give the reader some idea, I may say that I have made the wire front for the large flight-cage, and have done one or two other little jobs with a single sixpenny tin of "Tinol." Now this again is a paste, but it differs from the two above-mentioned in that no additional solder is necessary. It appears to be a substance akin to "Fluxite," to which has been added finely powdered solder. At any rate it is only necessary to smear a little upon the parts to be joined and heat. With all due respect to it, however, I must say that a stronger job can be made with "Fluxite" and solder, although for the requirements of a bird fancier it is quite strong enough.

A soldering iron is a most unfit tool for our purpose. For a soldering iron to be of any use at all, it must have a good large copper "bit," which is very clumsy for delicate work. If the size of the "bit" is diminished, then the capacity for holding heat is almost diminished until, by the time we have got a tool small enough for the purpose, it will hardly hold heat for a moment, and to solder with it will mean running backwards and forwards to the kitchen fire.

A Blow-pipe Preferable.

A blow-pipe is far preferable (for soldering, I mean). Last year in CAGE BIRDS the writer explained the working of a simple blow-pipe, which is ideal for jobs like this. Fig. 1 will recall it. Gas comes up the straight tube and burns at the end, and air from the lungs is forced along the other tube, thus reducing the shaky yellow flame into a finely pointed blue flame of intense heat. Two pieces of rubber tubing are attached one leading to the gas supply, and the other to the mouth. The size of the flame is, of course, regulated from the gas tap, and the amount of "wind."

Just for an example of the actual procedure of soldering, suppose Fig. 2 represents a section through a punched bar (much enlarged) with a wire running through the hole, it being necessary to unite these two. Firstly, supposing "Fluxite" (or "Rozinal") is being used. With a match-stick smear a very little over the part where the solder is to run as shown in the shaded part of Fig. 3; then cut from the stick of solder a tiny knob about the size of a couple of hemp seeds. Place this at the side, as shown in the drawing, and then with the blow-pipe apply a fine flame for a few seconds, and when the solder *begins* to melt, poke it into position with a hat-pin or piece of wire when it will suddenly melt entirely and make an exceedingly neat joint, as shown in Fig. 4.

A Saving of Time.

It is usually not necessary to poke it into position, but it is always best to have a piece of wire ready. Of course, when a number of wires have to be soldered, it will save time to cut up the little knobs of solder first. This is easily and quickly done with an old chisel and a block of hard wood.

If we had been using "Tinol," we should have just smeared a little upon the wires instead of the "Fluxite," then applied the flame, as before, until we saw that the tiny particles of solder in the paste had melted and run together, and united the two wires.

The Writer's Method of Wiring.

Now, as to the actual wire front of the flight-cage. We shall require two pounds of wire, and five lengths of punched bar of ½-in. mesh. I do not know of the method used by the professional wire worker in making a large front like this. The method the writer used, and it proved most satisfactory, was to build it upon a framework. If there is any of the hundred feet of strips left over from the cage, this will come in admirably. First cut the two uprights, and then the two cross-pieces, and nail together so as to make a frame the exact size of the front required. When nailing on the cross-pieces, see that the bottom one is upon the opposite side of the uprights to the top. The use of this will become apparent later.

See that the corners are perfectly square, and then cut four of the punched bars a little longer than required (they may be shortened when the front is complete) with a strong pair of wire-cutters.

One bar will have to be at the very bottom, in fact resting upon the wood of the framework, as shown in Fig. 5; one will have to form the top; and the other two will have to be at distances of one-third and two-thirds up respectively. Nails should be driven into the wooden uprights on both sides, upon which these bars will rest. They will sag in the middle, but are propped up with pieces of wood of correct length during soldering. It will be noticed that two bars rest upon the top nail. The uppermost of these will eventually form the top, but at present it must rest where it is.

Making the Doors.

Before commencing work, it will be necessary to decide about doors, it being best in this case to have a large swing door at each end, two-thirds the height of the whole front, or up to the second bar. The position of these doors, about five holes from each end, and twelve or fourteen holes wide, should be clearly marked on the woodwork, as well as four or five extra long wires, which will enter the wood stays and hold the front in position.

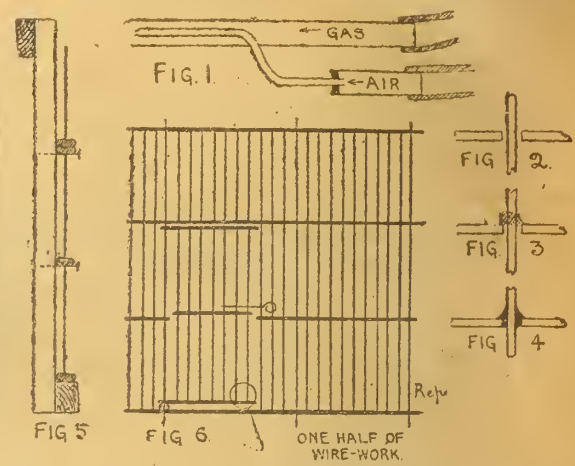
It will now be best to count the number of wires required (omitting doors and these long wires just referred to) and to cut these exactly before going further.

The procedure after this is obvious, and need not be enlarged upon. Solder the bottoms first, and then the first bar from the bottom, keeping it horizontal by propping it up with a piece of wood as you go along. Then solder the wires along the next bar, and finally gently lift the top bar into position, and solder that also; but be careful not to lift the top bar right off or great difficulty will be experienced in getting it into position again.

A Glass Bead is Useful.

It will be found that two bars go across the door spaces. These should now be cut off, and the doors made, these latter being a little shorter than the door-spaces, to allow of free play. An extra hole should be left on one side of the short bars which go across the doors, through which one of the long wires must pass to act as a hinge. It is a good plan to thread a large glass bead, or short length of brass tubing, on to this "door-post," to keep the door from grating against the bottom bar. It is now only necessary to fill in the short wires above the doors, and also the long wires (which, of course, is done after the front is removed from the framework) and the work is complete.

Where perches are to go, short lengths of wire can be soldered in any position required. Anything which may



have been omitted from this description can be easily gleaned from the drawing (Fig. 6), which shows only one half of the front; moreover, the full number of wires is not shown for the sake of clearness.

Holes having been bored in the mainstays to correspond exactly with the larger wires, the whole front may be raised into position. A single short length of wire protruding at right angles from the door will prevent it opening inwards, and the usual form of twisted wire fastener will keep it closed.

And now the tale is told, and I think if the fancier follows these instructions, he cannot go far wrong. Smaller fronts can, of course, be made in a similar way, although a framework is hardly necessary for them; sliding doors are easily put on instead of swing doors, and the method of fitting these is too obvious to need explanation.

The Mighty Mite:

How He May be Avoided, or Exterminated.

By CLAUDE ST. JOHN.

(Concluded from page 340).

THIS correspondent is also probably in error in asking the difference between red and black species. Candidly, I do not know of any black mite which infests birds as the red mite does. The red mite will be found in all shades, from scarlet to the deepest or blackish crimson, according to age, and doubtless the extent of their orgies.

In seeking to confirm the veracity of the assertion that some folk never see them in their rooms, the writer evidently doubts the information. Within certain limits he need not do so. Although wherever birds are kept there is always the possibility of their natural parasitic enemies putting in an appearance, there is no doubt whatever that absolute cleanliness and constant attention, with efforts judiciously directed to prevent the insects gaining a footing, regular bathing of the birds, and, above all, the use of cages affording the least possible harbour for the pest, will succeed in keeping the insects at a minimum. Relax these constant efforts to keep them at bay and as sure as night follows day, they will appear.

Destructive Measures.

The methods of destruction are legion, some of them far more odorous than effective. Dealing with the nests the correspondent wished to know if anything stronger than insect powder could be used with safety. To this I would reply that some insect powders are of little use as exterminators of red mites, but used in sufficient quantity hamper their movements, just as any thick covering of fine dust would do. If proper efforts are carried out about the cage and room generally to keep the pest down, there will be very little risk of the nest being badly affected.

Never wait until the mites are in evidence and troublesome before directing efforts against them. This is the real secret of keeping them invisible. In Part II. of "Our Canaries" will be found details of insecticides suitable for all purposes, and the methods of applying them.

None, however, is more terribly destructive to these pests, and very few quite so thorough and inodorous in a few minutes after application as the camphor and spirit solution I have frequently advised in these columns. An ounce of the former dissolved in half a pint of methylated spirit is all that is required, and it may be painted about the cages or the ends of perches, etc., with the greatest safety and freedom whilst the birds are occupying them, and it penetrates to the utmost depths of the tiniest holes or cracks, and carries destruction with it both to mites and their eggs.

Its one drawback is that if the cages are done over with a spirit stain or varnish the fluid destroys this covering. But the way out is to finish cages with a pure copal or oil varnish, or even leave them in the raw wood, which, if a hard and smoothly sand-papered fancy wood, looks quite as nice as French polish, and considerably better than most amateur attempts at staining and polishing.

Good Substitutes.

Fir-tree oil may be used in a similar way, but it is rather expensive when one has to deal with a number of cages. The same may be said of quassia extract. The latter is useful to add to the bath occasionally, as it helps a little to render the plumage disagreeable to the mites. Jeyes' Fluid, Izal, and carbolic fluid are commonly used, and all are good. Sulphuretted potash is also said to be very potent, though I have no personal experience of it. It may also be used now and again in the bath as a deterrent. But whatever is used it must be applied regularly in all likely harbouring-places—once a week is a safe plan all the year round, and during the hot summer months, and when birds are moulting (at this period they are peculiarly liable to attack) twice a week would be better.

A Thorough Overhaul.

When a cage or stack of cages has become really infested nothing short of the most thorough overhaul will be of the least service, and it is of the utmost importance that the work should be carried through from start to finish without interruption; and nothing in, around, or connected with the cages or supports, must be overlooked. The slightest omission may result in the mites putting in an appearance in renewed force in a very short time. To make doubly sure of successful extermination the insecticides should be used with rather more than less regularity for some little time after the overhaul has been completed. If the operations can be extended over a few days, and the preliminary dressing with insecticide applied to the cages three or four times at intervals of a day between each, the result is far more likely to be a permanent success.

A TWENTY-YEAR-OLD CANARY.

My Canary died on March 24 last; he was hatched about June, 1892, and was, therefore, about three months short of twenty years old—almost a record, I believe, writes "A. H. B." in "Country Life." A beautiful songster, always in excellent health and spirits, very tame and companionable, hopping about the table at meal times and "helping himself." Except during the last few months he regularly took his "cold tub" in the morning. He had not sung for a year or two, but used to "soliloquise" in a sort of low "cheeping" tone during most of the day, and often during the evening as well.

Correspondence.

The Yorkshire Union and Its Method of Balloting.

Sir,—On Tuesday, April 2, at a representative meeting of our society, a resolution was unanimously passed expressing our entire confidence in the management and the officials of the Yorkshire Union, and also disassociating our society from the controversy now going on.

A. Tillotson.

Secretary, Shipley C.S.

Saved by Its Foster-mother.

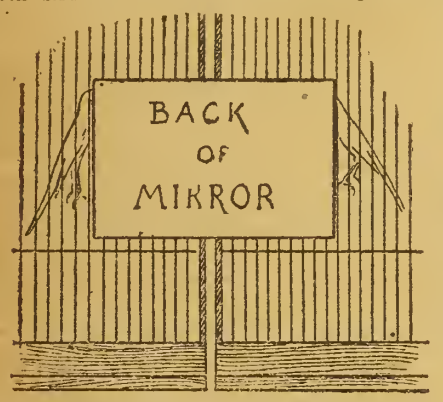
Sir,—I thought I would write and let you know of a recent experience with my Canaries. A friend of mine living in the same house had a German hen with four eggs, all fertile, due to hatch April 4. All went well till she hatched them. Then she packed the young to death, except one, which I managed to save. Having a Norwich hen with two young, ten hours old, I thought I would give it to her. As she happened to come off the nest to get some food, I placed the extra youngster in the nest; the latter was then only ten minutes old. I am very pleased to say that all three birds are being fed and getting on well. My hen had only two eggs to hatch. I would like to know if this has ever been done before, as I have not read of it. Pleased to say that I have got two more readers for Cage Birds.

W. Bibe.

[It is not by any means uncommon for hen Canaries to take to and rear young birds hatched out but neglected by the other hens, especially when there is but little difference 'twixt the age of the newcomers and that of their own young.—Editor.]

A Mirror Pairing Device.

Sir,—This idea is one I find very useful in the breeding season, as I have no doubt many other readers will. It is specially adapted to single compartment breeders, which are often so strongly recommended. It does away with the inconvenient method of hanging the cock bird on to the front of the cage. All



that is required is a music stand, which can be adjusted to any height, and a mirror. By means of the mirror set on the stand the birds are in full view of each other, and it is wonderful to see how soon the birds pair up. I wish Cage Birds every success.

Peter Crook.

The Judging of Quality Linnet Song.

Sir,—I was very pleased to see that my letter had met the eyes of at least one reader who is good enough to try and enlighten the novices how a quality song should be marked. I thank Mr. Lambert for his answer, and I am satisfied with his letter, as far as it goes, but I should like to see some other judge's opinion of the way a song should be judged. I have been under the opinion that there should be so many points given for certain notes, and then at the end of the contest counted up, the bird with the most points to win. This has been argued amongst our judges, and they say that it is impossible to have points for the Linnet's song. Well, I should like some judge to answer that. Also, I find from arguments after our contest on Saturday, that this has been a sore question for some time; they never have had any acknowledged way of judging the song. I think it is time there should be something done in this, as around our district there are a great number of Linnet fanciers, but the present way of judging keeps them from competing at contests.

J. McAllister.

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The Dipper's First Appearance on the Show Bench.

Sir,—In reply to Mr. Fishburn about the Dipper, the argument was as to who exhibited this species first. I claim to be years before him; and as I regard mine being "fresh from their native haunts," what about his bird? I hope readers aren't running away with the idea that his specimen is a hand-reared one. I happen to know when and where he got it.

Chas. Mackwell.

The Proposed Newcastle Society in the Interests of Novices.

Sir,—On April 4, at Mr. Purvis's Cafe, Clayton Street, opposite Bird Market, Newcastle, a few gentlemen met to form a society in the interests of novice fanciers. Mr. Elliott took the chair, and a discussion took place until late in the evening. It was decided to adjourn the meeting until April 18.

T. W. Lumsden.

Haymarket Lane, Newcastle-on-Tyne.

An Appreciated Idea.

Sir,—Kindly spare me space in your correspondence columns to thank Mr. E. Faulkner, who so kindly gave us in Cage Birds of March 30, his illustrated idea of a cheap egg-mincer. I have since made one for myself; the cost was nil, for the piece of perforated zinc and sufficient wood I begged. I have given it a fair trail; it works splendidly, and I can recommend it strongly. Undoubtedly this is one of the simplest, cheapest, and most useful "mincers," and quite as valuable also as a seed sieve, proving a great boon, both to birds and to aviary. Try it, and prove it, is my advice.

Hy. Cooke.

The Non-attendance of Members at Meetings.

Sir,—I see by the various reports in the Fancy Press that secretaries are all up in arms at the non-attending members. I would like to draw the attention of the members in this district who are satisfied to get the business of the society through these reports that it is not fair to the management to endeavour each month to get something good for each meeting to withhold their attendance and support. However enthusiastic these officials might be, it seems valuable time lost when only a few make an appearance at the meetings.

R. T. Campbell.

Sec., Dunfermline and Dis. C.B.S.

Some Truths About the Scotch Fancy Canary.

Sir,—Replying to Mr. Smith and "Shamrock," I agree with them both on some points. The main point is, we want the Scotch Fancy in the front rank. We want breeders to put their shoulders to the wheel and not rest till we have our favourite (the Scotch Fancy) once more in the front rank. That is the first point to consider. But how is it to be done? Well, one thing is, we all must do our part. Some will say, what is my part? I would say, send a few entries to every show that gives classes for Scotch Fancies; that will encourage all show committees to allot classes for our favourite. Let these people see that our "bird o' circle" is not dead, nor even dying. And let them give us fair prize money; we will then patronise their shows, and fill the classes, as we did in days of yore. I think "Shamrock" quotes too high in his price for a good pair of good stock birds. I know birds have been sold at a higher price; but I bought a pair at £5, and was able to win a good many prizes with them. I am glad that Mr. Smith is able to let us here in Ireland know that we can get stock birds at £2 each. I was over in Glasgow two years ago, seeing a friend, who is a breeder of the Scotch Fancy, and he took me to a lot of breeders; but their prices were very high, and if I live to the end of this season I will be over again and will be able perhaps to give Mr. Smith a call. I must draw to a close by thanking Mr. Smith and "Shamrock" for the friendly way they answered my letter, and I am thankful to you, Mr. Editor, for allowing us space in Cage Birds, which I wish every success.

William Dunlop.

Sir,—In my earlier days of Canary fancying, our favourite bird was the Scotch Fancy. He was then the hoop, or half-moonlike type, so small that you could nearly slip a finger ring over his head and bring it off at his tail—the thin circled bird, called by name "The Glasgow Don." I have never known what cross produced him, and have often wondered where he came from. My first recollection of them is that there were plenty to be had, and that they were cheap. Almost every fancier had a pair. By and bye someone crossed him with the Belgian, and gave him the shoulder. Then I remember a half-Belgian, half-Scotch Fancy kind of bird which was all the rage. Then came birds resembling the Belgian, with the hoop and long, reachy neck and snakelike head, noble-looking birds, the admiration of all, and well entitled to the name "King of the Fancy." Mr. Dunlop and "Shamrock" would fain make us believe the Belgian was King. It's only a bird of position, as they say, lacking the action and nerve of the Scotch Fancy. They would like to see this grand variety brought to a level with other birds. Well, it is still a favourite in Scotland, and were it not such a high-class bird and so high-priced, it would soon become a popular variety. Few working men can pay out £8 for a pair of birds, and run the risk of getting no returns. That's what keeps this variety in the background. I admit the Belgian has a stylish and aristocratic form, but it does not afford the delight and bewitching appearance of the Scotch Fancy. I am a believer in pedigree, and think it a well-known fact that birds do to a certain extent throw back to their kind; such being the case, I like my stock birds of a high-class strain, and think the great cause of so few really good birds being bred is that people are not fortunate enough to possess these high-class birds. A fancier has to see the points wanting in the hen bird, and get a male with these points. When properly mated, give them the same chance as the Norwich or Border, and you will find they will bring up their young quite as well as other varieties. I don't know what Mr. Dunlop would like to hear more about our ideal bird, the Scotch Fancy.

Auld Scottie.

Thoughts from Canada on the Crystal Palace Show.

A Suggestion to Hybrid Breeders.

Sir,—Your report of the great Crystal Palace show of 1912, which appeared in Cage Birds on February 10, came safely to hand by last mail. I can assure you it was very interesting to me in this far-off land, and I was pleased to see the show all through had been a great success, but sorry to learn the weather had been very severe, which would no doubt tell severely against the chances of many a good bird, particularly those that are bred and kept in warm rooms. I notice the class provided for the new variety, viz., the white Canary brought out an entry of 9, all of the Yorkshire type. I am sure this would be very interesting to all lovers of the Canary, and I am inclined to think before many years we will have the White variety in nearly all types of present-day Canaries. I notice a falling-off in entries in one or two varieties, viz., Belgians, Scotch Fancies, and Lancashires. There seem to be no young recruits taking up those varieties, as the old hands that used to breed and exhibit them either leave the Fancy or pass over to the great majority. Why this is so I am at a loss to understand, unless it be the money that it takes to buy good birds of any of these rarities. I was pleased to see that Mules, Hybrids, and British birds were well represented, both in numbers and quality throughout, as those are the sections in which my interest chiefly centres. I am sure Mr. Dewar would have no easy task in selecting the leading bird from such a grand muster of the different kinds of Mules and Hybrids. I notice that another new Hybrid has been added to the list—the Greenfinch-Chaffinch. If this be a genuine Hybrid, it will go to open out a wide field thought impossible a very few years ago among Hybrid breeders. It will, perhaps, not be very long before we see crosses from the Chaffinch with all the members of the Finch family, including the long talked-of Chaffinch and Canary Mule that has been tried for so long, but has never shown its face yet. I would urge Hybrid breeders to go in and try for it, as in my opinion it is just as possible to be bred as the Greenfinch and Chaffinch Hybrid. I would also urge breeders who can provide suitable conditions, such as aviaries outside, to try to get Bramblefinch and Greenfinch and Bramblefinch and Bullfinch Hybrids. Both the Chaffinch and Bramblefinch may be tried now with all the other kinds of Finches as the chances seem just as equal, seeing that the ice has been broken with the Chaffinch as one parent.

Jno. Nicholson.

Suggested New Classification for British Birds.

The National British Bird & M.C. Tackles a Difficult Problem.

Sir,—The National British Bird and Mule Club has drawn up a new classification of British birds, in which the species are named, in order to obviate the use of such terms as "larger than" and "not larger than," "seed eating" and "insectivorous," "migratory" and "resident," and thereby to avoid incorrect entries. Further, in the mixed classes an attempt is made to group together birds which may be fairly placed in competition one with the other. The classification is for 30 classes, and suggestions are offered to meet cases in which fewer classes are to be given. The number of classes may be extended by making separate classes for any of the species which are herein grouped together, or adding classes for field-moulted birds. When "hen" class or classes are provided, after the word "Song Thrush" should be added "cock or hen."

For 30 Classes.

Class. Names of Birds.

1.—Goldfinch, British.
2.—Bullfinch, British.
3.—Siskin, British.
4.—Twite, British.
5.—Mealy and Lesser Redpoll, British.
6.—Linnet, British.
7.—Greenfinch, British.
8.—Chaffinch, British.
9.—Hawfinch, British.
10.—Bramblefinch, British.
11.—Yellow Bunting, British.
12.—Any other species of British Bunting (five species).
13.—Song Thrush (cock or hen).
14.—Blackbird.
15.—Starling.
16.—House, Tree, and Hedge Sparrows, Crossbill, any species of British Tit (seven species, including the Bearded Reedling), and Nuthatch.
17.—Skylark.
18.—Woodlark, Shorelark, Tree, Meadow, and Rock Pipits.
19.—Green, Great Spotted, and Lesser Spotted Woodpeckers, Waxwing, Golden Oriole, Hoopoe, Dipper, Great Grey and Redbacked Shrikes, Missel Thrush, Redwing, Fieldfare, and Ring Ousel.
20.—Nightingale.
21.—Chough, Jay, Magpie, and Jackdaw.
22.—Any species of Wagtail (five species).
23.—Robin.
24.—Pied and Spotted Flycatchers, Goldcrest and Firecrest Wrens, Wryneck, Redstart, Black Redstart, Grasshopper and Dartford Warblers, Treecreeper, Wheatear, Whinchat, Stonechat, Whitethroat, Lesser Whitethroat, Garden, Reed, and Sedge Warblers, Chiffchaff, Blackcap, Common, Willow and Wood Wrens.
25.—Hens, any species of British Finch, or Buntings.
26.—Hens, any other species (except Song Thrush).
27.—Pied, Albino, or otherwise abnormally feathered British birds (Hybrids excepted).

Continental Birds.

28.—Siberian Bullfinch.
29.—Siberian Goldfinch.
30.—Any species of Continental birds, not regularly visiting Great Britain.

To Reduce from 30 Classes.

For 29 classes, as for 30, but put hen classes together.

For 28 classes, as for 29, but put Robin into Class 24.

For 27 classes, as for 28, but leave out Continental class.

14 to 24 Classes.

1.—Goldfinch.
2.—Bullfinch.
3.—Siskin, Mealy and Lesser Redpoll, and Twite.
4.—Linnet.
5.—Greenfinch.
6.—Chaffinch.
7.—Song Thrush, Blackbird, and Starling.
8.—Hedge, House, and Tree Sparrows, Hawfinch, Bramblefinch, Crossbill, Buntings (six British species), Tits (seven British species), and Nuthatch.
9.—Skylark, Woodlark, Shorelark, Tree, Meadow, and Rock Pipits, and Wagtails (five species).
10.—Chough, Jay, Magpie, and Jackdaw.
11.—Green, Great Spotted, and Lesser Spotted Woodpeckers, Wryneck, Redstart, Black Redstart, Pied and Spotted Flycatchers, Goldcrest and Firecrest Wrens, Waxwing, Grasshopper, and Dartford Warblers, Treecreeper, Dipper, Golden Oriole.
12.—Great Grey and Redbacked Shrike, Missel Thrush, Redwing, Fieldfare, and Ring Ousel.
13.—All other species in the N.B.B. and M.C. list.
14.—Pied, Albino, or otherwise abnormally feathered British birds (Hybrids excepted).

For 15 classes, add hens (except Song Thrush after Class 13, and insert "cock or hen" after "Song Thrush" in Class 7.

" 16 " as for 15, but with class for Hawfinches and Bramblefinches together.
" 17 " as for 16, but with separate class for Starlings.
" 18 " as for 17, but with separate class for Blackbirds.
" 19 " as for 18, but with separate class for Siskin.
" 20 " as for 19, but with separate class for Twite.
" 21 " as for 20, but with separate class for Nightingale.
" 22 " as for 21, but with separate class for Skylark.
" 23 " as for 22, but with separate class for the Buntings.
" 24 " as for 23, but with separate class for the Wagtails.

9 to 13 Classes.

1.—Goldfinch.
2.—Linnet.
3.—Bullfinch and Greenfinch.
4.—Chaffinch and Bramblefinch.
5.—Siskin, Mealy and Lesser Redpoll and Twite.
6.—All other species of Seedeaters not larger than a Hawfinch.
7.—Missel Thrush, Song Thrush, Blackbird, Starling, Redwing, Fieldfare, and Ring Ousel.
8.—Skylark, Shorelark, Woodlark, Tree, Meadow, and Rock Pipits, Wagtails (five species), Grasshopper, and Dartford Warblers, Treecreeper, Redstart, and Black Redstart.
9.—All other species of Insectivorous not included in the above.
10.—As for 9, with separate class for Greenfinch to follow Bullfinch.
11.—As for 10, with separate class for Bramblefinch to follow Chaffinch.
12.—As for 11, with separate class for Buntings.
13.—As for 12, with separate class for Nightingales, Blackcap, Larger and Lesser Whitethroats, Garden Warblers, and Spotted Flycatchers.

Extra classes for hens or field-moulted Finches may be added to any of the above.

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Proposed Cage Bird Club for Wood Green and District.

Sir,—I shall be glad if you can spare space in your paper, CAGE BIRDS, to say that a meeting will be held to discuss the above proposal at Mr. Bedford's, High Road, Wood Green, London, N., on Thursday, April 18, at eight p.m.

D. GAME.

7, Buckingham Road, Wood Green, N.

The Type of Modern Winning Norwich Plainheads.

Sir,—How pleased I was to read "Sub Rosa's" remarks in your issue of April 6. This fancier seems to see these bird in the same light as myself. When I bred the winning unflighted buff at Manchester, in the novice section, I thought him as being near the ideal, but when he met Mr. Davies's bird a week later at Liverpool, in the champion section, I could see that it failed in colour and slightly in size, and I take my hat off to Mr. Davies for having bred what I consider the best buff ever shown in my short career.

R. P. BIXTER.

Sir,—I quite agree with "Sub Rosa" in his statements regarding some judges selecting a different type of bird than that of the standard model, and I hope the day is not far distant when breeders and exhibitors will insist upon every judge having one and the same ideal bird to go by. We must admit that the present day haphazard judging is murdering the Fancy and making our shows a lottery. I have been some years in the Fancy now, but have got so disgusted with the present system of judging that I have ceased exhibiting altogether, as I have found out that some judges do not know their own mind for more than a week.

ROB ROY.

The Proposed Norwich Plainhead Club for the Midlands.

Sir,—Mr. Anderton still asserts that there is no necessity for a Norwich specialist club in the Midlands, and says that if one were formed it would have to be successful almost beyond possibility for it to justify its existence, while a strong specialist club for the variety is already at work in that district. That remains to be seen. At any rate, the possibilities are enormous. From hundreds of Plainhead breeders in the Midlands, only quite a handful are members of the N.P.C., consequently when the voting papers are sent out, any nominations for the committee from the Midlands are outvoted by the Lancashire men. I do not say it is not right. I do not suppose the Midland men grumble to any great extent. If the majority of members were located in the Midlands, perhaps—nay, I am confident—the conditions would be reversed. Speaking generally, I do not think Canary fanciers are more selfish than any other unit of society, perhaps less so; but only when selfishness is entirely eliminated from human nature can we expect a majority on the committee from the district where the minority of voters reside; therefore it naturally follows the whole of the committee are located in one district. That in itself is enough to justify the starting of a new club. Even if there were a few committeemen from the Midlands, it would require one with more enthusiasm even than Mr. Anderton himself has for the Norwich Plainhead in general, and for the N.P.C. in particular, to travel, say, from Stafford or Gloucester to a meeting in Manchester at his own expense and loss of time. Of course, it goes without saying the meeting would be held in Lancashire; the greatest good for the greatest number; therefore, even were there some Midland men on the committee the chances are they would be absent in those circumstances, with the result that when the allocation of patronage to shows came on the agenda, human nature would again assert itself, and they would give the patronage to shows in the district that affords easy access to the majority of the members—a policy in which they are justified. In this world it seems to be every one for himself and to the devil with the hindmost; and in Norwich Plainhead circles it seems to have been the horned gentleman's special privilege to look after the Midland men! Why they have stood it so long is "passing the wit of man." Most of the shows are held in the Lancashire area, and I think only one Midland man followed the whole of the shows, which shows that they are not over enthusiastic about it, while at Derby, the only show in the Midlands, only those in the running for the specials patronised it (which shows that even the Lancashire men will not have long railway journeys), with the result that, so far as the Norwich Plainhead classes were concerned, the show had a great loss. That entirely does away with Mr. Anderton's statement that there is a *strong* specialist club in the Midlands. Mr. Anderton is sure I do not wish him to understand that I advocate a multitude of specialist clubs as advantageous or efficient. He is quite right; I do not. But I do think one in the Midlands would be advantageous, and it only requires a few fanciers with the enthusiasm of himself, and its efficiency may be taken for granted. I agree with him where he says that one supreme club for each variety would beget greater strength, but it does not necessarily follow that because a club is strong it is advantageous. Surely Mr. Anderton does not wish us to think he is advocating fanciers from John o' Groats to Land's End to show in the same competition? It is absurd. One club *would* be strong, but the competitious would have to be localised for it to be advantageous. Mr. Anderton gives us his ideas of the duties of a specialist club: (1) "The safeguarding of the interests of its variety." Most decidedly; that is why they want one in the Midlands, because of the short-sighted policy of the N.P.C. (2) "Distribution of complete information on the variety." What information is distributed is done by the Fancy Press. (3) "Institution of competitions on a larger scale than could be promoted by local societies." If we can call the granting of the patronage of the N.P.C. to one show in the Midlands *on a large scale*, then I have done. (4) "Its encouragement and extension in all districts." Yet he wants to stop its extension in the Midlands! I have a great admiration for Mr. Anderton's character and enthusiasm as a fancier, but I must come to the conclusion that in this case he is somewhat contradictory. Mr. Anderton further says that "a fancier's natural ambitions should lead him to look for the most extensive conquests" That is all right so far as the man is concerned who has a deep, well-lined pocket, one who can spend a sovereign to win 10s., but I am afraid that most of us would rather exhibit nearer home and win more of the "filthy lucre." For myself, I prefer less honour, smaller railway journeys and charges, and more "siller." I am at one with a great deal that Mr. Anderton says in the latter part of his letter, but where he says that if the N.P.C. were to confine their sphere of interest to Lancashire and Cheshire it would gain enormously in strength of membership and finances, I think he just about gets home. I could not wish for anything better myself, and with that admission of Mr. Anderton's I feel justified in wishing the Midland N.P.C. a speedy and unqualified success.

SUB ROSA.

IMPORTANT NOTICE.

Will all correspondents and secretaries and officials of societies in particular, please note that "Cage Birds" now goes to press on Wednesday evening, so that all matter for publication in our issue of the same week MUST reach us on Tuesday to be certain of inclusion, or first post Wednesday at latest.

TIMELY HINTS.

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Marrying the Birds.

Readers who have paired Canaries for breeding and find they quarrel should put the cock in a show cage fastened to the breeding cage for a few days; after this they will soon take to housekeeping.—A. Wells (Chatteris).

To Prevent Egg-binding.

When young hens are about to lay their first egg, I find the best thing to do is to place a piece of onion and a piece of suet between the wires for them to peck at. I have done it every year, and it is the best thing that I have found to prevent egg-binding.—F. Miles, Wootton.

Forcing Early Dandelion.

In the early conditioning of birds dandelion leaves are perhaps the most useful, but the difficulty is in procuring a good supply. My method is to cover the old plants about Christmas with a handful of ordinary chaff. This forces the young shoots up, and before the pairing time you will have a good supply of tender green leaves, clean and sweet.—J. Tregenza (Rostrick).

A Cheap Nesting Material.

[Winner of Half-crown Prize.]

To make nice warm nesting material, procure a ball of cotton wick. Take your biscuit mill and run some lengths of the cotton through, feeding it gradually. The teeth of the mill tear it into shreds, similar to cotton wool. The birds build a splendid nest with this, and it is soft and cosy. One ball of wick, costing fourpence, will make enough for twelve pairs of birds.—Robert Middleton (159, Bothal Terrace, Pegswood, Morpeth).

Scraping the Wires with Beak.

[Winner of Half-crown Prize.]

This noisy habit is very annoying to the owner, and other people as well, especially if the bird be of value as a singer or show bird. I have cured my bird of this habit by having the wires of the cage reversed, i.e., having them fixed running straight across, so that when the bird attempts to strike the wires its beak meets no resistance. The bird forgets the habit after a month or so and can then be placed in its ordinary cage again.—Alf. G. Lindsey (c.o. 30, Southgate Road, London, N.).

For Birds that Eat Eggs.

[Winner of Half-crown Prize.]

If there is any fancier troubled with cocks or hens that eat their eggs, try this remedy; it is a certain cure. Take one of the eggs and make a hole at both ends with a needle, and gently blow out the contents. Mix a little mustard with water and fill the egg with this, placing pieces of gummed paper over the holes. Put back into the nest. The birds will make for the egg, but you will find they will not interfere afterwards, once treated in this manner.—M. E. Sims (15, Wright's Terrace, Grace Street, Barnsley).

A Very Useful Article.

[Winner of Half-crown Prize.]

Permanganate of potash, which can be bought at any chemist's at 3d. per ounce, is not only one of the best disinfectants we have, but it can be put to a variety of uses. Dissolve one ounce in two quarts of cold water, bottle and cork tightly. When giving birds drinking water add two drops to every pint. This will not only disinfect, but keep water sweet throughout the hottest day. Sprinkle a little about your bird room in the hot weather. For colouring cages, when new, nothing is better, and if two coats are put on and then varnished, the result will astonish you. This, of course, is used direct from the bottle and not again diluted. If a little is added when washing out cages, it will destroy all red mite; dip your perches and nest pans into it. Altogether, it is a boon to the fancier.—R. Fillden Richards (Cynwyd Fechan, Cymoyd, near Corwen, North Wales).

Ought Closed Rings to be Abolished?

Sir,—I was interested in the letters in CAGE BIRDS, as I intended using closed rings this year. Will other readers be good enough to send to you their experiences on this important subject?

G. M. O.

Condemnation from Stoke

Sir,—I think you ought to hear about a discussion which took place at the last meeting of the Stoke-on-Trent C.B.A. on marking rings and their use, though no doubt our respected secretary will put it in his report also, though I have not seen it yet. The members present were almost all against the use of marking rings of any kind, whether closed or removible, but the former kind in particular, and many of them related the very bad effects they experienced when they tried to use them, the number of young birds which had been lost being an eye-opener, and enough to prevent any sensible man who values the lives and welfare of his young birds from ever being tempted to use closed rings. In fact, I do not think many rings of any sort will be used by our members; the liability of accident is too great. It is a bad enough task to get birds from valuable pairs reared as it is, without "asking for trouble" by interfering with the nestlings, and either spoiling them yourself or getting them spoilt afterwards by their parents through the presence of the rings. A good many of those present at the meeting, too, considered the exhibiting of birds wearing marking rings (which can be the best of all "distinguishing marks," and lead to no end of trouble in this way) to be very undesirable and objectionable. I only hope other societies will take the matter up in the interests of their members—especially the novices, for the old hands have "had some" and know better.

A POTTER.

The Dangers Real Enough.

Sir,—I should like to point out the inconsistency of the remarks anent the evils of the practice of using closed rings, and its danger to the birds, which were recently quoted in your columns. The difficulties and dangers arising from a working-man with hard-skinned fingers, and perhaps a trifle "clumsy-fisted," meddling with such a delicate thing as a Canary at six or seven days old are real enough, but it reads really funny when one remembers how unconcernedly the author of these remarks advises the same horny-handed sons of toil to help a young Canary to hatch if it is disposed to delay its appearance a little beyond the normal time. A working man is incapable of handling a young Canary when six or seven days old without great risk of injury, but is capable of tampering with it before it has left the shell. Passing strange, surely!

A LOOKER-ON.

THE HISTORY OF THE ROLLER CANARY.

A lecture delivered by Mr. F. A. Lester before the Wimbledon and District C.B.S. on April 1st.

On April 1, at Mr. A. L. Johnston's Broadway Restaurant, Mr. F. A. Lester, the chairman of the British Roller C.C., gave a most interesting lecture on the production and progress of the Roller Canary. Mr. W. H. Stoakley presided, and some sixty or more members and visitors were present. Mr. Lester, after expressing the pleasure it gave him to be present, said the Roller Canary emanated from the same source as all other Canaries, that was from the wild Canary, but whereas other varieties had been bred for size, or shape, or feather, or colour, the Roller Canary had been bred and developed for its singing qualities only, and by selection and fixing of song brought to its present state of perfection. The development of these qualities was first taken up by the Germans about 200 years ago, principally by the miners of the Hartz Mountains.

Rollers were first introduced into England about sixty years ago, and found most favour among the miners and metal workers of Yorkshire and Lancashire. There were competitions for these birds as far back as forty years ago; but, coming to recent times, he said it was twelve years ago that a club called the British Roller C.C. came into existence, and all that had since been done with reference to these birds had practically been done by that club. There were now, up and down Great Britain, between five and six hundred breeders of this beautiful songster, which was amongst the finest of the songsters known.

Tours of Present-day Rollers.

The lecturer graphically described the quality and tone of the song, and said the tours of the present-day Roller consisted of from seven to ten different varieties, including the hollow roll, hollow bell roll, bass, schockel, flute, bell, water roll, water glucke, glucke and deep bubbling water tours, and other notes and songs emanating from those which had not yet been dignified with names. Dealing with the song of the Roller in general terms, he said a few years ago the Germans went in for purity of song, but the breeders in this country had concentrated their efforts more on getting a greater variety, and in this connection he said it was not possible to get one bird to sing the whole range of tours, as they got mixed and muddled after they got beyond a certain number. It was, he said, a very good bird which could attain six or seven satisfactorily, and this was only possible through the perfection the vocal organs had reached after 200 years of breeding and training. He mentioned that all Rollers are rung with closed rings, which placed everything in connection with its age and strain and wins above suspicion; and formed the source of a very interesting competition in the Roller Club, which last year issued 7,250 rings—a very great thing, he thought, for one society. The rings for Rollers had of necessity to be smaller than those for Norwich and Yorkshire Canaries, whose legs were larger and more bony than those of Rollers.

Tremendous Progress.

The lecturer next alluded to the tremendous progress made in the last ten years, both in breeding and exhibiting Rollers, and spoke of the various methods adopted by different breeders, although all had the one object in getting and training the birds to deliver their songs in a full and deep and quiet and reposeful manner, and with all the zest and strength possible. They were kept in closed cages, to enable them to acquire their notes, so that they might be a delight to listen to and give the full benefit of the education and training they received.

Speaking of the various clubs now in existence, he said that since the start of the British Roller C.C. in 1900, with about a dozen members, but now numbering 250, twelve or fifteen other clubs had been formed, all with a full and enthusiastic number of members, about 500 in all. He said he was very pleased that Mr. F. J. Randall, one of the members of the Wimbledon Society, after starting as a novice, had won the championship cup of the B.R.C.C. four times in succession, and the cup was now held by Mr. H. Veen, another member of the Wimbledon Society.

How Rollers Are Fed.

With regard to feeding, he said he was an ardent supporter of the mixed seed as against "all rape." The latter was very different to that used by breeders of other Canaries. It was specially imported from Germany, and was very sweet and nutritious, and contained everything to build up the birds' constitutions; indeed, the Germans said it made the song of the birds fed on it more mellow than those fed on mixed seed. He concluded a most interesting lecture by explaining the system of judging and the points awarded for various notes and tours.—A large number of questions were most satisfactorily and interestingly answered, and on the motion of the Chairman a vote of thanks to Mr. Lester was given by acclamation for his delightful discourse.

Votes of thanks were also accorded members of the Roller Club for the help they had given in bringing birds for exhibition and in other ways, Mr. Slade and Mr. Norris being specially mentioned, and the Chairman also spoke of the great assistance given by Mr. Veen in getting the lecturer, in advertising, and in other ways.

During the evening the Secretary, Mr. H. Smith, gave his report; Mrs. Thynne, a member of the society, who has recently undergone a serious operation, was welcomed back by the Chairman and congratulated on her recovery; two new members were nominated; and as the deputation from the London Federation was not present as promised, it was decided to take no further action as to reconsidering the resignation of the society from the Federation. It was announced that the Mayor of Wimbledon had forwarded one guinea as a subscription to the society, and that the Misses Liversage and Bodfish had kindly offered a cup, value £5, for competition amongst the Yorkshire exhibitors. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded the ladies by acclamation.—H. Smith, hon. sec.

BONNYRIGG C.B.S.

Meeting held Mar. 30, Foresters' Arms, Mr. A. Jardine (president) in chair. Mr. W. B. Smart (Loanhead) was admitted a new member. Consideration of F.F. show left over till next meeting. Secretary was instructed to write several judges, which I hope to advertise in due course.—J. Hamilton, Sec.

MUSSELBURGH O.S.

At meeting held 30th March it was decided to alter date of our annual show to 30th November, instead of 14th December, as we find the 14th December is clashing with other shows. Following classification was adopted: Fourteen open and 4 novices' classes; Borders, 10 open, 4 novice; British and Foreign, 3 Mule classes, 10 British, and 1 novice, and 4 foreign classes. Mr. John McLay (Kirkintilloch) was elected judge for Norwich; Mr. T. Arnott (Kirkcaldy) for Border Fancies, and Mr. R. Bald (Bathgate) for Mules, British and foreign birds. Next meeting, Cossar's Tea Rooms, High Street, 27th April.—W. Nisbet, Hon. Sec.

CRESTED CANARY CLUB.

The first batch of several hundred rings have been dispatched, and I should be pleased to hear from others desirous of adopting this method of identification, if they will kindly apply forthwith. Some fanciers appear somewhat sceptical as to the harm the rings will do during incubation in subsequent years. Although I have not used a closed ring, I have never removed the ordinary ring from the leg of my sitting hens, and have not found any ill effects from their continual use. I may here mention that the profit accruing from the sale of closed rings will be devoted as special prizes to birds wearing the clubs closed ring for 1912.—John Tyson, Hon. Sec.

CHESTER C.B.S.

Meeting Nag's Head Cocoa House, Foregate-street, March 26th, Mr. F. C. Parker presiding over a good attendance. Mr. W. Davies, assist.-sec., acted in place of the hon. sec., who was unable to attend, being indisposed. It was announced that Mrs. Way had kindly consented to act as president. This was received with much pleasure. The society is most fortunate in obtaining the support of one so popular and well known. Mrs. Way is a very keen competitor, and figures very prominently at most of the agricultural shows as a horsewoman, and frequently takes premier honours. It was further announced that Mr. S. Whitlow had kindly undertaken the vice-presidency for another year. Although Mr. Whitlow is unable to attend the meetings through business, he is always anxious to know how the society is progressing, and is ever ready to assist it financially; and at each show are to be seen some of his favourite Britishers. Several members were elected in addition to local ones. New members were made from Frodsham and Over Winsford. First Feather show business was gone into. Decided to hold same on a date in the first week in July. Intending members should join at once, and so become eligible to compete for Mr. Thompson's beautiful cup to be won outright at this show by the member gaining most points with four nominated young birds.—R. N. Williams, Sec.

COVENTRY GODIVA C.B.S.

Dinner and concert held at headquarters, "The Chequers" Hotel, March 29. The members took this opportunity of making a presentation of a splendid pair of bronzes to our late sec., Mr. R. Symonds. A capital dinner was provided by our host, a hearty vote of thanks being returned him, proposed by our chairman, Mr A. Howe, and seconded by Mr. J. Blackshaw, who stated, as one of the members who assisted in the formation of the society, that he knew how much we were indebted to our host, Mr. Busby. After a song by Mr. Rowley, accompanied on the piano by Mr. Johnson, the event of the evening took place, Mr. Busby being called upon, as president, to make the presentation. He said that nothing could give him greater pleasure, as when Mr. Symonds took over the secretaryship our society was in a very bad way indeed, but now to-day our society stood stronger in membership than it had ever done before, and he did not think many societies were in a better position. He felt sure most of this had come about through the thorough and courteous way our late sec. had done his work, and the esteem in which every member held him. He was glad to know we should still have Mr. Symonds with us, and he felt sure he would be a great assistance to our present secretary, Mr. H. Saunders, who, he felt sure, would be a worthy successor. Mr. Symonds said he never expected so much from the members, for what he had always tried to do was simply his duty, which he hoped to do in the future. The members sang "For he's a jolly good fellow." Songs were sung by our host's daughter and Messrs. Rowley, Clarke, Saunders, Wright, Johnson, and, last but not least, our host.—H. Saunders, sec.

KILMARNOCK C.B.F.C.

Lecture on "Canary Inbreeding" by Mr. H. Train.

At a meeting held Mar. 14th, at Temperance Hall, Mr. Hugh Train opened a discussion on inbreeding He spoke as follows:—When I suggested at the last general meeting that you might have a discussion on breeding, I thought perhaps it would draw out some to come to the meetings and get interested in the doings of the club. I am sure it might have fallen on some one much better than myself to champion the benefits of Canary breeding. But in my own simple way I will try to prove that to be a success you must revert to Canary inbreeding. I have been in the Fancy since I was a boy. I have seen a good deal of experiments tried, and I have been taught from the very first that it was no use going in for unrelated birds of any kind. I have known a fancier buy back a bird bred by himself that was the great grandsire of his winning bird, and saying before-hand that it would strike; and so it proved. They were the best birds of their class in this town, or in any other in Scotland. They won everywhere. No matter what kind of bird or beast you take to, you will find the breeder of experience going in for breeding in and out with his stud or strain. I will be challenged, I know, but you will find that the great Carbine race horse that belonged to the Duke of Portland, and for which £25,000 was paid, did not produce anything of very much consequence in the racing world; but the sons of Carbine mated back to mares of Musket, reproduced the stamina and endurance of the Great Carbine himself. Musket was the sire of Carbine. The same happens in everything else. In the case of pigeons I know father and daughter and mother and son are bred together in order to keep the strain running true, and that with champions, too. I have known of a bull dog, bred with a greyhound to give stamina and endurance, and the produce mated back right times with pure greyhounds, made names for themselves. I know of lots of cases of single birds breeding with their sons and the offspring from this cross bred winners every year, although the year when the cross was instituted the produce was not of much value; all the same, they were better than the ones being bred with. Fanciers in general believe that inbreeding impairs one's stock, but I don't believe that is so if you breed from the strongest of your birds. But I think they are more apt to catch any disease and trouble that is about, as their blood is much purer. I think that where you buy a winner with which to improve your stock you have a much better chance with a bird that you have bred yourself, and know what you have bred it from for a few years, than you have in buying a partner of equal merit to mate with it. I think you have a greater chance then. Mr. House, in his "Manual," recommends it. He says: "weakens the constitution; breeds disease; and a fore-runner of all ills? I do not believe it. Abuse of any of the luxuries of life is bad; so it is in inbreeding; it is quite correct and proper, and leads to success. But its abuse leads to the same thing." Mr. House's mode of breeding is mother to son most like the father, and father to daughter most like the mother. One of the most successful breeders I know breeds in that fashion, while other declare for brother and sister. I prefer cousins. So much for that.

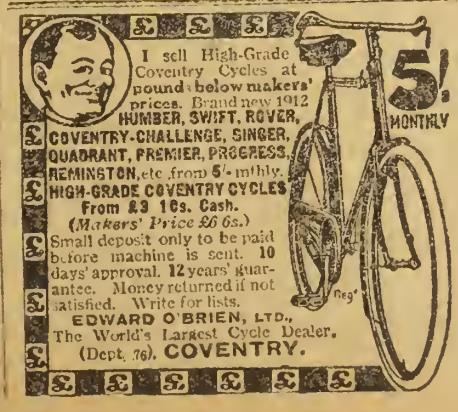
Mr. Spillman, in his "Climbing the Norwich Plainhead tree," in breeding for head properties selects a pair of those that excel in head properties, and mates two of the best hens back to their father, while a couple of young cocks could be mated back to their cousins. It is the blood that tells. It can't be said that like produces like; on the other hand, when a system is adopted which is crowned with success it is certain that winners will crop up when least expected from those bred right. Mr. Boughton says, in some advice to the novice, "go to the man that breeds his own winners; buy both cock and hen from the same room Line breeding or inbreeding, while useful to the experienced, was not recommended to the novice. Much more could be said about the advantages gained by inbreeding, and the disadvantages of the same, but this I will say, you have a far better chance of improving your stock by it than by buying unrelated birds to cross with one another.

DUNFERMLINE AND DIS. C.B.S.

Meeting held Co-operative Hall, Mar. 30, Mr. J. Rankine presiding. The country members' absence was accounted for no doubt by the curtailment of the railway service. Previous to the business meeting a judging competition was held. The birds put up for competition were model's cut out from the Fancy Press. These were mounted into classes, and the task set the members was to select the three best birds in each, and the awards which conformed to the specimens of Mr. Wm. Cullen, who acted as referee, were awarded the places. The winner was our president (Mr. J. Rankine), who for the second year has taken the premier place in this competition. Second place was secured by Mr. Howie, who this year fairly redeemed himself on his previous trials. Third place was taken by Mr. A. Bowman, the secretary. Over and above the competition, Mr. Cullen had forwarded a fine display of models for exhibition, which fairly took the eye, and reflected great credit on Mr. Cullen. Two new members were admitted, namely Messrs. A. Burt (Townhill)—the secretary of Townhill O.S.—and J. Morrison. Reports of West Fife League meeting were given, and adopted. Members are requested to keep April 27 clear (date of next meeting), when Mr. J. Rankine has agreed to give a lecture. The subject will be announced later. A treat is in store. We are sure the president has had a wide and varied experience in the hobby, and is sure to do his subject justice. Votes of thanks to the chairman and Mr. Cullen brought the meeting to a close.—R. T. Campbell, Sec.

BANKFOOT AND DIST. C.B.S.

Meeting held March 19th, Mr. H. B. Wood (president) in chair. Decided, to have a snack night and social evening on April 16th, this being the close of our winter syllabus. Several interesting subjects have been dealt with during the past winter months, and it is the intention of the members to repeat these gatherings every three weeks during next winter. In connection with our shows we have secured the services of six of Yorkshire's most popular judges. As was the case last year, there is every promise of a glut of "specials" for each show, in addition to the annual "specials list." In selecting Mr. H. B. Wood as president, the society could not have made a better move. No grass will be allowed to grow under the feet of any of the officials with this gentleman at their head. Several members have reaped a harvest of specials through our president's past generosity. He announced that he will immediately present the society with a solid silver cup for competition amongst members. The subs. is only 3s. per year, and it is quite easy to take away from any of the members' shows a special of this value. Headquarters are at the Red Lion Hotel. Fanciers desirous of joining need not be afraid of any of the specials being "cornered" by the "big guns" of the Fancy. Several of our last show season's visitors have joined. The silver cup mentioned above will be on view and also competed for at our F.F. show on June 1st; the remaining shows will be held on June 22nd, August 3rd, October 26th, November 30th, and December 28th. The classifications for these were slightly altered; the clears and ticks are to be shown together, and Cinnamons by themselves. The following gentlemen were made members: Messrs. W. Ormondroyd, F. Carter, C. Hardaker, and E. Self. Fanciers, along with their wives and friends, will receive a hearty welcome to the snack and social evening April 16th, admission 6d. each. Will members who were unable to be present kindly make a note? A special room will be at our disposal, and it is hoped every member will be present.—F. Golder, Sec.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SUNDERLAND C.B.A.

Meeting held Mar. 30, Mr. Farrer in chair. Messrs. J. Stanger and J. Maddison were elected to judge open show on Jan. 17 and 18. Decided to hold F.F. Show July 13th. Mr. J. Rischorough will give silver medal for best bird shown by a novice. Mr. J. Miller was made a member.—J. Jeffery, sec.

NEWCASTLE C.B.S.

Meeting held April 4, 7.30, 65, Grainger Street, Mr. R. Tindale in chair. Following gentlemen elected members:—Messrs. W. Stephenson, R. Christer, A. Montgomery, and G. Greenwell, all of Wallsend. Following recommendations of committee confirmed: Cambridge Drill Hall, Northumberland Road, for open show, Oct. 18 and 19; social, Dec. 18, Co-operative Hall; picnic, May 27, Whit Monday; Crosby's Cafe, Northumberland Street, for Nest Feather show, June 22. There will be 33 classes for Nest Feather show (same as last year); also a judge for each section, names of selected judges to be announced shortly. Decided, to hold our picnic at Bothal Woods, same place as two years ago. Mr. Gill, of Museum, will give a lecture next meeting, time and place to be announced later. Mr. Petterson asked which is best—Norwich or Yorkshire with British bird for mules purposes? Mr. Maddison: Norwich; you get better colour, shape, and quality of feather on account of a large quantity of green blood. Mr. Maddison answered several questions in reference to breeding clear Mules, and also inbreeding of Canaries to produce light Mules. I would like to call members' attention to Rule 6. Members must pay their subscriptions by the next meeting. No member shall receive any benefit from the society until their subs. has been paid, unless from any worthy cause.—J. W. Reed, Sec.

NORTHERN B.B.M. AND F.B.C.

Annual meeting held Mar. 20, at Lockhart's, 65, Grainger Street, Newcastle-on-Tyne. Secretary's report for past year read and considered very satisfactory by all. There was a small balance in hand to carry forward. Election of officers:—President, W. J. Taylor, Esq.; vice-presidents, Messrs. H. B. Wilson, J. Shepherd, A. Storey, J. Currah, J. Harris, Dr. O'Niell, T. C. Crawhall, G. Davidson, W. Nicholson, J. T. Porteus, T. Rohson; chairman, Mr. C. J. Petterson; vice-chairman, Mr. J. McKenzie; committee, all members; auditors, Messrs. A. C. Young, J. Scott. Cup winners: British, W. Tomlinson (Chopwell); Mules, J. Maddison (Newcastle); for., J. McKenzie (Gateshead); medals: British, W. Tomlinson (two), Geo. Taylor (two), C. Waters (two); Mules, J. Maddison (two), F. Sokell (two), C. J. Petterson (one); foreign, J. McKenzie (two), A. C. Young (two), Christer (one), J. Scott (one). Any members who have won medals and could not attend, will have them sent on. As Messrs. J. Maddison and J. McKenzie have won their respective cups three times in all, these cups become their property. At this meeting a small but successful table show was held. Principal winners: Messrs. J. Scott, J. Bertram, C. J. Petterson. Mr. A. Storey judged. Next meeting April 24, 8 p.m., when all applications for patronage will be considered. Will secretaries please note?—Geo. Taylor, Sec.

GLASGOW (Queen's Park) C.B.S.

Meeting held Marie Stuart Halls, Crosshills, March 27th, Mr. A. Hunter presiding over a well-attended meeting. Annual club show now definitely fixed for Dec. 7th, in the Victoria Rooms, Victoria-road, Crosshill; Mr. A. Challenger (Kirkintilloch) to judge Norwich and Mr. C. C. Cophell (Glasgow) all other varieties. Chairman mentioned that at next meeting all particulars for the F.F. show would be brought forward, and hoped a similar attendance would be seen. The membership is always increasing, no fewer than seven new members coming forward this year. Others welcome and all particulars given by secretary (27, McLennan-street, Mount Florida). It has been arranged to pay prize money this year at the annual club show. Remainder of evening was taken up by Mr. J. Young (Rutherglen), in giving a discourse on Crest and Crest-bred breeding, etc. The attention of those present was attracted greatly by Mr. Young's remarks, which proved very instructive, although all present were not Crest breeders. He fully explained everything necessary from the period of pairing up until the top of the ladder on the show bench was reached, and at the conclusion of Mr. Young's lecture the president spoke highly in favour of his discourse. Mr. Young was accorded a hearty vote of thanks. Questions were asked and ably answered by him. This brought a most successful meeting to a close. Next meeting 24th April, Marie Stuart Halls, 8 p.m. —R. Heggie, Sec.

COWDENBEATH C.B.S.

A Washing Exhibition; and Some Questions on Norwich P.H. Breeding.

There was a very large turn-out of members and visitors in the Arcade Hotel on March 27th to witness a washing exhibition by Mr. W. Grewar (Lochgelly), late of Forfar. Mr. J. C. Murray (president) welcomed the visitors, and introduced Mr. Grewar as one of the foremost Norwich breeders in Scotland. Mr. Grewar explained the idea of his drying cage, which was fitted with a hot-water tank with flannel over it; he also showed how the bird should be held in the hand, and how to turn it. He washed two birds, carefully explaining his method as he went. Mr. Grewar was very careful in the drying of the birds, using finally a silk handkerchief which drew out the moisture from the feathers; after which he placed them in the drying cage. An opportunity was given to any member to wash the remaining bird. Mr. A. Cunningham volunteered. Mr. Grewar instructed him as he proceeded. In a very short space of time the birds were run into an open wire cage and handed round for inspection. Mr. Grewar was closely followed during the exhibition by all. Questions being invited, Mr. Beveridge asked what advantage the tank drying cage had over the ordinary method? Mr. Grewar explained that the tank gave off a moist heat, which kept the feather in better condition, also that the birds were quicker drying. What advantage has this method over wrapping the birds up in cloth? Ans.: As he took great pains to take as much water off as possible with the handkerchiefs, he did not consider it necessary to wrap them up. Q.: Did he give the birds a bath or a spray next day? Ans.: He hung on the bath, which he preferred to the spray. Q.: How long before the show would you wash a bird? Ans.: At least four days before the show, although a week was better. He did not believe in washing a bird too often during the season, but, of course, if a bird was dirty it had to be washed to stand any chance. He always used sand for the cage bottoms; still, he did not doubt that sawdust would be cleanest, as it was more absorbant. You must, however, always use a certain amount of sand or grit as an aid to digestion. He believed that the water for washing a bird in should be warmed up, and not boiled first and then cooled down. He used Buttermilk soap, but was no faddist in this matter; any good white soap would do. After the birds returned from a show he found the bath very beneficial and invigorating.

Questions on the Norwich Plainhead were next invited, and again the heckling was very keen. He believed in breeding from two buffs if it were done judiciously, and with a definite object in view. One of the best birds he ever showed was bred that way. He had never tried breeding double yellow, but believed you would get a leveller colour, and certainly more yellows in the offspring that way. In breeding for colour it was immaterial whether you used yellow or buff cock, but to get colour you must have green blood in your stock. He preferred a whole green or a heavily variegated bird for that purpose. He would have no hesitation in introducing Cinnamons into a strain as a means of improving the feather. For a stock hen he liked a small typical hen provided it was bred from large birds, but size, he explained, was a good fault. Asked if he would introduce a Crest-bred for the purpose of improving size, he said he thought that would be the last resort as the Crest blood would turn up at any time in the stock. He believed in Sib.-breeding if you knew your stock, but he cautioned those present to be careful in that direction, as experience was needed. As a cure for colds he used equal parts of ipecacuanha wine, oxymel of squills, and glycerine, adding 30 drops of the mixture to two tablespoonfuls of water. Many other questions were asked on general breeding, and all satisfactorily answered.

Mr. J. C. Murray, at the conclusion, stated that the society was only young yet, but we had scored a decided success at our first open show, and explained that the committee and members were determined to improve on that last year's success. He invited all present to become members. Votes of thanks to Mr. Grewar and the chairman brought one of the best meetings we have held to a close. At next meeting in Ewan's "Fountain Bar" on the 17th April, judges will be nominated. Two new members were admitted, namely, Messrs. J. Jack and J. Bryson.—J. R. Reid, Sec.

STOKE-ON-TRENT C.B.A.

Meeting held April 1st at headquarters. There was a very good attendance, and much important business was transacted. Mr. A. E. Birch (Hanley) elected a member. Decided, to appoint Mr. H. W. Battye to judge annual open show November 14th. Following classification adopted for Y.B. show June 22nd: Nor. 4 classes, Yorks. 4, A.O.V. Can. 1, Mule or Hybrid 1, Old Mule 1, British 4, Adult Nor. 1, do. Yorks. 1. Points for cup count in all classes except adult Canaries. Also decided to have one Nor. and one Yorks. class, young birds, open to members of Stoke, Longton, Hanley, and Burslem C.B. Societies, with prize money 6s., 4s., and 2s., for 1s., entry fee. The entry fee in members' classes to be 6d. per cage, to be divided as prizes on sliding scale. An interesting discussion then took place on the use of marking rings. Several of the members present related their experiences of ringing birds, which appear to have been very unfortunate, quite a number young birds being lost through it. Others did not like to see birds shown with rings on, and considered it would make it more difficult for a judge to give satisfaction. Judging from the feeling of those who took part in the discussion there will be very few rings of any description used by the Stoke fanciers during the coming breeding season. Members please note: Mr. W. Bowyer will give a lecture on colour-feeding at the same meeting.—J. Pitchford, Sec.

GREEN CANARY ASSOCIATION.

The Annual General Meeting.

Annual general meeting held Oldham Hall, Liverpool, March 28th, Mr. J. W. Metcalfe in chair. Secretary reported he had not had the balance sheets printed as in former years, owing to the cost which was considered unnecessary seeing we had nothing in hand; it was read over in detail, and accepted. There are 75 fully-paid members, and four half-paid for 1911-12. Income, £19 5s. The nest feather show resulted in a loss of £1 0s. 5½d and 9s. 9d. was lost on the old show, in addition to which the committee allotted sums of 17s. and 5s. 7d. special prize money respectively. Six gold medals, costing £1 1s. each, were provided out of the specials fund, also £2 10s. in cash for the runners-up in each section. Medals were exchange with the Toronto (Canada) Society at their request, but it might interest members to know that their's has not come to hand, neither has the secretary taken notice of a letter drawing his attention to this. Although we start the new year's work with a debit balance of £3 0s. 11d. I would like to mention that all accounts are paid, and shields have been put on all cups, as also a gold medal, provided for the last year's winner of the we are not at all badly off, and hope to have Yorkshire cup owing to its changing hands. Hence we are not at all badly off, and hope to have a trifle in hand at the end of the year. A notice of motion came forward to do away with the office of assistant-secretary, and combine the offices of secretary and treasurer. Carried unanimously. A notice of motion to discontinue annual nest feather show was carried, as also one to the effect that members must exhibit at fully 50 per cent. of the patronage shows to enable them to qualify for one of the season specials. Election of officers: Chairman, J. W. Metcalfe; vice-chairman, F. Hand; auditors, J. Walker and C. Hillmen; committee Walker, Rowlands, Abbott, Eccleston, Hill, Isaac, and McDermott; hon. sec. and treasurer Geo. Green, 26, Lord Nelson street, Liverpool. Mr. V. H. Deacon was nominated for president, and elected unanimously. He immediately offered a silver cigarette case, value £1 1s., to the member introducing most new members between now and the end of the season. Now is your chance; everything to gain, and nothing to lose. We offer cash, gold medals, and cash to the value of about £5 each year for a subs. of 5s. Novices are catered for separately from the champions in each section and each and every member has an equal chance. Join at once. Full particulars can be had on application to me.—Geo Green, Sec.

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EXCHANGE, pair Spangle Bantams, for hen Canaries, or good hen Greenfinch: breeding cages: Robson, Exeter-st., West Hartlepool.

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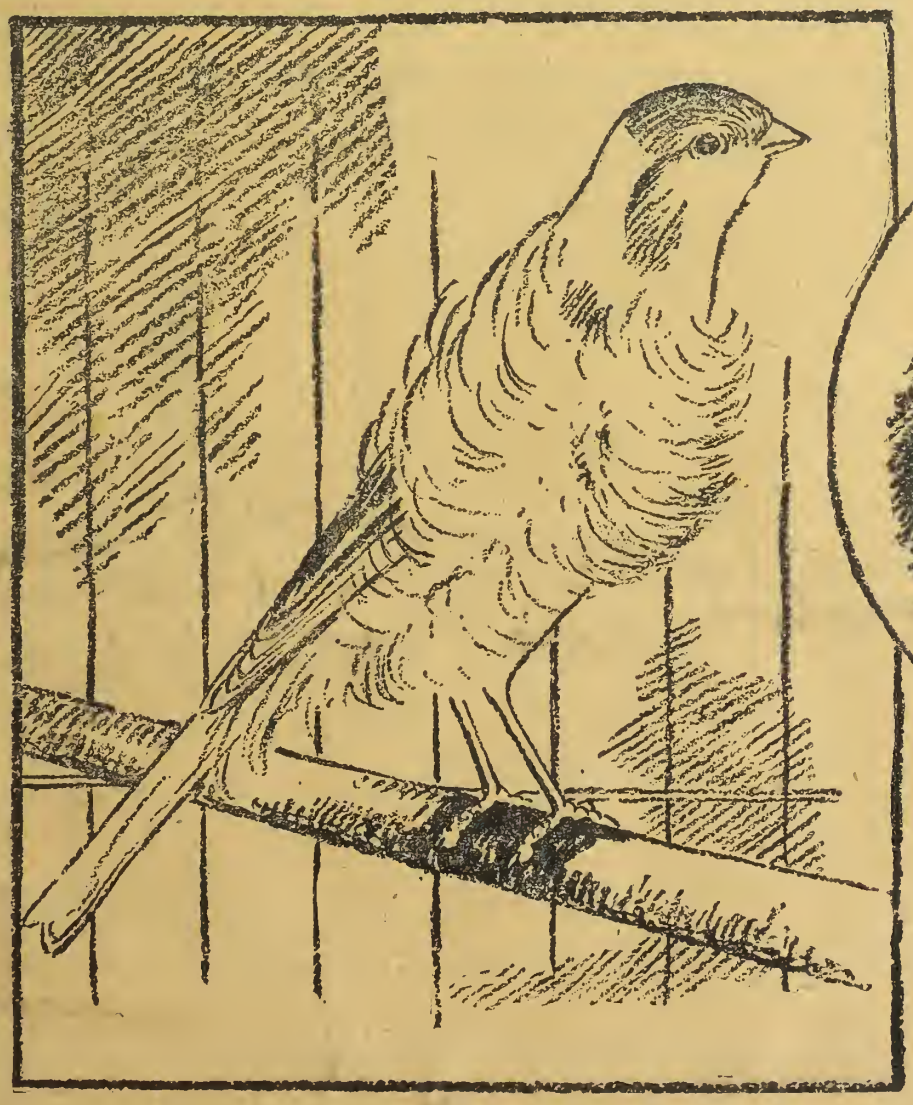

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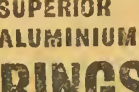

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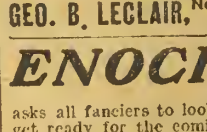

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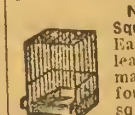

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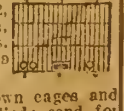

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YELLOW cinnamon Border cock, good strain, in full song, 8/6; approval: Fowler, 35, Woodsome-rd., London, N.W.

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THOROUGH good Buff Norwich cock, warranted healthy, and a breeder, 4/6, no hens: Ellis, 1, Mill-rd., Kettering.

BIG bodied buff, wing marked Norwich cock, 8/6; Yorkshire cock, 7/6; hen, 4/6: Eastoe, 88, York-rd., Southend-on-Sea.

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MUST sell. Norwich cock and 2 hens, 12/-; H.-M. Linnet, paired to 2 hens, with new double breeder, 15/- the lot; surplus hens, 3/- each; approval: Jeffreys, jun., Corn Merchant, Erith.

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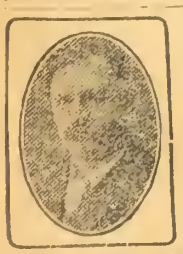

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Jan. 1 & 2.—**Edinburgh Open.**—(R. Life, 15, Argyll Terr.)
Jan. 1 & 2.—**Paisley O.A.**—(W. Lambie, 25, Caledonia Street.)

Wales.

Nov. 13 & 14.—**Swansea.**—(S. H. George, 32, Fisher Street). J.R., J.F.D.
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Nov. 26.—**Llanelly.**—(D. John, 9, Pottery Place.) W.V., J.F.
Nov. 28.—**Pentrebach.**—(A. E. Brown, 66, Clare St., Merthyr Tydfil.)

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Not an Ideal Nesting Site.

A pair of Blackbirds have built on the top of an old wall surrounding a garden in a Surrey village. The nest is a large structure, the ivy growing on the wall being used as part of the foundation. It is quite exposed to all weather, and will probably be robbed of its contents later on by some prowling cat. In this same old wall are many sheltered nooks that would make much better sites for a nest.

Migrants' Winter Quarters.

A few of the migrants' places of winter residence are indicated by a writer in the "Millgate Monthly":—The Ringousel, familiar in moorland localities, goes to Northern and Central Africa or Asia Minor; the Wheatear to Western and Northern Africa, to Persia and Northern India; the Chiff-chaff to the shores of the Mediterranean; the Yellow Wagtail, the Nightingale, Red-backed Shrike, Garden Warbler, Reed Warbler, Wood Warbler, Swift, Spotted Flycatcher, March Warbler, and Nightjar all go to Africa, and the last named also betakes itself to India. The Wryneck favours China, and Northern Africa; the Cuckoo Central Africa and Southern India; the Tree Pipit Africa, Persia, and India; the Lesser Whitethroat, Africa; the Greater Whitethroat, South Africa; the Willow Warbler, Africa and Nubia; the Sand Martin, India and Africa; the Swallow, Ethiopia and India; and the House Martin, South Abyssinia.

Hard Times in Winter.

Last winter was a bad one for soft-billed birds, says a writer in the 'atsI'll trueirZ?yc birds, says a writer in the "Illustrated Sporting and Dramatic News," because the berry crop was in many districts a complete failure. There were no fruit at all upon the hollies, and the hips and haws and garden ash were very few and far between. Sparrows always manage to get a living, no matter how severe may be the weather. But frost spells starvation to all insectivorous and fruit-eating birds, and it does not require a very long spell of hard weather to kill them off. By scratching about in the bottoms of hedgerows, these birds manage to find a few insects, but this supply is soon exhausted. Thrushes and Blackbirds suffer most when the ground is frozen hard, but Redwings are the first to die from starvation. This is the more remarkable because they are winter migrants to our shores, and come to us from the northern parts of Europe. It is not the cold that kijlls, but it is the want of food. Curiously enough, Tits, Wrens, and Hedge Sparrows manage better during the severe frosts than do many of the larger and stronger birds. These busy little feathered mites hunt all the cracks and crannies wherein insects have deposited their eggs, and thus find sufficient food to sustain life. They also sleep together in holes and hollow branches, and thus help to keep each other warm

IMPORTANT NOTICE.

Will all correspondents and secretaries and officials of societies in particular, please note that "Cage Birds" now goes to press on Wednesday evening, so that all matter for publication in our issue of the same week MUST reach us on Tuesday to be certain of inclusion, or first post Wednesday at latest.

Sauce for the Goose.

The lady was attired in the height of fashion—dressed to kill, in fact—and she strutted majestically through the main street of the village of Wurzleton. Suddenly her eye became fixed upon a small boy, and she bristled with anger. The boy was bare-legged and shabby, and in his hand he shamelessly carried a bird's nest full of little brown eggs. "You're a bad, wicked boy!" snapped the lady, without the slightest preliminary introduction. "How could you rob the nest?" she continued. "No doubt the poor mother is even now grieving for the loss of her eggs." "Not she, mum!" came the cheeky reply; "She's part of your hat!" Then the fashion-plate proceeded rather faster on her weary way.—Sent in by Mr. T. G. Podmore.

Nests of Birds, Poultry, etc., should be regularly sprinkled with KEATING'S POWDER, especially when hens are sitting. Don't forget to do this just previous to the eggs hatching, to destroy the Red Mite. Kills all insects. Harmless to everything else.

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The Canary Breeder's Most Difficult Problem.

A lecture delivered by Mr. Geoff. Benson (Chairman of the Wallasey C.B.S.) before the Anfield, Everton and Dist. C.B.S. on March 11th.

Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen,—I have very great pleasure in addressing a few remarks on the most difficult problem the Fancy in general and novices in particular have to contend with, namely, the pairing up of birds. I am agreeably surprised to see that such a large and enthusiastic body of fanciers should do me the honour of coming here to meet me and listen to my remarks. I will do my best to repay you for your attendance.

Buying the Birds.

To commence, it is very essential that you should select the very best birds you can, and as early as possible, in order that your stock shall become quite acclimatised to your rooms. In buying, I strongly advise any fancier—and particularly novices—to buy the birds from the best strains possible. Always make sure you buy and select birds with a pedigree. I am a strong believer in pedigree breeding; face value I never rely on.

Having selected your stock, feed them during the winter months on a staple diet of three parts Canary and one part good sound rape. By feeding in this way you will bring your birds into full vigour about the middle of March, which, I maintain, is quite early enough; and for this reason; if you pair up before then you have the long, dark nights and cold, with an occasional sharp frost, to contend with. I maintain that for young birds a week or so old to go without food from, say, 6 p.m. to 7 a.m. the next morning is only courting disaster and disappointment, thereby throwing your first round entirely away. The end of March is quite early enough to pair up. Then by the time you have your young birds hatched out the nights are shorter, the weather is getting warmer, and you have a far better chance of rearing your first young.

Treatment Prior to Pairing.

I believe in keeping my birds in nice roomy cages, always clean. Let your hens run in good, roomy flight cages. Give them plenty of exercise, at the first week in March plenty of gritty sand, oyster shell, and cuttle fish, and throw a little inga seed in the cages for them to pick at, as by doing so you will seldom be troubled with egg binding.

Keep your cock birds in single cages; they will come on into full vigorous song quite naturally; do not force them, but continue to feed liberally, with a little egg food once a week.

I believe you get the best birds from a buff cock and a yellow hen. I consider ten per cent. of the Cinnamon blood introduced on the hen's side is very beneficial. You can then expect to breed young with that beautiful short, soft texture of feather so much required. Introduce size, length, and leg on the cock's side, and quality, type, feather, and position on the hen's side. Never double-buff or double-yellow unless you have had a few years' experience in breeding birds for exhibition. You will seldom, if ever, breed winners from winners. Better to pair up birds that have size and quality. If your cock bird has a nice head, a good full back, and plenty of leg and length, make sure you put with him a hen who has a nice head, full neck, clean rounded breast, straight, upright carriage, nicely tapered off waist. You will then have a far better chance of breeding winners than by pairing two birds with points alike.

Always make sure that your buffs in Yorkshires—either cock or hen—have good full necks. Yellows invariably fail in the neck. Always give your birds a liberal supply of dandelion or a little apple.

When your hen has laid one egg, take it away and substitute a dummy one. Do the same with each egg laid till she has laid three eggs. Place the three eggs back in the nest. This should be done to ensure all your young ones hatching out in one day. Each young one has then the same strength as the others, and can be reared in the nest, getting an equal share of the egg food from the hen.

Should you desire to breed for marks, you will have more satisfactory results by introducing the marks on the hen's side.

Breeding Green Yorkshires.

In breeding Green Yorkshires, I like a little Cinnamon blood in the hen. This is how I get colour, fine feather, and strong markings. The finest show specimens of the Yorkshire Greens are bred in this way. Should you breed a Cinnamon from two Greens, that is what is called a sport; and should that sport turn out a hen, she will do you some good. But if it is a cock, you will not breed anything that will win. In every case Cinnamon blood must be introduced on the hen's side in breeding Greens.

It will give me great pleasure to come amongst you again, and as you have called upon me to judge your nest feather show, I hope you will give me plenty to do. Should any gentleman like to ask me any question, I will answer him to the best of my ability.

Questions and Answers.

Mr. Holden: What is your special reason for introducing Cinnamon blood into Greens, and is it liable to produce young with bronzy feather?—Answer: By introducing 10 per cent. of Cinnamon blood on the hen's side, you are sure to have a very fine silky texture of feather, good sound body colour and strong markings. Bronzy feathers leave the bird at its first moult.

Mr. Bell: What do you consider the best way of feeding young in the nest?—Spratt's ovals, crushed, hard-boiled eggs, whole hemp, and soaked rape. A piece of sulphate of soda in the water keeps your hens cool and hungry, and makes them do their duty to the young. You will rear more young this way than any.

Mr. R. Atherton proposed a vote of thanks to the lecturer. Mr. L. Hamilton seconded, and in doing so said it had given him great pleasure to listen to Mr. Benson, and he was sure the fifty odd members present would go away with pleasant recollections at having listened to a most instructive lecture, and he was sure it would do the members a lot of good.—Mr. Benson responded with the remark that he hoped he would have the pleasure of judging some Palace winners at the nest feather show on July 15.—R. B. Wright, hon. sec.

A Lady's Winning Novice Norwich Plainhead.

The Clear Yellow which secured First Prize in the Novice Section at the Crystal Palace Show for Mrs. G. Brown (Bethnal Green, E.)

Canary Keeping and Breeding.

A lecture delivered by Mr. Jenkins before the Widnes and District C.B.S. on March 7th.

Mr. Chairman, Ladies, and Gentlemen: As a body of fanciers, we have thought it advisable to vary the order of things from time to time, so that if possible we may create first a desire in the minds of the novice, and then, as far as we are able, to instruct them in the way to go about whatever Fancy they begin in; although a novice, in carrying out the instructions given him, will often do much better than the man of experience who first gave him his instructions. I speak only in respect of breeding birds in numbers.

Not the Cheapest, but the Best.

When quite a lad I remember asking a man how he fed his Canaries from the nest, and with what kind of food. He replied: "Egg and bread, and watercress." And after twenty-five years' experience I do not think there is anything better, providing, of course, it is given fresh and often. It may not be the cheapest way, but it is as good as any, if not the very best. In this way I at first reared thirty-nine young Canaries in three years from one pair of birds—two lots of seventeen and one of five. Other fanciers of long standing will tell you the same story.

Bird-keeping, I think, compares favourably with any pursuit of pleasure; and with care and judgment it can be made a paying hobby. The hobby is within the reach of all sorts and conditions of men—and even women and children. This, I think, points to the fact that patience is an essential factor in the composition of every bird breeder. Most fanciers of long standing started with common Canaries, and, having bred them freely, pressed on to better things. Those people who enter the ranks of bird breeders at the top have their place, and they probably benefit the Fancy while they are passing through; but I am afraid it is often a case of "soon ripe, soon rotten." But I presume that all sorts go to make an agreeable whole, and the Fancy is so esteemed as to embrace all. For my own part, I do not remember when I did not take a keen and lively interest in things appertaining to bird life; the love was inherent, I think; certainly it has not lain dormant, and has seldom abated in strength. This is because the hobby is such a charming one. There is the mating of the birds, the rearing of the young, their development, and the exhibiting of the birds at show time; these follow each other in sweet succession and make the Fancy very enjoyable.

The Bird that "Cake Walks!"

Coming to the birds themselves, there are only two varieties which cannot be improved by being crossed with other varieties—the Belgian and the Lizard. The Belgian in this respect is like the racehorse—it has wonderful plastic or form-giving qualities if used with great care and judgment. The up-to-date Scotch Fancy Canary is said by some to be three-parts Belgian; others say there is nine-tenths of the Belgian in its composition. The Belgian is said also to give the finishing touch to the high-class Yorkshire Canary—the bird that takes the top perch and does the "cake-walk" until he catches the judge's eye, which, I think you will allow, is a great advantage to any bird, as well as a source of profit and pleasure to its owner.

I do not know much about, and my experience is not extensive enough to enable me to make any definite statement upon, the form-giving qualities of the Lizard Canary when grafted on to other varieties, so to speak. Some people think that the old London Fancy Canary sprang from this source, which may possibly be true.

Advantages of Giving and Taking.

Coming, however, to other varieties, the case is different. Here we borrow and lend, give and take until we attain the goal of our ambitions, and if we by any means get the bird which meets the necessary requirements and which wins in its class as a distinct breed, people seldom if ever enquire about its pedigree or how it was compounded; they generally enquire the price of it or of some of the stock. In this way the use of the Lancashire Canary in Crest-breeding has benefitted the latter variety, and has been the means of bringing it to its present state (when in capable hands, of course). The Lancashire in turn, I believe, borrowed from the Crest and benefitted by the change, as the St. Bernard dog is said to do by a touch of the bloodhound cross. Although these things on the surface and at first sight appear to be disastrous and most ridiculous, yet if done at the right time, very carefully sticking to the object one has in view, your success in the distance is assured. If successes were gained without continued effort, I am afraid they would lose most of their charm. There is much pleasure in the pursuit of one's object, and the reward is in the doing, as well as in the possession of one's desires.

An Exception to Every Rule.

Norwich and Cinnamon Canaries have derived their immense size by having something fresh put into the established order of things. Here a peculiar thought crosses my mind—if we follow the advice of the experienced we are right generally, but there is an exception to every rule. The progress of science is said to consist in the correction of errors, questioning of received opinions, etc. We sometimes make little of, and even denounce, the very thing we do, probably because it is felt, with advantage to ourselves, to follow the advice of experience. This is right in the main; but to turn aside to investigate, or even to do a little pedalling on one's own account, is very beneficial at times. People, you know, have made vast fortunes out of things regarded once as "waste" that was beneath the notice even of the leading scientists of the day. Fanciers with thought and care have struck oil in a similar way. The fertile mind, the keen imagination, and the touch of the master hand have their place in the Fancy of to-day. You will at once see, I think, that I am only making suggestions here; and giving hints instead of citing instances, as I did at first. I am leaving the present company an opening here for that purpose. Surely some of us have had a little experience that is worth mentioning for the benefit of others?

By way of conclusion, I may say that in mating to produce good birds there is, I believe, no hard and fast rule. Some favour a very large cock bird and a medium-sized hen with good shape and quality. Some pair their best in the belief that "like will produce like." Some study the law of civilization, pairing them in direct opposition. Some put their trust in pedigree. Others, again, have been known to produce good birds from a small cock bird and a large feathery hen. Some pin their faith to breeding, and some to careful selection. But to breed a good bird that will win against every other competitor who has pitted his best against yours is something to be proud of, especially in these days of keen competition.

The Little Owl Barred

The Hunts County Council forwarded a petition to the Home Secretary to remove the Little Owl from the list of protected birds for Hunts, and we are given to understand that the Home Secretary has agreed to do so. This Owl, which is a very prolific breeder, is now very numerous in Huntingdonshire, also Northamptonshire.

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The Latest "Humanitarian" Effusion —A Reply.

Last week I referred to the epistle of a writer who had chosen to hash up some of the misstatements which have already been more than once published in various "humanitarian" pamphlets and magazine articles, and had sent the resurrected hysterics in the form of a letter to the editors of several provincial newspapers. At the time I thought it unnecessary to make any reply other than the short reference in these columns. I have since found that the effusion in question has been published in places as widely apart as Glasgow, Belfast and London, so I thought it as well to write to the editors of the various papers in which the communication had appeared. My letter is reproduced below.

The Destruction and Captivity of Wild Birds.

Sir,—May I beg the privilege of a little of your space to reply to the letter of "Drew Birch," which appeared in your issue of 2nd inst.?

Your correspondent states that "it is legal in England not only to trap and sell birds, but also to inflict great cruelty upon them." In point of fact, the trapping of English wild birds is legal only for a few months in the year, and in some localities certain birds are protected throughout the whole of the year. As for its being legal to "inflict great cruelty upon them," the absurdity of such a statement obviates the necessity of a reply.

When caught, your correspondent says, wild birds are subjected "to slow mental and physical torture till death rescues them." By whom, and why? The owner of a caged bird would have no reason to submit it to physical torture. His object is to cater for its wants, and render the bird happy in its captivity. There are thousands upon thousands of cage and aviary birds in our country kept in far better circumstances than are the portion of birds in their native freedom. I could tell of unlimited cases in which birds have refused to accept liberty after having learned the comforts of shelter and food in captivity. The cruelties of "Mother Nature" are notorious. Birds are destroyed in myriads annually by "natural" happenings—devoured by their "natural" enemies, drowned in their nests by rain from Heaven, starved in their thousands during frosty weather, and annihilated in their millions by storms and other perils incidental to migration. In fact, it would be easy to prove that ninety per cent. of them succumb yearly through one or the other of these "natural" happenings. As for the "mental torture," does "Drew Birch" contend that a bird has the power of retrogressive reflection and anticipatory thought? I could prove to him that in a very few days a bird forgets entirely that it was ever in possession of natural freedom. If it could remember it, it would be more than ever satisfied that it had changed its lot for a better.

Now let us take the statement "about 80 per cent. of them die within a few days from sheer mental anguish, and ill-treatment." The "mental anguish and ill-treatment," I think, I have disposed of in the above remarks. But do 80 per cent. of them die within a few days for any reason whatever? Certainly not. Your correspondent's authority, or rather the authority of those from whom he has borrowed the statement, is the warning of an experienced bird-keeper not to catch or buy immature Goldfinches—birds that are too young to assimilate other food than the half-ripe and sodden wild seeds they could obtain while free. To distort this special warning into a general statement is to resort to chicanery.

The comparison of the feelings of a well-kept bird with those of a human being sentenced to imprisonment for life is so utterly ridiculous as to need no consideration.

I have pleasure in enclosing for the favour of your perusal an extended reply written by myself in reviewing a pamphlet entitled "The other side of the Bars" published some time ago by the Humanitarian League, which pamphlet has been obviously used by your correspondent as a text book. I beg that you will kindly give the same prominence to this letter as was afforded to the communication of "Drew Birch," and you are, of course, at liberty to make any use you please of the leaflet enclosed. I shall be very pleased to send a copy to any of your readers who may wish to see it.

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Another Society Joins in Force.

Members will be interested to see from the report published in another column of the recent meeting of the Attercliffe and Dist. C.B.S., that after Mr. Watson, the local Hon. Sec. of CAGE BIRDS LEAGUE, had explained some of our Aims and Objects, some fourteen members of the Society at once joined the LEAGUE. This is just an example of what our local hon. secs. can do in the furtherance of our organisation, the urgent need of which is becoming daily more and more apparent. Our medal scheme, at which I hinted last week, is nearing fruition, and in the forthcoming show season medals will be granted for competition at the show of every society whose members are also members of CAGE BIRDS LEAGUE. The value and number of the medals offered will entirely depend upon the membership of the Society to the League, and the competitions will be restricted to members of CAGE BIRDS LEAGUE only. Full particulars will be announced as quickly as possible, and Secretaries and Societies will be benefiting both the LEAGUE and their own annual show by bringing the knowledge of our medal scheme to the notice of their members at their monthly meeting. Many towns yet remain unrepresented by a local hon. sec. to CAGE BIRDS LEAGUE, and I shall be pleased to hear from any member willing to accept office for his town and district.

The Stapleton Fund.

In these columns of our issue of 6th inst. I called attention to the hardships which had been inflicted upon our member, Mr. Stapleton, who, although he had triumphantly refuted the accusations brought against him by the officials of the R.S.P.C.A., found himself, in consequence, in the position of having to pay more than £8 in costs, over and above the five guineas which the Society had been ordered by the magistrates to pay towards the costs of the action they had so conspicuously failed to substantiate. I hoped that members would assist Mr. Stapleton in his difficulty, but the response to my appeal has not been nearly so generous as I expected. The list will be closed on Tuesday, 23rd inst., and any amounts received up to that date will be added to the small sum in hand and forwarded to Mr. Stapleton.

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Separating the Breeding Cages.

[Winner of Half-crown Prize.]

For several years I used to place a strip of wood between my breeding cages, and I always found, upon removing the cages, that the said strips appeared a regular lurking and breeding place for red-mite. Last year I went to a grindery shop and purchased some of the spikes used in the bottom of cricket shoes, and knocked one into each corner of the bottoms of the cages, outside, about an inch from the edges. They only cost me twopence per dozen, and a dozen will do three double breeders. The cages thus stood upon four feet, and I was not troubled with red mite there again. The points of the spikes also keep the cages from slipping.—H. J. Lake (22a, Dillwyn St. West, Ipswich).

A Necessity in Hybridising.

[Winner of Half-crown Prize.]

Bullie hens and others are often guilty of eating or destroying their eggs. A simple safeguard is to cut a hole in the bottom of the nest large enough to let the egg, when laid, pass through into a small bag sewn to the bottom, lined with cotton or soft material, to save it from being broken. The felt nest is left free from building material, so that the egg rolls freely into the bag. The egg may then be removed for setting under a reliable Canary hen.—G. Hillier (2, Park View, off Brown Street, Paisley).

When Breeding in Aviaries.

[Winner of Half-crown Prize.]

Those who try hybridising or foreign bird breeding in aviaries can look into nests without disturbing them, particularly those situated in bushes, logs, boxes, etc., by holding a small hand mirror (one quite good enough for the purpose can be got for a penny) directly over the nesting aperture. Hold it at an angle slanting away from yourself, and you can see the contents fine.—A. G. Lewis (Homedale, Hall Wood Road, Kettering).

Useful for Foreign Birds.

[Winner of Half-crown Prize.]

Keepers of small foreign Finches, Waxbills, etc., will find a pinch two or three times a week of ordinary lawn seed greatly relished by the birds and a beneficial change from the everlasting plain canary and millet.—Miss A. C. Townend (Nelson Lodge, Nelson Road, Bognor).

Quarrels in Breeding Canaries.

Fanciers who let their birds breed in an aviary, flying loose, often get troubled with quarrels over the nesting places, and ofttimes two hens will lay in the same nest. If you will hang another nest pan at the side of the one they have laid eggs in, and take half the eggs and put them into this nest, you will find that the trouble is at an end. I have tried this method now for years, and have always found it a success.—H. Holloway (Lye, Stourbridge).

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Never be without CAGE BIRDS if you want to know anything in the birdie line.—E. Horne (Herne Bay).

A Use for Spring Cabbage.

When rearing young Canaries, egg food is mostly given to feed with. The birds get tired of it and want a change. Get the prime bit out of the heart of a spring cabbage, chop very fine, and mix with the egg food. This the birds will relish, and it will help to rear good strong young.—G. W. Briggs (Heanor).

Keeping Dandelion Leaves Fresh.

When one lives in the town and cannot pick fresh leaves every day, take an occasional walk out in the country and pick several large roots of dandelion and place them in a shallow dish or plate of water. They will keep quite a week, and you will have a fresh lot of leaves every day for your birds.—Miss W. Turner (Hereford).

Mating One Cock With Two Hens.

When it is intended to mate one cock with two hens, it is usual to provide a double-compartment cage, which should not be less than 36 inches long, and be fitted with a sliding wooden partition in the centre, so that when one hen has laid, the cock may be run in with the second hen by drawing out the slide and letting him through, thus avoiding any disturbance. This kind of cage is also useful even for a single pair, because it sometimes happens that the birds fight very much when first put together, and occasionally the cock cannot be trusted to leave the hen alone while she is sitting, and at other times, when she is more likely to rear the young without his assistance.—A. W. Fullwood, Wolverhampton.

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The attention of Show Secretaries is directed to the following list of gentlemen willing to act as Judges. Terms for insertion on application.

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Purifying the Air in Birdrooms.

To keep the air in a bird room purified, get an ordinary bird sprayer. Fill this nearly full with water, put a teaspoonful of a good disinfectant fluid into the water, then spray the bird room once or twice a day with it.—F. Maund (Bristol).

When Handling Birds.

Bird-keepers should not forget that the bony structure of a young bird is very frail, and in handling, no undue pressure should be used. Many birds injure themselves on the skull by dashing about the cage, and when, after a few weeks, they die, the owner generally heaps the blame on some kind of food. It is better when catching a bird to remove all perches and thus lessen the obstacles, in case the bird is startled. Birds should not be disturbed at night, for they are apt to receive severe injuries by flying upwards; you can imagine how you would feel yourself being suddenly stopped by a wall or beam when making a mad dash for freedom in the dark.—J. J. Boardman (Tyldesley).

To Keep Out Mice.

Readers who are troubled with mice in the bird room should obtain ordinary fire-lighters and place near the holes from which the mice come. This will effectively keep the mice away, and at the same time "disinfect" the room, but cause no harm to the birds.—R. R. Forster (Norwich).

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Twitterings.

We are holding our open show this year on Dec. 26 (Boxing Day), when Mr. W. Mundell is the judge of cage birds, writes Mr. Jas. Wilson, sec., Malton F.S.

The Newport Pagnell Society have, we hear, decided to include cage birds at their annual show this year, and have appointed Mr. J. C. Wilmot (Bedford) to judge.

The Coaltown of Wemyss and Dist. C.B.S. have fixed dates for their shows as follows:—Table Show, Sept. 21; and Annual Open Show, Dec. 7, writes Mr. Tom Clelland, the secretary.

We have appointed Mr. J. W. Howarth as acting president and chairman, owing to our president having to leave the district for business reasons, writes Mr. A. H. Meadowcroft, sec. of the Heywood and Dist. O.S.

Will all societies who desire the patronage of the Norwich Plainhead Club kindly make application to me at once, writes Mr. F. Cunliffe, the secretary, 19, Lark Street, Burnley, as the committee meet on Saturday, April 27?

All members are requested to be present at the annual meeting at the Victoria Hotel, Pontypridd, on April 20, to commence at seven o'clock, writes Mr. A. A.Gordon McLucas, sec., of the Pontypridd and Dis. F. and F.S. Fanciers are invited to join.

We are having a lecture on Canary and Mule breeding at headquarters, "Railway Hotel," by Mr. C. Houlton (St. Helens), on May 8, when all fanciers who can make it convenient to come and hear him are cordially invited; admission free, writes Mr. R. Charleson, hon. sec. of the Leigh and Dist. C.B.S.

Kindly thank Mr. Cooke for his kind remarks, as I am pleased to hear he has found my illustrated idea satisfactory, writes Mr. E. Foulkner. I wish to advise all who make use of my "idea" to keep a small brush with the "mincer" to remove all traces of egg each time of using, to avoid stale egg remaining in the zinc.

We are glad to say we have been able to secure the services of Mr. Geo. Gardner to judge our annual show on Nov. 27 and 28, for which an extensive classification has been prepared, writes Mr. B. Tidy, hon. sec. of the Sittinghourne and Dist. C.B.S. Will other secretaries kindly make a note of the date and try not to clash?

Will societies who are thinking of applying for the patronage of the Midland Counties Y.C.C. please do so at once, as this matter will be brought before the next meeting, write Messrs. Beck and Andrews, the secs., School House, Rookery Road, Handsworth, Staffs. Please state whether the patronage is desired in the champion or novice section, or both.

We have been successful in securing the services of the following well-known fanciers to judge at our first annual show to be held on Nov. 2 in the Drill Hall, Juniper Green:—For Scotch Fancies, Mr. J. McLellan (Edinburgh); for Borders, Mr. J. Hamilton (Eskbank); and for Norwich, British, and Mules, Mr. J. Winter Edinburgh), writes Mr. J. Napier, sec., Colinton and Currie Parishes O.S.

The annual general meeting called for April 11, at Blackburn, of the Cinnamon C.C., was, writes Mr. J. W. Metcalfe, the hon. sec., unavoidably postponed owing to there being no late trains from Blackburn, and to the fact that business was of an important character. It would have been folly to try and get the business over in two hours, this being the time at our disposal. All members will be notified of the next meeting later, which, no doubt, will be May 9.

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Will the secretary of each affiliated society who has not yet informed me as to whom the new delegates are for the ensuing year, kindly do so immediately, sending the full name and address, in order that new delegates may be postcarded for the first meeting of the new council on April 27? Attention to this notice will greatly oblige.—H. Hill, Yorkshire Union Secretary.

The South Birmingham O.S. have secured the services of two experts for the coming young bird shows, writes Mr. J. Sheppard, the sec., viz., Mr. Poole for the Wednesday evening show, June 26, and Mr. Roe for the Saturday evening show, July 20. Numerous fine specials are offered. Intending members and fanciers should write me at once for the society's art programme (9, St. Oswald's Road, Small Heath).

The following well-known judges will officiate at our next annual show, writes Mr. W. Clarkson, sec. of the Falkirk Good Intent C.B.S.:—Norwich, Mr. W. Grewar (Lochgelly, late of Forfar); for Borders, Mr. D. Hamilton (Hamilton); for British and foreign birds, Mr. J. Arrighi (Edinburgh). The show will be held in the Oddfellows' Hall, Dec. 7. First Feather Show, July 27, Oddfellows' Hall: judge, Mr. R. Reid (Shieldhall).

READERS!

Don't overlook the important announcement on page 375.

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will find it of special interest.

Will members of the North Wales C.B.S. kindly note that I have been elected hon. treasurer for 1912 and 1913, and that all cheques, postal and money orders are to be made payable to the hon. treasurer, and to be forwarded to the hon. sec., Mr. J. Wynne Parry, 18, Tithebarn Street, Carnarvon? We have decided on a members' show at the Assembly Room on Whit Monday, and have engaged Mr. A. G. Davis (Manchester) as judge. I am pressed to ask members to join at once (subs., 1s. 6d.), as we have more classes and good prize monies and specials in cash, etc.

A Nest on a Ladder.

A venturesome Thrush has built its nest on the wood tread of a step-ladder, which stands against a wall, in the garden of ex-Detective Inspector Dew, at Perivale, near Ealing. The feathered parent appears content amid its novel surroundings. It was Inspector Dew, it will be remembered, who arrested "Dr." Crippen.

In the "Monkey-puzzle" Tree.

A rather strange incident has occurred in our kitchen garden. I was walking in the garden when I looked up at a monkey-puzzle tree, and there was a nest perched right on the top of a prickly branch, with the bird sitting on the top. Never before has a bird built a nest on a monkey-puzzle tree in our garden.—Sent by Joe J. Cooper (Killerby Hall, near Scarborough).

More White Canaries.

Allow me to thank you for the kind notice in your issue of April 6 of my White Canary in company of Dr. Galloway's. The sketch is highly creditable to your artist, Mr. H. Norman, to whom, as well as yourselves, my best thanks are due. So far as this season is concerned, I have been successful in again hatching several whites. I will advise you later as to my final results. With best wishes for the success of your valuable paper.—W. Kiesel (North London).

A "Saucy" Mother.

At North Lodge, St. Leonard's-on-Sea, writes Mr. Thos. Veness, on April 4, a gardener found a Thrush's nest with three young ones about three days old, in an euonymus tree. The hen was on the nest, and he went and got some worms, and she took them from his hands. Eight or nine workmen are doing repairs close to the nest, and last Saturday, the 13th, a carpenter went to have a look, and she only pecked his finger, and did not fly off. This is not a "fairy tale," as I can vouch for the accuracy of same.

Sulky, but Wins.

I was much pleased to see an excellent drawing of my Chough ("The King") on the front page of Cage Birds. He is an immense bird of wonderful lustre, and his beak and legs are very red. I believe he is the largest in England. His only drawback is that he is of a sulky disposition. His performances on the show bench this past season are:—1st Birmingham, 1st Wolverhampton, 1st Peterborough, 1st Stoke-on-Trent, 2nd Ludlow, 2nd Stratford-on-Avon (both times beaten by my own Waxwing), and 1st Crystal Palace. I wish Cage Birds all the success it so richly deserves.—P. Victor Williams (Market Drayton).

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I have sold all the birds (with one exception) that I advertised in "CAGE BIRDS." Kindly thank all who wrote, as it would be a great expense for me to answer all through the post.—W. J. Morgan (Cardiff).

Please thank all who replied to my advert. concerning exchange Cockatoo and cage in "CAGE BIRDS" of February 24th, as I have had so many answers I cannot reply to them all. I have made the exchange satisfactorily through your valuable paper. "CAGE BIRDS" is THE best paper to advertise in.—Squire Clisby (Blackpool).

Kindly thank all who enquired for my Norwich Canaries advertised in "CAGE BIRDS." I had so many applications that really I could not answer them all through the post, which speaks well for "CAGE BIRDS'" circulation.—W. Dawson (Farnworth).

Thanks to your valuable paper, "CAGE BIRDS," my surplus of birds are all sold through the medium of my adverts. in your paper. — L. J. Richardson (Rotherhithe).

You will be glad to know that my adverts in "CAGE BIRDS" have been very successful. I had more applications than I could meet, and had to return money, having no more of the birds advertised, writes Mr. Savage, of Abingdon.

Please do not insert my advert. again in "CAGE BIRDS," as I have already sold all my birds, and had to return many postal orders.—J. A. Malley (Dumbarton).

"Will you please stop my advertisements, as I have completely cleared out, thanks to CAGE BIRDS," writes Samuel Dean (Great Horton).

I am unable to answer all enquiries for my Borders advertised in "CAGE BIRDS," as I had only a limited number to dispose of. Have had about two score of applications.—Harry Davidson (Lockerbie).

Kindly thank all who replied to my advert. in your paper "CAGE BIRDS" re Yorkshire hens; they are so numerous I cannot answer them all. This shows the good results of advertising in "CAGE BIRDS." I may say I have been suited locally. I wish "C.B." the success it so much deserves.—Wm. J. Baker (Norwich).

I must say "CAGE BIRDS" is a champion paper for advertising in. I always have an enormous number of applications when I advertise. I wish your paper every success; I would not be without it.—A. Hasler (Rainham, Essex).

Blackbird's Queer Perch.

A Blackbird flitted about Coalville Parish Church on Easter Sunday morning during Communion service, and finally rested on a beam above the altar, says the "Birmingham Post."

Cinnamon-marked Y.C.C. Annual Meeting.

Our annual meeting is to be held on April 20th. Mr. T. Ogden has given notice of motion that membership subscription be raised from 1s. 6d. to 2s. 6d. per year. A good and representative meeting is desired to thoroughly go into the matter.—Grayshon and Allen, secs.

New West-country Society.

It will be seen from the letter in our correspondence columns this week that a cage bird society has been started for Barnstaple and the North Devon district. We hope it may meet with hearty support, as we understand it promises to fill a want in this neighbourhood. The first open show is fixed for Oct. 29 and 30.

A Cup for Border Fanciers.

Messrs. G. and H. Bennet (Kelso) are giving to the Scottish National C.B.S. a handsome cup for competition at next show, to be won for the best Border Fancy bred 1912, confined to members of Scottish National residing in Edinburgh and Leith, writes Mr. J. R. Meikle, the sec. The cup is to be won three times before becoming member's own property. They are also giving a special prize each year to the cup winner. Fanciers desirous of following Messrs. Bennets' example in any of the other sections will be most heartily welcomed.

Do You Keep Poultry?

Those of our readers who are interested in poultry-keeping should not fail to obtain the current week's issue of The Poultry World, published to-day—April 19. It is the special Spring Sales number, and in addition to 56 pages brimful of sparkling articles and photographs, it includes an 8-page Art Supplement and Two magnificent Coloured Plates. The issue is full of topical articles of the utmost value to every one interested in poultry, no matter in how small a degree. The photographs, too, represent a pleasing variety of subjects, including those of Fowls, Ducks, Bantams, poultry farms, etc., etc. This mammoth issue, price 2d., is on sale to-day at all newsagents and bookstalls, or can be obtained direct from The Publisher, 154, Fleet Street, E.C., for 3d. post free.

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Illustrated Ideas

Every "Illustrated Idea" used in this column will entitle the sender thereof to a postal order for two shillings and sixpence.

No 583.
To Keep "Cage Birds" from Falling Apart.

Sent by Mr. A. Thoumine, Arcade, Guernsey.

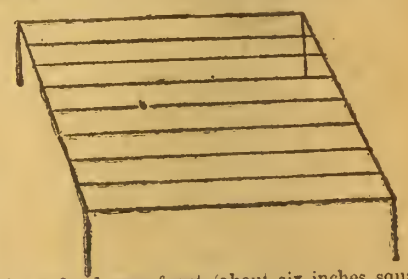
The enclosed sketch shows a method of keeping Cage Birds from falling apart; also of hanging the copy up so that it may be hung in bird-room or on the kitchen wall. Before

cutting open the pages, open "C.B." at the middle and insert a safety pin from the back and fasten. The same pin will do for years. —A. Thoumine.

No. 584.
How to Prevent Young Birds from Picking Up Stale Food.

Sent by Mr. A. J. Linsey, 3 Palgrave Terrace, Cherryhinton Road, Camb.

I send you an idea for preventing young birds from picking up the stale egg food which drops from the egg drawer. This habit causes them to have diarrhœa. The idea can be carried out at a very small cost. Get a



piece of old cage front (about six inches square) with a piece of wire at each corner to form four legs, and three-quarters of an inch long. Then stand it on the bottom of cage under the egg drawer. This I used during last season with great success.—A. J. Linsey.

The Young Naturalist.

Prizes of 1s. and two of 6d. each will be given weekly for the best three anecdotes about birds written on postcards. Competitors must be under sixteen years of age, and state whence stories are taken. Two stars indicate the Winning Contribution, one star the runners-up.

*Fearless Thrushes.

During the three weeks' stoppage at Narborough Quarry a pair of Thrushes built their nest on a piece of wood just underneath a shoot down which the rough stone is tipped between two and three tons at a time into the mills. The mills have been working now for several days, but maternal instinct is evidently stronger than fear, for the hen is still sitting on her eggs in spite of the deafening din around her, and it is hoped she will rear her brood in her strange home.—Taken from the "Leicester Daily Mercury" and sent by Eddy Storer (aged 12), 89, Havelock Street, Leicester.

**Alarmed by the Parrot.

My grandfather, who was a gentleman servant, put a farmer into his master's smoking room who had called on business to see him. While waiting there the tobacco which was in the room became more tempting than the farmer could resist, and he at once started pushing handfuls into his pocket. Suddenly he became greatly alarmed by calls from an inner room, where the door had been left open. "You rogue; I'll tell master, I'll tell master." So startled did the farmer become that, not knowing it was only the Parrot, he bolted to the door with my grandfather calling for him to stop, but nothing would induce him to do so once he got outside. This is a true story told by my grandfather.—Sent by L. Davey (aged 12), 1, Henry Street, Plymouth.

*The Collie and the Robin.

A very fine-looking collie dog was obviously interested in something lying under a big snow-covered bush. He kept trotting to the spot, waging his tail vigorously, and looking very pleased with himself. Then he stopped and thrust his nose down to within an inch of the snow. On the lady going to see what was the matter, she discovered a Robin lying on the ground in an exhausted condition. It was evidently dying from the cold, and when she reached the spot she found the dog licking the poor bird all over very gently. The dog never attempted to harm the bird in any way, and the Robin seemed not in the least bit afraid of him. The bird was picked up and gently carried into a warm kitchen, the dog trotting proudly along by the lady's side.—Taken from the "Daily News," and sent by H. Vinnicombe, Leas Hotel, Folkestone.

From Field to Show Bench.

One of the best Lectures ever delivered.

By J. STEEL (Dalkeith).

Continued from page 337.

The fifth instalment of a very instructive discourse upon what the writer terms "Varivorous" British birds, delivered before the Edinburgh C.B.S. (with additional matter).

Method of Breeding Gentles.

Taking two large tin boxes, one of which is just so much larger than the other as to permit of its insertion, telescopic fashion, to the inside of the larger box, I solder a piece of tin to prevent the other box from entering more than about two inches, thus leaving a space of not less than nine inches between the bottom of each. This space I partly fill with sawdust. I then punch a lot of fairly large holes in the bottom of the smaller box, punching from the inside. I treat the lid in a similar manner, punching from the outside. I then place a fairly large piece of offal (a defunct rooster or a sheep's head is a fine bait) into the smaller box, and adjust the lid. Then I cover the entire affair with large stones to prevent any undue interference by any cats, dogs, or vermin. Needless to say, all this is at a safe distance from any house. The progress is in direct ratio to the climatic conditions, summer heat and the blue fly being of course essential to the propagation of gentles in the open. They are bred and sold in the winter season by some dealers, who succeed by substituting artificial heat, but I have not yet experimented in that direction, though I fully recognise the value of gentles at that time.

Now when the necessary time for development (about ten days) has elapsed, we find that the flies attracted by the effluvia have entered the box through the perforations, and have laid countless eggs on the contents. These have duly hatched; then when maggots have gorged themselves with the decayed flesh, and have arrived at maturity, they either drop, or with a piece of stick are assisted off, when they crawl through the perforations, and alight among the sawdust. In due course they get rid of the major portion of the offensiveness, with which they are charged both internally and externally—and, I might add, infernally.

Allowing a day or two for the completion of this, I lift off the top portion of the propagator, and tumble the contents of the bottom department on to a large sheet of paper, and recharging both with sawdust and meat as before, I replace same for another batch.

The Process of Cleansing.

Now, the task of separating the gentles from the contaminated sawdust is an easy matter, as when spread out they invariably crawl away from the sun, and if we hold the sides of the paper up they all drop into a box placed to receive them, or a sieve may be used to effect a separation. This scouring process, that is, putting them among fresh sawdust, should be repeated not less than three times, allowing them two or three days in each; at the termination of this time they will be entirely free from any offensiveness, and may be handled by any but supersensitive persons, who should not attempt to keep insectivorous birds. To supply gentles direct, without subjecting them to this scouring process, is almost certain to cause diarrhœa. If the gentles are kept for a certain period they pass into the cocoon or chrysalis stage. These I avoid giving to the more delicate species, but they are greatly relished by the comparatively coarser feeders, including Chaffinch, Buntings, Larks, Greater and Lesser Tits, etc. This change may be retarded by burying the gentles fairly deep among sand, and storing them in a cool place; or the chrysalides may be placed in a small box and be covered with sand. Then if they are placed in a corner of the cage or aviary they soon metamorphose into flies, which, being rather helpless, become an easy prey to the occupants.

To return to our Gold-crest, the subsequent proceedings are simply a gradual diminution of the live insects, till the bird becomes so accustomed to the preserved form as to be practically independent of the former. Now, though I have seen these species kept without any live food, I am convinced that it is advisable to supplement the preserved with at least a small supply of some form of live food, especially during the summer; and it is an easy matter to carry a small box, and gather a little when taking a walk.

The Value of Live Food.

That such is highly appreciated is proved by the joyous bound and look of eager expectancy which follow its production. That, of itself, were sufficient reward, but when we add to this the benefits to health and appearance, which are derived therefrom, I am tempted to say that the fancier who has not the time, opportunity, or inclination, to give his birds every such attention, should not attempt the task, or at least should test his patience and abilities by first keeping some of the hardiest species.

Unfortunately, most of the resident species come into our possession during winter, and the task of meating off is then intensified, as the supply and variety of live insects are limited indeed. But a close observation of the habits of these birds convinces me that they adapt themselves more readily to the preserved food at that season. Their natural food consisting largely of chrysalides renders the change less drastic. A few spiders can generally be routed out, and a couple of limed grasses are very useful for catching them. A visit to the bakers and a tip to the young apprentice can be relied on in order to procure a few house flies. Of course, mealworms, like the poor, are always with us, but I have not much faith in these as a meating-off medium. A few small ones may be given, for preference—those that have just cast their skins—when they are white and tender. Whether because of the hard and indigestible nature of the skins or not, I cannot say; but I feel that many of these most delicate species are killed by the kindness of their keepers, who, with the best intentions, supply them with too many mealworms. I have more faith in the gentle and house fly. On one occasion I had a rare specimen of the Gold-crest brought to me, which seemed to be *in extremis*, the severity of a storm having been too much for him. Rolling him in a piece of soft flannel, I placed him near the fire, and on enlisting the assistance of the entire household, I organised a hunt. Needless to say, this was highly enjoyed by the juveniles. The "flapper" and myself chose the cellar. In hopes of locating some caterpillars of the white moth, etc., she was turning over some old flannels in a manner which bodes ill for her future husband's pockets; while I was after spiders. I had just secured my third, when I was startled by that shriek, which can only emanate from a "flapper" or a locomotive. The cause of her excitement proved to be a large bag of thistle heads, which she had gathered the previous summer, and which I had condemned as being damp and unripe, with the result that they had been thrown into the cellar and forgotten. I am aware of the presence of grubs in thistles, and recognise their value, but never did I see thistles infested like these; they were absolutely swarming. Suffice it to say, by them I soon had my Gold-crest in good condition again.

Teaching Gold-crests to Bathe.

The bath is essential to good condition. Many fanciers spoil their birds by driving them into this, with the result that they get such a fright that ever after it is a source of terror. I overcame the initial aversion by hanging on the bath without water for a time, and throwing a few titbits into it, till the bird does not hesitate to enter. Then I begin with just a very little water, choosing a sunny day for the experiment, and letting him see other birds enjoy a plunge before him. If the weather is cold, add a little warm water, to take the chill off, and never omit to have a little sand in the bottom of the bath. The water for these small birds should not exceed half an inch in depth.

Never allow them to have access to the bath after midday during winter, and always let them have a feed in artificial light every night. The reason for this is that few houses have more than 8 hours of daylight during the winter months, and this entails an interval of sixteen hours without food, which is much too long. When turning off the artificial light, always reduce same for a few minutes, in order that the birds may just see; they will then arrange themselves for the night. Otherwise, the sudden deprivation of light may be the cause of their having to pass the night clinging to the wires, or on the floor.

Many injure themselves in their accustomed sleeping places. Never have your cages placed that the inmates are in the direct rays of moonlight. I have by repeated and careful observation found that this is a common cause of those nocturnal stampedes, which are the bane of the British bird-keeper. I have seen this attributed to dreaming, spiders, mice, etc. That the latter cause is a reasonable one, I have no doubt, but I have ocular proof that the sudden burst of moonlight (which follows when the moon emerges from a cloud) can cause those frantic dashes, which are so contagious.

Never keep a fresh capture in close proximity to the rest of your birds, especially if such be a Redpoll, Bramble-finch, or Lark, as these, I find, are very liable to stampede; the second-named especially so. I have dealt at some length with the subject of meating-off, so I may say that the same applies to the next bird I will, by request, treat of, viz., the Tree-creeper.

(*To be continued.*)

The remarkably tame Canary belonging to Mr. E. Tanner (Ebley, near Stroud.)

THE FASCINATION OF AN AVIARY.

By G. E. RATTIGAN.

(*Concluded from page 353*).

The Shama's Pet Aversions.

There are two birds in the aviary which are his pet aversions, these are a pair of Blue Tits, and the reason of his dislike to them is as follows: It is the privilege of the Shama to receive four or five mealworms every morning before the other birds get theirs. The first two or three he quickly swallows whole, but after this he flies down with each one to the ground and proceeds to eat it in a much more leisurely manner. This is the moment the Tits are on the watch for, and no sooner does the Shama drop his worm, after biting off a dainty morsel, than there is a flash of blue and the worm has vanished, under the very nose, so to speak, of the astonished and outraged Shama. With such lightning rapidity do these little birds swoop down and away, that they hardly seem to touch the ground and have vanished with their booty before one can well realise what has happened. The Shama has long since given up all hope of trying to catch and punish them for their impudence, and contents himself with showing his baffled rage by an angry display of drooping wings and outstretched tail, his whole body meanwhile reverberating with his excited though impotent chattering.

I have frequently seen the unfortunate Shama deprived in this manner of three worms in succession. His look of absolute bewilderment when the last of the three worms disappeared was really very laughable. Whenever he sees the Tits in a position in which he hopes he may be able to take them unawares, such as when they are engaged in feeding or bathing, he makes a sudden dash at them, but has never succeeded in catching either of them yet, and I don't for a moment suppose he will ever do so, but it will be an evil day for them if he does.

Disliked by all other Birds.

This Shama is also an expert fisher, and some time ago when I kept some minnows for a Kingfisher I possessed, I used to supply the Shama with a few in a large earthenware dish, and it was very interesting to see the clever manner in which he used to catch them.

The tamest bird that I, at present, possess, is an Indian Shrike. I keep him caged up by himself, as all the other birds appear, for some strange reason, to dislike him intensely, and would certainly mob him to death if they had the chance. In appearance this Shrike is very similar to the familiar Red-backed Shrike, but is a trifle smaller. It is, however, very different to the latter in disposition, for it is most mild and peaceably disposed to other birds, and its only desire is to be left in peace.

It is allowed out of its cage every morning to have a fly round, but will return to it at once for a mealworm, and sometimes even of its own accord. This species is said to have a very pretty song of its own, and also to imitate those of other birds, but the only sound I have heard mine utter is a harsh kind of croak, and it only utters this when expecting to receive a mealworm, or to be let out for a fly round.

A Sweetly Pretty Sight.

Two other very fascinating little birds I possess are a pair of Longtailed Tits, and it would be hard to conceive of anything daintier or more graceful than these little birds are in all their movements and strange little ways. They are both as tame as possible, which is an additional attraction, and always feed out of, or perch on, my fingers without the slightest hesitation or fear. It is, indeed, a sweetly pretty sight to see them clinging to the bars at the top of their cage with one foot, whilst in the other they grasp a piece of cheese, or anything that is too big for them to swallow at once, munching away at it much after the manner of a small child with a piece of cake.

These little Tits are very fond of flies, and it was largely on their account that I first commenced to breed these insects, which I now find so useful as an extra tit bit for all the birds.

How to Breed Flies.

They (the flies) are bred very easily without the least trouble, and are, I am sure, an excellent "conditioner" for all birds. All that is necessary is to procure some gentles and place them with some bran in a tin box. They will keep like this for any length of time in winter. When any flies are required one has merely to place the box in some warm spot, and in roughly about 48 hours any number of flies can be secured.

Another thing I have discovered the Longtails to be very fond of is grapes, and I always give them one every other day. The above, plus a good soft food mixture with a little cheese minced up finely and mixed with it, and two or three mealworms cut in half, is all that is needed to keep these tiny birds in fine condition.

I must now hasten to conclude this essay, which is already very much longer than I had originally intended it to be, but once on this, to me, fascinating subject it is difficult to bring myself to a stop, as there always seems to be so much of interest that I have left unsaid, and it is only the fear of becoming tedious that restrains me from continuing. I would, however, like to add just two things more. One is, that for rearing delicate softbills I don't believe there is anything to beat wasp grubs, both live and cured, though of course live ants' eggs are also very good; and the other is that after many trials I think the best all-round medicine for a bird room is castor oil; cod liver oil, on the contrary, I have found to be quite useless.

Questions and Answers.

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CANARY QUERIES.

Answered by Claude St. John.

CLOSED RINGS (G.M.O.).—The risks attached to the use of closed rings can be avoided by using only open rings which you can put on either when the young leave the nest or when you are separating them from their parents. If you used the rings with danges there should not be any danger of causing injury in putting them on. They supply all that is really necessary for identification and pedigree records.

PERSISTENT DIARRHŒA (F.W.).—There must be some cause at work you have not discovered, and if this is found and removed there is no reason why the birds should not recover. Is your water supply above suspicion? If any doubt exists boil it, and allow it to stand until cold before giving to birds. Examine the hemp seed, and if the kernel is discoloured reject it. For the next fortnight give a staple diet of two parts canary to one part summer rape. Every second day give half a teaspoonful per bird of a mixture of equal parts hemp, millet, and teazle, and on the alternate days a similar quantity of crushed arrowroot biscuit well sprinkled with maw. Dissolve a dram of ammoniated citrate of iron and quinine in an ounce of sherry, add 30 drops of tincture of steel, and give 15 drops of this mixture in the water daily for a week; the next week give a teaspoonful of lime-water in each drinker every second day.

HEAPY AND PANTING (S.B.C.).—Give a staple diet of three parts canary to one part summer rape. Every second day give a half teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake with four drops of sherry and two of cod liver oil emulsion mixed in it, and sprinkled with maw. Give a leaf of dandelion or spray of chickweed daily. Limit diet to this for a fortnight. In the water give for one day six drops syrup of rhubarb, and as much Epsom salts as will cover a threepenny piece, and afterwards give four drops each tincture of gentian, tincture of calumba, and aromatic sulphuric acid every second day for a week. If panting does not quickly abate, alternate with the gentian mixture 20 drops of whisky, five each of oxymel of squills, and ipecacuanha wine, and two of eucalyptus oil, well shaken together. Withhold bath for the present, and see bird is in a cosy place quite free from draughts.

ROLLERS NOT SINGING (Edina).—There is nothing wrong with the seed sent. It is merely an idiosyncrasy that your bird refuses it and eats only canary; you need not worry about it. You might give a staple of rape only in the seed box three or four times a week, and add separately a small teaspoonful, or less, of canary seed. To try to bring him on song again, mix four drops of sherry and two of good cod liver oil emulsion in half a teaspoonful of the soft food, and give him every second day for a fortnight; on the alternate days give a pinch of maw or a pinch of mixed seed, and a leaf of dandelion daily. Omit carrot and fruit now greenstuff is available. Add a pinch of Epsom salts to the water for three days, and afterwards four drops each of tincture of gentian, tincture of calumba, and dilute sulphuric acid every second day for a week.

SEX DISTINCTION (One Lost in Sex).—Several replies lately have dealt with this subject. You would also find details fully described and illustrated in "Canary Breeding for Beginners," and on a plate in Part VI. of "Our Canaries." Mr. Norman has shown the external distinctions wonderfully well. The distinctions are the same in all breeds of Canaries, but domestication has so nearly obliterated them that it is impossible to convey a proper idea of them in writing. Nothing but practical experience and close observation will enable you to become expert at naming the sex of a given bird. The song is the best guide; that of the cock being full, sonorous, and continuous, that is, not broken and choppy, in contrast to the, at best, twittering, choppy, harsh efforts of the hen. The throat of the cock also swells out and throbs very plainly whilst he is singing. He is bolder looking, more pushful and assertive, and at this season the vent is more prominent and pointed in shape than that of the hen.

BREEDING SEASON IN AUSTRALIA (Emigrant).—(1) No, the breeding season in Australia is not the same time as ours. It would extend, I expect, from about October to January, and the present time would be about the close of their moulting season. (2) I do not know what it would cost to send ten Canaries out there. You should write and enquire of the firm of shippers (Messrs. Van Oppen), whose advert. you will find in our columns every week. Say we advised you to do so. They will tell you the exact cost.

INFLAMED EYE (Novice).—It is quite possible for the inflamed condition to arise as you suspect. You should have well bathed the eye in lukewarm water at the time, and then dropped in one drop of boracic lotion morning and afternoon for a few days. By this time, however, the effect should have passed off without assistance. Go on using the remedy you name as long as it lasts, or as may seem necessary, in order to give it a proper trial. I shall be pleased to hear the result.

KEEPING EGGS (Kenmore).—See reply to "Crest" last week about desultory laying. I'm afraid by the time this appears the first eggs laid will be quite too stale to be worth sitting. You ought to have given them to other hens when these hens did not show signs of sitting in a week after laying. Did you keep a nest-egg in the nests whilst hens were laying? The failure to do so will sometimes suffice to put a hen off sitting. About one week is, in a general way, the limit for keeping Canary's eggs before putting them to incubate, but if properly kept, well covered with bran or meal, in a temperate but not very dry atmosphere, and turned regularly morning and evening, they may safely be put to hatch after a fortnight or a little more.

A MATING FIASCO (An Anxious Novice).—The birds were probably not very keen on mating when you put them together, but even so, I think if you had paid no heed to their apparent squabbles during the first few days of wedded bliss they would soon have grown fresher and settled down to business. You did not follow directions in "Canary Breeding for Beginners," or they would not have had a full supply of nesting material as soon as put together. A mere tuft of moss is sufficient for them to play with until their behaviour shows they are ready for building in earnest. Give each bird now half a teaspoonful of egg food, well sprinkled with a mixture of equal parts maw, sesame, and gold of pleasure every second day, and on the alternate days a similar quantity of equal parts hemp, inga, millet, linseed, and teazle. Give two leaves of dandelion to each daily. As soon as they appear keen put them together again and take no notice of their little squabbles.

DOUBTFUL SEX (Verh. Sap.).—The behaviour of the doubtful bird with the nesting material is certainly more suggestive of a cock than a hen, but it is not conclusive evidence. The assertion that he is backward on account of youth is rather frail at this time. Practically any healthy cock hatched last season should now be in full song and high condition. Treat him for a week as advised to "An Anxious Novice," but give each item daily, and then try putting him with the hen and note results. If he does not prove himself in a very few days, provided the hen is fresh, I should no longer entertain a doubt of his sex.

COCK AND HEN (I. A.).—(1) It is absolutely useless to have the hen mated whilst moulting, as she will not breed in this condition. Separate the birds, and keep the hen in an equable temperature. Let her bathe when she likes in fine weather. In addition to staple seed diet give a half teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake, with four drops of sherry and two of cod liver oil emulsion mixed in it, and sprinkled with a mixture of maw and gold of pleasure every second day, and on the alternate days a similar quantity of a mixture of equal parts hemp, inga, millet and teazle. Give a leaf of fresh dandelion daily. In the drinking water give six drops of tincture of gentian and four of tincture of steel two days in every three until feathers cease dropping. Do not mate her again until she has fully recovered from moulting. (2) There is no reason whatever why this cock should not breed successfully this season, provided the hen is in proper condition.

VARIOUS (J.P.).—(1) The cock is generally bolder, more alert and domineering or assertive, and at this season should be in full song, showing a very pronounced swelling and throbbing of the throat whilst singing. If the vent is examined it will be found distinctly more prominent and pointed in shape than that of the hen. All differences, except the last-named, are comparative and often trifling, so that only practical experience can make one expert at recognising them. (2) The hen had probably not laid the full clutch. She may have completed it by now and commenced sitting. If another hen was just beginning to sit with a small clutch she should have been given the first three eggs of this hen if they were already several days old, and the hen that laid them had not laid any more. (3) I cannot tell without more particulars why the hen sat four days and then deserted the eggs. Sometimes the eggs so deserted will be found dried up in the shell, when the hen may by some means recognise the futility of persevering in a forlorn hope. Again, you might have been removing the cock, and some hens resent this, and promptly "go on strike" until he is returned. There is no fee required for answers in this column.

TWO YORKSHIRES (E.J.K.).—See cages are kept as clean as possible and strew floor with coarse, gritty sand. Allow birds in fine weather to bathe daily, if they will do so. See they have plenty of fresh pure air always, but are quite free from draughts and extreme fluctuations of temperature. Feed both birds as follows for two or three weeks: Staple, plain canary only. Every second day give separately half a teaspoonful of summer rape, and on the alternate days a pinch of maw twice a week, and half a teaspoonful of a mixture of equal parts hemp, inga, millet and teazle on the remaining days. Give a leaf of fresh dandelion daily. On the days when not giving rape give the one with voracious appetite a morsel of bread and milk sprinkled with soft sugar, and add six drops of syrup of rhubarb and a pinch of Epsom salts to the water for two days. Afterwards dissolve a crystal of sulphate of soda the size of a small pea, ditto of sulphate of iron half as big in the water, and add six drops of dilute sulphuric acid. Give this every second day for a week. Give the other bird a morsel of bread and milk as above, but with two drops of cod liver oil emulsion added to it, and in the water add 20 drops each of whisky, five each of ipecacuanha wine and oxymel of squills, and two of eucalyptus oil, well shaken together. Give this for a week.

NOT LAYING (Robt. Steele).—What did you separate the birds for? You mention no cause, and if it was only because they had got no "forrader" than you mention, you were much too impatient and did quite wrong to separate them. It is not unlikely you have ruined your prospects with this hen for this season. See reply to "An Anxious Novice," and treat the hen as therein advised, but during the first week add to the drinking water ten drops of syrup of bucktborn for two consecutive days, and for the remainder of the week the soda mixture advised to "E. J. K."

NOT SITTING (Crest).—There is nothing you can give the hen to "make her more broody." Your best chance of getting results from this hen is to mate up a common hen or two (which might be run with one cock, and would still further increase the chances) and transfer her eggs to these foster-parents. Beyond taking a daily peep in the nest, and removing or replacing eggs when necessary, leave the nest pan quite alone, but you need not neglect the cleaning of the cage, unless it is just when the hen is, or should be, about beginning to sit. When the first egg of a clutch is laid, remove it and put in a dummy egg. Remove each egg as laid afterwards, leaving the dummy to keep hen attached to nest. Then when the clutch is complete you will probably find the hen commence to sit quite naturally. Keep eggs in a cool place, covered with bran or meal, and give them a half turn morning and evening.

LIME IN EYE (F. M.).—This depends wholly upon the nature of the lime, whether it was "quick" or not. In any case it required immediate treatment, and I am afraid you can do very little for it now. Dissolve a large teaspoonful of boracic acid in a teacupful of hot water, and bathe eye with a little of this morning and evening for a few days, and after bathing and drying drop in the eye one drop of rose water, in an ounce of which you have previously dissolved as much boracic acid as will cover a sixpence.

HEN WITH COLD (W.H.S.).—Keep the hen in a quite comfortable temperature for a little while, but see that it is equable, quite free from draughts and from the fumes of burning lights or other impure air. Given these conditions the mixture advised to "B.P.C." on April 6th, which you say you have used, should put her quite right very soon. Slightly anoint the sore place with Lanocyllin, but do not leave on any surplus to be rubbed about the perches. Give a staple diet of plain canary, and every second day a pinch of summer rape separately. For the rest give the extra advised to "An Anxious Novice." If this is not quite successful in, say, a fortnight, stop the above-named medicine and give instead 20 drops of whisky, five each of oxymel of squills, and syrup of tolu, and two of eucalyptus oil well shaken together in the water two days in every three for a week or so.

WILL HE BREED? (C. F.).—Certainly; there is not the slightest reason why a colour-fed cock will not breed. Those who have told you he will not breed because he has been colour-fed are either "pulling your leg" or ignorantly talking the wildest nonsense. Literally tens of thousands of young are bred every year from colour-fed parents. Your bird may possibly be rather young, but when the hen had really started nesting he would doubtless have responded to her quickly enough. Mate the birds again and leave them together this time. You might give them the extra feeding advised to "An Anxious Novice."

STARVING YOUNG (L. C. H.).—See the reply to "R.D.," which also applies to your case. As the hen is young and only one youngster hatched, it is a little more excusable for her not feeding, especially as she did make a start. The prospects for the next brood are certainly a little better, and she will probably rear them if you carry out the instructions about giving food and greenstuff fresh frequently in small quantities. Three weeks after the late brood were hatched will be a very good time to return the cock to her. By this time he will probably be at liberty from the other hen, when you may put him back to the first hen at once.

PULLING OUT FLIGHTS (Wilson).—Have you handled and examined the bird? If not, do so to see if it is troubled with grey lice, which live upon the bird. You will soon find them running about your hand if they are in evidence. In this case, try a teaspoonful of sulphuretted potash in a pint of the water used in the bird's bath. Tie a few short pieces of strong string on the cage wires to divert her attention. If there are any dry broken quills, gently remove them to allow new feathers to grow. Give a morsel of bread and milk slightly dusted with flowers of sulphur every second day for a week, and on the alternating days add to the water ten drops of glycerine and as much chlorate of potash as will cover a sixpence. Allow her to bathe freely in fine weather.

KEEPING MICE FROM CAGE (A.L.D.).—Judging from your description of your bird-room, I do not hesitate to say it is impossible to keep the mice out of the cage except by extermination. Your best plan is to try a course of the Virus remedy advertised in our columns. It is quite futile trying to keep them away by odours. Strewing chloride of lime about is believed to be one of the best of these deterrents. As a rule the stench of these "remedies" makes the hobby anything but a pleasure. If you put a band of tin around each leg of the trestle three inches wide, and about four inches from the floor, it will effectually prevent them climbing up to the cage that way; but if there is anything overhanging them they will quickly take advantage of that means of gaining access. Taken altogether, extermination is your only hope, and Virus may help in that.

BORDERS NOT FEEDING (R. D.).—It is rarely possible to put one's finger on the real cause of birds not feeding young. You should get Part VII. of "Our Canaries," wherein you will find a chapter dealing very fully with the question. Some hens that will not feed when the cock is with them will do so tolerably well when they are left to hatch and rear the young alone. In the next round, when you return the eggs for the hen to commence sitting, remove the cock and keep him out of sight of the hen, and do not return him until she is ready to commence nesting again. You must watch her for a few hours after removing him to see if she comes off the nest bent on not returning to it. If she does so, and stays off a few hours, there will be nothing for it but to return the cock and let things take their own course. To be further provided for contingencies you should get another hen nesting at the same time, so that you may have a chance of transferring the young, if necessary. When the young are hatched, give a bath in which a little common salt as dissolved; vary the food well; give only small quantities, and give it fresh, and renew frequently. For green food give small quantities of lettuce, chickweed, or groundsel, three or four times a day.

TENDER FEET (W. Gill).—I assume this is all that is wrong, as you say the bird is quite well and in song. See if the claws are overgrown, and if so trim them back to a proper length, and in any case bathe the feet for a few minutes daily for, say, four days, in a warm solution of boracic acid—a small teaspoonful of acid dissolved in a saucerful of warm water. After bathing dry gently anoint feet sparingly with zinc ointment. Keep perches quite clean. Glad to hear other bird is now well.

FOOD AND FERTILITY (R. S. Bowell).—(1) I cannot say from personal experience whether you can rear young from the shell with just as good results by using the food you name as with the orthodox egg food, as I have not attempted this feat with that particular brand. Still, I see no reason whatever why it should not be a success if the hens seem to be fond of it and thrive well upon it. These things depend very largely upon the idiosyncrasies of individual hens. Unless some kind of preservative were used in the making of the food in question, which, by the way, I should consider most undesirable, you would be about as likely to get septic fever with it as with other egg food. Given absolute cleanliness in cages, and all the food and water vessels, and freshness and purity of all food supplied you may, figuratively, to a very large extent, snap your fingers at this terrible scourge. (2) If the birds are both in good virile condition any egg laid thirty hours after they are put together may be fertile, but it does not necessarily follow that such will be the case.

CANARY QUERISTS,

should consult St. John's "Canary Breeding for Beginners" (7d.); House's "Canary Manual" (1/2); Battye's "Yorkshire Canaries" (1/1½); House's "Norwich Canaries" (1/1); Westan's "Stock Book" (7d.); Dr. Clarke's "Septic or Bird Fever" (7d.); Dr. Creswell's "Hygiene of Bird-keeping (1/1); Norman's "Aviaries, Bird-rooms, and Cages" (2/3); Ramsden's "Colour-feeding" (3½d.); "Seeds and Foods for Cage Birds" (1/2); or the "Nutshell" booklets (2½d. each): No. 5 "The Pet Canary," No. 6 "Ailing Birds and How to Cure them," No. 9 "The Disinfection of Cages, Bird-rooms, etc.," No. 10 "The Roller," No. 23 "The Border Fancy," No. 24 "Green Canaries." All thoroughly practical and instructive. Prices quoted are post free, from "Cage Birds," 154, Fleet Street, London, E.C.

BRITISH BIRDS, MULES AND HYBRIDS.

Answered by G. E. Weston.

A GREENFINCH (Don).—It is probably some local skin trouble. Get a small quantity of sulphur ointment and gently anoint the place twice daily; use a very little—a light smear only.

THE BEST PLAN (Church).—The hen Goldfinches should be removed from the room and out of hearing of the cocks. The same thing applies to cock Bullfinches where it is desired to utilise the hen Bullies for Hybrid breeding.

WILL A "HAMMERHEAD" BREED? (Oxo).—I must confess that I have never heard of a bird called a "Hammerhead." If you mean the Yellowhammer, then I am afraid you will not find it easy to induce this species to nest in a cage, though I shouldn't be surprised to find a tame hen laying eggs, or a hand-reared one making a nest and laying eggs. I should provide an old Blackbird's nest on the floor of the cage, and see if the hen would re-line it for her own use. If you do not refer to the Yellowhaumer, give the correct name of the bird.

THE CASE OF A LINNET (H. A.). You should not give niger seed, but a small teaspoonful of maw seed daily, or, better still, plantain and maw mixed in equal parts. Add a portion of teazle to the daily seed mixture (about one third). As medicine, get from a chemist half-an-ounce of crystals of citrate of iron and quinine and dissolve fresh daily in two tablespoonfuls of drinking water as much as will, when crushed, lie on a threepenny piece. Give this for 5 or 6 days, then on alternate days (plain water in between) over a period of 10 to 14 days, as may seem advisable.

A GOLDFINCH MULE (Sheffield).—A Goldfinch Mule kept as a pet needs treatment differing hardly at all from that given the pet Canary (read "Nutshell" booklet No. 5, post free 2½d.). Let the stock seed mixture be: Canary 3 parts, teazle 2 parts, hemp 1 part, summer rape half part, by measure. Get also a packet each of some good maker's "Finch mixture" and "Wild Seed mixture"; give a teaspoonful once or twice weekly (not both on the same day) to lend variety to the menu. The usual greenfoods and seeding weeds are relished.

MEALWORM BREEDING (Softbill).—I must have answered this question many scores—it seems hundreds—of times. Particulars as to the breeding of mealworms, too, will be found in "Nutshell" booklet No. 26, post free 2½d. Further, it is crammed with invaluable information concerning the keeping of Softbills. Invest two and-a-half coppers therein and you will call me blessed ever after!

LINNETS IN A CAGE (Hybrid).—It is not at all uncommon for hen Linnets to build and lay in a cage; but it is extremely uncommon for them to rear their own young in a cage; in fact, I have never personally known them to do so. I have bred Linnets myself in an aviary, and I have had Linnets reared by my hen Canaries. The young were very disappointing, however. I have neither had nor known wilder birds than those my Canaries brought up; they were as mad as the proverbial March hares, and simply refused to get steady. I believe, too, it is quite the usual experience to find Canary-reared Linnets like this; a very puzzling thing. In short, I consider it is waste of time to breed Linnets in captivity, unless one has some very special object in view (such as an endeavour to see whether an extra good cock and an extra good hen would produce exhibition specimens). I pulled some old Linnets' nests to pieces (after baking them in the oven), and gave to my birds for nesting material. The old birds had an unlimited supply of seeding shepherd's purse

BRITISH BIRD & HYBRID QUERISTS

should consult Houlton's great work, "Cage-Bird Hybrids" (7/6); Norman's "British Bird Manual" (2/3); or Part 1 "Hardbills" (1/1), Part 2 "Softbills" (1/1); "Aviaries, Bird-rooms, and Cages" (2/3); "Seeds, Foods, and Wild Plants" (1/2); "Secrets of Hybrid Breeding" (1/2); Dr. Creswell's "Hygiene of Bird-keeping" (1/1); Dr Clarke's "Septic or Bird Fever" (7d.); "Colour-feeding" (3½d.); or the "Nutshell" booklets (2½d. each): No. 1 "Goldfinch," No. 2 "Linnet," No. 3 "Skylark," No. 4 "Song Thrush and Blackbird," No. 11 "Bullfinch," No. 13 "Chaffinch," No. 15 "Greenfinch," No. 22 "Siskin, Redpoll, and Twite," No. 25 "Small Insectivorous Birds," No. 26 "Large Insectivorous Birds," No. 6 "Ailing Birds and How to Cure Them," No. 9 "Disinfection of Cages, Birdrooms, etc.," No. 12 "How to Moult British Birds." All thoroughly practical and instructive. Prices quoted are post free from "Cage Birds," 154, Fleet Street, London, E.C.

and chickweed, and fed principally on this, together with groundsel and, later on, mouse-ear, knot-grass, and plantain. Choose such greenfood as is swarming with minute insect life, such as smother fly.

TWO FOOD SAMPLES (J.W.H.).—I think that sample No. 1 is just a little too dry; but there is not much to find fault with. It should not be used regularly, however, for this kind of food is not very easy of digestion, and is of a rather "forcing" nature. Sample No. 2 is of fairly good quality (I don't know what you pay for it), but I should prefer to give it mixed with a little well scalded puppy meal (crushed). Bathe the eye twice daily with warm water in which a crystal or two of permanganate of potash has been dissolved. Afterwards gently dry the spot and anoint the bare place with a tiny smear of boracic ointment.

A VARIETY (An Old Reader).—The song of the Nightingale is a continuous warble (broadly speaking); that is to say, the phrases are not short and disjointed like those that go to make up the music of the Song Thrush. I do not know of any bird which can be said to sing similarly to the Nightingale—most of the latter bird's trills and passages are quite distinctive in character. Several birds can claim an almost equal sweetness of voice—the Garden Warbler and Blackcap, for instance. The Virginian Nightingale is not a "Nightingale" at all, properly speaking; this is merely one of the popular names given this species. It is about the size of our Blackbird; song loud and flute-like, but its phrases are short and not very varied. The Blackcap Warbler is about the size of a Linnet—a little more chubby in build, maybe. A bird steady and on song is worth at least 20s.; one recently caught, but well on food, ought to be obtainable at about half that sum.

A THRUSH'S LEGS (E. R. C.).—The legs of your bird have become very "scaly," as fanciers term it, and the trouble is not contagious, but is, in fact, liable to occur in the case of any bird, more especially an old one. Some species seem to suffer from scaly legs worse than others; and one of these is the Thrush. The scales are not difficult to remove, and their removal should certainly be undertaken whenever they impede the free movement of a bird. The simplest way is to soften them by soaking, or washing, in fairly hot soap lather; then gently lift (or pull) off the scales by means of a fingernail inserted under them. Hold the leg, or toe, firmly whilst doing so. The scales give the leg a "cracked" appearance. Afterwards rinse the legs in fairly warm water; a few drops of Condy's fluid in the latter, if possible. Should blood be inadvertently drawn during the operation, touch the spot (after cleansing it) with a little Friar's Balsam.

GOING IN FOR MULING (Bullfinch).—The cock Bullfinch is not likely to be of use as a Mule breeder. Your friend could try him with a hen Canary, of course, but the eggs will probably all prove unfertile. The best (surest) mating would be cock Linnet to hen Canary. There will be the same risk if he pairs the cock Bullie with the hen Goldie. The Goldfinch-Bullfinch Hybrid is quite common; but it is bred from cock Goldie and hen Bullie. It is best as a general thing to leave the hen Canary by herself to incubate the eggs and rear the young. I have had cock Linnets, however, which never interfered either with nest, eggs or young, and which fed the hen assiduously while she was rearing her brood.

FOREIGN BIRDS.

Answered by Wesley T. Page, F.Z.S., Etc.

HELD OVER QUERIES.—I shall have to trespass on the forbearance of C.L.H. and H.J.E. till our next issue.

ZEBRA FINCHES (Manzanita).—What kind of a nest-box have you? I conclude it has no cover. This is all wrong for Zebra Finches, which build a spherical nest with a hole at the side for entrance. Get a square box, say, 6 inches square, nail on the top, and at one corner near the top cut a hole, 1¼ inches, either square or round, nail a small twiggy branch on the bottom of the box, so that the twiggy portion will come in front of the nest hole; hang this up and supply some hay and a Canary nest bag as building material, and I think you'll fare better next time. If not, part with them and get another pair.

BACK-YARD AVIARY (Quong Sing).—(1) Have two pairs of Budgerigars; it is better not to overcrowd, and you must reserve room for the prospective broods. Cockatiels are the most suitable. You could have a pair of Redrumps; these breed pretty freely, but are sometimes quarrelsome at breeding time. (2) Apply to any of the advertisers in our columns, stipulate for the entrance hole to be on top of the husk, and you will then get the right kind. (3) You really require small barrels for the Cockatiels and Parrakeets, but they cost more than husks. Send me a stamped addressed envelope per the editor, and I will put you right with a small sketch.

PARROT IN BAD PLUMAGE (T.S.)—Add ripe fruit and a few nuts, and supply following seed mixture: one quart each canary and white millet, one part each hemp and oats; half a pint each shelled nuts, grit (not sand), paddy rice, wheat, sunflower seeds, and a few chillies; well mix and keep a supply in cage. Every other day put half a teaspoonful of byno-phosphates in drinking water. Spray it (a "mist" sprayer is the best) with chilled water once a week, choosing a genial day and keeping out of all draught till dry. Birds should never be subjected to draught. Lightly moisten its daily piece of bread and dust with flowers of sulphur. The first moult is very protracted in this country. Continue above treatment for, say, a month; then report progress. The bowels must be kept moving freely—not watery-loose. One teaspoonful of Dinneford's magnesia in the water occasionally will secure this. You must not use a metal drinker while giving drugs.

A YOUNG GREY (Mrs. R.)—Lightly dust bread sop and maize with flowers of sulphur daily. Bathe nostrils with dilute glyco-thymoline. If this is too costly ask your chemist to mix you an equivalent in small quantity, but for preference procure the former. Don't continue sop and maize any longer than is necessary. Keep a tin of following in its cage, and as soon as it is eating heartily of this, gradually wean it from the sop and maize. Seed mixture: One quart each canary and white millet, one pint each crushed oats and hemp, half a pint each sunflower seed and shelled nuts, the whole to be well mixed. Also supply ripe fruit, and a piece of dry plain biscuit, and keep a piece of clean cuttlebone hanging in cage. Mix a little grit with the sand. Continue keeping it warm, but it must have fresh air without draught. In case of any adverse symptoms developing, write at once; otherwise report progress in two or three weeks.

AILING BUDGERIGAR (G.E.B.).—Get a bottle of Dinneford's magnesia and give bird two drops from the end of a quill, direct to beak. After an interval of three days repeat dose, and again as required to keep bowels moving freely—not watery-loose. These birds are small drinkers; if yours drink fairly well twice a day that will be sufficient. For a week put three drops of Friar's Balsam daily into a crock or glass drinker, holding about two tablespoonfuls of water—if it does not drink you must give three drops of the solution twice a day. Give canary and white millet in equal parts as the main diet, but for the next month keep a millet spray in the cage; renew it when picked clean. Also supply fresh seeding (flowering) grass liberally, but it must not be tainted with frost—keep the bird where it will have plenty of air and light, but be out of draught. Report progress a fortnight hence. You were not entitled to a reply per post (see rules), but as case appeared urgent we have sent one.

AILING GREY PARROT (W.A.C.).—Re previous reply, give Dinneford's magnesia as directed, and on the other days well colour the drinking water with chemical food. (1) You need not go back to the boiled maize. Lightly damp the seed by sprinkling a little water over it from your finger tips; then dust with flowers of sulphur; or you can give the latter on either a moistened crust of bread, piece of sponge cake, or plain biscuit. (2) I opine it is irritated with a heated skin and troubled with parasites. The magnesia, etc., should alleviate. (3) A dilute solution of fir tree oil—half a teaspoonful to a pint of water—will be helpful to spray the bird with twice a week. Use a "mist" sprayer, and avoid its eyes as much as possible. Also use insect powder. The cage ought to be well scalded out—perches, food hoppers, etc.; it is undoubtedly infested with the parasites. First scald, well swilling all crevices; then scour with carbolic soap, swill with clear water and leave in open to dry. Treat bird with the solution and powder till it is comfortable again. (4) The pink swelling is the crop. I take it the bird is getting ripe fruit, nuts, and a piece of plain biscuit; also has access to cuttlebone and grit.

WHAT PARROT? (K. H. Sheffield).—It is an Alexandrine Parrakeet, probably a hen, but both sexes talk in Parrots. There is a great deal of variability as to talking capacity, but I have known many very talented Alexandrines. Keep it where it can hear and see what is going on, and talk to it, and teach it by constant repetition, and as soon as it gets into decent condition it will prove more or less responsive. Alexandrines are hardy and will live in a roomy aviary out of doors all the year round. Keep it where it will get plenty of light and air, yet be out of draught. On warm, sunny days it can go out of doors, but sun should not shine directly on the cage. Spray the eyes daily with a rose water and zinc eye solution, from any chemist, but keep it strictly out of draught till dry again. Many Parrots are moulting at present. Supply following seed mixture: One quart each canary and white millet, one pint each oats and hemp; half a pint each of shelled nuts, grit (not sand), paddy rice, maize, and sunflower seeds—well mix and keep a supply in cage. Also supply ripe fruit, green food, and plain biscuit, and keep a piece of clean cuttlebone in the cage. Every fourth day, so long as voidings are not watery loose, put one teaspoonful of Dinneford's magnesia in the usual supply of drinking water, and on other days put in the same quantity of byno-phosphates. It will become tamer I should say when it is more fit. Must not use metal drinker for drugs—report progress a month hence.

WHAT PARROT AND HOW TO FEED? (T.M.V.).—It is a Blue-fronted Amazon. If it has been getting boiled maize, continue this, but its main diet should be a seed mixture of canary, millet, oats, hemp, wheat, paddy rice, and sunflower seeds (see other replies for proportions), ripe fruit, nuts, greenfood, and plain biscuit. It must also have access to grit and cuttlebone. As it is a young bird, half a teaspoonful of byno-phosphates in the drinking water several times a week would be helpful, and if there are any signs of constipation, the same quantity of Dinneford's magnesia in the water must be used occasionally to keep bowels moving freely, but not really loose.

TO KEEP WITH BRITISH FINCHES (W.P.Q).—You can keep any of the following, compatible with the space of aviary:—Zebra, Ribbon, Red-headed, Striated, Spice, Bib, Ruficauda, Serins (in variety), Afario, Cuban and Olive Finches, Bronze-wing, Magpie, Black-headed, White-headed, and Tri-colour Mannikins, Bengalese, Silverbills, Grey and Green Singing Finches, Long-tailed Grassfinches, Gold-breasted, Grey, Orange-cheek, and St. Helena Waxbills, Black-headed, Hooded, and Colombian Siskins, Cape Canaries, Napoleon and Madagascar Weavers, Paradise Whydahs. All of which will thrive under the treatment given to seed-eaters. Only one pair of each species should be kept, and the young disposed of as they become adults.

YOUNG QUAIL (A.P.).—Supply young with custard or minced egg—insectile mixture, live ants' eggs (or if these are not procurable, a good sample of the dried "eggs" as bought), gentles, and any other small insect larvæ or pupæ you can procure. They will soon take to small seed, and the general diet of the adult birds. Do not allow them too large a range, they should be sheltered alike from too hot sun and heavy rain. Hope you'll have luck.

BUDGERIGARS THROWN OUT OF NEST (A.M.).—Am inclined to recommend small barrels in lieu of the husks, and if you care to send me a stamped addressed envelope, I can put you on to these, but their cost will be triple that of husks. Am afraid there is no remedy for it, if the strongest youngsters are determined to oust the weaker. "Looking after number one" is an early development of all forms of life. All you can do is to make it as difficult as possible. The barrels will do this, besides being more roomy, thus possibly removing one inclination for such behaviour. Perhaps you would inform me what proportion are reared. How many young have been reared per brood, say, for the last six nests.

INDIAN PARROT (Juno).—I do not think you have cause for anxiety concerning this bird. With the Parrot tribe the first moults in this country are usually somewhat protracted. Keep it where it will get light and air without draught. I should give Dinneford's magnesia, one teaspoonful in the drinking water, every fourth day, but if the bowels become very loose only give it once a week. On other days put half a teaspoonful of byno-phosphates in the drinking water. Don't use a metal drinker while giving these drugs. Its diet should consist of seed mixture (see reply re Alexandrine Parrakeet), ripe fruit, nuts, and plain biscuit—also grit and cuttlebone. Do not give table scraps or any sops and messes.

SWELLING ON FOOT (H.B.).—Soak foot in hot water, not hot enough for discomfort, and if the swelling appears to contain pus, carefully open it and exude the pus by gentle pressue; then cleanse and anoint with a little healing ointment. If there is no sign of pus, soak in hot water, and then paint with neat whisky; but carefully examine swelling for, say, a splinter or other foreign substance. Put a turf (similar to those given to Larks) in its cage; it will be comfortable for the bird to rest upon under present conditions, and if the green is seeding so much the better. Give it a diet of canary, white millet, also a millet spray, green food, lettuce and seeding (flowery) grass, as soon as you can get untainted by frost. Keep a piece of clean cuttlebone in the cage.

DEAD PARROT (M. Fish).—I regret to hear of your ill-luck. Your bird undoubtedly died from the prostration following importation. A young Grey is always a risky purchase. A Blue-fronted Amazon is handsome, almost as good a talker as the Grey, and much easier to establish; and if you venture on another I advise you to try this species. I should, however, thoroughly, scald out Parrot's cage with boiling water, and leave out of doors (not exposed to wet) to get air and sun into every part. I hope your next venture will have a happier ending.

BLUE-BONNET PARRAKEETS (A Reader).—This species require a seed mixture of one quart each canary and white millet seeds, half a pint each of hemp, oats and sunflower seeds, and a gill of grit (not sand). Also supply such ripe fruit and shelled nuts as they care to take; green food and a dry crust of household bread or piece of plain biscuit. They should have continual access to cuttlebone and water, and be kept in any light and airy, but not draughty position. Can be kept in an outdoor aviary, but cannot be trusted with other species. Very pugnacious.

BREEDING CUTTHROATS (H. E. Young).—(1) No, I do not think it advisable to return the eggs to the nest, the probability is the birds would throw them out or build another nest on top of them. Let them lay another clutch. (2) This is a question I have never tested as you cannot treat foreign species as you would Canaries, but at any rate the earlier eggs (if you chose to interfere with them) should only be removed while the remainder of the clutch is being laid. (3) No, nor yet any advantage by doing so. (4) About on a par, but if anything the Zebras. (4) I rather doubt it, both ways, as the young Zebras have such a peculiar way of backing and turning up their heads sideways while being fed. (6) Crossing White and Grey Java Sparrows gives a free breeding strain, most of the young proving to be pure Grey; fertility is not lessened. (7) Grey Javas are doubtful breeders in a cage. White Javas and Zebra Finches are very probable breeders.

WHAT BIRD? (H. P. Gloyns).—At the moment of going to press I cannot recognise the description you give, and I rather doubt it coming from the Congo district, unless it is quite a young bird in immature plumage. However, I hope to name it for you in our next issue.

COCKATEELS (Mixed Up).—Under the conditions you name I should certainly advise you to get rid of one pair. As the original pair have been separated there would always be trouble, and ultimately one would be killed and the other probably maimed in the conflict. You could keep with the Cockatecls one pair each Green and Yellow Budgerigars, Blue-wing and Madagascar Love-birds, and the series would look well and thrive on the same diet and treatment.

LIST OF BIRDS (Avis).—(a) The list I gave you can be kept in any outdoor aviary all the year round. All you have to do is to provide snug retiring corners, and it would be well to tack over the glass (outside) on the east side of the house, bass matting or felt. (b) I should imagine the Canaries would be alright, but these are not my *forte*; refer to our Mr. St. John. (c) Rhododendrons are safe. If I remember right, the space you first named was larger than at present; 8ft. by 8ft. would only accommodate about 60 birds at most—for breeding purposes about one-third that number. The arrangements you name should suffice. (d) Yes, but do not include any kind of English Buntings. Hope you'll have luck, but think you would have done better to have adhered to original plan and used the entire end of greenhouse for the aviary, lining the inside with wire netting and putting wire front right across the greenhouse, extending from floor to ridge. Hope I am not confusing you with another correspondent.

POST MORTEMS

Mr. G. Yates, M.R.C.V.S., 1, College Road, Harrow, Middlesex, will examine and report upon dead cage birds for a fee of 1s. 6d. each bird; for reply direct, 2s. 6d.; analysis, 21s. Subjects for post mortem examination must be sent packed in a box direct to Mr. Yates, with the fee, this and any accompanying letter being kept from contact with the dead bird. Send by letter-post; it is cheaper and quicker than parcel post. Any bodies sent to the office of this paper will be thrown away, and if a fee is enclosed the loss will be the sender's.

A. H. MORGAN (J. W.).—Hen Canary died as the result of metro-peritonitis due to infection from a broken egg in the oviduct.

THOS. JOHNSON.—Stoppage and inflammation of the bowels. I don't know that the moss you mention has any medicinal action, but it would undoubtedly act mechanically in producing impaction of the bowels.

GENERAL.

Answered by The Editor.

PRESS CUTTINGS (A. Armee, T. Making, A. Holmes, and others).—We thank you for your kindness in sending the newspaper cuttings.

A SUGGESTION (T. Pluck).—We are much obliged to you for drawing our attention to this matter.

A PHOTO (A. H. Campbell).—We shall be glad to see the photograph and to publish it if suitable.

AN ADDRESS (J. Cronin).—The address you want is: The School House, South Queensferry, N.B.

TWO "FUNNY" LETTERS (J. Seymour, late W. Bailey).—Surely you can find something better to occupy your time than the writing of such childishly "funny" letters as you have favoured us with this last fortnight. What a brain!

FOREIGN BIRD QUERISTS

should consult Page's "Foreign Birds for Beginners" (1/1½); Arthur's "Budgerigars and Cockatiels" (6d.); Arthur's "Parrots for Pleasure and Profit" (7d.); "Aviories, Bird-rooms, and Cages" (2/3); "Seeds, Foods, and Wild Plants" (1/2); Dr. Clarke's "Septic or Bird Fever" (7d.); Dr. Creswell's "Hygiene of Bird-keeping" (1/1); "Colour-feeding" (3½d.); or the "Nutshell" booklets (2½d. each): No. 6 "Ailing Birds and How to Cure them," No. 9 "The Disinfection of Cages, Bird-rooms, etc.," No. 14 "Gouldian Finches," No. 16 "Avodovats," No. 17 "The Grey Parrot," No. 18 "Budgerigars," No. 19 "The Pekin Robin," No. 20 "Waxbills." All thoroughly practical and instructive. Prices quoted are post free from "Cage Birds," 154, Fleet Street, London, E.C.

CLUB & SOCIETY NOTICES

ONE notice of any forthcoming Society meeting inserted free. It should reach us not later than Tuesday morning's post. Specially printed Club Notice Postcards may be had free on application to our Manager. Secretaries should always use them.

Ardwick and Manchester Dis. C.B.A.—April 23, Onward Hall, 8. Lecture on birdy problems by Mr. W. Downing. Fanciers and friends invited.—J. Spencer.

Anfield, Everton C.B.S.—April 22. Show of British, 8, headquarters. Judge, Mr. W. Walker. Judging competition.—R. B. Wright.

Amble C.B.S.—April 27, Gardener's Arms, Amble. 6. Classes for F.F. show, also judge for same. Subs. are due.—J. T. Crackett.

Bradford National Show Committee.—April 24, Market Tavern, 8. Patronage and other important business. Members of committee please attend.—H. Hill.

Brighouse C.B.S.—April 25, Round House Inn, 8.—F. Mitchell.

Barrington and Choppington C.B.S.—April 20, Social Club, 7. General business.—T. Griffiths.

Bonnyrigg C.B.S.—April 27, Forester's Arms, 7.30. Reply from judges, etc.—J. Hamilton.

Burslem C.B.S.—April 25, Barnsfields Inn, 8. Making new members, also passing rules.—L. James.

Bolton Woods C.B.S.—April 20, Victoria Hotel, 8. Important.—M. Skirrow.

Cinnamon Marked Y.C.C.—April 20, Market Tavern, 6.30. Annual meeting, Election of officers, etc.—Grayshon and Allen.

Chopwell C.C.S.—April 20, Club Hall, 2. All members and fanciers requested to attend, business important.—W. Tomlinson.

Choppington C.B.S.—April 20, Railway Hotel, 7.30. Show business.—G. Seely.

City of Bradford O.S.—April 20, "Flying Dutchman," 8. Members' shows, alloting judges. Please notify any change of address at once.—F. Rhodes.

Dubmire Workmen's Club C.B.S.—Sunday, April 21st, Dubmire Workmen's Club, 10.30 a.m. Fixing date for nest feather show; fanciers invited.—B. Robinson.

Derby C.B.S.—April 27, Derwent Hotel, 7. Paying up of levy and important general business.—Wharam and Bamsey.

Glasgow and West of Scotland N.M.B. and F.C.—April 23, 28, Spoutmouth Street, 8. General; show of Brit. and For.; Classes: Brit. Gold., Builie, Greenie, Siskin, For. Goldie, A.O.S. For.—F. Taylor.

Glasgow and Western Counties C.B.S.—April 27, Good Templars' Hall, 6.30. General business and table show of Goldfinch, Linnet, Greenfinch, and Siskin. Entry 3d. per cage; judging competition for good special.—W. Connelly.

Glasgow Queen's Park C.B.S.—April 24, Marie Stuart Halls, Crosshill, 8. F.F. show arrangements.—R. Heggie.

Grimsby O.S.—April 25, Slatter's Rooms, 8. Lecture by A. Sutcliffe, Esq.—Towl and Smith.

Huddersfield O.S.—April 22, Old Hat Hotel, 8.—F. Sykes.

Highgate and Hampstead C.B.S.—April 25, Spencer Hall, Dartmouth Park Hill, 8. Table show for British birds; judge, Mr. G. E. Weston.—G. T. Clark.

Halifax O.S.—April 20, Plummit Line Hotel, 8. Series of shows, etc.—H. Clegg.

Heywood O.S.—April 23, Rechabite Hall, Pine St., 7.30. "Impromptu," also further particulars re amalgamated F.F. show, June 29th; fanciers welcome.—A. H. Meadowcroft.

Larkhall C.B.A.—April 20, Miners' Hall, 7. Replies from judges, and Y.B. show classes.—J. Pollock.

Leicester C.B.S.—April 25, headquarters. Table show; pairs for Hybrid breeding between British and Foreign. A.S. field-moulted British. Fanciers invited.—G. H. Groocock.

Lancashire and Lizard F.A.—April 20, Old Boar's Head, Withy Grove, Manchester, 5. Tea, social, and presentation of prizes. Tickets 2s. each.—J. Rukin.

Leigh C.B.S.—April 24, Railway Hotel, 7.45. Important.—R. Charleson.

Morley C.B.S.—April 20, Sycamore Hotel, 7.30. A few important items for discussion.—D. Holliday.

Midland Roller C.C.—April 25, Swan and Peacock, 8. A few birds will be brought, when Mr. Jacquemin will explain the tours for the benefit of novices.—T. J. Smith.

Metropolitan C.B.A.—April 20, All Saints', Prince of Wales Road, Battersea Park Road, S.W., 8.30. Lecture by Mr. G. Gardner. Fanciers invited.—J. Best.

Musselburgh O.S.—April 27, Cossan Tearooms, High Street, 7. Rules, etc. Please note, change of meeting place.—W. Nisbet.

Northern Norwich C.C.—April 24, Lockhart's, Grainger Street, 8. General; intending members please attend.—W. Curry.

North Manchester C.B.S.—April 23, St. Stephen's Schools, Conran Street, Harpurhey, 8. Prize money scheme and closing of pool.—J. Davey.

National B.B. and M.C.—April 25, "Feathers," Gt. Chapel Street, Westminster, 8. Arrangements for club's annual outing.

Northern B.B.M. and F.B.C.—April 24, Lockhart's Cafe, 65, Grainger Street, Newcastle-on-Tyne, 8. Patronage and general.—G. Taylor.

Oldham C.B.A.—April 13, Textile Dining Rooms, 8. Show business and general business, also nominations for Mules.—J. Cope.

Pontypridd F. and F.S.—April 20, Victoria Hotel, 7. Auditors' report on last two shows; elect officers, select open show date, and to discuss advisability of increasing radius.—A. A. Gordon McLucas.

Pendleton and Salford O.S.—April 22, Irwell Castle, Lower Broughton, 8. F.F. show business. Delegates' report re amalgamated show.—Critchley and Metcalfe.

Queen's Park C.B.A.—April 25, Emmanuel Hall, Harrow Road, 8. Questions and answers on breeding and feeding young birds. Answered by a friend. Visitors invited.—W. J. Lethbridge, jun.

Rochdale Good Intent C.B.S.—April 24, Temperance Club, Toad Lane, 8. Committee. F.F. show and general business.—T. Holt.

Sunderland C.B.A.—April 27, Fawcett Street Cafe, 7.30.—J. Jeffrey.

West Bromwich C.B.S.—April 23, Dartmouth Hotel, 8. Fixing date for nest feather show.—W. G. Andrews.

Warrington C.B.S.—Thursday, April 25, Blue Bell Saleerooms, 8. Questions; elect judges for November show.—G. M. Nelson.

Wakefield O.S.—April 20, Crown and Anchor, 8.—J. Isherwood.

West Stanley C.B.S.—April 20, Town Hall, 7.30. Annual show business.—W. Elliott.

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Correspondence.

Making Holly Bark Bird Lime.

Sir,—I have read Mr. Steel's lecture on British birds with great interest, and should be glad if he or any other reader could kindly tell me how I could make or where I could get some holly bark or other good bird lime.

A. H.

A New Cage Bird Society for Chopwell and District.

Sir,—A meeting was held by the members of the cage bird section at Chopwell in the Club Hall, when it was decided to form a cage bird society and sever their connection from the Chopwell F.S. Officials were left to be decided on at next meeting, April 20, at 2 p.m., when all members and fanciers are asked to attend. Now, members, get there, and let us try and get something done.

W. Tomlinson, Sec. pro tem.

2, South View, Chopwell, Ebchester, Co. Durham.

Full Steam Ahead.

Fourteen Eggs Already; Seven in One Lot.

Sir,—I bought a hen Canary haphazard, and I had only had her a week when I paired her with a cock I had bought three weeks before. In the second week of January she had a nest of three eggs. Then she nested again with four eggs, and has reared three healthy birds, and she is now nesting again with seven eggs. Is this not out of the usual track, as I have had dozens in my time, but never knew of a nest of seven eggs before?

Alfred Webster.

[Seven eggs make an unusually large clutch, such as is not often seen, although a number of even larger clutches have been recorded at various times.—Editor.]

The Cage Bird Fancy in New Zealand.

A Statement of Facts so Far as Christchurch is Concerned.

Sir,—In reading your paper of Oct. 14, 1911, I noticed a letter, signed by W. H. Lindley, in which he gives his version of the cage bird Fancy in New Zealand, and as he makes some statements which are slightly contrary to fact I would like, with your kind permission, to show him the error of his ways. Your correspondent's letter is headed, "The Cage Bird Fancy in New Zealand," while as a matter of fact practically the whole is a short story of his adventures in Auckland, one of the towns of New Zealand, where he "astounded" the inhabitants with his knowledge of the washing, benching, etc., of Canaries. It certainly does not say much for the intelligence of the Auckland fanciers, nor yet the knowledge of the old English fanciers who are residents of Auckland, and from whom the majority of the present-day fanciers have sprung. I might remark that I think the Auckland boys were, to use the vernacular, "pulling his leg." Mr. Lindley never visited the South Island of New Zealand, which has some eighteen societies or clubs; he only visited two towns in the North Island, which has seventeen societies, and yet he starts to give your readers an object lesson on the Fancy in New Zealand! He also states that he had the honour of witnessing the first show for the North and South Island championships. So it would have been if such a thing had occurred, but I might state that it never did except in your correspondent's own imaginative brain! Now, sir, I might state that, so far as the Fancy in New Zealand is concerned, it is divided and controlled by two separate bodies—the North Island Association and the South Island Association. There are about eighteen clubs in the South Island, and the South Island championships are competed for at those clubs, and not in the North Island, as our friend would have us believe. The North Island championships are competed for in the North Island, and they have absolutely nothing to do with the South Island. The championships for Canaries last year in the South Island were competed for at Temuka. Our friend also makes mention of the cages. I might inform him that the cage, as used by the Christchurch fanciers for the Yorkshire, is the latest approved pattern, and has been in use here for the last three years. The Norwich cages have wooden sides and top and wire front, built according to the English type. Your correspondent finishes by stating that he was also told by the fanciers that Christchurch was endeavouring to build up a strong society, and it is this statement to which I take the strongest exception, for I claim—and justly, too—that Christchurch is the home of the Fancy. What a pity he did not come to Christchurch! What an opportunity he lost of teaching—or learning! Now, sir, as a matter of fact, the Christchurch Society is the oldest in New Zealand. It was founded in August, 1866, forty-six years ago, and we can give any other society nearly twenty years. We have a membership of 150, and as regards Canaries and other cage birds, we claim to have the most enthusiastic body of fanciers in the Dominion. At our show last June there were 257 Canaries and other birds, which is a record for New Zealand, an increase of fifty over the year 1910—a state of affairs which is due to nothing other than the energy and enthusiasm of the Christchurch Canary fanciers. Yet our friend says we are trying to build up a society in Christchurch! Our meetings are run on modern lines, viz., open meetings, no committee being considered necessary. We have the finest club room in the Dominion—a fact which is admitted without prejudice by all visiting fanciers. One more word in conclusion. Mr. Lindley says that Canary breeding is only in its infancy in New Zealand! I have records before me which show that Canaries were exhibited here over forty years ago. A very big infant, don't you think, Mr. L.? Your correspondent also speaks disparagingly of the type of Canaries he saw when in Auckland and Wellington, a statement which certainly does not reflect very great credit on the fanciers of England, from whom the majority of birds here were imported, and some of them at big figures, too! Now, sir, I trust I have not trespassed on your space to any great extent, but sincerely trust that, in justice to the Christchurch fanciers and your readers at home, you will print these few facts; and should Mr. Lindley at any time return to New Zealand and resolve to favour us with a visit, then I am sure that the Christchurch fanciers will only be too willing to receive lessons from him, if not in the art of washing and exhibiting Canaries, at least in that of self-advertisement. I wish your paper, Cage Birds, every success.

Christchurch, N.Z. Walter Brown.

The Barnstaple and North Devon C.B.S.

New Society Formed.

Sir,—This society has been formed with a membership of forty, all fanciers, and a good working and influential committee, consisting of Mr. E. Collins (chairman), Messrs. F. G. Bale, T. A. Blackmore, C. Dart, E. G. Piper, J. W. Copp, G. S. Baker, W. J. Halls, T. Richards, and F. J. Huxtable. Mr. T. Heath has been engaged to judge our first show on Oct. 29 and 30, which promises to be a big success.

J. D. Horrill.

Hon. Sec., 17, King Edward Street, Barnstaple.

The Judging of Quality Linnet Song.

Sir,—In answer to Mr. J. McAllister, my opinion of judging quality singing is that we should go for length, turns, and form, and that judges should give and take according to song. We do not give any preference, as all birds do not break alike. So, in my opinion, it is impossible to give any note best, as two birds can sing the same song and one bird be as musical again as the other, so that it wins on form of song. I think our Lancashire judges can explain to anyone how a bird has sung to win, as we do in Leeds after the contest, like this: No. 1, chattering, scraping, three turns, reeing turned into whinnying, and left it clean; No. 2, scraping, three turns, reeing, turned into stammering, into peeing, into a bad note. The judges would give No. 1 as best, as No. 2 lost a point for a bad note at back of its singing. Then Nos. 3 and 4 each sing the same song, but No. 4 is a better toned bird, so he would beat No. 3 for form of song, having three points to two. The only way I can see to give points is one for each quality note that the bird sings, one for each turn, one for length of song, one for form or style of singing, and count one off for each bad song.

Wm. Sissons.

Sir,—In your last week's issue of Cage Birds I notice Mr. McAllister would like to know if it is possible to have points for the quality song of the Linnet. In my opinion it is quite possible, but, Mr. McAllister, I feel confident the Linnet's song is far better without points. For instance, if there were a certain number of points for each note, judges would have to judge on points, but how many points would one note want? Now this is the question which bothers our friend. Take the note "scraping" (as it is known in Yorkshire) or "scriking" (as it is called in Lancashire); this has seven different ways, viz., sharp, broad, kind, cowing, barking, drakes, and quaking. Scrape should be given 28 points—that is, one point for sharp, two points for broad, three points for kind, etc. If all birds sang in the same voice this would be immense, but some are longer and heavier voiced than others. Therefore it would not be fair to have a standard number of points for each note. Then, again, one bird may end his song with a few harsh notes, etc.; this would mean some points taken off, but how many? The Linnet's song consists of the following notes: Chattering, chowing, reeing, peeing, whinnying, and scraping (see my notes in "Nutshell Series"), but out of these I could gather at least 300 points, and another 100 points could be taken out of his bad notes. If a bird made three turns in chattering of the lightest, that would be six points; likewise three turns in scraping, six points. But we could not put these two notes on a level. I am writing this as plainly as possible so that our friend and others can follow me. If, on reading this, our friend still thinks points would be better, I will endeavour to place a standard number of points for each note in my next letter. I here insert a table by which the comparative merits of English Linnets' song may be tested (the idea I have borrowed from Mons. De Piles in his testing the song of the Linnet):—

Execution.	Compass.	Plaintive.
18	16	12
Sprightly Notes.		Mellowness of Tone.
16		12

Fred Allen (Hull).

Points About the Wiring of Cages.

Sir,—Could any reader of your valuable paper tell me how to bend the wires for the top of a Border Fancy show cage, as that is the only difficult point I find in cage making? I make my own wire fronts for box cages, and have heard of a frame for making fronts. Can any reader oblige by informing me through Cage Birds how the frame is made?

A Working Man.

The Dipper's First Appearance on the Show Bench.

Sir,—As no abler writer than myself seems to come forward and express indignation over the letter which lately appeared in your paper re the first appearance of the Dipper on the show bench, may I be allowed to express my disgust and indignation at the conduct of two exhibitors, who, according to the unchallenged statement of Mr. Fishburn, subjected birds caught the previous day to the strange and nerve-destroying experience of a show—and one of the most classic fixtures in the Fancy? Apart from the unsportsmanlike act of showing birds whose presence was a credit to no one for preparation (and that great desideratum, steadiness), the callousness of the thing appals anyone who studies the comfort of his pets in the least. "Some of them died at the shows." So I should think. I am not a sentimentalist, as I have amply proved from time to time in these columns, but ought not some steps to be taken to prevent this sort of thing, if possible? I once remember a similar "pothunter" exhibiting three good Chaffinches in a show I exhibited at, and losing them all. When I condoled with him on what I imagined to be the loss of valued friends, he callously replied: "I didn't lose anything; I only caught them the day before on purpose to show." There is nothing prettier, to my mind, than a tame, well-trained Britisher sitting calm and steady on his perch, even while passed from hand to hand by his admirers. Such a bird, trained by long and patient efforts to entire confidence by an owner whose every spare minute he occupies, is an object of interest to all, and need be the subject of no man's pity; but the exhibition of nervous, fresh-caught birds is a weapon in the hands of the crank, and a sickener to anyone possessing a spark of real love for the birds he shows.

Bernard C. Briars.

Red Mites a Thing of the Past.

Sir,—No one need get red mites if the following rules are observed. I have bred Canaries for years, and have never seen any. I have been asked by friends how to get rid of them. I tell them I never get any, but will tell them how to prevent getting them. I clean my cages every day whether birds are nesting or not; I wash all trays, well wipe down the cage wires, etc., with a cloth wrung out of hot water, in which have been put a few drops of camphor; I give clean sand daily; and I wash all glasses daily. Twice a week I put a disinfectant in the hot water that perches, etc., are washed in. Perches should be put into very hot water every day. It is a good plan to have two sets, so that there is no waiting for them to dry thoroughly, only change every day. The birds' nests—I like baskets best—I put into hot water and camphor; then I thoroughly dry. Then I sprinkle the stuff for nesting with camphor; putting a lump of camphor under the nest boxes (the flannel, or whatever is used). I bred Canaries for nearly twenty years without insects, so no one need have red mites. The aviaries and cages sometimes sold are badly made; they have so many places where dust can get in. Though liking English-made things, I find the German cages better, as they take to pieces. The plainer the cages the better; they are more easily cleaned. I made a rule when I bought a bird to give it a wash before putting it with my own, as often birds have the insects in their feathers; then keep it a day or two in a cage, giving it baths. When it is all right it can go into the aviary. My aviary, which I had for many years, was a square one, quite plain, only enough mahogany was used to make it strong, but light looking; it was suitable for foreign birds, as the wires were close together. If plenty of clean and hot water, camphor, etc., are used daily, red mites will soon be a thing of the past. Like all other insects, they only come with dust and dirt, or in badly made cages, where plenty of space is left for them to harbour in.

F. B.

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EXHIBITOR.

P.S.—In the full classification (for thirty classes) there are classes for Siberian Bullfinch and Siberian Goldfinch. The Bullfinches and Goldfinches from Germany and Western Europe, which have in the past been shown sometimes in British classes and sometimes in Continental, seem not to be provided for at all.

Sir,—I have perused with mixed feelings the proposed classification as drawn up by the above club, and I regret that I am not favourably impressed with it. There is too much of the extreme in lumping and isolation, but I will discuss a few of the features to which I take exception, and at the same time take an opportunity of inviting the Scottish B.B. and M.C. to have a try at the problem. I am convinced that the terms "insectivorous" and "granivorous" cannot be deleted without adopting a verbosity which would be out of place in a show schedule, as it practically amounts to naming each species individually, and I feel that a solution to the problem lies in the combination of those terms with migratory and resident, and a judicious insertion of inclusives and exclusives. In Scotland it is customary to bracket the Goldfinch and the Bullfinch together, and a study of show reports convinces me that honours are pretty fairly divided between them, which cannot be said of the class in which Siskin, Twite, Mealy, and Lesser Redpoll are lumped together, a system which, in this new arrangement, would continue in anything up to nineteen classes for British. Now a further study of show reports reveals a tendency on the part of judges to award the prizes in the above order. So well is this recognised by exhibitors that they wisely refrain from entering the last-named, and the owner of the second best Lesser Redpoll in such a class might just as well have thrown his entry and carriage money in the gutter. I would suggest, therefore, that Goldfinch and Bullfinch be bracketed, and thus permit of a separation in the quadruple Siskin, etc., class. I would also make the two classes read thusly, "Siskin or Mealy Redpoll," and "Twite or Lesser Redpoll," as, notwithstanding the fact that by so doing I should be separating the two 'Polls, I feel that the Lesser would be less handicapped in competing with the Twite, as a further study of show reports reveals the fact that the Lesser seldom, if ever, gets first, or the second best Lesser third prize, when competing against Mealies. Apropos of handicapping, this is a point to be evaded as far as the classification allows, yet I see a severe handicap placed on those who enter a bird in Class 26 of the maximum as drawn up, and at the same time an overlap. Thus it is well understood that the hen Starling is much superior to the cock for exhibition, yet anyone has the choice of entering same in Class 15, Starling only, or Class 26, Hen, any other species, except Finch, Bunting, or Song Thrush, thus severely handicapping those species in the latter class which do not possess this sexual peculiarity. I would therefore bracket Starling with Song Thrush, as excluded from Hen classes. Another feature which I fear will not find favour is the bracketing of Greenfinch and Bullfinch, as, apart from the handicap placed on the former, a comparatively sombre coloured species when placed against such a gorgeous species as the Bullie (which is a fair reason for the Goldfinch-Bullfinch amalgamation), we find that the Greenfinch class is generally well filled, while the others are often stuck at six. I have repeatedly seen a combined Goldfinch and Bullfinch class fail to be filled, while two, three, and even four classes allotted to Greenfinches were well filled at the same shows. No, a careful study of this classification convinces me that it will be rejected by every show committee in Scotland. My reason for making such a prophecy is, it is quite apparent that those who drew up such classification have no idea as to the number of species of British birds which appear on the average Scottish show bench, and that arrangement would be quite unworkable from a financial point of view. Take classes from 14 to 24. How many entries would we get in Classes 10, 11, or 12? And the bracketing of Class 8, in which we have the largest seed-eater competing in the same class as the second smallest insectivorous (that is in the fourteen-class scheme would only be equalled in absurdity by giving—as proposed—separate classes for Nightingale, Blackbird, Wagtails, Starlings, etc., which ever the largest show in the world, with a gate in proportion, could not afford to grant. No, I am forced to say that the old method of classification, with all its faults, is preferable to the farcical and financial chaos which would follow the adoption of this scheme. Take again the arrangement for Classes 9 to 13. Class 8 reads "Skylark, Shorelark, Woodlark, Tree, Meadow, or Rock Pipit, Wagtails (five species), Grasshopper or Dartford Warbler, Treecreeper, Redstart, or Black Redstart." Fancy that on a Scotch schedule! But the verbosity is made up for in Class 9, which follows, and in which the vague description is, "All other species of *insectivorous* not included in the above." That includes Goldcrest, Firecrest, Common Wren, Chough, Jackdaw, and Magpie, all in one class! Then Class 30, which reads "Any species of Continental birds not regularly visiting Great Britain." I certainly should include at least two from Class 19 under that heading, viz., the Golden Oriole and Hoopoe, their visits to Britain being few and far between, and often nolens-volens. Many who have seen nine species of Bunting (exclusive of Yellow) masquerading as British will be wondering what particular five are eligible for Class 12. J. STEELE.

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Hybrid Breeding between two British Birds.

By THOS. SMITH (Glasgow).

A lecture delivered before the members of the Vale of Leven C.B.S.

(Concluded from page 317).

We come now to the Greenfinch, the commonest of our Finch tribe. His whirring note, as he passes through the air, or when he is on the highest branch of a tree is well-known in the country; and now he is one of the most important factors in hybrid breeding. The progeny from the cock Greenfinch and the hen British Bullfinch is a beautiful Hybrid. When good size can be got he holds his own in competition. I show you now a painting of a cock Greenfinch and a hen British Bullfinch Hybrid which in keen competition won first and special at the Crystal Palace exhibition and wherever he went in search of fame. Other Hybrids from the cock Greenfinch and the hen Siberian Bullfinch have won foremost places at the leading shows.

How Size is Got.

The Siberian certainly imparts size, and size is a strong point in a Greenfinch-Bullfinch hybrid which is intended for the show bench (When a hybrid is hatched and reared it is of course, usually intended for exhibition). I have successfully bred that cross, one year from the British Bullfinch as I have already indicated, and the other from the Siberian. There is no disguising the fact that for some reason or the other the Siberian Bullfinch hen goes oftener "out-of-order" than the Britisher, and frequently succumbs; furthermore the Siberians are now very high in price, if one wants a really handsome hen. Should two or three of them die before the purchaser is suited it means an outlay of three or four pounds. That, however, is a small matter if a breeder can get sixteen hybrids (as we heard of last week in CAGE BIRDS) in a season.

Admittedly not so valuable as those I have alluded to, the Goldfinch-Greenfinch Hybrid is nevertheless an acquisition; he is, as it were, a reproduction of both parents. He has lovely plumage, is possessed of good health and is full of vigour; he is in fact in every way worthy of encouragement at our exhibitions. I believe the cross is easily bred and reared.

A Closer Acquaintance Needed

The Linnet-Bullfinch was at one time a favourite. The Hybrid is nicely marked, and is altogether an attractive show bird. Some years ago he was a regular competitor at Scottish events, but with the arrival of the Goldfinch-Bullie hybrid, the Canary-Bullfinch hybrid, and the Greenfinch-Bullfinch hybrid all competing in the one class, he stands a less chance of getting to the fore-front. He appears either to have disappeared or to be kept at home; at any rate, he is not so well-known, as he used to be. Should a re-classification be arranged for in the schedules of shows, we should then no doubt have the pleasure of making his closer acquaintance.

Improved by Colour-feeding.

The hybrids mentioned above are improved by colour-feeding; in fact, colour-feeding cannot be done without if the birds are to win. Admitted, then, that it is essential we have to consider how the most can be made of it. The subject upon which it is proposed to operate has to be dealt with not only before it enters upon the moult and right through the moult, but for sometime after the moult.

I have never personally had any difficulty in this respect. The plan I adopted was as follows:—Early in the morning I withdrew the seeds, slipped out the seed boxes and returned them about 1 p.m. Naturally the moment the seed was returned the hybrids had a good feed. In that way they had to take the colour food; by and by it was freely partaken of and the trouble was reduced to a minimum.

In 1905 I mixed one lb. of colour-feed, three ounces of the finest sugar and two pennyworth of olive oil. In 1906 I put up one lb. of tasteless colour-feed (Ramsden's) and added one-fifth of hot colour feed but did not include either sugar or oil. Both were mixed with egg food. So far as I remember, the proportions were: One teaspoonful of colour-feed to two teaspoonfuls of egg food. One thing that struck me was that the birds which did not get the olive oil and sugar had far and away the best sheen on their plumage. That I cannot account for, but it was a fact all the same.

During the moulting and so long as the bird is kept for exhibition it should live in a box cage. A hybrid is a vigorous subject, and when housed in an open cage he jumps from side to side and back to front, wasting his feathers and spoiling his general appearance, which we all know affects his chance of winning. I have found a large box cage very suitable.

Siberian Bullfinch hens are the most popular of all cage birds. Orders have to be placed with dealers long before the birds are required. Some orders are executed and some are not, because the demand exceeds the supply.

A fancier well-known to us all (he may be present) in his extreme anxiety to do a large business this season has commissioned ship captains, mates, engineers and sailors and cooks who call at Siberian ports to purchase Siberian hens. Naturally he has been living in dread that so many may arrive that he will be unable to get them all caged or to supply them with seed! The last time I had a conversation with him they had not arrived; the chances are they will remain at liberty for the early part of 1912.

Personally I have a leaning to the Greenfinch-Bullfinch hybrid. He grows and thrives amazingly under the care of attentive foster-parents. A wash or a spray in the early morning puts him in lovely condition. If he wins first and special the owner has a pride in entering the show to see him.

The Goldfinch-Redpoll hybrid is tiny; but he is a very charming fellow. He shows the colouring of both father and mother in a very pronounced way. Colour-feeding has really no effect on his plumage. He should be fed on the natural seeds.

The Classification at Shows.

The present classification for hybrids is faulty. I am strongly of opinion that executives of shows do not give the classification of hybrids the consideration or hybrid breeders the encouragement they merit. Hybrids are a growing class of bird, and it is unfair to compel exhibitors to enter where so many varieties compete. A Greenfinch-Goldfinch hybrid and a Goldfinch-Redpoll hybrid can never hope to win in the same class as Bullfinch hybrids.

Hybrids would be all the better for being classified into at least two classes, say: Canary-Bullfinch, Goldfinch-Bullfineh and Greenfinch-Bullfinch Hybrids; with a separate class for the others. That would be a fair division, and would encourage breeders to enter many specimens that are, under the existing circumstances, left at home depriving societies of revenue and preventing visitors from seeing the full extent of the year's hatching and rearing.

As I have already mentioned, I am very pleased to be with you this evening. I shall be amply rewarded if any of you who have not started Hybrid breeding take up this most interesting of all hobbies. You are favourably situated—your surroundings are fresh and healthy everywhere—and you have only to enter upon the hobby to succeed. I have passed through it, and looking back upon the summer days I spent among the Hybrids, I can safely say they were happy and profitable. I have put them aside, meanwhile, but my son, who is with us to-night, has taken up this branch with spirit. He is working with the Goldfinch, Greenfinch, and British Siberian Bullfinch hens. I thank you for the patient and attentive hearing you have accorded to me on this occasion.

On the Chairman's suggestion, questions were asked and answered. The usual vote of thanks terminated a most enjoyable evening. The meeting was well attended. Mr. Hannah, the working president, occupied the chair, and was supported by Mr. Todd and Mr. McLean, the excellent secretaries.

Wild-Bird Life.

The Shy Bullfinch.

The soft, plaintive note of the Bullfinch can now frequently be heard along the thick hedgerows, and near gardens where fruit trees are at all plentiful. All during the early spring these birds have been a constant source of worry to the fruit grower. If left undisturbed for any length of time, they will soon play havoc with the buds as they begin to expand. There appear to be only the usual methods of shooting, trapping or netting to deal with them. To net any quantity of trees is an expensive and troublesome method, and usually the gardener prefers to have the shot gun handy and deal with the birds in a summary manner. One feels sorry for poor Bullie. Although this destruction of the species only occurs in gardens situated near woods or open fields, in some of these gardens great numbers are destroyed each spring. Bullfinches are not at all gregarious, never consorting in flocks as do some of the other Finches. They love the quiet of the woods and hedgerows surrounding isolated farm-land, where there is little fear of disturbance during the breeding season. These birds have increased greatly during the last few years. Being shy, they are frequently unnoticed; they may be fairly plentiful in a district without more than a specimen or two being seen.

The best place to see them and note their habits is by the side of a small pond or drinking place near the edge of a wood. One will be astonished at the number of Bullfinches that will come to drink in the space of an hour or so, especially if the weather is at all dry and warm.

Now we are in the middle of April we are able to see many changes in the habits of our wild birds. The familiar Robin has gone to the woods to nest, in many cases quite deserting his winter haunts. Blackbirds and Thrushes are busy, their half-finished mud houses being easily located in every likely nook. Of the spring migrants the Chiff-chaff has been with us some time, and his cousin, the Willow Wren, has during the last few days put in an appearance in some of the village gardens, where a few familiar trilling notes may occasionally be heard. The loud-voiced Cuckoo has been recorded, and in some of the more sheltered valleys one or two cock Nightingales, the advance guard of their fellows, have been detected.

Rook Shooting.

Where a Rookery is situated in a sporting country there is sure to be a day set apart for shooting the young birds. This shooting only lasts one day, and does not disturb the parent birds to a great extent. It is said that if this annual shoot does not take place, the Rookery is soon deserted.

The Wagtail's Hunting Grounds.

Starlings love the meadow lands, and seek daily their favourite foods upon the grass. The Wagtail is also a seeker after insects, but prefers to hunt upon uncovered soil for his requirements. Occasionally he will be seen upon the grass, but it is generally later in the season, when flies are fairly plentiful, he leaves the neighbourhood of cattle and may be seen darting around them with considerable agility after insects. No doubt for the same reason he can generally be found in a sheep fold.

Singing Contests.

PONTEFRACT.

Linnet contest held, Woodman Inn, Horsefair, when we had 18 birds to sing. Result: 1, Scott; 2, 3, Piper. Another open sing April 21. All welcome. —J. Martin, Sec.

NEWTOWN (Leeds).

Linnet sing held April 14, Prince Albert Inn, where 17 birds sang. Judged on quality singing only by our old and esteemed friend, Mr. Harry Allen. Timekeeper, Mr. C. Lowinan. 1, Smith; 2, Jack Chippendale; 3, divided between J. Clark and D. Madden.—E. Wood, Hon. Sec.

SHEFFIELD.

Linnet sing held at "Royal George," Brightside Lane, April 13th. Owing to the strike only six birds entered. 1, 2, Thompson; 3, 4, Griffiths; 5, Cole. Also April 14th, when only seven birds entered. 1, 4, Thompson; 2, Griffiths; 3, Thawson. Contest every week-end: first pair hung at 3 o'clock Saturday next.—A. Thompson, Sec.

KIPPAX.

Kippax and Dis. Linnet Club.—Members' sing, held April 13, Commercial Hotel, when 15 birds were entered. Result: 1st Collinson, 2nd Potter, 3rd Wallace. Messrs. T. Hall and W. Wheatley were timekeepers. We had a nice company present. Members' sing, April 20, first birds hung at 3.15 p.m. —R. Plows, Hon. Sec.

LEEDS.

Weekly Linnet sing, for quality held King's Head, Shannon Street, April 6, when 19 birds sang. 1, Richardson; 2, Wigfield, 3, Stead. Judges, Messrs. S. Hardcastle and T. Johnson. Also April 7, when 40 birds faced the judges. 1, Lunn; 2, 3, Chadwick; 4, Kelly. Judges, S. Hardcastle, Walt. Naylor, and T. Johnson. On April 8, 30 birds sang. 1, Clarke; 2, Richardson; 3, Wigfield; 4, shared between Stead and Ward. Judges, Messrs. S. Hardcastle, T. Johnson, and W. Sissons. On April 14 28 birds sang. 1, 4, Wigfield; 2, Chadwick; 3, Butler. Judges, Messrs. W. Naylor, and T. Johnson.—T. C. Summers, Hon. Sec.

CASTLEFORD.

Linnet Contest, held April 13, before a good company. 42 birds entered for a four minutes' sing, and the birds did very good time, taking them all together. Winners: 1, Nelson, 98; Scott, 88; Piper, 87. Also on April 14, 26 birds entered for a three-minutes' sing. Winners: 1, Nelson, 83; Wobson, 59; Smith, 45.—Walter Dobson, Sec.

BLACKBURN.

Blackburn Quality Linnet S.A. will hold their first club contest of the season (for quality only) at Old Red Lion Sing Brook, April 27. All members are requested to pay up their contributions, which must be done before they can hang a bird. Anyone wishing to join can do so by paying 4s. per bird on or before the above date.—R. Haylhurst.

Second sing of the season of the Blackburn and Dist. Lark F.A., held April 14. This was the opening contest for the silver cup, kindly presented by Mr. Mild, of the Empire Hotel. Twelve birds were entered. Prize winners: 1, Mr. R. Airy, 9.51; 2, F. Lea, 9.24; 3, S. Fletcher, 8.13.—F. Lea.

SALFORD.

Meeting and contest, April 21st, at 7.30, also business appertaining to open contest for time and quality, April 27th, when the noted Lancashire Linnet singers from the various clubs—(Leigh, Wigan, Blackburn, Atherton and Tyldesley)—will be represented at the Boat House Hotel, Oldfield Road. Visitors from a distance who are attending, viz., Whitehaven, kindly write. Manchester fanciers specially invited. First pair at 2 p.m.—B. Wharton, Hon. Sec.

GATESHEAD.

Our usual Easter Monday All-England Linnet singing, held at the old quarters in Gateshead. Some extra good singing was heard. Our friend, Joe, added 30s. to all entrances of 6d. per bird. There were 36 entries, and a good old judge in Mr. Maddison, who gave every satisfaction. Result: 1, 2, Ridley (Spennymoor), winning with his old bird, "Pit Jacket"; 3, Deen (Gateshead); 4, 5, Firlong (Jarrow); 6, Gray (Hartlepool).

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Members Shows.

Leicester C.B.S.: Held April 11th, headquarters; judge, Mr. F. Harrison. Principal winners (British classes only): Messrs. Ride, Brooks, and Bellamy.—G. H. Groocock, Hon. Sec.

Sheffield C.B.S.: British bird show held "Rose and Crown" Hotel, Waingate, April 2nd. Judge, Mr. H. J. Chick (Nottingham). 27 entries. Principal winners: Messrs. Walsh, Fletcher, Bishop. Prize money, 4s., 2s., 1s. per class. No entry fee.—T. Bishop, Sec.

Leigh C.B.S.: Show of house or field-moulted Linnets held Railway Hotel, April 10. Judge, Mr. W. Ordish. Principal winners: Messrs. Charnock, Hart, and Charleson.—R. Charleson, Sec.

Springburn, Possil Park C.B.S.: Meeting and show of Foreign Goldfinches and British birds, held Reid Hall. Judge, Mr. T. C. Dowell. Messrs. F. Williams, J. Thompson, and W. Boyd were elected members. Principal winners: For., Mr. P. Taylor; Brit., Messrs. F. Taylor, W. Dunlop, Sloan, Gordon, Crawford.—J. Waugh, Sec.

Brighton and Hove C.B.A.: Held headquarters, April 10, Mr. H. James, judge. Special for best bird, Mr. H. T. Gibb (smart cl. yell. Yorks.). Principal winners: Can., Messrs. H. T. Gibb, Dandridge; Mules, Messrs. Cadman Bros., H. T. Gibb; Brit., Messrs. Cadman Bros., H. T. Gibb. Points gained in judging competition: H. Bignell 39, F. Dandridge 34; G. Absalon 33, E. Foot 32, A. Goble 32, A. Flook 29, W. Cadman 27, W. Miles 25, E. Holley 20. During the evening Mr. C. Pearson read a paper on general preparations and management of Canaries for breeding. Several questions were asked and answered.—H. Gibb, Hon. Sec.

Club Reports.

BURSLEM AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

Meeting held April 11th, Barnfields Inn, Mr. R. Smith in chair. Mr. Hawley, of Birches Head, one of the foremost of our local Yorkshire enthusiasts, was down to give us a lecture on the choosing, breeding, rearing, preparing for show, etc., of the Yorkie. We had a fair muster of fanciers. After the lecture, which enlightened us a great deal, each portion being dealt with so minutely, he answered many questions regarding the management, etc., of Yorkshires. After the questions the lecturer was accorded a hearty vote of thanks. Mr. Hawley offered to give us another lecture on some future occasion. Mr. Bate (Stoke-on-Trent) has been appointed judge for our next feather show on June 29th.—L. James, Sec.

LEEDS C.B.S.

Lecture by Mr. W. Richmond on "Breeding and Rearing."

Meeting held at headquarters, March 6th, Mr. H. J. Mennard presiding. Mr. Chew, jun., was elected a member. After the ordinary business Mr. W. Richmond (Rodley) gave us his promised lecture on "Breeding and Rearing." Opening, he informed his audience that for 24 years he had been breeding Canaries, and the first and most important thing of all was to get your birds into good condition. Do not, he said, pamper. Feed on good plain seed, with a little crushed hemp, and after pairing up give egg food every day till the hen has laid her third egg. Do not remove the cock if he behaves himself, for if allowed to remain with the hen he will help to bring up the young brood (if any) and the youngsters will by that reason be stronger and more vigorous. Do not on any account hurry the youngsters from their parents if everything is going on smoothly. Mr. Richmond is no believer in feeding with green food, as he finds that birds that have been fed largely on green food in the nest generally die in the moult; in any case, they are inclined to be weakly. Do not feed on soppy food. When young are about five weeks old pick out those which look like developing into show specimens and cage them off separately. All the surplus put in large flights to moult. Keep a lookout now, for it is just possible an inferior-looking specimen in the nest feather will alter out of all recognition during the moulting process, and make up into an open show winner. When birds are about five weeks old is the most troublesome time; inflammation and other complaints make sad havoc with the numbers if great care is not taken. If you have any like this, give a few drops of quinella in the drinking water.

The lecturer was simply inundated with teasers that had troubled the respective individuals. Needless to say they were answered as only a speaker thoroughly conversant with his subject can do, and our genial Chairman (Mr. Mennard), in proposing a vote of thanks, remarked that the discussion had been of an exceptionally interesting nature. Mr. Chambers seconded, and Mr. Richmond suitably replied.—W. A. Wilson, Hon. Sec.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE O.S.

Lecture on Breeding and Management by Mr. W. A. Bladon.

At a meeting held at the club headquarters, the P.S.A. rooms, on April 2, the members were treated to a most instructive and interesting lecture on "Breeding and Management," by Mr. W. A. Bladon (president of the Manchester and Northern Counties O.S.). The lecturer was accompanied by Mr. H. Boothman (secretary of the M. and N.C.O.S.), who helped our members to draw much useful information from Mr. Bladon in the course of the questions and discussion which followed the lecture. Our chairman, Mr. Foxall, in introducing Mr. Bladon, paid him some deserved compliments on his long and useful connection with the Fancy, remarked on his willingness to lend a helping hand to all connected with it, whether it be a society or an individual, and incidentally mentioned that Mr. Bladon had judged the first show held by the members.

"Hobson's Choice" with Many.

Mr. Bladon prefaced his lecture by mentioning the vast amount of information which could now be had through the columns of the Fancy Press, and the difficulty experienced in treating on any subject without repeating much which had already been written, and advised all beginners to study these columns carefully. Proceeding, he first dealt with a suitable room to keep the birds in. With many, he said, it was a case of "Hobson's choice," they having to put up with what the domestic arrangements left available. But if it were possible, he preferred a room with a south-easterly aspect, which would provide a reasonable amount of sunshine and still not get the room over hot during the day—a point of considerable importance during the breeding season.

Various methods of ventilating were touched on, two simple and inexpensive hints being given. Place a board, he said, about three inches wide under the bottom sash of the window, thus allowing a current of air to enter the room through the space between the upper and lower sashes. A board 9 or 12 inches wide fixed to the door frame, or to the face of the door to prevent the door closing, would allow sufficient space at the top of the door to supply ventilation, at the same time preventing risks incurred by leaving the door open in the ordinary way. He advised the use of cages as large and roomy as space would permit, a suitable size being 21ins. long, 18ins. high, 10ins. deep, and he mentioned his preference for single breeding cages.

A Useful Tonic.

For "pairing-up" he placed the cock in a Yorkshire show cage, which was hung on the front of the breeding cage. He believed in allowing the pair to get on good terms before putting the cock in beside the hen. Much fighting meant a loss of energy. He emphasised the necessity of both birds being in tip-top condition before mating, and although not given to, nor in favour of, forcing, said that a useful tonic for backward birds was five drops of tincture of steel in the drinking water. While admitting that early breeding had some advantages provided adequate heating was available, he considered the beginning of April was soon enough to commence operations. Drawing attention to the carelessness of some fanciers regarding the size and shape of their perches, he advised providing them at least half inch wide and ¾in. thick.

Regarding stock birds, quality, not quantity, should be the motto. One decent pair were better than two or three pairs of wasters, were less trouble and more easily fed, results were better, and in the end greater satisfaction was obtained. He advised all purchasers, and particularly beginners, to place themselves unreservedly in a reliable breeder's hands, state their price, and depend entirely on their selection. Regarding the feeding of stock, his advice was to study well the likes and dislikes of the birds, feed on good, sound, but not over-rich food, excepting for special purposes, and seasons, whenever possible allowing what any bird was particularly fond of. He used watercress chiefly by way of green food for the reason that he had difficulty in obtaining any other, also because he considered it a very suitable food, but he believed that lettuce, chickweed, and dandelion could be used with good effect.

In passing, he made special mention of the drinking glasses: there was a necessity for thorough cleanliness in these; personally, he always used a glass cloth after well rinsing, otherwise a slime was found inside the glass, this leading to stomach troubles. Referring to preparations for the breeding season, all should be in readiness by the end of February or beginning of March; sometimes the unexpected happens, and the necessity for being prepared arises. Hens should be in their breeding quarters, comfortably housed by the beginning of February. Gradually bring them into breeding condition by giving small portions of a good mixed seed with an occasional bit of egg-food, about twice a week to start with, then on to three times. Hens, he found, required more attention to get "fit" than the cocks. The cocks' diet should be much the same as the hens', but should not be begun so early. During incubation he feeds hens on plain Spanish only. Egg-food was only given to feed young birds until the fourth day, when green-food and an unlimited supply of hemp seed were allowed. He believed egg-food made with bread crumbs was more nourishing than if made with powdered biscuit, but advised any who were not able to give a little but often, to use biscuits, as egg-food made with bread crumbs became sour sooner.

Egg-binding Due to Weakness.

Treating on egg-binding, the lecturer said he had very little experience of this complaint. Care should be taken that hens are in proper condition before pairing, as he attributed this trouble, also "sweating," to weakness, much of which was brought about by early forcing. He could not say that his experience showed him that inga seed was a preventative to egg-binding. He favoured mutton suet for the hens to peck at. He believed that the causes were weakness added to excessive cold, and to guard against these would prevent this trouble.

The lecturer liked to use a Yorkshire show cage for a nursery cage when the young had to be taken from the parents through plucking, etc., and for three or four days even after they were able to leave the maternal home, until he was certain they were able to do for themselves. He liked to get the young on to plain seed as soon as possible, believing that a great deal of the trouble and death among young birds was caused by giving too much rich food. Drawing a good parallel between young children and young birds, he advised fanciers to treat their "youngsters" on the same reasonable lines as they would treat their children. Re young birds which were given to gorging themselves with water he "stopped their tap." He had great faith in milk-sop for young, and considered it almost an essential food.

Concluding his paper, the lecturer gave some humourous, yet withal sound, advice to married fanciers to enlist the sympathy and help of their "other half." Ladies who took up the Fancy seriously were very often successful. Do not let your hobby be a source of trouble or annoyance to them. Clean up all litter, and, in particular, do not bring seed husks or sawdust out on to the stair carpet.

Questions and Answers.

Questions and discussion being invited by the Chairman, Mr. Bladon was soon bombarded, but all attacks were readily met. Q.: Will cutting the feathers round the vent cause prickly ends which might prevent a perfect pairing? A.: Merely the soft and extreme ends of the feathers should be cut. Q.: Does the hen actually eat the young birds' excreta, and if so does she return it to the young when feeding? A.: Only during the first seven or eight days does the hen clean out the nest, and excreta amounts to small quantity which the hen got rid of before feeding young. Q.: A cure for "sweating" hens. A.: The lecturer confessed his inability to give a certain cure. As stated, he believed it was due to weakness, and here followed a discussion raised by Mr. Boothman as to whether there was such a thing as a "sweating" hen. His contention was that the so-called "sweating" was the loose excreta of the young which had a touch of diarrhœa. Hints thrown out were Epsom salts in the drinker, a suitable tonic for the hen, and a change of rest. Q.: Would gentian placed in the young birds' drinking water prevent them drinking too much. A.: He did not believe in "physicing" young or old birds, but thought the bitter taste would have the tendency to make them drink less. Q.: What treatment did he advise for egg-bound hen? A.: Using a basin of boiling water and holding the hen over it, olive oil if necessary, but not castor oil as suggested by the questioner, as he considered the hen wanted strengthening, and castor oil would have the opposite effect. Q.: Do big perches cause big feet? A.: He never knew of a case of a bird with abnormally large feet, and did not consider big perches would have that effect. Q.: What variety did he consider best for the beginner? A.: Norwich, as there was a plentiful supply, and good classes at shows; they were hardy and prolific, and the surplus could readily be disposed of. Q.: Does the lecturer believe in crushed hemp for young birds after they leave the parents? A.: Did not give crushed hemp, because it soon became decomposed.

Many other points arising out of Mr. Bladon's lecture were touched on, and he ably solved all points raised. A very hearty vote of thanks was accorded the lecturer on the motion of the Secretary, seconded by Mr. Whitehead (Treasurer) to whose shorthand notes I am indebted. Mr. Bladon suitably replied, and thus closed a most interesting evening, much enjoyed by a good muster of about 60, amongst whom were several visiting members from societies in the district.—J. R. Colville, Secretary.

LONDON AND COUNTIES A.C.B.

Meeting held "Earl Cathcart," 39, Osnaburgh St., N.W., and under the presidency of Mr. W. Shakespeare a very good business evening was spent. At our last meeting Mr. E. Pretty promised to present a pair of Canaries to each of the first three new members after that date. It is pleasant to state that we were able to make three new members, and no doubt each has received his birds. In the opinion of several members it is considered advisable to have as many shows as possible, so we have arranged a table show of all varieties on May 4th, when we expect a good number of entries to be judged by Mr. Shakespeare, who has been appointed judge.—A. Mowl, Hon. Sec.

SHEFFIELD C.B.S.

Meeting held April 4th, Wentworth Cafe, Mr. F. Jones (president) in chair, supported by Mr. J. Thorpe (vice-president), and the two secretaries. The society's first ramble of the season (arranged for May 4th) is to Cordwell Valley. Members are requested to meet at Dore Station at 2.30 o'clock. Given a fine day, another treat is in store for us, and fanciers and friends are invited to join us. Decided, that the three highest birds count for point specials at the series of special table shows. The new syllabus which is a great improvement on past ones, was much admired by all. Mr. H. Taylor gave us his lecture on "Breeding and Rearing." Mr. Taylor, who has been a member from the first, was given a warm welcome. He is an authority on the Norwich, and naturally spoke about that variety. He dealt first with the room, himself favouring one facing the south; cages were dealt with in detail; and then the birds. Valuable information was given. Matters relating to pairing, double-buffing, and double yellowing, moulting, colour feeding, preparing for show, and practically every point in the rearing of high-class birds were dealt with. The lecturer spoke without the aid of notes, and for 45 minutes was busy answering questions. A hearty vote of thanks was passed, and Mr. Tow (another old member), in seconding it, spoke of the days when he commenced in the Fancy. He said you could not squeeze a wrinkle out of the old fanciers, and novices ought to be thankful for such men as the lecturer, who came and gave to them knowledge which it had cost much to learn. Mr. G. H. Butler was elected a new member. May meeting: Arrangements for Nest Feather show, and night of questions; fanciers welcomed.—J. Woolhouse, Assist. Sec.

GLASGOW (West End) C.B.C.

Meeting held Co-operative Hall, St. George's Cross, April 12th, Mr. C. Camphell presiding. The services of the following well-known judges have been secured: For F.F. show, all sections, Mr. E. Barron (Glasgow). For annual members' show, Crests and Norwich, Mr. W. Bishop (St. Ninians). Borders and Yorks, Mr. J. Lappin (Rutherglen). Mules, British, and Foreign, Mr. M. Craig (Tollcross). F.F. show, 6th July, and annual members' show, 16th November, both in the Co-operative Hall, St. George's Cross. Business over, the members were treated to a fine lecture on the Yorkshire Canary by Mr. A. Hendry. He said he would just give his personal experience of the Yorkshire Canary, as this was his particular breed. The birds on the show benches last season were inclined to be rather too stout and not to his idea of what show birds should be. He preferred the slimmer bird (as slim as we could get them), but in his opinion we must breed to suit the judges. The principal faults in a Yorkshire were: broad head, crossed wings, drooping tail and broad or fish tail; also birds were winning with frills at some shows; this, too, was a fault which should be looked carefully after. He also advocated, in breeding Yorkshires, to have one variety only, and advises anyone taking up Yorkshires to go to a reliable fancier with good stock and stick to him; then, should he be adding to his stock the following year, he knows what is required and will be able to supply what is really wanted. Also see that the hens are full of quality, as these are the ones to get good birds from, and always bear in mind that type and quality follow the hens, and size and colour the cocks. After several questions had been satisfactorily answered, Mr. Hendry was accorded a very hearty vote of thanks for his interesting lecture.—W. Proudfoot, Sec.

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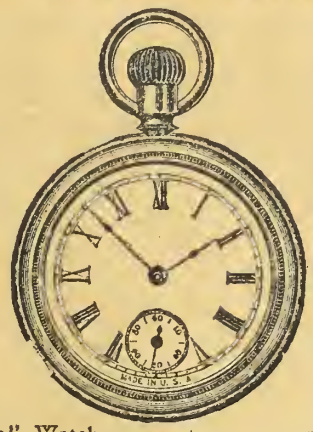

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NEWCASTLE C.B.S.

Committee meeting held April 11th, Mr. T. C. Crawhall in chair. It was arranged that the next meeting, May 2nd, be held at Lockhart's Rooms, Nun Street, at 7.30 p.m., when Mr. Gill, of Hancock Museum, will give a lantern lecture on "Migration." Will members please note? We shall be pleased to see anyone. Correspondence was read from Rev. W. Ellis granting us permission to visit his grounds at Bothal on Whit Monday. Secretary was instructed to write thanking him for same. Members please note change of place of meeting for May.—J. W. Reed, Sec.

LEYTON AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

Meeting held Grange Park Hall, April 1st, Mr. J. A. Bartlett in chair. There was a good muster of members and friends, including ladies. Secretaries presented balance-sheets for pair and British bird shows, showing a small profit on each. Mr. J. Robson then gave a very interesting and instructive lecture dealing with general management during the breeding season. Mr. Robson strongly advised members not to start too early, as many good hens were lost in this way. He also dealt with the mating of the different varieties, fully explaining the good and bad points. At the conclusion many questions were asked and promptly answered.—Forse and Son, Hon. Secs.

CITY & COUNTY OF PERTH O.S.

Meeting held April 1st, Laidlaw's Temperance Hotel, Mr. D. Brown presiding. Secretary reported he had secured the Co-operative Society's Hall for the open show (October 26th), and the following judges had been engaged: For Norwich, Mr. W. Grewar (Lochgelly); for Borders, Mr. T. Arnott (Kirkcaldy); for British, Mr. J. I. Mackie (Markinch). The judge for Crests was left over meantime, several gentlemen being nominated. Agreed, that there be four classes for unflighted Nor. (yell. cock, buff cock, yell. hen and buff hen). Some conversation ensued regarding the letter which appeared in CAGE BIRDS recently, from a *supposed* member, and it was agreed that as members can always get any information regarding the Society's affairs from the Secretary or other officials, no good would result from any discussion in the Fancy Press, especially in the case of a member ashamed to sign his name to his letter.—James Kerr, Sec.

BANBRIDGE C.B. AND P.A.

Annual meeting held Town Hall, April 4, Mr. C. Halliday (President) in chair; also present—Messrs. J. Harvey (Vice-pres.), J. Pepper, J. Woods, J. Dunwoody, S. Morrow, H. Adamson, R. M'Burney, G. J. Faith, T. Jardine, R. Shannon, J. Brown, with A. M'Cagherty, Hon. Sec. The Chairman said they might congratulate themselves on a good year's work; they had had a record show; cage birds numbered 347, pigeons 125. One of their cups had been won out at the last show, and Mr. MacCaw, M.P., had very kindly promised to replace it. (Applause.) Mr. Faith moved a hearty vote of thanks to Mr. McCaw for his kindness. Seconded by Mr. Pepper, and passed by acclamation. The balance-sheet showed a credit balance of 12s. 10d. Prize money reached £43 1s., and there were upwards of 60 special premiums. Following were elected patrons: Messrs. W. J. M. MacCaw, M.P.; H. Thompson, D.L.; W. Smyth, J.P.; H. Ferguson, J.P.; S. G. Fenton, J.P.; J. M'Ilroy, J.P.; W. A Smyth, J. Alexander, N. D. Ferguson, G. F. Power, S. M'Ilroy, J. Chambers, F. C. Cowdy, and S. Dickson; and Mr. Halliday and Mr. Harvey were re-elected President and Vice-president respectively. Committee: Messrs. A. Hamilton, J. Lavery, J. Cochrane, S. Dickson, J. Carson, Robert M'Burney, A. Grabam, R. Hayes, J. S. Dunwoody, J. Woods, J. Pepper, A. Gilchrist, J. Brown, D. Currans, H. Adamson, T. Jardine, R. J. Hale, C. Faith, R. Hayes, jun., D. Alexander, R. Shannon, D. Fry, S. Morrow, J. Bell, jun., T. Bell, E. M'Coy, J. A. Cochrane, A. Coates, S. M'Carrison; Hon. Treasurer, Mr. A. M'Cammon. Hon. Secretary, Mr. A. M'Cagherty. Judges, Scotch Fancy and Brit., Mr. A. Livingstone (Paisley), and Yorks., Mr. J. Hartley (Bingley). Next show, 7th and 8th Nov, next. The meeting terminated with a vote of thanks to the officers and the Press.

ATTERCLIFFE & DISTRICT C.B.S.

Meeting held April 11th, Horse and Jockey Hotel, when our President, Mr. Havenhand, presided over a very good attendance. Business having been gone through we enrolled two new members, viz., Messrs. J. Merrill and J. Mills. Mr. Watson (local Secretary of CAGE BIRDS LEAGUE) put before his fellow members a few items concerning the League, which resulted in about 14 members giving in their names to join. "Questions and Answers" were then gone into, and the ensuing discussion was greatly enjoyed by all.—W. Hailstones, Sec.

QUEEN'S PARK & DIST. C.B.A.

Mr. J. Dewhurst paid this society a visit at last meeting, and gave a lecture on "British Birds." He started with the Hawfinch and Finches in general, and told us how he fed his birds; also he gave us some very amusing experiences, telling us how he had trained some of his birds to whistle a tune. He also brought in during his lecture the Reed Bunting, Linnet, and Yellow Bunting, giving standard size of, and a few points about, show birds. There was a good muster of members, and a few questions were asked and answered. The evening came to a close all too soon, but I am sure everyone learnt something that will prove useful. A very hearty vote of thanks to the lecturer closed meeting.—W. J. Lethbridge, jun., Sec.

PRESTON O.S.

A Lecture on "Bird Room Management."

A very good attendance of members turned up on April 4. The attraction was Mr. Anderton's promised lecture on "Bird-room Management." It was resolved to apply for patronage of the N.P.C. and G.C.A. clubs; also to provide a trophy to be won outright at the members' F.F. Show for best young bird. Another new member was elected, making 10 new ones this year. There is still plenty of room for more. Mr. Anderton gave what he described as "A chat on Birdy matters, and a few of the difficulties arising during the breeding season, and how he tried to overcome them." His method of making egg-food was as follows: Two or three stale loaves were placed in the oven ever night, after it had been used for cooking, and were then ground up, and stored in a biscuit tin; the egg (boiled 15mins.) was placed in a basin along with as much crumb as was required; then all was simply pounded up together with a strong spoon. This method will be found very simple, clean and quick, certainly new. Amongst other things spoken of were pairing up and good and bad points of Nor. The lecture provoked much discussion and criticism, also plenty of fun. A hearty vote of thanks was moved by Mr. Dent, and carried, after Mr. Anderton had answered numerous questions.—J. P. Leeming (Sec.).

PELTON FELL AND DIST. C.B.S.

Meeting held April 10th, Mr. J. Stanger in chair. Moved and seconded that we hold our third open annual show as usual. Through all the early show dates being taken up locally, we have decided to go back to February, 1913, to avoid clashing. Moved, that we hold our nest feather show on July 26th, and that schedule of last year do again. Following were nominated as judges: Messrs. W. Reid, J. Risborough, H. Wilson, W. Butler, T. Dixon and R. W. Mole—to select from next meeting. Moved, that we again ask Mr. J. W. Taylor, M.P., to be President. Two new members enrolled (Messrs. Forster and E. J. Hedley, of Chester-le-Street). Carried, that all members "local" form Committee. Auditors for 1912: Messrs. J. H. Elliot and J. McDonald. We invite all cage bird fanciers (any radius) to join us; we are one of the oldest clubs in the North. Subs., 5s. per year, with 1s. entrance. Wm. Forster, Sec.

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BURTON-ON-TRENT C. S.

At meeting held April 2, it was decided to throw the radius for membership open to 15 miles. Officers elected:—Chairman, Dr. Docherty; vice-chairman, Mr. H. Hathaway; treasurer, Mr. H. L. Bond; auditors, Messrs. H. Bond, J. England; sec., A. Wood; committee, Messrs. A. Ford, J. Freer, J. England, W. Mason, T. Kirkland, J. Lee, C. Ames, H. Bond, A. Crouch, W. Springall, J. Morris, J. Oldham.—A. Wood, Sec.

PROVINCIAL ROLLER C.C.

Meeting held at Old Boar's Head, Corporation Street, Manchester, Mar. 30. Mr. A. Leach was chairman. Members from Manchester, Bolton, Bury, Shaw, Oldham, Rochdale, etc., turned up in good force. Eight new members were elected. The annual contest was fixed for January 17 and 18, 1913, and it was agreed that patronage be again given to the Bradford Cinderella show.—A. Percival, Hon. Sec.

NORTHERN BORDER & S.F.C.C.

Meeting held April 1st at 65, Grainger-street, Newcastle-on-Tyne, Mr. Smith in chair. Correspondence was read regarding patronage, but it was decided to leave this over until next meeting. Decided to hold a series of table shows. A pair of dressed beast horns were presented, also a medal to be won at the table shows. Members and fanciers are requested to note that we are changing our meeting place for a better and more comfortable room at Pillar's Cafe, Pink-lane, Newcastle-on-Tyne, opposite the Central Railway Station. Following new members elected: Messrs. Robson, Chapman, Campbell, Pape, Brown, and J. E. Atkinson.—M. C. Potts, Sec.

SITTINGBOURNE C.B.S.

Meeting held April 1st at George Hotel. There was also a show of British birds, when 30 were staged. Mr. H. F. Ambrose judged. Principal winners:—T. Attwood, H. Olive, W. Broadbridge, G. Grant, E. Stevens, G. Bushey. Judging competition held afterwards, for which there was a good entry. First prize B. Tidy; second, F. Gifford; third, T. Attwood. Decided, to hold annual ramble June 2nd, the district to be visited being the same as last year, namely, Milsted and Torry Hill. One new member, Mr. Moore, was admitted, and it was announced that Mr. E. Smith had kindly offered a special prize for most points gained during season for foreign birds.—B. Tidy, Sec.

MIDDLESEX O.S.

At meeting held 4th April it was decided to have two young stock shows, one in June, and one in August, and a members' show on 31st October. Mr. T. H. Fletcher has kindly presented society with a rose bowl, and Mr. J. R. Higgins a silver medal, both of which are to be won outright this year. The bowl is to become the property of the member gaining most points at the above-mentioned three shows, and the medal to runner-up. Also decided to purchase seven silver spoons, two to be won at each of the Y.S. shows, and three to be competed for at the members' show. We are to have a lecture at next meeting, 2nd May, when all fanciers will be heartily welcomed. The membership is steadily increasing. Members please note, a silver medal is to be given to the one inducing most fanciers to join this year; Mr. Fletcher, who is giving this medal, is not himself competing.—Jeffery Jefferis, Sec., 10, Western Road, Southall.

SOUTH BIRMINGHAM O.S.

Meeting held April 10, Sydenham Hotel. Vice-chairman Hughes presided, 30 being present. Young bird show business was dealt with. Classes and rules remain the same, with the exception that the price of entry per bird is raised to 9d., and a very important rule was passed, viz., "That where two fanciers or more reside at the same address, and one comes under the description of champion as per rule for the shows, the other fanciers will have to show in the champion section." In the discussion on the adjourned proposition of Mr. Jones re cups, it was decided to let this remain over until some future date, the majority of members voting against having any appeal at all. Messrs. W. G. Poole (Stratford-on-Avon) and J. H. Roe were elected judges for the Wednesday evening and Saturday shows respectively. This will give all members a chance to put a good number of birds down. In response to the appeal for specials no less than 14 were promised besides the premier prize of a handsome tea service for competition at the two shows; other specials are still coming to hand. Secretary hopes all will try and offer some small special for the next show on the Saturday evening. The president intends to open the show, so we hope the old birds will do their best for us, and throw a few good ones. Secretary will lay a paper before the May meeting, "On the estimated cost of holding a Midland Counties' show in November," and see what the members think of this idea. It should appeal to all the Midlanders, as we intend to cater for the tryers who breed Canaries for the love of the game.—J. Sheppard, Sec.

SCOTTISH NATIONAL C.B.S.

At the general and other meetings held so far this year there was a splendid attendance. A very fine spirit of good feeling existed, which augurs well for the success of the Society. Everyone present has entered on the year's work with the determination to make this exhibition not only a great public attraction, but an assured financial success. We therefore cordially invite those members who could not be present to join with us in accomplishing this object, and we also extend a special invitation to all fanciers to associate themselves with the Scottish National—"The Palace of Scotland." The officials elected are:—President, Mr. James Winter (Edinburgh); Vice Pres., Mr. Simpson Buglas (Edinburgh); Sec. and Treas., J. R. Meikle, 51, Lothian Road, Edinburgh; Show Manager, Mr. R. Craig (Edinburgh); Committee: Messrs. A. Rodger, W. R. Finnie, T. Todd, J. G. Foster, J. Holmes, J. Gourlay, J. Nelson, S. May, R. S. Spence, W. Turnbull, D. Morris, J. Welsh, J. B. Cooper, and J. Hutchison (Edinburgh), W. Carson, jun., J. P. Baxter, and G. Brown (Leith), D. Sykes and A. Hoyle (Musselburgh), and W. B. Smart (Loanhead). Auditors, Messrs. J. F. Dewar and P. Green. The undernoted gentlemen have kindly agreed to fill the following offices:—1st, Hon. Vice Presidents, A. Lawrie, Esq., J.P., Judge Stevenson, J. Brown, Esq., A. C. Dandie, Esq. (Edinburgh) and Treasurer Watt (Banff). 2nd, Hon. Provincial Committee: Dr. Galloway (Aberdeen), T. Erskine (Glasgow), R. Bald (Bathgate), M. Jamieson (Hawick), J. Young (Rutherglen), W. Bishop (St. Ninians), G. Mitchell (Brechin), H. Bennet (Kelso), J. Paterson (Chirnside), J. B. Richardson (Dumfries), J. Neil (Kelso), T. Adamson (Kirkcaldy), and P. Arnot (Alloa). Show fixed for December 31st, 1912, and January 1st, 1913, in the Corn Exchange, Grassmarket, Edinburgh, where so many notable exhibitions of this Society have been held. Classification: Norwich, 23 classes, including Greens and Limit. Crest, 8, including limit. Border, 20, including Greens and limit. Cinnamon, 4. Yorkshire, 10, including Greens, with probable addition of two young bird classes. Canary, 1; Mules, 9, including limit; British, 21, including limit; Foreign, 9; extra stock, 1. Judges: Messrs. H. W. Battye (Huddersfield), A. Chalmers (Kirkintilloch), J. Watsou (Selkirk), W. C. Duncan (Newcastle), A. Hirst (Accrington), J. F. Dewar (Edinburgh), and J. Maddison (Newcastle-on-Tyne). It has been decided to increase the Scotch Fancy classes from 4 to 14. These classes have shown a considerable deficit this last year or two; we anticipate, therefore, having splendid support as a recompense for this action. The following well-known experts will judge: Messrs. J. A. Stewart (Glasgow), J. Carson (East Houses), J. D. Maxwell (Laurieston), and D. Black (Govan). The Belgian classes increased from 2 to 3, and will be judged by Mr. J. F. Dewar (Edinburgh), also an expert in this variety. Prize money, 35s. per class, with the exception of extra stock class. It was unanimously agreed to hold a smoking concert, Messrs. Winter, Rodger, Easter, and Meikle being appointed as a sub-committee to make necessary arrangements. Date, May 4th; time, 7 p.m., at the Union Hotel, 112, Lothian road, Ediuburgh. Tickets 6d. each, which have been given to the Committee of Management. We make a strong appeal to this committee to use every endeavour to dispose of the tickets. Invitations have been sent out to the different societies in Edinburgh and Leith requesting them to appoint a delegate each, who will he made heartily welcome. The programme will be of a very high order, and the evening's enjoyment sure to be first-class. Fanciers, do not miss this treat.—J. R. Meikle, Sec.

FALKIRK (Good Intent) C.B.A.

Meeting held Oddfellows' Hall, March 30. Business, appointing judges for shows. Mr. J. Marshall has consented to give a washing exhibition at our next meeting on April 27. A new member was admitted (Mr. W. Walker).—W. Clarkson, Sec.

NORTH WALES C.B.S.

Committee meeting April 12th. Mr. A. G. Davis (Manchester) was elected judge for the members' show at Carnarvon, on Whit Monday. Schedules will be issued this week. There are more classes this year than last. A good number of special prizes have already been promised. An open show will be held next Boxing Day.—J. Wynne-Parry.

S. SHIELDS, N. SHIELDS C.B.S.

Meeting held April 6, at Cyprus Hotel, Mr. Thompson in chair. There was a grand turn out of members. Subjects discussed brought on long and heated debates, and the meeting was declared by all to be one of the best ever held. Messrs. Bates, Fail, and News, elected members. All new members joining have all privileges of the old ones, novices being specially catered for at all shows. Anyone wishing to join kindly communicate with me. Messrs. J. Wilcock and F. Marwood will judge our show in October.—W. L. Smith, Sec., 3, Queen Street, S. Shields.

COLINTON AND CURRIE PARISHES O.S.

Monthly meeting held Drill Hall, Juniper Green, April 6, Mr. Begbie chair. Mr. J. Daily was admitted a member. Mr. Mitchell (Juniper Green) was present, and offered a cup for competition, which was heartily accepted by the chairman, and the donor heartily cheered hy the members. The classification for our annual show, to be held in the Drill Hall, on Nov. was drawn up as follows: Scotch Fancies 4 classes, Borders 8, Nor. 4, Brit. 1, Mules 1, A.O.V. 1. A number of prominent fanciers were then proposed as judges, and the secretary instructed to write them in turn. Members were reminded that next meeting is on May 4, the meeting for booking hens.—J. Napier, Sec.

DULWICH AND PECKHAM C.B.S.

Meeting held headquarters April 2nd. Unfortunately Mr. A. J. A. Marley was not able to he present and deliver his promised lecture on British birds. This, however, he has promised to deliver on May 7. The evening was profitably spent as a question night. Mr. F. Cole in chair. Each member present was asked to write his or her question on a piece of paper; the questions were placed in a hat and mixed up; each member drew one question, which he or she was expected to answer. All did their level best to answer the questions put, and much useful information and discussion was the result. Mr. F. Cole took an active part in the discussion, and the many novice members present have to thank him for valuable information. In this way a most interesting and instructive evening was spent.—W. Hodson, Hon. Sec.

WALKLEY AND DIST. C.B.S.

Meeting held April 11th, St. Philip's Mission Room, Mr. T. Rldal in chair, supported by G. H. Butler and the two secretaries. We are sorry to report it was not very well patronised, only about 30 being present. We should have liked a crowded room, this night being the one of the season, viz., a lecture by Mr. J. A. Woodall on the Norwich Canary. And a very able lecture it was. The lecturer dealt with what kind of stock to buy, how to pair up, his methods of feeding and colour-feeding; in fact, everything, not a point being missed—an hour's delight to both old and young fanciers. At the close questions were asked and answered. Every member had some point to ask. At the conclusion a vote of thanks was proposed by Mr. Hogan and seconded by Mr. Lawton; it was supported by the Secretary. Other business done: Alteration of June meeting night to save clashing with the Sheffield Society, several members remarking that the giving seemed to be all on the part of the Walkley Society. Eventually it was decided that we alter ours to the first Thursday in June, which is a table show. Please note.—C. Tomlinson, Sec.

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ASHINGTON AND HIRST C.B.S.

Meeting held April 6, in Harmonic Hall, Mr. J. Miles presided over a good attendance. Decided, to have F.F. show July 6, to be held in Harmonic Hall, and to select judges at next meeting, May 18.—Wm. Hall.

LONGTON AND DIST. C.B.S.

Meeting, held headquarters, April 9th, Mr. Lovatt in chair. There was a large attendance. Decided, to have Mr. Roe to judge open show October 5th; also to have F.F. show July 6th. There will be two open classes for young birds (Nor. and Yorks.) to members only of the North Staffs Societies. Prize money on sliding scale, when Mr. Bates (of Yorkshire fame) will judge. Also decided to advertise in Cage Birds.—G. Lea, Cories. Sec.

SUNDERLAND C.B.A.

Meeting held April 13, Mr. Farrer presiding. Messrs. J. Peacock, J. Copeland, and Graham were made members. Following were appointed stewards: Messrs. Proctor and Rawson, for North district; Messrs. G. Davidson and Pitt, for Hendon district, and Messrs. T. Davison and T. Bainbridge for West district. Messrs. A. Walker and T. Bainbridge have agreed to try and arrange a boating trip up the river. We have made 12 new members at the last four meetings. There is still room for more, and new fanciers will be welcomed. Subs. may now be paid.—J. Jeffrey, Sec.

GLASGOW AND DIS. (Derby) O A.

Meeting held Grand National Halls, Main-st., Gorbals, April 5th, Mr. A. Buchanan in chair. Balance sheet approved. Office bearers for current year appointed: President, Mr. A. Buchanan; vice-president, Mr. G. Fulton; secretary and treasurer, Mr. J. J. Mellwain. The show will be held on 14th September. Secretary goes forward with the assurance that all Scotch Fancy breeders in and around Glasgow will rally round this old Association and make the show a huge success. There will be three prizes in each class, and specials galore. Tickets are now in the hands of printer, and will be issued in a few days; any overlooked, please write me.—J. J. McIlwain, Hon. Sec. and Treas., School House, Mount Florida.

SCOTTISH METROPOLITAN (Open Derby) O.A.

Additional list of members:—Messrs. J. Anderson (Lochgelly), A. Wilkie (Glencraig), A. Bell and McPhail (Liberton), J. Greig and Greig, junr. (Aberdeen), W. Lees and W. Wilson (Glasgow), D. Mills and J. Wilson (Edinburgh), J. D. Maxwell and P. Maxwell (Falkirk), J. Y. Millar (Govan) J. Moore (Renfrew), F. Strathearn (So. Alloa), and J. Vorhees (Antwerp). We thank those who have been successful in adding some new members, and hope all others who have extra membership tickets for disposal will use their influence in a similar way—thus helping to make a record year in membership. There are over 500 tickets out to be accounted for. We will esteem it a favour if fanciers will send on their replies, favourable or otherwise, at the earliest possible, thus saving considerable postages on recall notices, which must he issued soon. Closing date for joining, May 31, is near at hand. Join and support this populer Scotch Fancy and Belgian Association, for the exhibition of young birds bred 1912; your membership will be highly appreciated by the Executive and Committee.—C. R. Drysdale, Esq., Hon. Pres.; W. Thornton, Esq., Hon. Vice-Pres.; I. R. Melkle, Secretary, 51, Lothian Road, Edinburgh.

LONDON C.B.A.

Meeting held April 10, at The Feathers, Gt. Chapel Street, Westminster, S.W., Mr. R. L. Crisp, president, in chair. After the usual business, Mr. J. Robson opened a most interesting discussion on difficulties in the breeding-room, and the following gentlemen ably assisted in the debate:—Messrs. R. L. Crisp, F. Easterling, P. Rorke, E. J. Whittome, J. Hodder, T. Goymer, E. French, W. H. Mugford, W. H. Cook, J. W. Wright, F. Smith, W. A. Shepherd, C. C. Offord, J. Dewhurst, A. J. Slade, F. Boxall, and T. L. Sayer. Subjects arising during debate: Unfertile eggs, pairing too early, influence of hen or cock in breeding out bad faults, judicious pairing, nervous hens, immature cocks, feeding young, feeding for size, green food, egg binding, addled eggs, plucking, birds going light, sweating hens, non-feeding hens, frills, cross wings, dropped and wide tails in Yorkshires, etc. A hearty vote of thanks to Mr. Robson closed the debate. Presentation of prizes, consisting of 4 handsome silver-plated teapots hy the president, these being point prizes for the last three shows, the successful winners being Messrs. J. Hawes, T. Hart, W. H. Mugford, and E. C. Offord. Three similar teapots were kindly given for competition, the generous donors being Messrs. R. L. Crisp, W. H. Mugford, and W. A. Shepherd. A unanimous vote of thanks was accorded the donors. Messrs. Crisp and Mugford replied. Messrs. Scudder, and T. L. Sayer were nominated for membership. A vote of thanks to the chairman closed an instructive and pleasant evening. Members and friends please note: Mr. E. J. Lamb will lecture at our next meeting, May 8, on Hybrid Breeding.—W. H. Mugford, Hon. Sec., F. Knight, Assist. Sec.

SHEFFIELD O.S.

"A glorious success" was the unanimous opinion of the 70 members and friends at the meeting held "Rose and Crown," April 2nd. The only drawback was the absence of the Chairman, Mr. T. Dawn, who had unfortunately met with an accident during the day at his employment. The Vice-Chairman (Mr. J. Woodall) presided. This meeting was, as was anticipated, a treat for all. A table show of British birds (3 classes) was held. We mustered about 26 entries—on the whole a good deal better class of exhibits than a lot of all-England shows can boast. Friend Chick had no easy task to find the winning birds. After the announcement of awards, Mr. H. J. Chick invited questions and criticism on his judging. This was freely entered into, after which he proceeded with his lecture on "Keeping, feeding, and preparing British birds for exhibition." This was one of the best lectures ever given. The lecturer went into every detail. He strongly advised the fancier to get a thorough knowledge of the species he intended to keep. Get into touch, he said, with some catchers or dealers, and have the first pick of the stock. Of course, he would naturally expect to have to pay a little more for his birds, but any fancier would willingly do that so long as he got hold of the right stuff. Mr. Chick pointed out what strong points to look for and what faults to avoid; the manner of feeding, the best way to keep them in show condition, washing for exhibition, etc. A hearty vote of thanks was proposed by Mr. Fletcher, and seconded by Mr. P. Walsh. The lecturer himself spent such an enjoyable evening that he has promised to come over from Nottingham for our next meeting, May 7th, when the chief item is a table show of Foreign birds; judge, E. E. Smith, Esq., and lecture on Foreign birds by the same gentleman. Fanciers and friends invited.—J. A. T. Woodall, Press Correspondent.

BLACKPOOL AND FYLDE R.C.C.

Meeting held at Raikes Hotel, Blackpool, April 2, when four new members were proposed and elected. Mr. Tomlinson kindly brought six birds, and explained the different tours as they sang, which was very much appreciated by those who were new to the Fancy. Next meeting May 7th, at Raikes Hotel, when prospective members will be welcomed.

OLDHAM AND DISTRICT C.B.A.

At meeting held April 9th it was decided to hold our back end show Nov. 2nd. Also moved and seconded that next meeting should be the last night for nomination of Mules for back end show. So, fanciers, kindly turn up with your nominations. I inadvertently stated in my last announcement that a ramble was to be held on March 26th; this should have read May 26th.—J. Cope, Sec.

WEST OF SCOTLAND O.S.

Meeting, April 6th. There was a good turnout of members. Mr. G. Smart presided. Secretary intimated that the following gentlemen had agreed to act as judges at annual show: Crests and Plainheads—Mr. J. Smeaton (Musselburgh), Borders and Yorks, Mr. W. Haddon (Hamilton), British and Foreign, Mr. R. V. Raine (Cathcart). Members were treated to a lecture on the Norwich Plainhead by Mr R H. Livingstone, who dealt with his subject in a very able manner, and at the close, after various questions had been ably answered, he was accorded a hearty vote of thanks. Messrs. Jackson and D. Whitelaw (Govan), and T. Milroy (Glasgow) were elected members.—W. Hutchinson, Sec.

CHELTENHAM C.B.S.

An important meeting was held at the Prince of Wales Hotel, April 3rd, to decide upon the change of headquarters, necessitated by alterations at our late rendezvous. Resolved, to transfer to the Prince of Wales Hotel, where good rooms are available for members' shows and meetings. Arrangements were made for the table show of British birds and judging competition at next meeting; five classes were fixed up, and Mr. Hamlin appointed judge. The members, who had turned up in large numbers, then settled down to hear a paper on Hybrid breeding by Mr. G. Stevens, who had gone to an infinite amount of trouble in preparing an extremely interesting and instructive paper on that most delightful but elusive branch of aviculture. Last year Mr. Stevens gave us a paper on the Canary and British crosses, so on this occasion confined his remarks to the British crosses. A vote of thanks to the lecturer was passed.—A. S. Treasure.

BRADFORD EAST O.S.

A good muster of members, along with their wives and friends, took part in the annual Easter ramble to Harden on April 8th, and although the conditions were boisterous in the extreme, it proved a most enjoyable outing. The members were prevented from carrying out their original idea of going to Grassington, the trains being curtailed on account of the coal strike, so many of the members (who annually make this excursion with a view to collecting moss for the breeding season) will this time have to look elsewhere to replenish their stock of nesting material. A start was made from Town Hall Square at 2 o'clock and the party went by car to Allerton, and then took the fields to Harden Beck; thus we caught the full force of the gale that was blowing, and it was hard work plodding on at all hereabouts, but the ladies stuck to their guns and eventually we had a well-earned rest in the cosy little village of Harden, where tea was served and thoroughly enjoyed by all. The return was made through Wilsden, back again to Allerton, and the party reached home about 8 o'clock, after a good afternoon's ramble through field and country.—H. Hill, Sec.

ANFIELD, EVERTON C.B.S.

A Lecture on Green Canaries.

Meeting held April 8th, St. Cuthbert Schoolrooms, Burleigh Road, North Robson Street, Liverpool. Owing to its being Bank Holiday the attendance was not large. Mr. G. Rawsthorne (Vice-Chairman) presided. The lecture down for hearing by Mr. S. Hadwiu was unavoidably postponed through that gentleman being suddenly called away on important business. Mr. G. Bell very kindly filled the breech with a most edifying lecture on Greens. He exhibited the plates on what constituted the Yorkshire Green 20 years ago, and what was required to-day by fanciers showing this kind of Canary if they wished to catch the judge's eye and be successful. Mr. Bell believes in 25 per cent. of cinnamon blood being introduced on the hen's side to produce that sound body colour and fine texture of feather with distinct markings, Green being the foundation and fountain of colour in all varieties of Canaries. Decided to hold a night show of British at Schoolrooms, April 22nd. Classes: Goldfinch, Bullfinch, Chaffinch, Greenfinch, Bramblefinch, Linnet, Mule and Hybrid, A.O.V., Softbill, Hardhill. Judge, Mr. W. Walker. Also a judging competition. Members and those intending to join are asked to bring as many birds as possible. 7.30 to 8 p.m. Judging commences at 9 p.m. There will be free admission to this show, which is expected to be a good one, as 18 or 20 members have requested it to be promoted. Badges are being provided for every member. There is a divided opinion on the closed ring question. This subject will again be discussed at next meeting. Membership cards and syllabus are to be had from the Secretary. Again I would remind fanciers that our cups and medals will be on view at the nest feather show, July 15th, and intending members must take care to join before that date to be eligible to compete for same. Anyone joining after that date will be eligible to compete for prize money only. So, fanciers, don't leave it too late, as this rule will be strictly adhered to. All members will be considered novices this season only.—R. B. Wright, Hon. Sec.

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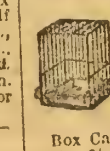

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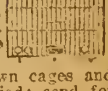

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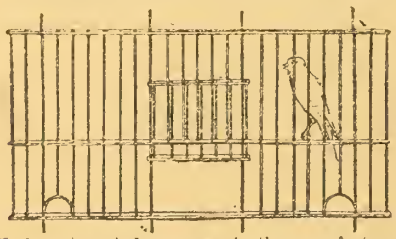

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STOUT cobby buff Norwich cock, nice head, 10/6, lovely yellow hen, 6/6, 16/- pair; grand cobby buff hen, 6/-; 21/- lot; all big healthy birds, bargains; approval.—Miss Stone, Fleet, Belper.

PAIR Norwich Canaries, extra stout, buff hen, 1911, large yellow cock, 1910, nesting, 10/6: Bingham, West-st., Long Sutton, Lincs.

PRIZE Norwich; 3 yellow cocks, 3 buff, 8/6 each, large; 3 yellow hens, 3 buff, 4/- each; approval: T. Yates, 5, Albany-rd., Reading.

GOOD Norwich cocks, in full song, 5/-, 6/-, 7/-, clean and healthy, cash approval, deposit: T. Sanders, 131, Upper Conduit Street Leicester.

LARGE Norwich cocks, winners, sell cheap, room wanted; grand chance for beginners: 174, Ladykirk-rd., Newcastle, Northumberland.

THREE good variegated buff Norwich cocks, 1911 bred, 10/6 each; week's approval: A. Fiddament, Postman, 105, Trinity-st., Norwich.

HANDSOME Norwich cocks, grand songsters, 6/-, 6/6; hens 3/-, 3/6; pairs 8/6, 9/6; value unapproached: Hatton, Aviaries, Belper.

CANARIES, good singers (Norwich), cocks 7/-, hens 2/-, reduced to clear; giving up breeding: S. Lees, 22, Montrell-rd., Streatham Hill.

GRAND singing Norwich greens, foul greens, variegated, buffs; cocks 6/-; untried hens 3/-: Minshall, Primrose-terrace, Scalby, Scarborough.

SURPLUS hens; buff Norwich 4/-; yellow Cinnamon, 4/6; very cheap. exchange, offers entertained: Arthur Fletcher, Sedgefield, Co. Durham.

A few good large surplus yellows and buffs to clear, cheap; can be seen any time; or on approval: G. Ward, 21, Warwick-st., Pimlico, London.

LARGE healthy Norwich hens, untried, cager to nest, buff 2/9, 3/6; yellow 3/-, 4/-; approval, cash or deposit: G. Brown, 44, Waterloo-rd., Norwich.

HIGH-CLASS Norwich, few grand birds, cocks or hens, large birds, grand type and feather, sell cheap, approval: T. Billington, Hambleton, Poulton-le-Fylde.

A. PAYNE and Son, have some grand Norwich hens for disposal, yellows from 5/-, 7/6, 10/6 upwards, buffs 4/-, 5/6, 7/6 upwards: 24, Clarke-rd., Norwich.

REALLY good large clear buff Norwich hen, 5/-; cage moulted British cock Goldfinch, bred Mules, 6/-; approval: Whiting, Ravensbury, Morden-road, Mitcham, Surrey.

WANTED Canaries, 7/6 pair given for large, clean, healthy, typical Norwich Plainheads, any quantity bought for prompt cash; approval: Cooper, 29, Junction Road, Norwich.

TWO buff cocks, 1911, 15/- each; one variegated 1910, 30/-; three buff hens, 1911; one variegated, 15/- each; all the above untried; approval, stamp: Irons, Ivy Road, Northampton.

WANTED good colour-fed Norwich, will give 7/6 pair; approval; no rubbish:—Mrs. G. Brown, 71, Sclater-st., Bethnal Green, London. Established 50 years. Bankers: London County and Westminster.

FOUR 1911 Norwich hens, clear yellow 5/-, yellow green, large bird, 6/-, buff variegated 4/6, buff 6/6, honestly worth 12/6; warranted breeders, never been with cocks, right sort, or money returned, 17/6 lot: Ellis, 1, Mill-rd., Kettering.

ABSOLUTE bargains; All guaranteed untried: Splendid cocks, 7/6, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6: champion hens, 4/6, 5/-, 5/6; few correctly matched pairs, ready to nest, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-; unapproachable value; approval, deposit: Hanford, Osmaston-rd., Derby.

PRIZE-BRED Norwich cocks, in full song, 4/-, 5/-, 6/- each; hens, same strain, 2/-, 2/6, 3/- each; matched pairs, ready for breeding, 7/6, 8/6, 10/6 pair, cold-room bred, and satisfaction guaranteed: Heathcote's Aviaries, 134, Havelock-st., Leicester.

YELLOW cock, stormer, for show or stock, 30/-; unflighted buff hen, winner in keenest competition, guaranteed untried, 30/-, or the pair 55/-; wonderful bargain; grand yellow hen, big winner, 25/-, guaranteed untried; the finest buff cock living, 40/-; room wanted; approval with pleasure: Judge Silk, Whitstable.

MONSTER yellow Norwich hen, immense size, large head and full neck, make champion stock bird, only 12/6, cheap at 30/-; also choice exhibition buff hen, real model for type and quality, feathered like silk, real gem, only 10/6; honestly worth double; cold-room bred; genuine bargains; approval: Warminger, 28, Guernsey-rd., Norwich.

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One clear unflighted yellow cock, 7/6; three yellow hens 7/6 and 10/- each; six big buff cocks, 7/6, 10/-, 15/- each; ten buff hens, 7/6, 10/- each, nearly all unflighted birds, cold room bred, in breeding condition; seo wins Burnley, Bolton, Rochdale, Manchester, Sheffield, Preston, Great Harwood, Derby, Crystal Palace shows; winner of Whitehead Challenge Cup, 1910 and 1911; cash or deposit; approval: R. Allen, 196, Blackburn-rd., Bolton.

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Must be cleared, a lot of extra good Norwich, to make room for breeding. They are birds bred from and related to noted winners, all in sound, healthy breeding condition, and birds that will do you good. Smart Norwich cock, worth 10/6, accept 6/6; grand Norwich cock, worth 12/6, accept 7/6; fine Norwich cock, worth 15/-, accept 8/6; a few extra good cocks, 10/6 each; matched pair Norwich, worth 12/6, accept 8/6; smart pair Norwich, worth 15/-, accept 10/6; extra good matched pair Norwich, 12/6; all the above willingly forwarded on seven days' approval at my risk; cash or deposit: E. L. Storey, Bird Specialist, Crowle, Doncaster.

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TWO pair Rollers, splendid songsters, 8/6 pair, or 16/- lot; approval willingly: John Spittal, Kelty, Fife.

SALE, one Roller cock, full song, three 1911 hens, 10/- lot: H. Talbot, East-rd., Upper Parkstone, Dorset.

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FINE deep water glucke Roller Schoolmaster, B.R.C.C. rung, £1; genuine bargain; first p.o. gets him: Johnson, Jeweller, Bacup.

FIVE pure Seifert Roller hens, B.R.C.C. rung; breeding condition; 3/- each or 12/6 lot: Holmes, Fletcher-st., Heanor, Derbyshire.

1912 ROLLER, very deep water glucke, 20/-; one same strain as my cup winner, 12/6, B.R.C.C. rung; exchange: A. Harper, 2, Cooper-st., Bilston, Staffs.

CANARIES, genuine St. Andreasburg Rollers, in song, own cold room bred, 5/6 each, or 20/- for four to clear: Newton, 69, Stafford-st., Wolverhampton.

HIGH class Rollers, Mr. Randall's Water Glucke strain direct, related to my winners, two 20/-, two 25/-; approval: Rhodes, 40, James-st., Bilston, Staffs.

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WILL Mrs. Parker, 31, Clarence-sq., who sent an advertisement of Roller and Norwich Canaries, let us know the name of her town, as her advertisement is no use without it.

HIGH-CLASS Rollers, in perfect breeding condition, B.R.C.C. rung, satisfaction guaranteed; approval willingly; cocks 10/6, 12/6, 15/-; hens 5/-: Best, 5, Alma-pl., Beckett-st., Leeds.

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There is something here that will interest you, so please read it through carefully, for if you wish to have a successful breeding season, you must have birds of good quality, that are already in breeding condition. This is the class of birds I am now offering; every bird a picked one, that will please you and do you good (no wasters or German rubbish here). Let me send you birds on approval; you will be convinced there is nothing to equal them at anything like the prices. Every bird guaranteed superior quality. Genuine trained St. Andreasburg Rollers (the king of all songsters), cocks 8/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, 20/- each; a few hens, same strain, 3/-, 3/6, 4/- each; specially selected loud singing cock Canaries, the real noise makers, 5/9, 6/-, 6/6, 7/6, 8/6, 9/6 each; feeding and muling hens, 2/6, 3/-, 3/6, 4/-, 4/6, 5/- each; champion Yorkshires, bred from and related to noted winners, fine upstanding, tight feathered cocks, 6/6, 7/6, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6 each; typical racy hens, 3/6, 4/-, 4/6, 5/- each; matched breeding pairs, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-. Norwich: These are the rooms for high quality and low prices, birds related to the noted winners; cobby Norwich cocks, 6/6, 7/6, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6 each; hens, 3/6, 4/-, 4/6, 5/-; matched breeding pairs, 8/6, 9/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-. Send a post card for illustrated price list; all birds on seven days' approval at my risk, and every customer guaranteed satisfaction; easy payments arranged if desired: E. L. Storey, Bird Specialist, Crowle, Doncaster.

After 13,000 Miles.

Read the following:— 24, Tanera Crescent, Wellington, New Zealand, March, 1912.—**I received the birds in splendid condition.** They are simply marvellous after travelling 13,000 odd miles. I am perfectly delighted with them. I thank you very much for your genuine honesty in dealing with me, and wish good luck to Amber Thorn.—John Ford to Joe Thomas.

2, Lime Street, Gorseinon, 18th April, 1912.—I am very pleased indeed with the last pair of Norwich I had from you. I have three youngsters now on the perch. Please send the following. . .—J. Hooper to Joe Thomas.

5, Acres Rd., Alton, Hants, 18th April, 1912.—The Yorkshires arrived here in fine form. I think they are **marvellous value.**—W. W. Chubb to Joe Thomas.

108, Mount Collyer St., Belfast, 19th April, 1912.—The bird arrived quite safe to-day, and I am delighted with him. Although he had travelled from your place to Belfast, he seemed in the best of form. **He began singing immediately,** and I think the Irish air must have been good for him, as he **has entirely forgotten to stop.** During the 40 minutes I was at home at dinnertime, his mouth never closed. —W. T. Cotter to J. Thomas.

The above are typical of hundreds of letters I have received during the last two or three weeks, and which are filed for your inspection. The point I wish to emphasise, however, is that I give an **absolute guarantee to give you the same satisfaction.**

EXHIBITION OR STOCK YORKSHIRES.

I am now offering a few clinking Yorkshires, both Exhibition and Stock birds, bred by me from my **noted strain, winners of firsts and specials, during the 1912 season, at all the principal championship shows in the Kingdom,** including **Scottish National and Crystal Palace.** I have a **few pairs** which have been **kept over for my own breeding,** but find I have not room for all. These I am now offering at **20/-, 25/-, 30/-, 35/-, and 40/-** per pair. Strain guaranteed. **Odd birds, cocks or hens,** from **10/- each up.** This does not represent **half their value.** Blood is sure to tell in the end, and the above affords a **grand opportunity to the young fancier** who wishes to make a good start on the highway to success, **and also to the old hand** who desires to introduce a little fresh blood.

I have also a **few grand lengthy birds,** full of quality, **cocks in full song at 6/6, 7/6, 8/6, 10/-, 12/6, 15/-, 17/6** each. Smart racy **hens,** beautiful **type and quality, 3/6, 4/-, 5/-, 7/6, 10/-, 12/6, 15/-. Matched pairs, 8/6, 9/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, 17/6 per pair, ready for nesting.**

CHAMPION NORWICH. THE BULLDOG STRAIN.

This strain has won firsts and specials all over the country this season, including Bradford National and the Crystal Palace. They have also won the open Norwich Plainhead Club's trophy, also the Unflighted trophy, the Illingworth challenge cup, the Sandiford cup, F. Carl's trophy, etc., etc. It is a simple fact that **I am now offering a few pairs of grand birds, bred from these winners, at 20/-, 25/-, 30/-, and 40/- per pair,** also a few odd birds, cocks, hens, from 10/- each upwards. They would not be offered at anything like these prices, but I am wanting to clear out to make room for this season's youngsters.

I have also a few nice cobby birds at the following prices:—Cocks, in full song, **7/6, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-;** Hens, **3/6, 4/-, 5/-, 7/6, 10/-, 12/6.** Matched pairs, **10/6, 12/6, 15/-, 17/6** per pair.

YORKSHIRE GREENS. BORDER GREENS.

A few grand birds still left from Mr. Clayton's famous strain (Palace Diploma winners). Real gems in either Yorkshires or Borders, at **10/-, 12/6, 15/-, 20/-, 25/-, 30/-** per pair. Single Cocks, **7/6, 10/-, 12/6, 15/-, 20/-** each. Hens, **4/-, 5/-, 6/-, 7/6, 10/-, 12/6, 15/-** each. Strain guaranteed and every bird for sale.

I can also offer you **unprecedented value in the following. Crests and Crest-breds;** large feathery birds. **Cocks, 8/6, 10/-, 12/6, 15/-, 20/-, 30/- each. Hens, 5/-, 7/6, 10/-, 12/6, 15/-, 20/- each. Pairs, 12/6, 15/-, 17/6, 20/-, 30/-, 40/-. Border Fancies,** smart typical birds **(bred from winners). Cocks, 5/6, 6/-, 7/6, 8/6, 10/-, 12/6 each. Hens, 3/-, 4/-, 5/-, 7/6, 10/-. Matched Pairs, 8/6, 10/-, 12/6, 15/-, 17/6, 20/-. Seifert Rollers and British Rollers. Cocks,** in full rolling song, **8/6, 10/-, 12/6, 15/-, 20/- each. Pure-bred hens,** including a few B.R.C.C. rung, **3/6, 4/-, 5/-, 7/6 each. Matched pairs, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, 20/-, 25/-, 30/-** per pair.

Sib. Hens for Muling, ready to nest, **3/6, 4/-, 5/-, 7/6, 10/-** each. **Also Mules, Siberians,** etc., etc. Every hen is guaranteed untried.

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I have an enormous stock of all varieties, and as it is absolutely necessary that this should be reduced, **now is the time to secure genuine bargains.**

Remember, I invite you to come on any day but Sunday and make your own selection, but if you cannot come, don't forget to send a P.C. for my **FREE ILLUSTRATED CATALOGUE.** I will undertake to send any bird or birds you may require on seven days' approval at my risk, and guarantee you absolute satisfaction or your cash returned in full.

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SCOTCH Fancies, 1911, 2 cocks, 1 hen, prize bred condition, cheap to clear: Little, 140, Raby-st., Byker, Newcastle-on-Tyne.

SCOTCH Fancies, clear buff hen, year bred, rare breeder, nesting condition, 27/-; stylish yellow cock, good bird, pink of condition, 21/-: A. Newbigging, Currie-st., Duns.

BUFF pied cock, prize bred, 20/- buff cock, good stock bird, 15/-; yellow green hen, 12/6; good birds; approval, deposit: Chas. Kelsey, 13, Rochester-avenue, Cross-lane, Salford.

GRAND lot tip-top Scotch Fancies, 20/-, 25/-, 30/-, 40/- each, including actual winners, birds full of nerve and well up on legs, good shoulders and position: W. Rudd, The Bird Specialist, Norwich.

Yorkshires.

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SMART 1911 buff cock, 5/6; two good buff hens, 2/9 each; approval: Blakesley, Hinckley.

EXTRA good yellow Yorkshire cock, 8/6; another, 6/6; approval; Comben, Outfitter, Portland.

YORKSHIRE Canaries, cocks, 6/-, hens 2/-: Burnett, 41, East Park-rd., East End Park, Leeds.

FEW long slim Yorkshire cocks left, beautiful songsters, 7/6 each: Mrs. Moore, 93, Portland-rd., Hove.

SALE, 20 fine healthy Yorkshire and Norwich hens, 2/6 each, worth 3/6, 45/- lot: H. Tuck, Queens, Rochdale.

YORKSHIRE buff cock, 1910, 5/-; Yorkshire buff cock, 1911, 5/-; cash or deposit: H. Thompson, Cross-st., Spalding.

YELLOW Yorkshire cock, 8/6; light buff Yorkshire cock, 6/6: J. Guest, 63, Holly-rd., Cotteridge, King's Norton, Birmingham.

FIVE Yorkshire hens, 4 buffs, 1 yellow, ready to nest, 2/6 each; approval, deposit: W. Yates, Mountsorrel, Loughborough.

VARIEGATED buff Yorks hen, 1911 rung, bred from winners, beauty, 5/-; yellow wanted: Smith, 10, Bolan-st., Battersea.

COCKS, full song; hens, eager to nest, cheap to clear; bred from winners; approval: Hall, 134, Branksome-rd., Brixton.

GRAND Yorkshire cocks, 1911 birds, from good strain, 5/6; hens ready for nesting, 2/-: Firth, 14, Nowell Crescent, Leeds.

DESSICATED Yolk of Egg is far superior to boiled egg, rears every bird; try sample, 3d. free: Liverine Limited, Grimsby.

FEW pairs clear and green variegated Yorkshire Canaries, 1911, good strain, cheap: 49, Banstead Grove, Roundhay-road, Leeds.

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SIX grand unflighted cocks, 10/- each; pink-eyed, full of quality, bargain; satisfaction guaranteed: Clegg, 178, Bentley-rd., Doncaster.

GIVING up breeding; high-class cocks and hens, from 7/- and 3/- respectively; also cages for sale: 31, Clopton-st., Hulme, Manchester.

HIGH class Yorkshires, singles or matched pairs, 8/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, 18/-, 21/-; approval: Ernest Cheshire, 26, Crawford-st., Bradford.

HIGH-CLASS Yorkshires, good birds in breeding condition, cocks from 10/-, hens 5/-: Atkinson, 124, Stamford-st., Old Trafford, Manchester.

LARGE, typical Yorkshire cocks, winners, grand chance sell cheap, or exchange, room required: 174, Ladykirk-rd., Newcastle, Northumberland.

ABSOLUTE clearance; now breeding; three cocks, five hens, some winners; cheap to clear: Lucas, 11, Bedford-ave., Whalley Range, Manchester.

YELLOW Yorkshire cocks, 10/6, 7/6; yellow hens, 5/6; buff cocks, 8/6, 6/6; buff hens, 4/6; cold-room; approval, deposit: Harrold, Silver-st., Wisbech.

FOR sale, cheap, two yellow, and 1 buff Yorkshire hens, also colouring and show cages, and all requisites: H. Lord, 351, Oldham-rd., Rochdale.

HAVING selected my breeding stock, can spare a few pairs at 12/6, 15/-, 17/6, and 20/- pair; approval anywhere: Metcalfe, 68, Brunswick-rd., Liverpool.

HOUSE-MOULTED Greenfinch, paired to large clear Norwich hen, 10/6, or exchange slim upstanding yellow hen, approval: G. Notley, King's Place, Bedford.

HIGH-CLASS Yorks green cock, 6/-; fine yellow cock Canary, 5/-; Roller singing cabinet, 3/6; approval with pleasure, deposit: Smiddy, 7, Spriugstone-ave., Ossett.

HENS, two 1911 clear buff, 10/6, 4/6; two ditto 1910, 7/6, 5/-, cold room, typical, prime condition, cheap to clear: Appleton, 74, Heywood-st., Manchester.

HAVING bought fancier's entire stock, have several pairs prize-bred Yorkshires for disposal; also Norwich and British; state wants: Gibb, 19, Bond-st., Brighton.

HEALTHY outdoor aviary reared Yorkshire cocks, in full song, 7/- each, two 13/-, three 18/-, six 30/-; exchange: Holloway, North-rd. Aviaries, Wells, Somerset.

TRY me if not satisfied. Yorkshire cocks, outdoor aviary bred, 7/6, 8/6 each; strong, healthy, singing lovely, splendid breeders; satisfaction guaranteed; approval, cash deposit: Moore, 22, Lambeth-rd., Lon-

FOR sale, 8 cock Yorkshires, 5/- each; 1 cock Gold finch, 4/-; 1 Goldfinch mule, 5/6, or nearest offer for lot: Norwood, 9, Holderness Place, Hyde Park, Leeds.

NOTICE, ten grand Yorkshire cocks, full song, 40/- lot; 4 grand cinnamon marked hens, ready to nest 5/- each; approval: Frank Stevens, Great Ayton, Yorkshire.

YORKSHIRE hens, green-marked, clears, or would change 2 or 3 hens for good buff cock, must be good bird; approval: W. Vale, 91, Park-st., Grosvenor square, London.

EXCEPTIONAL bargain, big stylish buff Yorkshire hen, 7in. long, clean made, a clinker, 12/6; also 2 cocks and 3 hens, £1; approval: Middleton Bros., 32, Unity-st., Keighley.

TO clear, 6 pairs of up-to-date Yorkshires, anxious to nest, 8/- a pair; 6 splendid cocks, warranted full song, 30/-; a bargain: no cards: Mr. Dodgson, 40, Priestman-terrace, Bradford, Yorkshire.

WANTED, good colour-fed Yorkshires, will give 7/6 pair; approval, no rubbish: Mrs. G. Brown, 71, Sclater-st., Bethnal Green, London. Established 5 years; bankers, London, County and Westminster.

HAVING selected our breeding stock, we have for disposal 40 good large colour-fed, untried hens from 3/-; or will sell in one lot, cheap to quick buyer: Atkinson and Firth, 403, Rooley-lane, Bradford.

GENUINE bargains; four buff Yorkshire cocks, 8/- each; three buff Yorkshire hens, one cinnamon marked, 4/- each, good birds, ready for breeding approval: Whiting, Ravensbury, Morden-rd., Mitcham, Surrey.

CHAMPION Yorkshires, few magnificent cocks, just sort to breed winners, 7/6, 8/6, 10/6, grand large clear and ticked buff hens, 4/6, 5/6, 7/6 each; splendid matched pairs, 15/-; approval: Frank Stevens, Great Ayton, Yorkshire.

F. A. SAUNDERS, Cigar Merchant, High-st., Ealing, W., breeder of high-class Yorkshires, has the following for disposal; unflighted Green marked buff cock £1; clear buff 1910 cock, has bred winners, £1; several 1911 cocks, all colours, at 12/6 each to clear.

CLEAR buff cock colour-fed, 7/6; clear buff cock non-fed, 7/-; foul green cock, large, little loose on thighs, 7/-; clear yellow cock, little small, 7/6; clear yellow hen, 3/-; all classy youngsters; exchanges 25 per cent. more, no live stock; giving up: 18, Lower Kings-rd., Kingston.

HENS, hens, hens; extra good, untried, long, slim stylish Yorkshire hens at 2/6, 3/6, 4/-, 4/6, 5/-, 6/- each; all ready to nest at once, and worth more than double these prices; must clear 100 at once to make room for own breeding purposes; all colours in stock, either colour-fed or natural colour, and all guaranteed cold-room bred and kept; over 100 winners supplied during season to customers at home and abroad, travelling cages, 3d. extra; all on seven days' approval at my risk; only and old address: J. Taylor, 36, Aireville-rd., Frizinghall, Bradford.

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HIRST'S

Yorkshires, half-price, cinnamon-marked yellow cock, 12/6; stylish clear, 15/-; yellow hens, 6/-, 7/6: Ramsbottom-st., Accrington.

OGDEN BROS.

have the cream in Yorkshires; properly matched pairs from 15/6 to 60/-, sure to breed winners, cocks or hens proportionate; also we find we can spare one or two of our noted winners dirt cheap on approval: Ashwood, Dudley Hill, Bradford.

POWICK'S CHAMPION YORKSHIRES.

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WANTED Crested Cinnamon or Cinnamon-marked; particulars and lowest price to: J. Edwards, 2, Murray-place, Inverness.

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WANTED, Siberian Goldie cock, Siberian Bullie hen; must be extra large and on approval: McWatt, Bonnybridge, Stirlingshire.

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WANTED, curious coloured birds, stuffed or alive, for sale, heads, horns, eggs, skins, animals, birds: Clarke, Naturalist, Cheltenham.

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CAGE birds, Mules preferred, exchange pigeons, two flown 300 miles, one 200, R.P. rung; approval: Long, Junr., Thornley-st., Durham.

WANTED foreigners, Canaries, or cash for two double breeders, 48 x 19, enamelled, loose fronts, cost 20/-: J. Woodnutt, Portchester.

WANTED cock Blackcap, or cock Nightingale, well on food; exchange Swan fountain pen, cost 17/-, or buy: J. J. Barry, Sallypark, Waterford.

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WANTED, healthy house-moulted cock Goldfinch; exchange tackle book, containing 40 trout flies, good: Mitchelhill, Longtown, Cumberland.

WANTED, surplus stock Norwich, Yorkshire, Crests and Lizards; prompt cash; any number taken: McKeand, Seabright Villa, Castle-Douglas.

WANTED gent.'s cycle, for cash, and 2 pairs Norwich, 3 youngsters, treble breeder complete, or sell, 30/-: B. Gunton, 221, St. Albans-rd., Watford.

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WANTED Yorkshire cock, standard length, exchange for Black Rosecomb cock, fit for show; prize-winner: Jones, Meirion House, High-st., Pwllheli.

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LARGE cock Goldie, bred hybrids, breed with anything, 10/-; exchange Canaries; picked Bullies, stamp: Townend, Nelson-rd., Bognor.

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EXCHANGE small yellow Scotch Fancy hen, for best offers in Yorkshire: J. Shaw, 97, Shore-st., Gourock.

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EXCHANGE good pair of Norwich Canaries for banjo-mandoline and case, offers: Griffiths, 81, Ynyslwyd-street, Aberdare.

PAIR of Norwich Canaries, 8/-; exchange for 7's men's boots, or anything for home: Purser, 15, St. Saviours-rd., Leicester.

PAIR Green Borders, 10/6, 2 pairs Yorkshires 12/6, 15/6 pair, exchange anything useful: Berry, 99, Selborne-grove, Keighley.

YORKSHIRE Greens, Selfs and Fouls, cocks 5/-, hens 2/6, or exchange good Norwich: Pendleton, 39, Troughton-st., Liverpool.

THREE pairs Yorkshires, nesting, from 15/-, or exchange Grey Parrot or good puppy: G., 28, Paynesfield-avenue, East Sheen.

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COCK and two hen Canaries, cock Brown Linnet, hand-reared, 1911, lot 8/6; exchange, offers: Yandell, Workhouse, Buntingford.

EXCHANGE 3 hen Canaries, breeding condition, 1 box cage, for one Yorkshire cock, yours first: Jones, 72, Bethesda-st., Ambwch.

EXCHANGE two pair Rollers, splendid songsters; wanted hot-water pipes, for greenhouse, with bends: John Spittal, Kelty, Fife.

EXCHANGE two good Yorkshire hens for moulted cock Goldfinches or Linnets, or sell 12/-: Edwards, Springfield-rd., Shepshed.

EXCHANGE clear buff Norwich cock, winner, for large Siberian Goldfinch cock; mutual approval: Wm. Sharp, Mid-st., Bathgate.

SALE two Goldfinch-Linnet Hybrids, one hen Palace, or exchange pair good Norwich Cinnamons, 1911: Edmunds, Arthur-st., King's Lynn.

FOUR lovely hen Canaries, two yellow, anxious to nest, with large double breeding cage, loose fronts, 22/6; exchange: Letall, Whittlesea.

SEIFERT cock, two hens, breeding condition; exchange Lizard cock, anything useful, sell, offers: Bashford, Back 134, Broad-st., Birmingham.

COCK Linnet, H.M., Norwich hen, 6/6 pair; Greenfinch, bred Mules, Norwich hen, 5/- pair; exchange Yorkshire cock; offers: 1, Sussex-rd., Southall.

HALF value, three Crestbred cocks, 20/-, 10/-, 7/6; cages, 3 show, double breeder, Blackbird, 7/6 lot, or exchange antiques: Drake, 64, Northgate-st., Gloucester.

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THREE strong healthy Roller cock Canaries; 2 cock Zebra Finches, 1 cock Linnet, all outdoor aviary birds; what offers; cash, exchange: Garner, Bannold, Waterbeach, Cambs.

ONE yellow Cinnamon-green Yorks cock, 1911, winner, 20/-, bargain; exchange large yellow Siskin, well laced, good bib, for exhibition; approval: Durston, Bootmaker, Lancaster.

CLEAR buff Crest-bred cock, a beauty, sell 50/-, or exchange for pair of Red-headed Gouldians or Black-cheeked Lovebirds, or anything useful on approval: Samuel Gaved, Polgooth, St. Austell.

SALE or exchange, 4 pairs Yorkshires, anything useful, or suitable for baby, several prize-winners amongst the above; no reasonable offer refused: B. Ball, G.W.R. Office, Penryn, Cornwall.

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LOVELY green Crested cock, beautiful crest, £2; exchange Crest-bred hen, Goldfinch Mule, 15/-; Greenfinch, 6/6; house-moulted Greenfinch, also Bullfinch hens, 2/6 each; exchange cock Canaries; approval: A. March, Evesham.

SPLENDID opportunity; fine pair exhibition-bred Yorkshires, breeding condition, 17/6; four unflighted yellow cocks, 8/6 to 15/- each, in full song, pink of condition; outdoor bred; exchange anything useful: E. H. Williams, 19, Copper Works Road, Llanelly.

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WHAT offers in anything useful for tame Rosella Cockatoo, sell 15/-: Henry Blamires, Little Royd Cottage, Earlsheaton.

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EXCHANGE grand pair of Cockatiels for small foreign seedeaters, or sell 12/-: Webster, Poplars, Greenwich, Ripley, Derbyshire.

HANDSOME tame Australian Grey Parrot, says few words, 18 months, including good cage, 30/-; would exchange cock Canaries: Clarke, 82, High-st., Sydenham.

ONE pair of Adult Yellow Budgerigars, one green hen, healthy, outdoor bred, 10/- the three; exchange for good Norwich hens to value; no rubbish: Turner, 66, High-st., Maldon, Essex.

GRAND Amazon Parrot for sale, 4 years old, say a few words, good mimic, in grand plumage, 30/-, including cage, or exchange Canaries to value: Mold, New Washington, Co. Durham.

AFRICAN Grey Parrot, whistles and chatters well, just commencing to talk, with almost new cage; will sell for £2 7/6, or exchange for Goldfinch or Redpolls, Mules: Crossman, 53, Arundel-st., Northampton.

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EXCHANGE veg. seeds, value 7/-, for a cock Canary: Brown, 2, Eswyn-rd., Tooting, S.W.

EXCHANGE pair bowling green bowls for pair Norwich: H. Fry, 22, Plasmarl-terr, Plasmarl, Swansea.

FOUR pounds pure red boss clover seed, exchange yellow Norwich cock or Mule: Cook, East-st., Pembridge.

EXCHANGE safety razor, 12/6, for 1911 Norwich hen and double breeding cage: 35, Coombe-st., Bruton, Somerset.

EXCHANGE pair genuine new cycle covers, 28 x 1½, for birds to value, 12/6: Amery, Fieldside, Crowle, Doncaster.

EXCHANGE gun metal watch, going order, cost 10/-, for cock Canary; yours first: Booker, 90, Alpha-rd., Surbiton.

For sale, or exchange for birds, lawn mower, also 2 gallon ice-cream freezer: H. Hare, Alexandra Buildings, Denaby.

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How the New Act Is Being Stretched.

Although from the beginning to the end of the new Protection of Animals Act not a word is said as to its being an offence under the Act to omit to clean out regularly and frequently cages in which birds are being kept, yet the officials of the R.S.P.C.A., in their zeal to obtain convictions, are applying for summonses against any bird-shop keeper who may, in their opinion, be keeping his stock in cages which are not scrupulously clean. As will be seen from the report published in another column, summonses are not only granted in such cases, but it is being held that anything short of absolute perfection of cleanliness constitutes neglect which may be construed as cruelty under the Act. While deprecating to the full the keeping of birds in any other than cleanly circumstances, I certainly think that the new Act is being unduly stretched. The case reported this week shows the drastic methods which are being used by the officials of the Society, and bird shop-keepers can only protect themselves against prosecution by seeing that the state of their cages does not give excuse for such oppressive action.

"Drew Birch" Again.

The writer of the extraordinary conglomeration to which I referred last week has seen fit to favour the editors of one or two papers with what he evidently considers a knock-down blow to myself. I am reluctant to take up space with such matter, and unless "Drew Birch" has something more practical to say than anything we have yet heard from him (or her), I shall not after this week mention the subject. Below is the second letter from the writer in question, together with a copy of a reply which I have sent to the newspapers in which the letter has appeared.

The Destruction and Captivity of Wild Birds.

Sir,—Your correspondent Henry Fulljames addresses a letter to me in your issue of 16th inst. Permit me to reply. Mr. Fulljames says the trapping of English wild birds is legal only for a few months in the year. This statement is wrong. It is illegal only for a few months. In the States it is illegal all the year. Henry Fulljames utterly betrays and contradicts himself. He asks me in derision has a bird power of retrogressive reflection, and then he admits it has by saying he could tell of unlimited cases in which birds have refused liberty after having learned the comforts of shelter and food in captivity. The fact that it spends all its time looking for lost liberty shows the faculty of memory so strongly evident in other creatures also, such as the dog, elephant, etc. Henry Fulljames says the Creator or "Mother Nature," as he calls Him, is so notoriously cruel and has such absurd ideas of the birds' comforts that he (Henry Fulljames) must really come to their aid and take them out of His cruel hands, and lock them up in jail. The whole purport of his letter is to show that freedom and liberty is a decided disadvantage, and the people and animals best off and happiest are those confined in jails, away from mother nature's cruelties, where you have nothing to worry about except liberty, all food stuffs supplied. Let Henry Fulljames remember that life for man, beast, and bird is associated with perils in the sea, perils in the city, and perils among false brethren, and if his logic applied to birds it would apply to men also. He talks about catering for the birds' happiness. If the birds could talk they would tell him he is careful to avoid having any of the "hill of fare" for himself he writes for them. Where the Spirit of the Lord is there is liberty—2nd Corinthians, iii., 17.

DREW BIRCH.

Helen's Bay, County Down.
April 18th, 1912.

Our Reply.

Sir,—I should not have troubled you again in this matter but for the direct contradiction by your correspondent "Drew Birch" of my statement that the trapping of wild birds is legal in England only for a few months in the year. "Drew Birch" says bluntly "this statement is wrong," so I ask your permission to support its truth. Under the various Acts of Parliament, beginning with the Act of 1880—"An Act to Amend the Laws relating to the protection of Wild Birds," the taking of any wild birds is prohibited between the end of February and the beginning of August. There are, therefore, five clear months in the year when it is illegal to take a wild bird of any kind whatever in any part of England. In each separate county this close time is extended at the discretion of the local County Council, which has only to apply to one of the Secretaries of State in order to get existing Acts extended to any amount. The extension for the county of Middlesex may be fairly taken as an example of local alterations and additions. In the first place the close time is there extended so as to be between the end of January and the beginning of September, a period of seven months out of the twelve. In addition, in respect of a large number of birds, including practically every species which is ever kept in a cage, the close time is further extended to cover the whole of the year absolutely.

Your correspondent would do well to make himself acquainted with the elementary facts in regard to the bird laws rather than make random accusations of inaccuracy on the part of others. The County of Middlesex has not been arbitrarily chosen in support of my statement. Any other county might equally well have been taken; some of them go much further in the way of prohibiting the catching of wild birds.

"Drew Birch" has perverted my letter from start to finish, allowing his prejudices to run away with his discretion, and it would be easy to answer his second communication word for word. My contention is that the keeping of a bird in captivity does not necessarily imply cruelty. A properly cared-for bird is perfectly happy in captivity, he forgets that he has ever been free, has no recollection of a past life, and no thought of a future, and such sentimentalists as "Drew Birch" in conjuring up pictures of "slow mental and physical torture," in comparing the lot of a well-kept pet bird with that of a convict sentenced to solitary imprisonment for life, in screaming that the keeper of a bird is guilty of cruelty "which cries to God for vengeance," in calling upon the nation to "rise in anger and raise its voice against this barbarity," and so on, are only using hysterics to expose the fact that they are totally unacquainted with the true facts in relation to a hobby which affords innocent instruction and recreation to thousands upon thousands of their fellow men.

Taking it that the address given in your issue of 19th inst will find your correspondent, I have sent him (or her) a copy of the leaflet to which I referred in my last. If "Drew Birch" cares to attempt to controvert any of the statements therein made I shall be glad to support them either in direct correspondence or publicly.

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Wild-Bird Life.

First Broods.

The fine weather, with bright sunshine, is all in favour of the birds that are nesting, and these are now fairly plentiful. Some species have already brought off a first brood, and occasionally one may see young Thrushes, Hedge Sparrows, and Robins. The latter appear such interesting little mites. They are so unlike their parents in plumage, that the novice may be forgiven for not recognising them, although their habits and gait are quite Robin-like. The Tits appear to be nesting unusually early this season. The young are curious-looking creatures, and particularly strong in the legs and claws. The writer located a nest of young Greater Tits in a hole in an old tree; the hand could just be inserted into the hole, although it was a tight squeeze. Wishing to count the occupants he drew them out one at a time, and placed them on the upright trunk of the tree where they clung quite easily and could only be removed by force. In doing this one is almost afraid of injuring them, they cling so tightly. Young Swallows and Swifts will do the same, although hardly so strongly as the Tits.

Along the hedgerows one now hears the well-known call note, which sounds something like "whit" of the warblers. Of course, they are not very plentiful yet, but such sounds, with an occasional passing glance of a small bird diving into the nearest thicket, make one think summer cannot be far distant. A single Martin has been observed by the writer in his district; this was on the 12th of the month; he was only seen for part of the day, and up to the time of writing, no others have appeared, and he evidently has sought other quarters.

Readers who are fortunate enough to possess fairly large gardens can do much to entice birds to nest in them. All they need is a few suitable nesting boxes, evergreens and bushes, and one must prevent them being disturbed by any sudden noises. A pair of Missel Thrushes are now nesting a few feet from the ground near a stable, and a much frequented walk in a garden in the centre of a Surrey village—proof of what can be done even with birds of a wild habit of life. No notice has been taken of them by the owner of the garden, and they have consequently become as trustful as Robins.

The Young Naturalist.

Jackdaw as a Scholar.

In the little village of Upton, in Berkshire, there is a twelve-year-old boy who has so trained a Jackdaw that he can take it to school with him, and the bird will sit upon his desk during lessons. None of the other boys take any notice of this strange scholar, so used have they got to its presence.—Taken from "Tit-Bits" and Sent by Robert Birch (aged 11), 83, Sandy Lane, Skelmersdale.

**Rook Chivalry.

A lady writes this incident to the "Daily News":—We feed the birds and always have water for them, and lately a poor maimed Rook has been coming with the others. He has lost one leg altogether, and the other hangs limply and useless. The poor thing was on the lawn with three others. The three drank and two flew away. The one that remained bowed his head near the ground several times and walked around the cripple as if in doubt. Then he carefully put one of his wings under the cripple's wing and dragged and supported him to the water. He dipped his beak in and dropped some water into the cripple's mouth to show where the water was, so that he could reach it himself.—Sent by Kitty Evans (aged 12), Penyrheol, Skewen, near Neath, Glam.

*The Tame Yellowhammer

The other day my father let a Yellowhammer go out of the aviary. But instead of flying away it flew round and round the aviary and tried to get in again. It then sat on the trees for a time, and as it seemed hungry we gave it a little seed, which it came down on the ground for and ate. It stayed about the place all day until evening, and as it was very tame we thought the cats would get it, so father put a trap cage out, and after a little while it went in. We took it into the house and kept it until morning, and again let it go in the garden. It still keeps around the aviary, and we feed it every morning.—Alice Garner (aged 12), Bamnold, Waterbeach, Cambs.

*A Grateful Greenfinch.

A gentleman living in Leith is in the habit of feeding the birds which frequent his garden during the winter months. Some time in January 1911 he enticed a Greenfinch to enter a cage, and so captured it. It was wearing a ring on its leg marked "Aberdeen University, 7185." In the following March he set it at liberty. He was much surprised this year when the bird returned. On its cage being presented to it, the Finch hopped contentedly into it, and settled comfortably down for the severe season.—Sent by Nellie McCreary (aged eight years), 11, Harlescott Road, Waverley Park, S.E., and taken from the "Evening News."

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In the Courts.

Conviction at Blackburn Under the New Act.

The first case taken in Blackburn under the new Act was heard on April 17, when Richard Haworth, a well-known bird dealer, of Blakey Moor, Blackburn, was summoned for causing unnecessary suffering to eight Canaries by not giving them proper attention. The prosecution was conducted by Mr. Radcliffe, solicitor, on behalf of the R.S.P.C.A., and an inspector of that society, a police constable, and a Corporation sanitary inspector gave evidence that some of the cages containing the birds in defendant's shop window were in a dirty condition. Mr. Radcliffe said that defendant, if convicted, was liable to a penalty of £25 for each bird.

Mr. J. W. Carter, the defendant's solicitor said a new statute like this could easily be made an oppressive weapon if not carefully administered. The Act was not intended to punish men for not cleaning out their bird cages with strict regularity; but to prevent birds and animals from being made to suffer. —Defendant stated in evidence that he cleaned out his cages once a week, and they had been attended to just a week previous to the day on which the officers called at his shop. He had won numerous prizes, including some at the Crystal Palace, and had always kept his birds healthy.—Several well-known fanciers stated that once a week was quite sufficient for cleaning out the cages, and testified to the healthy condition of the defendant's birds. The bench considered there had been neglect, and ordered the defendant to pay costs.—"Manchester Evening News."

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Twitterings.

Last Wednesday (April 17) I saw two Swallows and heard the Cuckoo, writes Mr. A. W. Bacon (Redhill).

We have secured the services of Mr. Albert Hirst for our open show on October 17, writes Mr. W. G. Llewellyn, Sec. of the Hanley and Dis. C.B.S.

Stockport B.F.A. members' First Feather Show will be held on Saturday, June 22nd, with Mr. F. W. Nelson as judge, writes Mr. W. Stafford, the Sec.

Mr. W. Vardy has consented to officiate as judge at our members' show to be held on Dec. 7th, writes Mr. G. T. Wall, Sec. of the Long Eaton and Dist. C.B.S.

Societies desiring the patronage of the Cinnamon Marked Yorkshire C.C. write Messrs. Grayshon and Allen, the Secs., Wormald St., Flush, Heckmondwike, please apply to us at an early date.

I have received splendid advice through the columns of Cage Birds, writes Mr. Fred H. Ellis (Liverpool). All that I know on the hobby I have "C.B." to thank for, and I wish it every success.

Ramsden's Pure Peppers. First consignment just arrived. Wonderful colour and quality. Will be sold this season in canisters only, with usual guarantee. All canisters of over 1lb. will be sealed.—Advt.

We are experiencing very hard luck hereabouts with regard to bird breeding, owing to the cold winds young birds dying in the shells, writes Mr. A. W. Bacon, Hon. Sec. of the Redhill C.B.S.

We have decided to extend our membership radius to eight miles, writes Mr. Fred Sweeting, Secy. of the Abersychan and Dist. C.B.S. We hope this will lead to our getting a large number of new members.

In Cage Birds of April 13, Mr. Alf. Wellings (Prescot) sets it down that he is judging Penygroes Show; it should be Talysarn, July 27 (Nantlle Vale), writes Mr. Jones (Talysarn, Penygroes), so will you kindly correct.

A syllabus of events for 1912 has just been issued by the Sheffield and Dis. C.B.S. Four rambles are arranged for, also several lectures, and demonstrations. The membership is open to a radius of 20 miles, and the secretary is Mr. A. Hobson, 66, Langsett Avenue, Hillsbro', Sheffield.

We have engaged the services of Messrs. J. Hutchinson (Dysart) and J. Holmes (Edinburgh) for our first open show on Sept. 28th, when we hope to have a hearty response from fanciers in this and surrounding districts, writes J. Henderson, Sec., West Wemyss and Dist. C.B.S.

Will fanciers, friends, and members kindly note that Mr. Fairhurst is judging our table show on May 1st, and after the judging he will explain the reasons for placing the birds 1st, 2nd, and 3rd—a very good offer of Mr. Fairhurst, writes Mr. J. Hall, Hon. Sec. of the Eccles and Dis. C.B.S.

The London and Provincial O.S. are making arrangements for their annual ramble in the country, writes the Hon. Sec., Mr. C. W. Law. This is a most enjoyable day, and it is hoped a great many of the members will make an effort to be present. Full particulars will be given in Cage Birds shortly.

The full list of judges for the Kelty and Blairadam C.B.A. open show on 19th October is as follows, writes Mr. A. Dickson, the Secretary:—For Scotch Fancies, Mr. W. D. Hogg (Oakley); for Border Fancies, Mr. J. Stevenson (Kurricumir); for Yorks., etc., Mr. R. Hunter (Lassodie); for Crests, Mr. H. Robertson (Dalmeny); for Plainheads, Mr. R. Martin (Kirkintilloch); for Mules and British, Mr. R. V. Raine (Catheart). Our next meeting will be held on 18th June.

The Wivelscombe and Dis. F.A., at a general meeting held on April 15th (the Rev. H. McCorrick in the chair) decided to increase the radius for membership from 7 to 12 miles of the Town Hall of Wivelscombe, write Messrs. C. H. Hill and E. W. Dascombe, the Hon. Secs. It was also decided to hold an open show at the end of October or early in November next, the fixing of the actual date being left until a later meeting.

The April number of "Bird Notes," the journal of the Foreign Bird Club, contains articles by Mr. Wesley T. Page, on "The Green Fruitsuckers," "Meyer's and Everitt's Parrots," and "Seasonable Preparations." Mr. E. Hopkinson continues his notes on "Birds of Gambia," and other articles are, "Breeding the Mexican Bunting," by Capt. Rice, "The Black-headed Sibia," and some most interesting notes on the Swallow in captivity, by Mr. P. F. M. Galloway.

We have received from Mr. J. Pitchford (London Rd. Stoke-on-Trent) a sample of the "Champion" seed-crushing mill he has placed on the market. This excellent and cheap mill is all metal, and fitted with removable plates; it will crush any kind of seed, from Rape to Sunflower. It has not to be taken to pieces when seed has been ground, and the contents emptied. The seed runs out of the side into a receptacle as fast as it can be ground. It can be easily fastened to a bench or table for use, features that are sure to be appreciated by fanciers.

The next Newcastle C.B.S. meeting will be held in Lockhart's Rooms, New Street, instead of our usual meeting place, on May 2nd, when Mr. Leonard Gill, curator of the Hancock Museum, will give us a lecture on migration, illustrated by magic lantern, writes Mr. T. C. Crawhall, the chairman. The meeting is free, and we give a hearty invitation to all fanciers in the district to come and have a most interesting lecture upon this fascinating subject. Mr. Gill is a recognised expert upon the subject of migration, and we are sure to have a most instructive lecture. Please note change of room for this meeting only.

Cinnamon C.C. New Officers.

New officers for 1912 have been elected by the Cinnamon C.C. as follows, writes Mr. J. W. Metcalfe, the Hon. Sec.:— President, Mr. W. A. Bladon; vice-president, Mr. J. Wones; committee, Messrs. Dormer, Deacon, Godley, Bentley, Roberts, R. J. Pretty, W. Hales, S. Wilson; club judges, Messrs. J. Robson, H. W. Battye, W. Mindell, T. Heath, W. Dormer, E. Godley; hon. sec., Mr. J. W. Metcalfe, 68, Brunswick Road, Liverpool.—Stephen Wilson, Scrutineer.

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Blackbird Takes in Washing.

A curious instance of a Blackbird's nice taste in nesting material is reported at Alloa. Several collars that had been laid out to bleach on a green at a local villa mysteriously disappeared, and for a time no trace of their whereabouts could be found. Eventually the missing articles were discovered, forming part of a nest built by a Blackbird in the ivy on an adjacent wall.

OBITUARY.

Mr. JAS. THOMSON (Leith).

Mr. C. R. Drysdale (Edinburgh) writes: I regret to announce the death of Mr. James Thomson, weighing machine maker, Leith, late secretary and treasurer of the old Leith Club and Open Society, a member of the old Edinburgh Society and Midlothian Derby, at all of whose shows he had many successful wins, including a Derby win. He was an enthusiastic breeder of the Scotch Fancy Canary. Since he retired from the Fancy he always found time to visit the local shows and have a chat with his old friends, who were delighted to see him. He was of an exceptionally cheery disposition. The interment took place at Warriston cemetery, Edinburgh, on April 12th, and Messrs. W. Thornton, J. Dalgleish, D. Brown, A. Patterson, W. Carson, and C. R. Drysdale were present.

Mr. R. G. FRENCH (Newsham).

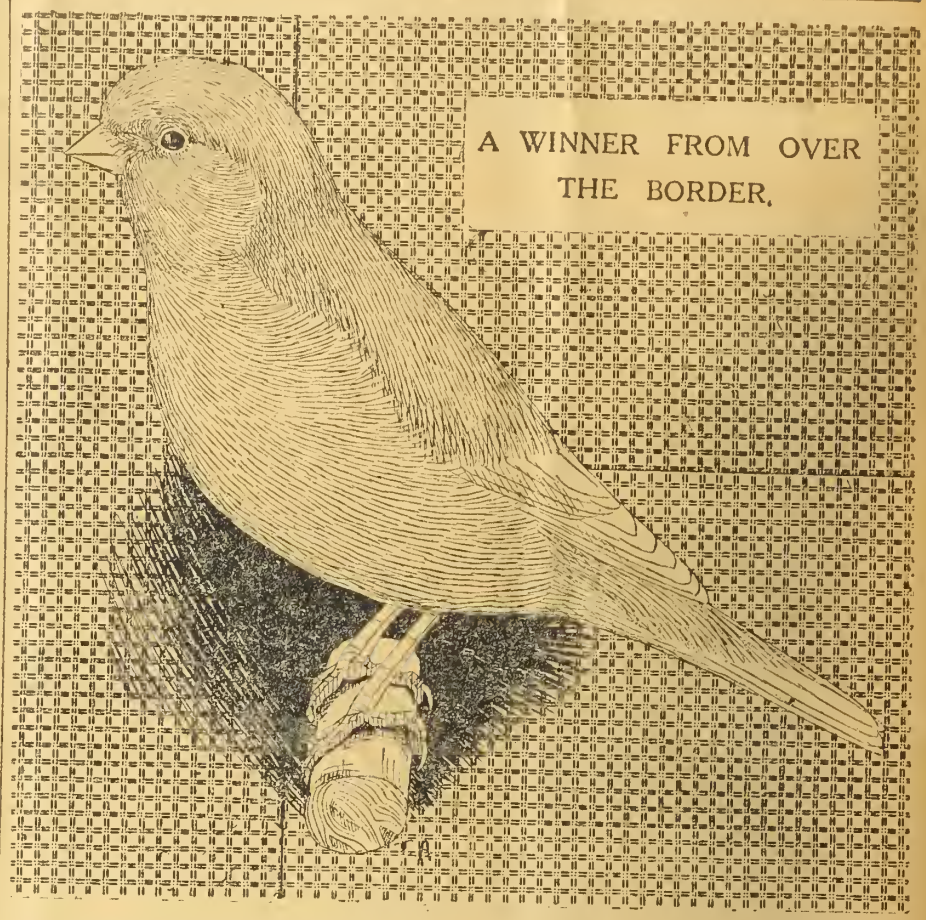
It is with great regret we have to notify the death of Mr. R. G. French, of the Willow Tree Hotel, Newsham, at the age of 37 years, writes Mr. C. Snowdon, Sec. of the Newsham C.B.C. Mr. French was a fancier of Norwich, and a successful exhibitor, member of Newcastle, Blyth, and Choppington Societies, and for upwards of seven years held the position of treasurer of the Newsham C.B.C. He leaves a widow and two children, to whom the deepest sympathy of fellow-fanciers is extended.

Hatched at Fifteenth Day.

I have had two nests of four eggs so far this season, writes Mr. F. J. Whibley (Maidstone). One lot was clear, but the others, am glad to say, are good, or were good, but I was in a hurry to take them away, and broke two at the 15th day, one containing a dead chick, the other a live one, which, of course, never lived long after. The other two eggs hatched, and the young ones at present are doing fine, being 5 days old. The other hen is again on a nest of 5; am hoping for better luck this time from her.

Hoopoe Shot in Salop.

It is regrettable to hear, on authority of the "Oswestry Advertiser," that a fine specimen of the Hoopoe was shot near Ellesmere, in the Oteley Estate on the 13th inst. The writer who communicates the account to our contemporary says: "It is a pity that this bird's conspicuous appearance should lead so often to its destruction, as there is apparently no reason why it should not be a regular summer visitant, to at least our southern counties, in some of which it has undoubtedly bred." It is a further pity that the man with the gun is not held responsible.



The Unflighted Buff Norwich Plainhead Cock which secured First Prize at the Scottish National Show for Mr. T. S. Mabon (Kelso.)

We have in the past had the pleasant experience of inspecting many huge bundles of complimentary letters sent to that world-renowned bird specialist, Mr. W. Rudd, of Norwich, but we really think that the bundle received from him this week surpasses all records. The huge pile comprises letters from all quarters of the British Isles, and several from foreign parts, conveying the thanks of customers for the birds or goods received from Mr. Rudd, and the fair manner of their treatment. All these letters, we note, bear postmarks of quite recent date, and that he should have received them in the course of a few weeks, speaks volumes for the huge business Mr. Rudd does.

Record Canary Breeding.

Readers may remember I wrote a short article last year on "How I reared my Canaries," writes Miss L. M. Nicholls (Mitcham). Well, as I stated, I hatched 14 birds out of 14 eggs, and only one bird died, and strange to say, the remaining 13 turned out to be cocks. I sold them all, but know the pople that bought them, and they are delighted with them, they are all such good songsters. Also I should like to tell you my young birds this year were on the perches at 15 days' old, and are now three weeks and all strong and healthy.

Will it be a Great Bird Year?

Naturalists will scarcely parallel the "events" of last week-end, says the "Daily Mail." The visiting birds all appeared together in a complete and united invasion. Swallows, Cuckoos, and Nightingales, the most popular of the many arrivals, are also the most obvious. On Sunday night the Nightingales were singing in Hertfordshire with the fullest gusto. No doubt the extraordinary beauty of these spring nights has added to the unusual perfection of the song. Swallows appeared in considerable numbers on Saturday; the Cuckoos have been singing their major third for several days; and the commons are crowded with Chiffchaffs and Willow-Warblers. Probably every single species of the summer visitors, with two possible exceptions, is now represented in England, though not half were here last week. Even the Turtle Dove, which is usually timed for May, has been seen in the South. The thoroughness of the invasion of the pioneer force gives ground for hope that this ideal spring is the opening of a great bird year.

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OUR FRONTISPIECE.

A Talk about Toucans.

There are some curious creatures in the bird world as in most others, and the Toucans must rank among the most curious. There are about sixty species of these extraordinary looking birds, and they are all distinguished by a beak which looks much too heavy for them to carry with comfort. Appearances, however, are deceptive, for a Toucan's beak is light in the extreme, although capable of inflicting a very nasty dig if the bird is angry.

A Toucan at rest is perhaps even a more comical object than a Toucan awake, for it sleeps with its enormous bill turned backwards, and hidden in the plumage of its back, while its tail is tilted up at a most impossible angle. In most of the species the bill in life is gorgeously coloured in various tints of green, crimson and yellow, but these colours fade after death, and in stuffed specimens the bill is always artificially painted in an ineffective attempt to indicate the beautiful living colours. The gape of the enormous bill extends backward to under the eye of the bird, and the bare patches around the eyes, ornamented generally with various bright tintings, add considerably to the eccentric appearance of the bird. The plumage is generally gorgeous in the extreme, red, yellow, and green as a rule constituting the throat and body colours, while the back and wings are mostly a metallic green or black.

The Toucans are natives of the northern part of South America, Mexico, and Central America, and many of the species have been seen on the show-bench. In nature they are arboreal in their habits, and in captivity they keep mostly to the perches, hopping from the one to the other with a comical if clumsy motion. They may be kept quite easily upon a diet of fruits of various kinds according to season, grapes, currants, sultanas, nothing seems to come amiss, while the ever convenient banana will always serve as a staple food in the absence of anything else. Grubs of any kind will be greatly relished, and they will make short work of a mouse or a young bird if they have the chance.

If the trouble of constant cleaning out be not considered an objection a Toucan may be recommended as a desirable pet. It will soon develop an affection for its owner, and will display an intelligence such as is shown by a Magpie or Jackdaw. If song is a desideratum one must not look to a Toucan for it—its only note is a most discordant yelp of which it seems inordinately proud. Of course a very large cage is indispensable to its proper keeping. The draw bottom is better made of zinc rather than wood and should be covered deeply with sawdust.

" . . . My cage is fatherland enough for me ; your parlour all the world—heaven, earth and sea."—*Montgomery.*

From a photograph. [*by A. L. Bonas.*

O ye who never taste the joys
Of friendship, satisfied w th noise,
Fandango, ball, and rout,

HARMONY.

This most charming photograph depicts a wonderfully tame Goldfinch taking the greatest possible interest in the melody produced by his fair mistress's fingers.

Blush when I tell you how a bird
A "prison" with a friend preferred
To liberty without.—*Cowper.*

EXPERIMENTS IN THE BREEDING OF FAMOUS SONG BIRDS

By J. JEFFREY (Harborne, B'ham.)

The writer holds that the breeding of birds such as the Thrush or Nightingale is a by no means difficult problem.

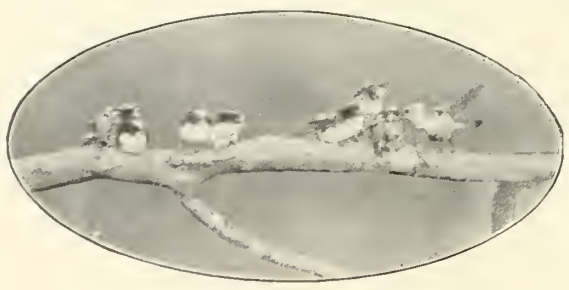
EVERYONE is familiar with the old adage, "Fine Feathers Make Fine Birds." But how seldom do we find in the bird world the combination of gorgeous plumage and melodious song! This is a very striking factor in connection with our British songsters. We cannot boast of very much grandeur in the plumage of our birds (except in that of the Kingfisher), but we can boast of the possession of some of the finest songsters that the world produces. Take, for instance, the Nightingale, Skylark, Blackcap, Garden Warbler, Jenny Wren, and last, but not least, Song Thrush. A more soberly-clad sextet it would be difficult to find, but in vocal power I venture to say they come second to none. What a melodious combination!

How is it, then, that in these advanced avicultural days, so few people take up the breeding of these beautiful songsters? True, the cost of their keep is a trifle more than that of seed eaters. But to my mind you get far better returns. There is always a demand for a really good bird of any of the above-named species, and, what is more, there is no comparison in the quality of their song with that of the Goldfinch or Linnet.

A Large Outlay Not Essential.

A great many people run away with the idea that it requires an elaborately-built aviary in which to carry out breeding operations; but this is not so. It can be done in a very moderate-sized aviary in almost any back-yard where it is possible to grow a few ferns or other plants. The former will grow almost anywhere, and are hardy; and a good bushy root of ferns is a capital adornment for a small aviary of Softbills. I have found it answer well, and to thrive where other plants would not grow.

I have myself bred the Robin, Skylark, and Thrush in a very small aviary at the first attempt, and on very simple lines; although the Nightingale and Garden Warbler certainly had more room. I have never attempted to breed with the Blackcap or Jenny Wren, but I am quite convinced the former would be easily accomplished. I have some doubts as regards the Wren, because the natural diet of these birds is of such an intricate nature, consisting of spiders' eggs and all kinds of insect larvæ, for which it seeks most persistently under



THEIR FIRST DAY OUT.

Young Long-tailed Tits which have just left their nest and are being fed by their parents. Note the rapid fluttering of the old bird's wings as she pops a dainty morsel into her baby's mouth.

the roots of old hedge-rows, around cow sheds, barns, thatched houses, and in fact, in every conceivable hole and corner where it is possible for insects to crawl. Ants' eggs would, therefore, be the nearest approach to their natural diet, and I am very doubtful if there would be sufficient nutriment in the dried ants' eggs to rear the young of so small a bird. The thing would, I fancy, only be possible when fresh (live) English ants' eggs were available. I hope to give it a fair trial.

"Bobbie" Puts His Master to Rout.

I will now tell you how I succeeded in breeding my Robins. This was the very first Softbill I attempted to breed. First of all I obtained two hand-reared specimens, and both turned out to be cocks. One I gave to a friend, and the other became a great pet. He was always ready for a good fight. Alighting on my one hand, I had only to commence teasing him by pulling his toe or tail or wing feathers, and he would fight me for all he was worth, and pinch right hard too. I have carried him up the garden in this position many a time. If he flew away to a tree or rail, I had only to shake my hand at him, and he was back again in a moment. But later on he developed the notion of dashing at my face and striking me, so I had to be on my guard, as it was not only unpleasant, but dangerous to my eyes.

As the spring began to approach, I determined to catch a hen. This I did, and placed the couple in a good-sized cage. But Master Bobbie "set about her" in such earnest that I had to part them. After a while I transferred them to a cage with a wire partition down the centre; and in a few weeks' time the cock began to carry bits of food about in his mouth. Evidently the hen had not, however, forgotten the thrashing he had given her, for she would have none of it. And so they went on till the beginning of April, when I set to work to construct an aviary on a simple scale outside the back kitchen door, making use of the space between the door and the window to form a back. The sides were 5 feet wide by 5 feet 6 inches high, and the front 3 feet 6 inches wide. A remnant of oilcloth was nailed on top (this is much better, to my mind, than the felting commonly used)

Cats were very numerous, and I felt sure that no bird would be safe unless properly protected, not only from the claws of the cats, but from their glaring eyes at night, sufficient of itself to frighten the life out of any bird. So I decided to make my frames out of 3 inch wood ¾-inch thick. These were put together, and half-inch mesh wire placed on the one side and 1 inch wire netting on the other. In between these two nettings I inserted roller blinds made with a cheap grey calico; these were drawn every night at sunset, so that the birds were well sheltered and quite secure from outside attacks.

The flight of any aviary built on these lines, will, I am quite sure, prove a great success. Many fanciers little think of the worry and fright to their pets during the night from, perhaps, half-a-dozen different cats; and this is the cause of many a fancier being unsuccessful.

THE NIGHTINGALE AT HOME.

An interesting photograph by Mr. Stanley Crook of a Nightingale at the edge of its nest amongst the leaves and undergrowth at the foot of the tree.

My next venture was with the Skylarks—two hand-reared specimens, which went to nest quite readily. The aviary this time was put in a corner, so that I had only a side and front to make, which I did on exactly the same lines as the Robins' aviary.

The first nest contained four eggs. The hen (a young bird) made very little attempt to build a nest. The ground being very dry, she made a hole in the far corner, and carried a few roots and bents into the same. Then she laid her first egg. She commenced sitting after the third egg was laid, but appeared very restive all through the period of incubation; you had only to look through the wires, and she was off. No doubt, had there been a fern to hide her somewhat, things would have been different. The consequence was, no eggs hatched out, although there was a chick in every one.

No sooner had the eggs been taken away than she went to nest again in the very same place. Five eggs were laid and duly hatched, the young being successfully reared on English ants' eggs. I believe they would have reared four or five nests had they been allowed to do so; but the room was wanted, and I had to disturb them.

I never anticipated rearing the Song Thrush, but one season I had a very fine hand-reared bird, exceptionally tame. It was quite early in spring when a friend asked me to look at one which he had reared the previous season, but which had never sung. This I did, and pronounced it to be a hen. He said if it were any good

A PARROT'S CURIOUS TROUBLE.

A photograph of an extraordinary occurrence, the upper mandible of this bird having grown to an enormous length and become twisted in its growth to the shape of a ram's horn

to me I could take it. I did so, and turned it and my own Thrush into a good-sized aviary. I took very little notice of them, except to give them plenty of earth-worms dug out of the garden. But to my complete surprise I discovered a nest built in a laurel bush and containing eggs. No attention whatever was paid to the birds, except to feed them, and three young ones were successfully hatched and reared. Earth worms formed the principal diet; I used to dig these up in the garden and place them in an iron bowl for the purpose. I should like to say here that slugs, snails, earth-worms and caterpillars are the natural food for Thrushes, and if people would feed caged specimens more after this fashion, instead of giving them crushed hemp and bread, they would get far better results, both as regards plumage and song.

A Glutton Amongst Softbills.

Now came my turn to try breeding conclusions with the Garden Warbler. I had more trouble with these birds than with any others, but more on account of their feeding than their breeding idiosyncrasies. Of all the gluttonous birds, I think this species will come out "top sides" with any of the Softbills. For several years I reared a nest with a view to breeding, but time after time I lost one or the other through their getting so fat. There is no doubt that Garden Warblers in their natural state are great fruit-eaters, and if you wish to keep them in health, you must give them as much fruit as possible in their diet—black and red currants, elderberries, wild raspberries, strawberries and bilberries. I used to gather the elderberries in bunches and hang them over a string in the driest room I could find (but not over gas), and in this way they would gradually dry. *(To be continued.)*

"BIRDLAND": A NOTEWORTHY AMERICAN BIRD-STORE.

This splendidly designed and equipped building is owned by Mr. L. M. Grider, of Los Angeles, California. A glimpse of the interior of one of the aviaries is given on page 396.

A PICTORIAL PANEL.

MULE BREEDING MADE EASY.

BY THE

REV. F. RICHARDS
(Manchester).

The writer declares for methods he terms "unorthodox" and which make mule-breeding easy for all.

I WILL endeavour to pass on my own experiences, without reserve, for the benefit and encouragement of new beginners in the fascinating pastime of Hybrid breeding. What I am about to relate may seem very strange, and will certainly not be in accordance with the orthodox methods. One is consoled by being in the fashion; to be "heterodox" in these days is supposed to indicate movement and progress. The writer draws from the experiences of nearly twelve years—years devoted exclusively to Mule breeding, during which period he has bred nearly 200 Mules, chiefly Goldfinch-Canary, brown Linnet and Canary, and (last season) Greenfinch and Canary.

The stock birds are kept in a room, ranged on one side—not higher from the floor than breast-high. The room is also the owner's working den, and he occupies his chair several hours every day; consequently he has had ample opportunity of studying the habits of the birds very minutely.

The Elusive Clear.

Who has not bred variegated Mules, and tried scores of various hen Canaries and all kinds of Goldfinches (peathroat) buff, yellow, large, small, and early in season, late in season, August and September—with the result not a single clear Mule? If one were so fortunate as to breed a Clear this next season, how many sovereigns would one require to balance the account of years standing for hens, Finches, etc.? Methinks £20 would not square the debit side of our ledger. The writer knows two gentlemen, very well-known fanciers, who have been trying, one for much longer than himself, and the other for 27 years, and the first clear Mule has yet to make its arrival. May we be forgiven for almost thinking that the Clear is just one of Nature's wonderful freaks.

THE YOUNG CANARIES' FOSTER MOTHER.

Mrs. W. Rolfe (Hoxton) is here seen hand-feeding two Canaries whose mother had tired of her duties and left her babies to starve.

Mule Breeding is Quite Easy.

The next point is: It is quite easy for any bird lover successfully to breed Mules. This statement may cause some to stare and exclaim: "No, that is not true; I've tried and failed, and I know others who have never been able to breed a Goldfinch and Canary Mule," etc. Still, I adhere to my statement, and furthermore declare it to be as easy to breed Mules as to breed Canaries. If you want Mules, however, do not put your couples together through the winter, or early in February. The writer's advice is, don't put your hen Canaries and Finches together at all then. Why should you? Think one moment. Do Canary fanciers run their pairs together through the winter? Do they pair up in January or February? No, certainly not. Is it not a "dictum" in Canarydom, that the man who puts up his Canaries before they are in breeding condition is simply courting failure? Do we not constantly read answers to correspondents who want to know why the hen does not build and lay eggs? Or, why the two birds quarrel so much? Or, why eggs are laid but prove unfertile? And is not the answer (and the correct one) general that the birds have been put together before they were ready, or the cock was in breeding condition, but not the hen, or vice versa?

If two birds who form a natural pair (as Canaries) are not expected to breed unless both are ready, how can fanciers expect success with two birds of opposite tastes, and possessing no natural or mutual attraction one for the other: if they adopt methods so entirely different, as the methods generally advised for muling are? If the Canary hen and Goldfinch are run together through the winter, or put up early in February or March, what happens? First, it is not possible, or certainly not advisable, to feed the one as freely as the other. What happens if the hen Canary comes into condition before the Finch? Either quarrels, or unfertile eggs. What if the Finch becomes fresh before the hen? More disagreement, and probably a dislike arises that tells its tale through that season.

Again, if the pair formed a certain amount of attachment, and when the season arrives the hen is ready, but not the Finch, another Finch introduced would lead to trouble, or vice versa. It is well known that the brown Linnet once attached cannot easily be made to transfer his affections.

Two Remarkable Examples.

The writer's advice is, keep your cock Finches separate, and feed them as required. No two birds are alike in nature or disposition. If you have several Finches you will find that though you treat them alike, one will come into condition long before the others. Some you cannot get into "rank trim" until well on in the season, and by that time you have had one or two "clear nests," and, disheartened, you abandon the effort for Mules, when it was perhaps the case that all the time you had in your possession one Finch that would have filled all your eggs, if only you had known it. Let me give you one or two examples.

In the season 1910-11 I had a Goldfinch cock in full breeding condition, who took a fancy to a Bullfinch hen, and paired to her on many occasions, but this same Finch would not look at a Canary hen; he was so rough that I had to remove him on every occasion attempted. I had another Goldfinch that successfully filled eggs with five or six hens. For example, on July 13th, 1910, a breeder of high-class Norwich was removing into another part of the city ,and, of course, had to suspend all his bird-breeding operations. He had a yellow Norwich hen—with her second nest of young 19 days old—also one marked yellow hen untried. I persuaded him to lend me the two hens, and within 14 days those two hens in a strange room went to nest, also one of my own. The three hens laid within a day or two of each other—four eggs each—and twelve young Goldfinch Mules were the result. My friend's hens had never seen the Finch before, but they wanted to nest. The Finch also wanted to pair. And there you have the whole secret.

Where "Mormons" are required.

Don't let Finch or Brown Linnet become attached to any one hen, then, if in condition and the hen calls, the Finch cannot help himself. The result is, that after a few trials the Finch seems to know what is required, and readily becomes a confirmed Mormon, which really spells success in Mule breeding. A quarrel at such times is immaterial.

If your hen is ready and building a nest, place the Finch in the cage at dusk; hang a cock Canary close by, and in the early hours of the morning the cock will sing to the hen, and the hen will call for his attention. If the Finch will not "deputise," then he is not ready. If ready, he will answer the mysterious call of nature, though he and the hen may fight furiously afterwards. What matters that, if you get a clutch of full eggs?

Once start your Finch, and, failing accidents, you are right for the season. I have changed hens and Finches every season for years, and have never been without plenty of Mules—all bred in a cold room. Last December I purchased some Greypates. One of the Pates came into condition in January, and was filling eggs in February. Last season one hen was put to a brown Linnet, but not being quite satisfied, I also ran in the Goldfinch. Result—Goldfinch and Canary and brown Linnet and Canary Mules in the same nest.

One season a friend asked me to procure him a Goldfinch. One day during the season I heard a Goldfinch on song hanging outside a small tobacconist's shop, and could detect the breeding "chuckle." Upon entering the shop and asking the price, I bought the bird for 6s. 6d., and within half an hour after entering my room, that Finch had paired with one hen twice. I took the bird to my friend. My hen went to nest, laid four eggs, and hatched and reared four nice dark Mules. The Finch lived four or five years, and bred literally scores of Mules.

One more example: in the month of June I once bought a German Roller hen, and cage for 3s. Upon examining the hen I discovered she was fully ripe. Placing her in a breeding cage, and taking a Goldfinch that was putting a hen to nest in another cage, I slipped him in with the new hen. I borrowed a German Roller cock Canary from my next-door neighbour, and took him into my room. Within ten minutes this Bird was singing, the hen called for pairing, and the Finch paired. She went to nest. I placed him with her one more night, and from that hen I reared eight Mules after the month of June.

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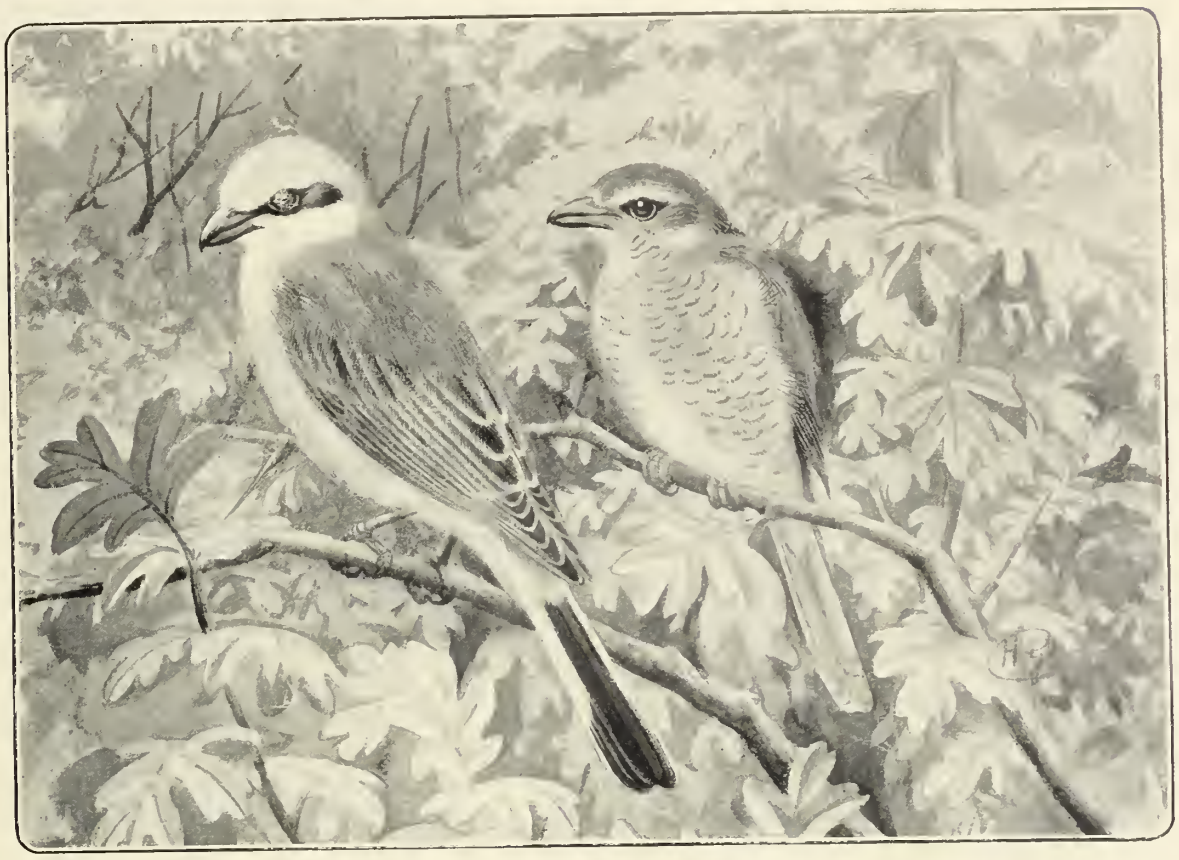

Drawing by [*H. Goodchild.*

A BIRD WHICH COMES WITH THE SPRING SUNSHINE.

The Red-backed Shrike comes to England to nest, and is widely known as the "Butcher Bird" owing to its habit of impaling upon thorns beetles, mice, fledglings, &c, upon which it feeds.

A REMARKABLE SWALLOW'S NEST.

This Swallow's nest (photographed by Mr. A. L. Boras) was built in the mouth of a tin funnel which happened to be hanging upon a post in the garden.

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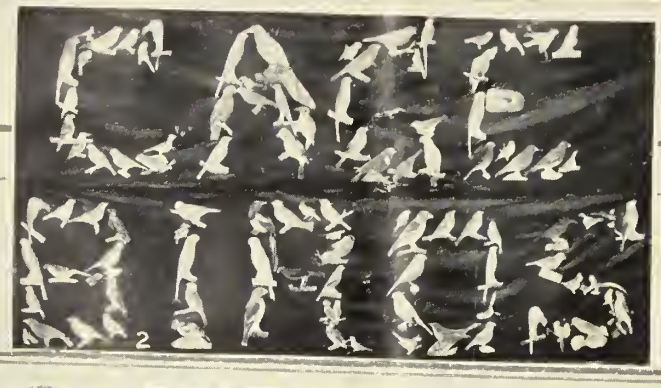

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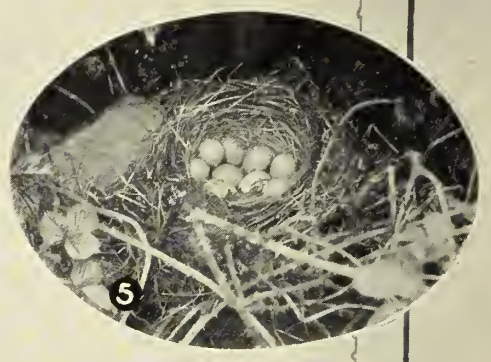
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THE CAMERA 'MONGST BIRDS AND BIRDY MEN.

1: The Reed Warbler bringing food to its young in their home amidst the rushes. 2: A design made by Mr. S. Dean (Great Horton) from birds cut out of CAGE BIRDS coloured plates. 3: Messrs. M'Gregor and Boyd (two brothers) of Grangepans, well-known exhibitors of British Birds and Hybrids, with the Ure Trophy, won at Bo'ness Show. 4: Members and friends of the Cheltenham C.B.S out on a country ramble. 5: A Blackbird's nest containing the extraordinary number of 9 eggs photographed by Mr. F. Collins of Camborne. 6: Mr. D. Carleton (Bangor), son, and some of their feathered pets. 7: An aviary in "Birdland," the splendid Los Angeles bird-store, the exterior of which is depicted on page 394. 8: Mr. C. Smith, of Hertford, a young member of Cage Birds League, with his pet Ring Dove. 9: A living snowstorm; Gannets in their breeding quarters on the cliffs. 10: Officials and members of the Stoke-on-Trent C.B.S. 11: A breeder of Roller Canaries, Mr. W. Whittaker, of Bolton, and a corner of his bird-room (photo by F. Proctor, Bolton).

Through a Bird-Room Window.

By the Rev. C. D. FARRAR.

Continued from page 340.

Vinaceous Fire Finches, charming little African birds, form the subject of No. 24 of the New Series by this popular author and aviculturist.

"THAT'S a true word," enthusiastically exclaimed Mr. Gotty. "Where I've bin before, I don't want nobody to show me the way. Where I ain't bin, I'm willin' to be took, and by them as 'ave. I ain't like some people, too ignorant to be learned what they don't know." I admire Mr. Gotty immensely, and have had many a good laugh over his odd sayings; so when one day I read that accord ing to Mr. Pycraft Vinaceous Finches are admirable pets, I determined to have some, not being too ignorant to be "learned."

That year I went up to London. We country clergy always go to London for our hard-earned holidays, because we like to see a few live people about. Was it not

WHEN A MAN

He lectures his wife across the breakfast-table concerning the profits they are going to make from bird-keeping.

a bishop who wrote to one of his country clergy suggesting a "quiet day," and got the unexpected answer: "My lord, what we want here is not a 'quiet day' but an earthquake." While in town I always go down East the very first day, to see what I can find in the shape of out-of-the-way birds. I am generally disappointed, by the bye, but this time I was in luck's way; for on visiting a certain shop I happened to arrive just at the same time as the big cases of Waxbills from Marseilles. Of course, I waited to see them opened, and on looking through them I saw about half-a-dozen little Waxbills of which I did not know anything at the time, beyond the fact that I had never seen or possessed them before.

They were the loveliest little birds I had ever seen, and in the most beautiful condition; and I determined that they should be mine, cost what they might.

The shopkeeper did not seem to set any great store by them. I suppose dealers get blasé; he merely said that he generally got a few in each consignment with the ordinary common Firefinches, and that if I liked I could have the lot at seven and sixpence the pair. I closed, for fear he should alter his mind.

A Brief Description of the Species.

I might as well here try to give a brief description of their appearance. Happily it is quite easy to tell the cocks from the hens; so that you are sure of getting pairs. They are about the same size as the ordinary Red Firefinch. The cock has a greyish crown, and beautiful black cheek pieces, while the whole of the body is a lovely claret colour, turning to brown on the flights, and deepening in intensity on the tail; the back is sloe colour. The breast is finely dotted all over with little white spots like pin heads. The hen is finer altogether, and has not the black check patch.

I was fortunate enough one year to get quite a big lot of these lovely little creatures from Dr. Hopkinson, of Brighton, who used to bring them over himself, so that I have had great opportunities of studying them. I gave Dr. Hopkinson considerably more for his birds; I think, as far as I remember, he charged me £1 the pair; and I paid it cheerfully.

When I got my consignment from Brighton it was February. Like Cardinal Newman, I love February in some ways.

Not because it is best,
But because it is first,
And is pledge of the rest.

From an avicultural point of view, however, I detest it. You never know what will happen to the birds, especially the newly imported ones. I was surprised to see on opening the travelling cage from Brighton, that in spite of the long journey from Sussex to Yorkshire, the Firefinches were perfectly tight and sprightly, and I felt it augured well for their ability to live. Of bird keeping one may say, as Napoleon said of war: "Eh! bien, c'est un grand jeu; belle occupation"; but do not say anything about the cost.

An Awkward Fence.

When that cage arrived from Brighton, I was asked by the "powers that be" what it contained, and the cost. This was an awkward fence; so I answered airily, "Oh, it is only some little African Finches." In this world, although deceptions are welcomed everywhere, it is only on certain conditions, one of which is that they must be carried through with a high hand.

Always bear this in mind when a new importation comes to hand. If you begin talking about rarity there will be trouble directly; because the home circle soon connects rareness and high prices together. If you only talk in a general sort of way of little African Finches, the interest seems to drop. If I had said that those little Finches cost 20s. the pair, I tremble for the consequences. But I saw very clearly and swiftly a vista of very dark possibilities. Vinaceous Firefinches are not to be got every day; and I felt that the occasion was extraordinary; and not to be treated by ordinary methods. In fact, it was as far removed from the ordinary as a naptha lamp is remover from an Attar candle. I strongly recommend my method whenever rare and expensive birds are to be introduced into the house. The formula simply wants varying according as the birds are large or small.

After unpacking my new treasures, I put them into a nice box cage, and then I sat down and gazed at them; as contented as Virgil's old garden lover, of whom he says—"He equalled in his contented mind the wealth of kings." I was careful to put them in some snug little sleeping boxes,

IS FIRST ATTACKED

His interest in all sorts and conditions of birds sometimes leads to unfortunate misunderstandings respecting his intentions.

as Firefinches like to be cosy at night; and I was pleased when evening came, to find that they had gladly availed themselves of my kind providence, and each box was tenanted by two little Firefinches sitting side by side.

The Best Sort of Aviary for Waxbills.

A great mistake which many aviculturists make is to put tiny Waxbills into a big garden aviary, where they are completely swallowed up in space. In fact, you can never see them, except when they come to the seed tray; and they may die and remain dead for months ere you know of your bereavement. What Waxbills want is a nice snug little aviary about 7ft. square. This is plenty big enough for half-a-dozen pairs, and they are always under observation.

If you have only a small aviary, don't try to ape your rich neighbour, who wires in half an acre. As well dress Venus like a Dolly Varden. Remember it is a small aviary, and don't block it up with forest trees, or, worse still, "botteries." There is no getting about among the latter, and I know hardly any bird that likes them, though some few will tolerate them. What little Finches like is a bushy box or privet. If there are boxes about, I will wager half the nests will be found built in them.

As I always try to practise what I preach, I put my Vinaceous Finches into a neat little aviary, all to themselves, and awaited results. Every morning I used to watch the occupants of that aviary daintily hopping about their little grass plot and picking off the insects too small for human eyes to see, and day by day I would watch them carrying the dried grass into the bushes and building little domed nests, which I could catch glimpses of, but dared not go near.

Shattered Hopes.

At last I began to miss the little hens, and then I felt sure that eggs had been laid, and that they were busy sitting. After about sixteen days I did what I am always telling my readers not to do—I went into that aviary and had a look round. What would I have given had I not done so when it was too late! Out popped all the little hens, and the little husbands set up an excited little chatter—or maybe it was scolding. I went out as quickly as I could, and presently Silence stole back, like a Chinese Empress into her disturbed dominions; but not so the little hens. They would not go near the nests; in fact there might not have been any nests to go near, judging by their conduct. Now, we all like to have someone to blame when things go wrong, but there's no one to throw the blame on when we've done it ourselves.

As all the harm was done, I boldly entered the aviary next day and examined these nests. Alas, there were three, and all with tiny white eggs in them. They were domed, with the hole towards the light, and they looked, as Mr. Folair used to say, "pernicious snug," but that was only an aggravation of my grief.

"A Nipping Frost."

A few weeks later my hopes began to raise their drooping heads, as I saw my Firefinches once more busy at nest building. Nature has no more interesting illusion than that of turning over a new leaf or beginning a new life. I was brim full of good resolutions—nothing would persuade me to enter that aviary. After a week I began to feel quite exhausted. There is nothing so tiring as a week spent in good resolutions. Still I held on, though I felt it was going to be a race between those Firefinches and Autumn. The leaves were beginning to turn and the nights to be chilly, but still I hoped there might yet be time, when one night there came a frost; as Hamlet calls it, a nipping frost, and when I went out in the morning every nest was deserted. I could not blame the birds; I could not have sat through such cold myself. Still, for one who has so many bitter disappointments, it was like a green pasture and waters of comfort that I had not lost my hens.

I ought to say that I kept my Firefinches constantly supplied with fresh ants' eggs all the time they were breeding, as I think that without these, and the little aphides they pick up themselves, success would be out of the question.

The Closure is Applied.

I consoled myself with the thought that next year I would achieve success. In fact, I said to myself there was no hurry. Did I not remember the letter a certain bishop wrote to one of his clergy who was very slack, commanding him to amend his ways? Here was the answer he got: "My Lord Bishop,—I have received and beg respectfully to acknowledge your letter. I believe that your Lordship can hardly be aware of the condition of our roads at this time of year. I am quite satisfied that if your Lordship saw them, you would think with me that it is impossible at present for our Great Enemy to reach this parish. As soon as the weather mends, and the roads give any signs of becoming passable, I assure your Lordship that I will take care to be beforehand with him." So, I thought in my pride, I would be, with any possible evils. But, like Randolph Churchill, who forgot Goschen; I forgot Death, and before another year came round Death had claimed all my little flock—there remained not one.

BY THE "BIRD FEVER"

When he meets his friends from the country his remarks about the "crops" cause them more than a little surprise.

We most of us get one chance in life; a few get more, but very few; and the wise man is he who seizes the first and most likely only chance. The weak wait for the second, either through indecision or the love of putting off. As for the fools, they let chances go without seizing them; they don't count; possibly they can't help being foolish; or they are vain, and think themselves so indispensable that the world is sure to want them later on, but it very seldom does. Apparently it didn't want me! Still it is nice to know that many a deed is recorded only in that Book, which holds the names of those—men or animals, souls or no souls—who Tried.

Chasing the Butterflies.

Nearly all birds appear to chase butterflies, but as this is frequently performed in a half-hearted fashion one is inclined to think that it is done as much by way of "sport" as anything. Perhaps of all birds the Swallows consume more butterflies and moths than any others. When they are feeding their young the wings of the insects can be seen lying underneath the nests, and are frequently present in quite considerable quantities.

Something Like a Useful Bird.

The following delightful story of a truly remarkable bird we discovered in the columns of a weekly newspaper.—"The Yakamik of South America is, so far as is known, the only 'shepherd bird' anywhere which will drive its charges to pasture, protect them from prowling animals, and gather them carefully together at nightfall to bring them safely home again. The native owners of sheep and poultry in Venezuela and British Guiana are the possessors of this species of Crane, for to that family the Yakamik belongs. They are entrusted with sheep, ducks, and poultry. The South American sees them depart for their feeding grounds, secure in the knowledge that the Crane will bring them all back safely. Any unlucky animal detected by the Yakamik while prowling about to steal gets very much the worst of it. The bird savagely attacks the marauder with wing and beak, forcing it to retreat in haste. A dog is no match at all for the Yakamik. At dusk the bird returns with its flock, never losing its way, no matter how far it may wander, for its sense of location is extremely acute. When it arrives home, the Yakamik roosts upon a tree or shed near its charges, to be ready to resume its supervision of them when they are out again in the morning. This queer bird is said to be as affectionate as it is trustworthy. It will follow its master about with capers of delight, showing its appreciation of any attention given it by the most extraordinary evolutions.

Questions and Answers.

DOUBTS AND DIFFICULTIES SOLVED BY SPECIALISTS.

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Canaries.—**Claude St. John.** British Birds, Mule and Hybrids—**G. E. Weston.** Foreign Birds—**Wesley T. Page,** F.Z.S., M.B.N.H.S., &c., Wild Bird Life—**H. Norman.**

NOTE.—If an answer is required concerning the proper mating, etc., of Norwich, Yorkshires, Crests, Cinnamons, Greens, Borders, Lizards, Scotch or any other variety of the Canary family, we shall, should the querist desire us to do so, be pleased to submit his questions for answer to some leading specialist of the day on the variety concerned.

CANARY QUERIES.

Answered by CLAUDE ST. JOHN.

SAMPLES OF SEED (W.F.).—I find nothing whatever wrong with the seeds, both of which samples are of very good, all-round quality. I should not consider them very dear at the price named.

DEAD IN SHELL (H. Barnett).—A protracted chill, due to the hen staying off nest too long, might have been the cause of young dying in shell, but other causes might be responsible, such as weak germs, when the embryo fails to develop past a certain point from lack of vitality. I suspect in your case it was a chill in some way, and the birds may succeed all right with the next brood. Even if the eggs had been unfertile, as you first suspected, there would have been no reason whatever why they should not have been given another chance. Lots of pairs that have a full clutch of unfertile eggs the first round have full eggs in the second and third rounds.

NO PROGRESS (Mac.).—The most prominent impression conveyed by your letter is that you have been too impatient. It is not very unusual for a cock to cease singing when mated, and if he was really in good song before being put with the hen it does not necessarily follow that he is not in breeding condition. Mate him again with the most forward hen, and leave them together undisturbed for a month if necessary. Some birds will take this long to make a fair start, whilst others may settle down to business in a week or so. Do not keep moving them about. Exercise patience, and give the birds a fair chance. I presume you are certain of the sex of the cock. Read replies in last issue to "One lost in Sex," "Verb. Sap," and "An Anxious Novice."

NON FEEDERS (F. G. Elliott).—Occasionally young hens will lose the first brood apparently from sheer inexperience and perform their duties quite well towards future broods; and some highly-strung nervous birds appear to neglect the young from nervousness pure and simple. But the great majority of cases are due to so-called "sweating," for which see detailed reply to "R.F." in this issue. In the first-named case, besides treating them in dietetics the same as "sweaters," be as gentle and quiet as possible with them, and leave them severely alone. Beyond first taking a peep into nest when hen is off to see if young are all there and alive, do not interfere with them at all. You might also try removing the cock for the following brood if this was not done with the brood in question.

TO PREVENT HEN "SWEATING." (R.F.).—I'm afraid the problem is as yet unsolved. The only real preventive is to have the birds in a thoroughly healthy and normal condition, so that events follow in sequence. The time for this is during the winter and spring months, rather than after the birds are paired. The best you can do to overcome trouble when it arises is to pay strict attention to cleanliness and purity of all soft food; to vary it as far as possible in order to make it palatable and enticing to suit the whims of the particular hen; to give small quantities several times a day, rather than a large amount at rare intervals; to give a variety of green food in small quantities, fresh and often. If you are using the orthodox plain egg food, add a little maw seed to it, and if young show signs of looseness, a little crushed arrowroot biscuit would be useful. Add also a little bread sopped in cold milk, and crushed hemp (see that it is quite sound), and a little soaked or scalded rape. For green food, give lettuce, groundsel, chickweed, chicory, or watercress, but no dandelion. As soon as you see signs of flagging—or even before if the hen is a known "sweater"—give a bath in which a little common salt has been dissolved, and dissolve a crystal of sulphate of soda the size of a small pea in the drinking water, for one-half of each day until the crisis is well passed. Removing cock and leaving hen to hatch and rear young aloue is often useful.

NOT FEEDING YOUNG (Walter Ashtou).—Read replies to "F. G. Elliott" and "R.F." in this issue, which apply to your case. If you did uot remove the cocks whilst hens were sitting last season, try that method this year. When you put the hens to sit, take away the cock and cage him alone out of sight of the hen. If out of ear-shot so much the better. If the heus do not appear to commence feeding, you might also give a little green food—lettuce or chickweed—from the beginning. As a novice you would find the handbook, "Canary Breeding for Beginners," of great assistunce, and also the article on surmounting dimculties in "Cage Birds Annual" for current year.

A SLOW PAIR (E. Burgess).—You can do nothing in a case of this kind, but cultivate patience and hope that things will turn out right. This pair of birds was probahly not quite so keen as the others, but still they have not been together long enough yet to give any cause for anxiety. They may begin to work in earnest any day. Leave them together, and give three or four dandelion leaves daily, a small quantity of egg-food sprinkled with equal parts maw, gold of pleasure, and sesame every second day, and on the alternate days a little mixture of equal parts hemp, inga, unlet, and teazle.

BLIND YORKSHIRE, ETC. (Windmill).—You can do nothing whatever to cure the Yorkshire, which is blind from cataract. It will live comfortably and happily enough if caged alone, and will doubtless sing after a time, and become very tame, but do not attempt to breed with it. To do so is simply perpetuating the tendeney to this distressing complaint—a thing which is wholly indefensible. To attain success in breeding you should get one of our handbooks, "Canary Breeding for Beginners," or House's "Manual," or "Our Canaries," and carefully follow instructions therein. Have you the current year's CAGE BIRDS ANNUAL? If not, the article on overcoming difficulties would prove of great benefit to you. You do not say in what particular way you failed last season, so I cannot give you more definite advice than this.

HEN NOT LAYING (Devonian).—This is the type of hen written of hy Dr. Bower in Part VII. of "Our Canaries," under the term "Squatting Hens." The chapter would doubtless interest you, and explain much that now seems puzzling to you. The cause is arrested, or non-development of the sexual organs, and the chances of success with these subjects are, I fear, very remote. Take the nest pan and all material away, but leave the birds together, and go on feeding somewhat generously as when preparing for breeding, adding two or three finely chopped mealworms to the egg-food each time, and give six drops of tincture of gentian and three of tincture of steel in the water four time a week. If you see the hen, after a fortnight or so of this treatment, gripping a beakful of her breast feathers, and going about as if trying to find a place to deposit them, return the nest-pan and a little material and let her start afresh. If she again takes to sitting on nest without laying give her a clutch of fertile eggs of another hen to hatch and rear Please let me hear result of this treatment.

REFUSING NEST, AND RINGS (W.E.H.).—(1) Have you tried varying position and style of nest-pan, or the sort of nesting material? Possibly the hen objects to one or other of these, and there is nothing for it but to humour her. You might have tried placing nest on the floor, when she might have taken to it, and after she had got quite broody with sitting you might have lifted it at least just clear of the sand tray without disturbing her. If neither of these methods succeeds with the next clutch of eggs, there in nothing left but to transfer the eggs when laid to another hen, or hens, to be hatched and reared. (2) As regards marking birds, there are the open rings you could fall back upon with which you should find neither difficulty nor risk in marking the young birds. Another useful method of marking is to cut small notches in the inner web of the flights when separating the young. There is some risk in this of the bird dropping or breaking off the marked feathers, but if you duplicate the mark on at least two feathers, one in each wing, the risk is very small, and you still have scope enough to mark a great many birds.

A PITIABLE SIGHT (T. Sutton).—Did not you read article on red mites in our columns on April 6th and 13th? If not, get these issues and look it up, as it is impossible to give full details in these replies. It is quite possible for this pest to cause such effects as you describe, but it is the cage and its surroundings, rather than the bird, that must be attended to. Give bird a bath daily in which a little essence of quassia or sulphuretted potash—quantity given in article referred to—has been mixed, and also transfer it to a temporary cage whilst the other is being thoroughly overhauled and renovated. Feed bird fairly generously, and give a good spray of chickweed daily Give a morsel of bread and milk slightly dusted with flowers of sulphur and sprinkled with maw seed every second day for a fortnight, and on the alternate days add six drops of lemon juice and as much chlorate of potash as will cover a threepenny piece to the drinking water. You might slightly anoint the bare places with Lanocyllin twice a week for a month.

YORKSHIRE MAKES NOISE (League Member).—It is probably a little overfed. Treat as follows for a fortnight and limit food supply to quantities named. Give a teaspoonful of plain canary only one day; next day give only half this quantity, and add the same amount of a mixture of equal parts summer and black rape and inga; and the third day give half a teaspoonful of canary and the same quantity of crushed sponge cake with three drops of sherry and two of cod liver oil emulsion mixed in it. Repeat in same order again and again for a fortnight. Give a liberal supply of fresh green food daily, chickweed, groundsel, dandelion, lettuce, or watercress, but no other food of any kind and no fruit. Give six drops of syrup of rhubarb and a crystal of sulphate of soda the size of a small pea in the water every second day for a week, and in next week 20 drops of whisky, 10 of glycerine, and two of eucalyptus oil, well shaken together every second day.

ROLLER OUT OF SONG (Rita).—The bird has probably got a little run down in condition, as they are sometimes apt to do, and to take a rest after several month's hard singing. See that it is in a bright and comfortable position, fairly equable, and quite free from draughts. Also see that cage is free from red mites. Give a staple seed diet of two parts canary to one part summer rape. Every second day for a fortnight give half a teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake, with four drops of sherry and two of cod liver oil emulsion, well mixed in it, and sprinkled with equal parts maw and gold of pleasure seed, on the alternate days give a similar quantity of a mixture of equal parts hemp, inga, millet and teazle. Give a leaf of dandelion daily. In the drinking water give ten drops of syrup of buckthorn for two days, and afterwards six of tincture of gentian, and three of tincture of steel every second day for a week. You can get small whistles or bird warblers of almost any of the large Canary dealers advertising in our columns. Watch their adverts, or send for catalogue.

GONE OFF SONG (Novice).—It is not very uncommon for a cock to cease singing when mated, and a fortnight after mating is too early to give way to despair. Leave the birds alone, and I think very probably you will find things come all right in the end. The cock will probably get more responsive when the most important time arrives. Give two leaves of crisp young dandelion daily, and for the rest, exercise patience. See reply to "Mac."

AN UNNATURAL FATHER (A.R.H.).—You did quite right to remove the cock when you found the mutilated young. That he was the culprit is sufficiently proved by no more such tragedies occurring since his removal. It will not be quite safe to return him, even now the young are rather older. Let the hen rear them by herself, and do not return the cock until the young are ready to take away from the hen, unless compelled to do so by the hen starting nesting again. In the latter case place the young in a nursery cage when the cock is returned. Remove cock in the next round when the hen is put to sit. By no means give him another chance of helping to rear young.

LAYING ON FLOOR (No Nom-de-plume).—You will find a detailed reply to another querist on this subject this week. When all other means failed you should have placed the nest pans on the floor, when the hens might have taken to them there. As both your hens have acted similarly, I wonder if your cages or the position in which they are kept are at fault. Remember, hens like a certain amount of privacy for nesting, and if yours are lovingly exposed to disturbing influences, you should alter these conditions, so as to give the hens the choice of some seclusion.

SWEATING AGAIN (C.F.H.).—See replies to "F. G. Elliott," and "R.F." on this subject. If you had given me details of your feeding for the first three days I might have discovered if there was any contributing cause in this. Give the egg-food freshly prepared three times daily, and sprinkle it with a little maw seed, and give only small quantities each time. Also give a small crisp young lettuce leaf or spray of chickweed twice each day after the first day of hatching, and after the third day a teaspoonful of soaked rape seed, but see that this does not remain to become sour. By the way, "an underground room" does not sound a very suitable place for breeding. Is it well lit and ventilated. If not, this may he the real cause of your trouble. You should get "Canary Breeding for Beginners," which our manager would send you post free for 7d., which would help you over many of these initial difficulties.

PREVENTING FERTILITY (J.A.P.).—(1) Though it might be quite possible by a somewhat delicate operation, as caponising, to render a cock bird impotent, I do not think there is the least likelihood of such a thing ever being performed, and the idea of "pinching" is, in my opinion, too far-fetched to be worth credence. There are so many causes of infertility, and clutches of unfertile eggs are of such common occurrence in the early part of the season, that it is infinitely more likely some natural cause was operating to produce the unfertile eggs in the cases mentioned. There is really no reason why the same birds should not have clutches of fertile eggs next time. It frequently happens so. (2) See Mr. Weston's replies re Linnet query. If already mated you must be guided by the bird's demeanour, which is apt to alter when breeding is in progress. Many Linnets, however, are quite trustworthy.

PECULIAR ATTACKS. (Doe).—Judging from the meagre details you give, I can only imagine that the bird either injures itself internally in some way during the periods of excitability, or that the excessive excitement induces partial and temporary paralysis of certain nervous centres. There is probably nothing you can do in the way of cure when the attacks come on. When it recovers from an attack treat as advised to "Rita," for two or three weeks, then revert to a plainer dietary, and when a period of excitement comes on again, feed pluinly, give a liberal supply of green food, and dissolve a crystal of sulphate of soda as large as a small pea, and a crystal of bromide of potassium in the drinking water every second dny for a week, or a little longer if necessary to remove the excitability. It is advisable not to keep it among other birds, the presence and song of which would tend to increase the liability to this form of excitement.

CANARY QUERISTS

should consult St. John's "Canary Breeding for Beginners" (1s.), House's "Canary Munual" (1/2); Rattye's "Yorkshire Cunaries" (1/1½); House's "Norwich Canaries" (1/1); Weston's "Stock Book" (7d.); Dr. Clarke's "Septic or Bird Fever" (7d.); Dr. Creswell's "Hygiene of Bird-keeping (1/1); Norman's "Aviaries, Bird-rooms, and Cages" (2/3); Ramsden's "Colour-feeding" (3½d.); "Seeds and Foods for Cage Birds" (1/2); or the "Nutshell" booklets (2½d. each); No. 5 "The Pet Canary," No. 6 "Ailing Birds and How to Cure them," No. 9 "The Disinfection of Cages, Bird-rooms, etc.," No. 10 "The Roller," No. 23 "The Border Fancy," No. 24 "Green Canaries." All thoroughly practical and instructive. Prices quoted are post free, from "Cage Birds," 154, Fleet Street, London, E.C.

BRITISH BIRDS, MULES AND HYBRIDS.

Answered by G. E. WESTON.

A WEED (One and All).—It is shepherd's purse and a splendid sample. I only wish I had a box of it!

EYE TROUBLE (G. B.).—Yes; I should at once try the remedy you mention. These eye troubles, however, often prove obstinate things, unfortunately.

ABOUT A GOLDFINCH (J. Wood).—Send to our publisher for "Nutshell" booklet No. 1, post free, 2½d., which will tell you all about sexing Goldfinches and the best way to cage and feed them. You will find it a very useful book to have by you.

IN AN "AVIARY" (Handy, Smethwick).—Your outdoor place, 3ft. high and long by 18 inches wide is not an "aviary," but merely a large cage, and you would stand no earthly chance of breeding with several different pairs of British birds placed therein. You might try one pair, if you feel so disposed; it will be useless to try more. How are you going to protect the place from the attacks of cats? If they can get at it, they will prove very troublesome owing to the width being so little. I am sorry to have to pen so discouraging an answer, but you would seem to have got hold of a wrong idea, as apparently you think it easy to breed British birds by turning a number of pairs into a very confined space. As a matter of fact, it is the exact opposite—practically an impossibility, in fact.

TWO LINNETS (H. Tomlinson). The immoderate drinking is the cause. Get half-an-ounce of crystals of citrate of iron and quinine from a good chemist and dissolve daily in two tablespoonfuls of drinking water as much as will, when crossed, just lie on a threepenny bit. Give this for 7 or 8 days, when the trouble should be at an end. Let the birds have a fair amount of teazle seed in their daily mixture, and a little maw seed daily for a time will do good.

IN A CAGE (W. G. G.).—Canary hens do not mind nesting in all-wire cages if they have always been used to such, and it is not really necessary to cover any part of them. It is a good plan, however, to shelter the nesting end with pieces of wadboard (or other suitable material) at side, and at top. This should be put up before the hen builds however.

MULE BREEDING (Greenfinch).—I should say that the Canary you mention is a hen for sure, otherwise there would almost certainly be battles between it and the cock Greenfinch, assuming the latter to be in first-rate condition. Have you examined its vent? A sure sexual sign at this time of the year. It is of no use to pair birds until both are ready. Young (previous season) hens are usually somewhat late the first year in starting a nest. I should think, however, that she is just coming into form, judging by your letter. She'll breed all right in due course, never fear.

WHAT IS "CRISSEL" (A. Gamble).—"Crissel" is the name given to a preparation of dried meat. It is sold ground into grades of varying coarseness, and the finest grade (like meal) is that best suited for birds, though big birds, such as Magpies, can be given the coarser "Crissel." I should have thought that every sizeable corn and seed stores would have known "Crissel." Ask for meat meal, anyway.

LARK FOOD (J.W.H.).—Use equal parts ground puppy cakes and the food (No. 2) mentioned. The plain truth is the food is too cheap; you can't expect to get a good insectivorous mixture at anything like this price. You will have to pay 1s. to 1s. 6d. per pound for anything like a good-class food. It is against the rules to recommend any particular advertised foods in these columns. It would be unfair to do so; there are many good insectile mixtures on the market. The best food for regular use with Larks would be "half and half" of crushed puppy cakes and some high-grade mixture for insectivorous birds. Sample No. 1 is right enough if given now and again.

A LINNET AILING (M.C.).—First of all give for two days saline medicine, as advised "M.U.M." this week; follow this with a course of the iron and quinine crystals, as advised H. Tomlinson, continued for at least a week. Your method of feeding is surely very crude and unusual? Give the following as a stock mixture: Canary 3 parts, teazle 2 parts, summer rape 1 part and linseed half part, by measure. Let the bird have some suitable green food; it is plentiful now in the lanes and fields. Have you read the "Nutshell" booklet dealing with the Linnet? I should think it would be helpful to you.

AVIARY MATTERS (Pom).—(1) The Blackbird would be unsteady at first, no douht, and upset the other birds hy dashing about, but he would probably settle down in a short time and enjoy his new home. (2) This query seems to have gone to another department; it is not amongst my own batch .(3) Stick to the British seed-eaters—the Finches and Buntings—though one or two Foreign seed-eaters would lend pleasing variety. Our Mr. W. T. Page would name a few for you. The chances of breeding are very slender. Mixed collections of birds in confined quarters are not very prodigal in the matter of young. By-the-way, I consider that your avinry would have been very much improved if more of the roof had been boarded over. (4) Elder bushes are good. You can also use one or other of these: Box, privet, holly, laurel, euonymus, or thorn bushes.

RELEASING TWO LINNETS (Linnet Lover).—Any time from now onwards would do. I presume that the birds can fly well, i.e., have their wing feathers intact. See that their claws are not over-grown; cut them to a normal length, if necessary. Linnets are birds of the commons and open spaces rather than of enclosed gardens and parks hence I should prefer Regent's Park or Hampstead Heath to the spot you mention, though it is by no means a bad one.

NOT SINGING (Bad Bird).—You puzzle me; it is hard to say why a two-year-old Thruen, formerly a fine songster, should not now be singing, although in "lovely plumage and perfect health." Have you lately introduced any rival songster into his company? Try him for a time with a liberal supply of live-food daily—you could get snails, black-beetles, gentles, small earthworms, slugs, etc.

DEATH OF A GOLDFINCH AND CANARY (A. B. C.).—Without a post-mortem examination—which our Mr. Yates would have made for you—it is quite impossible to tell of what disease your two birds died. It certainly looks as though it were something of a contagious nature, and I think your purchase of the second-hand cage was very ill-advised, seeing that you say it was in a "filthy condition." Washing with carbolic soap would be useless to rid it of disease germs, if any were lurking about it, and, personally, I shall be surprised if it is not the cause of your losses. The symptoms described are those of the dreaded "bird fever."

THE CASE OF A BULLIE (M. U. M.).—Give your Bullfinch two or three mild doses of saline medicine—say as much sulphate of soda (crushed) as will just cover a sixpence, dissolved in two tablespoonfuls of drinking water, on alternate days. Add teazle seed to his diet. Give greenfood much more

BRITISH BIRD & HYBRID QUERISTS

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freely (daily) and vary it, flowering groundsel and dandelion, buds from fruit bushes and trees, hawthorn hedges, etc., shepherd's purse, in addition to the chickweed. The Bullfinch feeds very largely on buds, berries, weed-seeds, and the like, in a state of Nature. Your Goldie is evidently not a bird of very "kind" disposition, and he will not get steady, I am afraid, until he has moulted in captivity.

FOREIGN BIRDS.

Answered by Wesley T. Page, F.Z.S., Etc.

Which is the Culprit? (K.W.).—It is a fair puzzle, and one which I fear you can only solve by closest observation. The most likely culprits among the foreigners are the Green Singing Finches, with just a slight reserve on the Cuttlethroats and the Java Sparrows, though these last two would be more inclined to bully the Canaries and throw out the eggs than eat them. Quite as likely as not, the Canaries are the culprits, and possibly the Bullfinch. I regret I cannot be more definite, but I've kept all the birds you name together without mishap. I have had Green Singing Finches which ate their own eggs, but even they did not interfere with other nests, and I am strongly of the opinion that the Canaries are the culprits.

Birds for Cage (G.Y.).—Here are several alternatives: (1) Two pairs Budgerigars and one pair Cockatiels; (2) one pair each Budgerigars, Cockatiels, and Blue-wing Lovebirds; (3) one pair each Budgerigars, Blue-wing, and Lavender-headed (Madagascar) Lovebirds. For the Lovebirds supply closed boxes, with an oval hole, 1½ by 1in., cut in one side near the top. Also, as soon as they show signs of nesting, put in a living branch of poplar, birch, or some kind of fruit tree; they will strip off the bark and leaves, and line their nest-box with it.

Java Sparrows (Pom.).—Java sparrows are inclined to be aggressive when in confined quarters, and, as with all species, there are pugnacious pairs which will bully anything that will submit. I am surprised that Greenfinches should submit, and I expect they will yet turn and give the Javas a thrashing; in fact, "put them in their place." How about nesting accommodation? Put in a husk, a square enclosed box about 6in. square, with an oval hole cut in one side near the top for entrance, also a chip (Hartz traveling cage). The Javas will probably occupy themselves with these and leave the Greenfinches unmolested.

Budgerigars Moulting, etc. (A.B.M.).—(1) Your birds are evidently out of condition, but I could have given you a better opinion if you had informed me how and where you were keeping them. Our Nutshell "Budgerigars," 2½d. post free, from our Manager, would give you the A to Z of keeping this species. Give them seeding (flowering) grass and sunflower seed, (3) hemp, rape, canaries, dandelion, thistle, dandelion, and good of pleasure seeds. Also supply green food, such as seeding (flowering) grass, chickweed, groundsel, lettuce, sprays of fruit, hawthorn, and the like, with buds on, cuttlebone, grit, ants' eggs, and a little soft food when they are feeding young. Get a mate for the Cuttlethroat, and they should breed. For the British Finches a piece of "wind seed mixture," as sold, makes an agreeable change; and the half ripe seeds of most of our hedgerows weeds and grasses are all eaten with benefit and relish.

A Changed Diet (S. Reed).—The diet should never be abruptly changed, though that which you are now giving is the more wholesome, and it is accustomed to it now. Get some quassia solution and spray it with a minute solution twice weekly, keeping the bird out of draught till dry. Give Dinneford's magnesia every fourth day—one teaspoonful in two tablespoonfuls of water is sufficient for one day's supply—so long as the bowels are not watery loose; when this occurs cease giving the laxative regularly, but give it sufficiently often to keep the bowels moving freely; on other days put half a teaspoonful of hypophosphates in the daily supply of drinking water. Examine bird's cage, and if there are any signs of parasites, well swill every crevice, perches, and food hoppers with boiling water—repeat the operation if necessary. Report progress in a fortnight. Get our Nutshell, "The Grey Parrot," 2½d. post free, from our Manager, it will help you. Keep it out of draught, but where it can get light and fresh air.

An Ailing Amazon (H. H.).—I fear I cannot help you as I might have done had you told me how you were feeding and treating the bird. I can only assume that you are right, and it is suffering from a chill. On receipt of this reply give three drops of Dinneford's Magnesia direct to the beak, and repeat the dose after an interval of three days. In the drinking water for say three or four days, put 15 drops ammoniated tincture of quinine, use two tablespoonfuls as the day's supply; you must not use a metal drinker when giving drugs. If there is any running at the nostrils, spray or bathe with diluted glyco-thymoline. Keep the bird warm, out of draught, yet not out of reach of fresh air. Do not give tea, coffee, or milk sops, table scraps, or any kind of animal food whatever. Report progress a week hence, with full details as to how it has been fed in the past, and present symptoms.

Egg-binding (P. O.).—In some instances this formidable trouble among female cage birds (not so troublesome in the aviary) is of very obscure origin, and only a post mortem examination would declare it. In others, a sudden fall in the temperature will account for it. Shell-less eggs are very difficult for the bird to get rid of, and in your case I cannot understand it, as you had made every provision to meet the need. Some seasons there is quite an epidemic of egg-binding, and in others (no more favourable) only isolated cases. I should assume that the birds were not quite fit; had the egg been shelled the precautions you took would undoubtedly have given relief. In addition to your previous treatment, I can only suggest that you gently pass a feather, charged either with castor oil, or the liquid extract of ergot, up the rectum (vent), and carefully twist it round. I cannot account for the shell-less egg, save unfitness of the bird, in your case. I can only suggest as to your dietary, as much green food as they will eat—lettuce, chickweed, seeding (flowering) grass, etc. Give byno-phosphates every other day in the drinking water for a month.

Cockatoo Biting its Feet (F. H. M.).—Our previous remedies were rather severe. There is nothing for you to do but to continue them. The use of the magnesia should have a cooling effect on the bird's system generally. Bathe the feet daily to keep them clean. You must apply the Friar's Balsam to check bleeding. If it is simply a vice (not improbable) it will be difficult to check. I certainly advise you to call in a vet. to examine the feet, and to prescribe from a personal diagnosis. If it is simply a vice, you had better get him or some local fancier to fix a light zinc collar round its neck (in shape like a large washer) sufficiently low down to enable to get at the food, yet projecting out sufficiently far to prevent it getting at its feet. As it will also be unable to preen its feathers, you must spray him (use a mist sprayer) with chilled water every other day, and keep him out of draught till dry. As soon as the weather permits I should have him out of doors a good deal, not where the sun will continuously be shining upon, or the wind blow in a current through his cage. Give it as much green food and fruit as it will take; if it will not take one kind try another, till you strike its fancy.

FOREIGN BIRD QUERISTS

should consult Page's "Foreign Birds for Beginners" (1/-); Arthur's "Budgerigars and Cockatiels" (6d.); Arthur's "Parrots for Pleasure and Profit" (7d.); "Aviaries, Bird-rooms, and Cages" (2/3); "Seeds, Foods, and Wild Plants" (1/2); Dr. Clarke's "Septic or Bird Fever" (7d.); Dr. Creswell's "Hygiene of Bird-keeping" (1/1), "Colour-feeding" (3½d.); or the "Nutshell" booklets (2½d. each); No. 6 "Ailing Birds and How to Cure them," No. 9 "The Disinfection of Cages, Bird-rooms, etc.," No. 14 "Gouldian Finches," No. 16 "Avadavats," No. 17 "The Grey Parrot," No. 18 "Budgerigars," No. 19 "The Pekin Robin," No. 20 "Waxbills." All thoroughly practical and instructive. Prices quoted are post free from "Cage Birds," 154 Fleet Street, London, E.C.

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L. A. Pate.—Inflammation of the bowels, from ptomaine poisoning.

GENERAL.

Answered by The Editor.

Pet Parrots (S. Goldin).—We shall be glad to reproduce the photograph; many thanks for sending it.

Tame Canaries (G. Hedges).—Your photograph is most interesting, and we will gladly utilise it; thanks for forwarding it to us.

A Thrush's Nest (F. Stables).—We cannot without permission reproduce pictures appearing in another paper; the law of copyright would be infringed.

Press Cuttings (J. W. L.; A. Soldier; P. Brown; and others). We thank you for the newspaper cuttings sent us.

Wiring Border Cages (Malcolm).—We will have a sketch made and publish your letter next week.

A Homemade Scraper (J. Farrington).—We are afraid this is too complicated for the average bird-keeper to make; he would not have the materials at hand.

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ONE notice of any forthcoming Society meeting inserted free. It should reach us not later than Tuesday morning's post. Specially printed Club Notice Postcards may be had free on application to our Manager. Secretaries should always use them.

Abersychan C.B.S.—May 4, Queen's Hotel, 6.30. We have decided to extend radius to 8 miles.—F. Sweeting.

Anneld, Everton C.B.S.—May 13, headquarters, 8. Most important meeting. Schedule for nest feather and other shows; allotting cups, etc.—R. B. Wright.

Annfield Plain C.B.S.—April 27, Mr. Lumley's, 7. Table show business, to see if we can raise funds for a cup. New members welcome.—R. Peart.

Ayr C.B.C.—May 1, Academy Hall, 7.30. British bird judge for open show, etc.—J. Sloan.

Barnet F. and F.S.—May 1, Dolton's Rooms, 35, Wood Street, 8. Lecture on cage birds by Mr. Geo. Gardner. Members and friends please attend.—F. Chandler.

Barnsley C.B.S.—May 4, Clarence Hotel, 7.30. Members and intending members are requested to attend.—F. C. Sims.

Blaydon C.B.S.—May 4, Co-op. Library, 7.30. Judge and classes, etc., for F.F. show, etc.—G. Havver.

Chester C.B.S.—April 30, Nag's Head Cocoa House, Foregate Street, 8.30. Receiving quarterly subs., F.F. show arrangements, etc.—R. N. Williams.

City of Birmingham C.B.S.—May 1, Crown Hotel, Station Street, 8.30. Mr. Jeffrey continues his lecture on the Nightingale; and to arrange for nest feather show.—J. H. Jones.

Codnor Park and Eastwood C.B.S.—April 27, Three Tuns, Eastwood, 7. F.F. show classification; fixing dates of open show.—J. H. Mitchell.

Colinton and Currie Parishes O.S.—May 4, Drill Hall, Juniper Green, 8. Replies from judges; booking of hens; members' subs. due; last meeting for new members joining.—J. Napier.

Coventry Godiva C.B.S.—April 29, Chequers Hotel, 8.30. Rules and contribution cards; members please attend and give a bit of encouragement.—H. Saunders

Cheltenham C.B.S.—May 1, "Prince of Wales," 8. Paper on "The Border Fancy," by Mr. Gwill'am (Gloucester).—A. S. Treasure.

Coventry O.S.—May 1, Sydenham Palace, 8.30. Specials and schedule for nest feather show.—A. J. Barratt.

Chester-le-Street C.B.S.—May 4, Butchers' Arms, 7. Judge for nest feather show and schedule. — J. Hedley.

Derwent Valley C.B.S.—April 27th, Headquarters, 6. Washing exhibition.—Lindsay and Marsh.

Darlington C. & B.B.F.A.—May 1, George Hotel, 8. Business: general.—A. Walker.

Darlington C.B.S.—May 1, Labour Hall, 7.30. Mr. R. Todd will give a paper on Hybrid breeding. All fanciers welcome.—H. Todd.

Dunfermline C.B.S.—April 27, Co-operative Hall, 7. Lecture by Mr. J. Rankine, "Light Mules and Sib Hens."—R. T. Campbell.

East Ham C.B.S.—May 9, Hartley Avenue Schools, Wakefield Street, 8. Lecture by Mr. J. Robson, "Hints on Breeding." Fanciers welcomed. Ramble, May 12th.—F. Fox.

East Ham F.S.—April 30, "Earl of Wakefield," Wakefield Street. Report and result of whist drive. Members urgently asked to settle for adverts. in handbook and whist drive tickets, so that Secretary may close these accounts. Handbooks are in members' hands. All subs. now overdue.—H. Rutter, Hon. Sec.

Eccles C.B.S.—May 1, headquarters. Members' table show. Birds as soon as possible.—J. Hall.

Edinburgh N.C. and M.B.S.—May 2, Hall's, 142, High Street, 8. To receive classification for F.F. show. Last meeting for admitting new members.—J. Welsh.

Edinburgh Western O.S.—May 2, Riego Street Hall, 8. Judges' replies, etc.—R. Lile.

Falkirk O.S.—April 27, King's Head, Roberts Wynd, 8. Last meeting for three months.—W. Niven.

Falkirk C.B.S.—May 2, Oddfellows' Hall, 8. General. Question night, etc.—R. Rennie.

Glossop, Hadfield C.B.S.—April 30, Mr. J. H. Senior's, High Street, W. Glossop, 8. Making classes for show. Appointing judge and general business Subs. now overdue.—E. Thompson.

Gt. Harwood C.B.S.—April 22, Don Mac Nally, 8. Important. All members are earnestly requested to attend.—A. Bentley. (Possibly April 29 is meant. - Ed.)

Hull Town New Stevenston C.B.S.—May 2, Masons' Hall, 7.30. Last meeting for enrolling new members —J. Lamb.

Hanley C.B.S.—May 1, George and Dragon Hotel. Election judge for nest feather show and taking classes.—

Hebden Bridge C.B.F.A.—April 30, Lelio's Dining Rooms, Market Street, 7.30. Arrangements for F.F. show.—A. Robert.

Hyde C.B.S.—April 29, St. George's School, 8. F.F. show business.—T. Allsop.

Laisterdyke B.F.A.—May 1, Railway Hotel, 8.15. Turn up in large numbers to receive your 1912 schedules.—J. E. Hudson.

Lancaster C.B.S.—May 4, Corn Market Coffee Tavern, 7.30. Important.—J. Bostock.

Larkhall C.B.A.—May 4, Miners' Hall, 7. Consider nomination of birds for points cup.—J. Pollock.

Long Eaton C.B.S.—May 4, Council Schools, Sawley Road, 7 for committee, 7.30 for members. Arranging classes for members' show, etc.—G. T. Wall.

Middleton C.B.S.—April 29, Old Boar's Head, 8. Y.B. Show.—J. Oldham.

Middlesex O.S.—May 2, St. John's Schools, Southall, 8. Lecture by Mr. F. Easterling on "How to become a successful exhibitor." All heartily welcome.—J. Jefferis.

Newcastle C.B.S.—May 2, Lockhart's Cocoa Rooms, Nun Street, 7.30. Lantern lecture by Mr. Gill, Hancock Museum (Newcastle). Arrangements for picnic. Subs. Note change of place of meeting for this night only. Fanciers and friends welcome.—J. W. Reed.

Newcastle Novice Society.—May 2, Mr. Purvis's Cafe, Clayton Street (opposite Bird Market, Newcastle), 7.30. Rules, etc.—T. W. Lumsden.

New Cross C.B.S.—May 2, headquarters, 8. Lecture on "British Birds," by Mr. Norman; also arrangements for ramble on May 12.—Barton and Barton.

Paisley Tannahill O.S.—May 4, Lockier's, 8, St. James' Street, 7.30. Alteration of rules. No new members admitted after this date.—J. Stewart.

Partick C.B.C.—May 3, Trades Halls, Anderson Street, 8. Arrangements for annual show. Lecture on the Yorks Canary, by Mr. F. Bowman. Fanciers and friends cordially invited.—J. Henderson.

Portobello C.B.S.—May 1, Masonic Hall, 7. Important.—J. Davidson.

Provincial Roller C.C.—April 27, Old Boar's Head, Corporation Street, Manchester. Ordinary business.—A. Percival.

Radcliffe C.B.S.—May 1, Wareing's Dining Rooms, 8. Fixing date for F.F. show, etc. Fanciers invited. —W. Pickup.

Reading C.B.S.—May 1, Palmer Hall, 8. Judging competition.—W. H. Pyke.

Rotherham C.B.S.—April 27, College Inn, 8. Half-yearly contributions due; also entries for cup.—B. Bailey.

Sale C.B.S.—April 29, Volunteer Hotel, 8. Election of judges for open show; also classification.—Royle and Wood.

Scottish Plainhead Club.—April 27, 142, High Street, Edinburgh, 5.30. Committee meeting. Election of President and five Vice-Presidents.—J. Brown.

Sheffield C.B.S.—May 2, Wentworth Cafe, 8. Arrangements for nest feather show and night of questions.—A. Hobson.

Spen Valley C.B.S.—April 29, Commercial Hotel, 8. General meeting; important.—A. Lee.

Stockport B.F.A.—April 30, Boar's Head Hotel, 8. Show business. Subs. due.—W. Stafford.

Stockton-on-Tees C.B.S.—May 2, Leeds Hotel, 8. Important.—J. W. Lowes.

Vale of Leven C.B.C.—May 2, Village Schoolroom, Alexandria, 8. Linnet sing; arrangements for F.F. and annual shows, halls, classes, and election of judges.—A. H. McLean.

Walsall C.B.S.—May 1, White Hart Hotel, Caldmore, 8. Fixing dates for next feather show and Linnet contest; special business.—F. Price.

Walkden C.B.S.—May 7, Bull's Head Hotel, 8. Important.—H. Howard.

Wigan C.B.S.—May 4, Legs of Man, 8. Discussion on the best method of preparing egg food for young birds.—H. Young.

Windsor C.B.A.—May 2, headquarters, 8.15. General.—E. A. Stickland.

Wombwell B.F.A.—May 4, Park Street School, 7. Important.—T. Eames.

Yorkshire Union of C.B.S.—April 27, Market Tavern, Godwin Street, Bradford, 6. Election of Treasurer; levy per member, etc.—H. Hill.

Singing Contests.

NEWTOWN (Leeds).

Week-end quality Linnet sing, held Prince Albert Inn, on April 21, when 16 birds entered. Room packed, and some very good singing heard. Judges, Messrs. A. Turner and H. Hayes. 1, Nevins; 2, J. Clark; 3, Madden.—E. Wood, Hon. Sec.

PONTEFRACT.

Linnet contest held April 21st, Woodman Inn, Horsefair, when we had 16 birds to sing. Winners: 1, 2, Piper; 3, Wilson. We are having a members' sing April 27th, hoping all members will bring birds and give us a good start for our first members' sing. Open-to-all-England sing April 28th; all welcome.—W. Beard, Hon. Sec.

LEEDS.

Linnet sing for quality held Old Bird House, King's Head, Shannon-street, April 20th, when 18 birds sang. 1st, Chadwick; 2nd and 3rd Butler. Judges, Messrs. Walt. Naylor and J. Naylor. Also April 21st, when 19 birds faced the judges, Messrs. Walt Naylor and A. Jennings, who gave every satisfaction. 1st, Robinson; 2nd, Lunn; 3rd, Bland.—T. C. Summers, Hon. Sec.

KIPPAX.

Kippax and Dist. Linnet Club members' sing, held Commercial Hotel, April 20th, when 16 birds competed for entrance money and additional money from funds, making these splendid prizes worth competing for. Result: 1, Liversedge; 2, 3, Potter. Messrs. T. Hall and J. Liversedge, senr., were timekeepers. General meeting to be held April 28th, at 7 p.m. prompt, to arrange for a special sing for Whitsun tide.—R. Plows, Hon. Sec.

CASTLEFORD.

Weekly Linnet contest, held George and Dragon Hotel, Bridge Street, and 55 members and friends attended to hear 51 birds sing for 3 good prizes (4 minutes' singing), and the birds did very well. Winners: 1, Nelson, 98; 2, Smith, 89; 3, Piper, 75. Also on April 21, 18 members turned up with 34 birds (3 minutes' sing), and again the birds did well. Winners: 1, Dobson, 97; 2, Nelson, 75; 3, Smith, 56. We are having an open-to-all-England time sing on May 4, birds to sing 5 seconds each, break to count; and we are giving 3 or 4 good prizes. We hope to see some fanciers from other clubs present; we give a hearty invitation to all time singing clubs to send a team of birds. Bird up at 3 p.m. prompt.—Walter Dobson, Hon. Sec.

SALFORD.

It has been decided to hold the open contest on April 27th for time and quality, when we hope all the Lancashire singing clubs will be well represented. This is the first large contest since the dispute was settled. Prizes will be given according to entries, and all our members are especially requested to attend. A start will be made at 2 p.m. The cars run to the Boathouse Hotel, Oldfield Rd., every few minutes. Also a meeting re business for the Tyldesley affiliation match on May 4th.—B. Wharton, Hon. Sec.

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Correspondence

Skylark Killed by a Golf Ball.

Sir,—A gentleman living here at Sutton, Surrey, while playing golf on the links of the Banstead Golf Club last week had the misfortune to kill a Lark. After he had driven the ball a Lark rose up from the ground and the ball struck the bird while flying in the air. The gentleman is having the bird stuffed and mounted in a glass case.

G. W. Saunders.

Coventry O.S. and the Suspension of Mr. G. Lawrance.

Sir,—The Committee of the above Society, of which Mr. G. Lawrance is a member, have heard his explanation, and after thoroughly investigating the matter, have decided that Mr. Lawrance's action in showing his bird after the accident to it in transit from a show, was from want of due consideration, and not an attempt to deceive.

A. J. Barratt, Hon. Sec.

How Are Linnet Singing Contests Conducted?

Sir,—I would like to ask a question through the correspondence columns of Cage Birds about Linnet contest singing. The questions I have asked of more experienced fanciers are: Are Linnets at a time-singing contest put face to face on a table, window ledge, wall, or where? What distance apart are they usually placed? In quality singing are two birds hung up at once, and is one hung up above the other; if so do they draw for top place?

T. M.

The Judging of Quality Linnet Song.

Sir,—It gives me the greatest pleasure to acknowledge the two letters in your last week's Cage Birds. I quite appreciate Mr. Sisson's point that we should go for length, turns and form, and that judges should give and take, according to song. I can also quite understand that some of our judges can explain how a bird has sung to win. But that is not what is required. We contend that every bird that is entered in a contest should have marked to its number what it has done, so that when a novice enters his bird he could see what it had done. I contend this would give him some encouragement to go further. Mr. F. Allen says the Linnet's song would be better without points. That I have argued with one of our prominent judges, who is of the same opinion. I am bound to admit that it is best, but at the same time, if there are no points, there should be a system different to the one we have had at our contests in Lancashire, as there is nothing on the sheet but 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5. I want to know if that is a proper way to give the result of the contest.

J. McAllister.

The Making of Holly Bark Bird Lime

And Lime from Linseed Oil.

Sir,—I fear that if "A.H." wants the genuine article he will have to make it, as though I have seen quite a few samples which purported to be such, I have never yet seen any which in the least resemble the genuine holly either in tenacity or weather resisting qualities. I have made bird-lime by various methods, some of which were primitive, by reason of a sudden call for their use, a handful of wheat, a few shreds of bark, and a good set of teeth constituting the entire material and apparatus. And on more than one occasion while fishing in the vicinity of a fir wood I have improvised a very effective "touch down" by using the resin which exudes from those trees. I will however describe the process of making holly bark, and another, and I venture to say that after "A.H." has made the former, he will cease to wonder at its "unpurchasability." Take the bark from holly trees in the months of April, May, or June, as the sap is then ascending, or up, and a larger proportion of glutinous matter is obtained than during the winter months. A large quantity of bark is necessary, as the lime obtained is only equal to about 4 per cent. of the raw material. Placing the bark in an old pot, with a sufficiency of water, let it boil till the outer or green skin separates from the inner pith. It is from the latter that the lime is obtained, the green skin being thrown away. Placing the bark in an old bass, or bag, previously damped, bury same in a warm and moist situation to decompose—a garden hot-bed, dung heap, or the marshy bank of a pond or river being very suitable. The time necessary for this decomposing process depends on the amount of heat and moisture. When the mass is sufficiently rotten to permit of its being easily pulped, it is ready for the final part of the process, which is better carried out on the side of a brook, running water being a necessary factor. Laying a portion of the bark on a large stone proceed to pound it into pulp, using another stone, or preferably a broad faced hammer, for that purpose. On the thoroughness of this process depends greatly the amount of lime procured, as if imperfectly done a large proportion of the lime is lost in the final stage, viz., the washing. This is done by taking a handful of the pulp and kneading it, holding same in running water meantime, when all the fibre floats away and leaves the lime sticking on the hands, from which it may be transferred to jars for use as required. Another method: Take a quantity of pure linseed oil, and placing same in a pot sufficiently large to ensure safety from boiling over and the resultant conflagrations, boil it slowly on a clear fire, stirring the while. Try it occasionally by dropping a little from the stick into cold water, and taking the blob between finger and thumb, when the progress may be estimated by the distance these may be extended without breaking the threads. When a distinct resistance is felt, and the threads remain unruptured though finger and thumb are fully extended the mass may be considered sufficiently cooked; and as a guide to quantity I may state that it will then have shrunk to about half the bulk of the oil used. Many just store it for use at this stage, but I find it is much improved by just allowing it to become slightly cooled, and pouring it into a basin of cold water, then taking it in the hands and kneading it, stretching and manipulating it in the manner of candy. That its tenacity is much improved thereby there can be no doubt; it may then be stored away in air tight tins and will remain unchanged for any length of time. Some advise the addition of a proportion of Stockholm tar to the above, but experiments in that direction convince me that the only advantage of such is an increase in bulk, and the addition does not improve the quality, unless the lime has been overcooked, when a modicum of tar may be used to thin the mass. I thus advise a curtailment of the boiling, and the addition of resin. This I find renders it very liable to run in warm weather, and become firm and useless in a hard frost. But such would be very useful for flypapers. J. Steel.

The Hornsey, Wood Green and District C.B.C. Formed.

Sir,—The first meeting of the above-named Club was held on April 18th at Mr. Bedford's, 165, High Road, Wood Green, there being a very good attendance. The officers elected were: Hon. Sec., Mr. Brooks, 3, Trinity Rd., Wood Green, N.; Assistant Secy., Mr. Pledger; Chairman, Mr. Pomeroy; Vice-Chairman, Mr. Cobden; Treasurer, Mr. Brooks; Committee, Messrs. Game, Clay, Howie, Bates, Rippin, and Surridge; Auditors, Messrs. Todd and F. A. Pledger. Our meetings are to be held at the above address on the first Thursday in every month. Annual subscriptions, 2s. 6d. Fanciers wishing to join should communicate with the Hon. Sec.

P. Brooks, Hon. Sec.

The Suggested New Classification of British Birds.

Sir,—I think I shall be voicing the feelings of many of your readers in joining Mr. Steel in his hope that the Scottish B.B. and M.C. will give its attention to the above matter. The National B.B. and M.C. has made a praiseworthy attempt to grapple with the question, but it is scarcely to be expected that any such attempt would be so perfect as not to require or admit of any modification. Certain modifications in any cut and dried scheme would be necessary to meet local conditions which differ of course in different localities, and even in different societies, and most of these may quite well be left in the hands of the individual societies concerned. For example, it is quite easy to group different species of birds together, to delete or add classes, and make any slight alterations which may be called for by local circumstances. The great thing is to avoid ambiguous words, and thereby to avoid misunderstandings and wrong tactics, and the suggested classification is a noteworthy step in this direction. I think there is not much in Mr. Steel's objection that in a classification of nine classes a lot of different species would be competing together, for it would be quite impossible to avoid this in any arrangement of nine classes. I think if Mr. Steel would trouble to make a list of birds which could meet together under any of the old class headings he would find quite as much of a mixture. With regard to the suggestion that the Golden Oriole and the Hoopoe should compete in the class for Continental birds, this is met by the fact that the Committee of the N.B.B. and M.C. long ago decided that the recorded appearances of these birds in England were of sufficient frequency to justify the birds being included in their list of British birds, and as the full classification mentions individually every species in that list, the names of these birds necessarily occur in the classification. In case there are any who are, as suggested by Mr. Steel, wondering what particular five Buntings are eligible for competition in Class 12., perhaps you will allow me to suggest that the five British Buntings, besides the Yellow Hammer, on the N.B.B. and M.C. list are the Corn, Reed, Cirl, Snow and Lapland. Neither the Meadow, Black-headed, Ortolan, nor any other of the Continental Buntings we sometimes see "masquerading" on the show-bench is on the Club's list. Exhibitor.

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The Meaning of "Noggin."

Sir,—I have a recipe for use in cases of backward moult, which says, "Put sixpennyworth of Saffron in a Noggin of Rum." I should be pleased if someone would enlighten me as to the exact amount, as I have failed to find the capacity of a "Noggin."

Perplexed.

We believe a "noggin" is the same as a gill (or quartern) i.e., a quarter of a pint.—Editor.

The Story of My Pet Budgerigar.

Told in Birdie Language

Sir,—My Budgie is an interesting bird, possessing many peculiar habits which are quite unnatural to his own particular species. He has his likes and dislikes, the same as mortal man. Unlike the rest of the Budgerigars, he will eat no green-food, and even ripe fruit will not tempt him. I have tried him with many dainty tit-bits, but the seed trough receives his best attention. Seeding grasses he has no desire for, and I usually find them exactly as I placed them in his cage. He is particularly impartial to strangers, and has taken a great dislike to hats and bonnets. Should a stranger enter, Budgie eyes him all over, and if an advance is made towards the cage, down to the bottom Budgie goes, to find, if possible, a suitable hiding place. Budgie is not an English bred bird, but an imported one, and makes himself quite at home with us now. He has a great amount of prattle, with an occasional "Pretty Polly," and lots of other birdie language to the passing trains, or to the noise of the mangle. He loves to have his exercise, as we call it, and to roam about at will. Oftimes we place his cage on the table or floor, and allow him an hour's freedom, which he much enjoys. Could my Budgie but tell his own life's story it would run somewhat as follows: Some three years ago I was captured and taken prisoner with many others of my species, and packed ready to be despatched for England's shores. Our over-sea voyage was fairly good, with, of course a certain amount of rocking. We had a liberal supply of food, but some of my comrades did not take very readily to it, although I did justice to it. By-and-by we reached England and here we were dis-embarked and sent along to our purchaser, who in due time took us out of our travelling cages, and finally we were put into a very large sort of cage wherein we could shake out our feathers, and breathe a little more freely and also see a little more daylight. Many were the visitors who came to have a peep at us through the wires and pass all sorts of remarks about us. One day there was such a ringing noise (which I found out later must have been the telephone) and presently a cage was placed outside ours. Several Budgies were fetched out and placed in this cage, and I began to wonder who's turn it was next. Then a large hand made a grab for me. Although I dodged it several times I was finally captured, but not until I had given it several sharp pecks. We were then packed up and sent by train to some bird dealer's shop many miles away. Here I stayed for sometime. However, one day a young man and a little boy came into the shop and asked the price of me and another of my species. The purchase made, amidst the jink of coin, I was once more packed in a little cage along with my new acquaintance, and taken I knew not where, for a piece of paper was well wrapped round, with a hole or two cut in the top as a sort of ventilation. We were travelling for about an hour and a half before we reached our final destination. It was now almost dark, but with the aid of a lighted lamp we were able to find our way into a large and roomy cage with plenty of sand and grit in the bottom and a good supply of seed, etc. Here I was christened "Polly," and my chum "Joey." Really I was "Joey" also, and although we were both "Joey's" we managed to agree very well, and spent some happy months together. One day, however, my chum was taken very ill. He had several fits during the day, and grew worse as night came on. He struggled hard to pull through. My master placed him in another cage where my old chum bade his final farewell. I am now caged by myself, and still get a certain amount of freedom. My name is still "Polly." I do the best I can for my master, who treats me well. Here I live and move and have my being. Here I hope to live and remain till death do us part, feeling assured my master will never sell me, for (let me whisper it to you) I heard him say so.

Arthur Chattaway.

As Seen by a Bird-keeper.

Sir,—I have been a bird lover from a child and am never without a bird, and I would like to inform "faddists" that a true bird-keeper and lover is one of the first to try to stop any cruelty that he sees to birds anywhere. I may say that most of our British birds, when they drop into the hands of a true fancier, soon become more affectionate than even Canaries that are bred in cages. Sometimes it is possible to get a British bird that won't settle down and I say to others when it happens, give them their liberty, as I do myself. Now, sir, my house joins up to an enclosure, and what is carried on in there sometimes I should call barbarous cruelty. You'll see two or three large hampers packed with live rabbits. They are let out for dogs to run after and pulled all to pieces almost. Then we see pigeons let out of traps one by one for men to shoot at, and many a pigeon goes off with one or perhaps both legs smashed. I say let the R.S.P.C.A. turn their attention to where real cruelty goes on.

Consistent.

Skylarks Reared in Cages by their Mothers.

Sir,—It may be of some little interest to Lark fanciers to know that my son and I found two Larks' nests last year, and we caught the old birds belonging to both nests, and put them in a Lark cage while we got home, when we put each old hen in a cage by herself—a cage for each nest, put so that each hen could not see the other. The old hens fed the young and brought them up. We covered the cages with a linen cloth, so that they would not be disturbed. We gave them to feed on boiled milk and bread soaked in it; the third day a chopped-up boiled egg with the bread; and six mealworms a day for each nest. We had no trouble at all. We let the old birds free when the young could pick up food for themselves.

T. Johnson.

The Wiring of Cages.

Sir,—I recollect seeing the block that "Working Man" refers to, described (with drawings) in these columns. No doubt some of your readers could inform him as to the date, or supply him with the copies. Re looping, he requires a pair of round-nosed pliers, and the end of the wire is turned somewhat in the form of the mark of interrogation which terminates his query. I hope later to describe the block method of making Border show cages, and how to obviate the using of loops. If "W. M." cares to forward his address, I will send him particulars meantime. Apropos of cage-making, I recently became possessed of a most ingenious machine for boring holes, and am often asked where a similar one could be procured. When I first saw mine it was being worked by the late Mr. Pollock of Newton Grange, that was over twenty years ago. The machine has evidently been constructed by an engineer, and would cost about £1. It is worked on the vertical principle, and by an arrangement of screws takes any thickness, height or length of wood, bores any required gauge or mesh, automatically ensuring absolute accuracy and perpendicularity; works by depressing a handle, and bores at the rate of about sixty holes a minute. If any engineering reader is desirous of copying mine, I will be pleased to let him have it for a month, if carriage paid both ways—weight, exclusive of packing, 7lbs., a reference to club secretary or other respectable party being the only condition.

J. Steel.

The Yorkshire Union and Its Method of Balloting.

An Apology.

Sir,—With reference to the letter signed by Mr. M. Skirrow, Secretary of the Bolton Woods C.B.S., published in your issue of March 16, 1912, calling in question the accuracy of the number of votes recorded at the annual ballot of the Yorkshire Union for the present year, and also that of two years ago, we wish to say that we are now satisfied that the reflections cast upon the officials concerned were based upon misleading and inaccurate statements, absolutely devoid of any foundation whatever, and we desire to publicly and unreservedly withdraw and apologise for having caused to be published any imputation adversely affecting the integrity of the said officials.

Harry Fretwell, E. W. Goodwin,
James Pullan, H. Bryant,
J. W. Ellis, Patrick Gunn,
James Arthur Taylor, M. Skirrow

(A report from the Secretary of the Yorkshire Union appears on another page.—Editor.)

Hen Blackbird Preferred the "Torture of Captivity."

Sir,—A hen Blackbird was found in a friend's garden about ten days ago, and knowing that I was "daft on birds" he brought it to me. She had been sadly knocked about, so I gladly gave her house-room for a week, until she looked strong enough to take care of herself. Then after a parting meal of maggots I let her out into our back garden, but, to my surprise she was very reluctant to go. The morning after, I was awakened by a strange hammering sound. I lay and puzzled over what it could be, and at last rose to settle the question. It was the Blackie back again, sitting on the window sill, hammering loudly and repeatedly with her big beak on the glass, waiting to get in! This occurred several days in succession, until it seemed to dawn on her that though there was always food at the window (for any bird that came) there was "no admittance." It was pleasing to see the bird back again, and surely our humanitarian friends will admit that this was one instance where a wild bird actually preferred "the torture of captivity."

Dan McArthur.

Edinburgh.

A Well-known Yorkshire Fancier's Experiences of Hybrid Breeding.

Sir,—I will give my fellow-readers a little of my experience, especialy for the benefit of novices in the hobby of Hybrid breeding. Most breeders say that it is of no use trying for hybrids in ordinary breeding cages. Well, for the last ten years I have been trying for hybrids of various kinds in ordinary double breeding cages, such as Greenie-Bullie, Canary-Bullie, Redpoll-Bullie, Goldie-Bullie, and Bramble-Chaffie; and I am trying this season for Bullie-Chaffie (cock Bullie and hen Chaffie) I may say I have had young in shell with all these crosses except Bullie-Chaffie, and have had young hatched out with Redpoll-Bullie and Goldie-Bullie. This last season I had about six Goldie-Bullies. One, which I had in a nest of Mules, lived about a week. The next one I had was hatched under a Canary, but was "sat" by a Bullie hen until the day before the egg was due to hatch, and then transferred to a Canary; and when it was two days old was taken two miles away to a friend of mine (Mr. J. Lane), and hand-reared until it was five or six weeks old. Then I brought it home and moulted it. This last season I had six Bullie hens all sitting in nest pans like Canaries. I have one Bullie hen that was hand-reared which had eight nests this last season, and never egg-bound once. I have never lost a Bullie hen through egg-binding. Now just a little on Mule breeding—that is, with cock Finch and hen Canary, such as Goldfinch, Greenfinch, Linnet and Twite. I may say I have bred Mules from the Canary with all these, both off Yorkshire and Norwich hens. The best, no doubt, for size and shape, are those bred from Norwich hens. But I have bred fairly big Mules from Yorkshire hens. I have always picked large hens. They have mostly been dark Mules that I have bred, because my hens have not been inbred enough. There is no doubt that is the surest. I have great faith in Pea-throat Goldfinches and a good big hen Canary of either breed which has been bred clear for a season or two. I tried this last season with a Pea-throat and a big Yorkshire hen (a clear buff). I bred three off this pair, one dark one (variegated), and one which I thought was going to be a six-pointed, but has turned out to have both wings dark, and saddle backed. It is a big one. I think this pair will breed a clear one this time. Just a word here: always shut Goldie off each night before the hen lays, and always when the hen is sitting. I have also gone in for Yorkshire and Norwich breeding, and have won my gold medal for Yorkshires. But a more interesting and fascinating hobby I have yet to find than British bird keeping, and Mule and Hybrid breeding. It requires a great amount of patience. I would strongly impress this on you. I got fourth with my young Goldie-Bullie at the Crystal Palace (1912) Show, which I think was a good performance for a young bird; so did a few other well-known Hybrid breeders and British bird exhibitors whom I came across at the Palace. To my mind, there is more honour due to the breeder when he wins than to people who want all the honour by just being exhibitors, and never breeding a bird. Now, for Hybrid breeding, you want as near ideal birds as you can get, especially in the Goldie-Bullie cross. You want a good, large, shapely Goldfinch. The one I have bred mine with is now nearly three years old. I had him since he was a Greypate. He was the largest out of about twenty. As a year-old bird he took five 1sts in the open; and he took two 1sts this last season. I generally fix my nest pans in about two months before they are wanting to go to nest, so that they can get well used to them. Give them thorn buds, young dandelion, sunflower seeds, and wild seeds. I generally mix my own stock mixture—one part hemp, one part teazle, one part Germau rape, one part niger, one part charlock, one part linseed, one part maw, one part gold of pleasure, and two parts best Spanish canary seed. Just keep a look-out to see that all is well, and keep the birds as quiet as you can. I give them egg food twice a week, commencing about the second week in April. I think the Goldie-Bullie is the most beautiful of them all. As regards Bullie hens not sitting, I cannot say, as many do, that they are bad sitters. As I have said before, I have had six hens. All sat at once this last season. But I am aware they are not as good feeders as sitters. Still, I had a hen four years ago that sat on five Greenie eggs, hatched them all, and reared three, along with a Norwich cock to help her. I may say that I have all kinds of Finches at present. I hope these few lines will meet the eyes of those interested. If at first they don't succeed, they should try again.

T. H. Inman.

Amongst the Wild Birds of Canada.

The Interesting Experiences of a Fancier "Out West."

Sir,—Permit me to conclude my notes on the above subject. I have heard many an English fancier say he was sorry he had not taken a few Linnets out with him to Canada. By-the bye, is it not a pity we cannot breed them in cages like the Canary? I have no doubt it can be done, but I suppose they are purchased so cheaply that fanciers do not think it worth their while to breed them and form a cage-bred strain. If this were so, Mule or Hybrid breeding would be a much more certain hobby. Goldfinches, of course, would be "a hard nut to crack." Personally, I have never seen a Goldfinch in Canada. The common house Sparrow, as cheeky and perky as ever, is there, and generally makes himself seen as soon as you leave the ship. I have never known him to winter farther north than Port Arthur; but down east he holds out somehow or the other. I have seen the small Robin in Ontario, but the Americau Robin is a big fellow, the size of a Thrush, with a good song, rounded and full. He is not so red on the breast, and is more subdued in colour all through. The species build fairly high up in any suitable tree and generally have a nest of five greenish-blue eggs. They like to take up their quarters near the habitations of man, and the nests are often found in the trees surrounding the house. In London, Ontario, a pair of American Robins built their nest in an ornamental fir tree, a few feet from the parlour windows of my house. I had a good look at the whole process of hatching and rearing, and the cock bird was very attentive to the hen. I have often wondered what relation these Robins are to our English Thrush. I should rather favour the idea of close relationship to the Thrush, as many of our English birds have brown bodies and red breasts. Take the Linnet, for instance. He sometimes assumes a magnificent breast of rusty red. The high feeding that can be got in the summer (as insect life is abundant in Canada) may account for the breast becoming red. The Robins take to cage life readily enough. That they are not a larger kind of our English Robin Redbreast I am convinced. Also I am certain they are not Thrushes, as we have Thrushes in Canada much the same as those in England. Therefore we must assume they are a species by themselves. But their ways are more like those of our English Thrush than of any bird I know. There is a bird about the size of the house Sparrow I have seen in Winnipeg. The cock is dark on the head, neck, and upper part of body; the belly is whitish, the thighs are darker; then the dark merges into almost white; the wings are dark slate colour, and so are the flights; the back, too, and the tail are dark slate colour—really black and white gradated. The hen is much the same as the cock, but she is not so large or so bright in plumage. I caught one of these birds (I have no idea of their name) and caged it. I fed it on mixed seeds—Canary, hemp, rape, and linseed. In a few months he settled down to home life in earnest. He sang the most wild song that ever I heard. He only sang in the early morning at dawn, and in the evening just before dark. I have heard the Indian war-whoop and the wild sounds of the West many years since; I have heard the prairie dogs, the prairie wolf, and various other prairie sounds, but this songster of mine seemed to incorporate all these weird sounds in his song. There was a thrilling wildness in his song that spoke of the "great lone land"—the lonesomeness of the Prairie. I had a Canary at the time, but I never heard my "prairie bird," as we called him, sing in chorus with "Dicky"; he preferred the hours when all was still, and when all the world was quiet, to sing his wild tunes. One or two trappers that I spoke to, and that heard the bird sing, said they had only heard the song in the very early morning or just before night—the same wild weird song that, with all its wildness, was sweet. He rarely sang if anyone was in the room, and never if there was the slightest noise. We often used to sit quietly in the dusk and hear our "prairie bird" sing. One night I heard him sing as usual. The next morning I unfortunately found him dead at the bottom of the cage. I think there is a much greater variety of birds in the Eastern Provinces than "up West." I once remember seeing a young man at West Toronto Junction, a few miles out from Toronto, unfold a red handkerchief at the station and try to sell a score or more of dead wild birds he had shot. Not one of them was larger than a Sparrow. There were Canaries, small Robins, a small brilliant blue bird (blue throughout except for a few black markings). Needless to say, he did not sell them. He was asked by a lady if he could not find a better way of spending his Saturday afternoons than wantonly destroying small song birds. He looked thoroughly ashamed of himself. Shortly after this a bye-law was passed protecting the wild birds in the breeding season. I could go on indefinitely describing the birds I have met with in Canada, but space does not permit.

T. Utiley.

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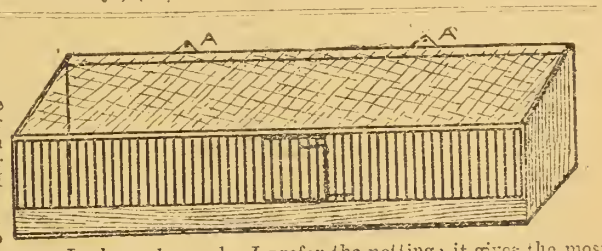

Sir,—I send you a home-made Lark decker or store cage for holding newly caught Larks, which might be useful for some of our Lark catchers or Lark lovers. I have kept this species in this kind of decker or run, which I have always found very useful; they keep the birds from injuring themselves, as Larks, when newly caught, have a great habit of jumping and bumping, and so hurting themselves. The idea I have tried to sketch is of a decker 4ft. long, 10in. broad, and 6in. high; the top is ½in. or ¾in. mesh netting, made of cotton the same as the mesh netting that window screens are made of. The top is a frame 1in. by ½in. all round, as shown in sketch. It is screwed on with three small screws on each side and end, so that it can be screwed off when cleaning or painting, when this is required. Canvas cloth or even a piece of wax flour cloth may be used. I prefer the netting; it gives the most light. "A" is a common piece of cage wire bent to the shape of an A; bend the wire to prongs (driven into the top of cage) as shown—to hang cage on wall. When holes are bored through the back of cage, the nails are very apt to cut and injure the Larks' heads when they are jumping about in the cage. The wires in front of the decker are ¾in. apart, so that the birds can get their heads through any part of cage to feed and drink quite easily.

W. F. McCreanor.

Experiences with the "London Swell."

The Blackbird Gets a New Name.

Sir,—The Blackbird is one of the commonest of our British birds yet he is loved by thousands for his beautiful song. He is a favourite of the townsman as well as the cottager, for he is a most handsome bird, docile, and of a most pleasing manner. One could not find a nicer pet than the Blackbird; I have heard a good many fanciers call him the London Swell. Although of a bold nature, he soon takes to cage life, he is easy to hand-rear, and if you do rear one he will become one of the best of pets. I have reared a good many broods in my time, and have sold a good many for a good price. But they do require a good sized cage to keep themselves clean; one about two feet six inches long, about a foot wide and two feet six inches high, with plenty of sawdust or sand on bottom. What a contrast there is between his jet black colour and deep yellow beak and eye ere! When to this is added his deep whistling song, there is no wonder he is liked by so many; his song is charming indeed. Sometimes loud, sweet and low at other times. The only time he does not sing is when he is moulting. The Blackbird shows great ability in mimicking the song of other birds. I have had them mock the Robin, the piping of a Bullfinch or any other bird within hearing. The Blackbird is to be found in every nook and knell; no one part can claim it more than another; the nest is to be found in thick bushes and hedges, or under a stream bank on an overhanging willow, or a thick undergrowth. It is made outside of twigs, dry grass, and moss, and lined with dried leaves, straw and well plastered with mud and cow-dung and pieces of hay. The eggs laid are from four to six in number, and of a green-bluish colour, covered with brown spots. In hand-rearing them I would take them when about three parts fledged, and my first feed would consist of soaked bread squeezed nearly dry, and then a little milk poured on it, and a small white slug about every two hours; a little mashed potatoes and gravy will also be useful. Pears in season, currants, gooseberries and all the wild berries from hedgerows I also give. My staple food at one time was barley and pea meal, but I have found out long since that if I would keep them in health and condition I would have to follow nature, and through reading and digesting my esteemed friend Cage Birds I am glad to say now I am past all troubles re bird feeding, as I feed all soft-bills on a good brand of soft-food much advertised in Cage Birds.

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THERE are all sorts of seed hoppers now on the market, some of them good and others—well, otherwise. In this article, however, we shall only deal with three, namely, two ordinary hoppers to hang outside the cage, and one self-supplying hopper, which is hung inside the cage, being especially suitable for the large flight we have already considered.

Must be More or Less Enclosed.

Now a seed-hopper to be of any use must be more or less enclosed, and not merely an open tin hooked on to the front; for if we are using one of these latter and fill it with a mixture of seeds containing, say, inga seeds, and offer it to a bird whose weakness is his love of inga seed, what will he do? He picks out all his favourite kind from the top layer, and comes to the conclusion that there is more underneath; so he carefully buries his beak in the mixture and gives his head a violent shake, when lo! a regular storm is scattered like hailstones over the bird room floor. But the remedy is simple. Put the seed in an enclosed hopper, and the "storm" will be returned upon the bird's own head to fall once more into its right receptacle.

The first hopper to be described is a wooden one with a sloping glass roof; the second is made of tin and is the sort of hopper now much in vogue, whilst the third is the self-supplying one.

The wood to be used for the first and last is three-ply (from tea chests) with the addition of a little stronger wood, which can be conveniently got from any packing case or box which happens to be at hand.

Fig. 1 shows the wooden hopper. The glass is, of course, to enable the bird to see exactly what seed he is going to eat; so that he won't be mistaken in selecting a rape seed when he wants a hemp! The fancier must judge for himself as to size, although for a single cage 5in. by 4in. by 2in. would be convenient and useful. The bottom had better be made first, and it should consist of a piece of wood from the packing case 4in. by 2in., so that it will be possible to nail on to it the three-ply, which should next be cut to form the sides, front and back. Glue should be used at the corners, and it will help matters if fine nails are also used to brace the hopper together, or even ordinary pins cut short and re sharpened with a file.

Two very narrow laths of wood (not shown in Fig. 1) should be glued upon the inside to carry the glass, which will be cut to the required size by any glazier for a copper; or if the fancier happens to be a photographer, or possesses a friend who dabbles in the art, he might easily cut his own glasses from waste negatives with a cheap glass-cutter. Pieces of wire must be driven into the three-ply, and bent to form hooks to hang on to the cage front.

Turning a Weakness to Account.

The kind of seed hopper the writer uses is shown in Fig. 2, and is made of tin with a glass front. With a hopper like this it is very easy to see exactly how low the seed gets without lifting it from its place. Large sheets of tin can be purchased from the tin-smith for a few pence; but there is yet a cheaper method, and that is to employ cocoa and syrup tins.

The writer has many weak points, and one of them is his love of Lyle's golden syrup, and stacks of tins (carefully emptied) existed upon the shelf in the store-cupboard in the hope that they might "come in" for something. Some were used for storing seed, but still there were more. At length he had a brilliant thought. The tops and bottoms were cut off and the cylinder thus left slit down at the seam, the tin flattened out and used for seed-hoppers. I will explain the manufacture.

Having flattened out the tin, which may be done with a flat-iron (stolen when nobody is looking), mark out the hopper as shown in Fig. 3, with a sharp nail or wire, and cut it out carefully with either a pair of tin-smith's snips or a strong pair of scissors. Bend it at the dotted lines, being watchful that all the enamelled part is upon the *outside* of the hopper. The little flanges are bent at right angles to act as a check for the glass. Cut out the sloping roof and bend as shown in Fig. 4; fix it into position and solder. If the fancier follows the directions already given on soldering he will find that a seed-hopper like this can be put together in next to no time.

The next step is to make the back (i.e., that part which butts against the cage front) and solder it into position. It is a good plan to double over about ¼in. off the top edge of this, so that "dickie" won't scrape his beard off with a sharp edge of tin when he is hunting for a millet seed.

The hopper is now nearing completion. Small L-shaped pieces of tin should be soldered upon the inside to prevent the glass from falling inwards; also short lengths of wire should be soldered on and bent into hooks to hold the hopper in position on the cage.

Covering up the Trail.

We don't want *everybody* to know that we make our appliances out of syrup tins, so that the outside should receive a couple of coats of glossy black lacquer, and then there's nothing to be ashamed of.

Nothing could be simpler than to make this hopper (unless, of course, it is to watch somebody else make it), and as there are many little articles to be made from syrup tins some of which are to be described in due course, my advice is: if you don't like syrup then *get* to like it, and don't throw away the tins.

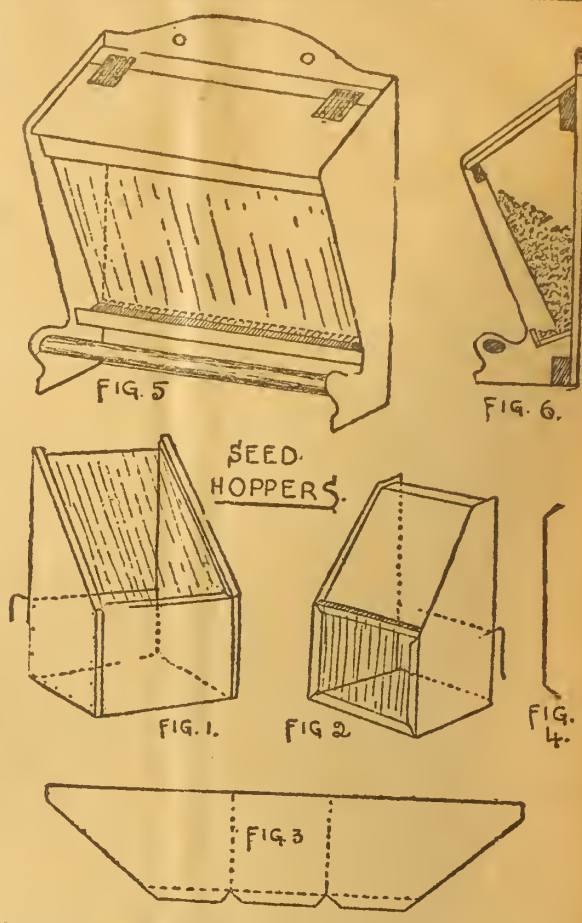
It would take too long to describe in minute detail the self-supplying seed hopper. It would be unnecessary, also, as a few remarks and a sketch will be all that are required. Again, the size will be left to the fancier's own judgment, although a good one for this actual flight cage is 8in. long 7in. high and 4in. deep at the widest part. Fig. 5 shows a rough sketch of the completed hopper, and Fig. 6 a section. The sides should be cut first from three-ply with a fretsaw, and it will save time to nail the two pieces lightly together before beginning to saw; this method will ensure both sides being exactly alike. It will then be best to make the back of the chosen length with a shaped top.

In Fig. 6 the shaded portions represent the sections of strengthening cross-pieces, which should be made of a more substantial wood, to which the three-ply can be securely fastened; one of these is an oval perch, from which the birds can feed. A narrow feeding-trough, with a narrow rail of wood, is next fitted in the position shown, and two narrow laths glued to the sides to keep the glass from falling outwards. This latter is kept from actually touching the bottom of the trough by very small blocks of wood, one at each end, the height of which will have to be carefully adjusted by experiment with seed. The final step is to make the lid, which must be hinged on to the back cross-piece by means of leather hinges, which can be conveniently cut from an old kid glove. With regard to finish, my own are done with white bath enamel, but, of course, the maker must use his discretion and consult his own tastes.

How Waste may be Avoided.

Now it might be thought that seed poured in at the top would flow down into the trough and over the edge, and would continue to do so as long as seed was supplied from above; but this is not so. It will just fill the trough, and then the surplus will occupy the big reservoir above. As the birds feed from the trough more seed will fall down to take its place, and so on until all is exhausted. But in using a hopper like this a watchful eye should be kept upon the trough to see that it doesn't get choked up with husks. Some people might object to this as a wasteful hopper, thinking that the birds would be likely to scatter their seed, but as long as the trough is made narrow and shallow there will be little or no waste.

For aviaries and flight-cages a hopper like this is a great saver of time, and the fancier would find himself well repaid for the trouble taken in making it.



DIAGRAMS EXPLANATORY OF THE MAKING OF MR. SAYCE'S SEED-HOPPERS.

Figs. 1 to 4 deal with Hoppers to hang upon Cage Fronts.
Figs. 5 and 6 with one of the "Self-supplying" type.

A Pictorial Panel,

Notes on the Trio of Beautiful Birds Depicted upon our Coloured Plate.

By H. J. FULLJAMES.

OUR journal, Cage Birds, has in the past presented to its readers some wonderful pictures, but I doubt if any issue of this or any other paper has ever been accompanied by such an exquisitely artistic production as the composite panel by the celebrated artist, Mr. Geo. Rankin, around which it is my privilege to write a few words.

Of course, it will be understood that my remarks are based only upon what I have learnt of the charming birds depicted, and not upon actual experience in their keeping, for though I have owned members of the same genus as each of the birds illustrated, I, like the vast majority of my readers, have never possessed a living specimen of either of the three species.

The Black-headed Wagtail.

This beautiful Wagtail (*Motacilla melanocephala*), a perfect embodiment of harmonious colouring and shapely grace, in general plumage resembles somewhat closely the Blue-headed Wagtail, the rarest of the *Motacillae* visiting our own shores as summer migrants. Its head, cheeks and neck are a deep, glossy black, and give it its name, the "Black-headed" Wagtail. The green of its back is considerably richer in tone than that of the Blue-headed, its yellow underparts are brighter, and it has no white on its throat, neither has it any buff eyebrow.

Unlike its near relative, which travels a journey of some thousands of miles in length, northward in spring and southward in autumn, the Black-headed Wagtail is found only within a comparatively limited region. It belongs exclusively to Southern Europe, Northern Africa, and Western Asia. It is said occasionally to reach as far as India, and a straggler or two is now and then reported as having been seen as far north as France and Belgium, but these records appear somewhat doubtful. It has many of the habits of our own well-known species, is fond of marshy meadows, and, like its relations, is often to be seen foraging for insects where cattle are grazing.

The Centre of the Panel.

Another resident in Southern Europe, Northern Africa, and Western Asia is Cetti's Warbler, *Bradypterus cetti*. This charming little bird, whose total length of five and a quarter inches is about equally divided between its tail feathers and its head, neck, and body together, occupies the centre of our panel. In general colour it may be described as a harmony in russet-brown, grey, and white; the tail feathers are graduated much after the style of the Grasshopper Warbler; these feathers are ten in number only, and in having this number instead of the usual twelve Cetti's Warbler stands alone in the whole family of Warblers.

In Southern Spain it is a fairly common bird, frequenting always bushes in the vicinity of water. As with the Black-headed of the Wagtails, so with the Cetti's among the Warblers, it may be found the year round in most parts within the scope of its distribution, and is said to sing all the year except during the annual moult. It would appear to resemble closely our Reed Warbler in its habits. It is of a very retiring nature, and therefore not easy of observation, although its song may be heard on every hand in the course of a walk along the river banks which it frequents. Like our Reed Warbler, also, it sings throughout the night, and it is at dusk and later in the evening that its merry, if not particularly musical, song is most to be appreciated.

The song of Cetti's Warbler is said to be unmistakable, and Seebohm describes it graphically as follows:—"The song is very loud, and almost startling in the suddenness of its commencement. It always begins with a loud *spritz*, a sort of trumpet-blast; then follow three or four rapid double notes, something like *chit-up, chit-up, chit-up*, but clear and full as the notes of the cornopean. Your first impression is that if it goes on it will beat the Nightingale hollow, but, alas! the song is over. These five or seven notes are repeated at intervals without variation. Cetti's Warbler has a superb voice, but no genius for music."

The Black-throated Wheatear.

Everybody knows the Wheatear of our downs and rocky places, the earliest of all our welcome visitors of the spring, but it has not been given to many of us to see in the life its relation (*Saxicola melanoleuca*), so beautifully drawn for us by Mr. Rankin. The Black-throated Wheatear is found throughout South-eastern Europe and North-eastern Africa, occasionally getting eastward into Asia as far as Persia and Yarkand. In Asia Minor it appears as a fairly common visitor.

As in our own Wheatear, there would seem to be two distinct kinds of Black-throated, and their habits on migration differ in a similar way—those which move the earlier travel the farther, staying only a short time in mid-journey, just as do our smaller Wheatears which pass along to breed farther north, while those which move in April remain in more southern localities. Like our bird, also, it favours mostly the open country districts and rocky places. Its nest, which usually contains four or five eggs, is placed generally in rocky crevices, often in the most inaccessible places. The bird is said to have a song which is comparable to that of our Wheatear, but shorter and not so strong. In its summer plumage of jet black and purest white it is a striking bird indeed, as may be gathered from its counterfeit presentment appearing in the right-hand portion of our panel.

A Somewhat Neglected Source.

When we consider the enormous number of foreign birds which are imported into this country from the uttermost ends of the earth, it seems strange indeed that there should be so few importations of the scores of beautiful species which are to be obtained nearer home. Of the birds which are to be found on the neighbouring continent of Europe there are many which are as beautiful in plumage as tropical birds, and which, while excelling in outward beauty their relatives which are familiar to us, possess quite as high a standard of musical ability as those which charm our ears in our own countryside. A collection of birds confined entirely to those which are known on the continent of Europe, which would include, of course, our own migratory birds and their relations which do not favour us with a visit, for example, the three beautiful birds above mentioned, would have an interest far surpassing that attaching to the keeping of a collection of sundry foreign birds.

Are Canary Breeders "Behind the Times"?

A Lecture
By E. JAMES
Before the Cardiff C.B.S.

In this discourse concerning the Yorkshire Canary the author puts forward some original views on various points.

MR. CHAIRMAN, and fellow members: I have been requested to give you my experiences in Canary breeding. I will do my best. I will call my paper, "Advice to Novices," or "How I got to the top."

Easy to Get What You Don't Want.

As regards the birds, go to a fancier who breeds his own winners, and put yourself in his hands. If any of you are like myself—not very flush with money—do as I did. My man wanted £2 10s. for his winning Yorkshire cock, so I bought its sister for 10s., thereby getting the same blood as the man who bought the cock bird at a fancy price. I bought three hens at 10s. each, sisters to Mr. Flynn's well-known winners; also one at the same price from another fancier; this was sister to a winning cock. I strongly advise you to get a cock bird with plenty of size; I mean length, etc. Beware of some of the so-called stock birds. Don't have any frills or flat heads. My experience of these stock birds was that they only bred stock birds. Mind to keep size in your eye all the time, as you will find it easy to breed small birds, but these never win. And don't think that a bird about 5¾ inches long is 7 inches, just because it is your own bird. Run it in a show cage; I find that if he can hold his head above the cross bar and is proportionately made, he will suit you. Choose the hen on the same lines. I don't believe in double-buffing or double-yellowing; to me this has been a waste of time, as I always got what I did not want.

I try to get two hens to suit every cock, and usually try two cocks to every hen. By this method you will find which suits best for the third round. You will also only get one nest of faulty young if you adopt this method. Keep the hens all [illegible] in the flights, and feed on plain canary seed, as I find that hens fed thus (not the fat ones) are the best to lay. If the cocks are singing loudly you can say they are in breeding form. If so, feed them the same. I don't believe in using maw seed one day and niger the next. They say maw is binding and niger the reverse. It seems to me like puncturing a tyre to put a patch on! When you see your hen flying from perch to perch and carrying feathers about, catch her and examine her. If she is nice and full, not showing her ribs, pair her up with the cock, not before. I have had cocks fertilise the eggs within 48 hours of laying.

When the hen has laid her third egg take the cock away, as he will only be wasting his strength, and don't return him to the hen until the young are 14 days old; then he will have plenty to do to help finish rearing the young.

Some Food Wrinkles.

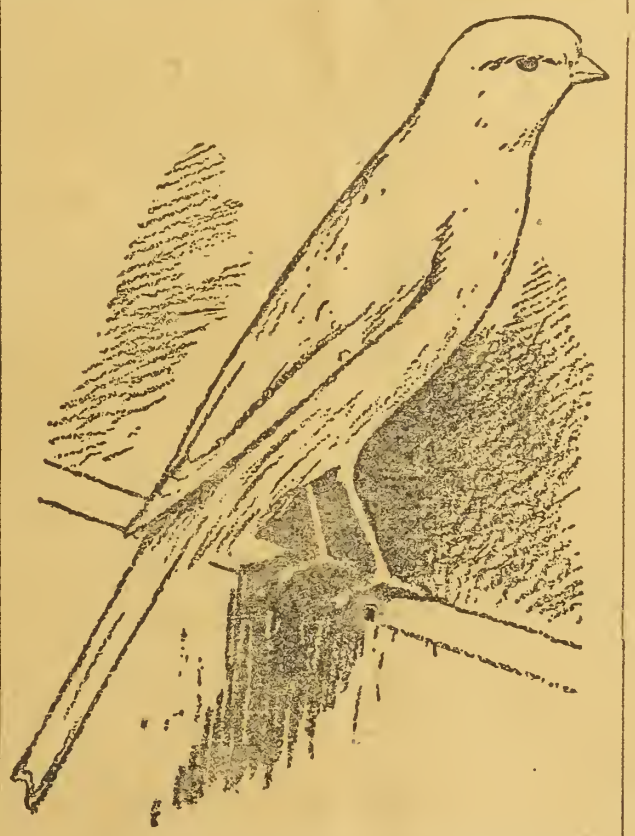
As regards food at this time, I put on hemp seed, not crushed; if the hen could only speak she would call you a fool for spoiling and wasting the oil in the seed by crushing it. Give, in another bottle, plain canary seed. I soak the rape for 24 hours before using it. I don't believe in scalding the rape, as it kills the germ in the seed. I give as much as they can eat of soaked rape. Some fanciers must have new laid eggs. The Chinese are fond of stale eggs, and if they won't hurt them I don't think they will hurt the birds. I always get good shop eggs. I also put all the crusts of bread in the oven. Bake them and roll them out like biscuits; you will find it will keep much fresher than bread. Use plenty of it with the eggs. I am not a great believer in eggs myself. I have used Indian meal with great success. I reared better young this way.

As regards green-food. I set a pennyworth of turnip seed in the garden, and found the tops were the best of green-food, as the birds ate the stems. Some fanciers buy water-cress every day; remember, some of it is grown on sewage farms. For change give chickweed or lettuce. Some fanciers believe in dandelion leaves. They say it is a good tonic; so it is; but I only go to the doctor when I am in need of a tonic. I find radish tops all right; the birds like them, and that is the main thing in Canary rearing. I have never lost any young birds when the parents were feeding well on green food. I try to get three or four hens off at the same time, and when the young are from four to five days old I sort out the small ones and ring them; then I put them in one nest so that they get a better chance. I find that four or five young do not want so much food to keep up heat as a nest of two; they seem to get on better, besides giving the old birds more to do, as I find it is the ones and twos that get half-starved. When they are old enough to part off I put them in a show cage and hang it on to the breeding cage. They will start training themselves and will never be frightened in a show cage afterwards.

The Success of the Lecturer's System.

When the hen has gone to nest again I take the cock and young and transfer them to another cage. If you only have two in one lot and, say, three with another hen, put them all with one cock. I always find that he will feed them; if the young are four, five or six in number, when feeding he will find any that are crying out. They also learn to feed themselves much quicker when they are together like this. You can now crush hemp and canary seed; also remember to give them some sand, as it helps them to digest their food. I give green food to them just the same, and water, as I think it is because you take it away that you lose so many of your young birds; the food is too dry. I rarely lose a bird after the young have left their parents. I have reared 250 in three seasons, only using about nine hens each season, so I don't think I have done badly with my system. Try and get them on hard seed at about 6 or 7 weeks old and leave them on it till the moult; they will grow bigger bones and will harden off a lot better than when kept on egg food. Remember, you don't give your baby the bottle when he can eat properly.

As regards colour feeding, I find that they eat the Indian meal mixed with dried bread and sugar. Mix this with the colour feed and they will eat it freely. Besides, it is much cheaper, which is a very big item to the working man. You can get a pound of Indian meal for a penny; note what a lovely sheen poultry and pigeons have on their feathers; they eat the corn. What if we could get the same on our Canaries! I find mine colour all right, also they have a good polish. I never take the seed away whilst colour feeding, as the birds go thin if you do, and you won't be able to get them into fit condition in time for showing; besides, it is cruel to keep the seed away. You can give egg-food for a change. I give soaked rape with both.



A SOUTH-COUNTRY LANCASHIRE PLAINHEAD.

Second Prize at the London and Provincial O.S. Show, for Mr. G. Thurling (London).

As to showing, I will take the First Feather shows first. I find it is the second round of young that come right for them, as the first round are too far gone into the moult. So train the second lot of young more than the others, and send them out. And if you get a first prize don't think you have got a Palace winner, as very often they get too big for showing after they are through the moult. If I had my way I would not hold young bird shows until after the moult; then we could show the best birds, as it often happens that some are not quite old enough and others are too far gone.

How to Deal with Eccentric Hens.

I would like to give you a tip about hens. There are some hens that will lay every six or seven weeks, but there are some forward young hens that will lay every four weeks and forsake their young to go to nest again. Now you must beat her or she will beat you, thereby losing her young. This is what I do: I give her a nest of eggs that have been sat on for a week, belonging to an old hen, so that when her own young are from two to three weeks old, those she will be rearing will be from three to four weeks old. I find this works all right. Now sort out the young birds. Pick out those that have got a good length of side; I mean birds with good long wings and still showing the sides, not birds with short wings and showing half the back. The long-sided birds are the birds that will make show birds, so look after them. You can sell the short-sided birds as songsters. The long-sided birds will keep on improving, but I have never seen [illegible] yet. I believe in "tailing" them, to get the extra length.

When you have sent to a show and lost, don't be downhearted. If you don't win, try again. There may be better birds of the same style as yours; or it may be that yours have not the style the judge likes, as I find that the judges vary, some seeming to have a style of their own. In such case send to another show; you will then probably drop on the judge whom your birds suit. Then follow him around. You will have in your room birds that suit some judges and not others. Why it is, I don't know. We have got a standard to breed to in both the Yorkshire C.C. and the Southern Yorkshire C.C., and points to make 100 for an ideal bird. I have not seen the bird that will make 100 points yet; so we have enough to do without trying to breed to suit the judges. My advice is: Try and breed to the standard, then some day we may even educate some of the judges, as it is we who have to pay the piper, and he calls the tune. I have won 70 prizes this year, so I can safely say I am beginning to know what suits certain judges.

Now let me pass on to disposing of your birds, which to a working man is a very important thing, as he cannot go far without money. When a man comes to you don't look at him like the "spider at the fly," and wonder how much you can charge him; treat him fairly, and remember that one bad word goes farther than twenty good words do. If he is a novice, help him to choose, and mind properly to match the birds for him. Never let him have two birds with the same fault. Some of the best chums I have in the fancy are men I have taken money from for birds. Some of my bad friends are men I have not spent money with or taken money from. It seems strange, but it is so.

I believe that we Canary fanciers are 20 years behind the times; not the birds, but ourselves. Poultry breeders get fancy prices for their eggs; dog fanciers get fancy sums as stud fees even after their dogs have ceased to win prizes. We could do both, and we don't do either. To me it is quite possible in a proper cage.

FROM FIELD TO SHOW BENCH.

By J. STEEL (Dalkeith).

(Continued from page 371.)

How to Catch Tree-Creepers.

The nature and habits of the Tree-creeper are such that the ordinary methods of bird-catching are of little or no avail. Being a solitary species, a decoy would only be effective during the pairing season, at which time taking them is justifiably illegal. And any form of baited trap or net would be useless, as this bird is never seen on the ground. I have succeeded in taking one, by boring a series of holes in the trunk of a tree, and inserting esparto grasses therein, arranging them horizontally and in a manner which precluded the bird's ascension without coming in contact with same. But I cannot recommend this method, as I found that all the flies in the locality were apparently attracted by the lime, and getting on, they made a buzzing which had a similar effect on a lot of Blue, Coal, and Great Tits, which soon exhausted the grass, and incidentally my patience.

Convinced that this waiting game was simply an exemplification of the saying "Ars longa, vita brevis," I tried another plan, and found it so successful that I have now no difficulty in taking the Creeper.

The effectiveness of this method is due to the peculiar habit common to the species of visiting each tree strictly in rotation, never going to the same tree twice. Now, in a wood we cannot, of course, be sure as to which direction he will take, but in an avenue where trees occur in a single or double line this difficulty is removed, and it is only necessary to ascertain the direction in which he is progressing to be tolerably certain that the next tree in that direction will also be visited.

I therefore ensconce myself at the base, screening myself, if possible, with a leafy branch, and with rod held in readiness, I await the bird's coming. As he invariably begins his ascent from the very base, continuing same by a series of zig-zags and circles, an opportunity is generally afforded to bring the "touch down" into operation.

One word of caution: Don't be tempted to rush matters. If the bird should be at the other side of the trunk, don't go hunting after him; rather let him have that tree to himself, and proceed quietly to the next, as although the Creeper allows a very close approach, he seems instinctively to know when he is being hunted, and proceeds to put space between himself and his pursuer. Another word of advice: Don't imagine that all 'Creepers are alike. Time was when it was only necessary that the bird should be a 'Creeper, but now he has to be a good 'Creeper to win in his (the small insectivorous bird) class, especially if minus the prefix "resident."

Always Study the Show Points.

Now it is not my intention to describe the various points which, combined, go to make up an excellent specimen of a given species, but I would strongly advise the novice to make a study of the different features, and when (as is quite possible in the manner of taking just described) the necessity for withholding the rod arises, don't hesitate to do so. That is my reason for carrying field glasses. It is not always possible to prevent the mediocre specimen getting caught, but there can be no excuse for retaining a bird which will never be worth the trouble, to say nothing of the expense entailed. How often the average amateur's stock merits this description of mediocre! You who are experts know; to you therefore I say, advise the liberation of such birds, as the amateur's hopes are centred in them, and "hope deferred maketh the heart sick."

The stock cage should be of box pattern, and lined both sides and back with virgin cork. By having a slot in the top of the cage, a spare (cloth lined) back may be inserted, and the back proper removed; this permits of food being placed in crevices of the bark, where it will be readily found by the bird, as this species has a decided aversion to coming on to the cage bottom. The water vessel should be accessible from the back for the same reason.

My reason for such injunctions is that during over thirty years' study of wild birds in their native haunts I have never seen a Tree-Creeper on the ground. Even on the two occasions on which I have witnessed the bird bathing, advantage was taken of a pool formed in a crevice, and a partly submerged stump. For this reason I always place a piece of bark upright in a 'Creeper's bath, and gradually accustom him to same as before described.

(To be continued.)

TIMELY HINTS.

Our New Helpful Competition

Four prizes of 2s. 6d. each (cash, or our books to value, at option of winners) given weekly to the senders of the four best Hints. All hints must be WRITTEN ON POST-CARDS. *with sender's name and address at foot, and reach us by Monday's post.*

Picking Out the Young Cocks.

[Winner of Half-crown Prize.]

For ten years I have found this a good method of picking out the young cocks from the hens, when all your youngsters are together in flight cages or aviaries. Take a rough piece of earthenware (a jug or jar will do), and scrape gently on it with a knife or spoon. The noise you make will be "followed" by all the young cocks, that is to say, it will start them off warbling by way of rivalry. I always pick out my young cocks in this way.—J. Peters (170, Manchester Road West, Little Hulton, near Bolton).

Soaking and Washing Rape Seed.

[Winner of Half-crown Prize.]

An efficient receptacle (cost nil) for soaking and washing rape seed can be made as follows. Take any round tin (treacle tin answers well), and with a bradawl perforate the lid and bottom with a number of small holes. Simply put the amount of seed required in tin, replace lid, and place it in a jar or jug, and cover with water, fresh daily. When required for use, take tin from jar, remove lid and hold under tap. By this means you will thoroughly wash the seed, as water runs through the seed and out the holes in bottom of tin, thus ensuring it being perfectly sweet—a most important thing for rearing young Canaries.—H. Simmonds (11, Hydethorpe Road, Balham, S.W.).

To Keep Egg Food from Going Sour.

[Winner of Half-crown Prize.]

Fanciers who make their own egg food should, when it is prepared, put it on a shallow tin, inside the oven. Leave there until crisp. This is useful if the whole is not being used, as by doing so it will keep any length of time. A little moisture will be required when it is being given the hens.—F. Litchfield (102, Northampton Road, Market Harboro').

SHOW THIS ISSUE TO YOUR FRIENDS.

Economy in the Use of Eggs.

[Winner of Half-crown Prize.]

Those breeders who only pair one or two pairs of birds up in a season, and do not require a whole egg at the time the young are first hatched, will find that if the egg is cut in half and the half not wanted is placed cut side down in a cup of oatmeal, it will keep fresh, even if you do not use it for the next 24 hours. I have tried this several seasons, and always find it keeps beautifully fresh.—W. Lidgett (58, Milner Street, Newark).

Mixed Breeding in Aviaries.

When breeding in aviaries with a mixed collection of birds, it is a good plan to hang up the nesting-pans in single breeding or other smaller cages. Then, when the hen is sitting she can be shut off and fed alone, if she is worried by the other birds.—A. B. Ellis (Meath Cottage, Ottershaw, Chertsey).

Making the Hens Feed.

Several breeders are worried by having hens feed their young well until they are about ten days old, when they begin to neglect their maternal duties and think of building again. Do not begin artificial feeding, as the continual disturbing of the hen will often send her off feeding altogether, but just drop a piece of Glauber salt, about the size of a pea, into the drinking water, and shortly afterwards the hen will be feeding as well as ever.—C. R. W. Taylor (Clapham Common).

Kills, but Cleanses.

During the breeding season keep a quart bottle full of water with a little alum, about the size of an ordinary marble, crushed and dissolved in it. Place this water in the cage as a bath. It not only cleanses the birds but kills the little bloodsuckers, commonly known as red mites.—A. Dennis (Cudworth).

Cheap Varnish for Cages.

When you have stained your cages with any of the following: Walnut: 1oz. vandyke brown, ¼ pt. spirit of ammonia; or 1d. permanganate of potash, 1 pint of water. Mahogany: 2oz. venetian red, ½oz. glue, 1 pint of water; prepare in the ordinary way a thin solution of glue and apply with a varnish brush—it gives a hard, glossy, finish and is, of course, cheaper than varnish.—T. J. Smith (Nottingham).

Two in One.

Now that shepherd's purse is coming along, fanciers should be careful in giving it to sitting hens. Most hens cannot seem to resist dragging it into the nest, and you not only have to risk the eggs getting cold, but after it has been sat on for a short time the stem gets dry and stiff, like wire, and is very likely to puncture the eggs. Another useful tip is, when the sliding door does not run quite smoothly, rub a little powder blacklead on where the wires pinch.—W. H. Pyke (Reading).

The Best of the Canary Tribe.

A lecture given by Mr. T. Hawley, of Hanley, before the Longton and District C.B.S.

Gentlemen: I have much pleasure in giving you a lecture on what I term "the best of the Canary tribe," that is, the Yorkshire. But, of course, we all make more "fuss" of one variety than of another.

In the first place I should always advise a new beginner to get his stock from one breeder, and one breeder only; then if things do not turn out all right in the breeding-room, he can see what is wrong; and I am sure if there is a fault in a person's strain it runs all through their stock. You must remember that even the best birds fail in some point or other. The secret of my little success with Yorkshires is having good hens, especially those bred in my own room. If I have to buy anything I always try to get it early, so that it can get accustomed to my mode of feeding, as no two fanciers feed and manage their birds alike. I like to have size on the cock's side and plenty of colour. I have found that the big hens we sometimes see are of no use as feeders; they are idle in their duties in the hot weather, and I am sure they only lie in the nest pan and "sweat" anything that happens to be under them.

The Wagtail Type.

The type of Yorkshire I prefer is what I call "the Wagtail type"; that is, with as much behind the leg as there is in front, or a little bit more if you can get it. Some years ago, when I got my strain from Mr. F. Bate, I saw stock birds there—cocks in particular—that looked to me like Game Bantam cocks, sleek in build, and ever so long on the leg, especially the Green marked strain that he had; and I am sure his was the best Yorkshire room for many miles around here. But I saw no big, heavy hens, such as we sometimes see knocking about.

I shall always advise using the old-fashioned lime for all breeding and stock cages, as I find that when the birds bathe the cages dry quicker when limed-washed, and you get a nice healthy aroma that you do not get from enamelled or distempered cages.

Biscuit Found to be Best.

In feeding young birds, I use egg and Osborne biscuit.—Some of you may say: Why Osborne biscuit? Well, I used bread one season, but I got such a lot left every time that I went back to the biscuit; I am sure it is best, although it is not the cheapest. I do not use dandelion, as I am sure it is too forcing; and I have not yet seen a forced bird that moulted out a good one. I like to use soaked rape, shepherd's purse, and young lettuce, and, of course, the usual Canary and hemp seeds, and egg and biscuit. I always try to get the cock to feed the young as well as the hen, as without a doubt two are better than one at that game, providing he is what I call "a worker."

I always like, if possible, to do without a nursery cage, as the young birds never seem to come on any better when put in those things. I think if fanciers will take the young away when about 24 or 25 days of age, the birds will come on all-right if you will give them the usual egg and biscuit, some cracked canary and hemp seed. During this period I like to use a few groats, as they are very flesh forming, and I am sure they help a little to keep inflammation down, which is often much in evidence about this time.

I always mate my birds up the usual way—yellow and buff together, as I do not think there is anything to be gained in double buffing or double yellowing, unless you have an extra big stock to breed with. I find the best way when you have your birds together is to put nest pan and building material in at the same time. I have had birds that have been afraid of the pan for about a week, so it would be awkward if you put it off till the hen wanted to lay. I am sure that is one of the reasons why young hens lay their eggs on cage floors.

Let them Hunt Around.

There is one other thing to watch—see that you allow plenty of cage room in cold weather. Also give your mixed seed on the cage bottom, as it causes the birds to hunt round, same as fowls do; and you will find they will be all the better for it when breeding time comes.

As regards keeping show birds in condition, I know of nothing better than a little egg and biscuit sprinkled with maw seed; also the use of cold water baths, and I am sure that birds given the bath when young, will take a dip whenever you put a bath on for them. It is also one of my pet ways of telling when my birds are thoroughly well, as when I see they do not rush for it, I think to myself: hello, there is one there I shall have to keep my eye on.

A failing with a lot of new beginners is that they have not sufficient patience, especially with unflighted birds. I have found the birds sometimes of no use at all one season, while the next they could not go wrong. I always say that you cannot give a hen Canary a "character," because she will do well in one place, but not so in another, even in the same room; so you must try to humour them a bit with bits of green food, etc.

I do not reckon myself an authority on these subjects, and you must remember that I have only had about seven years' experience, but I am sure that if fanciers (novices in particular) would visit one another more they would learn more in a short time than two or three lectures could teach them, as then they could see for themselves the working of the ideas. I thank you for the patient hearing you have given me, and I hope there has been at least one little tip that some of you have heard that will prove valuable.

Nests of Birds, Poultry, etc., should be regularly sprinkled with KEATING'S POWDER, especially when hens are sitting. Don't forget to do this just previous to the eggs hatching, to destroy the Red Mite. Kills all insects. Harmless to everything else.

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For Amateur Cage-makers.

Sent by Mr. E. J. Thirsk, 82, Bright Street, Hull.

Enclosed is a sketch of a wood "stop" I adopt when wishing to dress the edges of thin boards, when a vice is not handy. The dots indicate spring holes, and when the device is fastened to table top I have always found it

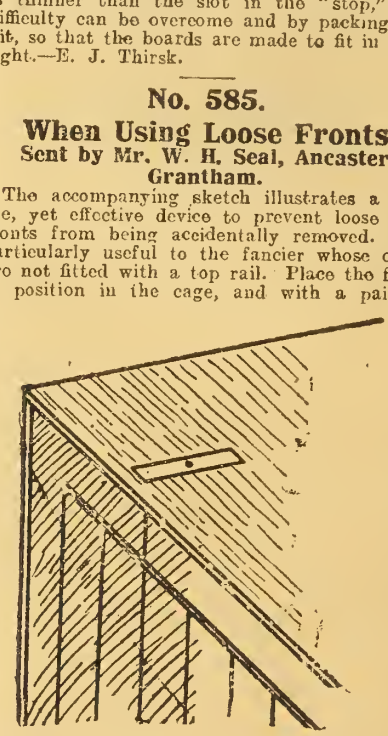
very handy to dress up any length up to 4ft. It can be made in any size, of course, to suit the kind of wood one is likely to work. If the wood which requires the edges dressing is thinner than the slot in the "stop," this difficulty can be overcome and by packing it a bit, so that the boards are made to fit in quite tight.—E. J. Thirsk.

No. 585.

When Using Loose Fronts.

Sent by Mr. W. H. Seal, Ancaster, Grantham.

The accompanying sketch illustrates a simple, yet effective device to prevent loose wire fronts from being accidentally removed. It is particularly useful to the fancier whose cages are not fitted with a top rail. Place the front in position in the cage, and with a pair of



pliers cut off the projecting wires level with the cage top. Now take a piece of punched bar, cut off about three quarters of an inch, leaving a hole in the centre. Then take a nail with a good head, and nail the piece of punch bar to the cage top near the projecting wire of the cage front. Clinch the nail on the inside of the cage to prevent the bar from slipping out of place. I think the sketch will make the matter clear.—W. H. Seal.

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THE HEN BULLFINCH AS A HYBRID BREEDER.

— By —
E. A. MORRIS
(Ilford.)

A thoroughly practical article on a branch of the Fancy in which the Novice stands equal to the Champion as regards his chances of success.

IN penning this article on one of the most interesting and fascinating branches of aviculture, viz., hybrid breeding, I intend only to deal with the section which claims the hen Bullfinch as one of the prospective parents; and I will attempt to make as clear as I possibly can my method of procedure in producing such hybrids. It does not require an experienced ornithologist to succeed. The "novice" stands the same chance of producing an exhibition specimen as the "champion," and I doubt very much if there is any other branch of the Fancy in which this applies, providing the specimens are bred by the exhibitor. The pairing to produce an exhibition hybrid is not such an important consideration as the pairing of Canaries to breed a champion, but naturally one would select British birds required for breeding with plenty of size, combined with good colour and markings.

A Vote for the British Hen.

Much has already been written concerning the hen Bullfinch. Some fanciers prefer the Siberian; others the German hand-reared bird. But from personal experience I prefer the British hen. I must admit you do not get the size in the progeny that you get when the Siberian is used, but I trust the time is not far distant when there will be separate classes provided at our shows for Hybrids bred from British birds and foreigners. No doubt much trouble would arise in determining the nationality of the birds in question, but already we have these troubles in several of our British Bird classes. Take the Bullfinch, Waxwing, Bearded Reedling, etc., as instances. I doubt if a Goldfinch bred in England between two Siberians would meet with much success on the show bench exhibited in the British Goldfinch class. Therefore, why should hybrids bred from two Siberians be allowed to compete in classes provided for "hybrids bred between two British birds"?

When British birds are used it is advisable, if possible, to obtain first-year birds, i.e., birds that have not bred previous to being caught. By this method I have had far better results than when using older hens. I usually purchase about October or November the number of hens I require. These I turn into an aviary, in which I run a few Goldfinches, Linnets, Greenfinches and Redpolls, these being the most likely to give the best results. I have never attempted to breed hybrids in cages; I prefer to breed them in outdoor aviaries, and I may say I have never failed to breed and rear a hybrid or two each season I have tried. I also prefer to give each pair of birds separate compartments. About January I single each pair off and put them in their respective breeding quarters.

Mr. Morris' hen Bullfinch building in an ordinary nest-pan.

The Indispensable Canary.

When breeding hybrids, it is necessary to keep several pairs of Canaries for hatching and rearing purposes, although it is not unusual for a hen Bullfinch to sit on and hatch her eggs in confinement. I once had a hen hatch and rear a nest of Goldfinch Mules to five days old, when I put them under a Canary.

As the Bullie is a rather late breeder, it is advisable to start your hen Canaries breeding as late as possible, so as to have them nesting about the end of July and the beginning of August. I believe there are more hybrids hatched in July and August than in the previous months. As a staple food I use two parts Canary to one part of the following: Linseed, hemp, niger, teazle, German rape. I also give a few sunflower seeds occasionally. As early as I possibly can I gather as much wild seed as possible, such as shepherd's purse, dandelion, plantain, dock, etc., which I give *ad lib.* Those fanciers who are not acquainted with the various wild seeds should procure the splendid coloured plate illustrating them, which was published in CAGE BIRDS some time ago.

To Encourage Hens to Nest.

To encourage the birds to nest I fix up an old Blackbird's or Thrush's nest in the aviary, and supply them with plenty of dried grass, small twigs, dried roots, horse hair, etc. Last season I had a hen Bullie make her nest in an ordinary nest pen, with dried stems of shepherd's purse, as the accompanying sketch shows. The birds should be supplied with plenty of grit, such as old mortar, etc., as a safeguard against soft-shelled eggs.

When they were allowed plenty of room, I have never experienced much trouble with the cock birds interfering with the eggs. It is a good plan to have plenty of hay or sawdust on the bottom of the cage or aviary, as some hens have a peculiar habit of laying their eggs from the perch, even after they have constructed a good nest. I strongly warn fanciers against keeping a cock Bullfinch within hearing of the hens.

After the hen has laid her clutch of eggs, I allow her to sit for about 10 to 14 days on dummies, so as to give her a rest before commencing on her next round. A hen Bullfinch usually lays a clutch of four or five eggs, but it is not at all uncommon for them to lay six eggs in one nest.

The Way to Rear Hybrids.

The rearing of young hybrids is by no means an easy matter, even when you are the possessor of a really good strain of feeding hen Canaries. A Canary and Bullfinch differ considerably in their methods of feeding; the former feeds entirely from the crop and the latter from the bill, the food consisting chiefly of insect life. No doubt the best and most successful way of rearing young hybrids would be to put the eggs in a Bullfinch's or Chaffinch's nest, and hand-rear the young after they were about ten days old, but, of course, this method could not be adopted with a great amount of safety unless you were situated in a locality where you could keep an eye on the nests.

As the Bullfinch feeds its young chiefly on insect life, we must supply the Canaries used for rearing the hybrids (in addition to the usual egg food) with a few mealworms, or live ants' eggs, if procurable. I know some hens do not take to eating mealworms very readily, but if the mealworms are chopped up and mixed with the egg food this little difficulty will soon be overcome. My hens usually prefer the mealworms to the egg food, when once they get the flavour.

A Trouble to Mother!

Unlike most fanciers, I give green food immediately the young are hatched, such as shepherd's purse and plantain, the former harbouring a large percentage of minute insect life, which is very essential to the rearing of young hybrids.

Needless almost to say, the hen should not be disturbed more than is absolutely necessary—just a peep morning and evening to see that none are dead is all that is needed. Those fanciers who have been successful in rearing young hybrids, and who have watched their Canaries feed, will, I think, agree with me, that it is a more laborious task for the hens than hatching young Canaries. While the latter keep themselves fairly stationary when being fed, young hybrids move their heads rapidly, which causes the hen a great deal of trouble. They also require feeding more frequently than Canaries, the food passing into the body almost as soon as they are fed, while it is retained in the crop of young Canaries for a considerable time.

When possible, it is a good plan to set one or two hens at the same time as you set the hybrid eggs, so that in the event of only one hybrid hatching, it can be placed in a nest with one or two Canaries about its own age, where it will stand more chance of being reared than if in a nest alone.

I am pleased to see this particular section of the Fancy making such rapid progress, and I trust this article will tend to bring new recruits to our ranks. I intend this season to attempt to breed a few hybrids yet unknown, viz., the Siskin-Bullfinch and Hawfinch-Bullfinch. I see no reason why the Siskin-Bullfinch should not be produced. The Goldie-Bullie is fairly common on the show bench, and the Siskin is a member of the same family. Another cross I consider worth attempting is the Goldie-Chaffinch, which, no doubt, would be one of the most attractive hybrids ever produced. Patience is a virtue!

LITTLE, BUT GOOD.

The Redpoll-Canary is a tiny fellow, but engaging in manner, a sweet songster, and a favourite with most Mule breeders.

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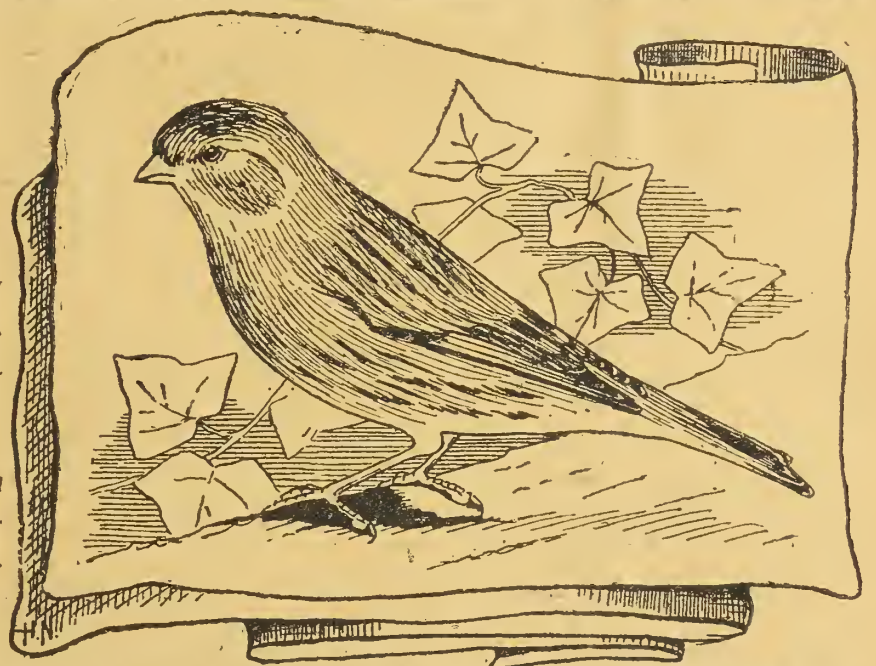

The Nest of the Humming Bird.

In describing a photograph of a Humming Bird's nest in "Country Life," Mr. A. E. Wilson writes:—The nest was built in the month of April on the forked twig of a small rose tree, in a garden, close to the carriage drive; the mother bird, when sitting on her eggs, showed no fear, and sat perfectly still while people and carriages passed within a few inches of her. As soon as the young were hatched, the mother carried on her arduous task of feeding, for baby Humming Birds fight as greedily for their food as a brood of young Thrushes in England. She darted and hovered over them, keeping up a constant whirring sound with her well-nigh invisible wings, for she never for an instant perched on the side of the nest, as she dashed first to one gaping beak and then to another. During this operation she certainly appeared to fly backwards very often, though, I believe, some authorities deny the power to do so to any birds. Humming Birds build year after year in the same garden if undisturbed.

The Food of the Skylark.

It may be of interest (writes Mr. John Hammond in "Country Life") to state briefly the results obtained by an investigation of the food of the Lark carried on throughout last year by means of an examination of the contents of the stomach of a number of these birds. The birds dealt with came from Norfolk, Essex, and Cambridgeshire. Altogether the stomach contents of some hundred and fifty-six Larks (not including the young) were examined. Of these one hundred and forty-eight contained weed seed, of which a large portion were polygonum aviculare (knot-grass), polygonum convolvulus (black bindweed) chenopodium album (fat hen) and poppy. It was found that this staple article of diet was eked out in the spring and summer months by insects (for the most part weevils, caterpillars, aphides, turnip flea beetles, spiders, carabid beetles and click beetles), but not a single wireworm was discovered. It was noticed that the young were fed almost entirely on insects. During the winter months, however, many pieces of green leaf were taken, which consisted for the most part of clover, wheat and rye grass. As an example, in the month of February thirty per cent. of the birds examined contained the leaves of some crop in their gizzards. Seed corn was taken to a small extent, but not in sufficient quantity to be of importance. Much corn was taken from the stubbles: but this is of no account economically. It was found, also, that large quantities of "small seeds" (clover and rye-grass) were taken soon after they had been sown. E. Newstead gives details of the stomach contents of a few Larks killed in Cheshire. Grass, various kinds of beetles, spiders, and several kinds of weed seeds were found.

An Appreciation of the Parrot.

Parrots possess in greater or less degree a love of mimicry and wonderful imitative power that have made them through the ages the favourite of man (writes Mr. Geo. Jennison in the "Manchester Guardian"). Rare is the savage tribe that has not tamed the Parrot and taught it human speech. Many birds are good mimics, but only few, and these with difficulty, reproduce the human voice. The Parrot endowed by nature with a fleshy and most mobile tongue and mandibles well hollowed as a sounding board is in a class apart. Ctesias in 401 B.C. describes a Parrakeet that could speak an Indian language and could learn Greek. The "Indian bird" was popular in Greece, and was worshipped to excess in imperial Rome. Once healthily established, they live long; trustworthy evidence shows one century and many jubilees among Parrots. The London Zoo has a Great Vasa Parrot of 55 years. I have many of over 20 years, and some from beyond the memory of a keep with 40 years' service. Why do Parrots talk? Never, I think, because they understand what they say; often from vanity and to attract attention; oftenest to amuse themselves. They speak best at morning and evening, and prefer to be alone. About 6 p.m. on a quiet summer evening every Parrot in our aviary is screeching in light-hearted joy. Then, approaching silent and unseen, you may hear every word of their vocabulary. Give but an inkling of your presence, and all is silent. Curiosity dominates the flock. Ignorance of this has put many a vainglorious Parrot-keeper on a level with fisherman in the eyes of sceptical friends. Aristotle was informed that Parrots were more loquacious when drunken. Like many other animals and birds, they are not averse from fermented liquor. The hanging Parrots of Malaysia are found intoxicated, as are the palm civets and the flying foxes, beneath the gourds that catch the "toddy wine." Nothing can surpass the beauty of Parrots flying at large. They are homed on Australasian farms. "They amuse themselves for hours," writes a friend in New Zealand, "sliding down the tin roofs of the shanties. And one quite up to date accompanied my daughter to the golf links, flying round with evident interest, and finally alighting to seize and throw the ball over its head."

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NEW CROSS AND DIST. C.B.S.

Meeting held People's Hall, Tanners' Hill, Deptford, 4th April, Mr. Hill in chair. A lot of business was done. Proposed, that we ask the Woolwich and Plumstead C.B.S. to join us in our ramble to Kildenboro' on Sunday, 12th May, and so keep up the friendly spirit of the bird fancy. The three cups were on view, one for most points Novice Yorkshire at July show, one for best unflighted Border at annual show, and one for most points gained through 1912, 4 birds being nominated for same. Seven 2/6 specials were received for July show, and it was decided that we purchase silver spoons to the value of same. A good schedule for June and July young stock shows was drawn up, and we hope members who have been successful with young birds will make good entries.—Barton and Barton, Joint Hon. Secs.

CITY AND SUBURBAN A.C.B.

Meeting held April 22nd, at 60, Paddington Street, when there were present Mr. W. A. Shepherd (in chair), Mr. Dickinson (Hon. Sec.) and about 20 members. One new member was elected and two nominations were received. The accounts for last pair show were approved. The two delegates to the Federation reported that it was intended raising the subscription from 1d. per member to 2d. per member. After discussion it was moved by Mr. Curtis and seconded that the increased subscription be paid, provided all other affiliated societies agreed. A series of questions, drawn up by Mr. Curtis, specially applicable to the breeding season, were then handed to members and very ably answered, several very useful hints being given for the feeding and rearing of young birds. The Chairman and members gave a hearty welcome to Mrs. L. M. Thynne on her re-appearance after her recent severe illness.—F. Thynne, Assist. Hon. Sec.

YORKSHIRE UNION OF C.B.S.

Bolton Woods C.B.S. and the Annual Ballot.

Special meeting of Council, April 13th, to deal with the question raised by Mr. M. Skirrow, on behalf of the Bolton Woods Society, wherein certain charges were made against Union officials in respect to the published results of the annual ballot, this correspondence appearing in the issue of CAGE BIRDS, dated March 16th. All the eight members of the above society, who were present at the meeting when the resolution was passed to send the correspondence to the Press, were notified to attend the Council meeting, with the result that six of them responded to the invitation; one could not attend because he was working, and another because of other business. Mr. H. H. Towers (President) occupied the chair, and after correspondence had been read, it was decided to deal with the charges made anent this year's ballot first, in order that they should not be complicated with those referring to the ballot of two years ago. The whole thing was thoroughly thrashed out by the Council, who unanimously came to the conclusion that in the first place Mr. Skirrow had been led astray by members of his society, who, being members of other Union societies, had reported to him on hearsay evidence only the number of votes he had obtained; and, secondly, this, combined with the fact that the ballot paper from the Shipley Society was returned as a spoilt paper had upset their calculations altogether, this being one of the papers they were reckoning on; and had Mr. Skirrow written to the Union Secretary and ascertained the full facts, before rushing into print on the subject, there would have been no necessity to level accusations against Messrs. H. Hill, F. Hammond, and W. Blakey, in respect to the published results of the annual ballot. It was also proved that the statements made in respect to the ballot of two years ago were inaccurate, as no person putting up for any position on the Council had 8 votes recorded; in fact, when the name of the individual concerned was mentioned, it turned out that the ballot referred to took place three years ago, and he had then 24 votes recorded to him, and not 8, as stated. The Council then decided that the statements published March 16th should be as publicly withdrawn as they had been made, and instructed Messrs. H. Hill, F. Hammond, and W. Blakey to draw up a statement and submit it to the eight persons concerned, in order that they might attach their signatures, and then publish it; also that each of them should equally share in defraying the expenses of the meeting, failing which they would be further dealt with. A vote of entire confidence in the Union officials was unanimously carried by the Council, along with a request that the Secretary should publish a full list of votes recorded at the last ballot for each official position, in order that each member of the Union should be thoroughly satisfied that it had been carried through in a satisfactory manner. Below is a tabulated result of the voting for officials. Allowance must be made in case of any slight error, as many of the ballot papers could only be distinguished by the post-mark, and as many of these are from the Bradford District, it was largely speculative in many instances as to which society they belonged to. However, I think they will be found very near the mark. Two spoilt papers were returned—one from Shipley O.S., the other from Wibsey C.B.S., and three societies refrained from voting, namely, Gt. Horton Good Intent, Denholme and Thornton, and Keighley.—H. Hill, Sec.

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BINGLEY AND DISTRICT O.S.

Meeting held April 16th, Co-op Rooms, Mr. G. H. Lee presiding. Arrangements for season's members' shows completed: Mr. J. Bailey to judge first Feather show, held June 29th; Mr. J. Greaves to judge second F.F. show, July 27th. Mr. H. Sutcliffe judges our first old bird show, Oct. 26th; Mr. W. A. Cowgill, the second, on Nov. 23rd; and Mr. H. W. Walsh judges our Boxing Day Show. Four members have retired, and we have elected seven new ones, leaving us an increase of three. The season promises to be a good one, and keen competition is expected. It is likely we shall see a good number of entries at each show. Schedules are now in the hands of our secretary, and will be sent out immediately.—A. Livesey, Sec.

WINDSOR AND DIST. C.B.A.

On April 11th members and friends enjoyed a very pleasant evening at Star and Garter Hotel, Peascod-street. The chairman (Mr. W. G. King) provided and arranged a grand Bohemian concert. Mr. Councillor W. Carter, one of the vice-presidents, occupied the chair. The programme items were rendered in an admirable manner by Messrs. Keen, Malcolm Boyle, W. R. King, Harry Field (Corporal-Major 2nd Life Guards), G. King, H. B. Louch, G. Minett, Raffs. Messrs. Geo. King and Minett made very able pianists. The entertainment concluded with the usual thanks to the artistes. A vote of thanks to Mr. Carter for occupying the chair and the singing of "God Save the King," terminated a pleasant gathering.—E. A. Stickland, Sec.

GLYDEBANK AND DIST. C.B.C.

Meeting held Higgins Hall, April 18th, when there was a good turn-out of members to hear a lecture by our worthy president, Mr. Robb, on the Linnet and Goldfinch. He said he would speak on the Goldfinch alone, and advised any member purchasing Goldfinches to do so in November, as the birds were then well through the moult. He also gave some valuable hints as to feeding newly-caught birds, also his own experience and management when birds went soft. Altogether it was a very interesting lecture, and at the finish quite a number of questions were asked and ably answered. At the close Mr. McGown (vice-president) proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the lecturer. Next meeting May 16th, when classes for F.F. show will be fixed, and it is hoped all will attend.—J. Hart, Sec.

EDINBURGH AND DIST. C.B.S.

Meeting held Tynecastle Church Hall, April 20, the President, Mr. J. Charlton, presiding over a capital attendance. Messrs. Robertson and Thomas were proposed and admitted as new members. Classification for annual show was gone into, and after considerable discussion, it was decided to have the same as formerly, with the exception of the contest section it being agreed to amalgamate Crested cock and hen classes, also Crestbred cock and hen classes. Judges were then nominated. Members are reminded that next meeting (on May 21st) is the last for the session for receiving new members, and also contributions, to which it is hoped there will be a hearty response. Classification of table show in July will also be settled. This meeting has also been fixed as "question night."—J. I. Mackie, Sec.

PONTYPRIDD AND DIS. F. & F.S.

Annual meeting, held Victoria Hotel, April 20. There was a good attendance, presided over by Mr. J. Phillips (in the absence of the chairman). Following officers elected: President, Councillor Arthur Seaton; chairman, Councillor Daniel Arnott; vice-chairman, Mr. A. Herbert; auditors, Messrs. Idris Edwards and W. Jones; secretary re-elected. Date for next open show fixed for December 4th. Auditor gave his report on the past year's work, which showed a balance in hand of £4 8s., which is very gratifying. The best thanks of the members were given Councillor A. Seaton, Councillor D. Arnott and Mr. W. C. Hinckley for very valuable assistance rendered during the past year. The outlook points to a very successful year. It is intended to increase the radius for membership. As this society has always been very prompt in paying prize-money, exhibitors should give them every support possible. All fanciers around the district would be wise to join, and thereby give an impetus to the cage bird section. It is probable a challenge cup will be put up for competition for members.—A. A. Gordon McLucas, Hon. Sec.

CARDIFF C.B.S.

Meeting held Maskell Temperance Hotel, April 15th. Mr. Whetten presided, supported by Mr. F. Slocombe. We were also pleased to see our old friends, Messrs. G. Sampson and W. Horrinton. Secretary reported he had engaged Mr. Mundell to judge at the open show along with Messrs. Vardy and Longden; also secretary had booked St. Andrew's Parish Hall for the show. After a long discussion it was resolved that partners in members' cup competition each pay a fee, but to count points as an individual. Messrs. W. Price, W. Sbelly, and H. Townsend were enrolled as members. Resolved that at our next meeting we fix date, also elect judge for Y.B. show. Mr. W. Morgan promised to bring up a scheme to raise a guarantee fund for the open show. Decided that we have a question night at next meeting. Mr. E. James then gave his paper, "Advice to Novices." Mr. James had evidently gone to an infinite amount of trouble in preparing so interesting a paper. At the close he was asked a number of questions which he answered in quite an original way. A hearty vote of thanks was passed to him. The secretary apologised for not announcing meeting in the Fancy papers.—E. Thomas, Sec.

YORK C.B.S.

Meeting held April 15th at All Saints Schoolroom, when there was a good attendance to hear a lecture on breeding and exhibiting Norwich Plainheads by Mr. A. Humphries (York). The lecture was most interesting and practical. Mr. Humphries first of all pointed out the various qualities which constituted a good bird, and suggested the pairing of birds with different outstanding characteristics. He advised novices to start with a good pair of birds, but not necessarily show specimens. He dealt fully with feeding, and gave practical hints for the breeding season, and alluded to the treatment during moult. In conclusion he referred to the necessary work of washing and staging the birds. It was a practical lecture by a practical fancier, and who were not present missed a treat. Mr. A. Richardson proposed a vote of thanks to the lecturer, and remarked on the time Mr. Humphries must have spent in preparing it. Mr. F. Simons seconded with a smart little speech. Several members asked questions, which were answered by Mr. Humphries. We have a splendid agenda this year, and at next meeting (May 13th) Mr. H. E. Shorney will give us another lecture on British birds; we hope all members will try and be present, as no doubt this will be another enjoyable evening.—H. Sayles, Hon. Sec.

STIRLING AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

Meeting held Douglas Hotel, April 6, Mr. W. Summers presiding over a good attendance. Some new members were enrolled. Rules were revised and amended. Judges were then nominated. It was decided to go over the classification at next meeting, May 4.—W. Clubb, Sec.

GARSTON B.B.A.

A meeting was held April 18th, at Earp-st. Schoolroom, when a most interesting and intellectual lecture was given by Mr. Cutmore on the diseases of birds, with illustrations of the intestines and the forming of eggs. Many questions were asked which Mr. Cutmore very kindly explained, and a very pleasant evening concluded with a vote of thanks to Mr. Cutmore for his kindness.—A. T. Mullock, Assist. Sec.

NORTH WALES C.B.S.

Committee meeting, held April 22nd, Mr. G. Jones, vice-chairman, presiding. It was stated that the prospects for the members' show on Whit-Monday next were exceedingly bright. Specials will be given in every class, and also extra specials. The last day of entry is May 18th. Schedules will be issued at the end of this week. Prize money will be paid day of show.—J. Wynne Parry, Hon. Sec.

NOTTINGHAM AND DIST. O.S.

A very well attended meeting was held in the Mechanics' Hall, April 16, when Mr. H. J. Chick judged a table show of British birds and Mules, Mr. Caunt taking the prizes in British. In the Mule class: 1, Holmes; 2, 3, Hodkinson. After judging discussion and criticism were invited, and Mr. Chick answered all questions very readily. A vote of thanks was passed to him, and he readily promised to come again and lecture on feeding and preparing British birds for exhibition. One new member was proposed, and a very successful and enjoyable meeting was brought to a close. All fanciers are cordially invited to join and make it thoroughly representative in all sections.—J. G. Royce, Assist. Hon. Sec.

SHERIFFHILL F. AND F.S.

Meeting held April 6, St. John's Mission Hall, Mr. J. Davison in chair. After secretary had given report of judges' fees it was carried that we ask Mr. Gilhespy (Gateshead) to judge half-year's show. For the benefit of our members it was agreed to alter date from June 29, and bring it a week forward, that is, June 22. For our next meeting (May 4th) we have secured the services of that good fancier Mr. J. Smith (Sheriffhill) to judge cage birds at our table show. I want all members to do their best in seeking specials for our show, and, of course, any donations for our funds; also to come to the meetings as some members' faces are almost forgotten. Mr. T. Smith was proposed for membership. If any fancier would like to join please come to the above meeting place first Saturday in each month, or write me at 26, Middle Road.—W. Stockton, Hon. Sec.

DERBY C.B.S.

At last meeting it was decided to hold a F.F. show at Melbourne, early in July, and in connection with this two singing birds, given by two of the club members, for a prize drawing, tickets to be sold for same, which will include admission to the show, at a small price of 2d.; and it was decided to try and obtain drawing-room cages for same. Books of the draw will be out early next month, and it is hoped all members will do their best to sell as many tickets as possible, so that the club can have a good show. The Derby members will go by brake to Melbourne, which it is hoped will be a good outing. Also decided that judge for our open show on October 11 and 12 be Mr. J. H. Roe. Will members that have not paid their levy kindly let the secretaries have it by the end of this month, so as to finish up last year's account, and oblige—G. H. Wharam and H. T. G. Bamsey, Secs.

OX ONE F.S.

Annual general meeting held Cape of Good Hope Hotel April 12th, President Hastings in chair. Balance-sheet read; and although a severe loss on the open show of £33 was sustained, the society has paid all its liabilities. After a vote of thanks to the many donors of prizes and to honorary officers had been passed, balance-sheet was adopted. Officers for ensuing year elected: Hon. auditor, Mr. French Haines, A.L.A.A., being elected (in place of Mr. J. Haines, F.A.S., deceased); committee re-elected, Messrs. G. F. Parker, Locke, and Jakeman taking the places of others resigned; treasurer, Mr. W. F. Cross; and Mr. A. H. Calcutt secretary. A discussion ensued respecting the holding of demonstrations, table and members' shows, after which it was duly arranged for the committee to arrange a members' show at an early date. The subs. was fixed at 2s. 6d. per annum, and membership open to all. This concluded a pleasant yearly meeting.—A. H. Calcutt, Sec.

ANNFIELD PLAIN AND DISTRICT F. AND F.C.B.S.

Meeting held April 13th, there being a splendid attendance. We enrolled another new member, with more to follow when things are settled. This society is becoming stronger every day. Following were elected judges for open show on January 4th, 1913:—Mr. T. Dixon for cage birds, and Mr. O. Moses and the Rev. Lumley. I am also pleased to say that Mr A. L. Atherley Jones, K.C., has kindly given his support. Members and committee were heartily glad to learn of same. A letter of thanks has already been despatched. Following were elected:—Mr. A. L. Atherley Jones, K.C., hon. president; vice-presidents, Messrs. J. T. Castle, Dr R. Johnson, Gales, W. Hall, F. Moore, G. Atkinson, J. Barrow, M. Smith, T. Gaffney, D. Kelly, and W. R. Nicholson. We are still canvassing for more supporters. Will members note, a table show has been arranged for next monthly meeting, May 11th, Smith's Arms. Judge, Mr. O. Downs. We are still open for more members; subs., 2/6.—J. W. Christon, Sec.

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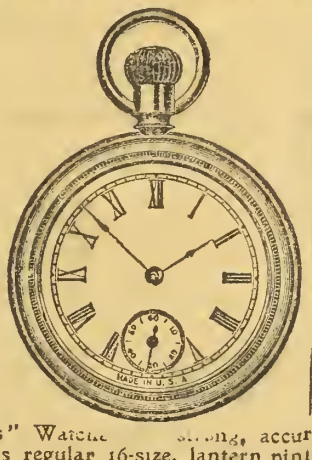

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Meeting held Oldham Hall, April 12th, Mr. F. Handley in chair. Messrs. Cowgill and Wellings were elected judges for our old show in November if not engaged for that date. Two new members were proposed. Afterwards we had a judging competition on Britishers, Mr. Metcalfe placing the birds. No one succeeded in placing same correctly afterwards, the result being a tie for first prize, Messrs. Eccleston and Brotherton (4 each correctly); 2nd prize divided between Messrs. J. Walker and T. R. Jones (3 each); and 3rd prize divided between Messrs. Bell and W. Jones (2 each). Afterwards we had a discussion on same, the owner giving us his views and how he obtained the birds and kept them in condition. Numerous questions were asked, and we look like having more British birds shown in future.—J. Lloyd, Assist.-Sec.

COWDENBEATH C.B.S.

Meeting, "Ewan's," 17th April, Mr. A. Anderson (vice-pres.), in chair. Agreed to delay fixing of hall till next meeting. Classification for open show was gone on with, and the following agreed to:—Scotch Fancy 10, classes, Borders 10, Yorks. 9 (an increase of three), Crests 9 (increase 1), Nor. 16 (increase 4), Mules, British, and Foreigners as last year, altogether 81 classes. Agreed to appoint six judges in place of four. These were nominated, and the secretary instructed to write for terms. Decided, not to print members' cards this year. Secretary was instructed to write local printers for estimates for season's printing. Re closed rings; agreed, to leave it to the individual members to use them or not. The Club's "smoker" was fixed for June 4th, in the "Old Inn"; admission 1/-. Next meeting in the Crown Hotel, May 18th. Following new members proposed and accepted:—Messrs. W. Dodds, G. Sinclair T. Findlay, J. Muir, W. Renton, J. Jackson, J. Skinner, P. Innes, W. and J. Grewar, showing excellent progress. The chairman complimented Mr. A. Simpson (who had most new members to propose) on his recruiting ability. An excellent attendance of members augurs well for the coming season.—J. R. Reid, Sec.

LONDON AND PROVINCIAL O.S.

Interesting Lecture and Discussion.

We had a very fine lecture on "Beauty in Birds," by Mr. E. Kay Robinson, illustrated with lantern slides, on April 11th, when there was a very large gathering of members and friends—80 in all. This was really a very instructive, as well as entertaining, lecture, and was greatly appreciated. Several questions were asked by Messrs. Marley, Mortlock, Cousens, Crabb, and others, which the lecturer answered. A very interesting discussion on British birds took place on April 18th, when Mr. Crabb presided over a very fair number. Mr. Marley gave some interesting facts regarding the Hawfinch, Corn Bunting, Linnet, and Goldfinch. He described the different foods necessary for these birds, their moulting and preparation for show. Mr. Mortlock spoke at some length on the Linnet and Goldfinch. Mr. Cousens asked several questions which brought out some valuable points. Mr. Crabb proposed a vote of thanks to both Mr. Marley and Mr. Mortlock. The following gentlemen have joined:—Messrs. T. M. Alexander, J. D. Dean, and E. H. Hull.—C. W. Law, Hon. Sec.

ANFIELD, EVERTON C.B.S.

Meeting held Headquarters, April 22nd, Mr. W. Bell (chairman) presiding. There was a very fair attendance. But the table show of British was not up to expectations. There are at least 40 British bird members, and some of the finest specimens are owned by them. Nevertheless, there were some fine specimens present. Mr. Walker judged. The show would have been much better patronised had it been held earlier. However, Messrs. Harrison, Bell, Cross, and Wright, swept the board, and unless the novices put their birds out, I am afraid they will stand a poor chance of having a cup to compete for. The meeting to be held at headquarters on May 13th, 8 o'clock, is important to all members. Classes for the next feather and other shows will be settled and the cups allotted to certain specimens. I would remind members residing at a distance from headquarters, that if they do not turn up they will only have themselves to blame if things are not arranged to their liking. I would like to remind fanciers that if they put together their best pairs on May 1st, they are sure to have young birds about 7 weeks old for the next feather show. I would also remind novices to get show cages purchased in good time. Don't forget the ramble to Knowsley Wood on June 2nd (Sunday). Fanciers' wives and lady friends, and juniors, will be welcomed.—R. B. Wright, Hon. Sec.

BOLDON COLLIERY C.B.S.

Meeting held April 20, Mr. T. Hall in chair. There was a good muster of members present. Business: Fixing date of F.F. show and judge. Moved, that our F.F. show be on July 6th, in the Co-operative Hall; judge, W. L. Smith (South Shields). New members elected: Messrs. E. Noble (Boldon Colliery), W. Ayers (Jarrow).—A. Widdowfield, Sec.

REDHILL C.B.S.

At a meeting held 16th April, our chairman (Mr. Baldock) gave us an exhibition of cage making, which he performed in a very able manner. He commenced with the raw boards, and made a complete finish. A hearty vote of thanks was given him by the members, who very much enjoyed the exercise, and those who were unable to be present missed a very instructive evening.—A. W. Bacon, Hon. Sec.

Members Shows.

Sheriffhill F. & F.S.: held April 6, St. John's Mission Hall. Mr. J. Gray (Low Fell) judged Principal winners:—Canaries, Messrs. Burrell, Stockton; Foreign, Mr. Stockton; British, Mr. McGuire. Mr. J. Davison's birds came too late for judging.—W. Stockton, Hon. Sec.

Stamford & Dis C.B.S.: Held Corn Exchange, April 20th, 44 birds competing. Principal winners:—Canaries: Messrs. Woods, Fancourt, Harrison. British: Messrs. Harrison, Baker, Laughton, Welsh. Mules and Hybrids: Messrs. Harrison, Baker.—A. Harrison, Hon. Sec.

Edinburgh O.S.: Table show and judging competition, held April 20. Principal winners: British, Messrs. Ferguson, Brown, Watson, Russell, Craft. Winner of judging competition, with 70 points, Mr. J. Allan; 2nd, Mr. Sayers; 3rd, Mr. Russell. Judge, Mr. Crossley Sykes (Musselburgh).—J. I. Mackie, Sec.

Cheltenham C.B.S.: Annual spring show of British birds, held new headquarters, April 17th. Mr. Hamilton judged the 26 birds staged (divided into 5 classes). An interesting judging competition was held, for which a lot of members entered, Mr. Lewis being the nearest in his placings to Mr. Hamlin, with 9 points. Principal winners: Messrs. Brown, Elston, Bansett, Stevens.—A. S. Treasure.

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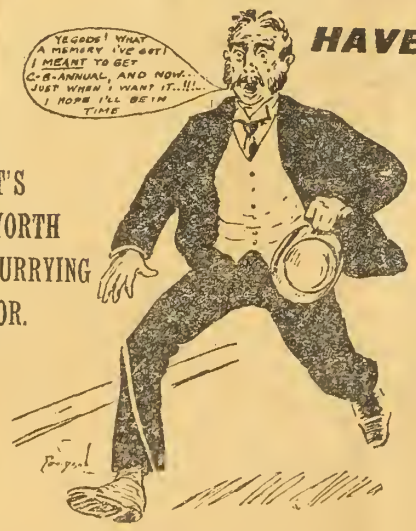

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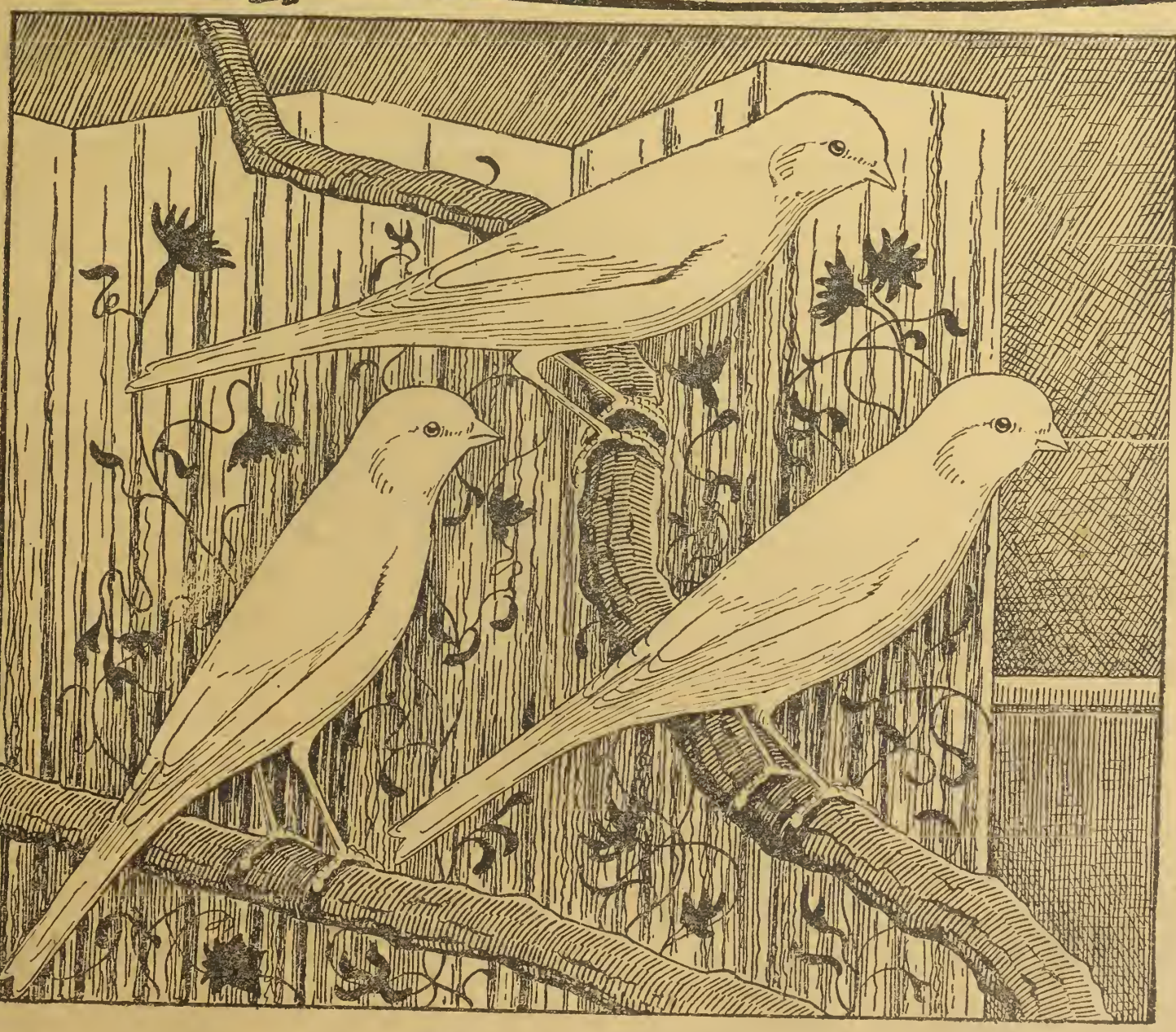

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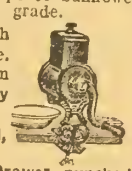

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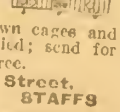

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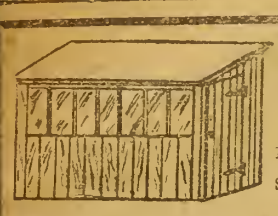

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Burton-on-Trent.—May 7, Staffordshire Knot, 8. Nominations for challenge bowl.—A. Wood.

Brighouse C.B.S.—May 9, Round House Inn, 8.—F. Mitchell.

Burstem C.B.S.—May 9, Barnfield's Inn, 8. Adopting of rules, etc.; important. It is necessary that all members shall attend.—Leonard James.

Bootle and Dis. C.B.S.—May 7, Wood's Cafe, Stanley Road, 8. Will all members do their best to attend this meeting for important business.—L. S. Hamilton.

Crewe O.S.—May 7, Brotherhood Institute, 7.30. Classification nest feather show.—E. Jaycott.

City and County of Perth O.S.—May 6, Laidlaw's Rooms, 8. Club show and other important business.—James Kerr.

Chesterfield C.B.S.—May 4, The Welbeck Inn, 7.30. Fixing nest feather show dates and general business.—T. Booker.

City of Bradford O.S.—May 4, Flying Dutchman Hotel, 8. Come in large numbers. Important business to decide from Yorks Union Council re amateur medals.—F. Rhodes.

Clapham C.B.A.—May 6, Landor Hotel, 8.30. Washing competition; entry fee 3d., payable at door.—A. R. Coe.

Clitheroe C.B.S.—May 6, Bennett's Tea Rooms, 8.—J. Southworth.

Codnor Park and Eastwood C.B.S.—Special general, May 11, Queen's Head, Riddings, 7 p.m. prompt. Special business. All members are requested to try and attend.—J. H. Mitchell.

Dewsbury C.B.S.—May 4, Little Saddle Hotel, 7.30. Show dates. Judges. Reply from Yorks Union; prompt attendance desired.—S. Shaw.

Doncaster C.B.S.—May 11, Black Bull Hotel, 7.30. Arrange first feather show and other important business. Will members make an effort to attend.—G. Bessoby.

Dubmire Workmen's Club C.B.S.—May 5, Dubmire Workmen's Club, 10.30 a.m. Election of judge for first feather show.—B. Robinson.

Dulwich and Peckham C.B.S.—May 7, Reindeer Hotel, Rye Lane, Peckham, S.E.. 8. Lecture by Mr. A. J. A. Marley on "British Birds." Fanciers should not miss this treat; all are welcome.—W. Hudson.

Eccleshill C.B.A.—May 4, Fountain Inn, 8. Report on arrangements and schedules for combined shows with Windhill Society.—W. Nettleton.

Edinburgh North Eastern O.S.—May 6, Free Gardeners' Hall, Abbeymount, 8. Last meeting till September.—Robt. S. Spence.

Gainsboro' C.B.S.—May 4, No. 1 Mess Room, 7. Distribution of rule cards, etc. Members and intending members are requested to attend.—J. E. Conway.

Gateshead.—May 8, Lockhart's Cafe, High Street, 7.30. Mr. Crawhall will lecture. Will members kindly attend. Subscriptions due.—J. Davison.

Glasgow West End C.B.A.—May 10, Co-operative Hall, St. George's Cross, 8. Monthly meeting; classification for F.F. show and annual members' show, and lecture on "British Birds," by Mr. A. Wilson. Large attendance requested. W. Proudfoot.

Grangemouth and D.O.S.—May 8, Rechabite Hall, 8. J. Woodhouse.

Halifax O.S.—May 4, Plummet Line Hotel, 8. Annual old show business; syllabus given out for series of shows.—Harry Clegg.

Hebden Bridge and Calder Valley O.S.—May 9, White Horse, 8. Arrangements for series of shows.—A. Pickles.

Heptonstall C.B.S.—May 8, Wadsworth View, 8. Young bird show.—R. Townsend.

Hetton-le-Hole and Dis. C.B.S.—May 4, Crown Inn, 7. Business important. Young bird show, etc.—A. J. Nothey.

Hull C.R.S.—May 6, Oddfellows' Hall, 8. Society and show rules. Arrangements annual ramble.—Lund & Ridley.

Hyson Green (Nottingham).—May 7, Cricket Players' Hotel, 8.—W. Cottingham.

L.C.B.A.—May 8 The Feathers, Gt. Chapel Street, Westminster, S.W., 8. General business; presentation of diplomas; awards of merit and special prizes; discussion on Hybrid breeding. Members are requested to attend; visitors welcome.—W. H. Mugford, F. Knight.

Leeds Roller C.C.—May 4, 55, Briggate, 7.30.—H. L. Davis.

Leicester Hand-in-Hand C.B.S.—May 7, White Swan, 7.30. "Egg Food" competition.—A. Freestone.

Leigh C.B.S.—May 8, Railway Hotel, 7.30. Lecture on Canary and Mule breeding; lecturer, Mr. C. Houlton, St. Helens. Fanciers invited free.—R. Charleson.

Leyton C.B.A.—May 6, Grange Park Hall. Agenda: Egg-making competition; 8. All fanciers invited.—Forse and Son.

Littleborough C.B.S.—May 8, Coffee House, 8. Prizing for F.F. show; members and intending members please attend; important business.—H. Woodhead.

Liverpool C.B.A.—May 9, Oldham Hall, 8. Lecture on "Bird Feeding," etc., by Mr. Cutmore.—F. Eccleston.

Loshgelly C.B.S.—May 4, Bay Horse Tavern, 6. Election of secretary; rules, debate, etc.—Wm. Whitehead.

London and Counties A.C.B.—May 4, Earl Cathcart, Osnaburgh Street, N.W., 8. Members' meeting and table show. Judge, Mr. W. Shakespeare.—Alfd. Mowl.

Lowestoft C.B.S. May 6, Fox and Hounds, 8.30. Final show arrangements and other club business.—Fredk. Rackham.

Leeds C.B.S.—May 4, Lockhart's, next door to Hope Bros., Briggate, 7.30. Lecture on British Birds, by Mr. H. J. Chittenden, Bradford. All fanciers welcome.—W. A. Wilson.

Manningham C.B.A.—May 4, Hare and Hounds, Roller Lane, 2. Ramble around Harden. Fanciers invited, especially ladies.—H. Grange.

Manchester and Northern C.C.S.—May 6, Deansgate Hotel, 7.45. Lecture by Mr. T. Harrison (Altrincham) on "Greens and Colour Breeding." Friends invited.—H. Boothman.

Nelson C.B.S.—May 7, Mr. Fulton's, 68, Railway Street, 7.30. Monthly meeting; also first feather show business.—(Notice unsigned, Ed.).

North Shields C.B.C.—May 8, 37, Howdon Road, 7. Table show for British birds. Judge Mr. R. McVay.—R. P. Fox.

Newsham C.B.C.—May 4, Willow Tree, 7.30. Election of treasurer; all members try attend, business very important.—C. Snowdon.

Northern Border and S.F.C.C.—May 6, Pillar's Cafe, Pink Lane, opposite Central Station, Newcastle-on-Tyne, 8. Members please note change of address.—M. C. Potts.

Old Shildon Workmen's Club C.B.S.—May 10, Old Shildon Workmen's Club, 8. Contributions taken.—J. H. Elwell.

Pelton Fell C.B.S.—May 4, Institute Hall, 5.30. To select judge for nest feather show and general business.—Wm. Forster.

Pudsey and Stanningley C.B.S.—May 6, Fleece Hotel, 8. Business important; members please attend.—H. Raistrick.

Queen's Park C.B.A.—May 9, Emmanuel Hall, Harrow Road, 8 p.m. sharp. Arrange schedule for Young Bird show; final arrangements for outing on May 18.—W. J. Lethbridge, jun.

Redhill C.B.S.—May 7, Lindsey's Hotel, 8. A lecture will be given by Mr. Bacon on "Breeding and Rearing of Canaries."—A. W. Bacon.

Rochdale O.C.—April 6, Club Rooms, 8.30. Open show business.—R. Blincoe.

Rycroft and Rawmarsh C.B.S.—May 4, Queen Hotel, 8. Admission of new members and general business.—W. Wilshaw.

Sheffield O.S.—May 5, Rose and Crown Hotel, 8. Table show of foreign birds and lecture on game by E. E. Smith, Esq. All fanciers and friends invited.—Bishop and Coltam.

Sheriffhill F.F.S.—May 4, St. John's Mission Hall, 6.30. General monthly meeting, also members' table show. Judge, Mr. Isaiah Smith (Sheriffhill). Judging to start at 7 prompt; other business.—W. Stockton.

Shipley O.S.—May 7, Prince of Wales, 8.—A. Tillotson.

Skelmanthorpe C.B.A.—May 8, Liberal Club, 8. Schedules ready for F.F. shows. All members please attend.—James Hird.

South London C. and F.A.—May 9, "Royal George," Tanners Hill, Lewisham, S.E., 8. General meeting. Election of new members, etc.—George Crawford.

S. Shields.—May 4, Cypress Hotel, 7.30. Classes for first feather show and judge.—Wm. L. Smith.

Stocksbridge C.B.S.—May 4, headquarters, 7.30. Questions and answers for members and arrangements for June show. Allotting specials, etc. Members please turn up in force.—G. L. Sampson.

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West Bromwich C.B.S.—May 7, Dartmouth Hotel, 8.—Fixing date for ramble and judge for nest feather show.—W. G. Andrews.

Wisbey C.B.S.—May 4, Horse and Groom Inn, 8. Business important.—H. C. Crossley.

Wimbledon C.B.S.—May 6, 6, The Broadway, 8. Lecture by Miss F. M. Durham, entitled, "Inheritance or Family Likenesses, and the laws which govern them."—H. Smith.

Windhill C.B.S.—May 4, Blue Bell Hotel, 7.30. Combined members' shows with Eccleshill. Subscriptions for first quarter now due.—Taylor and Gunn.

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During the ensuing week CAGE BIRDS LEAGUE reaches the first anniversary of its birth, and, although during the year I have received very many letters full of expressions of good-fellowship, and of sympathy with the objects of our LEAGUE, I think I must single out the one published below as that which has afforded me the most pleasure of all to receive. Mr. Thomson's name has been added to our list of Vice-Presidents, as above, and I am sure that all LEAGUE members will join with me in welcoming our fellow fanciers from the other side of the world. Besides Mr. Thomson, our New Zealand members are Messrs. J. Scott, R. Hopkins, Craig, D. McLean, W. Stephens, Allan Binnie, A. Gillan, and J. Stark, all of Dunedin, with an equal number, at least, to follow, as in Mr. Thomson's letter, as below. Mr. Thomson's ideals are our own, and are those which we shall always have in front of us. CAGE BIRDS LEAGUE has already become, even in its first year of its existence, a power to be reckoned with, and it only remains for those of my fellow-readers of our organ CAGE BIRDS, who have not yet joined our ranks to follow the lead given them, and our LEAGUE will possess a voice that will be heard whenever unduly repressive measures are sought to be enforced against the continuance of the hobby, which is dear to us all.

"Hands Across the Sea."

Dear Sir,—It is now some time since I received your welcome note re CAGE BIRDS LEAGUE. I have kept the matter in view, and, at a meeting of the newly-formed Otago Canary and Cage Bird Club, I made an appeal to members, with the result that eight paid the fee to join the LEAGUE, while seven or eight others promised to join. I am enclosing the subscriptions, together with my own, as Vice-President. As our club gets stronger, I hope to secure an increased membership for the LEAGUE. It is a matter of regret that our hobby—in the Homeland at least—should be endangered by the bigoted ignorance of misguided enthusiasts. "Satan finds some mischief still for idle hands to do." If these people sincerely desire to aid in the preservation of bird life, let them form an organisation to suppress the trade in, and the wearing of, bird plumage and stuffed birds. Here in New Zealand, the law makes it impossible for the bird-keeper to buy the more desirable of our native birds; but the taxidermist can carry on a brisk trade in rare skins and stuffed specimens! Now, it is really not necessary to ask which is better—to be able to purchase the live bird in the bird-shop, or the skin or set-up specimen in a taxidermist's. I am hopeful that the formation of CAGE BIRDS LEAGUE will eventuate in the inauguration of an EMPIRE LEAGUE OF BIRD-KEEPERS, banded together to promote and protect the hobby, to put down dishonest practices of unscrupulous dealers, to enlist the patronage of members for those dealers who keep their birds under proper sanitary conditions, and to disseminate a knowledge of up-to-date avicultural methods amongst bird-keepers in general. It is high time that bird-dealers of the description of Poll Sweedlepipe should be effectually discouraged, as well as the avicultural methods of birdkeepers of the type of the mercurial Mr. Bailey.

I shall be pleased at all times to forward the interests of the LEAGUE. Hoping to have some further subscriptions to forward at an early date.

Very faithfully yours,
M. THOMSON, Hon. Sec.
(Otago Canary and C.B. Club).
Dunedin, New Zealand.

Look Out for Next Week's Notes.

To signalise the opening of a new year, I hope by next week to be able to make a full announcement of our innovations in the way of Membership Certificates, Gold, Silver and Bronze Medals for competition among our members at next season's shows, etc. The new arrangements have necessitated a revision of our leaflets, setting forth the aims and objects of the LEAGUE. These leaflets are now in the hands of the printers, and I shall be pleased to send a copy to any member forwarding a stamp for postage, or a copy will be sent with the receipt for renewal subscriptions. Local Hon. Secs., Secretaries of Societies, and any member who would like some copies for distribution among his friends, may have a supply post free, upon application.

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Nesting in the Wheels.

A train of some seventy coal trucks has, during the strike, stood in the siding at Maidenhead Station, and yesterday, in the wheels of five successive trucks, shielded by a bank, eleven Thrushes' nests were discovered. In one the hen bird is sitting on four eggs.—Taken from the "Daily Mirror,' and sent by Eric Lycett (aged 9), Apedale View, Chesterton, Staffs.

**The Grateful Jackdaw.

A Jackdaw that had been made a great pet of by a lady, often sitting on her shoulder and eating from her mouth, one day flew into the room, and, perching on her shoulder in the usual way, dropped a fat green caterpillar into her mouth, no doubt thinking he was giving her a choice tit-bit. It was very kind and self-denying of him, but the lady did not appreciate the gift as she ought to have done.—Taken from Aunt Louisa's Book of Animal Stories, and sent by Albert Armes (aged 13), 1, Eugene Place, Ladywood Road, Birmingham.

*A Clever Canary.

A poor woman whom we know has a very clever little Canary. The woman lets some water trickle into a basin, and the Canary begins to sing; and then it puts its head close to the bars of the cage and says quite plainly: "You beauty; kiss me, you pretty creature." Mother was not told beforehand what the clever bird said, but she knew in a moment what it was. The woman does not try to teach it anything else, because she is afraid it might forget what it knows now.—From "Little Folks."—Sent by Emily Wakeman, 5a, Wilton Crescent Mews, Belgrave Square, London, S.W.

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While walking with father last summer through the path alongside the River Teify, our dog "Jack" pointed down the side. We thought that a water rat was there, but to our surprise it was a young Bullfinch. Father took the bird home and hand-fed it, and it turned out to be a hen. Last winter he gave the loan of her to a friend for bird catching, and she escaped. The following day father was working the garden, and what flew on his back but his pet Bullfinch? She had flown home the distance of a quarter of a mile. Wherever I roam, she pipes, there is no place like home.—Sent by Gwladys Griffiths (age 10), Tyrhiw Cnwce, Kilgerran, Pembrokeshire.

In the Courts.

Use of Bird Lime.

At Stoke, Staffs, before Mr. C. Lynam (in the chair), Mr. T. James, Mr. H. Leese, and Mr. J. Woolliscroft, George Underwood, Bird Street, Stoke, and John Turnock, Newcastle Street, Penkhull, were summoned for using lime for the purpose of taking wild birds during the close season.—P.C. Duncan stated that he found the defendants in a field close to the Cottage Homes. They had a decoy bird in a cage, and were using bird lime.—Defendants pleaded guilty, and were ordered to pay 4s. 6d. costs each, and to forfeit the decoy bird.

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Twitterings.

Mr. T. Heath is judging Barnstaple Show, writes Mr. John D. Horrill.

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The Annfield Plain and D.F.F. C.B.S. are holding their open show on January 4, 1913, and not Dec. 7, 1912, as some predict, writes Mr. J. W. Christon, sec.

We have received an order for Nutshell No. 17, with stamps enclosed, but the writer has omitted to give his name and address. On receipt of these particulars, the Nutshell will be forwarded.

Bedford O.S. have arranged for an outing on May 9, writes Mr. J. C. Wilmot. Leave headquarters by brake at two o'clock. Members wishing to go, please let the secretary know as early as possible.

Mr. C. H. Hill, of Wiveliscombe, writes as follows:—Allow me to thank you for such a splendid spring special number as last week's Cage Birds. It is grand. It is one of the best you have sent out. You must be proud of it; I am.

Pendleton and Salford O.S. are having their ramble to Pickmere on May 12. Train leaves Central Station at 2.5 and Old Trafford at 2.10. Book for Knutsford. Friends and fanciers wishing to come will be heartily welcome. So writes Mr. J. Critchley, sec.

Please thank all who replied in answer to my advertisement concerning Siskins in Cage Birds of April 27, as I have so many answers I cannot reply to them all, writes Mr. Piper, Featherstone. I have made the exchange satisfactorily through your valuable paper, and wish your paper the success it deserves.

Edinburgh N.C. and M.B. Society will ramble to Musselburgh. Train leaves Waverley Station on Saturday afternoon, May 11, at 2.42 p.m. Every member should endeavour to be present, writes Mr. John Welsh, and if possible bring a friend with him. The party will be met at Musselburgh Station by Mr. Crossley Sykes, who will conduct them through the estate.

At the last meeting of the Queen's Park and Dist. C.B.A. at Emmanuel Hall, Harrow Road, writes Mr. W. J. Lethbridge, it was arranged to go for an outing on May 18 to Perevale to an enclosure of about nineteen acres of woods to see the various different birds, their nests, etc. If any fanciers would like to join our party, and will communicate with me, I will send them full particulars, etc., where they can meet us. We shall be pleased to meet at our next meeting, at the above address on May 9, at 8 p.m., anybody who would like to go with us, when the final arrangements will be made.

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A Presentation.

On Saturday, March 30, in Grey Horse Inn, Musselburgh, writes Mr. Chas. Watt, a presentation was made to Mr. William Nisbet, sec. of the Musselburgh O.S., by the members of that society, in appreciation of services rendered during the past three years. The presentation took the form of a handsome gold medal suitably inscribed, and was presented by the President, Mr. Alex Moffat. In making the presentation Mr. Moffat commended Mr. Nisbet on his work, and expressed the hope that the inauguration of the open show would be attended with the same success as the club shows had been in the past.

Nests of Birds, Poultry, etc., should be regularly sprinkled with KEATING'S POWDER, especially when hens are sitting. Don't forget to do this just previous to the eggs hatching, to destroy the Red Mite. Kills all insects. Harmless to everything else.

One of our illustrated ideas has been, it appears, wrongly attributed to W. H. Seal instead of W. H. Teat.

Cage Birds bound volumes presented to the Southern Norwich P.C. have been won by Messrs. H. J. Banbury (Yeovil) and S. M. Davis (Boscombe) respectively.

We have just received from the Glasgow Aviaries, 247, Argyle Street, an illustrated catalogue of aquaria, bees, birds, cats, dogs, and other animals. The price of this is one penny to above address.

Messrs. A. Wellings and W. H. Battye have been engaged to judge our open show on Nov. 9, writes Mr. G. M. Nelson, sec., Warrington C.B.S. Mr. Silk has also offered us one of his cups for competition.

I am unfortunately compelled to sell my birds, after all my trouble and expense, writes Mr. J. Perry, of Walsall. They are mostly on eggs at the present time, but still I hope to have another try some time.

I had a rare bother with my hens before I started with Cage Birds, but ever since I have bred regularly about thirty birds, and this season I have gone in for Mules, Siskins, and Yorkshire Canaries.—James Perry (Chester-le-Street).

The rule book for 1912 of the Dulwich and Peckham C.B.S. is neatly got up. Besides a list of officers, members, and rules, it contains a syllabus of interesting forthcoming lectures, list of shield and bowl winners, and other items.

Mr. A. J. A. Marley is lecturing on British birds at our meeting at the Reindeer Hotel, Peckham, on Tuesday, writes Mr. W. Stodson, hon. sec. Dulwich and Peckham C.B.S. All fanciers cordially welcome. Mr. Marley, I am sure, will have something very interesting to tell them.

The Sale and Dist. C.B.S. annual open show is to be held on Nov. 29 and 30, at the Technical School, Sale. Judges, Messrs. C. Houlton (St. Helens) and A. G. Davis (Manchester), write Messrs. Royle and Wood, the secs. The Technical School is the largest room in the district, and is well lighted.

OBITUARY.

Mr. TREVOR GAMAGE (Swansea).

Mr. D. A. S. Longden writes:—It is my painful duty to inform you of the death of one of our oldest and most esteemed fellow-fanciers, Mr. Trevor Gamage. He has had a very long illness, extending over two years, and passed away on April 19 at Talgarth, Breconshire. He was a very keen British bird fancier, also one of the founders of the Swansea and District C.B.A., and held the secretaryship of same on its formation. To his widow we extend our deepest sympathy.

We have been successful in securing the services of the following well-known fanciers to judge at our annual show, to be held in Oddfellows' Hall, Oct. 26, writes Mr. R. Rennie, sec. Falkirk C.B.S.:—Norwich, Mr. J. Smeaton (Musselburgh); Crests and Borders, Mr. R. Lambie (Whitburn); British and foreign, Mr. R. Bald (Bathgate).

The new catalogue issued by Mr. J. Walsh, of Blackburn, is to hand. On one or the other of its 104 pages there would seem to be offered every possible requirement of the bird-keeper. It is profusely illustrated, and tastefully got up. A copy will be sent post free (see advertisement) to any applicant upon receipt by Mr. Walsh of a postcard.

The annual country ramble of the Dulwich and Peckham C.B.S. will take place on May 12 to Box Hill, Ranmoor Common, Holmwood, and Dorking. Ladies are specially invited to join the party this year, writes Mr. W. Hodson, hon. sec., 39, Friern Road, East Dulwich. Full particulars as to time of trains, luncheon, etc., will be posted to each member of the society and any fancier who would like to join us.

Fire Caused by Birds' Nests.

A fire broke out in the roof of North View Lodge, Market Street, Portmouth, on Wednesday last week, owing, it is supposed, to a spark setting fire to some old birds' nests under the eaves.

Bird Protection in France.

A new society for the protection of birds has been founded in France by the Societe Nationale d'Acclimatation de France, thanks to the enthusiasm and energy of M. Albert Chapellier. This will be known as the Ligue Francaise pour la Protection des Oiseaux. It is issuing a bulletin, in the first number of which the President, M. Magaud d'Aubusson, outlines the programme of the new organisation.

New Cage Bird Society Formed.

The Hornsey, Wood Green, and District Cage Bird Society is really an offshoot of the Wood Green Fur and Feather Society, and the cage bird fanciers have concluded that the time has come for a special society. The inaugural meeting was held at Bedford's, High Road, Wood Green, on Thursday of last week, and about thirty members were notified for a start. Mr. Pomeroy was elected chairman, with Mr. Cobden as deputy. The committee consists of Messrs. Game, Clay, Howie, Bates, Rippin, and Surridge. It is proposed to hold meetings on the first Thursday in every month, and the annual subscription will be 2s. 6d. Mr. P. Brooks, of 3, Trinity Road, Wood Green, was elected hon. secretary, with Mr. Pledger as assistant.

I am in receipt of the beautifully bound volume of Cage Birds which you so kindly sent me, writes Mr. W. A. Wilson (Leeds). Sincerely thanking you for same and wishing Cage Birds every success.

Mr. Fred Hammond, Bradford, who is in the office of the American Consulate at Bradford, informs us that a large number of the Consulate's accounts and reports were on the ill-fated "Titanic," and had consequently all to be re-written.

At the annual general meeting of the Deal, Walmer, and District Fanciers it was decided to hold their seventh annual show on Nov. 27 and 28, writes Mr. W. H. Thompson. The secretaries submitted balance sheet to meeting, showing that the society was in a very favourable position, with £7 11s. 3d. at bank and £25 9s. 4d. stock account.

A Country Diary.

A little bird picked up at Aruside recently proves to be a Waxbill Weaver-finch (Estrilda astrilda), a native of Africa, but commonly kept as a cage bird. Its feet, tail, and plumage generally indicated that it had been in captivity; it had either escaped or been released. If someone had intentionally let it have its liberty they had made a mistake; its featherless scalp and general appearance showed that it had run the gauntlet of the beaks of some of our native birds—probably Sparrows. Why Sparrows and some other birds will attack and often kill a stranger is hard to explain, but it is even harder to understand how they know the difference between an escaped foreigner and a rare passing migrant. A possible explanation is that a bird which has grown used to cage life is bewildered when it finds itself at liberty, and is less able to evade its persecutors than one which has never known confinement. It is generally cruel to release foreign cage birds, and never serves any useful purpose.—"Manchester Guardian."

The Bird's Nest.

(Child's Song.)

O blackie, blackie, I ken your nest,
Ower in the auld thorn tree;
But, blackie, blackie, ye needna skirl,
Aud busk up your tail at me.
Your nest sae spruce and eggs o' grey
Are safe as a bank might be.

O howlet, howlet, I ken your nest
Up in the tall pine tree,
And gin I could come at the howlet's nest,
The eggs would belang tae me;
For howlet, howlet, ye herry the nest
O' Ilka bird ye see.

O robin, robin, I ken your nest
Under the ivy tree;
But wha would meddle a Robin's nest
Should ne'er be a frien' tae me;
The Wren and Robin are God's wee pets,
Sae treat them w' charity.

Gourock. MERMAID.

"I had no less than 17 letters in reply to my advertisement in CAGE BIRDS of April 13th. I have sold all my surplus stock and have nothing left to sell."—A. H. Campbell (Harrow-on-the-Hill).

"Kindly thank through CAGE BIRDS all who answered my advert in CAGE BIRDS. I had so many replies I could not answer all separately. Wishing C.B. every success, as one of its many regular readers.—J. Goodchild (Clare).

Amusing Case of Homing Instinct.

A few days ago a "Daily Mail" correspondent told how a Robin, having discovered the larder at a rectory in Gloucestershire, was guilty of many thefts, until he was caught by the cook, who "gave him a good talking to." On the second conviction she soused him in a pail and then stretched gauze over the window; but all to no effect, for the Robin went back again and again. The sequel is now reported. She caught him again in the larder, put him in a small basket on the handle-bar of her bicycle, and rode away two miles from the rectory before releasing him. The Robin flew away, but reappeared in the garden on the morning next but one after his adventure.

Hard Luck for the Farmer.

The Tawny or Brown Owl is described as a very wicked and destructive bird, but it is also a scheduled bird, and a North-country pigeon fancier has just been fined for killing a fine specimen of this particular breed. The Owl took an interest in the fancier's chicks, and paid the penalty. The fancier told the magistrates that it was a most serious matter to have one of his chicks, valued at 7s., destroyed by the wicked Owl, and he produced a pictorial magazine which showed an Owl doing great destruction among the poultry; but the Bench considered it their duty to let the birds have a chance, and if the mother of the chicks could not protect her family, so much the worse for the owner.

An Appreciation.

I got a pleasant surprise, writes Mr. T. S. Mabon, when I opened my Cage Birds last Friday and found my Scottish National winner inside. Thank you very much for the favour you have done me, for I deem it such seeing there are so many good birds on the show bench. Your artist must be very smart, as it could not have been more like him. He also won first prize at Lochgelly in a class of 28. I have taken up your valuable paper weekly ever since its first issue, and have found it a great help.

I am glad to say the results of my advert. in CAGE BIRDS were all that could be wished for, as I got replies from Scotland and the Isle of Man. You may be sure if I want to part with any more birds I shall certainly send my advert to CAGE BIRDS.—D. Pendleton, Liverpool.

Please withdraw my advt. in "CAGE BIRDS," as I have sold all my birds.—Arthur Foulds (Manchester)

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THE METHOD I HAVE FOUND THE BEST.

By JEFFRY JEFFRIS (Southall).

IN writing this article, I propose to give the method I have adopted as the outcome of some twenty years of Canary breeding, and one which I have found undeniably successful. It is not exactly for the old hand, but rather for the benefit of the beginner, who has not been over successful, that I am penning these lines. I do not intend to deal with the different varieties of Canaries, but am supposing the fancier has selected whichever variety has taken his or her fancy.

In the first place, it is no good pairing your birds until they are quite ready; that is, the cocks must be in absolutely full song, and almost getting through the wires of the cage after the hens, who are flying and hopping about gaily, and calling to the cock birds. About the middle of March, or from that to the beginning of April, your birds being in condition, you may safely put them together.

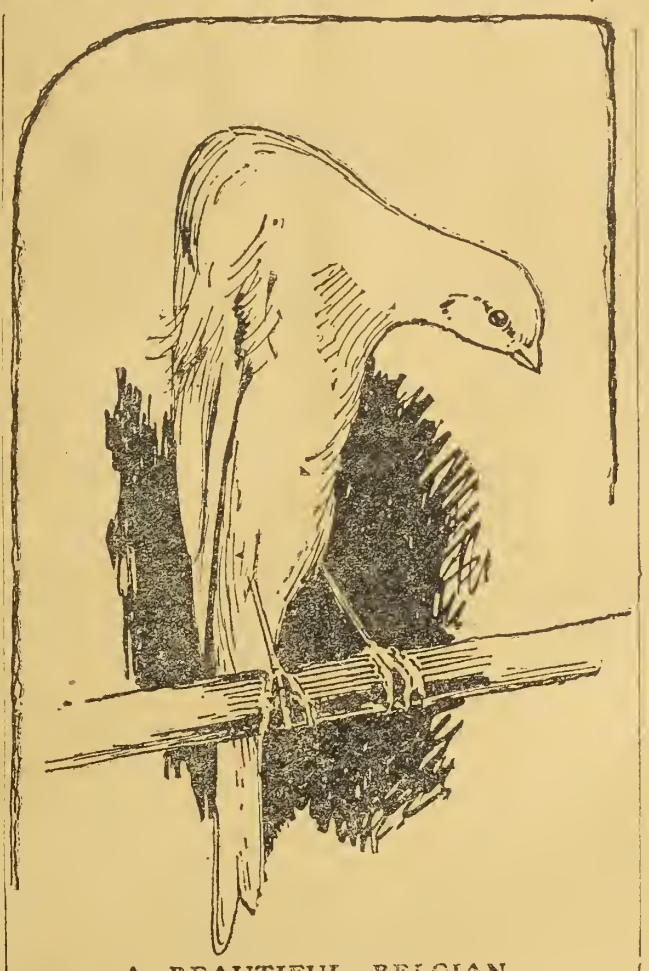
How to Feed Your Pairs of Birds.

Having paired your birds, you must supply them with canary seed in the hopper, one teaspoonful of egg-food every other day to each pair, and, on the days you do not give egg-food, a teaspoonful of German rape one day and a teaspoonful of niger another. Feed so until the hen has laid her clutch of eggs, and then during the time she is sitting give canary seed only. On about the fourth day after you have paired up, put in the nest pan, having previously put a lining into same. It is best to stick this in with either flour or starch paste; some fanciers sew the lining in, but I have found that sometimes a hen will get her feet entangled in the stitches, and this may mean a broken egg or two. Place the nest-pan on a hook at the back of the cage, between and a little higher than the perches. I say a little higher than the perches because some hens, if they can see a perch when sitting, will fly straight off the nest to it, and very likely bring out an egg with them; if the perches are a little below the top of the nest-pan, they have to rise in the nest before they can see a perch, and this, therefore, considerably reduces the likelihood of an egg or young bird being dragged out, some hens being rather careless in that respect.

Supply your birds with a piece of cuttlefish bone, plenty of sharp gritty sand, also bake egg-shells in the oven and powder them up; these will help to make the shells of the eggs you are anxiously waiting for. Of course, you will give them some nesting material at the time of putting in the nest-pan. This will keep the birds quite busy for a few days, first putting it in tho nest-pan and then pulling it out again, until her ladyship settles down in earnest. You will generally find that about a fortnight elapses after pairing, before the first egg is laid, sometimes a little longer, but do not be over anxious, providing the hen keeps in good health.

The Best Cure for Egg-Binding.

I have never had one single instance of egg-binding in the whole of my career, but the best cure for this is to get a jug of boiling-water, place a piece of muslin, or some light fabric over it, catch the hen and hold her over this for a few minutes, when in nine times out of ten the egg will pass from her all right. Do not hold her so that the steam will scald her, but a couple of inches or so over the jug. I have touched upon this matter because cases do occur at times, and I know from others that this is the best cure. If you find the hen looking very mopy, her feathers ruffled, and with a swollen appearance round the vent, which is firm to the touch, lose no time, but resort to the jug.



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When the first egg is laid, you will take this away, and substitute a dummy one, doing this each day until the third egg is laid. In the evening of the day the third egg is laid, take the nest-pan out of the cage, and put the nesting material into shape; this is easily done with a hot fowl's egg. Canaries are not, as a rule, good nest-builders. Do not put too much material in, or her ladyship may take exception to it. Well sprinkle with Keating's Insect Powder; it will not harm the birds, but will keep down that pest, red mite. Return the three eggs, and replace nest-pan.

If you want to run the cock with another hen, remove him at the same time. But in this you must be guided by circumstances; most hens will set and rear a young brood by themselves, but some will not sit a day without the cock bird, whilst some will sit all right, but will not feed their young unless the cock is present.

The Value of a Good Splash.

We will now return to the sitting hen. She may lay one or two more eggs after you have set her, but do not interfere with her beyond giving her fresh seed and water each day. On the tenth, eleventh and twelfth days hang on the bath, and she will probably have a good splash in it, which will help to soften the inner skin of the eggs, and thus enable the young birds to liberate themselves more easily. If the hen will not bathe you must dip each egg in a cupful of luke-warm water on these days, once each day. On the thirteenth day you must supply some egg-food, as by that time, if all goes well, the young birds will be hatching out.

For the first three days use yolk only with an equal bulk of powdered Osborne Biscuit; after the third day you can use the white as well as the yolk. You must also supply German rape and hemp seeds. Give the hemp whole, as this keeps the hen off the nest longer shelling it, and thereby gives the youngsters more fresh air, and so helps to strengthen their coustitutions. After the third day, give a little green-food, such as watercress, young lettuce, or young dandelion leaves; but be sure there is no frost on it. A good plan is to keep the green-stuff in the warm kitchen all night, or to rinse it in warm water; if you do the latter, be sure to dry it perfectly before giving it to the birds. Gradually increase the quantity each day by giving it at first once, then twice, and then three times a day. You will also, if possible, give the egg-food fresh three times a day. By doing this, it induces the hen to feed more.

During the very hot weather you must take care there is no stale food of any kind left in the cage; also keep your cages and utensils absolutely clean. I do not mean you to worry the birds unnecessarily, but simply to keep them clean, and in a perfectly sanitary condition; it will pay you in the long run.

As the Young Become Restless.

At the age of about three weeks the youngsters will generally be getting restless in their nest, and probably one or two may venture as far as the edge of the nest-pan. Each day will see them more forward, and get first on the perches and from there to the cage bottom and peck about generally. At the age of four weeks they can be transferred to a cage by themselves. Generally they can feed well then, but if one or other is going about the cage with its feathers ruffled and "calling" to be fed, put it in a nursery cage for a day, and let the old birds attend to it. Generally this will be sufficient, and it will feed itself all right afterwards.

When the young are transferred from their parents, you must supply them with egg-food, the same as you have been doing, for the first week, then gradually decrease it until at about seven weeks you are giving just a little each day. Also you must supply canary, summer rape and hemp seeds, all crushed, from the time they leave their parents, until the age of six weeks. when they will be able to crack the hard seed. Then discontinue giving hemp. One word about hemp: Crush this fresh each day and do not leave any from one day to the next in the cage, and at no time give an excess.

(To be continued.)

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*The Outcast.

On a morning of inspection it sometimes happens that a hen casts out of the nest one of her newly-hatched young. When the hen is by herself it is rarely molested, and it is astonishing the length of time they live when found on the cage floor. The young outcast, which appears to be dead, should be gently placed in the palm of the hand, and vigorously breathed upon. In a large majority of cases it will be restored to animation, and when symptoms of life are observed it should be placed back in the nest, where the warmth of its mother will restore the wonted appearance of the poor outcast.—A. Dennis (32, King's Road, Cudworth, near Barnsley).

*To Buyers of Hemp Seed.

When you buy hemp seed you will sometimes find the shell very green, but the kernel good. If you wish to keep the hemp good, try this method:—Choose a fine sunny day, spread some paper on the ground, then spread your hemp seed on it; leave it so for a few hours, turning the seed now and then, and you will then find that the seed will keep good up to the last.—F. G. Ball (Shotton, Chester).

*Taking Care of Nesting Material.

Having bought your material, look over it and remove any hard spiky bits of moss, which would very likely make pin-holes in the eggs; also remove any dirt. Then place in a pan, the cowhair as well, and pour boiling water over it; add about a teaspoonful of strong solution of permanganate of potash, and leave until nearly cold. Wring it as dry as possible with the hands, and then finish drying it in tho oven. When dry, store in airtight tins, placing a piece of camphor in each tin. This is worth the extra trouble, as it makes the material soft and pliable, and the hens make a better nest with it. It also helps to keep the red mite away.—J. A. Pearce, (148, Winston Road, Stoke Newington).

To Remedy a Cracked Egg.

Take the egg between your forefinger and thumb as soon as cracked. With a small brush enamel it over just where it is cracked to keep it airtight. If not airtight, it is of no use. I have been very successful with this method with fertile eggs.—J. P. Andrew (Whitemoor, near St. Austell, Cornwall).

*To Frustrate an Egg-eating Goldie.

When breeding Mules, it is often found that Goldfinches especially are apt to eat the eggs of the hen Canary if one is not on the spot to take the egg away as soon as laid. No doubt many fanciers, like myself, have to be away at work very early in the morning, before the hen has laid her egg, and often find, on returning, that the egg has been eaten, or a small hole pecked in it. Tho best plan I find to obviate this is to get the Canary hen to build her nest inside a little box (such as a small travelling box used for sending birds away), with about three wires taken out. The Goldfinch will be afraid to enter such a dark place, and the nest and the eggs will be kept safe.—F. A. Hinder (Cross-hayes, Malmesbury, Wilts).

A Hint to Smokers.

Great care should be taken to thoroughly cleanse the hands after smoking cigarettes or handling one's pipe each time before giving watercress, etc., to the parent birds to feed their young.—H. E. Smith (62, Tranquil Vale, Blackheath).

Wild-Bird Life.

The Mystery Bird and His Mate.

That curious little bird, the Wryneck, has been heard and seen for some time, and now the Cuckoo has arrived. In the minds of bird lovers the two species are closely associated, the former having earned for itself the name of the Cuckoo's mate. With the coming of the Cuckoo commences the summer months, for no matter if we see the Chiffchaff, Wheatear, Willow Wren, Pipits, and other migrants, it is not until the Cuckoo has "told his name to all the hills" that we feel that the army of visitors is actually with us, and that the most pleasant time of the year is beginning. The soft, far-reaching notes of the "mystery bird," will be heard by thousands, both old and young, and welcomed by all as a song of hope and gladness, associated with warm, bright skies, sunny meads, and quiet woodlands.

All Too Short a Stay.

The Cuckoo is a strange mysterious bird, whose life history we are only of late years beginning to understand. Arriving in April, and departing again in July, his stay with us is all too short, and when we miss his call from the sounds of the country side we feel the summer months are passing far too quickly. No record exists of the bird making any attempt at nest-building on its own account. It is quite content to deposit its eggs (singly as a rule) in the nests of smaller birds, for them to hatch out, and act as foster parents to its young. We now know that if a young Cuckoo is hatched in a nest containing other young ones, it will, when but a few days old, eject the other occupants, so that it receives from the parent birds the whole of their attention and food. Our forefathers firmly believed that the young Cuckoo not only swallowed all the other chicks, but finally devoured their foster-parents, a mark of ingratitude which we now know to be false. In the same way they believed that the bird changed to a Hawk in the winter its resemblance to that bird while on the wing accounting, no doubt, for this delusion. It has been proved that the Cuckoo does not lay her egg direct into the nest of the victim, but having dropped it on the ground, picks it up again in her beak, and carries it to the selected nest. This knowledge of her habits clears up the mystery of her eggs found in the nests of such birds as the Common Wren and Willow Warbler, which build for themselves domed nests. The eggs are small for the size of the bird, and vary widely in coloration.

The Long-eared Owl.

The Long-eared Owl comes forth in the evening, and is busiest in the hours between daylight and dark. Its flight is swift and noiseless, as the bird sweeps the woods and meadows with hungry eyes. In the whole range of Nature there are no more wonderful eyes. The very existence of the bird depends on them, and they are made to collect every random ray of light. Mice appear to be the chief food of the species.

Flocks of Carrion Crows.

The Carrion Crow is not supposed to be a gregarious species, but in the Alps they occasionally gather in huge flocks. They will settle on the banks of some quiet stream to drink, and then wheeling round and round, perch in the pine trees for the night. One can almost imagine he is watching a flock of Rooks, although no Rooks are in sight; they are seldom seen in some of the Alpine valleys.

Snow Buntings Not Plentiful.

Snow Buntings have not been particularly plentiful this past winter. They generally frequent tho verge of the snow, their pie-bald plumage being specially suitable for hiding them as they fly from place to place in search of food.

Questions and Answers.

DOUBTS AND DIFFICULTIES SOLVED BY SPECIALISTS.

Queries will be answered under the following conditions:—

(1)—*All questions must be clearly written in ink (or typewritten) on one side of paper, and must conclude with either the correct name of querist or a pseudonym, or initials.*

(2)—*The proper name and address in full of querist must always be written on a separate sheet of paper, and enclosed with the query. In no case must the address appear on the query.*

(3)—*Queries intended for different specialists must not be written on the same sheet of paper.*

(4)—**Queries must not include** *or be included in orders for books, instructions re advertisements, or any other matter for publication.*

(5)—*The department to which the queries refer must be stated in bold letters on the left-hand corner of the query.*

(6)—*If an answer in the same week's issue is desired, queries must be posted to reach us by* **Monday's first post** *at latest. Queries will be dealt with in the order in which they are received, and only as space permits. The earlier queries are received the better attention they are likely to have.*

(7)—*Queries relating to illnesses of birds, exeept enquiries as to cause of death (for which see Post Mortems will be answered by return of post on receipt of a postal order far sixpence and an addressed stamped envelope. Queries of an ordinary nature will be answered by post, if desired, on receipt of a postal order for one shilling and a stamped addressed envelope.*

(8)—*All who require letters of complaints written to advertisers must state grounds for doing so clearly and fully, and enclose a fee af sixpenee,, otherwise their letters will not receive attention. All the fees received from this souree will be handed over in full to the "Referee's" Poor Childrens' Fund (Landon).*

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Canaries.—**Claude St. John.** British Birds, Mule and Hybrids—**G. E. Weston.** Foreign Birds—**Wesley T. Page,** F.Z.S., M.B.N.H.S., &c., Wild Bird Life—**H. Norman.**

NOTE.—If an answer is required concerning the proper mating, etc., of Norwich, Yorkshires, Crests, Cinnamons, Greens, Borders, Lizards, Scotch or any other variety of the Canary family, we shall, should the querist desire us to do so, be pleased to submit his questions for answer to some leading specialist of the day on the variety concerned.

CANARY QUERIES.

Answered by CLAUDE ST. JOHN.

HOARSENESS (Uncertain).—The bird has been accustomed probably to a warmer room than yours, which would account for the hoarseness, or it may have a naturally hoarse voice, as some hens certainly have. In any case see that she is quite free from cold draughts and extreme variations between day and night temperature. Every second day for a week give a piece of bread the size of a hazel nut sopped in cold milk, drained, two drops of cod liver oil emulsion on it, and sprinkled with soft sugar, and on the alternating days add 20 drops of whisky, six of glycerine, and two of eucalyptus oil to the drinking water, and shake well together. I think you may safely venture to mate her at the end of the week, even if the apparent hoarseness has not disappeared.

OUT OF SONG (Miss D'Alton).—If the bird is really in good health, it will douhtless begin to sing very soon now. Its silence is probably due to the moult taking a little more than usual out of it. Treat as follows for a fortnight: Give a staple diet of three parts canary to one part summer rape. Every second day give a piece of bread and milk the size of a hazel nut with two drops of cod liver oil emulsion on it, and sprinkled with soft sugar. On the alternate days twice each week give a pinch of the seed mixture, and every day a spray of chickweed or two dandelion leaves. Keep gritty sand on cage floor regularly. In the drinking water give six drops of syrup of rhubarb and as much Epsom salts as will cover a threepenny piece for three days, and afterwards four drops each of tincture of gentian, tincture of calumba, and aromatic sulphuric acid every second day for a week.

MISFORTUNE (M.U.M.).—I'm afraid your troubles are chiefly, if not wholly, due to wrong treatment. If you mean that linseed, for instance, forms a part of your staple seed diet this item alone would account for much trouble among your stock. You should get "Canary Breeding for Beginners" and see if you cannot discover other points in which your management is faulty. First of all see that the birds are not exposed to cold draughts, nor yet overheated, nor subject to rapid and extreme fluctuations of temperature. Keep cages strewn with clean, gritty sand, and when hens are mated provide cuttlefish regularly. Give a staple diet of plain canary only. Every second day give separately half a teaspoonful per bird of summer rape, and on the alternate days a similar quantity of a mixture of equal parts hemp, inga, millet, black rape and teazle. On the days when summer rape is given add also a little egg-food, or the egg bread, and well sprinkle it with a mixture of equal parts maw, gold of pleasure and sesame, and give two leaves of dandelion or a good sized spray of chickweed per bird every day. For one week give the rhubard and salt aperient advised to "Miss D'Alton" every second day, and in the next week give the gentian, etc., tonic mentioned in same reply. If not considerably improved in two or three weeks write again and report progress made. The handbook mentioned above will tell you all about testing eggs, etc.

SITS PUFFED UP (W. Long).—I see no reason why you should destroy birds without making an effort to relieve them of what may, after all, be some trivial ailment. Read reply to "M.U.M." and adopt the same treatment for your birds for a fortnight, but add to the egg-food given four drops of sherry and two of cod liver oil emulsion each time. Also see that cold draughts and extreme fluctuations are avoided, as one or other of these causes may be responsible for the trouble, and you cannot expect to remove it until the causes are removed. Report progress at end of fortnight, and I will advise further if necessary.

LIMIT OF BREEDING AGE (New Beginner).—It it impossible to state any definite age at which a Canary ceases to breed. It depends solely upon the health, stamina and activity of the individual bird, and this again is intimately connected with the treatment it has been subjected to during life, and especially its recent life. But very few really healthy and well-kept cocks will have passed their period of usefulness at five years old. I have no doubt the bird you mention would breed successfully if you mated him with a hen in breeding condition and left them alone. When the hen really sets to work nesting he will not, I fancy, be found wanting, however much appearances may be against him when first mated. Try it.

HOW LONG (C.W.).—Again it is not possible to lay down any definite rule as to how long any pair of birds must be together before the eggs laid by the hen will be fertile. If both birds are in good breeding condition it is quite possible for any egg laid 30 hours after being put together to prove fertile. On the other hand it is not uncommon for a pair of birds apparently in the best of condition to be together several weeks and copulating frequently and yet not an egg prove fertile. The question of fertility holds mysteries yet to be fathomed.

WHEN TOO OLD (M. C.).—I cannot tell at what age a cock Canary necessarily ceases to he fertile. It is impossible to lay down any definite rule on the point. I have myself bred successfully with a cock at ten years old, and others I believe have gone one better than this. But all birds will not breed up to that age. It all depends upon the individual. So long as a cock is in good health, vigorous and active, and sings well, he may be mated quite confidently irrespective of age. See reply to another querist on this subject this week.

A LITTLE BETTER (League Member).—Thanks for report. Continue the same method of feeding advised in last reply for another month, after the end of the first fortnight give it a liberal allowance of green food in variety, and, if available, offer a mealworm daily. After the first fortnight give 20 drops of Chemical Food in the drinking water four times a week for a month. The opening and closing of the beak is due to excessive nervousness. You need to be very patient and gentle with this bird in order to gain its confidence. Avoid frightening it in any way if possible, or a catastrophe will probably occur. You might use finger drawers pushed in between the wires whilst giving such small quantities of food, or give all the food in the egg-drawer, to avoid putting hand in cage.

FOUR IN HAND (J. G. M.).—(1) Bathe foot well in very warm water—not too hot for comfortable endurance—in a saucerful of which you have mixed a teaspoonful of extract of Wych Hazel. After bathing for few minutes, gently prick the "ripe" part of swelling with a clean needle, carefully press out contents, then renew bathing for a few minutes. Dry gently, and anoint with Lanocylin. Repeat bathing and anointing daily for few days. Keep cage floor and perches as clean as possible. (2) Cannot dogmatise as to cause of this hen's death. Opinions after death, unless backed by a proper post-mortem examination, are of little value. I suspect it might have been due to constipation, which might have been easily remedied. You should have given details of your method of feeding. (3) It is the experience of many to have a full clutch of clear eggs in the first round from a pair of birds apparently in good health. It may be due to a great variety of causes, some of them quite unavoidable. There is no reason why the second clutch should not prove fertile. Feed the birds rather liberally, and give two leaves of dandelion daily prior to going to nest next time. (4) You must have been rather unfortunate in your dealings. Surely it is not difficult to get a good pair of Norwich if you are prepared to pay a reasonable price for them. It is rather late now to purchase stock birds, so I would advise you to wait until end of breeding season, and then ask some well-known breeder advertising in our columns to quote you price for a pair of young birds that will suit you, and have them on approval, depositing the price with our Editor as per rules of Deposit System.

EGGS NOT HATCHING (A Beginner).—You omit to say to what stage the embryos in the eggs had apparently developed. If they were fully developed, ready for hatching as it were, you might have assisted them by immersing the eggs in a cup of warm water once or twice on the 14th and 15th days. It sometimes happens that the embryos die at an early or even at any stage of development from congenital weakness, but in the early season it is much more likely to be the result of temporary chill caused by the hen staying off the nest too long at some time, or it may be caused by the hen bathing vigorously and returning to nest with saturated plumage. This latter occurrence is often very useful during hot weather later in the season, but at this season it is just as likely to prove fatal to the embryo chicks. Mate the birds again, remove cock as before, and do not return him until hen is ready to go to nest again. You will probably succeed better next time. "Canary Breeding for Beginners' would be of great help to you.

ILL AFTER LAYING (Griffo).—This hen is probably one of those over-prolific creatures which rarely reach a quite successful finish. In addition to the staple seed diet, give her a liberal daily supply of chickweed, young flower heads of groundsel, or watercress, but strictly avoid dandelion for this hen. Every third day give half-a-teaspoonful of egg food or crushed sponge cake sprinkled with maw, and on the following day a similar quantity of a mixture of equal parts hemp, inga, millet and teazle. Limit dietary to this solely. Keep cage strewn with clean, gritty sand, and provided with cuttlefish. Add six drops of syrup of buckthorn to drinking water for two days, and afterwards 20 drops of Chemical Food every third day until she has gone to nest again. Mate her again, if still in good condition, when this reply appears.

SLOW STARTERS (Novice).—It is clear that both the cocks referred to are not in breeding condition, and should not have been mated with these hens, as they have only wasted the first or what should have been first, clutches of these hens. As the season is now in full swing, the cocks may freshen up at any time, and it may not be quite safe to separate them unless you had others in good condition to replace them. If you have no substitutes for them, you can only leave the birds together, and trust to luck for the future. Give a staple diet of plain canary. Every second day add separately a small teaspoonful of summer rape for each pair, and also give a teaspoonful of egg food sprinkled with equal parts maw, gold of pleasure, and sesame. On the alternate days give a pinch of a mixture of equal parts hemp, inga, millet, black rape and teazle, with just a sprinkling of linseed. Give a free supply of dandelion and chickweed daily. This should soon bring cocks into condition. When hen is going to nest again you must shut off the cock that destroyed the eggs. Do this each night when an egg is expected next morning, and return him to hen after you have removed the egg. On the third evening, when you will put hen to sit, remove him, and do not return him again until hen is ready to go to nest for another brood. The hen will hatch and bring up young better without him.

TROUBLE WITH EGG-BINDING (L. E. H.).—There must be some unusual influence at work to make your result so different this year from other seasons, if, as you say, your treatment is identical. Are the hens old or young, and have their winter quarters been free from damp? The latter has penetrated to quite unusual places in the late winter and early spring, and may have had some effect on your stock. See they are now kept under healthy conditions, and feed as advised to "Griffo," except that you should give a staple of plain canary seed, and give half a teaspoonful of summer rape per bird separately every second day. Avoid giving dandelion to these hens. When you are expecting them to lay next time add 20 drops of gin and six of glycerine to the water every second day until eggs are laid. You would do well to provide yourself with CAGE BIRDS ANNUAL, or go one better and treat yourself with "Our Canaries," which would help you in every difficulty.

NOT SINGING (Mrs. Cooper).—I am afraid I cannot tell you the cause of your Canary not singing, without more particulars about its circumstances and condition. Does it appear to be healthy and active, or wheeze, pant or lose feathers, and are you sure of its sex? Try the following for a month, and if not successful write again and give these particulars. Staple diet, a mixture of three parts canary to one part summer rape. Rest of dietary same as advised to "Griffo," except that you may also give dandelion, and add equal proportions of sesame and gold of pleasure to the maw seed. In the drinking water give six drops of syrup of rhubarb and as much sulphate of soda as will cover a threepenny-piece, for three days, and afterwards four drops each of tincture of gentian, tincture of calumba, and aromatic sulphuric acid every second day for a week.

TWO SLOW ONES (John Holland).—Are you sure you have a true pair of birds, and not two hens? Does the cock sing? If not, catch the birds, blow up the feathers on the abdomen, and note shape of vent. If there is no marked difference between the two you probably have two hens. If you are satisfied one of the birds is a cock feed them as advised to "Novice" in this issue. See that they do not get cold draughts from the window, and keep cage strewn with clean, gritty sand. Also give dandelion as green food; it is common enough now almost everywhere.

A DOUBTFUL ONE (Lover of Song).—I am strongly inclined to think this bird is a hen, in which case nothing will increase its vocal powers, or make it sing. It might perhaps work itself up to a sort of twitter under excitement, but even this is not certain. Further, I should be inclined to doubt its age, as an 11 months old bird should not not have an overgrown beak which neither sugar nor cuttlefish will wear down. The beak is easily remedied. Nip off the overgrowth with a sharp pair of nail or embroidery scissors. You might also try the treatment advised to "Mrs. Cooper" for two or three weeks, and then write and say if it has produced any result.

IN BAD CONDITION (Doubtful, New Southgate).—Glad to hear the bird previously enquired about has improved so much. Give now a staple of plain canary seed, and add separately every third day a pinch of summer rape, next day ditto of a mixture of equal parts hemp, inga, millet, black rape and teazle, and the next day half a teaspoonful of egg food or crushed sponge cake with two drops of cod liver oil emulsion mixed in it, and well sprinkled with equal parts maw, gold of pleasure, and sesame. Give a little chickweed, groundsel, or dandelion daily. Allow it to bathe now when it will, in fine weather. Continue to feed thus for another two or three weeks. In the drinking water give six drops of syrup of rhubarb and as much Epsom salts as will cover a threepenny-piece for two days, and afterwards six drops of tincture of gentian and three of dilute sulphuric acid every second day for a week. When recovered, the ordinary diet given in our handbooks, or the Nutshell booklet No. 5 will be most suitable. A little looseness, provided it is not excessive, is nothing to be anxious about. With regard to the other bird, I am inclined to think it is a hen. It should have been in full song now. To stop any undue looseness curtail the supply of green food, give a little extra rape, and a pinch of teazel and hemp. See that your hemp is sound and good.

BRITISH BIRDS, MULES AND HYBRIDS.

Answered by G. E. WESTON.

A CAGE (A. B. C.).—Wash the cage very thoroughly with a hot, strong solution of some first-rate disinfectant (such as "Kerol," "Izal," or "Jeyes"), letting it soak well in. You can then leave it for a time, afterwards (as you suggest) enamelling it. I should think you might use the cage when wanted in the autumn with safety.

TWO HENS (J. O. R.).—Give the Canary hen a supply of broken-up old mortar, also crushed eggshells which have been dried in the oven, and cuttlefish—mix the three things and let her take her choice. She will lay in due course, unless there is something organically wrong, or she is an old, "worn-out" hen. The hen Greenfinch might nest this month (May). Let her have dandelion (seeding heads and young leaves), shepherd's purse, and chickweed—all easily obtainable—pretty freely, and with her seed mixture give daily a fair amount of white sunflower seed and a little hemp.

AS MEDICINE (Billie Bray).—The tinctures you mention are very good tonic medicines, and quite suited to the case of your Mule. They should help him to throw off the effects of the cold and "buck him up" generally. I think you might with advantage make his menu a trifle more generous as a regular thing.

"LOST ITS VOICE" (R. Cleverley).—You ask for a remedy for your Goldfinch, which "all of a sudden has lost its voice." But how am I possibly to tell why it has done so when you give me no information as to whether it is looking ill, has a cold, seems wrong in the bowels, is off its food—in fact, describe no symptoms, and do not mention its food. The loss of voice may be due to one of several things—the bird, for instance, may have ceased to sing because his "Little Mary" has suddenly commenced to trouble him, in which case it would be useless of me to prescribe a cough mixture. I feel sure you will see my hopeless position, and send along fuller details. In the meantime, you cannot do wrong by giving three or four doses of dandelion juice (taraxacum), obtained from a chemist. Get one ounce, and stir a teaspoonful into two tablespoonfuls of drinking water, fresh daily.

A PIPING BULLFINCH (Bullie).—The season for trained piping Bullfinches (that is, birds piping a tune, such as "Pretty Polly Perkins"; or even two tunes) is the autumn, when a number arrive from Germany. A good bird is always valuable, the price ranging from about three pounds up to "fancy figures," for what may be termed star artistes. It is quite likely that you could obtain a really good piper now; try an advertisement in CAGE BIRDS. Hear it pipe, of course, before you pay your money.

TWO CREEPING THINGS (Ivetlaw).—I have had both ivy and Virginia creeper in several of my own outdoor aviaries, and have seen them in scores of aviaries belonging to other people, and I have never heard any complaint concerning their harmful nature, so I think you can safely use them.

A GREENFINCH'S EYESIGHT (W. H. C. B.).—I am afraid the case is hopeless, and that the Greenie is permanently blind in the left eye; but I do not think the right eye will be affected, or you would have noticed signs of it before this. Evidently the nerve is paralysed, or destroyed. It is a pity.

BRITISH BIRD & HYBRID QUERISTS

should consult Houlton's great work, "Cage-Bird Hybrids" (7/6); Norman's "British Bird Manual" (2/8); or Part 1 "Hardbills" (1/1), Part 2 "Softbills" (1/1); "Aviaries, Bird-rooms, and Cages" (2/3); "Seeds, Foods, and Wild Plants" (1/2); "Secrets of Hybrid Breeding" (1/2); Dr. Creswell's "Hygiene of Bird-keeping" (1/1); Dr Clarke's "Septic or Bird Fever" (1d.); "Colour-feeding" (3½d.); or the "Nutshell" booklets (2½d. each): No. 1 "Goldfinch," No. 2 "Linnet," No. 3 "Skylark," No. 4 "Song Thrush and Blackbird," No. 11 "Bullfinch," No. 13 "Chaffinch," No. 15 "Greenfinch," No. 22 "Siskin, Redpall, and Twite," No. 25 "Small Insectivorous Birds," No. 26 "Large Insectivorous Birds," No. 6 "Ailing Birds and How to Cure Them," No. 9 "Disinfection of Cages, Birdrooms, etc.," No. 12 "How to Moult British Birds." All thoroughly practical and instructive. Prices quoted are post free from "Cage Birds," 154, Fleet Street, London, E.C.

A MATTER OF POLICY (J. A. P.).—I think your best plan is to leave out the cock Linnet until the hen Canary is ready to get on with her second nest, i.e., has reared (as I hope she will) her first brood of Canaries. The introduction of a strange bird, such as a Linnet, to the hen while she is incubating might cause her to desert the eggs, or smash some of them in a moment of panic. Everything depends upon the hens, and one needs to know their dispositions; you can do to some what you dare not do to others. Further, the Linnet might give her trouble. On the whole, therefore, it is much better to keep the Linnet by himself until the hen wants her second clutch of eggs fertilising. Indeed, there is nothing to be gained by doing otherwise.

FOREIGN BIRDS.

Answered by WESLEY T. PAGE, F.Z.S., Etc.

BACK-YARD AVIARY (Quong Sing).—I do not keep queries by me, and I do not recollect the size of your aviary. Send me a postcard giving this, and I will reply. My reply really reads as if I had given you your choice between the two, and not the two kinds. Your aviary ought not to be less than eight to nine feet long to keep all three kinds together, and it should be four or more feet high. As regards the small parrots, I have sent you a sketch I think the Green Cardinal might go in with the rest. I have found all species of Cardinal (except perhaps the small yellow-beaked species) well able to look after themselves, even with Parrakeets.

FOREIGN WITH BRITISH (A.W.A.).—Put in pairs of the following: Zebra Finches, Long-tailed Grassfinches, Ruficauda Finches, Cape Canaries, Common Avadavats, Green Avadavats, Grey, St. Helena, Orange-cheek and Golden-breasted Waxbills, Bronze and Purple Manakins, Silverbills, Java Sparrows, Bengalese, Green Cardinals, Striated and Sharp-tailed Finches, Red-headed Finches, Grey and Green Singing Finches. The above would make a nice start and give a good variety of colour. As opportunity occurred you could add pairs of Indigo and Nonpareil Buntings, but I do not advise you to put in the Bramblings. I consider seed hoppers of some kind the better arrangement, throwing the leavings from these on the floor, when most of the seeds will be picked up.

AILING GREY PARROT. (A.C.).—Isolate this bird at once from the others, it is suffering from prostration, possibly infectious, following the voyage. Give it three drops of Dinneford's Magnesia, direct to the beak from a quill, repeat the dose in about five hours; afterwards give twice a week for a month. Give it chilled water, well coloured with chemical food, two or three times a day, but do not let it overdrink at first. I expect you are giving boiled maize, if so continue it, but lightly dust with flowers of sulphur before supplying to the bird. Also give a little sop daily—(I expect it is a young bird)—prepared as follows: Take a crust of stale household bread, sprinkle with sugar rather thickly, pour over it as much boiling water as bread will absorb, then soak into the bread half a teaspoonful of chemical food. Also supply seed mixture, ripe fruit, and nuts. Keep a piece of cuttlebone hanging in the cage, and add a pinch of grit (not sand) to the seed. Keep the bird warm and out of draught, yet where it will get light and air. A light spraying with quassia solution, rubbing (dusting) in a little insect powder (for it is evidently troubled with parasites) will help matters—droppings should be removed from cage at once and buried. If the bird dies the cage must be thoroughly scalded out before being used for another bird.

LOVEBIRDS OR PARRAKEETS (H.J.E.).—I am sorry to have had to keep you waiting, but I have been out of town so frequently that I have found it quite impossible to get up to the museum to settle the question of species. You have had it under observation some little time now. Will you kindly send me at once which it most favours of the various foods you are supplying?

WHAT BIRDS (Foreigner).—Your birds are evidently Grey or Common Waxbills. They are not free breeders in an aviary, let alone a cage, but certainly I should give them a cocoa-nut shell (not a husk) nest. Put in a little moss and hay, and leave more about the cage, and it may come off. Supply canary, white millet, spray millet, greenfood, grit and water; keep them in a roomy cage, with twiggy branches for perches, and they should do well. Our Nutshell, "Waxbills," 2½d. post free from our manager, will help you.

AILING GREY PARROT (A. B.).—You do not give me any idea as to how you have been feeding the bird, but do not give any tea, coffee or milk sops, table scraps, or any kind of animal food whatever. Seed mixture, ripe fruit, shelled nuts, green food, and an occasional piece of plain biscuit should be the staple dietary. If you have been giving boiled maize, continue to do so, but dust it with flowers of sulphur before giving it to the bird—it must be prepared fresh daily. If it will eat it, give a little of the sop as under—Crust of stale household bread, sprinkle with sugar, pour over it what boiling water it will absorb, then let about 20 drops of Byno-phosphates soak in, and when cool supply to the bird. For a month at least put half a teaspoonful of Byno-phosphates into the daily supply of drinking water, but you must not use a metal drinker. Once a week, in lieu of the phosphates put one teaspoonful of Dinneford's Magnesia into the drinking water. Do not subject it to draughts or cold winds, but let it have all the light and air possible. Keep a piece of clean cuttlebone in the cage. You should get our Nutshell, "The Grey Parrot," 2½d. post free from our Manager; it would help you.

BUDGERIGARS AND BRIT. AND FOR. FINCHES (H. C. C.).—Finch-like birds, whether British or Foreign species, are never permanently safe with Budgerigars or other Parrakeets, sooner or later the Finches get killed or maimed, though sometimes, for a couple of years even, nothing happens, and if you strictly limit the Budges to, say, a couple of pairs, nothing serious may happen. Among British Finches I have found the Chaffinch, Greenfinch and Bramhling very combative, and dangerous to the "smaller fry" even in a roomy aviary. With, say, Linnets, Redpolls, Siskins, Twites, Goldfinch and Bullfinch, you could keep, Zebra Finches, Cut-throats, Bronze Mannikins, Silverbills, Green Singing Finches, Avadavats (Common and Green), Grey, Orange-cheeked and Golden-breasted Waxbills—you ought not have, however, more than a score in your small aviary—all the foreign species named vary in price from 3s. 6d. to 7s. 6d. per pair.

WHAT IS IT? (A Reader).—It is the common Blue Tit. Supply it with hemp and sunflower seeds, shelled nuts, live insects of all sorts (from a beetle to a maggot), bits of suet and soft food. They are very active little birds and need a roomy cage with twiggy branches for perches. It should soon become tame enough to fly round the room (windows and doors closed, of course), and it would capture many flies, and possibly spiders also, from out-of-the-way corners, while enjoying a little liberty.

BUDGERIGARS IN OUT-DOOR CAGE, ETC. (Amadis).—The odd cock is causing the mischief, I expect. Either procure him a mate, or sell him, the latter preferably, as three adult pairs are sufficient, especially when they rear broods, for your cage. The bird house would comfortably accommodate about thirty birds, but for breeding purposes, say, seven pairs at most. To your present stock add pairs of Bronze Mannikins, Silverbills and Bib Finches. They will all thrive on the same diet as you are giving to the birds you possess—suspended from the roof and hung round the sides of the house, say, a dozen and half nest receptacles, such as husks, travelling cages, and various small boxes. Supply hay, grass and moss as building material, and you should successfully breed some of them at any rate.

ARE THEY NUNS? (Log Chip, G.C.).—Yes, they are Black-headed Nuns (Mannikins). Fully adult cocks have a patch of black down the middle of the abdomen, which the female does not possess, otherwise they are similar in plumage. Mannikins are not free breeders, but give them a nest-box, say, 6in. square, covered in all round, except the top third of the front. Diet: A mixture of canary and white millet in equal parts; a spray of millet, to be renewed when picked clean of seed; greenfood, grit and water for drinking and bathing will about supply their simple needs. If they go to nest and hatch out any young then supply a little soft food, but they will rear their young largely on seed and greenfood.

INCUBATION PERIOD (New Year).—Thirteen days usually, but I have had young Zebra Fiuches hatched out in twelve days. Supply a little soft food as soon as you see this reply, and scatter a few ants' "eggs" about for them to pick up; also supply spray millet and greenfood liberally, and the young should be successfully reared.

JAVA SPARROWS (M.U.M.)—No, it will do no good to let the hen take turn about with the respective cocks. Undoubtedly the white hen died egg-bound. Get another hen, either grey or white, for the odd cock. If he is with other birds cage him separately; put a little Dinneford's Magnesia in the drinking water twice a week till he brightens up, and on other days half a teaspoonful of hyno-phosphates. Give it a millet spray, it will help to keep him occupied picking out the seed. Flowering (seeding) grass, groundsel and chickweed should also be given now freely; even if he does not eat much, the little he takes in picking it over will be good food for him. I should also give him a few crushed oats and a little paddy rice.

AFRICAN PARROT (F. J. H.).—Give this bird one teaspoonful of Dinneford's Magnesia in the ordinary supply of drinking water every fourth day (give four doses), and on the intermediate days put half a teaspoonful of hynophosphates in the drinking water. Let the supply of greenfood and fruit (apples or banana) be liberal; as much as it will eat. Keep a piece of clean cuttlebone hanging in the cage, and add a pinch of grit to the daily supply of seed. Give the bird as much fresh air as possible; it can go out of doors a little, but not in a cold wind or exposed position, and the sun must not be allowed to shine directly on to the cage at any time. When out of doors, keep a piece of white cardboard, a little larger than the top of cage, with a slot in the centre, to pass over the cage ring; it will be out of reach of the bird, and while giving all the shelter necessary, will yet let the bird get the full benefit of the sun. I am of opinion that the indisposition will be but temporary.

AILING BUDGERIGAR (C. H.).—The crushed oats only intended to be given in small quantity. Keep the birds apart a little longer, and continue the treatment already advised; when this indisposition has passed, keep them in separate cages, but the cages placed side by side before putting them together again. Continue the treatment already advised till the cock is quite fit again. Seeding grass is quite plentiful now, and gathered about noon is quite safe to supply to the bird; let it have as much as it will eat. So long as they are kept out of draught Budgerigars do not require heat; they are better in the room with you, but keep them in a cool part of it where they will get plenty of light and air. Bringing birds from cool into warmer quarters will often throw them into moult, when the change is at all pronounced, but the shedding of the plumage will pass in due course; the bird should soon be fit again.

DEAD PARROT (A. C.).—I am sorry reply arrived too late to be of service; but the case was really hopeless when you applied. Ordinary diarrhœa is usually due to indigestible food in the bowels, which must be cleared away by doses of Dinneford's Magnesia (to be followed by hyno-phosphates to tone the bird up, both to be given in the drinking water; but very often diarrhœa is merely a symptom of some really malignant trouble, septic fever, etc., and cannot be prescribed for in a general way; but each individual case must be dealt with. In all cases the bird should be kept warm, and should be given a few drops (five) of aromatic sulphuric acid in the drinking water. Also dilute three drops of tincture of opium with one tablespoonful of water and offer this for the morning drink, and again during the afternoon. Re the swelling, I can only say foment with hot water and paint with neat whiskey, also rub with embrocation if the swelling is hard, but if the swelling contains pus, then foment as above, and as soon as the swelling is ripe it must be carefully lanced and the pus exuded, then the place must be well cleansed and anointed with some antiseptic ointment. Drugs must not be given in metal drinkers.

PLANTS IN AVIARY (Retlaw).—Neither Virginian Creeper nor Ivy will harm the bird, but I expect the Parrakeets will make short work of them. The only way to keep anything green in a Parrakeet aviary is to sow the ground periodically with cereals and grasses, and if these are soon eaten, well, you are giving the birds wholesome greenfood and exercise.

AILING GREY PARROT (M. Dooley).—It is mainly a matter of diet that will put this bird right. Confine the diet to seed mixture, ripe fruit, greenfood, nuts and plain biscuit. Give the following seed mixture: One quart each Canary seed and oats; one pint each white millet and hemp, half a pint each grit (not sand), paddy rice, maize, dari and sunflower seeds—the whole to be thoroughly mixed. Also keep a piece of clean cuttlebone in the cage. Every fourth day, so long as the voidings are not watery, put one teaspoonful of Dinneford's Magnesia in the supply of drinking water; if the bowels become too loose only give once a week, but continue it for a month or longer. On the days you are not giving the laxative put the same quantity of hyno-phosphates into the drinking water. If the bird does not bathe, spray it with a "mist" sprayer twice weekly, choosing genial days and keeping it out of draught. Supply wood in some form for it to cut up and play with.

KEEPING A SUNBIRD (Para).—Yes, the cage will answer well enough so long as you do not stand it in a draught, and at this season the temperature of the ordinary living room will be sufficient, but in the winter it should be kept where the night temperature does not fall below 50 deg. For diet: Sop, ripe fruit (mainly grapes, supplemented with Tangarine orange), and small flies, spiders, etc. Prepare the sop as under: one teaspoonful each of honey, condensed milk, and as much Mellin's Food as will lie on a shilling, mix with a little boiling water, and add a few fine crumbs of sponge cake, stir the whole well together; only a little is taken, grapes being the mainstay. A Sugarbird is not so fragile, requires the same dict, but these are very fond of banana, and more sponge cake in the sop, and after they are acclimatised a night temperature of 45 deg. or less will not harm them (if in no draught). My bird's water was often frozen when I went to attend to it in the morning, but it appeared none the worse for it, and is now in lovely feather. A pair have been out of doors in my aviary for nearly a fortnight, and are looking grand.

AILING BUDGERIGAR (Ada Barrow).—You must continue the treatment. With the genial summer weather near it will soon tone up. Give it greenfood daily; seeding (flowering) grass is plentiful now, and is quite safe to supply if gathered about noon. Keep a millet spray in the cage, and replace it when all the seeds are picked out. Its vivacity will return as the indisposition passes; the symptoms you gave are not those of old age; with the latter there is a more gradual decline followed by a total collapse. Let it have all the light and air you can, with entire freedom from draught.

DAMAGED BEAK (J. R. F.).—I do not think you can do anything for the bird's beak; if it has broken it you must leave it for Nature to right itself—you can do nothing even if it is scaling. I have Parrots whose beaks scaled periodically (not annually), and never had a serious case, or where it incommoded the birds to any serious extent; of course, if there is any sign of a sore or bleeding, the Friar's Balsam is about the best applicatiou. The running nostrils are a different matter. Bathe or spray with a dilute solution of glyco-thymoline once or twice daily. Give every fourth day one teaspoonful of Dinneford's Magnesia in the daily supply of drinking water, and on other days put half a teaspoonful of hyno-phosphates in the water. Continue this treatment for a month and then report progress. Keep a tin of dry seed mixture—canary, oats, hemp and sunflower seeds—in its cage, also a piece of ripe cuttlebone, and supply fruit daily, nuts fairly often (shelled while the beak is tender), and a little of any kind of green-food it will take.

TO GO WITH BUDGERIGARS (F. J. Gardner).—Blue-wing and Madagascar Lovebirds and Cockatiels all usually agree with Budgerigars, and thrive on the same treatment, but the two former line their nests with leaves, bark, etc., or even the exhausted millet sprays. When they show signs of going to nest supply a live branch, and leave the birds to take what they want therefrom, and keep this up till you see they are no longer carrying material into the nesting receptacle. All Parrakeets' nesting receptacles should have concave bottoms, but for Blue-wings and Madagascars this is not necessary. It will be wise not to put or keep Finch-like birds in this aviary.

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Singing Contests.

NEWTOWN (Leeds).

Week-end contest, held 28th, Prince Albert Inn, when 20 birds sang. Quality singing only. Judges, Messrs. A. Lorriman and A. Turner. 1st, Madden; 2nd, J. Chippendale; 3rd, Playforth.—E. Wood, Hon. Sec.

LEEDS.

Weekly contest for quality, held old bird house, King's Head, Shannon St., Ap. 27, when 24 birds sang, and some very good singing was heard. 1st, Wigfield; 2nd, Stead; 3rd, Butler. Judges, S. Hardcastle, W. Naylor; also on 28th, when 30 birds faced the judges: 1st, Chadwick; 2nd, Stead; 3rd and 4th, shared H. Wigfield and Butler. Judges, Hardcastle, Naylor, and Sissons.—T. C. Summers, Hon. Sec.

BOLDON COLLIERY.

Contest held April 27th in the Workmen's Club to members only. The club officials gave a £1 prize. There was some extra good singing. Result: 1st, 2nd, 3rd, F. Furlong.—F. Urwin.

BLACKBURN LARK F.A.

Third contest of season at Forrest's Arms, Garden-street, when 11 birds contested for three prizes. Some excellent singing. The following were the successful competitors, and their respective times (10 mins. hanging): R. Airey, 9.53; F. Lea, 9.1; J. Heys, 8.14. Mr. Airey's bird was again in good form, and has now won all the three contests and also a Burnley fancier's sing three weeks ago.—Fred. Lea, Sec.

TYLDESLEY LINNET CLUB.

Open contest May 4th, when the following clubs will be represented: Tyldesley, Salford, Blackburn, Leigh, Athertou. I hope some of the new schemes will be adopted for quality, if possible, at this contest.—J. Harrison, Sec.

BUSLINGTHORPE.

Quality singing contest for Linnets held Skinner's Arms, Buslingthorpe, April 27th. 1st, Sellars; 2nd, T. Chippindale; 3rd, Sellars. Also April 28th. 1st, Green; 2nd, Ward; 3rd, Sellars. Judges, C. Clayton and Biss. Our host, Mr. Fishwick, is giving away the running-up medals May 5th. 1st, Ward; 2nd, Sellars; 3rd, J. Chippindale.—C. Clayton, Hon. Sec.

BLACKBURN.

First members' sing April 27th, Old Red Lion, Snig Brook, when 21 birds entered for five copper kettles. 1st, J. Bromilow; 2nd, C. Dobson; 3rd, J. Statham; 4th, H. Brown; 5th, D. Bentley. Timekeeper, T. Hayhurst; birdman, C. Dobson; judges, Jones, Dobson, Topping.—Rd. Hayhurst, Sec.

DURHAM.

A Linnet singing contest will be held at Mr. Geo. Atkinson's, Thinford Inn, near Ferryhill, on May 11th. 1st, cup value £2 2s.; 2nd, copper kettle; 3rd, set carvers; 4th, clock; entrance, 1/-; 3d. back. First birds up at 2 p.m. Judge to be chosen by competitors on the day of contest.—Wm. Fairless, Sec.

PONTEFRACT.

Linnet contest at Woodman Inn; 17 birds faced each other, and some grand singing was gone through. 1st and 3rd, Piper; 2nd, Nelson. Also April 28th, open contest, when we had a very good afternoon's singing. 1st and 2nd, Piper; 3rd, Wilson. We heartily invite old and new members to rally around us.—Wm. Beard, Hon. Sec.

CASTLEFORD.

Weekly Linnet contest held George and Dragon, Bridge-street, before a good company of fanciers and friends: 41 birds entered for three good prizes, four minutes' sing. 1st, W. Nelson, 99; 2nd, W. Ratcliffe, 57; 3, S. Morley, 54. Also April 28; 29 birds entered for three prizes, three minutes' sing, and Mr. W. Nelson again carried off 1st and 3rd, making the total of 20 firsts this year. 1st, W. Nelson, 83; 2nd, J. Kirk, 57; W. Nelson, 53. Open sing May 4th, when we hope to see some good time singers from other clubs; three and four good prizes to sing for. Sunday singing always open.—Walter Dobson, Hon. Sec.

KIPPAX.

A members' sing held April 27th at Commercial Hotel, when 13 birds competed. Result: 1st, J. Liversedge, jun.; 2nd and 3rd, O. Pollen; timekeepers, J. Wallace and R. Plows. An open-to-all-Yorkshire time sing on White Saturday, birds to sing 5 seconds, each break to count. Three good prizes: Copper kettle, pair carvers, and alarm clock. We hope to see fanciers from other clubs, and we give all a hearty invitation to bring their birds and help us to make it a success. Entrance, 6d. per bird, first birds up at 3 p.m.; four minutes' sing. Timekeepers for open sing, R. Plows and O. Potters.—R. Plows, Hon. Sec.

SALFORD.

Open contest for time and quality held Boat House Hotel, April 27th; 33 birds entered from Lancashire and Yorkshire districts; four prizes in each class. Some very good singing was done. Winner for quality: 1st, C. Ward; 2nd and 3rd divided, J. Green and R. Howcroft; 4th, W. Cain. Time: 1st, R. Statham, 151; 2nd, J. McAllister, 113; 3rd, J. Poole, 77; 4th, Poole, 72. Judges, Messrs. Lunn (Leeds), R. Howcroft, J. McAllister (Leigh). Timekeepers, Kennedy, Disley, Cootes. Tappers, Messrs. Cain and Poole. Birdkeeper, J. Green. Mr. Ward's bird did some splendid work for quality, and R. Statham's for time made remarkable breaks of 54—30—30, which has never before been heard at these headquarters. Our club desires me to thank Messrs. Ward, Lunn, and Binns for their patronage, which we shall return with a visit to Leeds Club. Affiliation contest May 4th. Members are requested to attend with the five birds (compulsory). Meeting at headquarters May 5th, 7.30. Subscriptions now due; if unable to attend, kindly forward by post.—B. Wharton, Hon. Sec.

LANCASHIRE AFFILIATION OF LINNET CLUBS.

Linnet contest at the Union Arms, Castle Street, Tyldesley, on May 4th, open to all England, for quality and time. First pair of birds up at 2. All affiliated clubs will be compelled to enter 5 birds each. Any further information may be received from J. Harrison, 1, Lime Street, Tyldesley, or J. McAlister, 1, Brunswick Street, Leigh.

ARDWICK AND MANCHESTER AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

A general meeting held April 22rd at Onward Hall, Mr. W. Robinson presiding. A good muster assembled to hear a lecture on birdy problems by Mr. W. Downing. Mr. Downing opened with a little humorous reference to Noah, who, he said, was one of the first bird fanciers. It was interesting but rather unprofitable, to speculate upon how Noah got his green food, and how he dealt with the perennial problem of the red mite. One of the problems the old-time bird fancier had to meet consisted of the crude pictures of birds one met with, and he sometimes had to guess what possible variety they could represent. Mr. Downing related his experience of wild birds, and dwelt on the pleasure to be derived from long walks through the fields, listening to the melody of the many birds to be met with. Dealing with the general management of British birds, Mr. Downing stated that he had often come across people who fed their birds upon potatoes and scraps left from the table. The modern fancier was much more humane and better educated, and understood the requirements of his pets, and always endeavoured to keep them in good health. Nothing was better than the opportunity for discussion presented at fanciers' meetings. Novices could gain knowledge and become proficient in bird-keeping by association with older fanciers. With regard to the feeding of Canaries, it was usual to make canary seed the staple diet and vary the other seeds according to the variety kept. On the question of breeding, of course birds could be bred in aviaries as well as in cages, and he had tried both methods. In Canary breeding he mated up the Canaries in the usual manner in one room, and as the nests were built he carried them into another room and hung them up letting the birds loose. It was not surprising that the results were not as successful as he anticipated. In the first round he had 22 young ones. The next round was much worse, and he only secured in Mule breeding one doubtful Greenie-Canary. This finished aviary breeding for him. The greatest drawback in aviary breeding, to his mind, was the difficulty of having several hens feeding the young at the same time. The necessary egg food, hemp seed and green food had to be supplied, and the sitting hens had access to all this good food, with the result that they got fat and lazy and would not rear the young. He was of the opinion that cage-breeding could not be improved upon. His method was to give yolk of egg for the first three days, and afterwards equal quantities of it and cod liver oil food. In mixing this he took a quantity of cod liver oil food, moistened it, added a little sugar and a pinch of salt, then added the egg food and mixed it all up together. For green food he used dandelion at first, and afterwards lettuce, commencing as soon as the young were hatched. He had gone on to watercress, but lost young wholesale through it. Some people thought there was a disadvantage in using dandelion on account of its readiness to go soft, but this could be prevented by putting the end of the root into a drinker, the leaves projecting through the bars of the cage; this kept it fresh until it was used up. He had not had a bad feeder for three years, for he fed all his birds from the inside of the cage, and through the constant putting of his hand in the cage got the birds so accustomed to it that they were not in the least nervous. It was a great advantage to grow one's own dandelion and to have a constant supply of young tender leaves. When the speaker first commenced to grow his own he gathered roots from many places and transplanted them in his garden. When he came to gather some he found, to his surprise, that the Sparrows had taken it all. He now grew it under glass in frames. Reverting to the subject of breeding, he had bred from double yellow and double buff, and the progeny of this mating were before them that evening. Their quality seemed quite satisfactory. He had tried in-breeding, and had good results from it; his advice to the novice was not to in-breed for the sake of in-breeding. It would be well if this had some special object in view: to fix good points and breed bad ones out, and for this purpose birds required matching as well as mating. The lecturer was kept busy answering questions until the meeting closed at 10. The president, Dr. Twigge, then proposed a vote of thanks to Mr. Downing, which was seconded by Mr. Buckley and carried unanimously.—J. Spencer, Sec.

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Correspondence

Some Hints on the Keeping of Canaries.

Sir,—I am writing these few hints on the keeping and breeding of that beautiful bird, the Canary, in the hope that it will help novices and those who are thinkiug of going in for this delightful hobby. I started keeping Canaries four years ago, although I kept Linnets, Larks, etc., long before that. A friend gave me a copy of Cage Birds, and that gave me a craze for Canaries. Now, the first thing to be considered is where shall we keep them? Perhaps you have a spare room; if you have, so much the better; if not, the kitchen must do. Well, we will have to buy some cages. Have these all the same pattern, as they look far better than four or five different patterns. We shall want some box cages, and, of course, breeding cages. Look up Cage Birds, and you will find pleuty of advertisers who make them. Have single breeding cages, as they are far better than the double—that is, to my way of thinking. I have loose fronts to my cages, and only one door, as doors in the sides are too convenient a place for our greatest bird pest, the red mite, to breed in. I prefer the cages to be enamelled inside and varnished outside, as you can clean them with much more ease than when they are distempered. The next thing, if we have got room for it, is a flight cage—one about three feet long, eighteen inches wide, and two feet deep, as this is a good thing for keeping your birds in proper health and feather. Now we have got all the cages, we must have the birds. Perhaps you will know of a dealer or a private fancier living in your town; if not, look up Cage Birds for the well-known breeders. When I say "breeders," I mean those who really breed their own birds, because there are some who wait till they get an order, then they have to run all over the place to get you the birds. I advise you to send your money to the Editor of Cage Birds and have the birds on approval; thus you will safeguard yourself against fraud. Now that we have the number of birds we want we are eager to make a start. But don't be in a hurry. Think of the cold evenings we have in March. I think that April is the best time for the novice; we have then a much better chance of enjoying good luck. We must feed the hens up. I find that a little mixed seed given three times a week, egg food about twice a week, and a little maw seed will be a grand thing for the hens; and if you can get a little dandelion (the young leaves) it will greatly help. Always see that your birds are in grand form before mating them. If your hens are fit, they will be flapping their wings and calling to the cock bird, while he in his turn will be singing madly. We will suppose that the birds are all ready for pairing. Put the cock in with the hen. If they fight—well, it won't hurt them; it is their way of settling matters, and after a bit you will see them feeding each other. Now put a little dried hay or grass into the cage, and if you see her taking it to the nest pan, supply her with a nest bag. Sometimes the eggs are laid about a fortnight after, sometimes a month after; but never mind, don't meddle with them; if you do, good-bye to your success. When the hen lays her first egg, take it away and put a dummy one in its place. On the night when the third egg is laid take the dummies out and put her own eggs back again. On the evening of the thirteenth day give her a little egg food, but don't disturb her; you are sure to hear the little ones if you have had luck. When they are about four days old, start feeding them on green food, chickweed, lettuce, of dandelion. When the young are twelve days old the nest pan will be found to be getting rather dirty. Change it for a clean one, because that is the first place in which you will find red mite. When the young leave the nest, keep the bottom of the cage nice and clean, because if the young pick up any stale food it will be sure to upset their bowels, and death will follow very quickly. When your birds start feeding on hard seed, give canary seed only, a little mixed seed once a week; but still give them a little egg food four times a week. Now we have got the young on to hard seed we can start a second round; but don't have any more than three nests from one pair of birds; two would be better. I will close with a few "Don'ts." Don't forget to buy the best birds, if your pocket will allow; don't have small cages or dirty ones; don't start pairing up too early! don't worry your birds, or disappointment will follow; don't buy cheap foods—the best is cheapest in the end; don't forget to buy Cage Birds; and, lastly, don't forget to join Cage Birds League.

J. Little.

[We have to thank Mr. Little for his helpful and friendly spirit.—Ed. "C.B."]

Coco-nut Fibre for Toucans' Cages.

Sir,—I have a Toucan which I have kept in a cage 4ft. long, 2ft. wide, and 2ft. high. I had the same trouble as you mention in your article of last week in keeping it clean. Now I use cokernut fibre. I clean it out once a week and just rake it over every day, and it is always sweet and sightly. I find it a great boon for my softbills.

(Miss) A. Bartlett.

Bexley Heath

Phosto for Cage Birds.

Sir,—I should like to say a few words on the merit of "Phosto" for cage birds, and I wish it to be understood that I have not one penny interest in the "Phosto" business. Some might say: "Oh, yes, it is manufactured at Emsworth, and Silk is interested in the affair," but I wish to say I am not in any way. Mr. Hartley, of this town, is the manufacturer, and, of course, you know it was such a success with poultry. He was talking to me one day last year about the success it was with chickens. I asked him whether he thought it would hurt Canaries, and did he think they would thrive on it the same as chickens? He at once said: "Yes, I am sure they would." Then I can tell you, Mr. Editor, I was a bit shy in starting, but I thought I would give it a trial, and I did on hens feeding their young, and, believe me, I never saw hens feed so well before in all my life, and you know I am not a chicken at the job. To tell you the truth, the young didn't know how to die. All the hens went off the scratch feeding grand. I bred more young last year than I have ever done before, and not a weakly bird amongst them. I continued the "Phosto" right through the moult with the colour feed, and I can assure you I have never had them moult better. They seem to shake their plumage off much quicker, and then the colour comes so much better for it. I do not know whether Mr. Hartley intends advertising it for Canaries. All I can say is he ought to, as it is a jolly good food for Canaries, and reared the strongest and best youngsters I have ever seen. I used it in a powder form, and gave half-teaspoonful to one egg, with the usual bread crumbs.

C. E. Silk.

Emsworth.

To Cut Glass Without Trouble

Sir,—This is an exceedingly easy method of cutting glass, and can be put into practice by anyone. Take a pair of scissors—they need not be very sharp—and the piece of glass you wish to cut, and put both below the surface of some ordinary cold water you have standing ready for the purpose. Cut through the glass as you would cloth. Readers will find the idea is worth knowing.

R. H. Wright.

Robin Building in an Occupied Room.

Sir,—A Robin has built a nest in my house on an ordinary chest of drawers in a bedroom in which two maids regularly sleep. The only concealment for the nest is a photograph in a frame leaning against the wall. Four eggs were laid, and two little birds have been hatched out. The room is used frequently by the maids who sleep there, and is lighted by electric light. Perhaps this may interest some of your readers.

R. A. Bayford.

Netley Hill.

How Linnet Contests are Conducted.

Sir,—I see in Cage Birds of this week that "T. M." is asking how Linnet singing contests are conducted. The following is the Durham method of conducting time-singing contests:—Firstly, the contestants are drawn in pairs, the names being put into a hat, the first and second out sing together, and so on, if there is an odd bird, the last out gets a bye. After the draw the birds are hung in a window in pairs, according to the draw, the cages facing each other for five minutes; the bird that sings the longest and best of each pair earning the right to sing in the second round. Should the second round contain an odd number of birds, the bye should be first drawn for, the winner, if any, of the first bye not being in this draw. If any competing owner has more than one bird, steps must be taken to prevent these being drawn together in the first round. Each competitor may put up his own bird, the choice of sides in the window being settled by the spin of a coin or some other agreed method. Should neither of the birds sing within the limit of time, they are both out of the competition. No talking is permitted in the contest room, any offenders being sent out of the room, and if either of the owners interfere with the proceedings his bird or birds are put out of the contest altogether. The start of the contest is generally arranged so that the whole business can be got through in daylight.

Geo. Reed.

The First Swallows.

Sir,—In reference to a question raised by a correspondent elsewhere as to the late arrival of the Swallows "foreboding a severe spell of wintry weather in the near future," I should like to remark that I cannot see how the early or late arrival of these visitors to our shores can in any way be regarded as a forecast of our weather. Have we not known their early arrival followed by weeks of cold, severe weather? And when we have had a prolonged summer they have remained with us weeks later than they otherwise would. The only meteorological surmise that I think can be arrived at from their late arrival in England is that the weather in the countries where they have been "wintering" is such as does not compel them to seek more congenial quarters.

Arthur Lee.

Upper Norwood.

A Mixed Family.

Sir,—With real surprise and much pleasure I noticed my article on mule breeding in the special number of your valuable paper this morning. I am pleased to inform you that I have a very nice Siskin and Canary Mule on the perch nearly four weeks old. It was hatched in a nest with two Canaries. When the hen had laid her first egg paired to cock Canary I introduced the Siskin, with the result:—Three eggs, two young Canaries, and one Siskin Mule. The same Siskin has paired with three other hens, now sitting on fertile eggs. The Siskin was purchased from a Beccles fancier on Jan. 30. In connection with my own profession, I find a knowledge of birds very useful, and in the homes of the working class I do all I can to encourage the hobby. If the husband loves birds, and is encouraged to do so by his better half, then it helps to keep him at home, and is a prevention against his spending time and money in undesirable places. When I enter a home for the first time, and find a bird in the house, it always helps to break the ice, and has enabled me on many occasions to find at once a topic of conversation. Some of my Sunday School teachers are ardent fanciers, and I shall always do my little best to help the progress of one of the most interesting hobbies possible for men to indulge in. The man who loves birds and animals is thereby calculated to make a kinder father and better husband. Thanking you most sincerely for what I consider a very real honour.

Frederick Richards.

Presbyterian Missionary, Manchester.

Hybrids with Alien Parentage.

Sir,—I read with great interest the splendid article on hybrid breeding by E. A. Morris in your last issue, and sincerely endorse his remarks concerning exhibiting hybrids bred between two British birds. How often we read in reports of shows, "second, good Goldie-Bullie, splendid specimen, not the size of winner." I am afraid that too much consideration is paid to size at the present time, in preference to colour and markings. In my opinion this is most unjust to the fancier who exhibits a genuine British hybrid, although I am quite willing to admit you get some hybrids bred from Britishers larger than others, but that is not the point of the argument. Why should there not be separate classes at our shows provided for hybrids bred between British and Continental specimens? Surely a true fancier would enter his bird in its right class. If he entered the parents of a bird bred between Siberians in the British classes, we all know what he would get. Hoping to hear further opinions on this matter.

P. J. White.

How May a Brass Cage be Brightened?

Sir,—Will some reader kindly tell me how I can make a large flight brass cage which has become corroded and dirty, fit for Canaries to live in? I find scrubbing, etc., does not clean it sufficiently.

Amateur.

Crows or Rooks?

Sir,—Would you or any of your readers enlighten me about the habit of Crows, through the correspondence column of your valuable paper (of which I am an interested reader)? Which sex is most plentiful—male or female? A pair of Crows began some time ago to build in a high tree not far from my residence, but to my surprise they had not gone far into building when they ceased. I would consider it a favour if you could enlighten me. I may say I am much interested in your "Wild Bird Life" column. Wishing your paper every success.

Nonnester.

[If our correspondent really means Crows, and not Rooks, he will be referring to the Carrion Crow, which is an entirely black bird, and not the Hooded Crow. Carrion Crows are said to pair for life, and we have never heard that there is any preponderance in numbers of one sex over the other. The Carrion Crow is not at all a common bird, it being generally shot on sight, for, although it will eat practically anything it is especially fond of eggs and young birds as a diet, and it is universally detested as a rapacious nuisance. In the district (Kilbirnie) from which our correspondent writes, the Carrion Crow as a nesting bird would be even more than ordinarily rare, for a diagonal from the Clyde to the Dee roughly marks the northern limit of its nesting places. North of this, its place is taken by the Hooded Crow, a bird which has a considerable amount of grey in its plumage, and is not likely to be confounded with the Rook. Rooks are not so clumsy in general appearance as Crows. They keep strictly to trees for nesting, while the Crows often build on cliff sides. Rooks, also, are more gregarious than Crows, and are seldom seen in solitary pairs. After the second moult the bare patch on the front of the head infallibly distinguishes these birds from Carrion Crows.—Ed.]

The Meaning of "Noggin."

Sir,—You are quite right in answering "Perplexed." Four noggins make one pint.

W. W. Stubbs.

A Few General Remarks on Bird-keeping.

Sir,—It may be of some assistance to other naturalists if I give some of my experiences, chiefly regarding the advisability of keeping foreigners and the migratory species of English softbills indoors during the winter. From what I have observed, I feel sure that all birds prefer to be kept warm in such a variable climate as ours. I do not say they will not live and survive the changes of climate in many places, but on a cold, damp soil I find they invariably die of pneumonia. Last winter I kept Green Mexican Jays, Hangnests, and Sihias in a heated aviary with large outdoor flights. The windows were opened all day, but rarely did they avail themselves of the opportunity of going out. During the wet summer of 1910 there was no heat inside, and only on very sunny days did I see them outside. They preferred to stay indoors. It is a very light aviary inside, having vines, etc., growing, but in the flight were trees and many shrubs; and it was well sheltered from north and east winds, facing south and west. The small African Finches, of which I have a large collection, most certainly do best with me in large flight cages. I have tried them for many years both outside and indoors. While they were outside I continually lost the hens, principally from egg binding. If this occurs while they are in a cage and easily get-at-able, you can at once aid the little sufferer. If outside, they are in a large aviary, and it is impossible to catch the birds without frightening them; in many cases, too, the trouble is not discovered until it is too late to do anything with. They also love the warmth. Many I have kept alive indoors for three years or more, but never have I succeeded out of doors in the winter, even when part of the aviary was heated. They will breed in the cold season, and then the hens succumb from egg binding or pneumonia. I take all my softbills and foreigners in at the beginning of September. As a rule, though, if the nights are warm, I am guided by the weather. But in no case is it later than the end of that month. The only birds left out are the Bullfinches and the common and hardy kinds of British birds. I have one very large cage 6ft. by 4ft., with a part match-board roof. In it I keep the softbills, as they have been together all the summer outside, and they agree very well. They comprise Wheatears, Pipits, Stonechats, Buntings, Blue Tits, Blue-throated Warblers, and Siskins. This cage stands in the greenhouse, where all my pet birds live in winter and in separate cages. The various prize-winning birds I have had are those that have only been out of doors from May to September. Directly their moult is over I bring them in. Everyone knows that the sun and air assist the birds' moult and bring their bright colours out. A few words regarding the African Waxbill. Considering how cheaply these charming little birds can be bought, I wonder they are not more generally kept. When they are first obtained keep them separate from other birds, in a large airy cage in lots of sun. Give a big flat bath and put in it enough Condy's fluid to colour it. This will help them if they have contracted any disease on their journey from Africa. If you live in the country a nest of ants will delight them, and their funny ways with the ants are most entertaining. Red, white, and spray millet also canary mixed, chickweed grass in seed, and lettuce; they will eat all the foregoing with avidity. If grass seed is not available, give them the sweepings (sifted) of a hay loft; they will find therein many small seeds which they will relish. Cordon Bleus, Nonpareils, Bengalese, and Avadavats will eat mealworms. All change of food is of value. Give them plenty of fresh air. Mine stand in a large sunny window, which is wide open all day. At night a light covering is thrown over the top of the cage. These tiny birds are very intelligent, and know your voice very soon, calling to you when you enter the room. Some of the Avadavats sing sweet little songs, and I really consider them some of the prettiest and most amusing of birds. Draughts will kill these birds sooner than anything, so do not put them between a window and a door and forget to shut the latter, or your pets will soon die. Give plenty of fine gravel and some cuttle fish grated, also a sprinkling of maw seed now and then. At times a little soft food is liked. I will conclude with the hope that these stray notes may be of interest and use to my fellow-fanciers.

(Mrs.) E. Warren Vernon.

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Ought Closed Rings to be Abolished?

Sir,—Being an old reader of "C.B.," and seeing the correspondence this last few weeks on the closed ring, and many of our fancier friends hitting it so hard, I would like to give my experience on ringing young Canaries. Now, everyone that breeds many young birds, and those of good stock, for exhibiting purposes, you must keep a record how they are bred; if not, we would be very soon mixed up. And now, "Old Fancier," A. Potter, and others that have given their views, know there is nothing better than ringing to refer to your birds as how bred. I myself have used them many years, and I am a working man and a collier, and find no difficulty in ringing, and as for birds carrying their young from the nest, I have never seen or heard anything like it before, and I smile at "A Looker-on" on his remark in this week's "C.B." Anyway, I think that the closed ring is the best thing that ever came before the Canary Fancy. I state my reason, having been in the pigeon fancy, and it's a game not worth a candle if you do not use the R.P. or H.P. rings. Now, take for instance, if "C.B." was to get a closed ring made specially for them, say, marked "C.B.," then number of ring, and year, sell them, and offer prizes for best birds rung with "C.B." rings at shows, don't you think it would go? I have a copy of "Homing Pigeon" in front of me at present, and look what they offer in prizes at races for birds rung H.P.:—One race from Birmingham, £160 in prize money. That's on Saturday, Aug. 17, and £300 from Bournemouth on Sept. 7, and if your birds are rung with Birmingham ring, entrance free On Saturday, Aug. 17, a race from Huddersfield, £150 in prize money; Bournemouth, young bird race, on Aug. 31, £555 in prize money; and Bournemouth open race, £300 in prize money, and birds wearing H.P. National rings entrance free; and to every club purchasing twenty-five 1s. rings will be given a handsome cruet or set of carvers; with thirty-five rings, a guinea silver cup; and with every order of forty-five rings a massive H.P. National silver shield, and one bird can win £855 for 1s. ring. Prize money guaranteed, and paid promptly. Now, don't fanciers think that the Canary fanciers are as strong and such sportsmen as the pigeon fanciers? I do, as I have had a share of sport, but I prefer the Canary Fancy, and the closed ring for Canaries is bound to take on. Anyway, I am going for it, and it is a safeguard for the novice, and I say it is simple enough to ring a young bird; but, of course, you must not pull the leg sideways, as that does the harm. So I will close now. Hoping I have not taken too much of your valuable space, as it is my first letter, and hoping fanciers will think it over and answer it in a sporting manner, as if I can answer any question I will do so, as I don't like to stand in my own light.

A Welsh Yorkshire Fancier.

Disappointments of a Would-be Parrot Keeper.

Sir,—I should be glad if you would again allow me a space in your columns—this time not on behalf of my chief hobby, the Canary, but on what I may term the Parrot fancy. Now this last twelve months I have had a longing for a Parrot, so I took it on my hand to correspond with parties having a grand Parrot for disposal, and succeeded in having exchanges with them for Norwich and other Canaries of various quantities to meet their value. In all I have had four deals, and four disappointments. The first I got to hand some twelve months ago, and it turned out on arrival to be a Ring-necked Parrakeet. I kept it about three months, but lo! the screechings day long, week through! I am afraid its talking abilities were as far off as Jupiter. The next time trying an exchange for a Parrot, for Canaries agreeably, this one arrives (another Parrakeet), but rather minus the ring on neck, this one after a month's good treatment, bethought itself to give up eating absolutely. The reason I could not explain, but I tried every kind of medicine; up to small hours in the morning to save life, but no, it finally died in peace almost without a struggle. No use; I determined on a Parrot, so once more succeeded in a Canary exchange—I believe up to four in number. Now for my third arrival—"presto!" another Parrakeet. This one yet on hand, which I fancy will talk before many years go by; it attempts very well at three different words—one in particular, "Polly," which it masters fairly well. Of course, it must commence with something. I will confess on her behalf. Now for my fourth deal or exchange—this time from Leytonstone. This was to be a Grey Parrot—make excellent talker. I felt a little elevated at a good Grey Parrot coming this time, so I met four London trains at Bradford station from 5.30 p.m.; she arrived about 8.30 (three hours waiting). However, I took her home and got her hung up, still somewhat suited with the deal, but next day about half a dozen of my male friends called to see her (very probable customers if suited), but three of them burst out and says in our Yorkshire dialect: "Does ta know what tha has gotten?" I said: "Yes, a Parrot." "Nay, lad, doan't freet thi sen, it's a hen Cockatoo, or what cums through Horsetaria. Whenever that talks, o'll gi tha more than tha asses for it. It might perform and happen do thi a few summer-salts; tha's been hed, but try to lewk over it"—which, of course, I have now about settled down to look over it. I can quite see that we shall have to save up for a few years to something like £5 to £10 for a Parrot, however passionately you may long for one. As I passed the door of one friend of mine with my fourth Parrot in my hand, he says: "What now?" I said: "A Parrot." "Do you want a Parrot cage?" I said: "Yes, if you don't want it." "Wait half a minute." He brought out a Parrot cage, saying "take that home same time; it may be useful. I have had enough of Parrots." "Thanks very much; I will take it home; nothing lost by it." Now I have three cages and two Parrots—beg pardon, I mean one Parrakeet and one Cockatoo, magnificent screecher, thorough nutmeg grater! I am given to understand there are a lot more empty Parrot cages, if I care to call for them, in this city. I feel heartily sorry, though not by myself.

John H. Jowett

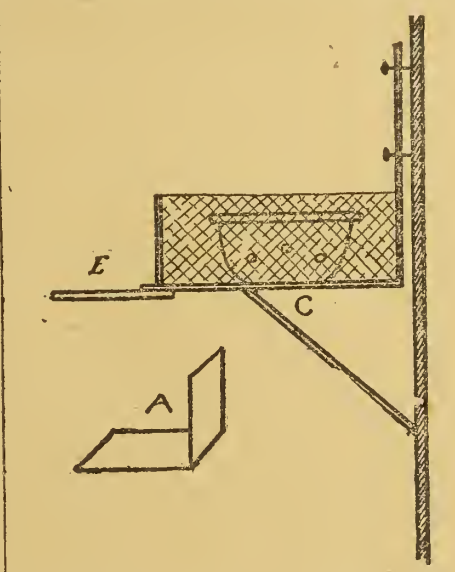
Illustrated Ideas

Every "Illustrated Idea" used in this column will entitle the sender thereof to a postal order for two shillings and sixpence.

No. 586.
A Useful Guard.

Master H. Weston, Binsay, near Oxford.

I have sent a small sketch of a safety nest-pan holder. A bracket is made as letter A, and wire is put round as in sketch. This is

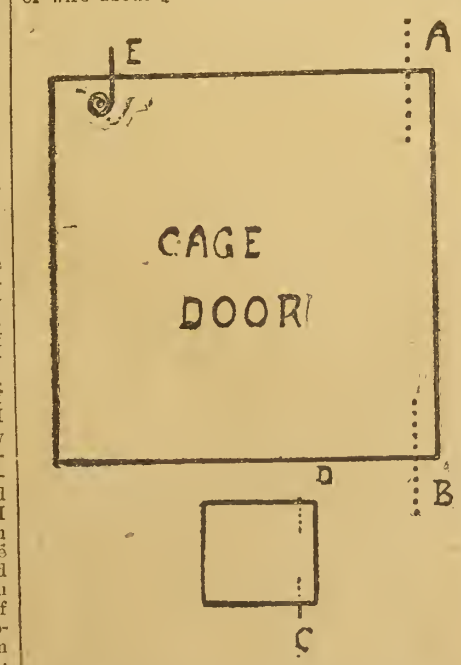


now screwed to the boards of the bed place shown in C. The nest pan is placed on the bracket. This fixture prevents the young birds crawling from the nest and falling to the floor. The board (letter E) is a landing for the hen when she has flown up and wants a place to settle on.—H. Weston.

No 587.
A Cheap and Simple Hinge for Cage Doors.

Mr. T. Thompson, 8, Mill Lane, Walsall.

The following will be useful for those who make their own cages, as it costs nothing, and makes a neat job of a cage door. First cut your door out the desired size; then, in the piece cut out for the door, push two pieces of wire about ¼in. from the end and about ¼in.



in the wood, and leave about ¼in. sticking out to fit in cage side, as shown in sketch. Then, in cage side, bore a hole B for the piece of wire C to fit in, and at A cut a small groove with penknife for wire D to fit in. Then plug the slot A up tight with a small bit of wood, and that holds door in position, and can be taken out at any time to search for red mite, which are easily trapped in such places. E is the catch for the door.—T. Thompson.

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Oct. 12.—**Morpeth.**—(E. Cowling, Market Place.) H.W.B., A.B.
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Oct. 30.—**Torbay O.S. (Paignton).**—J. N. and J. Jeffery, "Sartor House," Winner Street, Paignton.) J.H.P.
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Nov. 7 & 8.—**Leyton.**—(Forse and Son, 31, Thornhill Rd.) J.R., J.F.
Nov. 8 & 9.—**Old Shildon.**—(J. H. Elwell, 35, Church Street, Shildon).
Nov. 8 & 9.—**Rochdale O.C.**—(R. Blincoe, 160, Drake St.).
Nov. 8 & 9.—**West Stanley** (W. Elliott, 15, Fairford Terr.)
Nov. 9 & 11.—**Nottingham.**—(G. E. Wilkinson, 86, Lenton Boulevard), T.H., W.V., G.E.W.
Nov. 9.—**Warrington.**—(G. M. Nelson, 466, Knutsford Rd.).
Nov. 13.—**Alnwick.**—(R. Forster, 42, Bondgate Without).
Nov. 14.—**Stoke-on-Trent.**—(J. Pitchford, 218, London Rd.). H.W.B.
Nov. 14 & 15.—**Brighton and Hove C.B.A.**—(Will. H. Gibb, 19, Bond St.). C.A.H., J.R.
Nov. 15 & 16.—**Hull.**—(E. R. Ridley, 19, Lambton Street.) J.R., H.W.B.
Nov. 15 & 16.—**Preston.**—(J. P. Leeming, 40A, West Cliff.)
Nov. 19 & 20.—**Bournemouth.**—(W. O. Brooke, 102, Nortoft Rd.). J.H.P.
Nov. 19 & 20.—**Wimbledon.**—(H. Smith, 115, Merton Rd.) H.N., R.H., J.R.
Nov. 22 & 23.—**Doncaster.**—(G. Bescoby, 1, Pavilion Street). H.W.B., W.V., J.W.
Nov. 22 & 23.—**Haltwhistle.**—(Nicholson and Tallantyre, Westgate.) J.D., A.H.
Nov. 23.—**Cramlington.**—(J. R. Chestney, Quarry Cottage).
Nov. 23.—**Hinckley.**—(H. Ridgway, Priesthills Road).
Nov. 27 & 28.—**Portsmouth F.S.**—(J. Tebbs Hipwell, 7, Osborne St., Southsea.).
Nov. 29 & 30.—**L.C.B.A.**—(W. H. Mugford, 1, Strathearn Rd., Wimbledon, S.W.).
Nov. 30.—**Darlington C. and B.B.F.A.**—(A. Walker, 47, Montrose St.). J.H.R.
Nov. 30.—**Coventry Godiva.**—(H. Saundere, 31. Vernon St.) H.W.B.
Nov. 30.—**Musselburgh O.S.**—(W. Nisbet, 101, High St.).
Dec. 6, 7, & 9.—**Bradford National.**—(H. Hill, 15, Settle Terr., Thornton Lane.)
Dec. 7.—**Rotherham.**—(B. Bailey, 47, Craven Street, Parkgate, nr. Rotherham.) J.C.B.
Dec. 11.—**Luton.**—(E. Bloomfield, 22, Hitchin Rd.) J.R., J.F.
Dec. 12.—**Frome F.A.**—(J.R.)
Dec. 13 and 14.—**Gateshead.**—(J. Davidson, 16, Weathercock Lane, Low Fell.)
Dec. 14.—**Sheffield C.B.S.**—(A. Hobson, 66, Langsett Avenue) J.R., H.W.B.
Dec. 14.—**Yarm, Eaglescliffe.**—(T. W. Wilson, High-st.)
Dec. 26.—**Anfield, Everton.**—(R. B. Wright, 9, Canon Rd., Liverpool.)

Scotland.

Oct. 5.—**Broughty Ferry.**—(R. Whitton, 2, Churchill Place).
Oct. 5.—**Dysart.**—(W. Russell. Castle "O" Guns). J.A., J.C., J.McL., L.J.A.
Oct. 12.—**Lochgelly and Dis. C.B.S.**—(W. Whiteford, 81, Hall St.)
Oct. 19.—**Kelty and Blairadam.**—(A. Dickson, 37, Adams Terrace). J.Sn., W.D.H., R.H., F.R., R.M., R.V.R.
Oct. 26.—**Perth.**—(Jas. Kerr, 18, James St.).
Oct. 26.—**Kirkcaldy.**—(C. Rae, 15, Anderson St., Pathhead.)
Oct. 26.—**Ayr.**—(J. Sloan, 19, New Bridge St).
Nov. 2.—**Bo'ness.**—(T. Cameron, 7, Ash Terrace, Grangepans).
Nov. 2.—**Brechin.**—(G. Mitchell, 118, Montrose St.)
Nov. 9.—**Forfar.**—(D. Kerr, 15, Green St.)
Nov. 9.—**Hamilton Cadzow Oak.**—(G. Marlin, 21, Glebe Street.) J.Sn., J.Hn., R.B.
Nov. 16.—**Cowdenbeath.**—(J. R. Reid, 7, Woodland-pl.)
Nov. 16.—**Gatashiels.**—(J. Brown, 156, Croft St.). G.F., T.B., A.G., A.H.
Nov. 23.—**Blairgowrie.**—(M. Irvine, 17, Brown St.)
Nov. 30.—**City of Dundee.**—(A. Miller, 3, Park Ave.)
Dec. 4.—**Forres and N.O.S.**—(W. Cumming, 28, North Rd.). J.L.
Dec. 14.—**Broxburn.**—(W. M'Laren, Church Street). J.Mc.L., A.C., G.H., R.V.R., J.Gw.
Dec. 14.—**Kilsyth.**—(A. D. Duncan, "Chronicle" Office.)
Dec. 31 & Jan. 1, 1913.—**Scottish National.**—(J. R. Meikle, 51, Lothian Rd., Edinburgh.)
Jan. 1 & 2.—**Edinburgh Open.**—(R. Lile, 15, Argyll Terr.)
Jan. 1 & 2.—**Paisley O.A.**—(W. Lambie, 25, Caledonia Street.)

Wales.

Nov. 13 & 14.—**Swansea.**—(S. H. George, 32, Fisher Street). J.R., J.F.D.
Nov. 20 & 21.—**Cardiff.**—(E. Thomas, 48, Craddock-st.) W.M., W.V., D.A.S.L.
Nov. 26.—**Llanelly.**—(D. John, 9, Pottery Place.) W.V., J.F.
Nov. 28.—**Pentrebach.**—(A. E. Brown, 66, Clare St. Merthyr Tydfil.)
Dec. 4.—**Pontypridd.**—(A. A. Gordon McLucas, 48 Rosser-st., Maesycoed).

Ireland.

Nov. 7 & 8.—**Banbridge.**—(A. McCagherty, Belmont Terrace, Banbridge). A.Lse., J.Hy.
Nov. 22 & 23.—**Lurgan.**—(S. McCollum, Drumgor).
Nov. 28 & 29.—**South County Dublin (Kingstown).**—(D. Smyth, 21, Eden Terr., Kingstown.)
Dec. 6 & 7.—**Ulster O.A. (Belfast).**—(R. Trimble, 11 Waring St., Belfast.) J.F.D., W.V.
Dec. 12 & 13.—**Larne.**—(T. Mayne, 35. Barnhill.)

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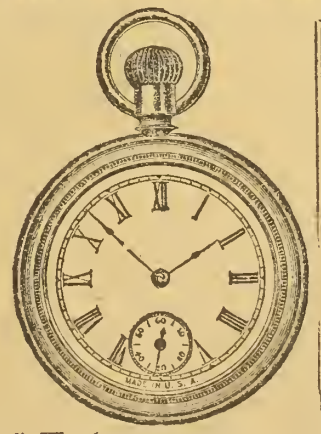

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FROM FIELD TO SHOW BENCH.

By J. W. STEEL (Dalkeith).

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The Meating Off Process.

THE feeding habits of the 'Creeper being simlar to those of the Gold-crest, there is little to add, beyond the fact that spiders and various eggs and chrysalides forming the bulk of his natural diet, the collection of such by the method I have already described is especially advisable for the 'Creeper. Every care should be taken to prevent any escape of these species, as apart from the difficulty of recapture, even in a room—and only those who have experienced such can have a proper idea of a 'Creeper's powers of evasion—there is a grave risk of injury, especially by violent contact with a window pane, to which they will invariably fly; and many will, if they succeed in secreting themselves behind some picture or heavy article of furniture, remain there concealed.

The show cage may be either cork lined, or, if it is preferred, dark maroon baize cloth may be substituted for the more cumbersome bark. I prefer the latter myself, but in either case pay particular attention to the food and water vessels, using the hinged in preference to the removable variety, as the former precludes any risk of escape while being attended to at shows.

Insectivorous Fruit-eating Species.

I will now deal with a species, the diet of which is twofold or varied, viz., insects and fruits. The majority of our summer migrants come within this category, but I shall deal with two only, and the latter because of a different method of taking. The first is the White-throat, more familiar, I dare say, by the local name (derived probably from the call note) "Wheetie," or "Wheete pee." This latter (the alarm note) has been the undoing, or rather the reverse, of many a poacher; its value to the gamekeeper as indicative of the presence of something or someone is second only to the "cockup" of a disturbed Pheasant.

I regret to say that an erroneous idea prevails here that this is a predatory species, and sucks the eggs of other birds. I have, when a boy, combated this fallacy but often in vain, though I have gone the length of wagering my best peerie, or plunking taw, that 'Sparrows' eggs placed in close proximity to the nest of a White-throat would be untouched. Many hundreds of eggs and young of this most charming songster have I seen ruthlessly sacrificed to this most stupid idea. I trust you will all use your influence to assist me in combating this slaughter of the innocents, as I find the belief still obtains even with those who are old enough to know better, and of course the sayings of the elders are accepted by the youngsters as gospel truth.

There are two species of White-throat, the Lesser and the Greater, and many fanciers have a difficulty in distinguishing between these. Briefly, the Lesser is, as the name implies, the smaller of the two. And the richness in tone of colour of its upper surface, and the purity of white on its throat (whence both derive their name) are never equalled by the Greater. There is, however, one feature which admits of no doubt being entertained in deciding to which of these species an individual belongs, that is, the wings. In the Lesser species the primaries, or first flight feathers, are longest; the wing is therefore pointed like that of a Finch or Canary. The Greater species has the wing rounded like a Partridge, the primaries being shorter than the secondaries, or second flight feathers.

The latter species are much more common than the Lesser. Their habits are very similar, but the nests differ, that of the Greater being open like a Hedge Sparrow's, and generally elevated above the ground, while the nest of the lesser is domed like a Wren's or Willow Warbler's, and generally concealed in a tussock of grass or herbage. My further remarks may be taken as applicable to all the Warblers.

Last week's exquisite Spring Special Number met with a great reception, and is now quite SOLD OUT. We may be able to secure a few copies from our returns, and should any of these come to hand will gladly send a copy on to any fancier who cares to send us a halfpenny stamp for postage.

Taking Whitethroats in the Early Autumn.

Taking the White-throat first, there is a method of taking the White-throat when he arriyes on our shores. This method is so singularly effective and ingenious that I fear that for me to explain the modus operandi would lead to its prostitution for the sport it afforded, and as I have a decided opinion as to the taking of birds out of season, more especially by certain people who cannot properly attend to them, I know you will pardon this omission, which I have only mentioned, lest it be thought I did not know about it. I will therefore confine my taking methods to the early autumn months, when these species are preparing to depart to other climes, at which time the above-mentioned lure is quite ineffective.

While watching a mixed flock of birds bathing, I noticed that these small insectivorous species did not mix with the others, but chose a small and very shallow pool to which they returned each day with unfailing regularity. Understand, I do not mean a flock; it might be a number ranging from a single individual to a group composed of the parents and their progeny. I found also that if disturbed they at once, when the cause was removed, returned to complete their ablutions at the same place, despite the existence of thousands of equally suitable pools in the vicinity. If therefore I required a White-throat, I should endeavour to ascertain where the species were bathing, and I should place some unlimed grasses in a horizontal position and in a manner which would ensure any bird using that pool coming in contact therewith. Next day, if the weather were suitable, I would be on the spot, and the limed grass would be quickly substituted for the unlimed, for which he would probably have that contempt which familiarity breeds. Such would prove his fall.

Two Other Methods of Catching.

This method cannot be commended to those whose duties or inclinations prevent their rising early, so I will describe another method, which may be applied later. While watching White-throats foraging, I have noticed that aphides were particularly sought for; this was evidenced by the interest they took in the underside of the large seedheads of green hemlocks, which are subject to attacks by this pest.

The method of application is to approach the clump of hemlocks where the birds have been located, and making a few slits in the stems of a few of the most blight-laden hemlocks; insert grasses therein horizontally, just clearing the under-surface of the head of the plant. Then by making a detour the birds may be gently driven on to the set. Or the "touch-down" may be applied. I have repeatedly taken White-throats by all three of the above-named methods.

The treatment of this species when first caught is very similar to that I have already described for the Gold-crest, but being a summer migrant, and a fruit eating species, the former renders it essential that a certain degree of heat be maintained during the winter, where he is kept, and the latter calls for the inclusion of certain fruits, in addition to the insect menu. Opinions differ as to what is the best degree of heat for these species, and I have seen some fanciers boasting of the extremes of cold their birds could endure without dying. Substitute hunger for cold, and their boast would be equally applicable and senseless.

(To be continued.)

THE DELIGHTFUL DRONGO.

A RECENT ADDITION TO THE LONDON ZOO.

By THEO STEWART.

NOTE that quite lately an Indian Racquet Tailed Drongo has been presented to the Zoo. Judging from the interest apparently attached to the announcement, the bird appears to be a valuable acquisition, and unknown to many aviculturists. This may be so. Personally, I have kept Drongos for years, and my collection, which is limited to a dozen or so rare softbills, always includes two at least of these peculiar Shrikes.

The Racquet-tailed Drongo is not often imported; the Hair-crested Drongo still more rarely, and those specimens which do arrive alive are frequently short-lived. Yet the Drongo is not a delicate bird; when once acclimatised, he is hardy enough, but the acclimatisation is a matter involving considerable trouble, and very few live to be cage moulted and develop the bird's chief beauty, the "racquet." These long tail-feathers, or rather wires, are always broken off in transit, the confined space of the small bamboo cages in which they are brought home, and the natural restlessness of the bird accounting for their more or less damaged condition.

In addition to bad plumage, the bird is usually in a very debilitated and emaciated state, and at first seems inclined to refuse all food save mealworms and grubs. If these are supplied ad lib, there will follow the certain result of sickening the bird of them, and death comes tacitly and takes him where he never sees the sun!

The Food for a Newly-imported Bird.

A really good insectile food is indispensable, anything short of the best is absolutely useless to the Drongo family, and will be invariably refused. Meat, raw or cooked, small dead birds, and mice are all valuable in tempting the appetite and keeping the bird in condition, and fruit should be given daily. Cooked vegetables should be avoided, with the exception of mashed potatoes. Indigestible portions of food are ejected in the form of pellets. Once "on food," the way is straight, but a Drongo is a somewhat expensive experiment for a novice.

The Drongo Described.

When clothed and in his right mind *Dissemurus Paradiseus* is a handsome fellow—Black, with dark steel blue and green reflections—the feathers under the tail and wings are spotted with white. The tail proper is forked somewhat, and the two outer wires are tipped with the curious fan like expansions which give the bird his name. A good crest ornaments the head, and the feathers on the neck give the bird the appearance of having a mane; legs very short and feet small; beak powerful enough to give a vicious pinch if so disposed.

In "undress," however, I do not know any bird which presents a more woe-begone appearance. He puts me in mind of the description given by my old friend Rabelais, "A garment of blue and cold, with nothing before and nothing behind, and sleeves of the same!"

Some authorities state that, being a bird of the air, the Drongo has a great horror of coming to ground, and can only eat comfortably when on the wing. I can only say that my experience, and that an extensive one, has not borne out these statements.

His Vocal Abilities.

The Drongo is undoubtedly a wonderful mimic—his voice being marvellously clear and flexible. He possesses, too, some very fine notes of his own, but as a copyist of other bird's songs, he reigns supreme. I have no hesitation in giving him the palm for intelligence; he is too intelligent, in fact. But one fact is overlooked by his admirers, he is a demonical yeller! Even though, and this is almost always the case, his yells are simply to draw attention to his wants, and will cease at once on being attended to or soothed (unlike those feathered demons, the Cockatoo tribe) and are never uttered but for the fun of the thing, it is, nevertheless, a trying drawback to an otherwise charming compauion, and when two or three Drongos gathered together are afflicted with the same desires, the result is not Paradise!

Again, the Drongo is a most persistent bird, and unless one is prepared to practically live with him, one should refrain from possessing him. He may be, nay is, a whole aviary in himself, but he is not by any means sufficient for himself. He demands the light of his owner's countenance, and being deprived of it, will speedily take wing even to the land that is very far off. A Drongo always has the last word.

One of my Drongos has formed an unhappy attachment to a cock Shama, and sits by him warbling a peculiar and not altogether attractive love song. The Shama is not at all proud of his conquest, but it is an amusing sight, even to their somewhat *blasé* owner, to see the absurd little "Nightingale" feeding his coal-black companion with worms, reminding one somewhat of the Robin and the Cuckoo.

Puki's Accomplishments.

"Puki," my Drongo, has a character — not a very good one, I am afraid. He speaks several sentences clearly, sings a short song, can call a taxi, in fact, has a most extensive repertoire of various whistles, street cries, etc. He can imitate any bird within hearing, can howl like a child, and bark like a dog. He has a special fondness for hideous noises—the scream of an angry Pie, the hoot of an owl, and the shriek of a Macaw fill him with an exquisite joy, and when you demand the reason of the uproar, he answers in a strangely gentle, quite feminine voice "It's Puki-Puki."

When startled, Puki invariably says "Gee whizz." When both startled and angry he genially adds "Curse you"; and when in a regular passion, he utters a most extraordinary and weird malediction in a low clear voice calculated to make a monk shake in his shoes! I sometimes find it necessary to remind people who speak without first taking thought that Puki is within hearing, and that his memory is uncanny. All Drongoes, however, are not equally gifted, though I never had one that failed to say a few words.

The bird is not one to be recommended to all and sundry as a pet. The difficulty in "meating" him off, the many and varied demands he makes upon his owner, to say nothing of the initial expense in obtaining him, for he is a fairly rare bird, prohibit him from ever gaining the popularity he merits. A charming bizarre companion, a most intelligent pet, the Drongo is but summed up in the words of Thackeray, when speaking of his Irish friend:

"An awful blackguard, but a dear fellow."

A GROUP OF . . NORTH COUNTRY FANCIERS. . . . .

Members and Friends of the Hull Society on the occasion of their country ramble at Barton-on-Humber.

Photograph by A. Brummitt, (Barton).

Club Reports.

MANSFIELD C.B.S.

Meeting held at headquarters, Horse and Groom Hotel, April 27th. Young bird show was fixed for the last Saturday in June, when a well known judge will officiate. Fee, one shilling per cage; prizes on the sliding scale. Will all members try to come to the next meeting, as we have a lot of work to get through. We are having 16 classes at the Y.B. show, and we hope that fanciers will rally round and make this show a success.—B. Gabbitass.

CODNOR PK. & EASTWOOD C.B.S

General meeting held April 27th at the Three Tuns, Eastwood, Mr. J. Martin in the chair, before a poor attendance. We have arranged for 30 classes at our first feather show, 8th June; Mr. W. Vardy judge. Second show, 20th July; Mr. E. Fox judge. With such well-known judges we are looking forward to having two bumping shows. Special general meeting May 11th, at the Queen's Head, Riddings, 7. Let us have a good attendance of members.—J. H. Mitchell, Sec.

ROTHERHAM C.B.S.

Meeting held at the College Inn, on April 27th, Mr. W. T. Turner chairman. Decided to allow members to pay up half their yearly contributions, and to enter for cups at the next meeting held on May 25th as work has been so bad lately. Nest feather show July 13th, at Mail Coach Inn; Mr. F. Gregory (Ecclesfield) judge. All members to show at least three birds or forfeit entrance fee for three. J. W. Jones and J. Russum were elected members. A discussion took place on the closed ring question, some were in favour of it, but the majority were against. —B. Bailey, Sec.

PROVINCIAL ROLLER C.C.

General monthly meeting held April 27th, at Old Boar's Head Hotel, Manchester, Mr. A. Leach in the chair. Only a moderate number attended. After the ordinary business a discussion took place as to where we should hold our next annual show. Eventually this was deferred to the next meeting. Three new members were enrolled. Mr. Massey promised to give a lecture at our next meeting, so hope members will turn up in good force.—Andrew Percival, Hon. Sec.

BERMONDSEY AND ROTHERHITHE F.A.

General meeting held at headquarters; Mr. Geo. Crawford in chair, supported by a good number of members. The first business was nominations of judges for our forthcoming 1912 shows. Proposed and carried that the secretary purchase five cups, medals, and five young stock medals, and in due course purchase a challenge cup for competition at next annual show. The medals are to be presented at next general meeting, and all members please attend on May 16th, 8.—John Clark, Sec. and Treas.

LOCHGELLY C.B.S.

Meeting held Drill Hall Ante-room, April 25th, Mr. T. Wildridge presiding. Mr. D. Young, assist.-sec., asked to be relieved of his duties, and Mr. Martin Kelly was unanimously elected in his place. Secretary read letter re advertising show. The matter was adjourned until next meeting. Following two classes were added to show schedule: Boys and girls under 14 years, and a 5s. selling class A.V. Agreed that there be no novice classes for members, but that a special be reserved, one for each section, for the best bird shown by a novice, a member who has not won more than one first prize in open competition to constitute a novice. The president then intimated the resignation of the secretary, who, owing to changes at his work, would be unable to continue as secretary. The resignation was accepted, and it was agreed that a special meeting be called for the 4th May to elect new secretary. It had been intended to go over schedule, also to have a debate on the Norwich Plainhead, questions to be asked by Mr. A. Harris and answered by Mr. W. Grewar, but as a good number present were employed on night-work, and would have to leave early, it was agreed to defer it till the special meeting in Bay Horse Tavern on May 5th, at 6, when it is hoped there will be a full turn-out. Two new members, Messrs. C. Harris and M. Kelly were elected.—W. Whiteford, Sec.

NEWTOWNARDS C.B.S.

Headquarters, 11th April. A good attendance of members. Officers were elected for 1912:—President, D. Finlay; vice-president, Wm. Montgomery; treas., R. Copeland; committee, A. McDonald, James Calhoun, Alex. Doggart, H. Robinson, A. Montgomery, John, McKee; sec., F. Robinson, 126, Greenwell St., Newtownards. Second annual show, on 27th and 28th December. Mr. A. Chalmers, Kirkinfloch, judge.—F. Robinson, Sec.

ANNFIELD PLAIN C.B.S.

Meeting, April 27th, at Mr. Lumley's, Mr. S. Foster in the chair. Decided, to hold a table show every month up till annual show. First show, May 25. Classes: Goldfinch, Linnet, Greenfinch, and A.O.V. British. Mr. M. Stobbs (Annfield Plain), judge. Decided, to choose judges that are not members, so that it will give every member a chance of showing. The offer of Mr. W. H. Butler of Stanley, of an electro-plated teapot for most points won at table shows was accepted, and a vote of thanks was passed to the donor. Seven new members elected: Messrs. J. Hunter, J. Calvert, W. Robinson, R. Coates, W. Sbield, W. Smith and W. Gowland. Decided, to try and get a cup for annual show, and several donations were promised towards the fund.—R. Peart, Sec.

BONNYRIGG C.B.S.

Meeting held April 27. In the absence of Mr. Jardine through illness Mr. Weigley occupied the chair. The following were appointed to judge our show on 26th Oct.: Scotch, Nor. and Brit., Mr. W. Rodgers (Collinton); Bord., Mr. John Watson (Selkirk). First Feather show, July 6, Mr. G. Brown (Leith) to be asked to judge.—James Hamilton, Secretary.

SCOTTISH NATIONAL C.B.S.

Committee meeting held April 27th, at which there was a good attendance of members. Mr. James Winter (President) in the chair. The final arrangements for smoking concert were gone into. The report as to tickets sold was very gratifying indeed, showing that the gathering will be exceptionally well attended by fanciers and others. The talent promises to be of a high order, which will certainly make the evening's entertainment one worth being present at. All fanciers heartily welcome. Tickets may be purchased at the Hotel. The date of the concert is May 4, at 7, in the Union Hotel, 112, Lothian Road, Edinburgh. Tickets 6d. each.—J. R. Meikle, Secretary.

YORKSHIRE C.B.S. OF IRELAND.

Council meeting held 22nd April, Mr. Dowling in chair; good attendance. Decided, to give, four Norwich classes at open show on Oct. 31st and Nov. 1st. Patronage was granted to Holywood C.B.S., also South County, Dublin C.B.A. Mr. P. O'Connor elected a member. Decided that at all future shows the Yorkshire Union cage label be used; also that drinkers be painted or enamelled black outside, and white or unpainted inside. Auditors were appointed. Decided to put up a British bird cup for competition at open show, to be won outright in the one season, four birds (of any variety) only to be nominated, competitors to be members.—C. Holley, Hon. Sec.

GLASGOW & WEST COUNTIES.

Monthly meeting held Good Templars' Hall, Ingram St., 27th April. President Knox presided over a good attendance. Minutes read and adopted. The handsome special given by Mr. John Young, Glasgow, for the member who secured most new members during the last three months was won by Mr. J. H. Adam with a total of 12. 7th December was confirmed as date of annual show. It was agreed to ramble to Balloch, Loch Lomond, on 18th May. Train leaves Glasgow Central at 2.5 p.m.; it is hoped that all members will endeavour to be present. The committee have under consideration a programme of sports, which will include boating, swimming, foot racing, etc. Specials were handed in by Messrs. Macfarlane, Rankin, Pettigrew, Adam, J. Young, Glasgow. The judging competition proved very exciting, and the secretary, Mr. Walter Connelly, just won from Mr. Jas. Rankin, the points being 18, 17, the latter gaining the sweep. Mr. John Young, Glasgow, provided the prize, Mr. Connelly choosing cream dishes. The following classes were arranged for next meeting on 25th May. Chaffinch, Bramblefinch, Lesser Redpoll, Mealy Redpoll, or Twite, and Buntings and variety. Mr. J. Steel, Overnewton, elected a member.

MANCHESTER AND NORTHERN COUNTIES O.S.

Meeting, headquarters, April 15th, Mr. Bladon, our President, giving us a very interesting lecture on Ornithology. Among the points brought out was the high intellect, the great strength, the acute sight, the good memory, the adaptability to circumstances, and the general influence of birds. We had the reason for their exceptional voice explained at some length, also the general structure of the frame and muscles, etc., the structure of nests, and the nesting sites were dealt with, also the general habits of the different species; altogether those who were present were treated to a very interesting and instructive lecture. A discussion took place after the lecture, and a hearty vote of thanks to Mr. Bladon brought the meeting to a close. Next meeting, May 6th, when Mr. T. Harrison, of Altrincham, will give us a paper on Greens and Colour Feeding. Friends are cordially invited.—H. Boothman, Hon. Sec.

NORTH WALES C.B.S.

Committee meeting held April 22, the Chairman (Mr. James Jones) presiding. The following were elected stewards for the members' show on Whit Monday next: Messrs. James Jones, George Jones, J. L. Sweeney, R. E. Griffith, C. O. Parry, R. Green, Edward Jones, J. W. Jones, and R. W. Taylor. A copy of the schedule was submitted, and confirmed.—John Wynne Parry, Hon. Sec.

SWINDON F. AND F.S.

Monthly meeting held at the Baths, Milton-road, April 24th. Present: Mr. H. R. Halliday (in the chair), Messrs. A. Ireland, J. T. Edmonds, J. Smith, J. Benuett, A. D. Winter, T. Wilkins, H. A. Northover, J. Tarrant, F. Brooke, G. Gorton, E. Jefferies, S. Lewis, K. Hunt, E. W. Trotman, A. Ireland, jun., and W. J. Moran. New member elected, Mr. H. Smith. Letters were read from the judge and Mr. Penketh booking Nov 27th for judging and penning at our open show; also from the vice-presidents accepting office. The members were very pleased to see their worthy chairman, Mr. H. R. Halliday, back again after his long illness.—W. J. Moran, 2, Brunswick-street, Swindon. (As we do not cater for pigeons, part of this report has had to be deleted. —Ed. "C.B.")

SCOTTISH METROPOLITAN (Open Derby) O.A.

Third list of new members: Messrs. W. Archibald, J. Thomson, J. Nairn (Kirkcaldy), D. Campbell, T. Preston, J. Rodgers (Slateford), J. Carson (Dalkeith), James Orr and John Orr (Glasgow), J. Cook (Cowdenbeath), W. Craig (Walkerburn), A. Croshie, G. Park (Galashiels), J. Thomson (Tranent), R. Johnston (Musselburgh), A. Lang (Bo'ness), J. Morrison (Edinburgh), J. Newbigging, W. Duns (Duns), A. Pennycuick (Leith), J. J. Wyness (Airdrie), R. Laidlaw (Hawick), A. Steel (Kelso). We have now issued our recall notices, and the response from fanciers joining is very encouraging indeed to the officials. There are still a few weeks before closing date is reached. I have a few copies of membership tickets on hand, and any fancier wishing one with a view to joining, kindly make application, and it will be sent at once. Thanks to all rendering assistance. —C. R. Drysdale, Esq., hon. pres.; W. Thornton, Esq., hon. vice-pres.; J. R. Meikle, sec., 51, Lothian-road, Edinburgh.

SCOTCH FANCY CANARY (National Derby) O.A.

Continuation of membership 1912: W. Allan, J. McLamour, G. C. T. Hope (Edinburgh), R. Winstoue (Musselburgh), J. J. Wynnes (Airdrie), J. McMahon, Neil Lyle, W. Lees, John Orr, James Orr, C. Biye, J. Muir, J. J. McIlwaine, W. Wilson, N. R. H. Cooper (Glasgow), J. Winstanley (Govan), J. Little (Barrhead).—R. Wright, president; J. Hogg, vice-president; Thomas Smith, secretary and treasurer, 10, Lochside-street, Crossmyloof, Glasgow.

YORKSHIRE UNION OF C.B.S.

The first meeting of the new council held April 27th, at Market Tavern, Bradford; Mr. F. Armstrong (president) in the chair. The president thanked the council for the confidence reposed in him, and hoped that the business of the year would tend to ultimately benefit the Union and strengthen it in all aspects. He promised that each question would receive his attention impartially, from whatever society or member it was brought forward, and expressed a keen desire that all would work amicably together in the interest and welfare of the Yorkshire Union of C.B.S. Minutes of previous meeting were read, and arising from these the case of Mr. E. Radley, who sought to recover his entrance fees for two birds entered at Laisterdyke Show, was dealt with. After an explanation had been tendered by the secretary of Laisterdyke to the effect that the labels were sent off same as all the others, and that they were fully entered up in catalogue, it was unanimously decided that the society were in order in retaining the entry fees. Queensbury C.B.S. having decided not to hold an open show as previously arranged on November 30th, were allowed to withdrawn on condition that they pay their share of the judges' fees for the ensuing show season. Mr. F. Hammond read a letter in respect to Mr. C. Pickup, and his claim for birds lost in transit to Ireland. Decided to leave this matter over. Mr. C. Ross, of Manningham, previously suspended by the Council, applied for reinstatement, having paid up all dues and demands; decided to remove the suspension from this date. The case of Hebden Bridge and C.V. and defaulting member was left over until next meeting, that their delegate may attend and explain. Dewsbury C.B.S. applied for admission to the Union, and they were unanimously accepted to membership. The question of members using closed rings, and whether they would be allowed to compete at Union shows was next brought up, and, as was expected, led to a lively discussion. The Council came to the conclusion that closed rings would come under the heading of a distinguishing mark, and therefore decided that all rung birds would be debarred from competing at Yorkshire Union shows. Members of the Union are earnestly requested to bear this in mind to avoid future disappointment. City of Bradford reported a member for non-payment of subs., and it was decided to suspend him from the Union until he pays. The resignation of Bolton Woods C.B.S. was allowed to be withdrawn. One of the members of that society, who had been requested to attend the Council meeting and refused, was suspended until such time as he does appear. The Council decided, after a very close vote, to reduce the number of novice gold medals, and will offer for competition in the novice classes at Union shows during the season 1912 and 13 nine gold medals for the Yorks. section and three for the Nor. section, to be won under similar conditions to last year. Mr. F. Hammond was unanimously elected treasurer. Decided that the levy per member be same as last year, namely, 8d., that being considered sufficient to carry on the business of the Union for the ensuing year. The new rule passed by this year's ballot that "Four gold medals be given in open competition at Union shows for intermediates, any person having won a trophy to be debarred from competing, novices excepted," was referred back to each Union society. The rule in its present form is not quite clear, so that if societies will give their own definition on the rule and instruct their delegates for the next meeting, this competition can then be put into proper working order before the handbooks are printed. Another question referred to each Union society is one relating to items of finance appearing on the ballot papers. This, in the opinion of those best able to judge, is not a satisfactory way of dealing with such questions; they should not appear on the ballot papers, and a resolution was carried that this matter be placed before each society with a view to obtaining their sanction to invest the sub-committee with full power to keep these questions off the ballot paper and settle them either in Council or committee as thought best. Delegates should attend their society's meeting, and after getting instructions come prepared for the next Council meeting when these two items will be placed on the agenda. Secretaries will greatly oblige by paying attention to Rule 9. Anyone desirous of advertising in the Union handbook should communicate with me at once; charges as before: 7s. 6d. full page, 3s. 9d. half page, 2s. 6d. one-third page, 2s. quarter page, and 1s. breeders' cards.—H. Hill, Sec.

Members Shows.

Glasgow and Western Counties

Held Good Templars' Hall, Ingram-st., 27 Ap. Judges J. McGowan, J. Young, Glasgow. Goldfinches: 1, 2, Davidson, former the Kirkpatrick, Eaglesfield, Forfar winner, and Annan second, grand Finch all over, in the pink of condition: 2, field moulted, good square face, should make a good one; 3, Pettigrew, good rose, smaller, some preferred for second place; 4, Adam, close up; 5, Connelly; 6, Edwards; 7, McLuckie. Linnet: 1, 4, Bannerman, nice Finch, good solid colour, in rare order; 2, Rankin, loses in colour to leader; 3, Connelly, f.m., good size and fine col.; 5, Edwards; 6, Adam; 7, Knox. Greenfinch: 1, Macfarlane, Annan and Paisley winner, still going strong; 2, Pettigrew, grand substance and col.; 3, Edwards; 4, Knox; 5, Rankin; 6, Adam; 7, Halbert. Siskin: 1, Macfarlane, National and City of Glasgow winner; 2, Pettigrew, non-fed; 3, P. Campbell, close up; 4, P. Halbert; 5, McNeill; 6, Adam; 7, Connelly.

Lincoln C.B.S.: Held Corn Exchange, on Saturday. The Canary classes were poorly represented on account of the breeding season, but the British section came up well and some really excellent birds were shown. Norwich Canaries: 1, 3, T. Woods; 2, W. J. Fancourt. Yorks.: 1, Fancourt; 2, A. Harrison; 3, W. S. Ennals. Brit. Gold.: 1, Harrison; 2, 3, A. Baker. Brit. Bullfinch; 1, 2, Baker; 3, Fancourt. Brit. Greenfinch: 1, 2, Baker; 3, Harrison. Chaffinch: 1, W. E. Laughton; 2, Baker; 3, Ennals. Linnet, Redpoll or Siskin: 1, 3, Harrison; 2, G. Welsh. Brit. hens: 1, Harrison; 2, Baker; 3, T. Giles. Mules or Hybrids: 1, Harrison; 2, 3, Baker.

REVIEW OF SCHEDULE.

Stanhope F.S.—May 27.—Judge: Mr. T. C. Crawhall; 8 classes; Yorks. 2, Nor. 2, Brit. 2, A.O.V. 1, Sell 1. Prizes 10s., 5s., 2s. 6d., card. Fee 1s. 6d. Ent. close May 20 to J. Walton, Stanhope, S.O., Co. Durham.

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GOOD twice house-moulted cock Linnet, 6/-; pair tyres, 27 x 1¼, 6/-; exchange for good clear Norwich cock: Howells, 93, High-st., Pontardawe, Swansea.

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SITUATIONS.

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NEWCASTLE C.B.S.

Monthly meeting, held May 2nd, at Lockhart's Cafe, Nun Street, Mr. T. C. Crawhall in the chair. Correspondence was read from Mr. Shepherd, of Biggleswade, our late vice-chairman, thanking the members for the pipe which they presented him on his leaving Newcastle. Members elected: Messrs. R. Bertram, Newcastle; A. Hay, Tweedmouth; W. Affleck, Newcastle; J. Ross, Ashington; W. Espie, Gosforth; J. Brennan, Newcastle, and W. Cross. Mr. Gill, Curator Hancock Museum, gave a very long and instructive lantern lecture on "Bird migration." He dealt with the subject in a masteriy manner, and showed that he had a thorough grasp of bird life. The large company present (the largest this year) were all delighted with the way Mr. Gill spoke and expressed his views; just a nice, homely talk. The pictures, about 40 of them, were all splendid, and those who were not present missed the treat of a lifetime. It is not given to every society to get gentlemen like Mr. Gill to come amongst them and impart knowledge that it has taken years of study to obtain. At the close Mr. Gill answered in a satisfactory manner a number of questions that were put to him. On the proposition of Mr. T. Robson, seconded by Mr. MacPartling, and supported by Mr. Mackenzie, Mr. Gill was heartily thanked, and in replying, said he would be pleased to come and give us another lecture on some future occasion; so, members and fanciers, keep your eyes open and don't miss the next one. Mr. Voutt was also thanked for manipulating the lantern. We hope to have a lecture at the next monthly meeting, June 6th, at our headquarters, 65, Grainger Street, 7.30 p.m., by Mr. A. Brown. Subject, "Norwich Plainhead." Next committee meeting, May 16th, 8 p.m. Tickets for Nest Feather show, June 22nd, are now ready; members can have same by applying. Will members please note that the picnic is on Whit Monday, May 27th, to Bothal. Train leaves Central, 1.36 p.m.; meet in station not later than 1 p.m. Will those who intend going please let me know before May 24th, how many railway tickets they require. We also want a guarantee of 50 for the caterer for tea; if we cannot get this number we will have to make the best arrangements we can, as there is no place in the village where we can get tea prepared. Those coming to station after 1.10 p.m. run the risk of having to pay full railway fare.—J. W. Reed, Sec.

Curious Habit of Wrynecks.

When the hen Wryneck is sitting, the cock bird is unusually noisy, as if trying to attract all the attention to himself, but as soon as the eggs hatch and the young require feeding, he is silent as possible.

Food of the Green Woodpecker.

The food of the Green Woodpecker consists of ants and the various kinds of insects that infest timber. It is said by some to eat acorns and nuts.

The Wary Redshanks.

Redshanks have now returned to the marshlands to breed. They are particularly noisy birds, and will take wing long before the intruder gets near their haunts. They fly round and round with their long legs hanging down, uttering their loud double note. So clear and piercing is this that all other birds within the district are disturbed and on the alert.

Birds Want Rain.

The continual dry weather appears to be affecting the food supply of some of our insectivorous birds. Blackbirds, Thrushes and Starlings hardly look so happy and sleek as they generally do at this time of the year, and the writer of this note has lately picked up some half-dozen birds that were mere skeletons, nothing but feather and bones. A few showers would be very welcome.

JUDGES OF CAGE BIRDS

The attention of Show Secretaries is directed to the following list of gentlemen willing to act as Judges. Terms for insertion on application.

J. C. BARNES, 113, Northfield Road, Walkley, Sheffield. Judge of all varieties of cage birds. Long, practical experience. Terms moderate.

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Twitterings.

Mr. A. R. Coe, of 18, Calderdale Road, Clapham, S.W., writes that he has taken over the Hon. Secretaryship of Clapham C.B.A. in the place of Mr. A. L. Priest.

Secretaries of Societies in Wales should note a letter from Mr. A. E. Brown, of the Welsh C.B.C. in our correspondence columns.

We are having our annual all England show in the Ambulance Drill Hall on 8th and 9th November. We have engaged Mr. C. House to judge, writes Mr. C. Whitehead, Rochdale O.C.

Mr. Enoch Tams, Longton, writes as follows:—I have in the past two weeks received orders from New Zealand, South Africa, Natal, France, Iceland, Canada, all of which named CAGE BIRDS.

Complimentary.

Mr. R. Mitchell, of Bournemouth, writes as follows:—Being a reader of CAGE BIRDS from almost the first. I must congratulate you on the splendid spring number just issued. Wishing CAGE BIRDS every success, which it deserves. Should like to see the Rev. Farrar's witty and instructive articles, "Through a Bird-room Window," published in book form when completed.

Don't miss next week's "C.B." It will contain a beautiful surplus coloured plate gratis.

Will secretaries and fanciers please note that Mr. T. Bentley has removed from High Street to Booth Street, Cleckheaton?

Mr. Wm. Butler, of Stanley, is appointed judge for our Nest Feather Show on July 20, writes Mr. Wm. Forster, sec. of Pelton Fell and Dis. C.B.S.

Your last spring number absolutely eclipsed all others of the past, and the coloured plate and art supplements were excellent, writes Mr. F. Hobart (London).

I am sorry I forgot to write last week to say how much I liked the Spring Number, writes Mr. H. Rees, and must say that the panel coloured plate is the finest I have seen—truly a work of art.

Mr. S. Lambert is not now connected with the Guisbro and Dis. C.B.S., writes Mr. H. Hood, 92, Charlton Terrace, near Boosbeck S.O., Yorks. Any further communications should be addressed to me.

We write to let you know how highly pleased we are to see our photograph along with so many fanciers and readers of CAGE BIRDS. Wishing you good luck and a splendid future with CAGE BIRDS.—McGregor and Boyd.

We have secured Mr. A. Hirst, of Accrington, as judge of Norwich and British, and Mr. J. McLennon, of Piers Hill, Edinburgh, Belgian and Scotch Fancy, at our forthcoming show on Nov. 22, writes Mr. Samuel McCollum, hon. sec. Lurgan C.B.S.

Mr. Wm. Whitehead writes as follows:—Will those interested please note that I have resigned the secretaryship of the Lochgelly and Dis. C.B.S., and address all communications in future to Mr. Wm. Grewar, 7, Parkview, Lochgelly, who is the new secretary.

I have been appointed hon. sec. of the Wallasey C.B.S., writes Mr. T. Edwards, 4, Park Way, Wallasey, and in conjunction with the officers I intend to make a special effort to revive the palmy days of this club. As it is the only one of its character in Wallasey, "the new county borough on the Mersey," we have hopes of increased membership. I shall be pleased to forward to intending members any further information they may desire if they will apply to me.

It was certainly a complete and agreeable surprise to me, writes Mr. Sampson, on taking up my copy of your paper on Friday evening last to find one of my Borders in the illustration on the front page, and I must congratulate your artist on his very correct delineation of the bird. It is a yellow, not a buff, and won at Wimbledon in the yellow cock class; it also won 1st and diploma at the L.C.B.A. Show. Thanking you for the appreciation given to my favourite bird in your valuable paper.

It has given me great pleasure (writes Mr. E. R. Roberts, of Penygroes, to see the illustration of my yellow Border cock (2nd London C.B.A.) in your paper, "C.B.," this week. Please accept my thanks, with same to Mr. Norman, for the lifelike drawing. He has only been shown twice—2nd L.C.B.A. and 2nd Crystal Palace—in latter show beaten by his brother (same nest). I am pleased to say he is doing well at breeding, and I have very promising youngsters by him. Wishing you and your paper every success.

New Midland Norwich Club.

I have arranged for a meeting with a view of forming the Midland Counties Norwich P.C., to be held at the Crown Inn, Broad Street, Birmingham, on May 18, at 7 p.m., writes Mr. H. T. Collier, of 110, Ahhey Road, Bearwood, Birmingham. Will all fanciers interested who have any suggestions to make kindly attend or write to me?

Softbill Lovers! Note.

Mr. C. W. Law, Hon. Sec. L. and P.O.S., writes as follows:—The London and Provincial O.S. are having a paper on "Softhills," by Otto Puck, Esq., at The Raglan, on Thursday, 16th, at 8 p.m. Mr. Puck has kindly promised to bring a stock cage of his own pattern, also some living specimens of Softbills that have been caged from six years downwards, to demonstrate his remarks. The committee warmly invite all those interested in birds to join them on this occasion.

Norwich Club Show.

The Club show of the Norwich Plainhead Club, writes Mr. G. E. Wilkinson, of the Notts O.S., will be held in conjunction with our open show at Nottingham on November 9th and 11th next. There will be three N.P.C. cups to be competed for in addition to a number of other valuable specials. There will be ten classes for champions and six for amateurs. Mr. W. Vardy will judge. We hope the Norwich exhibitors will combine to make this a record show.

Farewell Dinner to Well-Known Grimsby Fancier.

Mr. W. H. Moore, a well-known exhibitor of Norwich Canaries, was the guest of the evening at a complimentary dinner at the White Hart Hotel, Grimsby, on 25th ult., prior to his leaving England for British Columbia on the 2nd inst. A goodly muster sat down to the dinner, Messrs. W. Clews and H. Harding representing the Grimsby fanciers. An excellent musical programme added to the enjoyment of the evening. Councillor Jonathan Taylor, in a few well-chosen remarks, expressed the friendship and respect in which Mr. Moore has always been held by his fellow-townsmen, and Mr. H. Gifford, representing the South Ward Unionist Association, endorsed these in presenting Mr. Moore with an umbrella suitably inscribed. Altogether Mr. Moore had a "send off" which will live long in the memories of those present.

We have secured the services of Mr. J. Raynes to judge our annual show, Nov. 23, 1912, writes Mr. W. Hopwood, sec. Denton C.B.S.

In our notice of Kippax open singing contest last week we announced this for "White" Saturday. This date, of course, should be Whit Saturday, May 25.

Having been elected secretary of the Chopwell C.B.S., will all secretaries and fanciers please address all society correspondence in future to me, writes Mr. W. Tomlinson, 2, South View, Chopwell, Co. Durham.

Mr. Dan McArthur, Edinburgh, writes as follows:—I am glad to see that 1912 is showing such good weekly issues; an improvement upon even such fine issues as we have had in past years. Mr. Steel's paper is very interesting indeed.

I beg to remind the members (writes Mr. J. Greaves, sec. Yorkshire C.C.) that the latest date for the sending in of ballot papers re election of officers for 1912-13 is May 13. Please fill in and send at once to 70, St. Margaret's Road, Bradford.

I had a very pleasant surprise last Friday morning, writes Mr. H. Wood (Dover), in seeing my winning Border cock on the front page. It has now four more firsts to its credit; has never been beaten yet, but was wrong classed at the late Palace Show for something. Wishing you and CAGE BIRDS every success.

Your paper has been a very great help to me, writes Mr. Hainsworth, Neston. The Illustrated Idea column and the Timely Hints column especially contain hints and wrinkles in nutshell form, which are worth pages of matter such as one often reads in books, and we novices are helped rapidly on the road. As a printer, I must say that the plates in "C.B." Annual are fine indeed.

Kindly note that I have sold all my surplus stock of Lizards through your valuable paper "CAGE BIRDS." I am sure it is the best paper for bird fanciers; always full of good sound and useful information....I have taken "CAGE BIRDS" ever since it commenced and found it a great help.—W. Lawton, Glossop.

Owing to the great many enquiries for Bullfinches advertised, I am unable to reply to all, which speaks highly for your paper.—W. Hughes.

Will the members of the Edinburgh Norwich C. and M.B.S., writes Mr. John Welsh, please note that the ramble at Musselburgh which was fixed for May 11 has been postponed owing to unavoidable circumstances. As soon as other arrangements are made for a later date, which will probably be in about three weeks' time, I shall, through the medium of CAGE BIRDS, give the members all information.

We have on various occasions called our readers' attention to the marking rings supplied by Mr. G. B. Leclair, and must congratulate him on their beautifully rounded and perfectly smooth edges and general neatness; they are one of the best samples we have seen. Besides the flanged pattern, he also supplies his open rings without flanges to meet the desires of fanciers who prefer them. Experienced breeders are well acquainted with the merits of Mr. Leclair's rings, which have been many years on the market.

In our correspondence columns will be found a letter from a New York reader who is in want of a few eggs of British Finches for rearing under Canaries. We publish Mr. Gambo's letter in case some reader may be able to oblige him. Of course, in many districts the taking of wild birds' eggs is prohibited, but in some localities the unchecked increase of seedeating birds is not looked upon as an unmixed blessing and there may be a reader in such a place who will be willing to supply Mr. Gambo with what he requires.

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Rings a Distinguishing Mark.

There would appear to be considerable feeling that rings should not be allowed on Canaries competing for prizes on the show bench. Last week our report of the first meeting of the new Council of the Yorkshire Union of C.B.S. contained the notification that in the opinion of the Council closed rings came under the definition of a distinguishing mark, and that birds so rung were to be debarred from competing at Yorkshire Union shows. It will be seen from our Club Reports column that other societies are adopting the same resolution.

The Shama in the States.

We hear from Mr. Jas. A. Blow, of Philadelphia, that a very large demand exists in the United States for that accomplished songster, the Indian Shama. Mr. Blow has had great experience in the keeping of this charming bird, and sells more Shamas, he tells us, than any dealer in the U.S. A most interesting letter on the Shama and its treatment appears in our correspondence columns this week. We note that in this Mr. Blow uses the expression, "Mocking Bird's Food." The Mocking Bird, of course, requires in captivity the same treatment as a Shama, but it would be interesting to hear from Mr. Blow what are the ingredients of this "Mocking Bird's Food."

COUNTRY RAMBLES FOR BIRD LOVERS.

We are having an afternoon ramble in Shurry Woods on the 23rd inst. for the purpose of studying bird life, writes A. Afrigan, Hon. Sec. Ramsgate C.B.S., 21, Thanet Road, Ramsgate. Shall be glad to hear from any friends living in the district who would like to accompany us.

The Country Ramble of Poplar Cage Bird Society, writes Mr. H. W. Cook, will take place on Sunday, the 12th May, to Laindon, Essex. Train from East Ham Station at 9.42 a.m. Members and their friends heartily welcome.

The Wimbledon Society are having a country ramble on Sunday, May 19. The district chosen is Ashtead Woods. Leave Wimbledon at 10.20. Fare 10d. return. Luncheon 1s. 6d., and tea 9d., will be provided. It is hoped that a good number will be present. Any fanciers who would like to join us will be welcomed, and ladies are invited. Full particulars may be had of the organiser, Mr. H. Dixon, 14, Claremont Avenue, New Malden, Surrey.

We are having our ramble to Hildenboro and Tonbridge on Sunday, May 12th, write Messrs. Barton and Barton, Joint Hon. Secs. New Cross C.B.S., 8, Amersham Grove, New Cross, S.E., when we expect to have Mr. Norman with us. We shall be pleased if fanciers would write us for particulars, or meet us at New Cross, S.E. and C. Rly. station, at 9 a.m. sharp; train fare about 4s.

Ardwick and Manchester C.B.A. are having their annual ramble on Sunday, May 12, to Wilmslow. Friends invited meet 2.15 train, London Road Station, writes Mr. J. Spencer, hon. sec.

For Clapham C. B. Club ramble see Club Notices page 440.

LEEDS C.B.S.

Meeting held at headquarters, Lockhart's, Briggate, Mr. H. J. Mennard in the chair. Mr. E. Hattersley was elected a member. The evening was spent listening to an enjoyable lecture by Mr. H. J. Chittenden (Bradford) on British Birds.—W. A. Wilson, Hon. Sec.

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MULE BREEDING MADE EASY.

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By REV. F. RICHARDS
(Manchester).

(Concluded from page 395).

Condition and How to Get it.

How can the young fancier tell if his Finches are in condition? The true knowledge comes along the rugged road of experience, and the journey is not accomplished without heavy expenditure. There comes a time in the expert's life when he is able with almost clear certainty to understand whether his birds are fit and anxious to breed. This knowledge cannot be passed on through the columns of a paper; it is just the minute and constant accumulation of years of close study.

We can, however, lay down several main features, and give some broad hints that may help the novice. First, let us take the brown Linnet. His beak will in colour turn a dark bluish tint, and his song become quite vigorous; but that is not sufficient. If you see your brown Linnet pull himself up and assume the shape of a miniature pouter pigeon, you can be absolutely certain.

What is the best method of getting birds into such condition? The writer has found the most successful method is to allow the birds to sing themselves into breeding fever. Once again reverting to "Canarydom," it is often advised to remove the cocks out of the sight of the hens in the earlier part of the spring, because the vigorous singing, etc., brings hen Canaries forward too soon. If you prefer to put your Finch in with the hen in December, January, or February, you will get precious little singing; on the other hand, always keep more than one cock Finch of the same species, and if in health, and as nature awakes from her winter's slumber, the birds will come into song, and one will provoke and challenge the other, until literally you can get your birds to sing themselves into breeding condition many weeks earlier than would otherwise be the case.

Another practical plan is to run two cock Finches together for a few minutes every few days as the season approaches. What are you saying—two cock Finches? What next? You will find that the birds will answer each other's call notes, and you will perhaps find one drawing himself together, and commencing to sing his full song. In this way you can stimulate and excite nature, and as a consequence bring about that wonderful alteration in the size and shape of the vent of the cock bird, without which you need not expect to be successful.

The writer has brought brown Linnets into condition in this way, until two cocks placed together have sung at and around each other on the bottom of the cage, with wings down and tail spread—and, oh, such glorious song! Those birds *did* breed.

The Best Male Parent.

Which is the easiest to breed with, Goldfinch or brown Linnet? For the beginner the Goldfinch, because if in condition when placed with hen Canary he will commence to sing to her—and often, if ready. She calls, and the agreement is soon mutual. The brown Linnet does not do this (unless you have an old experienced muler; then he will be as keen as any cock Canary). You require a cock Canary or a Mule to start the business. After the first nest all will be smooth working. A further important point—many breeders fail here, although possessing a good Linnet—the Linnet requires head room, that is, all the perches must be low, and the nest pan low down, because he does not fly straight on to the hen like the Canary or Goldfinch, but flies up several inches over the calling hen, and then comes down. You can readily perceive therefore that high perches, etc., interfere with success.

Can the hen Canary be urged forward in the matter of eggs? Yes, the writer thinks so decidedly. He believes that the hen has such control over the egg production as to be able to delay or keep back the development. One need hardly state a well-known fact to prove this, viz., if your Canary sits ten days and the eggs are clear, remove the nest and eggs, feed her, and put her back in three days. You can then have a nest built, and get a second clutch a week after. But if the first eggs had been fertile, and the hen a good mother, six weeks would elapse between the first and second batches of eggs.

The writer has proved on many occasions the following plan. Granted your hens are in health and showing signs, the very best method is to place the nest pan in the cage, then put a small bundle of nesting material inside the cage tied tightly together. Let the hen pick it to pieces. Put a second lot in if the first has been used up. This plan seems to bring the hen into condition, and hastens the egg development more than anything else. It has been tried by the writer during 12 years' experience. You Canary breeders, take this tip this season.

Mr. Curley (Paddington) in a fancy dress costume made up of pictures from "Cage Birds."

I feel I have tried your patience long enough, but before closing I should like to say that I firmly believe the above methods applied to Hybrid breeding between two British birds would also be more likely to meet with success than the usual plan of placing two birds together and waiting and hoping for them to come into full breeding condition simultaneously. And to back my opinion, I have pleasure in appending an account of a very strange yet intensely interesting experience. Should there be any doubt in the minds of my readers, it will afford me pleasure to submit the names and addresses of three fanciers—members of a large and well-known ornithological society—who were eye witnesses of the facts stated, on several occasions. The happening may also help to clear up the mystery attached to the non-success of the cock Bullfinch as a fertiliser of eggs when put with the Canary hen.

A Curious Experience.

On April 21, 1910, I noticed a Bullfinch hen in a dealer's window in a large cage swishing her tail, and picking up little bits of material in her beak. I knew that meant readiness. I purchased the bird, also a Greenfinch cock that was with her. After arrival at home, and watching the birds for a few days, I came to the conclusion that the Greenfinch was not inclined in the same direction as the Bullfinch hen; I therefore removed him, and put in a cock Goldfinch, which was in high condition. I did not see signs of any special affection between them, although as fast as I inserted short lengths of fibre between the wires her ladyship came and took some, and holding it in her beak, hopped from perch to perch showing all the signs of wanting to commence domestic duties. Now comes the curious accident. In the room I had a cock Chaffinch with a white beak, and therefore clearly out of all condition for song or breeding. One afternoon having finished my reading, I turned to remove a bath from the door of the Chaffinch's cage—not wishing it to have a bath with not time to dry before dark set in—and in removing the bath the bird escaped through the open door of the cage, and flew on to the front wires of the cage in which the Goldfinch and Bullfinch resided. As soon as the Bullfinch hen saw the Chaffinch she began to call. The cock Goldfinch flew in at once, and pairing took place before my very eyes, and while I was standing in front of their cage not many inches away.

A Happy Thought, and the Result.

You can easily imagine my surprise. That night I commenced to think over the problem. What caused such an effect? The Chaffinch uttered no sound. Like a flash it came to me that the colour of the breast of the Chaffinch is very much like that of the cock Bullfinch. Next day I was soon up and away seeking a cock Bullfinch. I purchased a wild-caught bird for three shillings, and brought it home. My purchase was at night. I kept it down in the cellar until the next morning. After breakfast I went for the bird, and, putting it into a small (all wire cage), I entered my room, and going up to the breeding cage, I held the cage containing the cock Bullfinch on my hand close to the front of the breeding cage. As soon as Mrs. Bullie saw Mr. Bullie and without any preliminaries, she called. The cock Goldfinch again answered, and paired up. Then the hen went for Mr. Goldie, but he had plenty of room, and got out of her reach. I took the cock Bullfinch away, and repeated the operation several times that day. Next day I did the same with a similar result each time.

I was so impressed that I journeyed out of town to a mule breeder of 27 years' standing, and related my story. His reply was, "Well, if it had been any other person I should not have believed it." I pressed him to come to my house. He did, and I told him to sit in the chair—not 3 feet away from the cage—and wait. Then I proceeded to the cellar and brought up the Bullfinch cock. I repeated the method, and he saw exactly the same results. Then I said, "I will put the cock Bullfinch in." I did, and he went for the Goldfinch. But Mr. Goldie got up into the far corner on the wires out of reach. Then there ensued one of the most curious scenes I have ever witnessed. The cock picked up building material, and the hen did likewise. She called, and the Bullfinch set about answering; but oh what a process! He did not pair immediately, but started scraping and bowing, drawing closer and closer. Then with slow deliberation, he mounted the back of the hen Bullie. But before he could proceed further, the cock Goldfinch came at him from the wire, striking him full in the breast, and knocking both birds off the perch, on to the bottom of the cage. We waited, watching with breathless interest. Presently the Bullfinches commenced their antics again. The hen called, and the cock Bullfinch got on the perch on the right side of the hen, but before he could complete his movements, the Goldfinch flew on to the perch the left side of the hen, and pairing took place in the immediate proximity of the cock Bullfinch. (He was too slow, and to my mind his nature and actions are similar not to the barnyard gentleman who acts with promptness, but like the drake and duck, precision and slow movement.)

Is it a Reason?

Now, does this explain the reason of the non-success of cock Bullfinch and Canary hen? The hen ceases to call before the Finch has completed his elaborate preparations. Of course, we looked for Goldfinch-Bullfinch Hybrids, but unfortunately the hen was nearer laying than I anticipated, and one morning I found her dead with broken bits of egg-shell attached. I fear the Goldfinch interfered with her while she was in the act of laying. (I never had a bird so fierce and rank as this Goldfinch was.)

I will now conclude, trusting you may have had patience to wade through this article. I have endeavoured to impart my own knowledge, and I hope the few jottings from my my personal observations may be of some little help to others, and perchance be the means of encouraging old fanciers who have had no success, to take up the most interesting of all hobbies, viz., Mule and Hybrid breeding.

TIMELY HINTS.

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*To Cure a Slipped Back Claw.

Many young birds are spoilt for ever showing through having a slipped back claw. The following has proved successful in several cases: Cut all perches triangular shape, so ^ and after covering them with rubber tubing, place them in cage a little closer and lower than usual, also cover sand tray with plenty of bran, so that it will be soft to the birds' feet. Now get threepennyworth of tincture of arnica (from any chemist's) and paint the affected part every night, and in a short time you will find the slipped claw work to its natural place. Work bird gradually to hard perches again by letting it run for a day or two on hard perches and then back to rubber. Several fanciers round here have cured their birds completely by this method.—R. Booth (119, Kirkstall Street, Ardwick, Manchester).

To Preserve a Partly-used Egg.

Only keeping a few pairs of birds, I find the best way for keeping boiled eggs when not using all in one day is to place the part not wanted in the shell in an egg cup. Stand the egg cup in a saucer with a little clean cold water, then turn a clean tumbler over, and change the water very day. The egg will keep fresh for a week.—Mrs. J. Grover (465, Manor Cottage, Sompling, near Worthing).

To Breed Cock Youngsters.

A tip for readers who like myself like to produce most cocks when Canary breeding. In pairing up always mate 2 year old cock to 1 year old hen, by doing so cock bird is the strongest and is most likely to produce male young.—G. Hall, (59, Walshaw Road, Eten, Bury, Lancs.)

*An Easy Method of Soaking Rape Seed.

A good method of soaking small amounts of rape seed is to buy a penny tea infuser and fill it with seed instead of tea, and place in a cup of water. This is better than covering the seed with water in a jar, as the water is so easily changed without the fear of pouring any seeds away.—Douglas E. Sayce, 5, Toward Terrace, Sunderland.

To Cure a Bird of the Habit of Re using to Perch.

Obtain an old Norwich show cage, and remove the front. Then place in cage, a tin, or zinc tray, about ½in. deep and same size as cage bottom. Half fill the tray with water, and sprinkle over with chaff, taken from the seed boxes. The cage bottom will then present an ordinary appearance. Now replace the front, and fix two perches. About 1 inch over each perch make a seed and water hole. Hang on the vessels also a grit tin within easy reach from the perch. Keep cage level to prevent water from being spilled. Now put in the bird, and in a few days he will be cured of the annoying habit.—W. H. Teat, (Ancester, Grantham.)

*May Hints.

This month is generally a busy one for most fanciers, as it is the month in which birds should be trained for show. Spring migrants, if required for exhibition, should be caged up in a show cage for a few days to train them to the perches. It spoils them if they crouch down on the cage floor, especially if they do this after they have moulted. The perches should not be placed high up, but rather low down, so that they will have to get on them. Mealworms may be given, and any other live food, as this will benefit them. Green food must be given in plenty. Groundsel and dandelion should be gathered when ripe. Lettuces are excellent, and should be procured this month. Let the birds have plenty of fresh air and sunshine, as this is essential to success. Hard boiled egg mixed with a little milk and fine biscuit into a creamy consistency, to which is added a little lettuce chopped up, is excellent for rearing Finches, and they will be strong and healthy.—C. Bruce Tabernor (Myrtle Bank, Tyldesley, near Manchester).

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Our Front Page.

An Accomplished Magpie.

On our front page is reproduced a drawing by Mr. Norman, of the beautiful Magpie, which we saw for the first time at the L.C.B.A. Show, and afterwards at the Palace, and also the portrait of its owner, Mrs. Lawrence. Mrs. Lawrence kindly sends us the following notes:—

"I have had my 'Musical Magpie' some time now, and I believe he is the best bird of his kind living at the present time. He can whistle all sorts of tunes; laughs, imitates all kind of birds, and can play the banjo and violin, at least, he can imitate these instruments so perfectly that people who have heard him find it difficult to realise that the instruments themselves are not being played. I have been offered £5 and more several times for him, but would not part with him; he is so intelligent. He is passionately fond of music, and when I am playing the piano he walks around the whole time accompanying my playing with his own violin and banjo chords. I have, however, never been able to get him to articulate a single understandable word. I hope to show him a lot during the forthcoming season; up to the present he has been shown only twice, taking second at the Horticultural Hall, and third and special at the Crystal Palace. My great ambition is so to improve him that one day he will beat the Choughs, and secure a first. His food consists of "Melox," meal-worms, nuts, and a little raw meat. He is nearly always in good condition, and I attribute this to the quantity of baths he has—always one a day, and in the warm weather two or three.

I may add that I am breeding a few Norwich Canaries this year, and look for all my information to your very excellent paper, CAGE BIRDS, and I always look forward to Friday to get my copy. May your circulation double itself in the forthcoming season, as it richly deserves."

OUR LITERARY COMPETITION.

Result in British Section.

The task of awarding the prize for the best essay among the large number of very excellent contributions sent in the British section has been one of no little difficulty. After close consideration, it has been decided that it shall go to

MR. ROBERT COBAIN,
Crawford's Burn, co. Down.

for a very practical article entitled "My experiences with our two smallest Finches and two favourite Buntings." Mr. Cobain had a close run for his prize from Mr. A. A. Goodall, with an extremely practical and well-written article on "The Blackcap."

The awarding of the four guinea prize for the best article in all sections is now being attended to, and the result will be published next week.

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BORDERS ARE BOOMING DOWN SOUTH.

Mr. Herbert Stevens delivers his brief for the bonnie little Border Fancy Canary.

There is no doubt to my mind that the "wee gems" are the cream of the Canary World. Who, that has studied them, would not hold a brief for them? Their fascinating, jaunty and gay carriage, their free, perky poise of head, their pretty, moulded figures with tight silky plumage; richness of natural colour, and pleasant song, are qualities which appeal to the fancier. A great day is coming for this variety, and the time is not far distant when the Southern shows will hold their own in regard to the Border Fancy Canary with the North, both for quantity and quality. One has only to peruse the present-day schedules to see how this pigmy of Canaries is catching on down South.

The management of this variety does not vary much from that of the Yorkshire, except (let us thank our lucky stars) that it has not yet become necessary to colour feed them.

Suitable and Adaptable Cage.

The first point to consider is a suitable room; one facing South, with a fairly good light, should be secured for preference. I find that very suitable cages for this variety are those of box shape with three compartments. These are very useful when breeding the birds, as you can put a pair in each end division, and the middle compartment can be used for the young ones. It is advisable to have a door at each end, as well as in the fronts, as it is more handy for putting in the nest pans, etc. Without the partitions, these cages make very good flights. A drawboard is unnecessary, it being only a harbour for insect pests. If the cages are blacked outside and enamelled sky blue inside, they set the birds off to the best advantage, and this point is well worthy of consideration, as it means better prices when disposing of any of your surplus stock to visitors.

Before commencing in this fancy, one should read up all he can, from an expert's book on the subject, and visit some of the shows, in order to get into his mind's eye the ideal bird. Then he could make a very good start by having some birds sent on approval from reliable breeders and exhibitors—this can easily be accomplished by using the CAGE BIRDS "deposit system"—say, a pair of greens, a pair of clears, and a pair of lightly marked or clear birds bred from variegated parents, a yellow and buff in each pair. With these birds it would not be necessary to introduce fresh blood for some time, which would enable you to obtain a thorough understanding of your stock, and get the birds well in hand, and eventually build up a very good strain.

I recommend this procedure, as I know that many a man who has commenced in the fancy has been "choked off" altogether through paying a good price for birds that have proved not worth their keep.

The staple food should be Spanish canary, with a little German rape added, and an occasional pinch of a good mixed seed. In the summer a little green food, such as dandelion, lettuce, or watercress, and in the winter a small piece of sweet apple, say, three times a week. During the winter, as well as during the moult, linseed should be given with the canary seed.

I do not recommend artificially heated bird rooms, as I am of the opinion that the birds have much more stamina if cold bred.

Commencing to Pair.

The time to commence pairing is about the end of March or beginning of April. If you have the birds ready to put together by the first week in April, that is quite time enough. About the end of February a little egg food given to the birds, and also a small quantity of inga seed (to the hens) twice a week, will help get them into condition for breeding. When the cocks are in full song and the hens are ready to set about domestic duties (which will be seen by their flapping their wings and persistent calling to the cocks) put them in the breeding cages, one in each compartment with a wire slide between. This obviates fighting and plucking, which sometimes leave you with very unsightly birds.

They will soon be feeding one another through the wires, and then is the time to draw aside the slide and let them in together. Supply nesting material and lined nest pan, and after a few days you may expect the first egg. Remove each egg until the evening of the day when the third one is laid; then replace them, well dusting the nest with insect powder.

In from twelve to fourteen days the young should arrive. Do not disturb the birds or nest, but if you give a little egg food the hen will leave the nest, and you will be able to ascertain what good fortune is yours. For the first three days give yolk of egg mixed with cod liver oil food, and after give yolk and white of egg with the cod liver oil food. Gradually increase the cod liver oil food until the proportion is two to one of egg food, and continue these quantities until the young birds are on the hard seed, which will be in from five to six weeks. After the first few days a little green food should be given; this can be continued until the young leave their parents.

When the Young go "Thick."

I recommend cod liver oil food, having been very successful since using it. A small quantity of milk sop sprinkled with maw seed once a week is a very good thing to give the young after they leave their parents, to keep them in condition. It is not necessary to wait until the birds are "thick" before giving them sop. Prevention is better than cure. When the birds enter their first moult is the time they require close attention. Continue giving a little egg food from the time they leave their parents until they complete the moult. If they should go "thick" and you find they have inflammation of the bowels—a disease which kills off many young birds at this time—give them three drops of the following mixture in their drinking water:—Laudanum, Tincture of Rhubarb, and Spirits of Camphor, say ½-oz. each. This not only stops inflammation, but, being unpleasant to the taste, prevents them from drinking too much water, which they are very apt to do at this time.

(To be continued.)

"Pink! Pink!" Can now be heard everywhere.

Mr. Robert H. Wright, Junr., chats about the cheerful Chaffinch.

The Chaffinch Described.

The Chaffinch is so well known that it hardly needs to be described here, but as there are a goodly number of people, bird faddists included, who do not know a Chaffinch from a Bullfinch, some description will not be out of place. With its blue head, lovely pink breast, brown and green back and dark wings, relieved by dashes of pure white, this bird is a fairly common bird in the country, and its cry of "Pink, Pink" is perhaps well known everywhere. Its beak is conical, like all the birds of this species. It is white in winter, but becomes dark blue in the breeding season and remains so until the moulting season. The colour of the beak, therefore, shows whether or no the bird has begun to sing. The hen Chaffinch cannot be confused with the cock, for she has neither the song nor the pretty plumage which makes the Cock Chaffinch such a favourite cage bird. She is a little smaller, brownish grey on the head, back and upper parts, and dirty white underneath. The beak in summer is greyish brown and in winter whitish grey.

The Chaffinch is one of our seedeating birds, although it certainly destroys a great number of insects when they are to be got. When wild, it lives on seeds and grains, insects, buds, and the tender leaves of plants. Groundsel forms a tit bit and indeed is relished by all the Finches. The Chaffinch is very neat and clean, and should always be provided with a bath.

His Cage and His Food.

The Chaffinch is generally kept in four-cornered cages, which should be at least nine inches high. Chaffinches do not often fly high, but prefer to be able to turn quickly, therefore an ordinary box cage with two spars on a level with each other, suits them best. The show cage for the Chaffinch should measure 12 inches in length, 10 in height and 5 in depth. The front should have a curve at the top of about an inch. The cage looks well if painted black outside and a comparatively dark shade of green inside.

When in captivity, the Chaffinch does well, in the matter of food, on summer rape, although it is advisable to let him choose his favourite seeds, as different individuals have different tastes and habits. A little crushed hemp given him in the Spring has a great effect in inducing him to sing, and a piece of apple or some groundsel in the winter helps the process of digestion. Mealworms, flies, and ants'-eggs are relished, in short, if the bird is fed as nearly as possible as if it were in its native haunts, the more it will please and satisfy its owner.

An "Ideal Home."

The Chaffinch's nest is usually pointed at as the model of nestbuilding. It is a beautiful round structure composed of small twigs and moss, lined with hair and feathers and covered outside with lichens in order to make it less conspicuous. It is placed high up in the fork of a tree and would seldom be found were it not for the noise the parent birds make, when, by chance, anyone ventures too near the little home. The female lays four or five bluish grey eggs covered with copper coloured stripes and spots twice a year. The first brood consists usually of males, the second of females. If it is desired to handrear the young Chaffinches, they should be taken when the tail feathers have begun to grow and fed on bread crumbs and soaked rape seed, not forgetting a drop of water now and again. They are easily kept in health till the moulting season when many of them die.

At the Autumn moult, nearly all Chaffinchs' feathers assume a lighter hue, but birds that are accustomed to cage life, and have been properly fed, take on the brighter Spring colours about October and are therefore ready for showing in all their glory. Great care should be taken of the birds at the moulting season, and they should be given a liberal supply of nourishing food. Variety should be one of the chief features of the bird's diet. Privet berries help to intensify the bird's colours and should be given at this time.

The Chaffinch is liable to suffer from diarrhœa, which may be cured by putting a rusty nail or a little saffron in the bird's drinking water. The bird also sometimes suffers from obstruction of the rump gland. This is relieved by applying an ointment made of unsalted butter and sugar to the affected part. The Chaffinch occasionally becomes dizzy if kept in an all wire cage, but this can be stopped by putting a cover over the top of the cage. The scales on the Chaffinch's legs sometimes require to be removed. This operation requires a great deal of care, and a very sharp knife should be used. If a piece of cuttle-fish bone or a stone is not within the reach of the bird, its beak is apt to grow too long, especially the upper mandible. The point of the beak should then be cut with a sharp pair of scissors, or with a small file to the part where the blood vessels end. If the bird be held up to a strong light, the veins of the beak will be distinctly seen.

A Show Specimen.

A Chaffinch fit for show should be a large bird, of robust shape and well rounded breast. The tail should have a very slight fork; the bird itself should stand well up on the perch. All its colours should be well defined. The forehead should be black, the top of the head and the neck as bright a blue as possible; the upper part of the back nut brown; the lower part olive green; the sides of the face, throat and breast a bright red, getting lighter towards the vent, and the wings should have two prominent wing bars. The eye should be bright and the head well carried. An important feature in a show Chaffinch is steadiness, for which 30 per cent. of the marks are allotted.

Let me conclude by saying that if a Chaffinch is fed as directed and kept in a nice roomy cage, it will prove itself second to none of the Finches both as a songster and a pet.

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Some Easily Kept Foreigners.

By B. C. BRIARS (Enfield).

An Interesting and Practical Article on the more moderate priced foreign birds. It was awarded First Prize in the Foreign Bird Section of our recent Essay Competion.

FOR the past five years I have been a member of the ever-increasing body of foreign bird keepers, and I can safely say that no other branch of aviculture has appealed to me to the same extent, and I speak from experience. The facilities for acquisition of foreigners in these days of speedy shipping and cheap freights make it possible for the fancier of modest means to secure a splendid collection at prices which would stagger the Canary purchaser. Imagine the foreign birds you could buy for the price of a good Yorkshire or Crest!

Advice to Purchasers.

With regard to purchasing of "desirable aliens," I think that by far the best way (where possible) is to purchase in person; you then see exactly what you are buying. It is also far cheaper to patronise a good dealer; but even that worthy individual's assertion that he never has a fire on his premises should be taken "cum grano salis." The price of ordinary foreigners is an extremely "elastic quantity," and it is as well to make a study of dealers' "ads" week by week, when some idea of the average sum per pair can be gained. The law of supply, of course, operates strongly. An example of this can be instanced by a purchase of St. Helena Waxbills I made about two years ago, paying 4s. 6d. for a pair; since that time I have only seen them advertised in "C.B." once, and then a London dealer was asking 7s. 6d. A dearth of Cordon Bleus and Lavender Finches may have been noticed lately also.

All birds upon being received from a dealer should be isolated from the stock for about three weeks, and, furthermore, they should be removed from the hearing of any of the opposite sex, should any be about, as they will frequently call and neglect to eat. They should be kept scrupulously clean, and care exercised that they do not drink too much water, a commodity with which they are perhaps scarcely familiar enough at this period. If they prove to be too much "on the drink," a small quantity of Parrish's food placed in the vessel will "choke them off" from an excess as a rule, besides being in itself a valuable tonic. The deaths in newly-acquired specimens, I find, generally occur about the third day, and often the brightest-looking of the consignment are lost; the rougher specimens frequently proving the hardiest after all. The cause is generally obscure, and the bird is found dead, or else every symptom of inflammation of the bowels is manifested. In the first case I believe that the change of scene, absence of the clamour of the vendor's shop, and the numerous companions, causes re-action and resultant apoplexy; while the second is generally in an advanced stage when the bird is bought, and develops with a change of diet; the only thing I have known to afford relief is bread and milk, to which a few drops of good brandy have been added.

An All-Night Vigil.

In connection with disease, two of the loveliest of our foreigners—Lavender Finch and Cordon Bleu—are subject to a curious distemper, which I will endeavour to describe, as I have only too often seen it. The birds seem bright (although occasionally they are seen to be suffering from diarrhœa) when they suddenly collapse and appear to be dead. So realistic is this condition that the present hen Cordon I possess I threw upon the table as dead; but an observer of the apparent "tragedy" procured a small cage and exposed the body to the warmth of a cooking-stove, and, to my utter astonishment, it recovered, and has won numerous prizes during the last two seasons. Similar symptoms were manifested by a quartette of Lavenders, the last batch I have seen advertised. I lost two with the "fit" in the night, so determined to sit up and watch for the attack in the remaining two. I ensconced myself in a cosy chair with the cage upon the table; one of the birds showed the liveliness which generally presages a "turn." Lulled by the silence I slept for three-quarters of an hour, and my bird was dead when I woke! I ultimately saw the second one "go over," and applied the remedy previously enumerated; it recovered, and was described in the "C.B." report of the recent L.C.B.A. show as "a lovely bird." It appears curious that each individual fancier has some particular species of bird which under no circumstances can he get to live for any length of time; at least, so I have noticed. A friend of mine cannot keep a Bengalese for a month, either in a cage or aviary, while I have had eight hen Red-eared Waxbills, and none have lived over six weeks. Two of these came from private aviaries. The situation is the more inexplicable, owing to the fact that the cock bird I have had for 2½ years is one of the best plumaged and hardiest birds in the place!

When all are "Best."

With regard to the best birds to keep, this is largely a matter of individual taste. My own favourites are the Lavender Finch and Cordon Bleu. The first-named is of a delicate lavender tint, lighter towards the underparts, and has a red tail (which it can spread like a fan) and a splash of colour under the body. "Beady" eyes and a charming carriage complete an exquisite picture. The courting attitude of the bird is charming, the body being raised up and down, while a song scarcely audible is uttered. This bird has the Tit-like characteristic of being able to hang to any substance or by one foot only. So tame is my specimen that it will slide down the aviary wires and pull a stranger's hair, and I have seen it attempt to do the same thing to a cat!

The Cordon is another gem. The cock is slightly deeper in colour than his mate, and possesses a red mark under each eye. The general colour is dove, with a blue breast and tail, which seems abnormally long when the size of the bird is considered.

The St. Helena Waxbill.

The St. Helena Waxbill (or Pheasant Finch) is also a desirable bird. It has a dark pencilled plumage and a vivid red beak. The tail is long and broad, hence its name. My own pair have never attempted to breed, but if separated call loudly to one another. They have a curious and strident little "song," sounding exactly like "does it rain, does it rain, does it?" When I purchased this pair it was the last the dealer had, and I found to my vexation that one of the birds had hung its leg in the travelling box, and it could do nothing but bend it over its back. I was particularly anxious to keep this bird, for I did not know its sex, and the dealer had no more. To my joy, after about six months, the bird recovered the use of its limb, although a vet. had given the verdict that it was paralysed! These birds frequently twist and turn their necks, legs and bodies, and flap their wings in eccentric fashion, the uninitiated often imagining them to be in fits.

The Bib Finch is also a well-behaved little creature, and "well worth its seed." They darken greatly with captivity and with age, going from grey to mahogany colour after a cage-moult. The "bib," in the first place is a heart-shaped mark under the chin, but after the moult is not so noticeable; the tail is relatively short, and the beak thick and of a blue tint. A belief is current that these birds frequently die in their first moult, but mine have survived it twice. Though I have seen them pair, they never seem to nest.

The Gorgeous Bishops.

Weavers are attractive birds, the Grenadier being the finest of the commoner varieties. Nearly all these birds have a "colour season," and it is cheaper to purchase when "off," when one is sure of the birds they are buying. My best bird has a black body with a huge ruffle and collar of red, the wing coverts being brownish. The Napoleon Weaver is of a yellow tint, brown on back, and having a black plastron. Out of colour both these birds are sombre-brownish creatures. I note that when the coloured feathers are first being produced, a lot seem to come out, but with the advance of the moult this stops, and the gorgeous dress is speedily assumed. All the Weavers have slender feet and long nails, and these should be occasionally cut, or a bird is likely to be hung up and killed. The Red-billed Weaver is a pretty bird with a red breast when in colour, but it has a mediocre reputation as a peaceable aviary tenant. My own specimen, however, is of irreproachable character. Weavers are also somewhat difficult to steady, while their song consists of most hideous sounds; some species inflating themselves with wind and hissing, while others keep on "chack, wark, chack," nearly the entire day. This capacity for inflation is shared with the Black-headed Mannikin, which "pumps" itself full of air with heaving shoulders, emitting a long-drawn "whee-oo-ee-oo" as a finale. I have always found these birds about as capable of affection as a caterpillar. Their near relative, the White-headed, is a trifle better in this respect, but is "nothing to write home about." The Bronzewing Mannikin is an agreeable contrast, while its "dancing" feats are very diverting. These birds, with me, nearly always die if exposed to any excess of heat, the torrid summer of last year killing two pairs in 48 hours. The symptoms are dishevelled feathers, appearance of a cold, aimless feeding, and unconsciousness preceded by a restless fit.

(To be continued.)

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Oct. 9 & 10.—**Clapham.**—(A. L. Priest, 28, Kyrle Rd.), J.R., C.A.H., H.J.F., H.N.
Oct. 10 & 11.—**Norwich Alliance.**—(R. Roll, 62, Ashby St.). W.E.G., J.R., W.V.
Oct. 12 & 12.—**Derby.**—(Wharam and Bamsey, 18, Colyear St.). J.H.R.
Oct. 12.—**Leeds** (W. A. Wilson, 75, Bayswater Mount, Roundhay.). J.H.R. and W.M.
Oct. 12.—**Morpeth.**—(E. Cowling, Market Place.) H.W.B., A.B.
Oct. 15 and 16.—**Western Counties O.S.**—(T. Pope, 98, Embankment Rd, Plymouth). J.R., T.H.
Oct. 17.—**Hanley.**—(W. G. Llewellyn, 45, Hawthorn St., Cobridge, Stoke-on-Trent). A.H.
Oct. 18 & 19.—**Newcastle.**—(J. W. Reed, 218, Ladykirk Rd., Benwell). J.C.B., J.C., J.S., J.P., A.S.
Oct. 19.—**Burton-on-Trent.**—(A. Wood, 10, South Oak St.). J.R.
Oct. 23 & 24.—**London and P.O.S.**—(C. W. Law, Brimley House, Woodhouse Rd., N. Finchley).
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Oct. 25 & 26.—**Manchester and N.C.O.S.**—Belle Vue.—(H. Boothman, 10, Parker St., Levenshulme.)
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Oct. 26.—**Hartlepools.**—(Woodhead and Pyman, The Elms, Westbourne Rd., W. Hartlepool).
Oct. 29.—**Barnstaple.**—(J. D. Horrill, 17, King Edward Street.) T.H.
Oct. 30.—**Torbay O.S. (Paignton).**—J. N. and J. Jeffery, "Sartor House," Winner Street, Paignton.) J.H.P.
Oct. 30 & 31.—**Cheltenham.**—(A. S. Treasure, Idahoe, Oakland Ave.) W.G., H.W.G., J.F.
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Nov. 1 & 2.—**Sheffield O.S.**—T. Bishop, 69, Alexandra Road.). W.M., C.H., W.V.
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Nov. 2 & 4.—**Leicester Hand-in-Hand.**—(A. Freestone, 79, Clarendon Street). J.H.P., R.J.H.
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Nov. 19 & 20.—**Wimbledon.**—(H. Smith, 115, Merton Rd.) H.N., R.H., J.R.
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Nov. 28, 29 & 30.—**L.C.B.A.**—(W. H. Mugford, 1, Strathearn Rd., Wimbledon, S.W.).
Nov. 29, 30.—**Sale C.B.S.**—(A. Royle, 99, Harley Rd.)
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Dec. 6, 7, & 9.—**Bradford National.**—(H. Hill, 15, Settle Terr., Thornton Lane.)
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Scotland.

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CANARY QUERIES.

Answered by CLAUDE ST. JOHN.

CANARY SEED SAMPLES (W.G.).—No. 1 is only of moderate size, but is very plump and sweet, well ripened, and of good all-round quality. No. 2 is extremely small, and rather musty, and I should refuse it at any price.

BIRD DYING (Anxious).—It looks very suspiciously like septic fever, and I would strongly advise you to lose no time in getting it verified by a post-mortem report. See P.M. rules, and send the next that dies to Mr. Yates as quickly as possible. Meantime, keep all your cages and appliances scrupulously clean, and disinfect them with carbolic fluid at least once or twice a week. Boil all glass and china vessels for a few minutes to disinfect. You should get Dr. Clarke's handbook on Septic fever, 7d., post free, and the Nutshell booklet on Disinfection, No. 9, 2½d., post free, as it is impossible to go into details here. Introduce no new birds at present. See that all your seeds and foods, especially egg food and hemp, are perfectly sound and sweet. Give a staple of plain canary only. Every second day give a pinch of summer rape, and on the alternate days a little mixed seed, crushed plain biscuit, sponge cake, or bread and milk, ringing the changes on these and, if possible, avoiding soft food rich in egg as much as you can by substituting the above item. Give them green food daily. See they are kept in comfortable and healthy surroundings, and not exposed to cold and draughts or damp. You omit to say whether the birds are mated.

NO FERTILE EGGS (R. Wells).—Are you sure of the sex of the supposed Yorkshire cock, and is he in good active and healthy condition, and in good song? If you are not certain try to get the sex verified by some experienced fancier. In any case you are right in separating him, and if the hen is getting keen on nesting again try to get a smart, vigorous young cock in "fierce" song and mate with her. This will be better than risking the loss of another month's time. Meantime treat the cock removed the same as advised to "Novice" in last issue, but add also a sprinkling of mustard seed to the seed mixture named therein, and also add a pinch of Epsom salts to the water for three days at the beginning of treatment.

WHAT IS A FOUR-POINTED BIRD (C.B.H.).—A four-pointed bird is one possessing four technical "marks." These marks are only recognised in six definite positions: i.e., around each eye; the inner secondaries, and the outer sides of tail. If four of these points are marked, and no other coloured plumage exists, the bird is a four-pointed one. If both sides of the body have similar markings it will be an even marked four-pointed bird, otherwise, an un-even marked one. In the Yorkshire, even if both sides of the body are marked similarly, if there is any other coloured plumage it would still be relegated to the un-even marked class. In other breeds it would make a lightly or heavily variegated according to the amount of dark plumage shown. Head marks would have same effect as above. For a full explanation of the technicalities concerning marks and ticks see Parts xiv. and xv. of "Our Canaries."

PANTING HARD (League Member).—See that bird is not exposed to any cold draught and keep in a fairly warm, though not overheated, and equable place. Add to the general diet a piece of bread, the size of a hazel nut, sopped in cold milk, drained and sprinkled with soft sugar. If mealworms are available, and bird will not eat them when offered whole, chop up one or two and place on the bread each time. Give this every second day until better, and on the alternate days a quarter teaspoonful of maw seed. Get a chemist to mix you two drachms each of glycerine and oxymel of squills, and one drachm each of chlorodyne and ipecacuanha wine, and eight grains of iodide of potassium, and give 15 drops of this mixture in the drinking water two days in every three until better. Withold baths for the present.

HANGING FIRE (H. J. Latham).—You may very probably have helped to keep them backward by moving them about to different cages after they were mated. Taken altogether a well made box type of cage is not easy to beat, and you should be quite sure the open wire cage to which you have transferred the birds is quite free from cold cutting draughts at all times. You can do but little to get the birds forwarder now. Feed them the same as advised to "Novice" for Slow Starter in last issue, but add two or three mealworms, finely chopped, to the egg food each time, and substitute a sprinkling of mustard seed for the linseed in the seed mixture. You may give a pinch of sulphate of soda in the water for three days, and afterwards six drops of tincture of gentian and three of tincture of steel for four days. Beyond this you can only wait patiently for the prompting of nature to hurry them up.

PECULIAR EYE TROUBLE (A Constant Reader, W.B.T.).—Judging from the meagre details you give it seems to be something out of the ordinary that is affecting your birds. Is there any swelling, or discharge from the eye before it becomes blind? Is it the same side that is affected in all cases? Have you been using carbolic fluid or other disinfectants too liberally about the cages, especially under the perches, and have the insides of the cages been recently whitewashed with quicklime? The answers to these questions might throw some light on the matter. I am strongly inclined to think the cause is mechanical, and to be found in some such direction as here indicated. I suppose there are no jagged ends of wire about the seed and water holes of cages. Look well into these things and if you discover no cause, write again at once if another becomes affected and describe appearance of eye from the beginning as well as you can. Meantime keep cages and perches as clean as possible, bathe eye with lukewarm solution of boracic acid—small teaspoonful of acid in saucerful of warm water—and anoint bare place near eye with boracic ointment twice a week.

BIRDS MOULTING (W. T. Greenham).—You do not say whether the birds moulted last autumn, nor if they are the same pair as you bred with last year. The probability is, if they moulted in the autumn, that they have been exposed to serious fluctuations of heat and cold, or to cold draughts or damp. See that these things are avoided now. Keep the birds on the warm side, and in an equable temperature. Give a small teaspoonful of egg food every second day, and twice a week for a fortnight, slightly dusting it with flowers of sulphur. On the alternate days give a pinch of maw and half a teaspoonful of equal parts hemp, millet, teazle, and black rape. Give a little dandelion or spray of chickweed daily, and a staple of three parts canary to one part summer rape. Give the tonic advised to "H. J. Latham" in the water for a fortnight. It is quite possible the birds may finish the moult in time to get one, or perhaps, two broods from them, but you must not mate them together until they have quite got over the effect of moulting. You ought to have had this year's CAGE BIRDS ANNUAL, wherein you would have seen how to treat these birds without loss of time.

VARIOUS (R.H.E.).—(1) For the sake of the little extra length, which is really very little, I think you might well refrain from tailing your young birds. If you insist upon doing it, the best time is at the commencement of the first moult, as the feathers are then naturally somewhat loose. Hold the bird in left hand with thumb and forefinger supporting base of tail. Take one feather at a time on each outer side alternately, and with a steady outward pull slightly inclined towards centre of tail, extract it. Take out four feathers at each operation at intervals of three or four days, which will necessitate three operations, and is much better than taking all out at once as is sometimes done. (2) No. the true pink-eye is not to be found among green-marked birds. But in the case of green-marked bred from cinnamons or cinnamon-marked, the eyes will be dark or green rather than black, as in birds with no cinnamon blood in them. The Yorkshires of today are, so to speak, full of cinnamon blood. (3) It may not be necessary for a judge at any show to handle every cage in judging Yorkshires or Borders. In every class certain specimens may obviously stand out in size, shape, markings, and general typical qualities, as the probable prize-winners, that it is only really necessary to go into minutiæ of these competitors to properly fix the cards. It would be mere waste of time to go into all these details with a large number of birds which had obviously no running chance of reaching the cards. (4) Giving too much dandelion is very apt to upset the normal course of egg-laying and production in a certain type of hen. With strong, lusty, virile hens its effect may not be noticeable, but with weakly hens in any degree predisposed to egg-binding, it is the finest abortive you could use, and I can guarantee you infinite trouble from egg-binding in such circumstances. I speak from knowledge gained in extensive experiments in this matter. (5) These birds are probably late bred, and consequently still rather young. They only need patience. Treat as advised to "Novice" in last issue. The young will probably be clear pink-eyed, cinnamon-ticked, with perhaps an occasional cinnamon-marked.

WEED AND SEED (Novice, Rochdale).—(1) The weed sent is the mouse-ear chickweed. The seed and flower heads at all stages are excellent for Canaries. To use for green food the common chickweed is better than this. It grows more bushy and straggling, is a lighter green, not so downy on the leaves and stem, and flowers at nearly all the leaf joints, instead of throwing up flower stems from the bottom, as the mouse-ear. The foliage is also more succulent. (2) No seed reached me in envelope. Properly ripened seed of dandelion is, however, an excellent tit-bit, and refresher for Canaries at any season.

BREEDING SINGERS (Novice).—As your object is song pure and simple, you could not do better than take up breeding Rollers. There is nothing else quite so good for singing powers apart from other fancy points. I would strongly advise you, however, not to start with two or three different sorts. Adhere to one breed, and to one type of song—either a strain excelling in long, deep, hollow rolls, or one with a more varied and changeful repertoire. There is plenty of room and scope in either branch to perfect and improve the song by assiduous and careful training. It is certainly very late now to make a start from the beginning, and unless you could be sure of obtaining untried birds, or mated pairs which had not already been sufficiently worked, you would be well advised to wait a few weeks longer and obtain a stock of young hens, and a little later, say, about December, one or two well-trained cocks of a similar strain. You omit to say what size your cages are, or if double or single breeders. Two cocks and four hens would be a fair number to start with. You should get one or two of our handbooks or "Our Canaries," and fill up the interval during the next few weeks in reading up the subject, and then be well-equipped for a start next year. I shall be only too pleased to assist you by explaining, or advising on, any particular point you desire to know more about.

IS IT UNUSUAL? (C. Beak).—Yes, very. That is, it would be very unusual for a hen to go to nest and lay eight eggs in five days, including two eggs on each of three successive days, all perfect and well shelled. The true explanation, I am afraid, is that the supposed "pair" are two hens, who produced their clutch jointly. Does the supposed cock sing, or did he behave like a cock when the hen was nesting? If my surmise is correct, the eggs will, of course, all prove unfertile. If I am wrong, there is no reason why all of them should not prove fertile, and you should have given the three you took away to other hens with small clutches to incubate.

HEN WON'T FEED YOUNG (G. H. Brown).—The only really practical and certain way of dealing with a hen of this type is to have a common good feeding hen available, and transfer the young to her to be hatched and reared. If this is not feasible, then you can only try to rouse her to a sense of duty by varying the food as much as possible and making it appetising and at the same time wholesome and pure. When the next young are hatched, add a pinch of sulphate of soda to the drinking water for one-half of each day for a few days, and offer a bath in which a little common salt has been dissolved. Give egg food in small quantities and freshly prepared two or three times daily. On the second day begin to give a little crisp young lettuce, chickweed, or flowering tips of groundsel in quite small quantities at a time, and freshly gathered three or four times a day. If she shows signs of flagging offer a little bread and milk sprinkled with maw—a little maw may also be sprinkled on the egg food—and give a teaspoonful of cracked hemp, and ditto of soaked rape seed. As long as she feeds moderately well, do not interfere with her, but if she stops, or nearly so, you may keep the young going by hand-feeding, giving them a crop-ful of food morning, noon and evening, and allowing the hen to continue brooding them to keep them warm. After a few days she may resume her duties and go on satisfactorily. Try moving the cock when she commences to sit next time, leaving her to hatch and rear the young by herself.

A POOR BEGINNING (Collier).—You gave yourself a poor chance of success when you mated up a hen which was obviously suffering from a cold. You cannot expect this hen to do her duty by offspring properly. Separate her, and keep her in an equable and well ventilated place, quite free from draught, and give her the medicine advised to "League Member" for a fortnight or so. If she quite recovers, you may be able to mate her time enough to get one brood from her. I should say the room you describe is quite unsuitable for your hobby, if the window opens and is the only means of ventilation. The cages are much too near the window. For hens not feeding young see reply to "G. H. Brown." You might try leaving the cock with the 1911 hen this time whilst sitting, provided he does not interfere mischievously with the nest, nor molest her whilst sitting. But if you have to remove him for any of these causes do not put him back as soon as the young are hatched. Wait until hen is ready to begin nesting again. In exchanging eggs to foster-parents you may either make the exchange when putting the hens to sit, or after they have been sitting a few days, or even longer, or you may allow each hen to hatch out her own eggs, and later on exchange the young if the necessity arises. It does not matter at all if there is a discrepancy between the number of eggs or young which are exchanged. Yes, a bird that was not colour-fed in its first season can be quite successfully colour-fed in its second, or any succeeding season. See Mr. Weston's replies re French Linnet, which is probably a Redpoll.

MOVING SITTING HEN (Hopeful).—This may be quite easily accomplished, and as the hens will have been sitting a full week, and will, in consequence, be thoroughly broody, she will probably take no notice whatever of the change. Make ready the place to which cage is to be moved, then in the afternoon (so as to have the removal completed just before time of birds settling down to roost for the night) take the cage altogether, place it on a sheet of brown paper or canvas wrapper of sufficient size, and pack it up closely like a parcel. Tie round with string to keep secure, and transport quickly and quietly to its new quarters. There unpack and place in position, and leave birds as quiet as possible for the night. Avoid jolting and jarring as much as possible, and do not be afraid to pack cage closely, so that birds will be practically in darkness during the journey. A canvas wrapper would be preferable to paper, for in packing there would be so much less noise.

BRITISH BIRDS, MULES AND HYBRIDS.

Answered by H. J. Fulljames in the regrettable absence through illness of Mr. G. E. Weston.

ROBIN'S NEST IN KENNEL (L. Martin).—It would be by far the safer plan to remove the dogs if the nesting has not gone far, but if the hen has laid while the dogs have been using the kennel, she would most likely hatch and rear her young even if the dogs remained there.

TO FEED A BRAMBLEFINCH (A. Goodall).—Make a mixture as follows: Canary, four parts; teazle, two; rape, one; hemp, one; this will answer as a "stock food." Give at times, not all at once, a little white sunflower, linseed, maw seed, and wild seed mixture. A mealworm occasionally may be liked, and will be beneficial. You might also offer a little of a good "insectile" mixture. Any kind of colour giving berries in season—blackberries, privet, elder, etc., and some live grubs or insects, if the bird will take them.

"MOONS" ON A GOLDFINCH (Yorkshires).—A Goldfinch which is not well "mooned" would be handicapped in keen competition. The definition and size of these markings might make all the difference in turning the scale. Your Yorkshire query has been sent to Mr. St. John, and will be replied to next week. You should not write different queries on the same sheet of paper.

"TOM-TITS" (Mikado).—It is not quite clear from your query whether you require advice in the keeping of "Tom-tits" (by which I presume the Great or Ox eye Tit is meant), or on providing cut up mealworms, egg and biscuit, together with the prepared food you mention for the sitting Thrush. I think this latter idea is an excellent one, and should tend to decrease your troubles in the subsequent rearing of the young birds.

A TREE-SPARROW MATTER (Lover of British).—The Tree-Sparrow is a granivorous bird, and will do quite well upon the seeds given to Finches generally. That your treatment is correct is proved by the condition in which you say the bird now is. You might offer it, especially now in the springtime, some small grubs or insects; if it will take these it will be all the better. There would seem no reason why you should not try it with a Canary, excepting that the progeny, if any, would have no value except for their rarity. I think the cross has never been produced, possibly it has never been tried. Tree Sparrows do not often meet each other in competition on the show bench, and "show points" are not important. So long as the bird is steady, in good feather, and with good throat and face markings, there would be not much else to trouble about.

GOLDFINCH-LINNET HYBRID (H.S.).—Certainly.

BRITISH BIRD & HYBRID QUERISTS

should consult Houlton's great work, "Cage-Bird Hybrids" (7/6); Norman's "British Bird Manual" (2/3); or Part 1 "Hardbills" (1/1), Part 2 "Softbills" (1/1); "Aviaries, Bird-rooms, and Cages" (2/3); "Seeds, Foods, and Wild Plants" (1/2); "Secrets of Hybrid Breeding" (1/2); Dr. Creswell's "Hygiene of Bird-keeping" (1/1); Dr Clarke's "Septic or Bird Fever" (7d.); "Colour-feeding" (3½d.); or the "Nutshell" booklets (2½d. each): No. 1 "Goldfinch," No. 2 "Linnet," No. 3 "Skylark," No. 4 "Song Thrush and Blackbird," No. 11 "Bullfinch," No. 13 "Chaffinch," No. 15 "Greenfinch," No. 22 "Siskin, Redpoll, and Twite," No. 25 "Small Insectivorous Birds," No. 26 "Large Insectivorous Birds," No. 6 "Ailing Birds and How to Cure Them," No. 9 "Disinfection of Cages, Birdrooms, etc.," No. 12 "How to Moult British Birds." All thoroughly practical and instructive. Prices quoted are post free from "Cage Birds," 154, Fleet Street, London, E.C.

FOOD FOR GOLDFINCH (A.J.S.).—A liberal supply of good sound hemp would probably assist your Goldie in coming into condition. Give a mixture of hemp, teazle (or thistle), linseed, and canary seed, about equal parts of each. Some good wild seed mixture should also be offered, with young dandelion leaves or other fresh green stuff. It might answer to part the birds for a little while, keeping them in sight of each other, and if you see the Finch anxious to meet the hen's call, then reintroduce them. Glad to hear you like our paper.

GREEN-FOOD FOR BLACKBIRD (Hy. Phillips).—You must not depend upon green-food to bring a Blackbird into song. The food you mention is all right as a stock-food, and you may mix some chopped dandelion, lettuce, or other green stuff with it, but it would be better for some extra "ants' eggs" of good quality. Your bird must also have live food of some sort—snails, worms, grubs, of any kind, flies, spiders, mealworms, or any creeping thing you can find for him. He should not be moulting now; probably you have not been feeding him sufficiently well. Try an improvement in the food, and you will soon see an improvement in your bird.

GOLDFINCH UNWILLING (F.B.).—Separate the bird from the hen Canary with which you say he will not pair, and try him with the one which he "answers." Birds often refuse to mate when caged together, especially if paired up too early, and yet take a fancy to one they cannot reach.

YELLOWHAMMER WITH FITS (A.L.).—Your feeding seems to be quite correct; you might try a little rape and linseed in addition to the canary seed, and give plenty of green stuff, young dandelion leaves, lettuce, groundsel, etc. Give twice a week in the drinking water as much sulphate of soda as will lie on a sixpence, plain water on other days. An occasional dose of this simple medicine is good for all birds.

THE SEXES OF GREENFINCHES (O.C.S., Salford).—There should be no mistaking the sex of a Greenfinch. The greens and yellows of the male are bright and distinct, while the female is dull in these colours; in fact, she has very little yellow in her plumage at all, and her general body colour is brownish green rather than green. Your birds may very likely be both hens.

(Some enquiries unavoidably held over.)

FOREIGN BIRDS.

Answered by WESLEY T. PAGE, F.Z.S., Etc.

GREY PARROT (M.D.).—I am under the impression I replied to this query last week, but it may have been to another querist. Keep this bird well occupied, supply rotten wood, empty cotton reels, etc., for it to chew up and play with; talk to it, and whenever you see it pecking at its feathers, interrupt it; but do this without scaring it. Confine its diet to seed mixture, ripe fruit, nuts, plain biscuit, grit, cuttlebone, with water for drinking and bathing. If you have been giving boiled maize (this must be prepared fresh daily), continue to do so for a time, and dust this with flowers of sulphur just before supplying to the bird. Our Nutshell, the "Grey Parrot," 2½d. post free, from our Manager, would tell you all about food and general treatment. Every fourth day for a month put one teaspoonful of Dinneford's Magnesia in the drinking water, and on the intervening days put half-a-teaspoonful of Byno-phosphates in the water. Give it all the light and air possible, but you must not subject it to draught. The feather picking, which appears to have arisen from the involuntary bath in benzoline, must be checked, or it will become a vice and incurable—treat it as above, keep the bird in your midst, where it will have plenty to attract it and hold its attention. Report progress a month hence.

AILING BLUE-FRONT (W. G. K.).—A soft food diet for any lengthy period will be detrimental to its health; at the same time you cannot let it starve, but resume the ordinary diet as given in this paper as early as possible. Get from your chemist some honey and borax, and after cleansing out the mouth, put a little in once or twice daily. But the swelling should be examined by some competent individual (local veterinary), as if it contains pus, the lance should be used, and all foul humour cleansed away. Give at once one teaspoonful of Dinneford's Magnesia in the ordinary supply of drinking water, and after a three-days' interval, repeat the dose, and then continue it at such intervals as may be necessary to keep the bowels moving quite freely, without scouring the bird. On some of the intervening days half-a-teaspoonful of Byno-phosphates will act as a tonic. However, unless the swelling is properly treated, as indicated above, you will lose the bird. The honey and borax will keep the mouth clean, and can be used till all evidence of the trouble has passed.

BIRDS FOR OUTDOOR AVIARY (C. J.).—With all such queries you should include county, as this is a great help. I take it the house is entirely enclosed, save for the door by which birds enter, and also that it is well lighted: unless the house is well lighted the birds will not use it. Do not furnish with straight, stiff perches; use only natural branches. You could keep the following: One pair of each, and your aviary will accommodate about 15 to 20 pairs for breeding purposes: Zebra Finches, Silverbills, Grey and Green Singing Finches, Bronze and Magpie Mannikins, any of the foreign Siskins obtainable, Bib Finches, Red-crested Cardinals, Combassous, Cuban Finches, Ribbon Finch, Red-headed Finch, Spice Finch, Striated Finch, Red-billed, Napoleon and Madagascar Weavers, Common and Green Avadavats, Grey St. Helena, Golden-breasted and Crimson-winged Waxbills, with a pair each of Diamond Doves, and Chinese Painted Quails would make a pleasing and varied series—all seed-eaters. "Foreign Birds for Beginners," 1s. 1½d. post free, from our Manager, would help you as to general treatment.

AFRICAN GREY PARROT (N. B.).—I do not think you need be anxious over the colour of the bases of the feathers of this bird, there is a good deal of variation among species, and a bird with the bases of its feathers very dark would not be after all very abnormal. Of course, the depth of colour would be very apparent after spraying. If the bird is in health, then the state of the plumage need not trouble you, but if the bird goes out of condition, pull out a feather and send it me at once with the fullest details of its condition, and your treatment that you can give; but you need not trouble over the plumage colour so long as the bird keeps fit, for if the colour is the result of something wrong, this will soon be apparent in some form or another.

SINGING FINCHES NOT SINGING (Rita).—If Rita will send me a stamped addressed envelope I will help her to select a cock bird. As I read her letter, what she wants is a good singing bird, and that a pair is not essential for her purpose. A Grey-necked Serin, or an Alario Finch are both fine songsters, and so are Grey and Green Singing Finches, if you get one of the right sort, but the power of song varies much in individuals of all species of birds. In the outdoor aviary my Serins (Singing Finches) and near allies are singing finely, but they are not for sale. Not singing rather points to two hens; again, their behaviour is that of a pair! If two hens, an Alario Finch would agree with them, but later one hen would have to be removed

BUDGERIGARS AND HOW MANY? (S.J.H.).—(1) Four pairs, say two pairs of each colour, and put up eight husks or small barrels. (2) If the colour varieties crossed the result would be 95 per cent. of pure green birds, only occasional odd yellows would appear. (3) A bath must be supplied, a shallow dish, not more than one inch deep—a photographic developing dish makes a good one. Budgerigars bathe in a state of nature by rolling about in the wet grass; give them a turf occasionally, and wet it from the nose of a water-can, and you will see them enjoy a natural bath (4) The holes are best at the top, but personally I prefer small barrels though they cost nearly three times as much. Our Nutshell, "Budgerigars," 2½d. post free, from our Manager, would help you.

MOUSTACHE PARRAKEETS (M.F.M.).—Give a seed mixture of one quart each canary and white millet, one pint oats and half a pint each of hemp, wheat, dari, and sunflower seeds, well mix and keep a supply in the cage. Also supply ripe fruit, nuts (shelled for preference), plain biscuit, or crust of household bread. Keep a piece of clean cuttlebone in the cage, and add a pinch of grit (not sand) to the daily supply of seed. If it has been accustomed to water, leave this regularly in the cage, if not, let it satisfy its thirst two or three times daily, and about a month hence you can leave it in the cage altogether. Do not give any tea, coffee, or milk sops, table scraps, or any kind of animal food. When adult, your birds will have black moustachial streaks and frontal band.

AVIARY FOR BUDGERIGARS (Ed. Scancs).—The aviary will answer admirably for say two pairs of Budgerigars, and one pair each Cockatiels and Blue-wing Lovebirds, all of which as a rule agree well together. I should certainly make the addition as shown by the dotted lines on your plan. Budgerigars take their bath by rolling in wet grass and herbage. Do not put in any cock, the boarding is better kept smooth; it is much easier to be kept clean so. Put up 6 coconut husks, and a couple of small barrels for nesting appliances, and line the back and ends with twiggy branches for perching accommodation. Budgerigars and Cockatiels require no nesting material. For Bluewings supply a living branch, and they will take what leaves and bark they require.

LOVEBIRDS OR PARRAKEETS (H.J.E.).—These birds are quite a puzzle to me, and so long as they are doing well you had better go on as you are. All the items you name can be given with safety. I am inclined to advise moistening the sponge cake with water containing a little Byno-phosphates, and not give milk at all. Could you send me a rough coloured diagram of the bird with a few notes? I think I could then name it for you? Has it moulted in your possession, if not, the colour areas may be materially changed after the moult.

AN AILING GREY PARROT (D.W.).—In the first place you must thoroughly win this bird's confidence, and accustom it to take a little exercise outside the cage. This will do great things for it, more than any drugs. Your diet is all right, save for the custard and rice pudding, both of which I should omit. So long as the voidings are not watery-loose, put one teaspoonful of Dinneford's Magnesia into the drinking water every fourth day. Give two doses of bromide of potassium, with a day between each dose—dissolve three grains of the bromide in a little syrup, and after all fluid has been drained away from the boiled maize, pour the bromide syrup over it, and as soon as it has soaked in, supply to the bird. Repeat the bromide preparation after each attack, or if there are any signs of the attack coming on, a prompt dose of the bromide may prevent it. However, I repeat, win its confidence, and induce it to take exercise, which will be better than all the drugs. The above treatment, however, should give relief and assist towards a cure. Our Nutshell, "The Grey Parrot," 2½d. post free, from our manager, would tell you all about food and general treatment.

AN AILING GREY PARROT (G. Nelson).—You are not entitled to a reply by post (see rules), but as the case is rather urgent I am sending one. In addition to the maize, give the following seed mixture: One quart each canary seed and white millet, one pint oats, half a pint each hemp, wheat, dari, and sunflower seeds, well mix and keep a supply in the cage. Also ripe fruit, shelled nuts, plain biscuit; keep a piece of clean cuttlebone hanging in the cage, and add a pinch of grit (not sand) to the daily supply of seed mixture. Offer it three times daily, chilled water containing Byno-phosphates, let it satisfy its thirst on each occasion (half a teaspoonful of the phosphates to tablespoonful of water); once a week in lieu of the phosphates put one teaspoonful of Dinneford's Magnesia in the same quantity of water. After about a fortnight the water can be left continually in the cage. The diet has not been varied enough, and the bird has not eaten sufficient to keep up its strength. Looks very much as if it had been gradually wasting away, and I am doubtful if you can save the bird at this stage. Still, we must hope for the best. It can have household bread, not new, and plain biscuit quite freely. Keep it warm, yet where it will get light and air without draught. If you get our Nutshell, "The Grey Parrot," 2½d. post free, from our Manager, it will give you fullest details as to how to treat and feed. Carry out above treatment and report progress about a fortnight hence. But if it has another "fit" (?) write again at once, giving fullest details you can.

BUDGERIGARS (Unlucky).—Budgerigars are not impossible breeders in a cage, but of late years they are losing the character they once had of never falling out, and there is a great deal of individualism among them. As the two pairs will not agree in their present space, try only one pair in the cage—that is, if you have one hen with a brown cere and one cock with bright blue cere, and put and keep the other pair out of sight. If you have none in breeding condition—that is, cock with bright blue cere, hen with brown cere, then leave them together till they are, fight or no fight. As soon as they are in breeding condition, if they still disagree, put each pair in a separate cage, and you should certainly have young before the season is over. The season lasts till October, sometimes longer. "Never say die."

BIRDS FOR OUTHOUSE AVIARY (F. E. Edwards)).—It will be necessary to see that the atmosphere of the outhouse is not unduly moist. You must regulate this by proper ventilation, yet a draught must not pass through the cage, nor yet the sun be allowed to shine directly into it for long periods. You can have half a dozen pairs (the cage would have been much more useful had it been a foot higher), and the following would answer well till you have more experience: Zebra Finches, Cutthroats, Bronze Mannikins, Avadavats, Golden-breasted Waxbills and Silverbills. Use only twiggy branches for perches, and put up an assorted dozen of nest boxes, coconut shell nests and husks, and some of them should breed. A staple mixture of canary and white millet seed, supplemented with millet sprays, greenfood, grit, cuttlebone, and water. "Foreign Birds for Beginners," 1s. 1½d. post free, from our Manager, would help you greatly.

FEATHER PULLING, ETC. (J.T.N.).—I am glad to note there is an improvement, as this promises ultimate cure. You must persevere with the treatment, and continue to spray, weekly at least, with quassia solution. Also keep it well occupied and entertained; give it a branch of some non-splintery wood to cut to pieces and chew up, also cotton reels, etc., to play with. Talking to it, and, if it is tame enough, letting it take exercise outside its cage, are both important helps towards recovery. Report progress a month hence with full details, and I will try and help further if necessary. Persistence counts for a great deal in such cases.

POST MORTEMS.

Mr. G. Yates, M.R.C.V.S., 1, College Road, Harrow, Middlesex, will examine and report upon dead cage birds for a fee of 1s. 6d. each bird; for reply direct, 2s. 6d.; analysis, 21s. Subjects for post mortem examination must be sent packed in a box direct to Mr. Yates, with the fee, this and any accompanying letter being kept from contact with the dead bird. Send by letter-post; it is cheaper and quicker than parcel post. Any bodies sent to the office of this paper will be thrown away, and if a fee is enclosed the loss will be the sender's.

W. Nolan.—Death arose from acute inflammation of the bowels, with apoplexy of the spleen, originating, I should say, in poisoning by ptomaine, otherwise poisonous products generated in the food. The bird was otherwise in excellent condition.

B.E.J., Devonport.—Septic fever.

GENERAL.

Answered by THE EDITOR.

Southern Yorkshire C.C. (J. W. Rennie).—This is not a matter we care to give any publicity to.

Result of League Prizes (Constant Reader).—This will be announced in about a fortnight's time. Kindly supply your name and address.

D. McArthur.—Many thanks for kind recommendation, and marked newspaper received.

H. C. Brookes, D. McArthur.—Kindly see announcement in another column this week.

H. Rees.—See announcement in another column. We are afraid it would be impracticable to do as you suggest re "Illustrated Ideas." We have room only for two or three of these each week, and all those used are paid for. A very large number are in hand, and most will appear in due course.

G. H. Thomas (and several others).—Queries which have to be sent to our specialists for reply cannot possibly be answered in the next issue after receipt unless they are to hand by first post Monday morning. Please see rule to this effect.

J. A. Dent.—We are sorry to hear of your misfortune, but it would appear that you have no redress, having written to express your approval of the birds. Please note that matter intended for publication must be written on one side the paper only.

Tapper and Cundy.—Please note latter part of answer to J. A. Dent.

W. Hainsworth.—The address of the makers of "Phosto" is The Phosto Co., Ensworth, Hants. You will find an advt. of the preparation in this week's issue. We have sent the Canary part of your query to our specialist, Mr. Claude St. John, who will advise you next week.

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ONE notice of any forthcoming Society meeting inserted free. It should reach us not later than Tuesday morning's post. Specially printed Club Notice Postcards may be had free on application to our Manager. Secretaries should always use them.

Annfield Plain F. and F.C.B.S.—May 11, Smith Arms, 7. Table show for rabbits and cavies, 3d. per pen. Business important.—J. W. Christon.

Aintree F.S.—May 13, headquarters, The Church Hall, Long Lane, 8. Arranging classification and judges for August Bank Holiday, gala show, etc. Next table and nest feather show June 10th. Six classes. Judge, Mr. J. Walker.—J. A. Anderson.

British Roller C.C.—May 16, The Royal Mail, Noble Street, St. Martin-le-Grand, 8. Monthly meeting.—J. W. Norris.

Bradford West C.B.A.—May 11, Shoulder of Mutton, Girlington, 8.—Kilburn and Western.

Bolton Woods C.B.S.—May 11, Victoria Hotel, 8. Members' show business.—M. Skirrow.

Bath F.S.—May 16, Foresters' Hall, 8. Table show, young stock, bred 1912. Entries close May 14th. Committee meeting 7.—E. W. Cotterell.

Bramley O.S.—May 13, Unicorn Inn, 8. Important, all please turn up; new members invited.—W. H. Steel.

Bolton R.C.S.—May 14, Joiners' Arms Hotel, Bolton, 8. Annual show date.—William Massey.

Bingley O.S.—May 14, Co-operative Rooms, 7.30. Important; fanciers invited.—A. Livesey.

Cinnamon Marked Yorkshire C.C.—May 18, Market Tavern, Bradford, 6.30 p.m. Annual meeting. Balance-sheet, election of officers and competitions. —Grayshon and Allen.

Cowdenbeath C.B.S.—May 18, Crown Hotel, 7. Replies from judges; hall for show; and other important business.—Joseph R. Reid.

Chopwell C.B.S.—May 18, Club Hall, 6. Business important. All fanciers and members are requested to attend: all intending members should join at this meeting.—W. Tomlineon.

Cardiff C.B.S.—May 16, Maskell's Hotel, 8. Fix nest feather show; also elect judge; other important business.—E. Thomas.

City and Surburban A.C.B.—May 13, Church Institute, 60, Paddington Street, Marylebone, W., 8.15. Cage Bird Staging Competition; judge, Mr. C. Prior. Interested visitors warmly welcomed.—Henry W. Dickinson.

Crewe O.S.—May 14, Brotherhood Institute, 7.30. Rules; will all members kindly attend.—E. Jaycott.

Denton C.B.S.—May 13, headquarters, Denton Brotherhood, 8. Lecture on the Norwich Canary by Mr. Robinson, Manchester. Fanciers and friends invited.—W. Hopwood.

Eccles C.B.S.—May 15, Diamond Inn, 8. Prize money and cards, new members; business important. —J. Hall.

Gt. Harwood C.B.S.—May 13, Dan MacNally's, 8. Balance-sheet and election of officers.—Alb. Bentley.

Gt. Horton (Good Intent) O.S.—May 11, Church Schools, Southfield Lane 8. Business important.—Hy. Gornall.

Great Horton O.S.—May 11, Butchers' Arms, Great Horton, 8.—J. Holroyd.

Hackney and Stoke Newington F.A.—May 14, Amethyst Club, 110, Church Street, 8. To hear report of delegates for combined show; also table show of Bantams, pigeons and eggs.—C. L. Hatchett.

Haltwhistle.—May 14, Mr. Nicholson's, 8. Important business; good company desired.—Nicholson and Tallantyre.

Houghton-le-Spring.—May 11, White Lion Hotel, 7.30.—Business important. Members please note that subscriptions are now due.—R. H. Dixon.

Ilford and County F.S.—May 14, St. Luke's Institute, Ilford Lane. First monthly show, all sections. Judging competition in connection therewith.—J. H. Priestman.

Keighley C.B.S.—May 14, Black Horse Hotel, 7.30. Members' meeting; important.—J. Binns.

Llanelly C.B.S.—May 11, Greyhound Hotel, 7. Important show matters; also hope all members will bring all outstanding money that books may be audited.—Daniel John.

Leith O.S.—May 11, Liberal Club, Hope Street, 7. Replies from judges.—Geo. Brown.

Longton C.B.S.—May 14, Castle Inn, 8. Elect new members. Paper on colour-feeding by Mr. J. Pitchford. All members please attend. Important. Fanciers invited. Subs. 3s.—Geo. Lea.

Middlesex O.S.—May 16, St. John's School, Southall, 8. To arrange schedule for young stock show.—Jeffery Jefferis.

Morpeth C.B.S.—May 11, Earl Grey, 7.30. General business.—E. Cowling.

Mid-Rhondda C.B.S.—May 16, White Hart Hotel, 7. Every member is earnestly requested to attend, as business of importance will be brought forward bearing on the future welfare of the club.—J. T. Lloyd.

Nottingham and Notts O.S.—May 14, Mechanics' Institute, 8. To arrange for nest feather show.—G. E. Wilkinson.

North Manchester C.B.S.—May 14, St. Stephen's Schools, 8. First feather show business.—John Davey.

Newcastle C.B.S.—May 16, 65, Grainger Street, 8. Committee. Important business. Committee meeting.—J. W. Reed.

New Cross C.B.S.—May 12, New Cross S.E. and C. Railway Station, 9 a.m. Ramble to Tonbridge. All fanciers are welcome; meet us at station or write to the secs.—Barton and Barton.

North London C.B.A.—May 15, headquarters, 8. Discussion on Mule breeding opened by Mr. G. Mortlock.—P. W. Jeffries.

Oldham C.B.A.—May 14, Textile Dining Rooms, 8. Show and other business, also arrangements for ramble on May 26. Fanciers, turn up.—Jas. Cope.

Pendleton and Salford O.S.—May 13, Irwell Castle, 8. Lecture on British Brids by Mr. J. W. Bancroft. A good muster please.—Critchley and Metcalfe.

Plumstead and Woolwich C.B.S.—May 16, Trinity Schools, Beresford Street, Woolwich, 8. Lecture on British Birds by J. Marley, Esq. Friends invited.—E. Meades.

Romford and Dis. Fanciers.—May 13, White Hart Hotel, 8. At the last meeting it was agreed to promote a cup fund. All sections as far as possible to be provided with a cup for competition at the annual show in December. Small contributions will be accepted, and may be sent to the treasurer or myself.—Charles Ives.

Sale C.B.S.—May 13, Volunteer Hall, 8. General business.—Royle and Wood.

Sowerby Bridge C.B.S.—May 18. Ramble to Hardcastle Craggs. Train leaves Sowerby Bridge at 1.55 p.m.; good turn up of members and friends is desired.—Sutcliffe and Walker.

Sunderland C.B.A.—May 11, Fawcett Street Cafe, 7.30.—J. Jeffrey.

Stockport B.F.A.—May 14, Boar's Head Hotel, 8. General business.—W. Stafford.

Sandy Lane C.B.A.—May 14, Victoria Hotel, 8. Important; open show arrangements for members' shows and judges; all members invited.—Ratcliffe and Shaw.

Skipton C.B.S.—May 13, Globe Coffee Tavern, 8. Consideration of first feather show.—E. Gill.

Tong C.B.S.—May 14, Hand and Shuttle Inn, 7.45. Business important. Subscription now due.—W. Walker.

Wakefield Roller Club.—May 13, Elephant and Castle Inn, 8.—H. Roebuck.

Wakefield O.S.—May 11, Crown and Anchor, 8. Young bird show and other special business. Members please attend.—J. Isherwood.

Watford C.B.S.—May 15, beadquarters, Essex Arms Hotel, 8.15. Lantern lecture by Mr. E. T. Bailey and settle about ramble. Members bring friends. All are welcome.—W. Rackley.

Swansea C.B.S.—May 14, Market Coffee Tavern, 8. Arrangements for first feather show.—S. H. George.

Wigan C.B.S.—May 18, Legs of Man, 8. Open Roller singing contest.—H. Young.

Wood Green F.F.A.—May 14, Adult School Hall, Brook Road. Table show of poultry; judge, Mr. Hudson. Also judging competition, 8.30. All fanciers invited.—A. Willson.

Windhill C.B.S.—May 18, "Blue Bell" Hotel, 8 o'cl. Special committee meeting to allot specials, etc., for members' shows.—Taylor and Gunn.

York C.B.S.—May 13, All Saints Room, 7.45. Lecture British Birds, by Mr. H. E. Shorney. Members and friends invited. Please make an effort to be present.—H. Sayles.

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Cage Birds League.

For Patrons, Presidents, &c., see last week's issue.

In Aid of a Distressing Case.

Some weeks ago, I called attention to the sad misfortune which had befallen one of our members, Mr. Couchman, of Swanley Village. Besides losing his furniture in a fire, Mr. Couchman suffered the infinitely greater loss of his only child, who was burned to death. Mrs. Couchman received serious injuries at the same time. I am now glad to hear from our member, Mr. Peck, who agreed to receive and properly administer any subscriptions that our fellow members would send in aid of this distressing case, that he has received a welcome donation from our member, Mr. Foxen, of Bromley.

A Welcome Visit.

I have had the great pleasure this week of receiving a visit from a Nottingham member, Mr. Cottingham, who was only in London for a few hours, but found time to call upon me. Mr. Cottingham was accompanied by his good wife, who, he says, sees well to it that the Humanitarian extremists shall have no chance of complaining as to the manner in which birds are kept in his shop. Mr. Cottingham says he is in hopes of winning our £5 special for the best kept bird shop in the kingdom, and was very curious as to the "mysterious visitor," as he called him, who is keeping his eyes open during his visits to all the principal towns in the country. I was, of course, not able to satisfy Mr. Cottingham's curiosity. I could only assure him that the gentleman in question is a person of very great experience in birdy matters, and his decision at the proper time will be given upon what he has seen with his own eyes during the year.

Renewal Subscriptions.

The response to my note of last week has been very gratifying, many members sending the amount of their renewal subscription some time in advance of its actually falling due. In all such cases, as explained last week, the new receipt will be dated for the proper time, so that there is no reason for members to wait until the last day before sending in their shilling for renewal, and the receipt of the amount will save much time.

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Correspondence.

A "Moving" Experience.

Sir,—About a fortnight ago a friend of mine, who is a Canary fancier, had to move his residence from Leicestershire to Northumberland at an awkward time, as two pairs of his pairs were getting on with their business. One hen hatched out four young the morning he was compelled to move them another hen was sitting on four eggs. After travelling all day by train, and then three miles afterwards in a heavy cart, he at last got them to their new destination, but was sorry to find on his arrival that the four newly-hatched birds were dead. The hen with the four eggs sat well throughout the journey, and next morning hatched out three young ones out of the four eggs. One died when it was two days old, but the other two, which I saw myself a few days ago, are still doing very well. I consider it a very uncommon occurrence after such a long and noisy journey, to find that one hen was still sitting comfortably through it all. Trusting this will interest some of your many readers.

A. E. Jeffries.

The Long-Eared Owl.

Sir,—The Long-eared Owl is the largest of the Owls, and is not so common as the others, particularly the Little Owl, which is very numerous about this part (Ramsey). It is very rare that its nest is found except in large woods, which are as a rule preserved for game. Until about five or six years ago, I generally managed to get a nest of young, which I brought up by hand. Now that Owls and other large birds are being catered for and shown at our large shows, these birds are well worth keeping, for they are very interesting pets if hand-reared. Of course, I should never advise anyone to keep or exhibit a caught one, for he would, from my experience, take some taming. I tried to tame two of these birds once, and gave it up in disgust. These and the other Owls are generally the first birds to nest; they build in old nests of Rooks, Magpies, etc., in some tall tree. The young can be raised on nearly any kind of meat—mice, pieces of rats, beetles, boiled lights (also raw), etc. If they are kept in cages, they must have a very large cage; I used to keep mine in a large bacon-box with wire in front. They must have plenty of sawdust at the bottom of cage, as they are very dirty, and if not well and often cleaned out soon become quite offensive. The hen is generally the larger bird, and is darker in the ground colour of the plumage, and more profusely marked on the breast and abdomen than the cock—the marks are broader and more conspicuous. I dislike this Owl. Nimrod.

The Closed Ring Question.

Sir,—The discussion re the use of closed rings for Canaries appearing in Cage Birds is very interesting and instructive. I have read both sides of it, and the evidence, in my opinion, favours the use of closed rings. However, I would not dream of disqualifying any fancier whose birds were not rung, neither do I think it fair for the anti-ring fanciers to coerce fanciers who ring their birds. We should be left a free hand. From what I have been able to gather from the discussions, the reasons against their use are:—(1) that the mothers will drag the young from their nests; (2) it is too risky and delicate a task for working men with coarse hands to manage. These are the disadvantages, but what about the benefits? In reply to the first charge, I may say I have had hens drag young from the nest and pick their toes and beaks off years before I ever saw closed rings. To the second charge, the first fancier I saw perform the alleged difficult task had hands as large as a fire shovel, and as coarse as a file. The easy manner in which he accomplished it stimulated my courage, and after seeing how he had kept a record of his breeding by the rings I determined I would ring my birds, even at the risk of being disqualified at shows. There are many benefits to be derived from the use of rings. It is the only way of keeping a true record of breeding, whereby any person can tell how the birds are bred as well as the breeder himself. It is also a safeguard for telling the age, which is worth a great deal. Personally, I always buy birds by their face value now, but there are some people, if they are told a yarn about a bird's pedigree, will give much larger prices than the bird is worth. If the bird's pedigree was always as represented, it would be all right; but the only place it does exist is in the deluded purchaser's brain. It would stop the lending and borrowing of birds for club shows, the receiving of birds on a week's approval, showing them at small shows, and then returning them as too dear; in fact, it would rout out various forms of fraud and cheating and purify the Fancy by at least 25 per cent. Some are against the cost, but let me tell, especially the novice, that their absence will cost them very much more.

Ringy.

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Sir,—The White Canary, when first exhibited, was received in various quarters with such derision that it certainly looked as if the bird was going to be swiftly and unceremoniously snowed under. I remember the year it made its debut at the Crystal Palace. It got a very mixed reception. The A.O.V. folk pelted it with all the wordy brickbats they could command. Poor Dobson, who judged, came in for a share of the missiles, and of chaff there was a perfect fusillade. I myself came in for a share of the chaff in the following year. But the public came to see the bird. The White Canary was the one object enquired for. I did not mind the critics saying it was in its wrong class. I was on solid ground, and the bird was rightly classed, for if it was a White Yorkshire there was no class for it but A.O.V. But I have been greatly amused since at the "volte face" performed by some of the critics and their complete change of front can be best summed up in the words of one of the leaders of the "opposition," uttered when the blood was cool at the 1912 show: "Well, say what you like, they are white, and they are nice"—a plain proof that hasty prejudice had prevented him from giving himself time to thoroughly examine the bird hitherto. It is difficult now to understand how people with experience could have taken three years to learn that the White Canary was really white and not a washed-out buff. This is proved by the fact that the actual bird which the critics this year confessed was white was last year pronounced a cast-off, washed-out buff Yorkshire! Deary me! But one is sometimes tempted to think that it is a weakness in some natures to watch the way the tide flows, and row accordingly. G. G.

Egg-eating and Other Matters.

Sir,—I notice in Cage Birds of this week the report of a Waxbill having been found. I lost one out of my bird room four months ago. It was one of the same kind as that mentioned, but it may not be the same bird. I would like to say a few words about birds eating their eggs. I have a Yellow Norwich hen now feeding four young out of five eggs, who laid the following clutches in 1911:—Started with 2; 5; 7; 6; 8; 6; 2—39 eggs in all. Also another hen who has hatched four out of five eggs. I had four young birds out of other nests whose hens would not feed, so I put them under this hen, and she brought them all up; but I had to make a special nest box for them when ten days old. I had a hen who ate her own eggs. I failed to cure her of the habit, although I tried the plan of filling eggs with mustard. I should be obliged if any reader could suggest another cure. I have a Goldfinch cock who feeds the hen, sits on the eggs when the hen is off, and feeds the young when hatched. I have never had any trouble with him pricking the eggs, although he stays with the hen all the breeding time. Hoping this may interest some of my fellow-fanciers. Wishing Cage Birds every success. A. Nelson.

Wanted! Goldfinches Eggs for Hatching under American Canaries.

Sir,—I am desirous of getting, if possible, two or three nests of eggs of Goldfinches to put under Canaries, and try if possible to get some cage bred Finches. We have had Finches breed in cages here, but the work is mighty slow, so I thought perhaps if we could get some eggs and have Canaries hatch and rear them, it would help the matter along considerably. Of course, I am not going to ask you to do anything which you might think wrong, but to put me in touch with some person whom you think is reliable, and would gather the eggs laid, and deliver them to a person whom I shall name at Southampton who will bring them over to me. They need not send the whole lot of eggs of any nests that they find; what I want is about 12 or 15 eggs altogether, which of course must not have been long in the nest, but must be gathered as laid. Say a person found two or three nests of Finches, in which the Finch had just started laying. If he will agree to gather some from whatever nests he may find, and send those eggs to the party whom I will name, whether it be 3 or one dozen of eggs, I will pay whatever cost to which he may be put. Trusting to get a favourable reply.

F. Gambo,

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Store Cages and Clap-nets.

Sir,—Would any of your readers kindly tell me how to make a store cage, say, 12in. long; also how to get clap nets over when the wind blows on the side. Is there any pulley arrangement that would make the slow net come quicker? Also, what number of call birds to use for Linnet catching, and where to place them? W. Turner.

Can Mules Breed?

A Revival of this Perennial Query.

Sir,—I have a hen Canary sitting on four eggs to a cock Linnet Mule. I should like to know if any young have been exhibited, and what would their proper names be, as I am confident regarding the mule of having some young ones. I read in Cage Birds of some being bred, but never heard of being exhibited. Hoping you will oblige.

Joseph Govier.

Should Hybrids with Alien Parents be given Separate Classes?

Sir,—I should like, through the medium of Cage Birds to say a few words on the most interesting of all the branches of bird rearing and breeding, namely, hybrid breeding, as there have been letters lately on this subject advocating separate classes for hybrids bred from British and foreign parents. I for one should like to see this so, but can it be done? I am sorry to say I do not think it can, but of course I may be wrong. In the first place, are there enough hybrids bred to make separate classes, and be a success both to the show and exhibitors? How often do we hear complaints from show secretaries of short entries, and from the exhibitor of only half prize money? If these classes are divided, will they fill any better, or shall we be any better off then than we are now? Then, again, there will be grumbling from the exhibitors if the judge "wrong classes" a hybrid bred from British birds because of its being too big—and there are some hybrids bred from British birds that can beat the ones bred from Siberian or foreign parents, both in size and markings. Then, again, what about the German hen Bullie? That's a foreign bird, and yet we have our own hen Bullies that can give it points, and then beat it easily for size. Yet a hybrid bred from it would, strictly speaking, have to be shown in the classes for hybrids bred from foreign birds (both parents foreign). Then, again, how are we to distinguish the difference between the Redpoll-Bullie, and Siskin-Bullie (when got)? In my opinion this cross would have to be got from either the German hen Bullie or English, for it seems to me it would be a waste of time to pair either a Redpoll or Siskin cock to a Siberian hen Bullie on account of the difference in size. If a German Bullie is used we should strictly have to show it in the hybrid from foreign parents class, that is, with both parents foreigners. If English parents are used, then, in the other class, and yet, as far as I can see there would be no difference either in size or marking between these hybrids. Then, again, what class should we have to show a hybrid in where one parent is a foreign bird and the other English? I have no doubt there are some bred in this way. I myself am trying it this season. Now, if separate classes are provided for our hybrids, in what class shall we have to show a hybrid where the parents are birds one British and one Continental?

Hunstanton. A. Meek.

Welsh C.B.C.

An Appeal to Welsh Fanciers for Support.

Sir,—I shall be glad if all societies intending to apply for the patronage of the above Club will please send their applications to me not later than the 16th May next. May I ask the societies of Wales to seriously consider this matter, which I am sure would be to their benefit? We will consider mixed shows as well as cage bird shows. Will our members kindly note that the annual general meeting will take place at Merthyr on Saturday, the 18th May next, and I shall be glad to know if any member has anyone to propose for office, or any other proposal to make. Any fanciers wishing to join, will they please send their applications to me on or before the 18th May? The entrance fee is only 3s., which must be sent with application.

A. E. Brown,
Hon. Ses., 66, Clare Street, Merthyr Tydfil.

To Renovate Brass Cages.

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W. White.

Oldham.

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Can Birds Reason?

Sir,—An interesting discussion has arisen among the naturalists of the Middle West as a result of a paper read by Prof. John Uri Lloyd before the Audubon Society at Cincinnati, in which the distinguished savant claimed that birds both reason and think. "Little birds, like little babies," says Dr. Lloyd, "instinctively cry for food and instinctively eat. But the grown birds make use of reasoning powers to help them out of difficulties and to make their life more pleasant, as human beings do. Near Seattle, Wash., at one time, I saw some Crows plunging into the mud, and was surprised at their strange antics. On close observation I found they had picked clams out of the mud. Then they rose to a height of several hundred feet and dropped the clams on the rocks, so that the shells would be broken and they could get the clam. They never dropped the clams on the mud, where they would not break. Blue Jays have a habit of hiding food under leaves so that they can secure it in future time of want. I saw Blue Jays do this near my home, but after we fed a Blue Jay daily for several months he reasoned out that his food supply was so certain that it was no longer necessary for him to hide anything under leaves, and he stopped that practice. I saw another bird at my home reason out a plan of modern scientific management—that is, the doing of most work with least motions. This bird's young were crying for food overhead, while she pecked at a rock on the ground with her bill and then inserted her bill under her feathers. Close examination showed that every time she struck the rock she had a large black ant in her mouth. She killed the ants, then secreted them under her feathers. When she had enough she flew up to her brood of squealing young and fed them. In this way the mother accomplished the feeding without making so many trips back and forth between nest and ground. One day we fed the birds at our house with bread so hard that they were unable to eat it. The birds very sensibly carried the bread to a near-by pan of water that we provided, dipped it in water and softened it, and they enjoyed their feast. They had reasoned out a method of softening the bread."

Felix J. Koch.

Cincinnatti.

Can Glass be Cut with Scissors?

A Challenge to a Reader.

Sir,—I wish to draw your attention to a statement made in your columns that glass could be cut with a pair of scissors, holding glass and scissors under water whilst operating. I say that it cannot be done, and challenge anyone to prove the contrary.

John Gosling.

[The statement that glass may be so cut is by no means a new one. We have seen it made many times, but have never tested its practicability. It would be interesting to know if any readers have been able to cut glass by the method mentioned.—Ed. "C.B."]

Sir,—I hope the correspondent on this subject last week is not amusing himself at your readers' expense. His method of cutting glass was common knowledge among the boys in my school days, and most, or all, newcomers were seriously informed of it. But I doubt if a single one ever tried it in practice. They only "smole" and "were not having any." It would be really interesting if readers who have actually put it to the test would relate their experience. For practical glass-cutting in a small way, such as fanciers need, the little tools with a hard steel wheel, which can be bought at from 3d. each almost anywhere, are all that could be desired. The only fault in them is that the cutting powers of the wheel rather quickly diminish, but as a spare wheel is generally provided with a 6d. cutter, it should be quite possible to purchase these wheels separately at a cheap rate. It would be more to the point if some reader could tell fanciers where these wheels could be so purchased.

Claude St. John.

Two Young from One Egg?

Sir,—I write to inform you of the most remarkable occurrence that I have ever experienced in my breeding of Canaries. I had a Norwich hen due to hatch on May 2. She had laid four eggs, but the last of the clutch she dropped on the cage floor, and it was broken. On the morning of May 2, when I looked in the nest there was one hatched, and on looking at night there was still just the one, but to my surprise, on the next morning there were three and one egg left, which I knew beforehand was unfertile. The eggs were all of a size, just the ordinary size for a Norwich hen to lay. Some to whom I have mentioned it rather discredit my statement, saying she may have laid another egg after starting to sit, but this is not the case, as I always examine the eggs after the hens have sat a week, and also when the first one is hatched. I knew she just had two other eggs, and one was left after the birds were hatched, which, as I stated before, proved unfertile. I have on two or three occasions had a hen lay two eggs on one day, but this is the first time I have had two young hatched from one egg. I might just say that the two young from the one egg are as large as the single one from the other. They are all alive so far, the hen feeding fairly well.

Geo. Dobinson.

The Pied Fly-Catcher.

Sir,—The Pied Flycatcher is now very rare, and is seldom met with. I have not heard of a nest having been found about here of late years. Some years ago there used to be two nests about this place, one of which was found near a pond in a pear tree in a private garden. I was called in to identify the nest and bird. This was about six years ago. The other also was in a large private garden, and was not allowed to be taken. The first nest had eggs when I saw it, and was left for young. When about fourteen days old, I got the nest and young, and successfully hand-reared the four young ones. I was told that I could not do it by those who thought they knew, and had tried to raise soft-billed birds. The method I used was newly boiled bread and milk fresh daily, the yolk only of eggs, and biscuit, all well mixed with the bread and milk, together with some fresh ants' eggs (not dried ones). I used to have to go out into the fields, etc., and gather them. I gave also house flies, with all the spiders I could catch, butterflies' bodies, gnats, and, in fact, all the insects I could procure. It was a very tedious job until they could pick up, but it well repaid me the trouble. After I had got them to pick up I gave them a good insectivorous diet as a staple food, with all the live insects I could get, particularly winged insects; it was quite amusing to see them go for a butterfly or moth when placed in their cage. They are very interesting birds, and are not likely at all to become very common as a cage bird, as they are so rarely met with The description of a cock in full plumage, as far as I can remember, is:—The beak is black, the eyes are dark hazel, on the forehead is a white spot, the top of the head and around the eyes and back part of the neck, as well as the tail, are black, with the exception of the external feathers of the tail, which are white; the back is black intermixed with brown; the rump feathers are paler and mixed with grey; the pen feathers of the wings are russet brown; the wing coverts are blackish brown, the larger ones being tipped with white; the outer side of the secondary quill feathers is white; the throat, fore part of neck, checks, breast, belly, sides, and vent are white; the legs and feet are black. The nest takes a bit of finding. It is made of small roots, husks, grass, moss, lichen, and hair. The hen generally lays about four to five eggs of a pale greyish blue colour. The hen is brown in colour where the cock is black, and is without the white spot on the forehead; the white in the wings is duller and greyer, and the under parts are dusky white. The song of the cock is not much; only a twittering noise, not at all unpleasant.

NIMROD.

The R.S.P.C.A. and its Inspectors.

The Working of the New Act.

Sir,—Just a few thoughts upon the way in which the new Act is being administered. We were given to understand that the law had been altered so as to give greater scope for the detection and suppression of real cruelty. The R.S.P.C.A. and its supporters had conceived the notion that they alone of all mankind could protect the birds. So far the extent of their present ramifications appears to be the bird dealer, bird catcher, and men whose names and addresses they can get any day from show catalogues and society membership lists. Practically, they do very little real detective work. I had understood, up to the time this new edition of the law came into force, that the inspectors of the R.S.P.C.A. were paid solely for the duties of seeking out and punishing offenders in cases of cruelty. But the new Act seems to have changed all this, for the inspectors will not now require to exercise detective skill, but simply to consult printed lists, fit the times of their visits to addresses to suit themselves, and manufacture cases upon the most trivial technicalities. If they happen to drop in at a time when a breeder or dealer may chance to have been obliged to put off cleaning out for a day, there is the opportunity, and upon him they pounce. If by reason of temporary shortage of cage room he may have put a bird or two into small cages, he is in for trouble. And at the court the offence is never minimised! A great deal more of the humane spirit lurks in the bird-keeper's breast than in the breasts of his accusers—put to the test. Consequently R.S.P.C.A. inspectors are apt to spend a great deal more valuable time in meddlesomeness than in real effective work of detection. There is no skill in picking out names from a membership list, to the neglect of cases where real cruelty is practised. I can see such cases frequently, and yet no inspector interferes. Only the other day I called the attention of a man to a Chaffinch in a wee back cage, and, to make matters worse, tied closely in a black handkerchief and set upon the front window sill. I did not care to risk abuse by calling it cruel, so in order to ensure better treatment for the bird I acted as the man's friend, and warned him that if an inspector of the R.S.P.C.A. came along he would certainly get into trouble, and I wanted to save him from that. The next day the bird was on the sill enjoying so much of the sunlight as a back cage would allow. Not a great deal, I agree; but the black handkerchief was gone. My next move will be a little "advice" as to the size of the cage, on the R.S.P.C.A. basis.

G. G.

TO THOSE FANCIERS WITH MEMORIES.

OUR attention has been drawn to certain pitifully worded appeals for support now being widely circulated by a trade rival. These contain ludicrous attacks by innuendo upon us, and we have been asked whether we purpose taking any action against the writer. In reply we can only say that we are quite content to entrust our present position and our future with the Fancy at large, which has a sufficiently long memory to carry it back to the days when it was tyrannised over and "sweated for all it was worth" by the party in question. The sales and popularity of CAGE BIRDS have never been at a higher pitch than they stand at to-day, and our policy of suppressing on the part of reporters all atttempts at "getting their own back," for which other papers have been notorious, has proved as acceptable to the public as it has to our own ideas of right and wrong. We do not claim to be an ideal cage-bird journal, but we do claim to have given our readers fair play and a run for their money every time, which is more than those who would depose us from our paramount position can truthfully say of themselves. With grateful thanks to all old friends and new.

THE EDITOR.

The Shama Thrush.

Sir,—I have often been asked, "Which do you consider the best and most satisfactory songster for a lover of cage birds to keep?" and I unhesitatingly answer: "The Shama Thrush," for I have learned by long experience in handling cage birds that for real melody, variety and sweetness, the Shama's song is unequalled, while added to this is the fact that these birds quickly become "finger tame." They are very hardy, easily kept, and with ordinary care will live for years. The Shama is a native of the jungles of India; it is about the size of the English Song Thrush, with rich velvety-black head and wings, long black and white tail, dark red breast, evenly marked from throat down, large black, intelligent eyes, black beak, and clean "pinkish white" legs and feet. It should have a nice roomy cage, the ordinary Mocking Bird cage, 18in. by 24in., with hooded top, being the most suitable. The cage should hang out of all cold draughts, for these birds, while naturally very hardy, are natives of India, and sudden changes of temperature or extreme cold will cause their death. There is some diversity of opinion as to the proper food for these birds, so I will simply state how I feed my Shamas, and, as I handle a large number of these birds every year, receiving them immediately on their arrival after a long sea trip, and their high price makes it very necessary that I feed and care for them so that I suffer no death loss, it may be easily understood that I have given much thought to the matter. For their regular daily food I give them finely grated raw carrot, mixed with an equal quantity of Mocking Bird food; each bird gets a heaping tablespoonful of this fresh every day, with two meal worms. Twice a week I mix a few ants' eggs with this food, and then once a week—usually every Sunday—I mix some fine grated hard boiled yolk of egg with the food and carrot; fresh drinking water daily, plenty of clean white gravel or sand at bottom of the cage, and I have no hesitation in saying that if you own a Shama and follow above directions, keeping your bird out of all cold draughts, away from open doors and windows, and in a moderately warm room, he will remain healthy and in song all the year round. The Shama being a soft-billed and insectivorous bird can be fed occasionally with small grasshoppers, spiders, green caterpillars (not hairy caterpillars, nor earth-worms), flies, etc., but in this connection I wish to add that great care should be taken not to feed too many worms and insects. These birds are naturally very greedy for insects, and it is a temptation to the owner to gratify their taste, but one must remember that the bird is confined in a cage, and not flying wild where it can work off this rich food. I know of several instances where fine softbill birds have been killed through their owner feeding too many meal worms and insects because "my bird was so fond of them." It is a dangerous practice, as too many insects will cause paralysis, epilepsy, and death. Three meal worms or other insects daily are the outside limit a Shama should be given, and two meal worms daily are plenty to keep him in good health and song. I have been asked: "What are the makings of a first-class Shama; how can I tell in purchasing one a fine bird from a poor one?" I answer: "Only by hearing them sing and their general look of health." Choose a bird whose eyes are bright, legs clean and not scaly, and whose droppings look natural and healthy; but in selecting a bird do not judge it by its plumage. Some of the roughest and poorest feathered birds are the best songsters, and some of the smoothest and most beautiful plumaged birds are very often loud and harsh in their song or "silent as the grave." A bird's plumage has nothing whatever to do with its song; you cannot judge the merits of a book by its cover. Lastly, I will say: Don't take a chance and buy a cheap bird—there is no chance about it—*you lose every time.* I have been there myself, and know whereof I speak.

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SCOTTISH NATIONAL C.B.S. "SMOKER."

A Memorable Evening.

The long-looked-for "smoker" of the Scottish National C.B.S. has come and gone, but it has been an event which those present will retain in their memories for many a long day. The function was held in the Union Hotel, Lothian Road, and the room was comfortably filled by a happy crowd of "birdy men" and their friends.

The chair was ably filled by the worthy and genial President, Mr. James Winter, who opened the proceedings by welcoming all present, and afterwards proposed the toast of "The King," saying that the people in this country had been fortunate in having a Ruling Monarch of sterling worth as a man and King. The toast was duly honoured in true Scottish style.

Music and Mirth.

Mr. Marshall then opened the musical part of the evening by rendering the appropriate song, "The Song of the Thrush" in a very pleasing manner. Mr. A. Foster followed with "Queen of the Earth." Next came a cornet solo, "Alice, where art thou?" by Mr. Stanley Easter, executed in a pleasing manner. Mr. Matthews gave "Anchored," which fairly brought down the house, and as an encore recited "Devil Ma Care" in a masterly fashion. Mr. Stormont obliged with "True till Death." At this part of the proceedings Mr. Robert Craig proposed the toast of "Kindred Societies," and in a few remarks welcomed the representatives of the various local societies, coupling with the toast the name of Mr. J Steele, Dalkeith, who, in his reply, said that he for one would always do his utmost for the welfare of the "Scottish National." Speaking on the classification of the British Section, he considered that it was the best one any exhibitor could wish, and he advised the committee to stick to it. Mr. Charlton, President of the Edinburgh C.B.S., then sang "Mona" in rare style. An item of considerable interest was a solo by Mr. Clark on the Japanese violin, his rendering of "Auld Robin Gray" and "The Blind Boy" as an encore were a treat to listen to, and well deserved the hearty applause accorded to him. Mr. King then favoured the company with the "Gallant Forty-Twa," and as an encore "Cups and Saucers." Mr. G. Duncan, jun., sang "A Tyrolean Song" in a very creditable manner, but, as a song of this kind requires a hall with a high ceiling, its effect was somewhat spoiled. A capital rendering of "Afton Water" was given by Mr. John Fiunie with much feeling and tenderness. Mr. Matthews obliged again with a comic song, and as an encore recited that favourite poem, "The 11.69." The applause which followed this effort fairly shook the house. "Rocked in the Cradle of the Deep" was next sung by Mr. Tucker, after which Mr. Stanley Easter obliged with "Auld Scotch Songs" on the cornet.

The Toast of the Evening.

At this point a halt was made with the musical part of the programme to allow the principal toast of the evening to be proposed, viz., "The Scottish National Cage Bird Society," which honour fell to Mr. James Lumsden, President of the Leith O.S., who at the outset said he felt he could not do this important toast the justice it required, as he had only been asked when he came into the meeting to do so; but if his memory served him right, he thought that it was about eleven years ago since the Scottish National C.B.S. was started, the first show being held in Picardy Place Hall, and its success was so marked that the officials saw that they would require to look out another venue for the next year's event. They were fortunate in securing the Corn Exchange in the Grass Market, which they have had ever since. It had been rumoured that the Corporation of Edinburgh intended to demolish the building for police headquarters, but he was pleased to intimate that for the society's next show they had again been granted the use of the Corn Exchange, which is one of the largest and best lighted halls in the kingdom for a bird show. Mr. Lumsden said he was sorry to see that the society had dropped a bit financially last year, but he said that all bird societies had their ups and downs, and he counselled the members of the local clubs to rally round the Scottish National, as it was only by their united effort they could expect the society to flourish and keep up their name of being the Palace Show of Scotland. He would now ask the company to drink to the success of the Scottish National Cage Bird Society and its officials. This was enthusiastically done, the company singing "For they are jolly good fellows." Before the chairman replied to the toast Mr. D. Kinlayside, show staging expert, was pressed to sing a song, but he preferred to say a few words in support of the society. He said it was a pleasure to him to do anything to help on the hobby of keeping birds, for a man who had no hobby was an ass. It would always be his endeavour to help the society all he could.

The President's Reply.

Mr. Winter then responded to the toast, remarking that it gave him great pleasure to reply in his capacity as President of such an important society. He said the show was managed and carried out equal with any other in the country, and could give points away as to how things should be done. He had no hesitation in saying the "Scottish National" was the premier show of Scotland. They had an excellent lot of officials, who worked hard in the interests of the society. Their new secretary, Mr. J R. Meikle, had entered on his duties with right good will, and his presence was beginning to be felt already. Mr. Steele, in his remarks, had referred to certain points, so he invited Mr. Steele to bring before the committee anything which would be of interest to the society, and he could assure him it would receive their best attention. On behalf of the officials of the society, Mr. Winter thanked the proposer and the company for the hearty way they had responded to the toast. Mr. Marshall and Mr. Duncan again obliged with a song, after which the Chairman proposed the toast of the "Fancy Press." He said that to leave out this toast from a gathering such as this would be lacking in duty. Mr. George Brown, in replying to the toast, said the Press was a means of letting us know what our brother fanciers were doing all over the country, and was also a medium for the enlightenment of our hobby.

Votes of Thanks.

After several more songs, the Chairman proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the artistes who, he said, had shown talent of the highest order, and had greatly helped to make the "smoker" the success it deserved. The committee owed them a deep debt of gratitude for their services, which were ungrudgingly given. Mr. Chas. Drysdale, President of the Scottish Metropolitan Derby Club, proposed a vote of thanks to the chairman, after which the "smoker" was brought to a close by the singing of "Auld Lang Syne" and "God Save the King." Mr. Nicol presided at the piano and proved himself a capable and proficient accompanist. The arrangements were in the hands of the secretary, Mr. Easter, and Mr. A. Rodger, who deserve the thanks of the company for the able manner they carried out their duties. A notable visitor at the function was Mr. John Brown, of British bird fame, whom we were pleased to see looking his old self again.

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Club Reports.

BUCKHAVEN AND DIS. C.B.S.

Meeting held May 4, Free Gardeners' Hall, for the purpose of fixing up the classes for the open show, to be held Nov. 22nd. Judges: Bord., Mr. A. Walker, Tesmahagow; Nor., Mr. Smeaton, Musselburgh; Brit. and For., Mr. Bald, Bathgate. Open table show fixed for second Saturday of July.—R. Hazzard, Sec.

KETTERING C.B.S.

Meeting held May 6th at headquarters. Mr. J. Bland gave a very interesting lecture on "The why and wherefore of Bird Life," which proved to be one of the best ever delivered before the society. Several questions were asked, and ably answered by the speaker, and a vote of thanks was then passed to Mr. Bland.—A. Martin.

SCOTTISH CRESTED C. C.

Following is official result of the election for 1912: Committee: G. F. Adamson, 31 votes; C. Campbell, 30; A. Chalmers, 29; J. McNaughton, 25; J. McLay, 25; W. Paul, 25; J. Noble, 24; J. F. Dewar, 23; J. Young, 22; J. Cram, 19; G. Mackie, 19; R. Whitton, 17; H. Moreland, 16; F. Taylor, 15; G. Smart, 14. Club Judges: J. Young, 31; A. Chalmers, 24; J. McLay, 24; G. F. Adamson, 20; J. F. Dewar, 20; J. Noble, 18. Auditors: F. Taylor, 13; G. Smart, 10. Secretary and Treasurer, J. Young.—F. Taylor and G. Smart, Scrutineers.

PAISLEY TANNAHILL O.S.

Monthly meeting, held in Mr. Lockie's, 2, St. James' Street, May 4th, Mr. T. Hamilton, vice-president, in the chair. Messrs. Hamilton and Dowell gave report of amalgamation meeting, and after some discussion it was accepted. Secretary read the bye-laws, as per rule. Mr. Ferguson moved that there be no meetings in July and August. Agreed. Records of eggs and young were next taken, and the 13 members reported 48 eggs and 27 young.—John Stewart, 19, Glen Street, Paisley.

FALKIRK GOOD INTENT C.B.A.

Monthly meeting held Oddfellows Hall, 27th, April, James Muir presiding. A washing exhibition given by Messrs. Marshall and Hunter was very much appreciated by the members. Two new members were admitted, Messrs. G. Davie and R. Jamieson. At the next meeting, held May 25th, a table show of British will be held; judge, Joseph Hunter. We have settled to have a ramble on June 1st. All members and fellow fanciers cordially invited to meet at Cross, High Street, at 3 p.m.—Walter Clarkson.

GRIMSBY & CLEETHORPES R.C.S

Meeting, 27th ult., present, Mr. D. Robinson, President; Messrs. Ives (chair), Young, Rawcliffe, Wood, Smith, Drust, Portlock, Hewins, and Mason. A lot of business was got through, including the fixing of dates for next annual show, for Dec. 19th and 20th, at Adults School. Will secretaries kindly note. Since the beginning of the year six new members have been enrolled. It is intended to arrange a discussion on Breeding at the next meeting. Will intending fanciers communicate with the Hon. Sec., and thereby obtain the privilege of joining in the discussion, which will be very interesting, and of great benefit to novices.—H. Mason.

BLAYDON-ON-TYNE C.B.S.

Meeting held May 4th. The secretary reported that he had booked the U.M.F.C. school-room for annual show, also that we have a First Feather show in the Bisley Hotel club-room in July. The secretary was instructed to write the various clubs re patronage. Following were elected as members: W. Collins, Blaydon; W. Dodds, Winlaton; Mr. Cawthorne, Blaydon; R. Charlton, Boy Pit, Blaydon; and T. Dodds, Stargate. Resolved that we again advertise in CAGE BIRDS to the extent of 25s. Annual show fixed for Nov. 1st and 2nd: Judges, C. A. Honce, Esq., Bradford, and W. A. Cowgill, Esq., Bradford.—G. Hayver, Sec.

MIDDLESEX O.S.

A very interesting meeting was held May 2, when Mr. F. Easterling gave a most instructive lecture on "How to become a success-ful exhibitor." After the lecture, Mr. Easterling answered numerous questions, to the satisfaction of all present. The points trophy was on view, and, according to the remarks passed thereon, there will be keen competition for ownership. The following gentlemen have accepted office as vice-presidents: Rowland Bamber, Esq., C. A. House, Esq., John Robson, Esq., T. L. Salter, Esq., and Dr. Windle; Mr. C. A. Banyard was nominated for membership. Rule card will be sent out to members this week, and any fancier can have one by applying to me.—Jeffery Jefferis, Sec. and Treas., 10, Western-rd., Southall.

CHESTER C.B.S.

Meeting held at the Nag's Head Cocoa Rooms, Foregate Street, April 30th, Mr. F. E. Parker presiding over a fair attendance of fanciers. No less than six new members were made at this meeting, five from the locality and Mr. Helsby, of Frodsham Bridge. Decided, to hold the First Feather show on July 3rd at the Boot Inn, Eastgate Row (North). This room, which is admirably adapted for the purpose, is most conveniently central. Classification includes four each for Nor. and Yorks., and eight other classes for A.O.V. Canary, British Hard and Softbills, etc. I would again remind intending members to join this prosperous society at once, and be eligible to compete for Mr. Thompson's beautiful cup, which is to be won outright at this show, for most points with four nominated birds.—R. N. Williams, Hon. Sec.

SCOTTISH PLAINHEAD CLUB.

Annual meeting held 142, High Street, Edinburgh, 27th April, Mr. W. Aitchison presiding, others present being Messrs. R. Craig, A. Holmes, J. Logan, J. Smeaton, and secretary. Mr. J. Hector wrote suggesting that a meeting of club members be held in each of the three districts during next show season, and the matter was allowed to stand over until next committee meeting. Mr. Hector also suggested that the club adopt closed rings, but while it was agreed that there may be advantages to be gained by the ringing of the birds, it was deemed beyond the power of the committee to attempt to bind the members to such a course, and the matter was allowed to rest. At the same time it was agreed that ring birds should be allowed to compete on an equal footing with unring birds for all specials and medals offered by the club. Mr. J. Young wrote proposing that Mr W. Aitchison, Edinburgh, be elected president. This was seconded by Mr. Holmes, and unanimously agreed to, and the undermentioned were elected vice presidents: Messrs. J. Smeaton, A. Sloan, R. Martin, J. Logan, and G. Mitchell. A hearty vote of thanks to the Chairman brought the meeting to a close. Will secretaries please note that our club show falls to be held in the Northern district this year, and applications for same and other patronage are now in order. I shall be pleased to hear from fanciers wishing to join the club, and equally pleased to hear from old members.—J. Brown, Sec.

NORWICH PLAINHEAD CLUB.

Committee meeting, held Saturday, April 27. Following societies were granted the club's patronage for their open shows: Huddersfield, Nottingham, Preston Club show, Liverpool and Bradford National. Members of the N.P.C. are specially requested to bear in mind that at a large meeting of the club, held at Manchester last year, it was resolved that birds wearing rings of any description should not compete for the club prizes. Also that all cages and varnish be got through the secretary. The committee trust that these rules will be observed.—F. Cunliffe, Sec.

SOUTHEND O.S.

General meeting, held headquarters Alexandra Hotel, on May 1st. Young bird show for members fixed for June 12th, at the Blue Boar Hotel, Prittlewell. Members' show on November 6 and 7, at Clarence Hall, Southend-on-Sea. Members specials: Solid silver cup, value £6 6s., for three starred birds in champion class. Silver teapot, value £1 1s. for most points in two shows by a novice. All subs. to be paid by June 6. Judges: First Feather show, Messrs. W. E. Jeffries, Yorks.; A. E. Pattrick, Nor.; H. W. Brown, Brit. November show: Messrs. P. Rorke, Fulham, Yorks.; J. Dewhurst, Kensington, Brit., Hybrid and for.—C. Tapper and Cundy, Secs.

READING C.B.S.

Monthly meeting held May 1st, at Palmer Hall, before a fair attendance. Mr. P. H. Lund was elected a member. A very interesting and novel judging competition then took place. The Editor of CAGE BIRDS very kindly provided some coloured plates, and some of the birds were cut out and mounted on cards. Mr. J. Yates judged them, after which all had a turn on their own. Several got very near to his awards, and altogether a very pleasant evening was spent by all present. Question of new prize cards brought forward by Hon. Sec. was left till next meeting. Breeding results have been very moderate; some are doing very well indeed, but others cannot seem to make a start. More interest is being taken this season in Hybrids, and several pairs are reported as looking very promising.—W. H. Pyke, Hon. Sec.

LOCHGELLY C.B.S.

Special meeting, Bay Horse Tavern, May 4th, Mr. T. Wildridge, President, in the chair. A new member, Mr. A. Cooper, was proposed and accepted. Mr. Wm. Grewar was elected secretary in place of Mr. Whiteford, resigned owing to pressure of work. The schedule rules were then gone over and fully discussed, and, after some slight alteration had been made, were considered satisfactory. With regard to motion tabled at previous meeting re rescinding of minute affecting advertising, there was a long discussion, but ultimately the majority decided in favour of motion, and it was agreed that we advertise in the Fancy Press. A motion that we appoint a show manager was not entertained. Delegate appointed to West of Fife Cage Bird League gave report of last meeting of the League, upon which a lively discussion took place, but nothing definite was arrived at, and subject will come up at a future meeting. A debate took place between Messrs. Wm. Grewar and A. Harris on the Norwich Plainhead. Mr. Grewar ably answering all questions put to him by Mr. Harris, and also by other members who wanted a little more explanation. The questions covered the whole ground of feeding, pairing, rearing, and colour-feeding, and on conclusion Messrs. Grewar and Harris were accorded a hearty vote of thanks. A pleasant hour was afterwards spent in song and sentiment.—Wm. Whitelaw.

LANCASHIRE AND LIZARD F.A.

A tea and social in connection with the presentation of prizes won by the members of the L. and L.F.A. was held at the Old Boars Head Manchester, on Saturday, April 20th. The following members, wives, and friends sat down to a splendid tea: Mr. and Mrs. Swalwell, Mr. and Mrs. Hordern, Mr. and Mrs. Ridgard, Mr. and Mrs. Stansfield, Mr. and Mrs. Dewsnap, Mr. E. and Miss Ollerenshaw, Mr. and Mrs. Rukin, Mr. Oldham and friend, and Messrs. A. and C. Bosworth, J. Hampshire and F. H. Collinge. Mrs. Hampshire was unable to attend owing to ill-health. After tea was done full justice to, the social part of the evening took place, Mr. Jos. Oldham being appointed chairman. The Chairman, in his opening remarks, commented upon the fine array of silver ware, etc., on view as prizes won during the past season. He said it was very pleasant to see so many new names as winners of same. The Lancashire champion trophy (a beautiful silver-plated tea urn) was presented to Mr. A. Hordern as the winner, who made a very fine speech in accepting same. Mr. F. H. Collinge was presented with a lovely silver-plated cake stand, as runner up in champion Lancashires, and replied in a very appropriate manner. Mr. W. Ridgard received gold medal as prize for novice Lancashire champion, and suitably responded. Mr. Jos. Hampshire also made a humorous speech on receiving a gold medal as runner up in Lancashire novice section. Before presenting specials won in Lizard section, Mr. Oldham dwelt a little on his never breeding Lizards, in fact, only once having had a Lizard in his bird room at any time. Mr. Dewsnap was presented with a silver-plated teapot as prize in Lizard champion section, and also silver-plated cruet, presented by Mr. Ramsden, for most points gained for birds fed on his colour food. Mr. Dewsnap responded ably, and said he hoped someone else would win it next year, so that everybody might have a turn. Mr. F. Hamer, who was unable to be present, won a pair of lace curtains as runner-up in Lizard champion section. Mr. A. E. Bosworth won a hand-some set of carvers in novice Lizard section, and suitably responded. Mr. A. Hordern was winner of special for runner-up in novice Lizards. Mr. Hordern reported that Mr. John Vickers, of Shaw had been the victim of a serious loss in his bird room, through the heating arrangements, and it was unanimously decided that secretary write and express the sympathy of the members present in his loss. Mr. Slater, our worthy host, was accorded a vote of thanks for the splendid way we had been catered for. Mr. F. H. Collinge proposed, and Mr. Stansfield seconded, a hearty vote of thanks to the chairman, and to all the club officers for their services to the society during the past season. Mr. Oldham responded in a fitting manner, as did Mr. Rukin on behalf of the officers. Proposed, that members having anything to bring up at the next meeting acquaint the secretary in writing, so that the same can be put on the agenda. Next meeting at Glossop in June, and it is hoped to have a good meeting there. All arrangements as to meeting room are left in Mr. Fuller's hands. Finally settled that we give patronage for Lancashires and Lizards, 4 classes each, to Sheffield O.S., held Nov. 1st and 2nd. Societies wishing for our patronage will please apply for same as early as possible. We have still room for new members, and I will forward all particulars on application.—John Rukin, Hon. Sec.

If Secretaries will kindly condense their reports, they will confer a favour on us.—Editor, "C.B."

CHOPWELL C.B.S.

Meeting held in Club Hall, May 11, Mr. W. Carr chairman. There was only a moderate attendance. Decided that the secretary write a few as to their becoming president and vice-presidents; also to different firms for donations, etc. Next meeting, May 18th, at Club Hall. Will all members and intending members make an effort to attend?—W. Tomlinson, Hon. Sec.

CLAPHAM C.B.S.

Monthly meeting, held at headquarters, The Landor, Clapham, when some 20 members were present. Decided that the annual outing of the Association should take place on Saturday, June 8th, to Ranmore Common, Dorking, when it is hoped a good muster will be present. Several members who were acquainted with this locality felt that an interesting day could be spent there in studying bird life. Arrangements (which will be announced in the Fancy Press later) will be made for luncheon and tea. The washing competition announced to take place proved something of a fiasco, Mr. Yeoman being the only competitor. He entered a Greenfinch, which, for the benefit of the visitors present, Mr. Vale washed. It is not very encouraging to the Hon. Secretary to arrange these competitions when they are so badly supported.—S. A. Sandy.

Since printing the above a similar note has come to hand from Mr. A. R. Coe.—Ed. C.B.

VALE OF LEVEN C.B.A.

Monthly meeting held Village School Room, Alexandria, on 22nd inst., President Hannah in the chair. Communication read from Glasgow and Western Counties C.B.C., stating they were coming to Balloch on 18th inst., and desiring to know if local club would join and show them round. Unanimously agreed to fall in with proposal, and appointed committee to make arrangements. All members to be at Balloch Station to await arrival of 2.59 p.m. train from Glasgow. First Feather show, July 6, annual show on Nov. 16, Public Hall, Alexandria to be engaged for both shows; decided to have three judges. Classes for F.F. show to be: Nor. 4, Crest 1, C.B. 1, Bord. 4, Scotch Fancies 2, Yorks. 2, A.O.V. 1, Mules 1, Hybrids 1. Decided to make a good classification for British, seeing they proved so great an attraction to visitors last year. Three new members were admitted. Classes for annual were adjourned till next meeting. Linnet singing competition also held; awards, 1, McEwan; 2, Thorn; 3, Anderson.—A. H. McLean, Sec.

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE HAND-IN-HAND C.B.S.

Special meeting held at headquarters, the Old House at Home, Mr. G. G. Ette in the chair. After the ordinary business four new members were elected: Messrs. J. French, F. Gammage, J. Osborne, and W. Frail. Nest Feather show and schedule was arranged for June 22nd at Mr. A. E. Dunkley's, head quarters. After the above came the discussion on the closed ring question. Mr. T. Irons said that rings of any kind were a nuisance, and closed rings would be especially so. What they had caused in getting them on and getting them off was not often written: The broken leg, young birds carried from the nests, and the restlessness of the birds that did not take a liking for them. The whole thing was an abomination. He proposed that our society should show their disgust at the use of rings for cage birds entirely. This was seconded by Mr. J. Martin, and carried unanimously.—A. W. Law, Sec.

PARTICK C.B.S.

Monthly meeting held Trades Halls, 3rd May, Mr. Park presiding over a fair attendance. Arranged to hold annual show 2nd Nov. Agreed to add the following classes: Non-fed class each in Young Nor. and Yorks, Old Yorks, Green and Cinn., Bord., also F.M. class in each. Mr. Bowman gave his lecture on the Yorkshire, which proved to be very interesting and instructive, and was much appreciated by all present. Mr. Maxwell proposed a vote of thanks to Mr. Bowman, which was heartily accorded. Mr. Bowman, in his reply, hoped that at some future date he would be able to give us a lecture on wild seeds. Mr. Park thanked Mr. Bowman for his offer, stating that we would not miss such a treat, as Mr. Bowman was a well-known authority on this interesting hobby. We have again won the rose bowl for second most points at Glasgow open show, and this was on view. The club presented Mr. Park with the bowl to hold for the year, which honour Mr. Park thanked them for.—J. Henderson, Secretary.

EASTFIELD SIDE (SUTTON-IN-ASHFIELD) C.B.S.

Meeting held 4th May. The skittle match between Crest men and Norwich men proved very exciting. The issue was in doubt up to the last throw, but the Plainhead men won by six. I was on the Plainhead side, and, my name being a bit out of the common, I was put down on the list as "Cage Birds!" (I wonder if the Crest men thought that they could beat a name that has always been second to none.) Decided to hold a Nest Feather Show on June 1st, when five classes will be provided—Yellow and Buff Plainhead, Crest, C.B., and Brit. Mr. George Marshall, judge. I am sorry to hear Mr. Marshall has had to clear out his birds, after forty years in the Fancy, but he has promised to give all the help he can. A novel match is to be decided at the next meeting. Mr. C. Connor will endeavour to hold his cock Linnet on his finger longer than Mr. A. Wright (bantam cock) for a purse of silver. The ramble to Bucknall was deleted from the programme. Four new members were enrolled, and this society promises to become one of the best in the Midlands.—Bernard Gabbitass.

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NORTH WALES C.B.S.

Meeting held on May 6th, Mr. James Jones (chairman) presiding. Members' show will be held at Carnarvon, Whit Monday. All fanciers, from every part, may become members. An advertisement re the show will appear in next week's CAGE BIRDS. All particulars from John Wynne Parry, Hon. Sec., Carnarvon.

HANLEY C.B.S.

Meeting held at the George and Dragon Hotel on May 1, Mr. S. Pygott in the chair. Decided to have two open classes, each for Norwich and Yorks.; also four members' classes. Entry fee 1s. for open, and 7d. members. There will also be one Lizard class and one Any Species Brit.—W. G. Llewellyn.

SALFORD.

Special meeting at headquarters, The Boat House Hotel, May 5, to consider business pertaining to the subscriptions. Secretary was instructed to write members in arrears, also to ask the general secretary of the Affiliation to consider a vacant Saturday date for a fixture for members. Full report of the results re a contest will be given in next week's CAGE BIRDS. Lark fanciers willing to promote a contest in this district kindly communicate with me.—B. Wharton.

UDDINGSTON C.B., Etc., S.

Annual general meeting held in the reading-room on April 30. There was a fair attendance, and the election of office-bearers for the ensuing season resulted as follows:—Hon Pres., Jas. Prentice, Esq., J.P.; President, W. P. Campbell; Vice-Presidents, John Williamson and Wm. Nisbet; Sec. and Treas., Jas. Cosgrove, 2, Croftbank-crescent, Bothwell; committee, Messrs. Black, McCaskill, Anderson, Wilson, McKay, and Graham. Open show some time in November, date to be fixed later.—James Cosgrove.

COLINTON AND CURRIE O.S.

Monthly meeting held Drill Hall, Juniper Green, May 4. Mr. Begbie in the chair. Four new members were admitted, namely: Jas. Stevenson and William Robertson, both Colinton, Alex. McCrum, Juniper Green, Dunbar, Leadbutter, Balerno. Membership was left open till month of June to give fanciers another chance of joining, as this is the first year of the society. Membership 35 at present. —Jas. Napier, Sec.

MANNINGHAM C.B.A.

The above society had a ramble on Sat., May 4, to Harden, under the guidance of our president, Mr. W. Holroyd. When we got into the wood, he gave us a lecture on British Bird life, and his remarks were greatly appreciated. We were surprised with his knowledge of British birds. The society are fortunate to have a man of his experience as leader. We treated the inner man to a much-needed repast at the Brown Cow, Wilsden, and we recommend it to fanciers travelling that way on their outing. We then made for headquarters, having enjoyed ourselves immensely.—H. Grange, Sec.

THE NATIONAL GREEN-MARKED Y.C.C.

The annual general meeting of the Club will be held on Saturday, May 18th, 3 p.m., at the Market Tavern, Godwin Street, Bradford. Business, Election of officers, balance sheet, new rules, etc. The cash specials for best 4th and 5th birds for past season (see rules appertaining to this competition) will be presented. Will the successful members please check the amounts, and notify me if any are incorrect, so that the same may be rectified at once: Messrs. Ogden Bros., 10s. 9d.; Sutcliffe and Son, 10s. 8d.; H. H. Towers, 5s. 2d.; Brown and Son, 5s.; S. Moore, 2s. 10d.; L. Dykes, 2s. 5d.; W. H. Shackleton, 2s. 5d.; F. Townsend, 2s. 3d.; C. E. Morrison, 2s. 1d.; H. Hill, 1s. 6d.; A. Sutcliffe, 1s.; J. Priestley, 9d.; S. Smith, 9d.; H. W. Walsh, 8d.; A. Craven, 7d.; A. Gledhill, 7d.; J. Wilson, 6d. A committee meeting will be held at same place, 2.30 p.m., prior to annual meeting. Will all members in arrears with their subscriptions, kindly oblige before that date, so that I can present a full balance sheet up to date.—F. Armstrong, Hon. Sec.

PRESTON O.S.

Owing to a very wet night, only a small number of members attended the monthly meeting on May 2nd. Those who did not attend missed a very interesting little lecture by Mr. T. H. Dent, entitled "30 years in the Fancy." Mr. Dent's recollections of shows held in public houses on Sundays, and copper kettles as prizes appeared very strange to us younger ones, who are used to the splendidly housed and managed shows we see now. The suspicion which was cast on every one (the judge was locked in a room by himself) and other objectionable practices, did much to give our hobby rather a bad name, from which, thanks to the efforts of many strong minded and real fanciers, it has made such a splendid recovery. Before the lecture, Mr. J. H. Roe was appointed judge at our open show, and great satisfaction was expressed when it was announced that Preston had been appointed the club show of the N.P.C. Reports as to the breeding season were not very bright, and it was decided to ballot all members re refixing young show date. Unfortunately it was quite forgotten to fix the date of the annual club ramble, but this will be done by the time this is in print, and members notified. A vote thanking Mr. Dent for his lecture was carried by acclamation. Members please note that next meeting will be June 6th, and that subscriptions are now due.—J. P. Leeming, Sec.

GREEN CANARY ASSOCIATION.

Monthly meeting held Oldham Hall, April 25, Mr. J. W. Metcalfe in the chair. Mr. Knowles came from Earlestown to give a lecture, but, owing to the poor attendance, it was postponed. It is a great pity that members do not turn up on these occasions, as undoubtedly valuable hints are to be often picked up. Several new members have been nominated, especially in the Border Section, where competition looks like being particularly keen during the coming show season. The officers had arranged a surprise for the retiring president, in the shape of a framed souvenir of the G. C. A. 1912 dinner programme. Mr. Walker, in acknowledging same, said it would remind him, in years to come, of the happy hours he had spent during his term of office amongst the G.C.A. members. The May meeting was set apart for making arrangements for the Nest Feather show, but as this has now been discontinued, there is an open night, and members are requested to turn up in full force, as the committee are desirous of compiling a series of night Nest Feather shows, for which specials will be offered. We want all the suggestions possible; don't forget the date, Thursday, May 23.—Geo. Green, Hon. Sec.

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SHEFFIELD C.B.S.

Monthly meeting held May 2nd, at the Wentworth Cafe, Penstone Street, Mr. F. Jones (President) in the chair, supported by Mr. J. Thorpe (vice-president), Mr. W. Oxley (Treasurer), and the two secretaries. Ramble arranged for June 1st to Ridgeway; Mr. J. Curley is to be the guide. Members and friends are asked to meet at Intake car terminus at 2.30. Stewards for next month's table show, Messrs. Lockwood and Sissons. Several specials were promised, including a razor for most points in Nov. Nor. Arrangements for Nest Feather show, June 29th, Montgomery Hall, were completed. Stewards, Messrs. Durnford, Dutton and Lockwood; doorkeepers, Messrs. C. W. Hobson, Drabble, Jackson, Champion and Dutton. Mr. C. Tomlinson kindly promised to find bills for the sandwichmen. Decided, that in case any birds are entered in the wrong class as regards colour and marking, the judge be instructed to put them in their proper class, the judge's decision to be final. All birds to be staged by 2 o'clock instead of 1 o'clock, as printed in the syllabus. Mr. Kelley introduced the subject of forming a body of fanciers for helping unfortunate members, who, through being out of work, or any other cause, find it hard to continue to keep their birds. The idea was well received, and a good number of members present indicated their willingness to join. The questions by ballot proved very interesting and instructive, and much information was gathered. Mr. J. Bennett had an interesting exhibit on view, viz., a young Yorkshire with four legs; the bird lived to be two days old. Next meeting June 13th (please note date) is a table show of young birds, twelve classes, prize money 3/-, 2/-, 1/-; points specials to be competed for at these; see syllabus for classification. We were pleased to see Mr. Dunford amongst us again; he has been laid aside with sickness for the past six months; we trust his bad days are over, and perfect health may now be his.—J. Woolhouse, Assist. Sec.

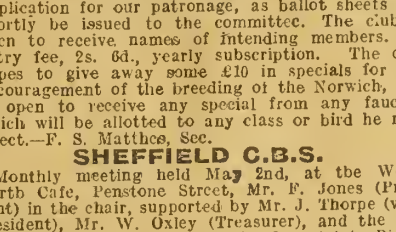
Illustrated Ideas

Every "Illustrated Idea" used in this column will entitle the sender thereof to a postal order for two shillings and sixpence.

No. 538.
A Titbit Tin for Softbills.
Sent by H. Truelove, 7, Back Lane, Sheepridge, Huddersfield.

All softbills need a variety of food, besides their stock food, and here is a useful and simple idea. Cut a piece of tin to shape of Fig. 1, and cut slots as marked. Bend up at dotted lines, bending A's first and then T.

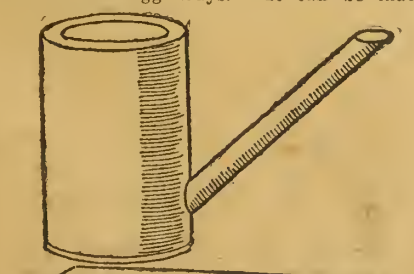
FIG. 1



Fold ends of A's at back of T, and solder. Bend down C, and parts of B's to fit thickness of cage rail. The size of the tin to be according to the bird kept. Tin drinkers are too deep for the purpose; if filled, the food will go sour before being eaten, and if only a small quantity is given, it is too far away for the bird.—H. Truelove.

No. 589.
A Seed-Pourer.
Sent by F. Page, Calverley, Rodley, Leeds

Here is a sketch of a can I use for mixed or any kind of seed I use as tit-bits. It is much handier than using a spoon to put same through the wires into egg trays. It can be made



from a syrup tin. Cut oval hole about half way up to insert spout; cut piece of tin 7in. long, 2½in. wide, taper to 2in., rounded off at each end. Fold this over a piece of wood to form spout 1¼in. wide, tapering to ¾in. by ¾in.; solder along the seam, and also to can. A glance at sketch will give all information required.—F. Page.

Harpenden F.A.—May 27. Judge, Mr. G. Gardner. 6 classes: Nor., Yorks., Mules or Hybrids, Goldfinch, A.O.S. British, Foreign, Prizes, 6s., 4s., 2s. Fee 1s. Entries close May 20, to J. B. Townsend, Station Road.

Singing Contests.

WESTHOUGHTON.

A club contest will be held at Horseshoe Inn, Wingates, on May 11th, when we hope to see some new faces, as anyone will be allowed to enter a bird who joins us on or before the date. Singing to commence 2.30, for some good prizes, together with specials.—J. Woodward.

BUSLINGTHORPE.

Quality singing held Skinners Arms, Buslingthorpe, May 7th. 1, S. Nivins; 2, J. Chippindale; 3, J. Sellars. Judges, Messrs. C. Clayton and Turner. Also May 8th: 1, Ward; 2, 3, shared by J. Clark and J. Sellars. Judges, Messrs. C. Clayton and Biss.—C. Clayton, Hon. Sec.

NEWTOWN (Leeds).

The usual week-end quality Linnet singing contest took place, May 5, at Prince Albert Inn, when 20 birds were entered to sing for three good prizes given by the hostess, Mrs. M. A. Saynor. Judges were Messrs. C. Lorriman and Turner. 1, J. Smith; 2, A. Lorriman; 3, D. Madden.—E. Wood, Hon. Sec.

SHEFFIELD.

Weekly Linnet sing, held at Webster's Newmarket Hotel, Sheaf st.; 3 minutes time singing, result: J. Callaghan, 74; E. Bisby, 60; F. Lomas, 53; Sanderson, 48; Burkinshaw, 46. Some very good singing was heard. Mr. Bisby's bird sang the longest break, 50 secs in one run.—John Callaghan.

WIGAN.

Open contest at the Collier's Arms, Frog Lane, Wigan, May 18th, when the landlord will give £1. Fee 1s. per bird. There will be prizes for both quality and time. Singing to commence at two o'clock prompt, entrance to the room, 2d. Hoping to see all the old fanciers, so that we can give our new landlord a good reception.—J. Ashurst, Sec.

CASTLEFORD.

Weekly Linnet contest, May 4, open to all comers. There was an entry of 49 to sing 4 minutes, but the singing was not up to the standard. After a very close finish the result was: J. Kirk 70, E. Smith 59, A. Fowler 49. Also May 5, 29 birds competed in a three minutes' sing, and some very good birds were entered; the result was: J. Kirk 79, J. Brindley 63, W. Ratcliffe 49. All Linnet fanciers are given a hearty invitation to join and compete for our £10 10s. challenge cup.—Walter Dobson, Hon. Sec.

KIPPAX.

Members' sing, held May 4, at the Commercial Hotel, when 14 birds competed. Result: 1, O. Potter, 60 secs; 2, E. Weighel, 31 secs.; 3, J. Liversidge, 29 secs.; timekeepers, J. Wallace and O. Potter. Our membership is steadily increasing. Mr. O. Potter's bird sang 50 seconds during the first minute. E. Weighel is a new member, he having scored first time his birds have competed.—R. Plows, Hon. Sec.

TYLDESLEY.

Open contest, held May 4th, when 56 birds faced the judge, Mr. McAllister being very busy. All the affiliation clubs were well represented with one exception, Wigan, the first club to be defaulters according to rules. Winners: Quality: 1, J. W. Jones; 2, T. Statham; 3, W. Barnes; 4, W. H. Topping. Time: 1, R. Fairhurst, 320; 2, R. Statham, 118: 3, J. Woodward, 84; 4th, J. Caswell, 61. Judges, Messrs. Barnes, Jones, Gibbons; timers, Messrs. Poole, Everet, Tappers, Cain, Parkinson; minute man, Fearnley; birdman, Halliwell. We were well patronised by the Westhoughton fanciers, and I hope to see them on Saturday next at the Globe Inn, Leigh.—D. Harrison.

LEEDS.

Weekly Linnet singing contest for quality, held at the old bird house, King's Head, Shannon Street, May 4, when 19 of the best birds in Leeds sung for 3 good prizes given by the landlord, Mr. W. Tillotson. Some very good singing was heard before a crowded house from far and near. 1st, H. Wigfield; 2, 3, Mr. Nelson, of Castleford. Judges, Messrs. S. Hardcastle and Walt. Naylor. Also on May 5, when 39 birds faced the judges, who gave every satisfaction. 1st, T. Stead; 2nd, T. Chadwick; 3rd, H. Robinson; 4th, H. Wigfield. Judges, Messrs. Hardcastle, Naylor, and Jennings. Notice our Whitsuntide annual contest on Whit Monday, first pair of birds 11 o'clock prompt, over £30 to sing for.—T. C. Summers, Hon. Sec.

WARRINGTON.

Open contest sung on May 4th, at Club House, Masey Hotel, Masey Street, when there was a good entry, considering the club has only restarted Some excellent singing was heard, most of the birds doing good performances. The judges, Messrs J. Wych and H. Stanway, gave every satisfaction. Minutes man, C. Corbet. 1, J. Wych, 119; 2, F. Hughes, 110; J. Webb, 78. An open contest will be held every fortnight. Next on May 18th, first pair of birds to be hung at 2.30. Prizes according to entrance. Club contest on Whit-Monday. Anyone wishing to join must make himself a member on next club night, May 12th, or otherwise he will not be allowed to enter in Whit-Monday contest.—F. Hughes, Sec.

SHEFFIELD.

Linnet singing contests, held at Royal George, Brightside Lane, Sheffield, April 20th, when Mr. Hill gave three special prizes to be sung for three minutes time singing. Mr. Thompson took first and third with 83 and 58 secs; E. Bisby second with 52 secs, in one break. April 27, 3 minutes time singing, 16 birds entered. Thompson, 1st, 68 secs.; E. Bisby 2nd, 59 secs; Driver 3rd, 57 secs. April 28th, 18 birds, 3 special prizes. Driver 1st, 60; Thompson, 2nd and 3rd, 59 and 57 secs; E. Bisby, 49 secs. May 4th, 18 birds, 3 special prizes. Albert 1st, 61 secs.; Driver 2nd and 3rd, 58 and 54 secs.; Thompson, 53; E. Bisby, 52 secs.; Cole, 57 secs.; Driver 48 secs.; Albert, 42 secs. May 5th, 16 birds, 3 special prizes, 3 minutes time singing. Thompson 1st and 3rd, 85 secs and 69 secs.; Booker 2nd, 71 secs.; Driver, 67 secs, 62 secs., 56 secs., Rawson, 46 secs. All members must be straight on the club books by May 19th for Whitsuntide contest, or forfeit all moneys paid.—A. Thompson, Sec.

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Open Linnet contest at the Union Arms, Tyldesley, May 4th, when 56 birds entered for 8 good prizes. One club did not send any birds, so that they have forfeited all claim on the Affiliation and, not only that, but any club in the Affiliation is debarred from allowing their members to sing at any of their contests. All-England singing contest at the Globe Inn, Bradshawgate, Leigh, May 11th, for quality and time, first pair of birds up at 2 o'clock. The Globe Inn Linnet Club hold open contests every Sunday for quality and time; entrance fee, 2d. per bird. Any further information may be got by applying to me, or any of the members.—J. M'Allister, Sec.

Members Shows.

Eccles C.B.S.: Members' table show, held Diamond Inn, May 1st, proved a great success, and was as good as any British birds show held for many miles around Manchester this year. We had a very good entry. The judging of Mr. Fairhurst, of Ardwick, gave satisfaction to everybody. After the judging Mr. Fairhurst gave the reasons why he placed the birds. Four new members were made, Messrs. Lee, Rigby, Sillence and Barlow. The principal winners were: Goldfinch: 1, Tims; 2, Monks; 3, Jones; 4, Astley. Bullfinch: 1, 2, Jones. Linnet, H.M.: 1, Hall; 2, Astley; 3, Tims. Linnet, F.M.: 1, 2, Peters; 3, Clowe; 4, Monks. Greenfinch: 1, Jones; 2, 3, Walker. Siskin, Redpoll, Twite: 1, 2, Astley; 3, Monks.—J. Hall, Hon. Sec.

Stratford and East London F.A. First monthly members' show, at Workman's Hall, on April 25th. Entries in all sections totalled 156, a record to be proud of. Mr. T. G. Hunt judged. The cage birds certificate for best cage bird was awarded to Mr. Pearce Lafbury, for a very fine Bullfinch. Awards: Canary, A.V. (4): 1, 2, Francis. Chaffinch, Goldfinch, or Greenfinch (7): 1, vhc, Hawkes; 2, hc, Reed; 3, c, Lafbury. Linnet, Redpoll, or Twite (6): 1, 2, hc, Lafbury; 3, c, Hawkes; vhc, Reed. A.O.S. British (4): 1, cert., Lafbury; 2, Hawkes; 3, Reed. Foreign, Small (5): 1, 2, 3, hc, Reed; vhc, Francis. Foreign, Large (5): 1, Hawkes; 2, 3, vhc, hc, Reed.

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Habits of the Rock Pipit.

The Pipits are fairly plentiful, and may be found on most commons and tracts of waste ground, all excepting the Rock Pipit, which must be looked for on the rocky coast by the sea. He is a restless little creature, and flits ahead of one in short flights from rock to rock, even allowing the intruder to approach within a few yards, but if repeatedly disturbed, he rises into the air and flies in a wavering, uncertain manner—quite a Pipit-like action. The birds are not gregarious, although sometimes several pairs may be found along the same stretch of coast.

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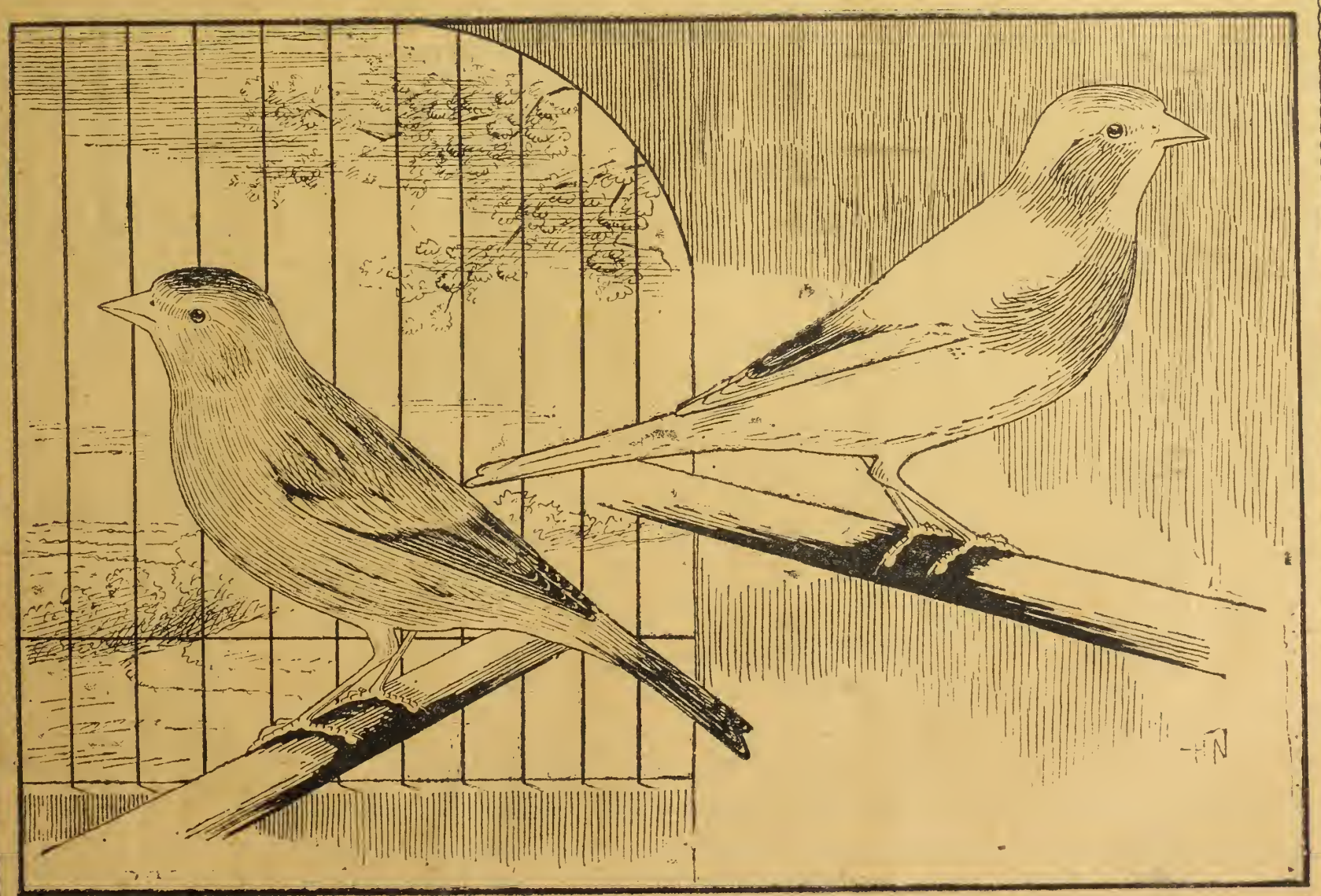

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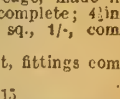

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Singing Contests.

WIGAN.

Owing to a mistake of the affiliation, Mr. McAllister put a letter in CAGE BIRDS, which I think he will put all right this week, and all members of the affiliated clubs may come to our sing on 18th, without fear of being expelled.—J. Ashurst, Sec.

PONTEFRACT (Woodman Inn).

Weekly contest, May 11th. Winners: B. Nelson, 1st and 2nd; P. Eshelby, 3rd; also May 12, open contest; winners: 1st, C. Scott; 2nd, B. Nelson; 3rd, T. Piper. Members' contest at Whitsuntide. Members please rally round. Some good prizes will be given.—Wm. Beard, Hon. Sec.

WESTHOUGHTON.

Members' sing, held May 11, at Horse Shoe Inn, Wingates, when 12 birds competed before a large company. The singing was somewhat poor. Result: 1, T. Woodward; 2, J. Woodward; 3, J. Coop; 4, R. Crompton. Timers, J. Brown and R. Crompton. Tappers, T. Woodward and J. Coop. Minute man, Bob Wood. Open contest will be held May 25, for time singing only.—J. Woodward, Sec.

DURHAM.

A Linnet sing held Thinford Inn, Ferryhill, May 11th, 108 birds competed for the four prizes; the largest entry for some time, and some grand singing was heard. Result: 1, 2, 4, Brady and Co.; 3, Boyd and Shoulder. Judges, Messrs. Gardener, Brown and Mills. Mr. Sam Ord, of Dead Bank, presented the prizes. Joint secs., Fairless and Reed. Next contest at Black Horse, Elvet, Durham, on May 25th, when £2 cash will be given.—G. Reed, Sec.

LEIGH.

Open contest, May 11th, when 41 birds entered for 8 prizes and some very fair singing was done, but the clubs that the Globe Linnet Club have done so much for were notable absentees. This club patronises other contests to at least 25 per cent. of their entries, and when it comes to our turn, others are conspicuous by absence. Winners: W. Barnes, 1; R. Howcroft, 2; J. McAllister, 3; B. Jones, 4. Time, J. Poole, 150, 1; F. Kennedy, 122, 2; R. Statham, 97, 3; R. Farhurst, 85, 4. Judges for quality, W. Barnes, J. Gibbins, and J. W. Jones. Time, J. Statham and R. Disley. Tappers, J. Evens and G. Amison; timekeeper, J. McAllister. Will all affiliated members kindly attend their respective club houses on Friday night, as I am trying to arrange with Wigan or Atherton to run a contest on May 18th. As I cannot let all members know, I will write to each club house which contest they must attend.—J. McAllister Sec.

FERRYHILL.

Contest for Linnets, held at Mr. Atkinson's, Thinford Inn, Ferryhill, Durham, May 11th, when there were 108 entries, a record for Durham County, all the best birds being there, and some excellent singing was heard. Prize winners: Messrs. Brady and Heslop, 1, 2, 4, silver cup, copper kettle, and alarm clock; 3rd, Boyd and Shoulders, set of carvers. Some good birds were not placed, namely, Wilson and Adams, Franks, McQuirks, Parkins, Bairstows, Johnsons, Pikes, and others too numerous to mention. Next contest at Mr. Dodds, Hamsteels Colliery Inn, Quebec, May 18th. Fanciers please note that after contest we intend starting a Linnet club, and we hope fanciers will turn up in crowds, all being welcome. £1 added to all entrance of 6d. a bird. Brady and Heslop will sing 4 birds against 4, three minutes up and 5 down, for £5 up to £20. Business meant; first come, first served.—Hewitson (Sec. pro tem.).

SEAHAM HARBOUR.

Open contest, May 11th, at the Northumberland Arms, where 36 birds competed for three valuable prizes. Briggs 1, 3, Linnet King of Murton 2. Judge, Mr. G. Robson; timekeeper, T. Wilkinson.

BUSLINGTHORPE.

Quality contest held Skinner's Arms, May 11th, when a double contest took place. 1, Sellars; 2, Clark; 3, Sheard; bye, Nevens and Sellars. 2nd contest. 1, Clark; 2, Nevens; 3, Lunn. Judges, Messrs. C. Clayton, Hays, and Playfort. Also May 12th. 1, 2, Ward; 3, Sellars.—C. Clayton, Hon. Sec.

BLACKBURN.

Open affiliated contest for time and quality, May 25th, at headquarters, Old Red Lion, Snig Brook, when all the affiliated Linnet clubs of Lancashire will be obliged to attend. Singing to commence at 2 prompt. Entrance fee 1s. per bird.—R. Hayhurst, Sec.

SALFORD L.C.

Members are requested to note that owing to the Wigan Club holding a contest on the 18th inst., we will have a contest at headquarters on the 19th, at 7.30 prompt, when a good muster of members are expected to make it a success.—B. Wharton, Hon. Sec.

NEWTOWN (Leeds).

Usual week-end contest at Prince Albert Inn, when 31 picked birds in Leeds were entered to sing for four good prizes, given by Mrs. A. Saynor. The largest entry this year, and the best singing that has been heard for some time. Judges, Messrs. C. Lorriman and H. Hayes; timekeeper, A. Bryan. 1st H. Playforth, 2nd T. Howlett, 3rd J. Clark, 4th A. Binns.—E. Wood, Hon. Sec.

KIPPAX.

We hope to have a good entry in our open-to-all-Yorkshire sing on Whit-Saturday, May 25th, 1912, writes Mr. R. Plows, Hon. Sec., Kippax Linnet Club.

Members' sing at The Commercial Hotel, May 11, when only 11 birds competed. There was some good singing. J. Liversidge, jun., won, his bird doing 66 sec; 2, L. Weighle; 3, O. Potter. Timekeepers, J. Wallis and R. Plows.—R. Plows, Hon. Sec.

CASTLEFORD.

Weekly Linnet contest, May 11th. 50 birds sang for three good prizes, and some very good singing was heard. Result: 1, W. Nelson, 84; 2, A. Towler, 69; 3, E. Smith, 65. Also on May 12th, 37 birds entered for three good prizes, 3 minutes' sing. Very good time was done by most of the birds. Winners: 1, W. Nelson, 79; 2, J. Smith, 60; 3, A. Liversidge, 52. All members are requested to get clear on the books for our big sing on Whit Saturday—Walter Dobson, Hon. Sec.

SHEFFIELD

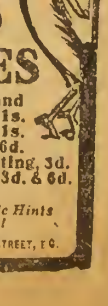
Linnet sing held Royal George, Brightside Lane, Sheffield, May 11th. Mr. Hill gave three special prizes; 20 birds entered. 1, Thompson, 76sec.; 2, Cole, 63sec.; 3, Bisby 60sec.; Griffiths 59sec.; Thompson 55sec. Also May 12th, Mr. Hill gave three special prizes. 23 birds entered. 1, Thompson, 65sec.; 2, Cole, 64sec.; Driver (3) 60 secs., 57sec., 54 sec.; Thompson 54sec.; Booker 40sec.; Albert, 46sec.; Griffiths, 44sec.; Jack, 44sec.; Cole, 45sec. Contests every week end; first pair hung at 3, Saturday next. All members must pay up May 19th, for Whitsuntide contest.—A. Thompson.

LEEDS.

Usual weekly Linnet contests for quality, at Old Bird House, King's Head, Shannon Street, May 11. 29 of the best birds in Leeds sung for four good prizes given by Mr. W. Tillotson. Some very good singing was heard before a crowded house. 1st T. Stead, 2nd C. Ward, 3rd Butler, 4th T. Chadwick. Also same day 14 birds sung for three prizes. 1st A. Richardson, 2nd T. Stead, 3rd T. Chadwick. Judges, S. Hardcastle and W. Naylor. Also May 12, when 45 birds faced the judges, who gave every satisfaction. 1st J. Bland, 2nd and 4th T. Stead, 3rd T. Chadwick. Judges, S. Hardcastle, W. Naylor, and W. Sissons.—T. C. Summers, Hon. Sec.

The Cuckoo.

Next to the Robin, the inharmonious Cuckoo is, perhaps, the most popular bird that we have in these islands. Everyone looks forward to hearing the Cuckoo's loud monotonous call in the spring, for it comes "to pick up the dirt." It loves its old haunts, to which, like the salmon, it annually returns; and seeks, not only the familiar bush, but also the nest of that kind of bird which was erst-while its foster parent. It is a great mistake to imagine that when the Cuckoo has placed its egg in a nest it forgets all about it. Each day the Cuckoo will visit the nest to see if the egg is safe. If it should have been taken, the bird will lay another egg. But it will not do this at once. It waits until the birds which have been robbed have built another nest, and when the full number of eggs is laid, then, and not till then, will the Cuckoo lay again. Later, it is interesting to note how the young fledgling interloper ousts from the nest its foster brethren and sisters, and how the supply of its insatiable appetite wears to skin and bone its foster parents. It is, indeed, a greedy, obtrusive, selfish bird.



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In the first year of the LEAGUE'S existence, the possession of a LEAGUE badge was evidence that the wearer was a paid member of the LEAGUE, and at many shows during last season wearers of our badges were admitted at a reduced price (in some cases without charge at all). I hope that the shows granting this concession to LEAGUE members in the forthcoming season will be even more numerous than during last year, but the mere possession of a LEAGUE badge will not in itself procure admission at a reduced fee. It will be, therefore, necessary for members to keep their membership receipts as vouchers for reduced admission to such shows as may extend the concession to us.

Our Recruiting Competitions.

The work of deciding the winners of these is well in hand; and I hope to make a definite announcement next week. The winners of the two £5 prizes, one for the individual member introducing most recruits, and the other for the Society having the greatest number of LEAGUE members seems pretty certain to prove Mr. G. H. Peck, of Bexley, who has introduced fifty-one members during the year, and the Sheffield O.S., which has forty-one of its members as members of CAGE BIRDS LEAGUE. If any individual member, or any Society, has a greater record than these, I should be glad to know, to save any mistake. With regard to the four £1 cash prizes for the "Societies whose total nominations to the LEAGUE show the best average per member," I shall, of course, be unable to allot these without the information, which can only come from Secretaries of Societies themselves. I shall be glad, therefore, to hear from any Secretary what proportion of his members are also members of CAGE BIRDS LEAGUE.

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Some Easily Kept Foreigners.

By B. C. BRIARS (Enfield).

An Interesting and Practical Article on the more moderate priced foreign birds.

(Concluded from page 435.)

A "Dancing" Bird.

Another terpsichorean bird is the Bengalese. In colour this bird is mottled brown and white, and the tail feathers frequently curve away from the body. The song is of a muffled kind, and appears to be a laboured effort, during which the bird hops along the perch facing alternate directions. The Combasson, when in colour, is of a lovely dark blue tint and well worth a place in the aviary. I would warn anyone against purchasing this bird when half in colour, as the change of quarters at such a time seems frequently to kill them. I lost four birds by purchasing in this state, till a fancier friend gave me this advice. At breeding time the bird sings, and displays the plumage like a Sparrow; but the song is irritating and harsh. I have also noticed that a sac in the throat is distended at this period, and the bird is somewhat quarrelsome. Strange to say, my own bird absolutely ignores the hen. The eye of the Combassou is one of its outstanding features, being prominent and lustrous, with a wonderful expression. Grey and Green Singing Finches also make capital pets, but it is much best to keep these birds in pairs, as single specimens are apt to be pugnacious. The song of the Grey species is much the sweetest, as far as my experience goes. Both these birds will breed with the Canary.

The Tiny Waxbills.

Waxbills of all species are inoffensive and interesting little creatures. The tiny Gold-breasted species are the pick, and, except when moulting, are hardy birds. At that period there is always a danger of their getting featherbound, and you find an apparently healthy bird suddenly ill and full of "quills." To keep warm and feed generously is the best course to take, but a sick Waxbill always seems to mope and die as soon as attacked. The Orange-cheeked and Red-eared are also common species, while the rarer kinds are the Violet-eared, Dufresne's, and the St. Helena. White Java Sparrows make a good contrast in a mixed aviary, but if the smaller sorts are kept, plenty of room should be allowed, as the Javas are apt to fly around and bowl over the smaller birds, which they are also likely to harry about if in too close a proximity. In purchasing White Javas, care should be taken that they are white in down as well as in feather. The Grey Javas are good birds out of doors, and, furthermore, are cheap.

The Aviary and the Feeding.

The foreign bird aviary should be as large as possible, and easy to keep clean. My own plan is to place the birds in an outdoor aviary about May, and keep them indoors during the winter, placing the small and delicate ones in the kitchen, and drafting the hardier (as Javas and Weavers) into a large flight in a spare room. These are put out first, and lead the weaker to the various food vessels, etc. This plan obviates the use of heating apparatus, the grass and shrubs in the aviary get a rest, while a team of exhibition British luxuriate and harden in the aviary shelter. All the utensils in the indoor aviary are white pottery, and the fountains are glass.

I feed on spray, Indian, red and white millet, and canary seed. I also supply a small quantity of insect mixture, moistened with milk, occasional hard-boiled egg and biscuit (ground), grapes, and orange segments (skinned), apple, and a fig; mealworms, sugar, rock salt (occasionally), and a little honey on the edge of an empty seed vessel. Parrish's food is good during the moult, the stains can be removed with ashes, or by putting small shot into the fountains and shaking. Green food: Flowering grass, canary seedlings, groundsel, chickweed, and small washed dandelion leaves. Cuttlefish is a much-appreciated item. It should be scraped when dirty, and never allowed to lie on the floor of the cage. All foreigners revel in a bath; a photographic developing dish is a good vessel, but the bottom should be covered with some substance which the birds' feet can grip, or they slip and fear to go in. If in the aviary indoors, care should be taken that they are not in a draught. Outdoors, they can be relied upon themselves in this respect.

In showing foreigners, too much stress cannot be laid upon the fact that the bird, to do itself justice, should be absolutely used to its show cage, and periods spent therein every day (and at night) for a fortnight previous to the show are not too long: otherwise the bird hugs its perch, and shows terror on being handled. If "schooled" well, a good foreigner is as steady in the showroom as at home, and can be relied upon to give a good account of itself. In conclusion, I would advise all amateurs in their care of their stock to remember the old adage, "There is no eye like the master's eye."

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Oct. 10 & 11.—**Norwich Alliance.**—(R. Roll, 62, Ashby St.). W.E.G., J.R., W.V.

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Oct. 15 and 16.—**Western Counties O.S.**—(T. Pope, 98, Embankment Rd, Plymouth). J.R., T.H.

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Oct. 18 & 19.—**Newcastle.**—(J. W. Reed, 218, Ladykirk Rd., Benwell). J.C.B., J.C., J.S., J.P., A.S.

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Nov. 16.—**Cowdenbeath.**—(J. R. Reid, 7, Woodland pl.)

Nov. 16.—**Galashiels.** (J. Brown, 156, Croft St.). G.F., T.B., A.G., A.H.

Nov. 23.—**Blairgowrie.**—(M. Irvine, 17, Brown St.)

Nov. 30.—**City of Dundee.**—(A. Miller, 3, Park Ave.)

Dec. 4.—**Forres and N.O.S.**—(W. Cumming, 28, North Rd.). J.L.

Dec. 11.—**Broxburn.**—(W. M'Laren, Church Street). J.McL., A.C., G.H., R.V.R., J.Gw.

Dec. 14.—**Kilsyth.**—(A. D. Duncan, "Chronicle" Office.)

Dec. 31 & Jan. 1, 1913.—**Scottish National.**—(J. R. Meikle, 51, Lothian Rd., Edinburgh.)

Jan. 1 & 2.—**Edinburgh Open.**—(R. Lile, 15, Argyll Terr.)

Jan. 1 & 2.—**Paisley O.A.**—(W. Lambie, 25, Caledonia Street.)

Wales.

Nov. 13 & 14.—**Swansea.**—(S. H. George, 32, Fisher Street). J.R., J.F.D.

Nov. 20 & 21.—**Cardiff.** (E. Thomas, 48, Craddock st.) W.M., W.V., D.A.S.L.

Nov. 26.—**Llanelly.** (D. John, 9, Pottery Place.) W.V., J.F.

Nov. 28. **Pentrebach.**—(A. E. Brown, 66, Clare St., Merthyr Tydfil.)

Dec. 4.—**Pontypridd.**—(A. A. Gordon McLucas, 43, Rosser-st., Maesycoed).

Ireland.

Nov. 7 & 8.—**Banbridge.**—(A. McCagherty, Belmont Terrace, Banbridge). A.Lse., J.Hy.

Nov. 22 & 23.—**Lurgan.**—(S. McCollum, Drumgor).

Nov. 28 & 29.—**South County Dublin (Kingstown).**—(D. Smyth, 21, Eden Terr., Kingstown.) W.M.

Dec. 6 & 7.—**Ulster O.A. (Belfast)**—(R. Trimble, 11, Waring St., Belfast.) J.F.D., W.V.

Dec. 12 & 13.—**Larne.**—(T. Mayne, jr., Barnhill.)

JUDGES OF CAGE BIRDS

The attention of Show Secretaries is directed to the following list of gentlemen willing to act as Judges. Terms for insertion on application.

J. C. BARNES, 116, Northfield Road, Walkley, Sheffield. Judge of all varieties of cage birds. Long, practical experience. Terms moderate.

T. BENNETT, 11, Cumberland Rd., Lidget Green, Bradford. Judge of Cage Birds. Long and practical experience.

A. G. DAVIS, 110-112, Tib Street, Manchester. Judge of all varieties of cage birds. Specialist Norwich Judge.

GEORGE BENNETT 46, Wenlock Street, Luton, Beds., judge of all varieties of cage birds; life experience; terms moderate.

J. W. BRUCE, Coldstream. Judge of all varieties of cage birds; Border and British Bird specialist. Terms moderate.

F. COLLINS, 60, Union-st., Camborne. Judge of all varieties of cage birds. Life experience.

W. A. COWGILL, 115, Washington Street, Girlington, Bradford. Judge of all varieties of cage birds. Practical experience. Terms moderate.

GEO. GARDNER, 11, Haverstock Road, London, N.W. Judge of all kinds of Cage Birds.

S. HADWIN, 56, Richmond-row, Liverpool, judge of cage bird, all varieties; 25 years' practical experience.

J. HARTLEY, Victoria St., Micklethwaite, Bingley (late of Bradford).—Judge of Cage Birds; specialist, Yorkshires and Norwich.

R. E. HELLIWELL, 149, Claremont-road, Boothtown, Halifax, judge of all varieties of cage birds; specialist Greens; life practical experience.

C. A. HOUSE, Briardene, Idle, Bradford. Judge of Canaries and other Cage Birds.

I. R. HOUGHTON, 21, Hatfield Road, Gloucester. Judge of Canaries and Cage Birds; specialist in Norwich; terms moderate.

JEFFERY JEFFERIS, 10, Western Road, Southall. Judge of cage birds. Life experience. Terms moderate.

W. MUNDELL, 6, Carlisle Place, Manningham, Bradford. Judge of Canaries and Cage Birds.

I. W. METCALFE, The Yorkshire Aviaries, 68, Brunswick Road, Liverpool. Judge of Cage Birds. Specialist Yorkshire and Norwich.

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W. POWICK, Orchard, Savilletown, Dewsbury. Judge of all varieties of cage birds, 30 years' practical experience.

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J. WALSH, Bird Specialist, Blackburn. Judge of Cage Birds, Specialist of Hybrids, British, and Foreign. Terms moderate.

G. WILSON, 14, Frizington Road, Frizington, Cumberland. A.V., 25 years' practical experience; specialist British and Mules. Terms moderate.

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REVIEW OF SCHEDULE.

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Twitterings.

Mr. Mundell has been elected to judge our annual show on Nov. 28, writes Mr. D. Smyth (hon. sec.), South County Dublin C.B.A.

Mr. J. E. Leavesley (Leicester) writes:—I have twenty-five young on sticks out of first round—Norwich, nine pairs—not a bad start, eh?

We have elected Mr. Cowgill to judge our first feather show, July 20, writes Mr. Boothman, hon. sec. Manchester and Northern Counties O.A.

We have decided to hold our annual open show (Rochdale) on Nov. 22 and 23, instead of Nov. 8 and 9, writes Mr. Blincoe. Mr. C. A. House is judging.

Cockermouth Feather Society have engaged Mr. Bruce, of Coldstream, to judge cage birds at the annual show on Nov. 23, writes Mr. Geo. Oglethorpe.

By a printer's error last week, only three prizes were awarded in our "Timely Hints" column. The fourth prize went to Mr. W. H. Teat, Ancaster, Grantham.

The following gentlemen are judges at our coming show on Nov. 27-28 next, writes the hon. sec. of Portsmouth F.S.:—Canaries, Rev. G. W. Joyce; British and foreign, Mr. C. Prior.

We hear from Mr. Thos. Griffiths that Mr. Patterson (Churside) will judge at Barrington and Choppington annual show Dec. 7, and Mr. Sanderson (Bedlington) the nest feather show July 6.

All Fife societies desirous of obtaining the patronage of Fife and Kinross N.P.C. should write giving names of judges and number of classes, before June 29, to Mr. Gilbert Fisher, sec., Jamphlars, Cardenden.

Owing to the resignation of our secretary, Mr. W. T. Woof, all correspondence in connection with the Ludlow C.B.S. should be sent to me, writes Mr. W. T. Worrall (25, New Street, East Hamlet, Ludlow).

We are having a "hot-pot" at the headquarters, Railway Hotel, Leigh, May 25th, writes Mr. R. Charleson, secretary. All fanciers are cordially invited by giving their names to me before May 22nd. Fee 1s. per head; ladies also.

Members of the North Wales C.B.S. should not overlook the annual show, held in Carnarvon on Whit Monday, and which is being advertised in this issue. Bird lovers who are in Carnarvon on the day of the show will no doubt be able to spend a pleasant time in the ball.

A correspondent signing himself "The Nut" sends a letter suggesting the establishment of a specialist club in Lancashire for the Yorkshire Canary. We regret that we cannot publish the letter in the absence, as a guarantee of good faith, of the writer's proper name and address.

Ramsden's Pure Peppers have arrived—unequalled for purity and excellence of colour. Prices same as last season. Usual guarantee. Packed in canisters only. No guarantee with any pepper sold loose by traders. All canisters over 1lb. are sealed. Buy Ramsden's Peppers and secure the finest pepper the world produces.—Advt.

I have removed from Canon Road to 15, Worcester Drive, Clubmoor, Liverpool, writes Mr. R. B. Wright. I am sorry to inform the members of the Anfield, Everton and Dis. C.B.S. and other friends that I am unable to visit any of them at present, as I am suffering from a bad attack of catarrh and hemorrhage of the lung; but hope to be round again soon.

Respecting the Wimbledon C.B.S. ramble for Sunday next, May 19th, our sec., Mr. Smith, omitted to state there is a second train, namely at 12.55, from Wimbledon Station, writes Mr. H. Dixon. I shall be travelling down by the first train (10.20) and will also be at Epsom Station to meet any intending members and friends who care to follow on by the second train. The place chosen is Epsom Common and Ashstead Woods; book to Epsom Station; fare 10d. return. Lunch, 1s. 6d.; tea, 9d.

The outing of the N.B.B. and M. Club is fixed for June 1. All fanciers and friends are invited. The morning party leave Waterloo (South Station) by the 9.30 train and book to Oxshott. The afternoon party leave by the 1.37 train (also from South Station) and book to Cobham, each member to take his own ticket and ask for cheap booking. Those who would like to join us should send a postcard not later than the 28th inst. to Mr. J. P. Carr, 45, Overdale Road, South Ealing, stating which party they would like to join. This is most important, as arrangements have to be made for both lunch and tea.

An excellent illustrated price list has just been issued by Mr. J. Pitchford (218, London Road, Stoke-on-Trent). It contains an up-to-date assortment of fanciers' goods, seeds, foods, etc., and the prices are most moderate. Mr. Pitchford is an experienced fancier, and well understands the needs of the bird-keeper.

Many thanks for recognising my endeavour to make CAGE BIRDS popular by my fancy dress, writes Mr. E. Curley (Paddington). Have had many useful hints from "C.B.," and will continue to make an effort on its behalf. Would be grateful if you could thank Messrs. Powers and Russell.

OBITUARY.

Death has been very busy in the Fancy during the past few days, the sad duty devolving upon us to announce the passing away of several prominent bird-keepers, whose demise will be widely regretted.

MR. THOS. SMITH (Glasgow).

Mr. Thos. Smith, who died on May 12, at the age of 60, was known to a wide circle of friends as an ardent lover of the Scotch Fancy and Belgian Canaries, his every endeavour being put forward to increase their popularity. He did most excellent work as secretary of the Scotch Fancy National Derby O.A. Many very fine displays of birds were held in Glasgow while he filled this post, he being still "in harness" at the time of his demise. He was also connected with several other societies, and of recent years was the recipient of a splendid testimonial from his fellow fanciers, as a mark of their appreciation of his sterling work and high principles. Mr. Smith has ever been a staunch advocate of Hybrid breeding, and achieved some notable successes. Many instructive articles, etc., from his pen have from time to time appeared in the columns of CAGE BIRDS. Always genial and unassuming, and ever ready to impart information to beginners, or whoever needed it, the deceased gentleman was very highly respected, both in public and private life, and the sympathy of the Fancy will go out to his family and relatives in their great loss

MR. THOS. TAYLOR (Gateshead).

We regret to hear from Mr. J. Davison of the death of this well-known and much-esteemed Tyneside fancier, who has passed away when quite in the prime of life. Mr. "Tom" Taylor was an enthusiast in all that appertained to the Crested Canary, and bred and owned some of the finest specimens of the present day. He was a well-known visitor at most of the leading exhibitions, from Plymouth in the South to Edinburgh in the North, and his hearty manner and genial disposition made him hosts of friends. His unexpected death will be very widely deplored. Mr. Taylor at one time filled with distinction the office of secretary to the Gateshead C.B.S. and earned the good-will of all with whom he came into contact by his courtesy and his business-like methods. He was a splendid example of the best type of North-country bird-lover, and to those who were near and dear to him the sympathy of the Fancy will be extended in their day of sorrow.

MR. W. PAGE (London).

News of the death of Mr. W. Page, of Bishopsgate, E.C., will be received with widespread regret in metropolitan birdie circles, where this good fancier was very well known and held in the highest esteem. He was a keen exhibitor, interested in birds of all kinds, and a member of several societies; on the council of the City and Suburban A.C.B., at whose meetings he will be sadly missed, and the committee of the National British Bird and Mule Club. Mr. Page was but 36 years of age, and succumbed to pneumonia after an illness of brief duration. Fanciers will join with us in tendering our deepest sympathy to Mrs. Page, who has so early been left to mourn his loss. A large number of lovely floral tributes were sent by various societies and friends anxious to pay their last respects to one so well liked, for Mr. Page's jolly disposition and upright character had earned him the regard and good-will of all. The London Fancy is much the poorer by reason of his demise. Mr. V. Wynn, of the City and Suburban A.C.B., writes: "Mr. Page's death will leave a gap in our association that can hardly be filled, and it seems so terrible he should be taken away when he has scarcely reached the prime of manhood."

The Avicultural Magazine, the organ of the Avicultural Society, opens this month with an account by Mr. E. J. Brook of the Hunstein's Bird of Paradise, with a coloured illustration by Mr. Goodchild. Mr. R. Staples-Browne continues his Diary of Birds seen on the White Nile. The Hon. Mrs. Bampfylde gives her experiences of two years with foreign birds. Mr. W. A. Harding contributes some Aviary Notes, including the breeding of a Hybrid between a Swainson's and a Red-collared Lorikeet. Mr. H. D. Astley writes on the Blue Chaffinch of Teneriffe, and other items include Bird Notes from the Zoo, by the Curator; an instalment of "Practical Bird-keeping," by Dr. A. G. Butler; correspondence, review, etc.

A COLOURED PLATE FREE.

A Coloured Plate should be found in every copy of this week's CAGE BIRDS. We have decided to issue these, from our surplus stock, for the benefit of new readers of our periodical. We would ask all old friends who may already have included in their stock the plate they receive to confer upon us the favour of passing it along to someone amongst their acquaintances who is interested in birds and likely to join the ranks of practical bird-keepers.

Mocking Bird Food.

Mr. O. J. Stupple writes as follows.—Having kept both hardbills and softbills, I shall be looking forward to know from Mr. J. A. Blow what his Mocking Bird food consists of, as mentioned in his letter last week.

Good Tidings for Jarrow.

We have secured a good secretary, so I am therefore calling a special meeting for May 22 to have him elected, writes Mr. W. Bowen, sec. pro tem. of the Jarrow, Hebburn and Dis. C.B.S. Will all members please attend and give him a thorough good welcome?

Northern Border and S.F.C.C.

I have removed from Heaton Hall Road to 5, Falmouth Road, Heaton, Newcastle-on-Tyne, and secretaries wishing to apply for the patronage of the Northern Border and S.F.C.C. should do so at once, writes Mr. M. C. Potts, the hon. sec.

Norwich Plainheads at Nottingham.

Referring to my memo. of last week re the Norwich Plainhead Club Show, writes Mr. Wilkinson, I find I made a slight mistake in the wording—it should read "cup" show instead of "club" show to be held in conjunction with our open show at Nottingham on Nov. 9 and 11.

Manchester and N.C.O.S. Ramble.

On Sunday, May 19, we are having a ramble to Broadbottom and Mottram. Train leaves London Road Station at two o'clock. Return fare, 6d. Mr. Moorbey will meet us at Mottram and conduct us. Hoping to see plenty of fanciers present. Friends cordially invited. —H. Boothman, hon. sec.

National Green-marked Y.C.C.

Committee meeting at Market Tavern, Bradford, on May 18, 2.30 p.m. Will all members please attend? The annual general meeting will be held at 3 p.m. at the same place. Agenda:—Election of officers, balance sheet, money specials paid out, new rules, etc.—F. Armstrong, sec.

Green Canary Assoc's Patronage.

Societies are requested to send in their applications for the Green Canary Association's patronage without delay—twelve classes required (four Yorkshires, four Norwich, and four Borders). Every consideration will be given, and applications are invited for all or any of the varieties named.—Geo. Green (36, Lord Nelson Street, Liverpool).

Young Mule's Good Record.

With reference to the Linnet Mule depicted on our frontispiece this week, Mr. E. C. Dawson writes:—He was shown six times, result as follows: 2nd Dublin, 1st and special Dundalk, 2nd Cork and Provincial show, 3rd Cork Cage Bird, etc., show, 1st and special locals, 4th L.C.B.A.—not a bad performance for a young bird, Goldfinch Mules always being against him, in fact, my old champion, his stable companion, giving him "the knock." I thank you for the honour of placing him on the front page of CAGE BIRDS, our leading paper.

'PHOSTO'

For Canaries and Cage Birds.

The extraordinary interest aroused by the letter in your issue of May 4th from

Mr. C. E. SILK,

warrants an extract of same for those who may not have seen it—

"I was a bit shy in starting, but I thought I would give it a trial, and I did on hens feeding their young; and, believe me, I never saw hens feed so well before in my life, and you know I am not a chicken at the job. To tell you the truth the young didn't know how to die. All the hens went off the scratch feeding grand. I bred more young last year than I have ever done before, and not a weakly bird amongst them. I continued the 'PHOSTO' right through the moult with the colour feed, and I can assure you I have never had them moult better. They seem to shake their plumage off much quicker, and then the colour comes so much better for it. I used it in a powder form and gave half teaspoonful to one egg with the usual bread crumbs."

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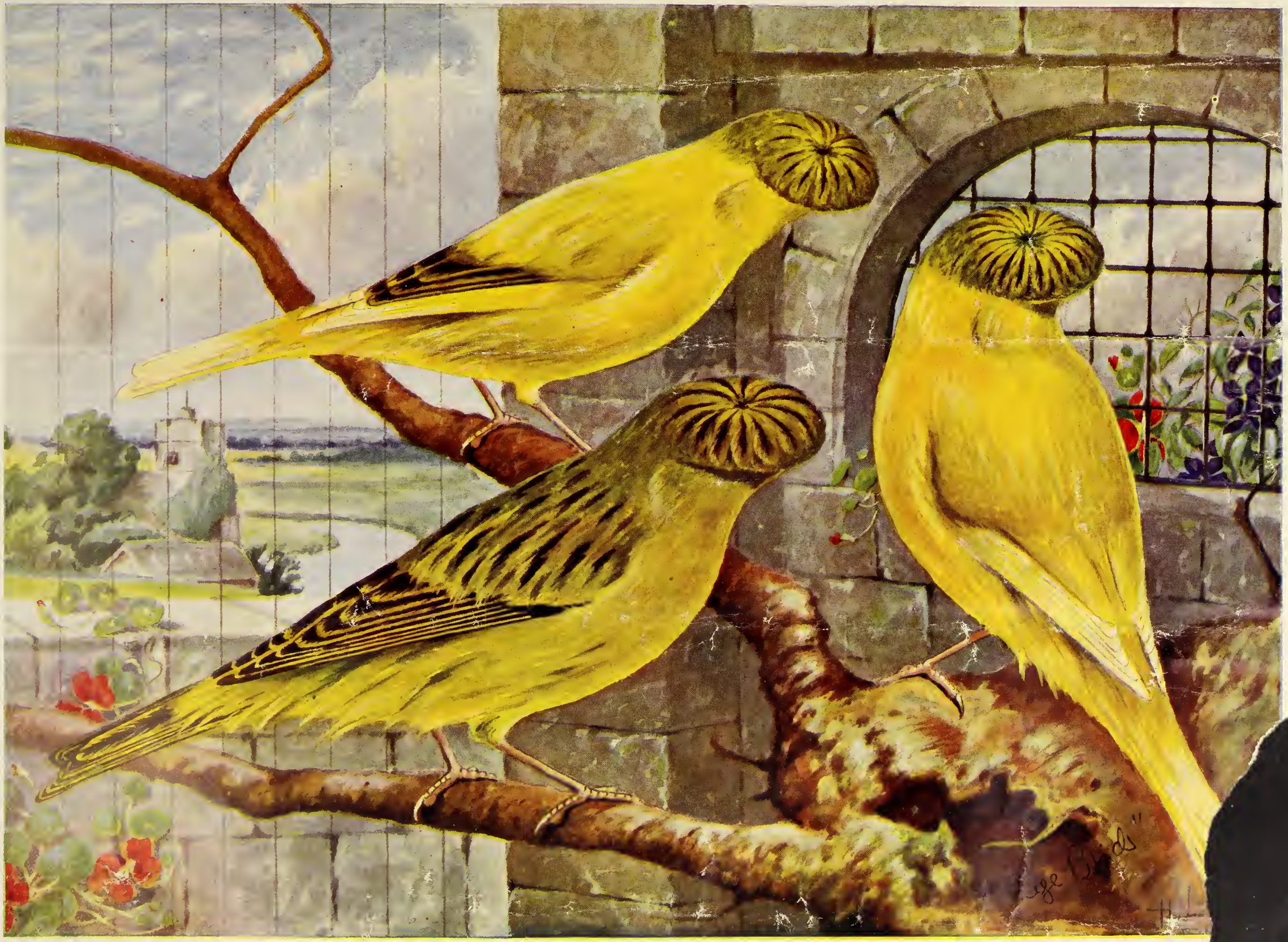

THE THREE GRACES.

THE BULLFINCH AND ITS FAMILIAR HAU

As a Pet and Exhibition Bird, with Its Management.

THE Bullfinch is an inhabitant of nearly the whole of England. It is very fond of hedgerows, sheltered woods and thickets, but in the spring you will find it has left those familiar haunts for your gardens and orchards, and becomes an enemy of the gardener, as in its search for food it is found picking the buds off the fruit trees. It is a great lover of blackberries and brambles, and you can always be assured that the Bullfinch is not far away from the woods and hedgerows where the blackberries are plentiful in the autumn. As the year advances into winter you will find it on the country roads and waste ground that is overgrown with weeds, and I have heard people ask why it is away from the trees and woods, but if you will stand a little while and keep very still you will see that it is very busy feeding on the dock and plantain seed which is a dainty of the Bullfinch, while it is also fond of the privet berries.

"Bullie's" Nest.

The Bullfinch very often makes preparations for building in April or May, and we frequently find the nests of this species in the quickset hedgerow that runs alongside the railway; this being a sort of private ground it is not often the nests get destroyed. The Bullfinch is a very lazy bird in the matter of the form of nest building (compared with other birds), as it builds a very loose and untidy affair composed chiefly of twigs and fine roots, or "wicks," with a slight inner lining of horsehair, and built very loosely together; and when you see the eggs in the nest you think they will drop through the bottom, but the birds always keep them safe in the nest if they are not disturbed. They mostly lay about four or five eggs, which are of a pale colour speckled or streaked with purple at the thick end. They take thirteen or fourteen days to hatch, and as a rule the hen sits her nest very close, and will permit you almost to touch her before she will leave the nest. The male bird sits close by her side, and pays her every attention.

When the young are hatched, both the parent birds take up the duties of feeding their offspring, and they feed them from the crop until they are able to feed themselves, when the parents commence to build again. They usually have about three nests, and have not a deal of time to spare between these nests.

Plumage Differences.

The plumage of the young birds differs considerably from that of the parent birds, the breast being a yellowish brown in colour, and the black upon the head and the grey upon the back a greyish brown, until after the first moult, when they assume the colour of the parents. Some of these young Bullies are sold as hens, people being under the impression that they are all right if they are pale in colour, but I always think it is a good plan to wait until after the moult before you sex them, as this is most difficult while the birds are in the nest feather. Some people are under the impression too that to feed a Bullie with plenty of hemp seed will make it moult out a black one, but it is a great mistake. If you will notice the birds in their wild state, you will see a black one occasionally. There was, I may say, a Bullie here (near Barnsley) a short time ago that was nearly white, but it had the misfortune to get shot, as someone wanted it for stuffing; they thought it would look better thus than flying about in its wild state!

When the Birds are Fresh Caught.

Many of these birds that are fresh caught it is very difficult to get to eat when in captivity; and if they are not well looked after they will soon die. I have always found it a good plan with fresh-caught Bullies either to steep their seed (which makes it easier for them to crack) or to crush it myself for a short time, as in many cases the fresh-caught birds have beaks that are soft and are unable to crack the hard seed, but they can manage to eat it in its natural state.

It is also a good idea to put the seed and water inside the cage for a short time. Many people put the seed and water outside, and leave the birds to find it for themselves, but it is a wrong idea, as there are not many fresh-caught Bullies that can find their seed and water when it is outside their cages, and they soon begin to sit and pine with hunger; and then you can hear their owners say they cannot keep fresh-caught birds. It is, further, a good plan to have ready for the fresh caught Bullies a cage about 16 inches by 9 inches by 10 inches, and put some linen or something light on the top; then when the birds knock their heads against it, they don't hurt themselves. Have a blind for the front of your cage, and let it hang down to allow enough light for the birds to see to eat by; you must gradually lift it a little every day until it gets to the top, and then take it off. Let your birds stay where there are plenty of folks knocking about, and they will be ready for the stock cage when you take the blind off. Let them have plenty of water, as they are fond of a bath, and this pulls them together and keeps them clean.

Keep their cages clean, or their feet will soon get clogged up, and it will make them lame. They do not take a lot of catering for, as they always do well on plain canary seed, with a bit of hemp every day for a tit-bit, and a bit of wild seed once a week. Give them also a bit of green food (chickweed, groundsel, dandelion, and others). By giving these, they soon get to look for you to bring them something, and will soon take it out of your fingers. Be careful not to frighten them in any way, or you will be some time making friends again, as it takes a long time for a bird to forget anything.

The Bullfinch as a Pet.

Having been a British bird fancier for a number of years, and keeping some different species in my room, I have been able to study their n… species that takes to a… most readily. It is a bi… little care. In its wild s… nature, and in the hardest o… other birds looking for scraps … own out, but you can always find it in the backgr…

When you take the Bullfinch into captivity and use a little care, you and he willsoon be the best of friends. He is probably the boldest and most friendly of all British birds. He is not a bird merely to chirp when you offer him any dainty, but he will take it readily.

Bullfinches love pretending to fight; they open their beaks very wide, and drop their wings until they think themselves really alarming, but it is usually all a sham. I have had a good many, but I have only found one to hold its own against other birds. When the Bullfinch is in a merry mood, he loves you to play with him, and he is soon in high glee; he will nip your finger at any opportunity. You will find him very good company, and he will sit and make a funny sound as though laughing to himself or trying to mimic.

Exhibiting the Species.

This handsome bird now possesses a prominent place on the show bench. It can hold its own there, if it is not classed with the larger species of seed-eating birds. When selecting a Bullie for a show bird, select one with as much size as you can get, and see that he is perfectly straight on his legs, with perfect feet and no claws off. He must have good wing carriage, and the wings must not cross each other at the tips. He must also have his tail perfectly straight. He should have a good, even cap, not broken in any way, and a nicely rounded chest.

He must have a deep red breast, with slightly shaded grey back, showing a patch of white on the rump. He should have a good black head to form a clean cut cap, coming a shade under the eye at each side, and a bit lower on the throat, forming a wide bib, and well down on the back of the neck. He must have a black tail, with no broken feathers. The wings should be a delicate grey in colour on the shoulders with a white bar across each, and let them match each other for colour and position; these bars must not be quite halfway down the wing, but more towards the shoulder. The wings should finish a good black in colour, with no broken feathers. He must have an even beak, and the top not overgrown. Get the bird as steady as you can, and then he will not flutter when he is handled at shows.

Always send him out as clean as possible in a clean cage, and see that his claws are not overgrown, or he may get a foot fast and become lamed. Give him free access to plenty of water, and you will find this a great help to you in getting him ready for show; it will improve him altogether.

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*Gentles for Insectivorous Birds.

Now is the time to prepare for a supply of gentles and flies from October to March next. First procure any piece of waste meat, a dead cat or dog or rabbit, and let it be fly-blown. When the gentles begin to be alive, bury it and them in soft moist earth. You may dig up gentles at any time when required. For flies, put some of these gentles in a glass bottle in a warm corner, and in the course of two days they will turn to flies, though not very nimble, and become easy prey for any bird. The best method of cleaning gentles is to put them into some dry clay to scour themselves.—H. Hornblower, Doseley, Dawley, Salop.

*A Perching Wrinkle.

I have a Linnet that would not stand upon a perch in a breeding cage, so I hit upon a very simple way of curing him. I put him in a cage and I laid a few perches near the bottom between the wires, so that he had to stand upon them whether he liked it or not. Naturally he preferred the higher perches, and I am pleased to say that as soon as I took the bottom perches away he took to the ordinary perch without further trouble. I am a successful breeder, and I can safely say that I owe all my success to Cage Birds.—E. Barber (1, St. James's Path, St. James's Street, Walthamstow).

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Now that the breeding season is in full swing and egg food is a necessity, this hint may be useful. Hens' eggs that have proved clear on testing are to be had very cheaply, or for nothing. Boil these for ten minutes, and use in the ordinary way. I find them answer the purpose admirably.—H. Hornblower (Doseley, Dawley, Salop).

Collecting Dandelion Seed.

Dandelion seed for the winter is a splendid "tit-bit," and now is the time to gather same, as the heads are fast ripening. My method is to gather as many as possible; then get a sharp knife and cut off the white. Then place them on a board in front of birdroom window, when they will soon open out. When perfectly dry, store same in tins for winter use.—W. Ratcliff (Grantham).

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Rearing Young Birds Without Egg-Food.

Some Remarkably Interesting Methods Revealed.

OUR essay competition on the subject of the rearing of young birds without the use of egg in any form whatever, resulted in a fair number of contributions, reaching us, and the experiences related therein will, we are sure, prove of intense interest to the host of bird-lovers who indulge in bird-breeding, and, in a lesser degree, the rearing of birds by hand. In addition to the essay which we have adjudged the winner of the prize (one guinea cash), we purpose publishing extracts from whatever other contributions seem to us of sufficiently wide interest, together with a synopsis embodying any out-of-the-way points raised by various fanciers.

In the first place, we have to point out that many of the competitors advocate very similar systems of feeding; this, though, was only to be expected. In general popularity, however, one substitute for egg-food seems to stand right ahead; it is bread and milk. A large number of competitors "plump" for this as the best of all alternatives, and judging by the measure of success they have achieved by its use there can be no question as to its efficiency; further, it is easily prepared, and has the crowning merit of cheapness.

Several writers appear to have overlooked the plain rule that advertised (proprietary) goods, also home-made cakes, etc., which contained egg, were not eligible substitutes within the meaning of this competition; their contributions have therefore had to be passed by.

It will be readily understood that it was no easy task to select the winning essay, as the information had necessarily to be taken more-or-less on trust, so to speak; opportunity of giving any system a practical test being impossible in the time at our disposal. We have decided to award the guinea to

Mr. Thomas Stanley,
212, Rookery Road, Handsworth,
Birmingham.

This fancier's method seems to us well reasoned and feasible, while it is set out in a very understandable manner; further, it breaks into new ground, though this, of course, is not necessarily a point in its favour. We reproduce Mr. Stanley's essay below:—

The Winning Essay.

The main factors which guided me in seeking something to take the place of egg-food were the following six points, essential, in my mind, to arrive at the ideal food:—

(1) A food readily taken by the old birds and easy of digestion by the young when newly hatched.

(2) Which possessed the equivalent nutritive properties of the egg.

(3) Which would not be likely to turn sour in hot weather or under the most adverse circumstances, so as to reduce to a minimum the danger to the young.

(4 Which was easily prepared in any required quantity.

(5) Which could be supplied to the birds in the early morning in sufficient quantity to last the old birds and a brood of young all day (a boon to the fancier, like myself, who has to be away at business all day, on which account I find it best not to wet the food).

(6) Which would be equally useful when colour feeding, and readily assimilate the colour, so that the best results could be expected in cases where show specimens were being treated.

The method of feeding is as follows:—I put the hen to sit on the evening of the third day, and give no other food but best Spanish canary seed, with a little green food twice a week. I hang on the bath every other day. On the twelfth day I put a small crystal of pure Epsom salts in the drinking glass overnight, having first rinsed the glass and changed the water. When pairing (getting ready) the old birds I do not, of course, give them any egg-food. On the night of the twelfth day I put a piece of the best beef suet between the cage wires (it must be quite fresh) and if the chicks should be hatched a little early—say before you are up to give them their first food—the old birds will give them a little of the suet, and it will do them good.

When I get up next morning (thirteenth day) I at once prepare a little food in the following way. I take two teaspoonfuls of pine kernels and a piece of grease-proof paper (generally taken from off the butter) and enclose them in a little bag made with the latter. I tie up this, and put them into boiling water for about thirty minutes, but do not boil rapidly. Then I turn into a saucer, add a "pinch" of best butter, and crush into a pulp with a fork, afterwards sprinkling on a little maw seed. When cold, put into an egg-drawer, and give to the birds. When assured the young are hatched, I also give the parents an equal quantity of well-crushed Osborne biscuit, sprinkled with a little fine sugar; this is not wanted before two o'clock, and I get my wife to put it in the egg-drawer with the nut-food. In addition, see the birds have a supply of good canary seed in the hopper. One can prepare the nuts overnight.

The next morning I have a look in the nest, and see if all is well, but I do not keep the hen off long. Now I give them, in addition to the nut and biscuit mentioned above, a spoonful of well-soaked German rape seed, well swilled and dried, and I ask my wife to remove this, if any is left, at two o'clock, and give a similar amount in another vessel inside the cage. I may here say that soaked rape is continued with the nut and biscuit right up to the time that the young can crack canary seed, the only difference being that I do not boil the pine kernels after the third day, but just smash them up with a fork and add maw seed. When the young are six days old I give a small quantity of lightly cracked hemp seed, but not more than the birds will consume in one day, as it soon goes rancid. I am particular to thoroughly wash the drinking-glasses each day and remove the "slime" which so quickly affects the water, for without one pays attention to this item, no good results can be expected. I find that a little teazle seed, scalded and dried, is greatly relished by the birds, and has a beneficial effect on old and young, on account of the medicinal properties of this seed, and I give it them about twice a week after the young are hatched, by way of an extra; also I give a little green-food from the fourth day, and I prefer watercress or chickweed, whichever is obtainable. One must not give too much at a time. I give the old birds a bath daily after the third day.

A remarkable photograph of Mr. S. Goldin (Manchester) and his tame Grey Parrots.

I may explain that pine kernels are small white nuts used by vegetarian cooks, are very oily, and the most nutritious nuts obtainable. The price is about 1s. or 1s. 2d. per lb., and they are kept by all the vegetarian supply stores and other food specialists. The nuts are also greedily eaten by all British birds, but my experience as far as rearing goes, has only been with Canaries. They are bought ready shelled at the above prices, and must on no account be kept in bags, as these absorb the oil, which we do not want to lose; a bottle is best, or a clean tin. These nuts never go bad.

I have very successfully reared young Canaries for the past three seasons with the foods mentioned above, and my birds are always healthy and free from ailments of any kind, while I rarely lose a bird in the nest. I do not show at [illegible] with the [illegible] hope in the [illegible] (to use a fancier's term) [illegible] I keep Yorkshires and Roller[illegible]

Birds Like "Young Cat[illegible]

The cheapest and the best thing, to [illegible] the old fashioned dog biscuit. The best [illegible] pare is to put enough hot water on to make it [illegible] then pass through a sieve, and you will find [illegible] consistency just like egg-food. Sprinkle a little [illegible] on. You will find hens feed like steam on [illegible] change from the maw, give a little scalded rape, or a bit of scalded teazel. I think this a much better food than eggs, as there is not much fear of it going sour for a few days. Of course, you will want to use seeds, such as hemp and canary. Anyone trying the above food will find it will rear birds strong and healthy, like young cart-horses!

WM. NEWELL (Abertillery).

Corn in the Ear.

I have been a breeder of Canaries for more than fifty years, and have tried several different foods, but the one that pleased me most I used whilst I resided at Cambridge. At the beginning of the season I gave the usual egg and biscuit, but directly I could get young green corn, such as wheat, oats, barley, and young grass seeds, I discarded the egg and biscuit, and I can truly say that I never had stronger birds in my life. Their crops were always full of the young green corn and grass seeds. I am aware that this kind of food would be difficult to obtain in and around large towns, but in the country it is not difficult to obtain a few ears of green corn, or to grow some on purpose in one's garden. I used to gather the green grass, with its green seeds, which I found the wild Finches filled their crops with. This kind of food seems to me to be very natural.

R. M. PRESLAND (Woodford Green).

Simple Life on Dandelions & Bread.

Two years ago a close friend of mine decided he would have a try at Canary breeding, and his effort was crowned with success, he rearing a dozen as fine and healthy young birds as one could wish for, so far as strength and liveliness were concerned. His pair never had egg-food. Their only "fancy" diet during the breeding season was wellground crumbs from home-baked bread, into which was sprinkled a little maw seed. Staple diet, canary seed; and every other day while they had young he gave a pinch of German rape and hemp seed. Green food, nothing but dandelion leaves, and when the dandelion heads appeared, nothing but the ripe heads and plenty of them, and that I am sure is where the secret of his success lay—the ripe growing heads of the dandelion, one of Nature's finest diets for birds.

COUNTRY LIFE (Berwick-on-Tweed).

Rice Pudding Makes Profit Possible.

I have been breeding Yorkshires over twenty years, and generally put up five or six pairs. In the year 1902 I lost a lot of young birds through hens not feeding, although I was giving them fresh egg-food twice a day. It was too stimulating; an old fancier at the time told me my birds were in too high condition, and said: "Don't use any more eggs, but ask the wife to bake a rice pudding in the usual way, and when it is cold mix in Osborne biscuits, the same as you would if using eggs." I prefer lettuce or water-cress as green-food, and give good canary seed, and hemp cracked. I very seldom lose a young bird, and have made over £5 profit since last breeding season through sending a small advertisement to CAGE BIRDS, for I have sold every bird that I could spare. Good luck to CAGE BIRDS, for it teaches working men how to make money, and I have read it every week since the first issue.

E. WILLIAMS (Salisbury).

(To be continued.)

Experiments in Breeding Famous Song Birds.

By J. JEFFREY (Harborne, Birmingham).

Concluded from page 394.

But of all birds as cage pets the Nightingale is my favourite. I have kept these birds now for close upon 20 years, and they have as great a charm for me to-day as when I first started with them. True, they have most peculiar habits as song-birds in confinement. To many they are a disappointment. Don't run away with the idea that they sing all the year round. The song of the Nightingale is a love-song, pure and simple; that is, they sing during the breeding season. Commencing in January they sing till the middle of June, and when they arrive in this country (about the 20th of April) they are in full breeding condition.

The Problem of Teaching Young 'Gales.

Young Nightingales begin to sing when they are a month old, and will warble right through the first twelve months, gradually getting better and louder in the natural delivery of their song. At first their notes are very much disconnected, but gradually they begin (about January) to get their proper trills and "water bubble" notes, especially if they can hear an old one singing a few times.

How is this to be done, seeing that the adult birds go off song soon after the young are hatched, and, as a rule, never sing in a cage till the year is nearly out. I have experimented with them in every conceivable way. I got one old cock to pair to a hen in November, by keeping them in a warm room, and he burst out into full song. He made the room fairly ring with his melody for week after week.

This season I have tried keeping a number of cocks and hens together in a bird-room, and there has scarcely been a week since their moult when I have not been favoured with a song. I am quite convinced, however, that rivalry has been the cause of it. The "Master Bird" of the room has burst into song. Several times during November he sang for twenty minutes in the dead of night. Several times I have (through a small hole in the door) watched the bird that sang; I have taken note of some special mark on him, and have caught and caged him separately, but no more song have I got from him while in the cage. But to my surprise another would assume the command in the room and sing equally well. This occurred seven or eight times last autumn and winter, so that I have had very few weeks without having the Nightingale's song.

The young 'Gales, too, have sung remarkably well, and were very much advanced through having a tutor. Both old and young ones in my possession are singing quite stoutly as I pen these lines. Nightingales are quite easy to breed in a properly constructed aviary. It is impossible to breed them in a cage, as they will not take to a nest, persisting in building one for themselves. This is composed of leaves, so that there is no binding together as in the case of other birds who use moss and hair. Consequently the nest is very loose, and the eggs roll about the cage and get spoilt. In an aviary the birds will take to a good bushy fern or any kind of brushwood placed in position, and will build a good nest, especially if you get an old Blackbird's nest and tear it up, and supply them also with some oak leaves. I am hoping, and am sanguine that after the experiences of several fanciers during the past season (made known through the columns of CAGE BIRDS) quite a number of bird-keepers will make an experiment during this season to breed Nightingales. I can only say that any advice I can give, it will be a pleasure for me to supply. I wish one and all every success.

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CANARY QUERIES.

Answered by CLAUDE ST. JOHN.

MICE IN AVIARY (F. Hobart).—You cannot do better than use a course of Virus, which you will find advertised in our columns. It will not be necessary to remove the birds. In dealing with an outdoor aviary success naturally depends on its position, structure, and locality to a great extent when using the ordinary means, such as traps, etc., but these points do not come into play in the suggested method.

TEACHING ROLLERS TO SING (F.B.).—It is certainly necessary to train young Roller cocks if you wish them to sing a pure good class song. If you have a really good, pure singing cock, in good song, he will be competent to train the young cocks you will get from a single pair if you can depend upon him keeping in song well, and resuming in a reasonably short time after the moult. It is rather risky, however, to depend upon a single cock, as he is apt to go out of song and remain silent during the most critical time when they need good tuition. It would be much safer to get a second cock, which has moulted early and resumed singing, before the one you have has quite gone off song for moulting, so that one or other may reasonably be expected to keep in full song all through the autumn. You should move all the cocks to a room by themselves where they will not be distracted by other bird sounds during tuition. The second cock should sing the same type of song as your present one this is important.

NOT SINGING (Alice). Has the bird ever sang at all, or are you sure of the sex? It is quite possible it may have been permanently affected whilst hanging in a draughty window. Anyway, as it is still quite young, the following treatment should do much good, but you must strictly avoid hanging it in a draughty, or excessively fluctuating position in future. Give a staple diet of three parts canary to one part summer rape. Every second day for a month give half a teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake with four drops of sherry and two of cod liver oil emulsion mixed in it, and sprinkled with equal parts maw and gold of pleasure. Twice a week on the alternating days give a pinch of the seed mixture you have been using as staple diet, and a good eyed spray of chickweed, or two leaves of dandelion daily. Allow it to bathe daily if it likes now the weather is settled. In the drinking water add 20 drops of whiskey, as much Epsom salts as will cover a sixpence, and half as much chlorate of potash to the drinking water for three days, and afterwards give 20 drops of whiskey, six of glycerine, ten of lemon juice, and two of eucalyptus oil, well shaken in the water, every second day for a week.

MAKING HER FEED (Anxious). What has been said of some other biped applies with equal force to the hen Canary "when she will, she will, you may depend on't; when she won't, she won't, and there's an end on't" There is no specific in the sense you imply that will make a hen feed. Good sound health and condition and a normal working of all the bodily functions is the only real specific. When there is any departure from normal conditions something may be done to readjust matters by treating as advised to "G. H. Brown," in last issue, but do not deceive yourself that you can work miracles in this way, by "giving the hen something." The wisest plan when you have a hen with such a reputation as yours, is to endeavour to be prepared with one or more foster hens, to which the young could be transferred if deserted by their own parent. It would be worth trying the removal of the cock this leaving her to hatch and rear the young her-... At a week old you might certainly keep the ... going by hand feeding, allowing the hen to ...od them, when she might probably resume her duties satisfactory after a few days. I do not quite see how a change of environment would cause her to have the young "under her nose" more, as you say.

REARING YOUNG BY CONTRACT (Yorkshire Novice).—Yes, I should say your terms for payment for getting young reared are quite fair and liberal. The pairs of old birds, I take it, would remain your own property after the breeding season.

SCABS ON HEAD (A.J.H.).—Slightly smear the bare place three times a week with Lanocyllin and dust on a little boric acid to dry it, allowing the latter to remain on to peel off naturally or be washed off in bath. If the hen is quite well in all other respects and feeds well, it will make no material difference to her breeding, or to the young, though it is doubtful whether the hen will quite recover the plumage on this spot..

DROPPINGS LOOSE AND GREEN (Crest).—This is not uncommon when a liberal supply of succulent green food is available. It is of no consequence whatever, and will not do the birds any harm. A little looseness is not bad for birds that are not mated at this season. If it becomes very bad so as to approach watery droppings, cut down the green food supply a little for a few days, and give a little dry crushed arrowroot biscuit, hemp, and a piece of cuttlefish to peck at.

LOOSENESS OF BOWELS (G. Clark).—You should have said how you fed and treated the hen generally. The treatment of the looseness would depend entirely upon its cause. It might have been merely the symptom of a much more serious condition, and if you have other birds it would have been the safest plan to send the body to our post-mortem examiner to ascertain the actual cause. For simple looseness you should first see that all your seeds and foods, and water supply are sweet and wholesome. Examine the condition of your hemp particularly. Then give a mild aperient for one day, and reduce the supply of green food, give a little scalded rape, dry crushed arrowroot biscuit, and a pinch of good sound hemp daily for a few days. If this does not suffice to correct it, add five drops each of tincture of gentian and tincture of catechu to the water for two or three days.

RESTLESS AND YAWNING (Mrs. Dupree).—Give a staple diet of plain canary seed for a fortnight, with every second day a pinch of summer rape added, and twice each week on the intervening days a morsel of bread and milk dusted with soft sugar. Give a little green food daily, and also allow it to bathe daily if it likes, now the weather is milder. Twice each week add a few drops of essence of quassia to the bathing water. Add 20 drops of whiskey, as much Epsom salts as will cover a sixpence, and half as much chlorate of potash to the drinking water for three days, and afterwards give 20 drops of whiskey, six of glycerine, ten of lemon juice, and two of eucalyptus oil, well shaken in the water, every second day for a week.

A FAINT HEART (A.W., Montreal).—Am sorry I know nothing that will make this bashful scion take the plunge against his will. He is probably rather young yet, and will prove more satisfactory towards the close of the season, and will probably act all right next year. You may be able to get a single brood from him this year, but that is about all you must expect, and if you have another keen suitable cock at liberty, I should advise you to take no risks, but to mate him with the hen at once, and keep this unsatisfactory one separately for a songster until next season. You might also treat him as advised to "Yorkshires" for a week or two, which may put a little more courage into him.

MOULTING (A. E., Hull).—You ought to have had CAGE BIRDS ANNUAL handy, which would have saved you much valuable time and shown you how to deal with this trouble. It will be quite useless mating the bird until she has quite recovered from the moult, and the plumage is fully developed. Keep her fairly warm, in a fairly equable temperature quite free from draughts, and allow her to bathe freely. In addition to staple seed diet give a little egg food every second day, well sprinkled with maw seed, and on the alternating days give a pinch of a mixture of equal parts hemp, inga, millet, and black rape, with a sprinkling of linseed and mustard in the bulk. Dissolve a drachm of ammoniated citrate of iron and quinine in two ounces of sherry; add a teaspoonful of honey and give 20 drops of this mixture in the drinking water two days in every three until feathers cease dropping, and plumage is well grown. Give two dandelion leaves daily.

COLOUR OF SHOW CAGES (J. Pearce).—For the Cinnamons a pale or sky blue would be the correct colour, though, personally, I consider an electric green, or a grey-green, shows up the bird better than anything. For the Lizard a richer shade of deep sky blue is correct. If you addressed a request enclosing stamped envelope for reply, to the Secretary of L. and L.F.A. he would probably send you a specimen of correct shades as adopted by the club.

YOUNG DYING (W.H.).—The deaths might have been due to constipation, but it is quite impossible to speak with any certainty without full particulars of your treatment and the foods and greenstuffs you were using. If my surmise is correct the trouble might easily have been averted by a judicious correction of the egg-food, and, perhaps giving a little crisp young lettuce or tender shoots of groundsel. It should be quite an easy matter to complete the rearing by hand when the young have reached a fortnight old.

STOPPED SINGING (Silverdale).—Your feeding is certainly not the best. Try the following, and adhere to it strictly for two or three weeks. Staple diet: Plain canary. Every second day give half a teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake with four drops of sherry and two of cod liver emulsion mixed in it and sprinkled with maw, and twice a week on the alternating days give a similar quantity of the seed mixture, of which you send sample, and a pinch of summer rape on each of the remaining days. Give a little chickweed or two dandelion leaves daily, and keep cage strewn with clean gritty sand. In the drinking water add 20 drops of whisky, ten of lemon juice, and as much sulphate of soda as will cover a sixpence, for three days. The sample of rape you send appears to be rather infested with mites, but the quantity was much too small to be quite sure of the point. Examine the bulk, and if so infested, discard it.

LAYING ON FLOOR (T.S.). The prospects of success with the Cirsthred hen this season are by no means bright, and you would do well to get another suitable hen for the cock, and thus avoid wasting a whole season. You might mate the cock with such fresh hen, and as soon as she commences to sit remove him, leaving her to hatch and rear young by herself, and try cock again with the first hen. Also try moving nest-box to a different position and see that it is not too glaringly exposed. Also keep floor well covered with sawdust, chaff, or oat husk, by which means you will save any dropped eggs for sitting under other hens. You should also endeavour to have a pair or two of common feeders available in case their services should be required. Give a staple diet of canary and rape, a small quantity of egg food sprinkled with equal parts maw, gold of pleasure and sesame every second day, and a pinch of mixed seeds twice a week. Give a little dandelion or chickweed, in stead of watercress, daily.

DOUBTFUL SEX (Yorkshires). It is quite possible for two hens to behave as you say your birds have done. You should try to get some experienced fancier to see them and give you his opinion of the sex of the supposed cock. Or catch both birds and blow up feathers of abdomen so as to compare them side by side. If there is no obvious difference in the formation of the vent, you may safely conclude either that you have got two hens or that the supposed cock will be totally useless for breeding this season—most probably the former will be the case. You might try the effect of a little egg food well sprinkled with equal parts maw, gold of pleasure, and sesame every second day, and on the alternate days a little of a mixture of equal parts hemp, inga, teazle, and millet. Give three or four leaves of dandelion daily.

DEFORMED CLAW (Great Dane, Nelson).—Give the bird thin and nearly round perches about the size of a lead pencil, and note if when it perches on these it gradually works the hind claw over the back in the proper position. If it does, leave it with these perches only for two or three months, by which time Nature will have corrected the deformity. But if it fails to get hind claw in proper position on these perches, then cut an eighth of an inch off the end of rubber tubing, as is used on a baby's feeding bottle, and pass one of these rings over the three front claws and push it up the leg nearly, but not quite, as far as the hind toe reaches, which you will hold, meanwhile, backward against leg. Leave the rings in position indicated for a month, then remove them and give the bird the thin perches as mentioned above for a few weeks. Allow ordinary perches whilst rings are on. Part VI. of "Our Canaries" illustrates how to treat this and other foot deformities.

SCALY LEGS (C.J.C.).—Coarse scaly legs and feet are quite a common thing in an old bird, but I am not clear whether your bird has merely coarse thickened scales or a fungoid growth on legs. If the former, bathe well in a comfortably warm solution of boracic acid until scales may be lifted away easily. Be careful not to force. Having removed them, dry legs and feet gently, trim claws to a normal length with a pair of sharp scissors, and anoint legs and feet sparingly with Lanocyllin. Repeat the anointing once daily for a few days. If there appears a fungoid growth on feet, follow instructions under heading "Leprosy," in Part VI. of "Our Canaries." There is no reason why you should mate Linnet with Canary.

CLOGGED VENT (G. H. Thomas).—If, as I gather from your letter, you only seem to get a single youngster in each brood so affected, "and that the smallest," I should imagine you do not remove the eggs as laid, and consequently the smallest of the brood is probably two or three days younger than the oldest. In this case unless you have very good feeders the youngest very often get overlooked, and is neither fed nor cleaned so well by the hen as the more advanced members of the brood. In fact, the wee mite is often smothered by its nest-mates, so that even when fairly well fed the necessity for other attentions escapes the hen's notice, and clogging as you describe is very apt to result. If you do not already do so, you should in future remove the eggs and set them all at the same time, so that all the young may hatch within a few hours, and get an equal start in life. If you already do this you might transfer any very small chick from a brood to another brood which were about the same size, and thus avoid this trouble. There is very little the matter with your feeding, but you might see if the kernel of your hemp is sound and good, and also add a little chickweed, or a scrap of crisp young lettuce leaf to the green food supply. Do your biscuits contain much fat? If so, substitute a proportion of Osborne biscuits, or bread crumbs, for an equal proportion of your present biscuit food.

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should consult St. John's "Canary Breeding for Beginners" (7d.); House's "Canary Manual" (1/2); Batlye's "Yorkshire Canaries" (1, 1½); House's "Norwich Canaries" (1/1); Weston's "Stock Book" (7d.); Dr. Clarke's "Septic or Bird Fever" (7d.); Dr. Creswell's "Hygiene of Bird-keeping (1/1); Normon's "Aviaries, Bird-rooms, and Cages" (2/3); Romsden's "Colour-feeding" (3½d.); "Seeds and Foods for Cage Birds" (1/2); or the "Nutshell" booklets (2½d. each); No. 5 "The Pet Canary," No. 6 "Ailing Birds and How to Cure them," No. 9 "The Disinfection of Cages, Bird-rooms, etc.," No. 10 "The Roller," No. 23 "The Border Fancy," No. 24 "Green Canaries." All thoroughly practical and instructive. Prices quoted are post free, from "Coge Birds," 154, Fleet Street, London, E.C.

FOREIGN BIRDS.

Answered by WESLEY T. PAGE, F.Z.S., Etc.

WHAT SONGSTER? (Rita).—There is not a great deal of latitude as to choice, so as to meet your requirements. It is beyond my powers to recommend a bird which will act the part of policeman in the cage, though I expect things will shape so that some one bird will "rule the roost." You had better write one or two dealers asking for prices, and if they have either of the following in stock: 1, Green Singing Finch—guaranteed singer, none other to be sent; 2, Alario Finch; 3, Grey-necked Serin (Cape Canary). Of course, a cock bird in each case. With a variety of birds in a cage, sexes should be equal, or they should be all cocks—a number of cocks according to size of your cage, will agree together, providing there are no hens to light over, and as you want only singing birds, I should think this would be your best course.

A FEATHER PULLER (J. E. K.).—Do not give any tea, coffee or milk sops, table scraps, or any kind of animal food whatever. Give it a piece of biscuit, or stale crust of household bread daily, slightly damped with chemical food and water, and then dusted with flowers of sulphur. In its present condition the following seed mixture would suit it well (it should eat the canary seed when the other items are consumed); one quart white millet, one pint each canary seed and oats, half a pint each shelled nuts, paddy rice, hemp, and sunflower seed, and a gill of grit (not sand)—well mix and keep a supply in the cage. Continue to supply the fruit, Dinneford's and Chemical Food as heretofore, also cuttlebone, wood and bobbins to chew up and play with. Spray it every other day with quassia solution; there will be no risk about this, so long as you keep the bird out of draught. It will help matters to stand him out of doors in some sheltered position, when cold winds do not prevail—you must not allow him to flume on it for lengthy periods, a circle of cardboard larger than cage, with a slot in centre to slip over cage ring, will give it all the shelter it requires from sun, and the card should be out of reach of the Parrot bill. Treat as above for a month, and then report progress.

SWELLING ON BREAST (E. J. T.).—If the swelling you refer to on breast is not the crop, it cannot be successfully treated through the medium of this column, as it is a case calling for the services of a vet., and operation, as if it is let go on it will undoubtedly end fatally. The palliatives are fomenting with a hot (not hot enough to discomfort) decoction of camomile flowers, drying afterwards, and keeping the bird strictly out of draught. The bowels must be kept moving freely, but not waterly loose, by giving one part of Dinneford's Magnesia to three parts of water, in lieu of the ordinary drinking water, as required. Twice or thrice weekly a little Byno-phosphates added to the drinking water should prove a good tonic at this juncture. Diet: Seed mixture, ripe fruit, nuts, plain biscuit, green food, cuttlebone, and grit. I must repeat, however, that this seems distinctly a case for a vet.

GREY SINGING FINCHES (Interested).—(1) Canary, white and spray millet, and a little ready mixed "wild seed mixture"—as regards green food, lettuce, seeding grass, chickweed, groundsel, and any other harmless weeds may be given—also cuttlebone, and grit and water for drinking and bathing. (2) Yes, they have frequently been bred in aviaries—in a cage, save for the extra seeds, treat much as you would Canaries, but do not interfere with their nest or eggs—make it pretty private. (3) Not likely, but at the same time no real reason why they should not cross with the Goldie or the Linnet. This species has been crossed both with the Green Singing Finch and the Canary. (4) The Green Singing Finch is the brightest coloured bird, being clad in green and yellow, while the other is clad in sober grey. Both are good singers, but this capacity varies much in individual birds.

GOULDIAN BALD (Gould).—I should cage this bird separately, and keep its bowels moving quite freely with occasional doses of Dinneford's Magnesia—one teaspoonful to the ounce (two tablespoonfuls) of water—at the same time the bowels must not be allowed to remain watery loose. When not giving the magnesia, add a little Byno-phosphates to the drinking water. Supply seeding grass, chickweed, groundsel, etc., freely. Crush some cuttlebone to the size of millet, and add a pinch to the daily supply of seed. Let it have daily access to a bath. Moisten the skin of bald area occasionally with clean vaseline, but not use sufficient to run among the plumage and make it greasy. It could be placed out of doors for a good portion of the day now, and would benefit therefrom, if placed in sme sheltered position.

INDIAN MYNAH (M. F. Mynah).—(1) Its natural food is fruit, berries and insects—in captivity supply insectile mixture (soft food), with a small portion of finely minced cooked meat stirred in twice a week, fruit and insects—rice pudding may be given, and it may have table leavings to pick over, being almost omnivorous. (2) The cage for this species ought to be 30 to 36 inches long, by 18 inches deep, and high, or a little higher—the Thrush cage may suffice, but will give the bird little or no exercise. (3) The best talker is the Greater Hill Mynah, glossy blue-black plumage, with purplish reflections, bill deep yellow, and rather large wattles of the same colour on the sides of face. (4) They are longer learning to talk than the Grey Parrot; some talk very fluently; it is largely a matter of patience and perseverance in training; they are excellent mimics and should soon pick up many sounds and calls.

YOUNG GREY PARROT THIN (E. L. Warren).—It is a young bird, is developing rather than putting on flesh—your diet is about right, but for a time give the boiled maize every other day, and dust with flowers of sulphur before supplying to the bird. Keep a piece of clean cuttlebone in its cage, an dadd a pinch of grit (not sand) to the daily supply of seed. Use a crock drinker, and put a little Byno-phosphates in the drinking water every other day. Make a pet of this bird, and as soon as you have won its confidence let it take a little exercise outside its cage when convenient. As soon as the bird is a little more fleshy, not fat, reduce the maize to twice weekly, then later to once a week, and later still drop it altogether from the menu.

VERANDAH AVIARY (D.G.).—You will have to make some provision for winter, and some kind of a house must be provided in one part of the aviary, that is, boards all round (with window to well light it), except for the door or opening by which birds go in and out. You are asking at my hands an impossibility—I can give you the names of probable breeders, but all species, even Budgerigars sometimes, take a season to get accustomed to their quarters, and Parrakeets are quite as much this way inclined as Finches and kindred birds. Again, you cannot keep Finch-like birds and Parrakeets (Budgerigars are Parrakeets) together with safety, as usually Budgies in their "playfulness" sooner or later wound, maim or kill off Finch-like birds—there are some, such as Cardinals, etc., that can look after themselves even when kept among Parrakeets. I would suggest you getting one pair each Green Budgerigars, Yellow Budgerigars, Madagascar Lovebirds, Blue-wing Lovebirds, Black-cheeked Lovebirds, Cockatiels, Rosella and Red-rump Parrakeets. But only the Budgerigars are practically certain breeders this season; some of the others should do so, but most of them will probably not breed until next season—moreover the most experienced of aviculturists seldom get every pair in an aviary to breed in any one season. The above birds would all exist on a Parrakeet mixture of canary, millet, oats, hemp, paddy rice, sunflower seeds, ripe fruit, nuts, grit, cuttlebone and water. Green food, such as seeding grasses and weeds, lettuce, etc., will be freely taken, as may

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should consult Page's "Foreign Birds for Beginners" (1/1½); Arthur's "Budgerigars and Cockatiels" (6d.); Arthur's "Parrots for Pleasure and Profit" (7d.); "Aviaries, Bird-rooms, and Cages" (2/3); "Seeds, Foods, and Wild Plants" (1/2); Dr. Clarke's "Septic or Bird Fever" (7d.); Dr. Creswell's "Hygiene of Bird-keeping" (1/1); "Colour-feeding" (3½d.); or the "Nutshell" booklets (2½d. each): No. 6 "Ailing Birds and How to Cure them," No. 9 "The Disinfection of Cages, Bird-rooms, etc.," No. 14 "Gouldian Finches," No. 16 "Avadavats," No. 17 "The Grey Parrot," No. 18 "Budgerigars," No. 19 "The Pekin Robin," No. 29 "Waxbills." All thoroughly practical and instructive. Prices quoted are post free from "Cage Birds," 154, Fleet Street, London, E.C.

also broken biscuits, especially when they are feeding young. If you care to send me a ground plan of the present aviary, indicating the position of windows looking into it, I will indicate the best position to add the shelter to the part you have wired in, and send a sketch of most suitable type. I can, of course, indicate a series of Finch-like birds suitable for the aviary, some of which would be almost sure to breed during the year, but they would not be so showy as the Parrakeets, and your inclinations seem to lie towards the latter. Barrels are better than husks or nest boxes; if you use the latter they must all have concave bottoms, or the eggs will roll about and get spoiled, as Parrakeets use no nesting material.

WAXBILLS, BISHOPS, ETC. (Villavecnis).—(1) It is not possible to give descriptions, as there are too many kinds. You should get our Nutshells, Nos. 16 and 20, dealing with some of these species, 2½d. each, post free, from our Manager. Waxbills and Avadavats are brightly coloured mites about the Size of a Gold-crest. Silverbills about size of Linnet, pale golden-brown or fawn-colour. Bishops —these are numerous and have a summer and winter plumage—in the former the Red-billed is pinkish fawn with a black face mask; the Madagascar is scarlet and dark brown; the Napoleon is yellow and Black; the Orange is fiery orange and black; all about the size of a Norwich Canary. (3) The husk is the fibrous sheath containing the coco-nut, and is some 3 inches or more longer and wider than the nut. (2) No, I do not think there is any chance, there is the difference in size, and the Waxbills catch many small flies, etc., and give their young, as well as green food.

BUDGERIGARS NOT NESTING (Novice).—Your birds will undoubtedly ultimately nest, but they are longer settling down to nesting in a cage than in the aviary. When the birds are in breeding condition, the cere of the male will be bright blue, and that of the hen ruddy brown. Seeding (flowering) grass is obtainable now, and it is quite safe to give if gathered about noon; supply as much as they will eat. The general menu should consist of canary and white millet, a few oats, cuttlebone, grit, and water. Our Nutshell, "Budgerigars," 2½d. post free, from our Manager, should be of much assistance to you. Budgerigars do not require any nesting material: they will hollow out the husk to their liking, and deposit their eggs therein.

AVIARY FOR BUDGERIGARS, ETC. (D.E.S.).—Do not attempt to put bantams in the aviary; you have only accommodation for about 24 Budgerigars, and I cannot advise your putting Finches with Parrakeets in that space. The following should look well, and the variety be very pleasing: 1 pair each Green Budgerigars, Yellow Budgerigars, Blue-wing Lovebirds, Cockatiels, and Bengal Parrakeets; they would all thrive on practically the same diet, at least, if you supply a mixture of canary and white millet in equal parts, and another of hemp, oats, sunflower, and paddy rice, with ripe fruit, grit, cuttlebone, and water for drinking and bathing, this will about cover their need. Of course, in such a small aviary it is understood that any young reared would be removed as soon as they were able to fend for themselves.

AMAZON PARROT, ETC. (J.C.H.O.).—(1) I should certainly spray the bird if it will not take a bath (use a mist sprayer), and keep strictly out of draught till dry. Choose a warm genial day for the purpose, but if the bird will take a bath that is the better way. If it is tame enough to come out of the cage, put down a dish of water, and I opine it will soon splash itself well and enjoy it; if not, use the spray with the aforementioned precautions. Yes, the bird can go outside during genial weather, but not while cold winds are prevalent or in an exposed windy position. (2) If you can secure thorough ventilation without draught the paint will not hurt the birds, but as the nights are still cold I think the better plan would be to remove them—then leave the window open day and night till the paint is dry.

BRITISH BIRDS, MULES, AND HYBRIDS.

Mr. G. E. Weston regrets the delay in replying to several queries, due to his recent indisposition, but will answer all enquiries in our next issue.

GOLDFINCHES WITH ASTHMA (T. Saunders).—Your birds have probably caught a cold through having been kept in a draughty place. If the complaint has been apparent for some time, get a mixture made up as follows: Glycerine and oxymel of squills two drachms each, chlorodyne and ipecacuanha wine one drachm each. Give twenty drops of this in the drinking water, using a glass or china drinker, every alternate day. If there be any weakness, ten drops of whisky may be added. If the symptoms are of quite recent date, ten drops each of glycerine and sweet spirit of nitre, and twenty drops of syrup of tolu to each ounce of drinking water may alleviate the trouble. It may be, however, that the symptoms do not point to true asthma, but simply to digestive troubles, and these may be removed by dissolving in the drinking water as much sulphate of soda as will lie upon a sixpence. In either case give the medicated water only on alternate days, with plain water on the intervening ones. Keep the birds in an equable temperature, out of reach of all draughts, and not in the fumes of burning gas or oil.

BLINDNESS (D. MacNeill). -You do not say what kind of birds you are keeping, whether the blindness is in one or both eyes, how long they have been going blind, nor whether the blindness is partial or total in the eye or eyes affected. If the latter, I am afraid the case is hopeless; in fact, diseases of the eye are always serious matters, and it is difficult to advise upon them. If it is simply inflammation of the eyes it may yield to the following treatment: Get a lotion made up as follows—Tincture of belladonna, half a drachm, sugar of lead, two scruples, distilled water, half a pint. Open the eyes well and bathe gently, using a soft camel-hair brush. This should be done twice daily for a month. If it is incipient cataract, which appears as a milky film, gradually getting thicker until it becomes quite opalescent, the above treatment may relieve it if taken early, but if it has become established then only an operation would remove the cataract, and it would be much more merciful to destroy the birds in a painless manner. I don't know of any disease of the eye which might spread from one bird to another, and it is curious that you should have four birds affected. If you will send further particulars we will endeavour to advise you more definitely. You might get a veterinary surgeon see them.

"MEATING OFF" SMALL SOFTBILLS (Devonian). Live ants' eggs are, of course, the ideal thing for newly taken small Softbills; but it is not everyone who can obtain them readily. The best way to "meat off" Nightingales, and other Softbills of about the same size, is by means of mealworms—the latter are widely obtainable, unlike other live-foods. I presume you know that usually it is necessary to put the bird's cage in a light spot, and cover the cage front with muslin, or white gauze, or similar material, while he gets used to captivity. Also see that the food and water are easily accessible—right under its nose, as it were. Personally, I commence with a supply of not over large mealworms in the food dish; then give a few biggish ones cut in two; then lightly sprinkle these cut mealworms with a good insectivorous food, prepared with a generous admixture of finely-minced hard-boiled (fresh) egg; then I press the cut mealworms well up amongst the food. These are the stages; at the end the bird has become used to taking up some of the insectivorous food (especially particles of the egg), and I then gradually wean him off the mealworms, giving them occasionally only. I hope this brief description will make the process clear to you. It is troublesome while it lasts (if one counts trouble in such matters), and takes a week to fourteen days, according to the disposition of the bird, before it can be termed "well on food." And they need hundreds of mealworms in that time. A few gentles are good, if obtainable and well scoured, while live ants' eggs are splendid. You can give a little of both in addition to the mealworms. The cover over the cage can be gradually raised, as the bird becomes used to its new surroundings.

BRITISH BIRD & HYBRID QUERISTS

should consult Houlton's great work, "Cage-Bird Hybrids" (7/6); Norman's "British Bird Manual" (2/3); or Part 1 "Hardbills" (1/1), Part 2 "Softbills" (1/1); "Aviaries, Bird-rooms, and Cages" (2/3); "Seeds, Foods, and Wild Plants" (1/2); "Secrets of Hybrid Breeding" (1/2); Dr. Creswell's "Hygiene of Bird-keeping" (1/1); Dr Clarke's "Septic or Bird Fever" (7d.); "Colour-feeding" (3½d.); or the "Nutshell" booklets (2½d. each): No. 1 "Goldfinch," No. 2 "Linnet," No. 3 "Skylark," No. 4 "Song Thrush and Blackbird," No. 11 "Bullfinch," No. 13 "Chaffinch," No. 15 "Greenfinch," No. 22 "Siskin, Redpoll, and Twite," No. 25 "Small Insectivorous Birds," No. 26 "Large Insectivorous Birds," No. 6 "Ailing Birds and How to Cure Them," No. 9 "Disinfection of Cages, Birdrooms, etc.," No. 12 "How to Moult British Birds." All thoroughly practical and instructive. Prices quoted are post free from "Cage Birds," 154, Fleet Street, London, E.C.

POST MORTEMS.

Mr. G. Yates, M.R.C.V.S., 1, College Road, Harrow, Middlesex, will examine and report upon dead cage birds for a fee of 1s. 6d. each bird; for reply direct, 2s. 6d.; analysis, 21s. Subjects for post mortem examination must be sent packed in a box direct to Mr. Yates, with the fee, this and any accompanying letter being kept from contact with the dead bird. Send by letter-post; it is cheaper and quicker than parcel post. Any bodies sent to the office of this paper will be thrown away, and if a fee is enclosed the loss will be the sender's.

H. J. C.—The chick died of inflammation of the bowels. You did wrong in giving it milk sop. Keep to yolk of egg only, and use this in the smallest possible quantity, using with it bread instead of biscuit. It is possible you are giving a too liberal diet, and too varied, which, whilst not affecting all alike, will select out the most weakly or predisposed to attack. Give in the drinking water a little permanganate of potash night and morning; not that the water is the cause, but owing to its antiseptic properties, its admixture with the food will destroy organisms. The trouble commences in indigestion, which sets up inflammation.

S. N. Taylor.—Septic Fever. Enlargement of the spleen, covered with what you describe as ulcers, is one of the most constant symtoms of this disease in its worst form. I am afraid you are in for some trouble, as you have allowed the disease to run on so long. There is no cure. If you have only a few remaining birds you had best destroy them. Disinfect your place thoroughly, and allow a guarantine period of several months before you introduce any more.

Mrs. J. Bairstow.—Pneumonia. Interference no doubt hastened death. Your treatment was adopted with good intent, but misdirected.

H. Fowler.—Apoplexy or congestion of the lungs. I see no reason why the eggs should not be all right.

GENERAL.

Answered by THE EDITOR.

Brutem fulmen, and many others.—Many thanks for cuttings received.

A Suffragette Parrot (Miss Lloyd).—Your story of the thirty chicks and the Parrot was told long before anyone had ever heard of "Suffragettes." It is one of the perennials which crop up year after year.

F. Lindsay.—We are quite in sympathy with your point of view, and agree with all you say, but as the case was heard and settled by the magistrate, we do not see that any good purpose can be served by discussing it further in our columns.

R. W. Lowe.—(1) "Plainhead" indicates a bird without a crest; or, in the case of the Lancashire, without a coppy. (2) "Buff" is the opposite of yellow. Broadly put, a yellow (or jonque) is a bird of level yellow colour all over, whereas a buff has a white appearance. (3) "Unflighted" indicates a bird which has not moulted, or had extracted, its flight feathers, i.e., a young or first year bird. (4) "Hybrid" is a bird obtained by the mating of two different species—for instance, cock Goldfinch to hen Bullfinch, cock Linnet to hen Canary, etc. (5) "Crest" is the opposite of Plainhead (vide answer No. 1). We frequently publish sketches of Crested Canaries. (6 and 7) Consult "Canary Breeding for Beginners," post free 7d., from this office; an invaluable book to all breeders of Canaries.

A Well-Known Bird.

It may be said that the Robin Redbreast is the best known of all our wild birds. It has a very extensive range, and can be found in all the countries extending between the Arctic Circle and Northern Africa, and as far eastward as the Ural Mountains.

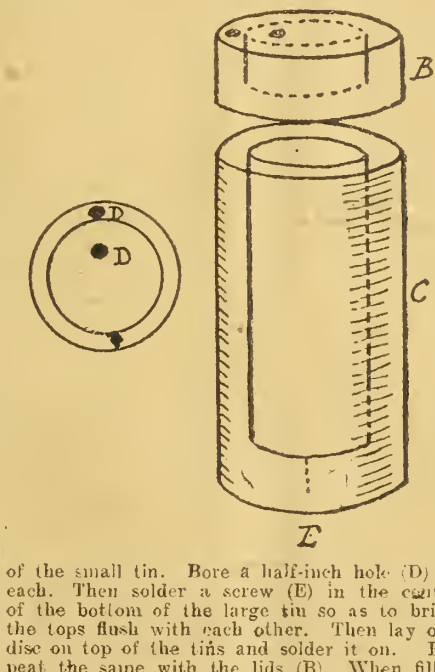
USE OUR NOTEPAPER

Illustrated Ideas

Every "Illustrated Idea" used in this column will entitle the sender thereof to a postal order for two shillings and sixpence.

No. 590.
To Keep Egg Food Fresh in Hot Weather.
Sent by C. Murrin, 18, Trefoil Road, Wandsworth, London, S.W.

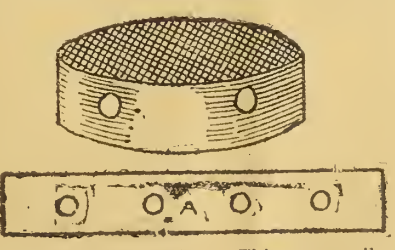
Procure two cylindrical tins, whose diameters are an inch or more in difference. Make sure that they will hold water. Next obtain two discs like A, whose outside circumferences are equal to that of the large tin and whose inside circumferences are slightly smaller than that



of the small tin. Bore a half-inch hole (D) in each. Then solder a screw (E) in the centre of the bottom of the large tin so as to bring the tops flush with each other. Then lay one disc on top of the tins and solder it on. Repeat the same with the lids (B). When filled with water it is ready for use.—C. Murrin.

No. 591.
An Aviary Seed Pot.
Sent by H. Tunbridge, Nethercott, St. Mark's, Cheltenham.

Get a strip of tin (A) and make four large holes in it; then get a round tin lid and bend the tin round this and fasten ends together. Over the top stretch some wire netting, and



the seed pot is complete. This can easily be filled through the top, and if it wants cleaning it can be taken to bits. I hope this will be of as much use to other readers of your paper as it has been to me.—H. Tunbridge.

We have received from Messrs. Graves and Co., Ltd., of Sheffield, a catalogue entitled "A book of good things," and the title very aptly expresses the nature of the contents. It would be difficult, indeed, to name any article of domestic use or ornament which is not catalogued in this little compendium. Clocks, Jewellery, Cutlery, Furniture, Lingerie, Bedding, Boots and Shoes, China and Glass, Trinket and Clock Sets, Musical Instruments, Umbrellas, Portmanteaux, even Bassinettes for the little ones; everything is offered in its pages, and the price of everything may be liquidated by easy monthly instalments. Readers will be well advised to write for a copy of this well got up little book.

The Wandering Crossbills.

After an absence of about two years, Crossbills have appeared again in the Delamere country, where in 1909 and 1910 they were fairly plentiful. What are we to make of these nomads? Are they passing migrants which are sojourning on their way to northern homes? Have they been wandering far and wide and have now returned to Delamere to nest? Or have we been blind, and during all this time a few have remained hidden in the firs? Probably they are on passage, and perhaps, like many other kinds of migrating seed-eaters, they have been attracted by a supply of spring insects on the larches, for most vegetarian birds will change their habits when animal food is plentiful. Two insects at this season attack the young larch shoots, an aphis and the larva of a tiny moth. The Chaffinch, Redpoll, Goldfinch, and Brambling will stop to gorge on these delicate morsels, and possibly the powerful cone-breaking beak of the Crossbill can pick out the little sheath-protected caterpillar just as it can neatly extract the seed of the fir.

ONE notice of any [illegible] serted free. It should [illegible] Tuesday morning's post. Special Notice Postcards may be had free on application to our Manager. Secretaries should also [illegible]

Ardwick and Manchester C.B.A.—May 18, Hall, 8. Lecture on Foreign Birds, [illegible] Long. First Feather Show classification. Spencer.

Ashington and Hirst C.B.S.—May 18, Hall, 7.30. Business, First Feather [illegible] Wm. Hall.

Bursiem C.B.S.—May 23, Barnfield's Inn, 8. Discussion about Autumn Show, etc.—Leonard James.

Barrington and Choppington C.B.S.—May 18, Social Club Choppington Station, 7. Ordinary business. Thos. Griffiths.

Bradford National.—May 22. Market Tavern, Bradford. Executive committee at 7.15 to frame rules for show. Show committee at 8 o'clock. Business very important re classification for specialist clubs' patronage and other business.—H. Hill.

Bonnyrigg C.B.S.—May 25, Foresters' Arms, 7.30. Arrangements for First Feather Show, etc.—James Hamilton.

Birkenhead C.F.A.—May 21, Ablett's Cafe, 8. Schedule for Young Bird Show. Fanciers please attend.—G. Morton.

Bankfoot C.B.S.—May 21, Red Lion Hotel, 8. Arrangements for First Feather Show. Distribution of schedules and syllabus. Subscriptions now due. —F. Gelder.

Border City (Carlisle) O.S.—Ramble, May 26. Meet at 10 a.m., Court Square, for Dalston district.—John C. Bell.

Crewe O.S.—May 21, Brotherhood Institute, 7.30. Submit copy of rules.—E. Jaycott.

City of Bradford O.S.—May 18, Flying Dutchman Hotel, 8. Classification for Open Show, etc. Members' Show schedules now ready.—F. Rhodes.

Choppington C.B.S.—May 18, Railway Hotel, 7.30. Final arrangements for Nest Feather Show. Subs. due.—G. H. Seely.

Cinnamon-marked Y.C.C.—Annual meeting postponed until June 8, owing to clashing with other specialists' clubs meetings.—Grayshon and Allen.

Dubmire C.B.S.—May 19, Dubmire Workmen's Club, 10.30 a.m. To arrange schedule for Nest Feather Show and other business.—B. Robinson.

Derby C.B.S.—May 25, Derwent Hotel, 7. Show business and nomination of young birds.—Wharam and Bamsey.

Edinburgh C.B.S.—May 21, Cairns Memorial Church Hall, Gorgie Road, 8. Replies from judges. "Question night." Classification of First Feather Show. Last meeting of session for admitting new members and payments of contributions.—J. Mackie.

Green Canary Assn.—May 23, Oldham Hall, Liverpool, 8. Monthly meeting. Important business. All members are requested to attend.—Geo. Green, Hon. Sec.

Gateshead C.B.S.—May 22, Lockhart's Cafe, High Street, 7.30. Nest Feather Show, etc.—J. Davison.

Glasgow and Western Counties C.B.C.—May 18. Ramble to Bullock, Loch Lomond. Train leaves Central at 2.59. Friends invited.—Walter Connelly.

Halifax O.S.—May 18, 2. Ramble to Crimsworth Dean. Meet at Fountain, King Cross. Leader, Mr. F. Greenwood.—Harry Clegg.

Highgate and Hampstead C.B.S.—May 30, Spencer Hall, Dartmouth Park Hill. Lecture by Mr. G. Crabb on "Birds I have met."—G. T. Clark.

Ilkeston C.B.S.—May 18, Rutland Hotel, 7. Fixing date and judges for Open Show and First Feather Show. All fanciers are invited to attend.—T. Smith.

Jarrow C.B.S.—May 22, Lockhart's Cafe, Ormonde Street, 7.45.—W. Bowen.

Leicester C.B.S.—May 23, Saracen's Head Hotel. Review of schedule for Nest Feather show.—G. H. Groocock.

London and Counties A.C.B.—May 18, Earl Cathcart, Osnaburgh Street, N.W., 8. Exhibition of bird washing and remarks thereon, by Mr. Wm. Shakespeare.—Alfd. Mayl.

Larkhall C.B.A.—May 18, Miners' Hall, 7. Business re lecture.—R. Pollock.

Llanelly C.B.S.—May 18, Greyhound Hotel, 7. Important show matters.—Daniel John.

Leigh C.B.S.—May 22, Railway Hotel, 7.45. Table Show of N.F. birds; judge, Mr. A. Grundy, Bolton, to be staged by 8 o'clock.—R. Charleson.

Musselburgh.—May 25, Cossar's Tea Rooms, 7.—Wm. Nisbet.

Manningham C.B.A.—May 20, headquarters, 8. Important business. Schedules for members' shows ready.—H. Grange.

Metropolitan C.B.A.—May 18. All Saints' Mission Hall, Prince of Wales Road, Battersea Park, 8.30. Classes for Young Bird Show, etc.—J. Best.

Manchester and N.C.O.S.—May 20, Deansgate Hotel, 7.45. Lecture on British birds by Mr. C. Houlton (St. Helens). Judges for October show, etc. —H. Boothman.

Oldham C.B.A.—May 21, Textile Dining Rooms, 8. Names for ramble, and general business.—J. Cope.

Scottish Metropolitan (Open Derby) O.A.—May 27, Buchanan's Hotel, 114, High Street, Edinburgh, 7.30. Agenda: Election of judges, enrolment of new members, payment of annual subscription. This is the only notice to members living outside Edinburgh and Leith.—J. R. Meikle.

Spen Valley C.B.S.—May 20, Commercial Hotel, 8. A. Lee.

Vale of Leven C.B.C.—May 18, Balloch Station, 3.45 p.m. Join Glasgow and Western Counties C.B.C. Ramble, sports, boating, concert, etc.—A. B. McLean.

Wandsworth F.A.—May 23, Red Lion, 8. Arrangements to be made for pigeon judging competition; also business connected with open show in November.—W. Lightfoot.

Walkden C.B.S.—May 21, Bull's Head Hotel, 8.—H. Howard.

Windhill C.B.S.—May 18, Blue Bell Hotel, 8. Committee meeting to allot prizes for members' shows, Taylor and Gunn.

West Stanley C.B.S.—May 18, Town Hall, 7.30. Schedule for annual show. W. Elliott.

West Bromwich C.B.S. May 21, headquarters, 8. All members desirous of participating in ramble please attend.—W. G. Andrewe.

The Useful Kestrel.

The Kestrel Hawk is well-known for his habit of hovering, and then dropping down suddenly on his prey; but he does not obtain all his food in this way. He will sometimes settle on the ground and search among the grass and stubble for insects. He will also occasionally take a small bird from its perch, and has been known to eat a fully-grown rat caught in a trap.

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...a Substitute Egg Food.

...Birds of April 27, Mr. E. James, ...mioned using Indian meal in... for rearing young birds. He ...though, how he mixed it, or in ...rtions he used it. Perhaps if this cate... ...ere, he will be kind enough to give Cage Birds readers the particulars.

(Mrs.) E. Geddes.

Arnold (Notts) and District Forming a New Society.

Sir,—A meeting was held in the British Schools, Arnold, on May 11th to consider forming a C.B. Society. Seeing there are over 100 fanciers in the district a good society should be formed. I have been asked to lend a helping hand in forming a society, and shall be pleased to give my services, being a life experienced fancier. I was amongst the first to start the Hucknall Torkard Society, also Kirkby, being secretary for same. I have been out of the Fancy for eight years, but have got a few pairs again. I intend making a special effort to bring the young fanciers of this district to the front. Those seeing this notice will be heartily welcome at a meeting on Saturday next in the above schools at 5 o'clock, sharp, to select committee, secretary and officers.

John Teece.

Warrall Street, Arnold, Notts.

Hospital Egg Week.

100,000 New Laid Eggs for London's Sick Poor.

Sir,—In conjunction with the committee of the Hospital Saturday Fund, the "Poultry World" is endeavouring to supply every sick and poor person in London's hospitals and infirmaries with new laid eggs for one week—May 28 to June 4. 100,000 new laid eggs are required. The poultry-keepers who are readers of the "Poultry World" have in past years given over 15,000 new laid eggs during Hospital Egg Week. They will do even more this year. Will Cage Birds readers help? We are appointing responsible honorary egg collectors in every large centre. Each collector will be properly authorised, and may appoint auxiliary collectors covering all districts where laying hens are kept. Eggs may be contributed by anyone, in any number, so long as they are fit for consumption. Local collecting depots will be established, but eggs may be despatched direct carefully packed to the "Poultry World" offices. Where donors require eggs to be called for, they should notify the "Poultry World" on a postcard. Labels advertising Hospital Egg Week are supplied free. Where large numbers of eggs are collected, arrangements wil be made for the payment of carriage to London. The eggs will be distributed to the hospitals in proportion to the number of beds occupied during 1911. Handsome commemorative silver goblets will be awarded to the three collectors who succeed in securing the highest totals. We say to every reader of Cage Birds, if you are a poultry keeper, will you give at least half a dozen new laid eggs to help London's sick poor? If you are not a poultry keeper, will you act as a collector for Hospital Egg Week? If you cannot spare the time to act as a collector, will you purchase at least half a dozen new laid eggs to help those who cannot help themselves? Ladies and gentlemen willing to act as collectors for Hospital Egg Week should write for authorisation, receipt books, and instruction card to the "Poultry World," 154, Fleet Street, London, E.C.

F. Carl.

The Good Old Days.

Sir—I was very pleased to read your "Enderette," "Fanciers with Memories." I heard the appeal in question read at one of our meetings, and I could not help contrasting the abject and piteous appeal for support with the pompous tone and high-handed methods adopted by the same party in years gone by. In those days, before the advent of Cage Birds to protect us, and look solely after our interests, we had to be content with whatever this same party chose to give us, sometimes a column or perhaps two, of cage bird matter, amidst a mass of reading entirely foreign to our hobby, and we dared not grumble on pain of being snubbed. The advent of Cage Birds, however, changed all this, and under the banner of our famous journal we have flourished in a wonderful manner, till at the present time the Cage Bird Fancy is a power to be reckoned with. It is this amazing growth of the Fancy that has appalled the parties who once treated us with such scant courtesy, and they recognise now, when it is too late, that we cannot be trifled with, and have found out, apparently to their cost, that while we can do without them, they cannot do without us; hence their present attitude of humiliation. To all right-minded fanciers the most revolting part of the appeal is the spiteful manner in which this party attacks the conduct and integrity of Cage Birds, and I do not wonder that you have been asked whether or not you intended taking any action in the matter, although I am very pleased indeed to see that you intend to treat the subject with the contempt it deserves. The portion of the appeal dealing with show reports would have been amusing had it not been so unutterably devoid of common fairness. The very fact that you will not allow your reporters to "get their own back" from any fanciers against whom they may have a grudge, by stabbing them in the back through the medium of reports on their birds, is apparently, judging by the circulation of Cage Birds, quite in accordance with the opinions of fanciers, who, after all, are the proper people to judge these matters. I have read show reports in other papers, and have always been astonished to find that in every case where the reporter has judged the show himself, everything has been all right, and there has been no adverse criticism on the birds or awards, yet there are always adverse comments when anyone else has judged, and it is this kind of material forsooth that is termed "genuine criticism by capable reporters!" Do they really imagine that fanciers are so dense that they cannot see through these things? How pleasant it is to think that the methods of Cage Birds are, and always have been, entirely different, and that on its staff the reporters are fanciers, only human perhaps, but always ready to give every bird fair play and even their enemies a run for their money. There is one thing, sir, that surprises me very much, and that is your allusion to the other party as a trade rival. To my mind Cage Birds stands alone without a rival, as the paper for the fancier, and personally I think Cage Birds will continue to flourish despite all opposition, and I do not think that fanciers will brook any interference with the first and only paper that catered for cage birds alone. Further, I would just like to say that if there had been no Cage Birds there would have been no trade rival. Long live Cage Birds!

A Fancier with a Memory.

[We beg to thank the very worthy fancier who has chosen to write under the above "nom de plume" for his remarks, and we tender to all others who have written in similar strain our sincere appreciation of their sympathy and goodwill.—Editor C.B.]

New Fanciers' Association for Camden Town and District.

Sir,—A very successful meeting of fanciers was held at the Stag's Head Hotel, Hawley Road, Camden Town, N.W., on March 8, when the preliminaries for the formation of a new fanciers' association for the district were got through. It was decided to call it the "North West London Fanciers' Association," to embrace fanciers of cage birds, pigeons, rabbits, cavies, and mice. A small committee was appointed pro tem. and Mr. Young, 59, Fortess Road, Kentish Town, agreed to act as secretary, with Mr. Thompson as assistant. It is proposed to hold meetings on the first Thursday in every month at the "Stag's Head," and table shows, lectures, etc., will be arranged for. Subscription, 3s. per annum. The names of about twenty fanciers have been notified for membership already. A meeting of the provisional committee was arranged to prepare rules, etc., for submission to the next general meeting.

G. G.

Escaped Goldfinch Mule which Reared a Family.

An Interesting Record.

Sir,—Having on many occasions seen the question of "Will Mules Breed?" asked through the columns of Cage Birds, I thought the following might be of interest to your readers. It is related by a gentleman in an old work of the middle of last century, and reads as follows: "In the autumn of 1838 a male bird, the produce of a Goldfinch and a hen Canary, escaped from my aviary, and was not seen again until the following spring, when we were agreeably surprised by the reappearance of our lost favourite in company of a Goldfinch. As the pair were inseparable, we at once suspected that they had been mated, and in a few days our suspicions were confirmed by seeing them feed each other and collect materials for building. By watching their movements, we soon discovered their nest in a cedar tree near the aviary. In due time four eggs were laid, which I carefully removed and placed under a hen Canary; they all, however, proved abortive. In a few days after this disappointment a second nest was built by them in the same tree, which we left undisturbed, and the result was favourable. Five birds were hatched, which I took from the nest when ten days old, and brought up by hand. Of this number two cocks and two hens are still living. I am aware that Mules in a state of captivity have not infrequently proved prolific when brought to pair with a mate of either of their parent stocks, but I do not remember that I ever heard of a pure breed in a wild state."

John Watson.

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HYBRIDS WITH ALIEN PARENTS

Should They be Given Separate Classes?

Would it mean Few Entries?

Sir,—The question raised by your correspondent, Mr. A. Meek, as to whether Hybrids bred from foreign Finches should have separate classes provided, is no doubt an interesting one to the Hybrid breeder and exhibitor, but my own candid opinion is that the experiment, if tried, would prove a failure, feeling assured that in nine cases out of ten such classes would have to be cancelled for lack of entries. Taking my own experience during the past show season, I exhibited a Light Mule at nine shows, only three of which contained the required number of eight or more entries in its class. What would have been the result had the Mules bred from foreign Finches been debarred from those classes? Probably all cancelled. I also exhibited a Hybrid at seven shows; only one class at these contained eight or more entries. So in face of such facts from my own experience I fail to see that societies would be justified in providing separate classes for those Hybrids bred from foreign Finches, I would gladly welcome the advent of a larger number of Hybrid exhibitors. When that takes place we may then begin to talk about separating the British—bred from the foreign, and thus provide the much-needed class for them.

C. Pearce.

To Help the Working Man.

Sir,—As a working chap having a limit to my pocket (no doubt numerous readers of your noted journal are in the same boat as myself) but without any prejudice towards the Fancier who is in a position to pay, I pen these few remarks. From an exhibition standpoint I say purchase the very best and beat all second raters. The ambition of most Hybrid breeders is to purchase the very largest parents, because he is confident the offspring will not stand a ghost of a chance, otherwise, as exhibition specimens. Now the pocket comes in. He is prepared to pay almost any amount for Mr. Foreign Goldie, likewise hen Bullie, possibly losing a few before acclimatizing one. Still, this particular fancier does not mind; *he can pay.* Finally he is rewarded with a fine specimen of the cross. How many of these well circumstanced fanciers are there? I leave it for readers to judge. Now comes the working chap. He gets Mr. Goldie and Mrs. Bullie (British). Even if there should be any extra large ones, Mr. Dealer has just had someone drop in giving him an extra shilling for them! Anyhow, he succeeds and some near fancier gets to hear of his good fortune (likely enough an exhibitor). If a fairly good specimen he will try and purchase. But, oh no, I shall not sell it, says the owner; I shall show it. He puts it out, meets the "Foreigner" of the same cross, and is beaten hands down—Equal in colour and markings, *loses in size.* Our working chap is completely done, especially when a couple of other better taught fanciers point him out a few more of the bad points his bird possesses, and remark: "It might touch in some minor show." The following few suggestions, in my opinion, would help remedy this discouraging state of things. In looking up the show date column it will be seen many show dates clash; or at any rate it is impossible to send to more than two out of six shows. Before drawing up the classifications, these show dates could be compared by those show officials. I will take for an example, Barnstaple, Torbay, Cheltenham, Grimsby and Sheffield (one week). Each communicate, taking into consideration the class of fanciers around, coming to some agreement on similar lines to these:—Barnstaple and Torbay, west side of Bristol. Barnstaple has a class for Hybrids (strictly confined to British parentage). Torbay a class for Hybrids (other than of British Goldfinch or Bullfinch parentage). I think all shows, whether on a small or large scale, could cater for this scheme, at the same time giving all fanciers and breeders fair play as to seeing and competing with these crosses. Further, in splitting the crosses, and one show catering only for one side, the classes would be more likely to fill, to my mind. When either parent differs in nationality, I maintain the Hybrid should compete on the foreign side (let British be British). I hope to hear other views on the subject, and wish every fancier a successful breeding season.

J. Locke.

The Exhibitor would be a Loser.

Sir,—I have read with interest Mr. Meek's splendid letter, and I am bound to agree with all he has to say regarding this matter. I for one would like the time to come when such views as are suggested by our friend would be adopted. The important point must be raised, "How can this be done?" Take, for instance, the German hen Bullfinch and the English. Mr. Meek hit the nail on the head when he stated the German was a foreign bird. Now, in a Hybrid, who is going to suspect this? I venture to say the puzzle will require some solving. In the two birds, as they stand now, it is a very easy matter. The English Bullie stands clear away. The bird is more bold in appearance, and takes the eye for quality of feather, which the Germans always lack. For myself, it is a difficult subject to deal with, and for the present, seeing foreign Hybrids are not at all plentiful, it would be wise to leave the classification respecting such Hybrids as it is. I am delighted to know that classes are to be provided at our larger shows for foreign Goldfinches and Bullfinches so the matter respecting foreign Goldfinches and Bullfinches being allowed to compete in British classes is now at an end. With regard to Hybrids, it is different altogether. Mr. Meek says "How often do we hear complaints from show secretaries of short entries, and from the exhibitors who only receive half prize money, and if the classes are divided will they fill any better or shall we be better off than we are now." I say, certainly not, we should be worse, for by splitting the classes it would mean disaster. Why? I would like to know how many foreign Hybrids we see at our shows. I venture to say *very, very few.* How often do we see in the reports of our shows throughout the Kingdom the following remark: "Quality in the Hybrid classes was excellent, but entries were few." Then a suggestion like this comes along! It is certainly all right for a few officials to voice their opinions, but *Exhibitors must have a say as well.* I would like to ask who do the officials of a show look forward to? This question needs no squabbling over; it is the exhibitors. Then let us have fair play on both sides; take them into consideration. Dividing classes up like this would be very unfair. The result would be that the few remarkable Hybrids we see now and again at our shows would no longer be benched, because the owner of such would not send them out, for the simple reason he would be out of pocket, having only half prize money to draw—by taking carriage, entry fee, etc., from this he would be a loser every time. It must also be remembered that at our shows we like to see variety. As time goes on and these remarkable birds become more plentiful, then something might be done, but at the present they are so scarce that it would be a great mistake to make a change, for as stated above we should shut them out, and it would be a case as the old saying goes of "*Often talked about, seldom seen.*" I am more than grateful that this matter has been brought up, and it encourages me to go on with the good work that I have a love for. I hope the time will come when we shall see more of these beautiful birds, and I hope also we shall be encouraged, for I don't care who the fancier is, if he tries "Hybrid Breeding," he has something to do, and it teaches him something, for it is an art in itself, and an education, and that is why I wish it to prosper.

Fred Archer.

(Messrs. Martin and Archer.)

Cutting Glass with Scissors Under Water.

Amusing Differences of Opinion.

Sir,—I may say that I tried to cut some glass in the manner mentioned, but I found that every piece split. It would be interesting to know if anyone has been successful.

F. Haggis.

Sir,—Re glass cutting under water, I tried the experiment the same night I read of it in Cage Birds, and must say that scissors will not cut glass to any particular shape or size you may require—only crack it into several pieces. The most useful thing I have found yet as a substitute for a glass cutter is an old broken file, which I guarantee will cut glass.

G. Mayo.

Sir,—With regard to the correspondence re glass cutting, I may say I was really amused at the idea of cutting glass in such a way, never having heard of it before, but, being at the time of reading, in a place convenient for giving the method a trial, I did so, and was surprised at the ease in cutting. I was with two others at the time, who also tried, and the only trouble was in cutting straight. Possibly practice would make more perfect.

Fred Broadhurst.

Sir,—I must certainly second what our John Gosling says, that it cannot be done. There is a little wheel glass cutting tool being sold in the streets at different market places, in the shape of a fish. This requires a little oil on the wheel before using; this is the best glass cutter I have seen.

C. J. Stupple.

Sir,—Glass cannot be "cut" with scissors; nevertheless, it can be "broken off" in ragged lumps, and by placing it under water you safeguard your eyes, nose, etc., from the bits of glass that fly off in the process of cutting (so-called). I am sending you a simple but effective device that I always use myself when I require glass for my seed hoppers. If I explained this to you, perhaps you would have a certain amount of doubt, but I intend to try to persuade you to test it yourself. To use this, you have only to imagine you are cutting with a diamond, although I fancy just wetting the corner improves it.

Thos. C. Podmore.

[The device referred to by Mr. Podmore is a piece (two inches long) broken off an old one-inch flat file, the edge where broken off being very sharp, and, of course, extremely hard.—Editor.]

(Several letters on this subject have to be held over.—Ed.)

A Claw Difficulty.

Sir,—Will some brother fancier kindly enlighten me on how to remedy a bird's fourth claw, bringing it into position to grip perches? I have a bird five weeks old in a very bad condition indeed.

E. S. JONES.

[One of last week's "Illustrated Ideas" might help our correspondent.—EDITOR.]

Dandelion & Shepherd's Purse.

Sir,—I should be much obliged if any fancier, through your valuable paper, CAGE BIRDS, could tell me how to separate the seeds of dandelion and shepherd's purse from the down and husks.

N. POLLITT.

[See "Timely Hints" this week as to dandelion seed.—Ed.]

Fanciers' Societies and Public Houses.

Sir,—I was anxious to become a member of the Doncaster and District Bird Society, but having made some enquiries, find that they have removed headquarters to the "Black Bull" from the Victoria Rooms, and I cannot justify my conduct by visiting a "pub.," so I cannot become a member. I think the society do not want to encourage the Fancy, or they would not be so blind. It, however, has struck me that it is a case where some member of the committee may be able to throw some light on the subject from their standpoint. It is, of course, to be understood that I am casting no reflection either on this particular society or the individual house in which it is holding its meetings. It is the principle of holding meetings in public-houses to which I object.

GEO. ABBOTT.

To Hear the Nightingale Near London.

Sir,—I thought it might interest your readers to know where they can hear the Nightingale to perfection at the present time. Take a shilling return ticket to Chingford from Liverpool Street (G.E.R.). On arriving at Chingford turn to the right, then first to the left through the forest to the "Woodman" (closed now). Then turn to right, and at end of road get over stile and pass through two fields; you will then come to a small wood on the left (called Bluebell Wood) running up a hill. Go up this hill, keeping the wood on your left all the way; and when three-parts of the way up, sit down near the hedge and you will hear the 'Gales from 4 p.m. for as many hours as you wish to stay. And a lovely experience it is, as the sun sets, to watch and listen to the beautiful birds of every kind. But the Nightingales' notes sound clear and distinct above them all, and after all others have retired you hear the 'Gales on their own, not only near the wood, but all the way as you walk back to Chingford Station. As we sat on the hill one was singing on and off from 4 p.m.—not four yards away from us—and came down to feed only twelve yards distant. I go to this spot nearly every Thursday afternoon. There is a little farmhouse at the bottom of the hill, where tea can be obtained. I should be pleased to show any bird lover the spot by appointment on a Thursday or Sunday afternoon.

E. CRISP.

11, Grosvenor Park Road, Walthamstow.

Can Mules Breed?

Another Reader Says "Yes."

Sir,—Reports of fertile Hybrids have been so often discredited that one feels reluctant to court adverse criticism by recording an authentic case which has just occurred of life resulting from the union of a Canary-Mule and a Canary. In the pursuit of my hobby of breeding Hybrids, I have for many years annually paired Mules of various kinds with feeders in order to put them to nest. Although the eggs from such unions were often incubated for several days, I never, until little over a week ago, saw any sign of fertilisation, notwithstanding that copulation may have been frequently witnessed by me. In March of this year, following my usual practice, I put up as a start a small hen Canary and a cock Siskin Mule. I did not require her, and the eggs were hatching nearly a week before being thrown out. They were quite clear. The pair were not separated, and a second clutch of eggs were laid in due course. You can judge of my surprise when I saw one of these with the cloud at the side so well known to breeders to indicate a fertile egg. I of course returned it to the nest, and on Saturday last there was hatched from it the smallest atom I have ever seen. I despaired of rearing it from the very first. On the following day my hopes, however, rose, as I observed the trace of food in the crop. It continued to gape in an indifferent fashion till Wednesday, when I was sorry to notice that it had contracted nest diarrhœa—that condition of the bowels which prevents the hen from being able to clean the nest, and as a result her breast feathers became damp and draggled. This disorder is believed by careless observers to be due to "sweating." I did all I knew to mend matters, and at last even introduced food into the crop of the nestling by gentle force. By such means I kept it alive till last night, but unfortunately, when I visited my bird room at four o'clock this morning, I found it dead. Needless to say, although this was not unexpected, I was nevertheless bitterly disappointed. It is, however, evidence that fertile Hybrids can be produced. I have the Mule now paired with a large Norwich hen, and if he fails to fertilise her eggs I shall return him to the little feeder and see if they will again produce living offspring. I am sure all my fellow-naturalists will join with me in the hope that I may yet be successful in rearing such an interesting specimen.

D. E. ALEXANDER.

Sir,—In reply to Mr. Joseph Govier, I would like to say that it is quite possible for his cock Linnet Mule to have fertilised the eggs of the hen Canary. I think I clearly established this fact in past issues of CAGE BIRDS with the birds bred by Mr. J. Murray, of Sunderland. That well-known authority on Mule breeding, Mr. Charles Houlton, placed the matter beyond all doubt last year by breeding from the same pair of birds, which I had sent on to him to prove my case, his experience being related in his article in CAGE BIRDS a few weeks ago, and no doubt your Mr. Weston will have something good in store for readers of CAGE BIRDS when he writes his promised notes on the subject, he having further proof that Mules will breed. Regarding the proper names of birds so bred, that is rather a ticklish question, seeing that they are three-quarters Canary and one-quarter Linnet. I have never known any shown at an open show as such, but Mr. Murray exhibited three of his youngsters, or perhaps four, I forget which, at one of the Sunderland C.B.A. young bird shows in 1910, and the judge, Mr. J. T. Clarke, who knew what they were, put them back on the ground that they were not pure Mules in the true sense of the term, his contention being that a Mule should be half and half, and not three-quarters bred. I do not for one moment think that all Mules will breed, but it has been clearly proved that at least some will, and I would like to see Mr. Govier successful in his efforts, and thus further prove the possibility of this mating.

W. REID.

Prospective Bullie-Canaries.

Sir,—I have a cock Bullfinch that has been for some weeks past next to a variegated Nor. hen. By his manner I could see he had mated up with her, calling frequently close to the wire partition and carrying bits of nesting material. I drew the slide, and within ten days he had put her to nest. She laid a clutch of four eggs. Now, these eggs are quite different to the ordinary Canary, being free from the usual spots and quite clear in the shell save at the thick end where it is a dead blood colour shaded gradually into the natural shade. Yesterday I found one of the eggs on the floor and upon examining the yolk I could plainly see the usual sign of fertilization adhering to the side. Now, what I should like to know is, should they hatch out, what kind of food to supply. Perhaps, through the columns of your instructive paper someone would be good enough to offer the advice.

J. E. LEAVESLEY.

R.S.P.C.A. Please Note.

Sir,—Just a few lines concerning bird nest robbing. There are a gang of young fellows whose ages are from sixteen to twenty-three living in this valley (Ogmore Vale), and they go out on Sundays through the woods doing nothing else but looking for birds' nests and robbing them in a way that is shameful. Last Sunday there was a nest of young Thrushes in an ivy on the wall of a bridge. In this same ivy a Blackbird had also built her nest and laid eggs. These hooligans knew of this, and they went down there and with a long stick hit the nest and the eggs and young into the river below. This is not half what they are doing, for they put a lighted match to every bird they can catch and set all the feathers on fire. They take all the eggs they can find, and smash them at passers-by in the streets. Now, sir, this is hard to believe of young men of these ages, but it is true, and there is nobody here who will give me help to stop it going on. If you know a high official of the R.S.P.C.A., please show this to him, and I hope he will be good enough to take some steps to stop this sort of thing going on.

D. J. NOYES.

[We commend the above letter to the notice of the authorities, and trust it may be the means of having an end put to the atrocities mentioned. Almost in any walk along the outskirts of our London suburbs boys may be seen searching the hedge-rows for the purpose of taking eggs which are of no use to them, or young birds which they do not know how to keep, but it appears to be no man's business to interfere with them. A private person lays himself open to a storm of abuse, and a uniformed policeman has no chance of getting near them. It should, however, be possible for such an organisation as the R.S.P.C.A. to detail officers in private clothes who might fill up their official working hours to better purpose in this direction than in some other ways we could mention.—Ed. C.B.]

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A Corner of a Californian Bird-lover's Magnificent Bird-room.

Sir,—I little thought when I sent you a picture of one of my bird-rooms that you would print it in your paper. I was pleased to receive CAGE BIRDS from my friend, Mr. Gibbins, of Leicester, and you may be sure I was delighted to see in it the picture of my room. I hope it will be useful to your readers. I now enclose pictures of my large room which you may use also. I consider this is one of the finest in the world; I had been longing for years to get one like it. Everything I made myself (place included) but the fronts and drinkers, and these I imported from Pimm, of Birmingham. Every little detail was thought out before I started. My cages are made in sets of eight compartments, with slides between every two. Each front, including wire and tray is 24in. by 18in. and 11½in. deep. In this room there are cages for 76 pairs (the one I sent you before has 44 cages). Everything is of uniform size; no moulding or fancy work. The room and inside of cages are painted sky blue, window frames and doors white, cage fronts bright black, seed hoppers, nest boxes and drinkers are white enamel. The two windows at each end, over the cages, open for ventilation. I can also slide the front windows past each other. When these are open it is like an outdoor place. All openings are protected from intruders by fine mesh wire, which is insect proof also, and almost invisible. The roof and walls are double, with a 4 in. cavity between, and well ventilated; this ensures a cool place on the hottest days. In the cupboard I store medicines and books and other small things. The bottom part is fitted with a balanced seed bin, which holds 100 lbs. of canary seed; three small drawers contain other kinds of seeds. The long shallow drawer is my egg tray, with 24 compartments. Inside the seat I store my moss, extra hoppers, perches, nest boxes, etc. The top of this seat is a sugar pine board, stained and polished; it is 8 ft. long 24 inches wide, and 1¼ in. thick. My perches are all made of hard oak; shape, half round. I think, by now, you will have a good idea of what my room is like.

Palms, California. JOHN BURROWS.

Another Talking Canary Story.

Sir,—I would like to ask some of the readers of your valuable paper if they have ever heard of a Canary Talking? My grandmother once knew somebody who kept a bird which answered its mistress, every time it was asked a question, but on no account would it answer a stranger. Do you not think this a very strange thing?

V. TAYLOR.

New Society for Rossendale District.

Sir,—We have formed a new Cage Bird Fanciers' Society for the Rossendale District at the Commercial Hotel, Stacksteads, on May 7th; there was a good number present. Officers were elected as follows: President, Mr. Humphries; Chairman, Mr. Heys; Committee, Messrs. Lord, Wantling, Blyth, Johnson, and Robinson; Hon. Sec., Ingham Taylor, 308, Newchurch Road, Stacksteads. Next meeting, June 11th. We want all Bird Fanciers to join us in making the Society a success.

INGHAM TAYLOR, Hon. Sec.

Some Information About Store Cages and Clap Nets.

Sir,—In answer to W. Turner, re store cages and clap nets, I can give him all the information he requires, as I have been a bird catcher and breeder for fifteen years, although I have now given up catching. In the first place, get two ¼in. boards 36in. by 12in. for top and bottom, and one for back 36in. by 8in.; four pieces 12in. by 8in., same thickness, two for ends and two for dividing into three compartments. Nail together squarely and firmly; then put your perches in, one in the front and one in the back; that is the store cage. For the front, get two pieces of ¼in. batten a quarter thick and 36in. long, two pieces of the same size 8in. long; make them into a frame. Drill holes for wires ¼in. apart, not forgetting your drinker holes in the wire front. Screw to cage with four small brass screws (the idea is to unscrew to clean out, as there is no drawer to a store cage). In the top cut three round holes, one in each compartment, big enough to put your hand in and out with a bird in it without hurting it; then get the legs of three stockings and tack round, and the cage is finished. Now for pack birds, I always had, when catching, thirteen birds: four Linnets, four Chaffinches, two Greenfinches, two Goldfinches and one Redpoll. For brace birds, one bright cock Greenie, one Linnet, and one hen Chaffinch. Put your Redpoll at the back of your nets one yard from staff, and place your other calls six each side (backs to nets), two feet apart, varying the different birds next to one another, half facing you when you are pulling and half facing away from nets. Now for "wind bound" wing, get a piece of ¾in. elastic, round or square, two-thirds the length of your staffs; tie a piece of pliable thin dark cord on each end, with two half-hitches, and an overhand knot that will not slip. On the other end of cords tie a small bowline. Place one in the groove of staff, then stretch along the ground and slip the other bowline over the peg that is holding the staff, and the wing will fly over at the least pull. Any further information required, I will give willingly. Wishing your paper all the success it so richly deserves.

E. TELSON.

The Nest of the Lesser Whitethroat.

Sir,—In your issue of May 4 Mr. J. W. Steel says: "The latter species, referring to the Greater Whitethroat, are much more common than the Lesser. Their habits are very similar, but the nests differ, that of the Greater being open like a Hedge Sparrow's and generally elevated above the ground; while the nest of the Lesser is domed like a Wren's or Willow Warbler's, and generally concealed in a tussock of grass or herbage." I always understood that this species builds a cup-shaped nest like the Greater Whitethroat, but shallower. I think Mr. Steel is taking the Wood Wren, which builds a domed nest, for the Lesser Whitethroat. At any rate, there seems to me to be some mistake. This species is difficult to trace in Scotland. I have never seen a Lesser Whitethroat's nest myself, but a gentleman took a clutch of eggs from a nest some years ago near Kilmarnock, and brought them to my friend Mr. Barr and myself for identification, and we pronounced them Lesser Whitethroat's eggs. Can any reader who has seen a Lesser Whitethroat's nest say whether this species builds a domed or a cup-shaped nest?

JOHN CRAIG.

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many changes. The ...rows are thickening, and the foundations of new bird-homes are constantly being laid, for although many pairs of the common House Sparrow are starting their second clutch of eggs, other birds have not all advanced at the same pace, and are only just now making a commencement. For all wild life May is the month of the year, and more broods of young birds are hatched and reared in it than in any other. And when hatched how quickly they grow! When first we see the Hedge Sparrows in their beautiful rounded home, built mostly of moss, and snugly lined with hair, they are such wee atoms that one can hardly distinguish their form and general appearance—just dark, fluffy little mites, with scarcely strength enough to hold up their heads. In a few days they have grown enormously, with wide gaping mouths, of the most lovely pink colour inside, wing feathers already of decent length, and long ungainly legs, apparently out of proportion to the rest of the body. The mother bird fusses about while we examine them, and the perky father sings us a sweet little lay from a rail in the hedge. Further along the path a Whitethroat scolds us, but not for long: he is so bubbling over with animal spirits that he cannot remain silent. With swelling throat and quivering wings he bursts into song, but a passing insect catches his eye, and, breaking off suddenly, he darts upwards, returning to his perch with surprising agility. We wait, hoping he will finish his music, but, catching sight of his mate, he chases her through the underwood, and over the bushes out of sight, although for some time we can hear their joyous calls. In the deeper shade of the woods, the sweet melody of the Blackcap fills the air. He is a charming performer, and second only to the King of Songsters.

The Young Naturalist.

Prizes of 1s. and two of 6d. each will be given weekly for the best three anecdotes about birds written on postcards. Competitors must be under fifteen years of age, and state whence stories are taken. Two stars indicate the Winning Contribution, one star the runners-up.

Maternal Care.

In making repairs to a farm building it was necessary to remove an old spout, and in doing so a Martin's nest was destroyed. The young birds were removed by a workman and placed upon the roof, while they were fed by the parent birds the rest of the day. The next morning the old birds commenced to build a new nest, to which they removed the young ones before night.—(Cutting from "Science Gossip.")—Sent by H. Vinnicombe, jun., Leas Hotel, Folkestone.

**A Knowing Thrush.

In a garden at Histon, not very far from here, a Thrush has built its nest between the branches of a fruit tree. The tree has been limewashed, and the artful bird has been and collected the white feathers from the farmyard and made a nest of them, so as not to be noticed. The gardener has worked under the tree for nine days without noticing the nest. The nest has five eggs in it, and the bird is sitting on them, and I hope they will not be disturbed.—Sent by Beatrice Garner (aged 13), Bannold, Waterbeach, Cambs.

*A Tame Greenfinch.

Browne is my pet Greenfinch. My brother caught him a few weeks ago, and he was extremely wild, about a fortnight back. I noticed how very ill he seemed, and took him out and made an examination. His feet were quite crippled and he was almost dead. I bathed his feet in warm water and put him in a warm room. I attended to him in this manner for several days, and nursed him back to life again; now he is so tame that he sits on my hand and feeds from my mouth. His feet are all right now, and he is quite well. This shows what kindness will do for our feathered pets.—Sent by Dorothy Lawrence (age 14), Mill Lane, Robin's Bridge Road, Coggeshall, Essex.

*How Pussy was Conquered

My father keeps a lot of Canaries in a bird room, and he has a cat which he trained to Canaries. The way he trained it was to put a bird in a cage on the table and then get an old cage front and hot it on the fire and put it in front of the cage. When puss went for the bird she burnt her nose. One night he was washing some birds and one got out of his hands. The cat ran after it and got it, and ran upstairs and laid it at the bird room door, and it was none the worse for it. This is quite true.—Sent by Emily Atherton (age 12, 18, Bache Street, Liverpool.

Fanciers Enjoying the Country.

RAMBLE IN BIRD HAUNTS AT WALLASEY.

Wallasey C.B.S. ramble took place on May 4, but owing to threatening weather, the number taking part was somewhat small. Mr. Mallinson, our late secretary, was of the party, and gave us the benefit of his special knowledge of British birds, and Mr. George Barker, an able botanist, described to us the various herbs and plant life that came under observation. We started from headquarters at 3 o'clock, and soon found our way into the fields, our objective being Bidston Woods. We had to traverse a pathway skirting the Wirral Railway embankment, and as it is in such rather unfrequented places that the best specimens of plant life may be found, we soon got many examples, such as shepherds purse, wild hyacinth, spring vetch, pink and white campion, Jack by the Hedge, birdsfoot trefoil, violets, lesser stitchwort, to say nothing of dandelion and a superabundance of that ever welcome birdkeepers' friend, the chickweed. Our

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first birdy treat was listening to the song of the Willow Warbler; its song, although not loud, is very pleasing. Another instance worthy of note, was a Skylark perched on a low hoarding, singing for dear life, and our presence, instead of hindering, seemed rather to encourage him to prolong his vocal efforts ere he soared to heights above. From here we entered an old disused lane, an ideal spot, where we found, as expected, a variety of nests. Our first was a Blackbird's, in which the hen bird was sitting on three eggs. It was new to a novice of our company to find that the plumage of the hen Blackbird was not black but brown. After this we went in search of a Wren's nest, the existence of which was known to two of our party, and after careful search we were rewarded by seeing this most carefully built and most seclusive of nests. Here also we heard the Song Thrush and the Hedge Warbler, and were near enough to have a good view of such birds as the Meadow Pipit, Landrail, and Missel Thrush. Up to this point we had traversed fields only, and we were glad to be on the highway once more if only by way of a change. Leaving Bidston, we turned towards Moreton, and there we did justice to the fare provided by mine host of the Farmers' Arms. The homeward journey we found to be as instructive and pleasing as the first portion of the ramble. Our pathway led close by the shore of the River Dee, and we had a good chance to study the gulls that are plentiful in this neighbourhood. We also came across several Plovers. It was the unanimous opinion of all that our outing had been one long to be remembered. Such opportunities as these unite the members more closely, and afford the means of acquiring information from one another. It is by giving and receiving information that the best fanciers are made, and our hobby advanced. We intend holding another ramble early in June, when we hope most, if not all our, members will make an effort to take part.—T. Edwards, Hon. Sec.

BEDFORD AND BEDS. O.S. FIND A BIRDY PARADISE.

The members and friends of this society had an outing on May 9th, and a right good time they had. A brake left headquarters at 2 o'clock for Oak Farm, Old Warden, and it would be difficult to find a more perfect paradise for birds than this charming spot, and the day was an ideal one. On the way were to be seen many pairs of partridges, and upon nearing Shearhatch Wood large numbers of pheasants and rabbits were enjoying themselves in the fields adjacent to the woods. The first nest found was a Hedge Sparrow's, with its lovely blue tinted eggs; following this came close by a Blackbird's, with eggs, a Greater Tit's, built in the hollow stump of a tree, containing nine eggs; then a nest of five young Thrushes, about ten days old, and a nest of young Hedge Sparrows. Then followed many nests of Blackbirds, Thrushes, Greenfinches, Linnets, Redpolls, Chaffinches, etc., all containing either eggs or young birds. A Nightingale was heard in a plantation at the bottom of the farm, but the nest was not found. Two nests of pheasants containing eggs were found, and another was heard of containing fifteen eggs. This, however, was not found. After a couple of hours' nesting observation the party returned to the farmhouse, where Mr. Rayner had provided a substantial open-air tea, to which one and all did full justice. A Skylark close by made his ascent during teatime, and he was timed by one of the members as remaining in the air for 4½ minutes; this was considered rather longer than usual. Another hour's nesting followed the tea, then a delightful ride home finished up an afternoon's real enjoyment. Those wishing to join this society should communicate with the Hon. Sec. (Mr. J. C. Wilmot), or Mr. Rayner, at Ham's Restaurant.—J. C. Wilmot.

POPLAR C.B.S. LUXURIATES AT LAINDON.

The Poplar C.B.S. country ramble took place on Sunday, May 12th, to Laindon. There was a most excellent muster of 18 members. Lovely weather, with a cool breeze blowing, made the day a most pleasant one for walking. Starting across the Common, we were soon amongst the birds, the first nest found being a Bullfinch's with 5 eggs, and from this time onwards throughout the day there was a continual call to view new found nests, some with birds in, and others with eggs only. At 12.30 a halt was made to partake of lunch, and on resuming our ramble the first nest found was a Thrush's with 4 young birds about a week old, to be followed by many others of different species. As time was getting on, a bee-line was made for the Duke's Head Hotel, where tea was to be partaken of, and we arrived just in time to miss a very heavy thunder storm, which lasted for upwards of an hour, but which was nevertheless very welcome, as the country looked lovely afterwards, and gave off that refreshing smell which none but a Londoner can appreciate to the full. After tea, further exploring was done, and our finds were numerous and most varied, including the following nests:—Linnets', Thrushes', Bullfinches', Blackbirds', and last, but not least, in fact, the most interesting find of the day, was a Reed Bunting's nest, with 4 eggs, which had been built in the bank of a small sand pit, which had become overgrown with braken. Had it not been for the fact that the bird was seen to fly out of the hole, we doubt if it would have been possible to find it, being so well protected. We take this opportunity of recommending any London society to Laindon for a ramble, and can assure them of an interesting day, both as regards birds and scenery, which is very pretty about there, and should they desire it, I have no doubt that one of our members would be pleased to act as their guide. The Duke's Head Hotel have catered for us with entire satisfaction for two years, at 1s. 3d. per head for a meat tea, which, after a day's ramble, can naturally be done full justice to. Friend Harrington, the proprietor, does you well.—H. W. Cook, Hon. Sec.

In the Courts.

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Robert Paton, shoemaker, of White's Place, Forton, was summoned under the Wild Birds Protection Act.—Inspector Thomas Whiting, R.S.P.C.A., prosecuted.—P.C. Bowering said that he saw defendant carrying a basket and also something tied up in a handkerchief, in Monckton Road. After interrogating defendant he examined the basket, and found it contained ten Linnets and two Goldfinches. Wrapped in the handkerchief he found three decoy birds. Defendant denied at first that he had caught them, and told the constable that they belonged to him, and that he had been to Fort Monckton to try and sell them, but afterwards admitted he had caught them.—The constable told the Bench that he afterwards made a search at Monckton, and found the spreaders (produced) used for throwing a net, and he also found nine Linnets dead, evidently hen birds which defendant did not require.—Defendant, who was excited and rather impertinent, had to be called to order by the Chairman, and told not to get so excited.—Defendant was found guilty, and ordered to pay 14s. and 16s. costs.

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MANCHESTER AND NORTHERN COUNTIES O.A.

General meeting held May 6th. Mr. T. Harrison, Altrincham, gave a lecture on Greens and colour breeding. He said that in breeding Greens colour is a very important point, and is sometimes overlooked for type, etc. The colour of the wild Canary had been improved upon by careful and judicious mating. He preferred dark birds for breeding Greens, as one got a lot of colour from fouls, and advised proceeding as follows: Double buff three or four times and double yellow once; use cocks from the double buffs and the hens from double yellows. The reason for double buffing was to get size and colour, the buffs in Greens carrying the most colour; but care should be taken that the birds be well balanced; there is a better chance of getting good colour from fouls. Width in markings was lost by continually using self's. He liked to have fouls with dark outside flights. In using marked hens breeders should pick those with a self green cap, not broken in any way. Mr. Harrison then touched upon breeding for colour, and mentioned that all his Greens were bred from the clear variety. It is no use trying to get colour into your birds unless you breed for it. In breeding for colour one should breed for stock birds as well as show birds. The lecturer also touched upon colour feeding, the care of young, etc. Several questions were asked and answered, and the meeting came to a close with a hearty vote of thanks to Mr. Harrison for his instructive lecture.—H. Boothman, Hon. Sec.

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Club Reports.

NORTH WALES C.B.S.

Committee meeting, held May 13, Mr. James Jones presiding. Arrangements were made in connection with the members' show, to be held at Carnarvon on Whit Monday. There are excellent prospects for a splendid show.—John Wynne Parry, Hon. Sec.

BRIGHTON AND HOVE C.B.A.

General meeting held May 8 at Headquarters, when a fair number of members attended. Arrangements were made for the club ramble, May 19, when the district around Newick, Sussex, will be explored. Many gave in their names. It is hoped to join hands with a party from Lewes. Young stock show fixed for July 3rd, at headquarters, Mr. W. Swaysland judge. Classes will be arranged in due course and circulated to all members. Decided, not to obtain a cup for the annual show at present.—Will H. Gibb, Hon. Sec.

LEIGH AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

Meeting, May 8th, Mr. Taylor in the chair. Mr. C. Houlton, of St. Helens, gave a lecture on British Birds and Canaries dealing fully with the feeding and general treatment of the different varieties. After he had finished Mr. Houlton offered to answer questions, but he had told all in such a manner that it seemed impossible to find any questions to ask. The good muster of members present shows the enthusiastic spirit essential for the progressing of a society. A vote of thanks was unanimously given to Mr. Houlton. Two new members were made. Table show May 22nd.—R. Charleson, Sec.

DULWICH & PECKHAM C.B.S.

A good number of members and friends met May 7th, at headquarters, to hear Mr. Marley on British birds. Mr. F. Cole in the chair. Mr. Marley, in dealing with the fascinating hobby of keeping British birds, kept the attention of his audience for well over an hour. He dealt with the birds in their wild state, their food, habits, and migration of the different species, and went on to talk of the birds in captivity, the best methods of feeding, cages, moulting for exhibition, etc. He dealt at some length with several of the favourite softbills, and also many of the favourite Finches. After his lecture Mr. Marley answered many questions in a very lucid and able manner; everyone feeling they had spent a very interesting and profitable evening. A very hearty vote of thanks was accorded to Mr. Marley, to which he briefly replied.—W. Hudson, Hon. Sec.

STRATFORD & E. LONDON F.S.

Held May 9. Arrangements made for evening show all sections, May 23rd, admission free, at Workman's Hall, Romford Road, E. Judges, Messrs. C. W. Mead, poultry and cage birds; A. Sears, pigeons. Special prizes were promised for best teams of three exhibits in each section. New member: Master C. A. Sims. Mr. J. Reed, treasurer, mentioned that he had received from Baron de Forest, M.P., a very handsome silver challenge cup, engraved as follows:—"The Baron de Forest Challenge Cup. Presented by the Baron de Forest to the Stratford and East London Fanciers, 1912." A most hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Baron for his kindness. A special committee meeting will decide later the terms upon which the cup shall be competed for. Mr. L. Hawkes also presented the society with a handsome embossed silver cup as a points cup for cage birds, for most points during the year. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded Mr. Hawkes.—W. Maxey, Hon. Sec.

SOUTH BIRMINGHAM O.S.

Monthly meeting, May 15. A record gathering, Mr. Hughes, chairman. Four new members were elected, bringing the total up to 56. The chairman said he hoped all the older members would extend a warm welcome to the new elected fanciers. He wanted to see all as brothers in this society, and avoid a feeling of coldness which so often marred the entry of a new one amongst them. Young bird show arrangements completed. Messrs. Kidner, Walton, West, Constable, Burke, Harding, and Hall are elected Stewards for the shows. Specials totalled 21. No classes allowed to go free. An impromptu debate followed. Questions being placed on paper and drawn for, the information obtained was very instructive. The following gave most useful hints and information: Messrs. Burke, J. H. de Maillett, Wright, Jeffery, Southon, Hughes Swinden, Derry. All were sorry when the usual time for closing arrived, and another debate will be arranged. Every fancier should send for the art programme, and join at the June meeting.—J. Sheppard, Sec.

LONDON C.B.A.

Monthly meeting at "The Feathers," Great Chapel Street, Westminster, S.W. Mr. R. L. Crisp, President, in the chair. A letter was read from the National British Bird and Mule Club inviting members to join them in their annual outing. Those wishing to take part, the secretaries, Messrs. Plumbridge and Carr, 45, Overdale Road, South Ealing, W., would be pleased to hear from. It was decided to have a young bird show on June 29th. Schedule as last young bird show. Mr. John Robson, judge. The President distributed the diplomas and awards of merit, the winners being Messrs. Marley, Thursby, F. Smith, and F. Knight. Several were unable to be present to receive theirs. Mr. E. Stone was nominated for membership, and Mr. Marley was elected a delegate for the London Federation. Through the kindness of Mr. G. Stevens, of Cheltenham, a most interesting paper was read by the Secretary, dealing with Hybrid breeding and the methods to adopt to obtain the best results—feeding, moulting, pairing, and selection for breeding etc. The following crosses were specially mentioned: Canary-Bullfinch, Goldfinch-Bullfinch, Linnet-Bullfinch, Greenfinch-Bullfinch, Redpoll-Bullfinch, Goldfinch Linnet, Goldfinch-Greenfinch, Goldfinch-Siskin, Goldfinch-Redpoll, Goldfinch-Twite, Brambhlefinch-Chaffinch, Greenfinch-Chaffinch, Greenfinch-Siskin, Greenfinch-Redpoll, Linnet-Siskin, Redpoll Siskin, Greenfinch-Linnet, also a list of crosses not yet obtained, but in Mr. Stevens' opinion possible. A debate followed, and Messrs. Marley, Dewhurst, Robson, and Trower gave some most interesting experiences, etc. A unanimous vote of thanks was accorded to Mr. G. Stevens for his kindness in preparing the paper, also for the valuable information contained. A vote of thanks to the Chairman closed a well-attended meeting.—W. H. Mugford, Sec.; F. Knight, Assist. Sec.

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GRANTHAM C.B.S.

Monthly meeting, headquarters, May 6th. Mr. Fred Lockton presided over a very good attendance. First feather show, June 20th. A special prize for each section has been promised; members allowed to nominate three birds to compete for same. After business the Chairman presented medals to the winners of most points throughout last year. Champion classes, Mr. E. Bond; novice classes, Mr. Ward; Mule or Hybrid and British birds, Mr. Cryer. Several new members have been enrolled.—W. E. Allen, Hon. Sec.

CAMBRIDGE & COUNTY C.B.S.

Meeting was held May 8th. Officers appointed: President, Mr. E. Moore; chairman, Mr. J. Bishop; vice-chairman, Mr. W. R. P. Stiles; hon. sec., Mr. W. Ridgeon, 17a, Sussex Street; assistant hon. sec., Mr. C. Lambert; auditors, Messrs. S. Edwards and A. McQuarrie; committee, Messrs. A. Bye, T. C. Marriott, G. J. Moore, E. Wallman, E. Watson, G. Langley, Papworth, F. Ridgewell, F. King, and J. H. Pope. Decided that the season's programme be commenced with the young bird show on July 11th.—A. McQuarrie.

SCOTTISH METROPOLITAN (Open Derby) O.A.

Fourth list of new members, 1912: Messrs. D. Burgess, S. Hewitt, D. Kinlayside, T. Long, R. Lile, J. Munro, D. Martin, J. McLennan, J. McMillan, A. Thomson (Edinburgh), W. Niven, J. Carlaw (Falkirk), J. Pringle, T. Pringle (Selkirk), J. Main (Coatbridge), W. and R. C. Muirhead (Bannockburn), J. Lavery (Lurgan), W. Carson, J. Dalgleish (Leith), J. McMillan, J. J. McIlwain, J. Muir (Glasgow), W. Gibb (Wishaw), F. Finlay (Darvel), J. Dodds (Hawick), D. Caldwell, H. R. Caldwell (Baillieston), J. Black (Arbroath), J. H. Buchan, W. R. Dunn (Portobello), A. Gilchrist (Loanhead), J. Chalmers (Musselburgh), A. Russell (Airdrie), J. Gardiner (Duns), R. Willison (Barrow-in-Furness), J. Robertson (High Harrington), C. Tanssens (Belgium). 389 tickets have yet to be accounted for. Next meeting, May 25th. As we are desirous of having a good report to submit as to membership, will fanciers kindly oblige by sending on their decisions by that date? We are pleased indeed at the way members are coming in, and if this continues up till closing date, May 31st, success is assured.—J. R. Meikle, Sec.

DERBY C.B.S.

Monthly meeting held headquarters, Derwent Hotel. Arrangements for season and shows were made. First feather show and club outing, at Melbourne, July 13th, at Blue Bell Hotel; judge, Mr. J. H. Drakeley. Tickets, including prize draw, are now on sale, price 2d. Fanciers wishing to take part in the club outing will be welcome: information will be gladly given by the secretaries. A photo of the members will be taken during the day, and we hope every member will book this date and make the affair a success; more details next meeting. We have secured the Mechanics' Lecture Hall for our annual show—an excellent building, passed by all tramcars and right in the town's main thoroughfare. Next meeting night being nomination night; those not present must nominate by Sunday's post. Also Crest breeders breeding young yellow Crest must notify me before birds are three weeks old. Three new members were elected. If there are any fanciers who would like to join us. We shall be glad to receive their names, as after May meeting night it will be too late for them to compete in members' classes. A full attendance next meeting, please.—Wharam and Bamsey.

PORTOBELLO C.B.S.

May 1st, members presented one of their officials, Mr. W. Leckie, with a writing desk, suitably inscribed, as a token of the high esteem in which he was held by them. Mr. Matthew, the President, occupied the chair, and after the usual toasts he presented the desk to Mr. Leckie on behalf of the members, and in a brilliant speech dwelt at great length on the able assistance he (Mr. Leckie) had given the Society since its foundation, and expressed his deep regret that the Society was about to lose such a valuable asset from their midst. Mr. Leckie replied that he would, when away from Portobello, like still to retain his membership, and that he would treasure the gift, not alone for its value, but for the spirit in which it had been given, and it would always keep fresh the memory of the Society and its associates. After several members had made speeches the meeting broke into a go-as-you-please concert. Several members, including Messrs. Buchan, Neillands, Dawson, Millar, Laird, and Vass bringing rounds of applause from the company, Mr. Anderson and a gramophone filling in the intervals with good selections. A vote of thanks to the chair, and the singing of the usual finales, brought a splendid evening's entertainment to a close.—J. Davidson, Sec.

GLASGOW (West End) C.B.C.

Monthly meeting, Co-operative Hall (St. George's Cross), April 10, Mr. C. Campbell presiding over a fair attendance. 20 classes for the first feather show, July 6, were fixed, including Crests, Crest-breds, Norwich Plainheads (with Cinnamons added), Border Fancies, Yorks., Scotch Fancies, A.O.V. Canary, Mules, and Hybrids (Mr. E. Barron, Glasgow, judge). Mr. Archibald Robin was elected a member. Decided to have a ramble to Craigallian Estate, Milngavie, on June 15. Train from Queen Street Station at 2.32 p.m., to Milngavie. Will all members please note this, and also make a special endeavour to be present, as it is desired that we should have a large turn-out of members and friends on this occasion (further arrangements later). An interesting lecture on British birds was given by Mr. A. Wilson, but before beginning lecture Mr. Wilson gave a short descriptive lecture on the wild Canary, a specimen of which he brought with him to enlighten the members as to what the domesticated Canary originated from. In describing its origin he (Mr. Wilson) went back as far as 1478, when the Spaniards discovered that the song of these birds was such that they could sell and export them at a profit. In the British birds lecture, Mr. Wilson first dealt with the picking of birds to moult for show purposes, then the feeding of same. On this he dwelt largely, and mentioned that in his opinion there was no hard and fast rule as to what seeds or mixture of seeds was the best to feed upon, some birds doing better on one kind and some on another kind. After questions had been asked and answered, Mr. Wilson was accorded a very hearty vote of thanks.—W. Proudfoot, Sec. and Treas.

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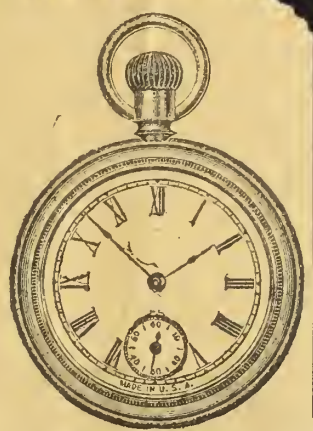

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Meeting held May 9th. First feather show, July 6th, Mr. H. W. Walsh, Halifax, judge. Mr. S. H. Jeffreys kindly offered a gold medal, value £1 1s., to be competed for during the season at all shows held by the Society. We have a grand lot of specials for the coming season, and should be pleased to see all fanciers in this district come forward and join us and compete. All are heartily welcome.—A. Pickles.

CODNOR PK. & EASTWOOD C.B.S.

Special general meeting, held May 11th, Queen's Head Hotel, Riddings, when a fair attendance of members turned up. Agreed to hold a two days' open show this year to enable us to get all exhibits away on Saturday afternoon, to reach their destination the same night. Also arranged to have a ramble on Whit-Tuesday, meet at Three Tuns, Eastwood, 10 a.m., when it is to be hoped all members will try and turn out. Agreed to have show date inserted in "C.B.'s" show dates fixed column.—J.H. Mitchell, Hon. Sec.

STIRLING C.B.S.

Monthly meeting was held Douglas Hotel, on May 4, Mr. Summers in the chair. A new member was enrolled, and letters were read from the following judges, namely: Norwich, Mr. R. Martin, Kirkintilloch; Borders and Scotch Fancies, Mr. J. Hamilton, Eskbank; Brit. and For., Mr. P. Pettigrew. The class list was gone over, and two Norwich and a British hen class were added, which now makes 45 classes. It was decided to change headquarters, and next meeting will be held in McDonald's Temperance Hotel (Top of Arcade), on 1st June.—W. Clubb, Sec.

LEYTON C.B.A.

Meeting held Grange Park Hall, May 6th. The principal item was the egg-food making competition, for which there were four competitors—Messrs. Parker, Dalton, Farmer, and Parr. Each competitor brought his own appliances, and the process of egg-food making by their different methods proved very interesting. Mr. Parker used bread crumbs, while the others used biscuit to mix with the egg. Mr. J. S. Clarke officiated as judge, and awarded cash prize to Mr. Parker, Messrs. Dalton, Farmer and Parr following in the order named. Mr. Clarke gave very full remarks on each competitor's work, which greatly added to the interest of the competition. A discussion followed, dealing with the relative values of bread and biscuit for mixing with the hard-boiled egg. Mr. Clarke recommended chickweed as green food, especially when seedy, and later in the year plantain. Failing chickweed, Mr. Clarke preferred watercress. A vote of thanks was accorded Mr. Clarke for the able manner in which he judged the competition.—Forse and Son, Hon. Secs.

WALKLEY C.B.S.

Monthly meeting held May 8th, Westmorland Street Mission Room, Mr. J. G. Cowly in the chair, supported by G. Butler and T. Ridal. Doorkeepers and stewards were elected—W. P. Chadwick and J. Scott stewards. The tick question came up for discussion. Decided to put right any bird placed in its wrong class. Show opens at 4 p.m.; all birds to be staged by 2. Decided to have an advert. in Fancy papers the week previous to the show. The following gentlemen promised specials: Tomlinson, Lawton, Riddle, Thorpe, Fletcher, Hartley, Hobson, Bailey, J. Scott, Woolhouse, Butler, J. G. Cowley, making two for each section. This, combined with fixed prize money, should go a long way to securing a record entry. Unfortunately luck has not been great this season up to now. We are having a series of table shows, the first on June 6th. Twelve specials are promised and allotted for most points and second most points throughout the year. Stewards for June show, Chadwick and Sisson. Judges, Woolhouse and Furniss. All birds to be staged by 8 sharp. Now, members, buck up and let us have a bumper. Please note date. (Classification on Rule card).—C. Tomlinson, Sec.

GATESHEAD C.B.S.

Meeting May 8th. Five new members were elected. Before a good attendance of members, Mr. Crawhall (Newcastle) gave his lecture on breeding and rearing young, which was very instructive and interesting. After answering many questions, Mr. Crawhall was thanked for the lecture, and a pleasant meeting ended.—J. Davison.

GLASGOW AND DIST. C.B.A.

A special general meeting of the club will be held on May 21st, in Duncan's Restaurant, 71, London Street, Glasgow, at 8, to consider the advisability of holding another open show. The deficit on the last show has now been cleared, and when the subscription sheets now in the hands of the committee are returned it is expected to show a small balance in hand. Sheets should be handed in on or before date of meeting. The fanciers of Glasgow should turn up and give the club their support, without which it is impossible to hold another open show. The trophy for most points at the late show was again won by Glasgow and West of Scotland, with 137 points, the runners-up being Partick and Dis., 129 points, the Glasgow West End Club were third with 94 points.—Fred Bowman, Sec.

NORTHERN BORDER & S.F.C.C.

Meeting held May 6th, at Pillar's Cafe, Mr. W. Smith in the chair. The classification for shows receiving our patronage was then gone into, the classes required being as follows: Clear or ticked yell. cock, clear or ticked buff cock, yell. or buff marked, hen any colour, green or cinn. yell., ditto buff, novice Border, Scotch Fancy. Decided that we get some books printed with 30 ticket in each to sell at 1d. each ticket, the prizes to be: 1st value 10s., 2nd value 5s., 3rd value 2s. 6d.; 4th value 2s. 6d. The draw to take place at meeting room, 1st July. Decided to hold two table shows, the first on the first Monday in June, the second on the first Monday in July. Mr. Montgomery, judge for first show, Mr. G. E. Ellwood for second. The horns given as a special are for champion section, and the medal for novice section for most points gained at table shows. Classes for the table shows: three for each section. 1, Clear or marked yell; 2, clear or marked buff; 3, green or cinn. The following were elected members: Mr. Ross, Ashington; Mr. Espie, Gosforth; Mr. Little, Percy Main. M. S. Potts, Hon. Sec.

ARDWICK & MANCHESTER C.B.A

General meeting held Onward Hall, May 7. Mr. W. Willison presided over a good muster of members to hear Mr. W. Fairhurst lecture on "Mule Breeding." He reminded those present that anyone commencing who thought that they would make any profit would be very much mistaken, and, although a very interesting part of the hobby, it required men with plenty of patience. He was in favour of three compartment breeding cages. In selecting of stock, he preferred the cocks to be long-sided birds (Yorkshire type). For hens he preferred large yellow Norwich. The outstanding object of mule breeding was beauty, and that was why he used yellows and cared very little for buffs, as the latter produced poor colour. Feeding: He disputed the fact mentioned by some that they can on plain white Canary seed only keep Goldfinches not only in show condition, but also bring them on to breeding condition. He used equal parts of teazle and canary seed, also nigs, hemp, linseed, rape, thistle, cracked sunflower, and dandelion and maw. He dealt with the feeding of Goldfinches and Linnets, from the moult to the arrival of breeding season; he believed in giving mealworms to the Goldfinches; a method used by him was to break open a thistle-head and place a meal worm in the centre. Goldfinches will think it is the grub usually found in the thistle-heads, and when once they have tasted them, there will be no difficulty afterwards in getting them to eat them. After the lecture many questions were asked, which the lecturer answered to the satisfaction of all. A vote of thanks was given Mr. Fairhurst for his able and instructive lecture, Mr. Fairhurst replying. — J. Spencer, Hon. Sec.

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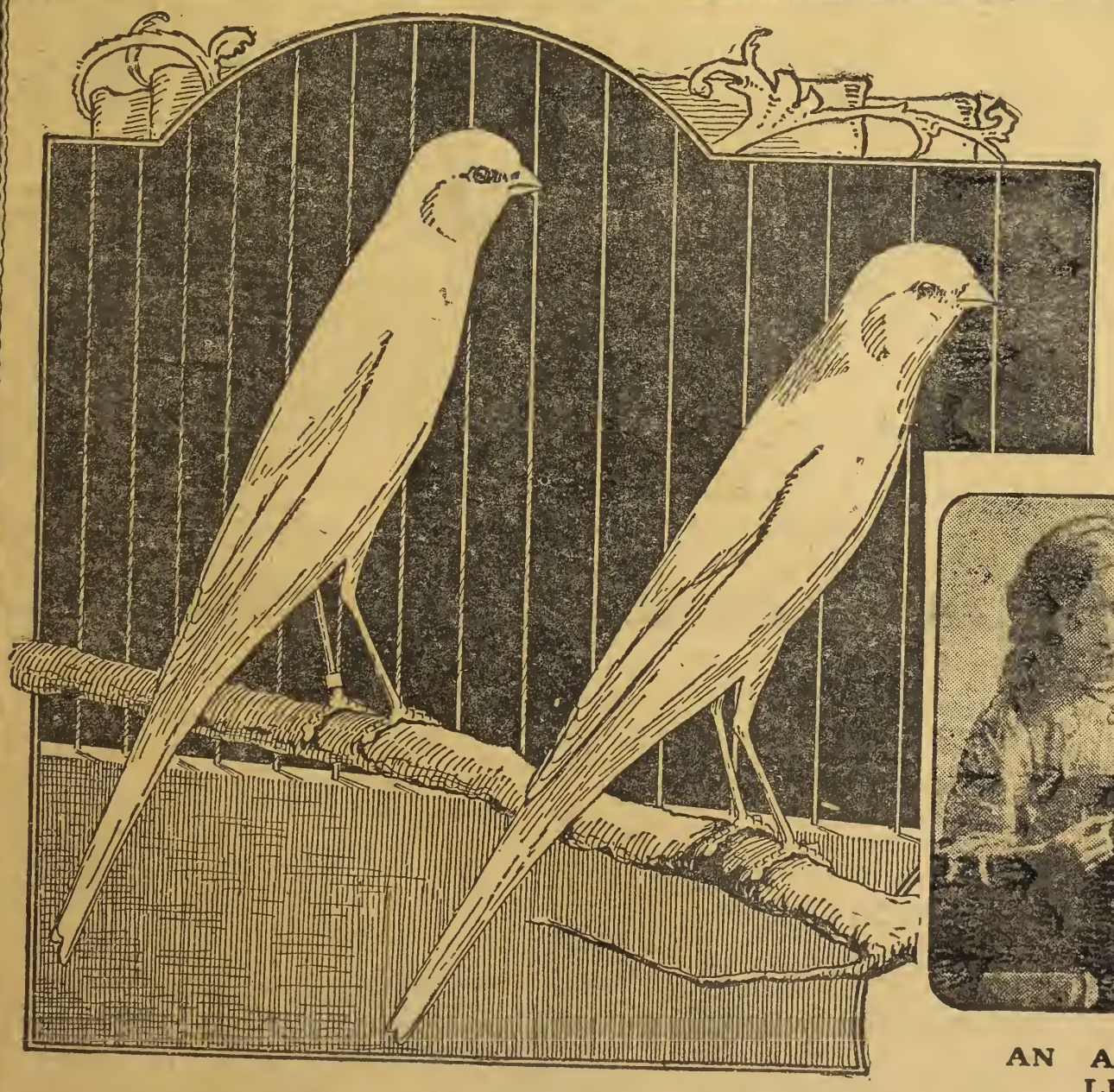

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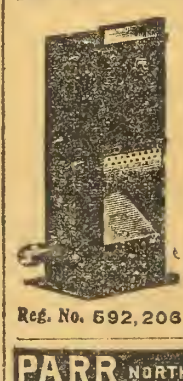

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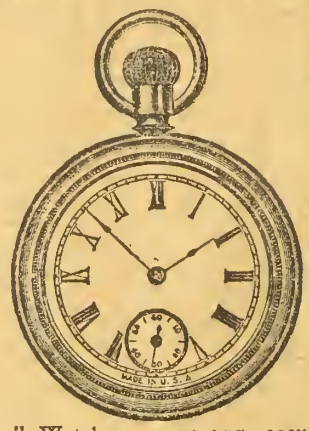

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BIRD LIFE AROUND PICKMERE.

Pendleton and Salford O.S. held their annual ramble, May 12, the route taken being proposed by Mr. G. W. Lythgoe. The party took train to Knutsford, of Mayday fame, and from there through the fields to Pickmere. The country is now at its best; this part abounds in bird life. We heard the Cuckoo several times; Swallows were plentiful and commencing building operations. We found plenty of nests, with both eggs and young, of the Chaffinch, Yellowhammer, Greenfinch, Thrush, and Blackbird, various Tits, etc. On arrival at Bugworth we raided a farm for milk, and after we had refreshed ourselves Mr. H. Birch photographed the group, so through his kindness we have something by us to remind us of the good time we had. On arrival at Pickmere we had about an hour's boating on the mere while tea was being made ready. I am sure we amused the visitors, as of our party there were only a few who could row, and, of course, we all had a try. At the "Red Lion" we did full justice to a splendid tea, after which we started off on our walk for the return train. The members, with their dandelion, chickweed, shepherd's purse, etc., not forgetting the various blossoms gathered from the hedges, appeared to be something of botanists as well as birdy men. We voted it one of the best outings it was possible to have. —Critchley and Metcalfe, secs.

A GLORIOUS DAY FOR DULWICH AND PECKHAM C.B.S.

On Sunday, May 12, a glorious morning, once again the members and friends of the Dulwich and Peckham C.B.S. were off for their ramble in the country, and to see the birds in their wild life. The locality chosen was Boxhill, Ranmore Common, and Holmwood Common; and what more lovely country could be selected? On the way to Ranmore Common, for a short distance our way led along a country lane, thence across the fields, and through a lovely wooded glen. Before separating in our search for the birds a photograph (reproduced in this issue) of the group was taken, Mr. Reeks being the photographer. This being over, we were soon among the furze bushes. Mr. Yeoman soon found a nest of young Chaffinches, just hatched, and Mr. Reeks Blackbirds just about ready to fly; other nests found in quick succession were Linnets with young, Thrush, Whitethroat, Hedge Sparrow, and Greenfinch. The lovely song of the Blackcap was heard, but we failed to locate the nest; the Chiff-Chaff was heard on all sides. A large nest was noticed high up in a tree, and one of us was soon climbing up, to find it was that of a Magpie just completed. The Spotted Flycatcher was seen, and we heard the Nightjar calling. Pied Wagtails were much in evidence close to a small pond; many birds were down here drinking. The call of the Cuckoo was heard coming from the distance. Two youthful members of the party, Master Warley and Master Lee, were thoroughly enjoying themselves, and were delighted with the nests, eggs, and birds they saw. A lovely walk into Dorking brought us to the Temperance Hotel, where a cold collation awaited us, to which everyone did ample justice. Afterwards to Holmwood Common, where bird life did not this year appear quite so plentiful as in the past, but none the less many nests were found, one of the most interesting being that of the Jenny Wren with seven eggs; the nest was very cunningly built on the ground underneath some dry sticks, but friend Reeks knew where to look. Just on five o'clock heavy peals of thunder were heard in the distance, and we realised that our day with the birds was over, so we began a walk back into Dorking, where tea was waiting for us. We reached London again tired, but refreshed with our day in the country, pleased with the birds we had seen, and with the chats we had of the doings of the birds in the breeding rooms at home. The party included Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Tringham, Mr. and Mrs. Lee and Master Lee, Mr. A. J. Warley and Master Warley, Messrs. Yeoman, Parker, Drexler, Munnings, F. Cole, H. W. Tomsett, A. Spillman, W. B. Cracknell, J. Peck, D. Reeks, A. R. Jay, J. Bracher, J. Hazell, J. Fairman, Stewart Grahame, C. Austin, C. Austin, jun., Nichols, the brothers Levy, and Mr. W. Hodson, the respected hon. sec., who admirably carried out all arrangements for the outing.

WIMBLEDON C.B.S. AT ASHTEAD.

On May 19 the Wimbledon C.B.S. enjoyed a ramble in the pretty and picturesque district of Epsom Heath and Ashtead Woods, for the purpose of studying wild bird life and enjoying a very pleasant day. Starting from Epsom in the morning, the party rambled over the Heath to Chessington, discovering many and various nests on the way, lunching at Chessington at "The Star." In the afternoon they strolled through the woods to the verge of Leatherhead and thence to Ashtead, where they had tea in a meadow at "The Duke's Hall." Among the nests noted in the course of the ramble were those of Thrushes, Blackbirds, Chaffinches, Goldfinches, Wrens, Wood-pigeons, and Doves, the structure of which, with the number of eggs or young ones they contained, being duly noted. Needless to say, the nests were not interfered with in any way, the bird lovers being content to examine them and just look at the young birds or eggs in them as the case might be. The weather was lovely, and the country in the fresh green of spring was looking its best, and besides enjoying a healthful and delightful time the party added not a little to their knowledge of the lives and habits of wild birds. The only pity was that more members did not take advantage of the opportunity of spending so charming a day. A few of the party remained till the last train to hear the Nightingales which abound in the woods.

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EAST HAM C.B.S. VISITS EPPING FOREST.

The East Ham C.B.S. on May 12 had their annual ramble to Epping Forest. The weather was most gracious, except for a storm at the end of the day. There were not a great number of members, but we had a most enjoyable day. At Loughton our guide, Mr. Packer, introduced the party to Mr. Glasscock, a local gentleman, who keeps about two hundred British purely for pleasure, not being an exhibitor. We saw here some magnificent Goldfinches, and it was one of the great pleasures of the day to find such a collection. Pushing on into the forest we found "bird life" in all its beauty. Chaffinches, Linnets, Blackbirds, Thrushes, some nests with eggs only, some with young just showing wing butts, some just about to leave their nests. We reached the "Owl," High Beech, about 3, all ready to do justice to the good lunch provided by the hostess, Mrs. Longdon, returning home about 6.30, all having enjoyed a good time.—Frederick Fox, Hon. Sec.

S.W. LONDON C.B.S.

Special meeting held May 16th at new headquarters, The New Guild Hall, 638 and 640, Wandsworth-road; Mr. Slade presided. Everyone seemed delighted with the society's new home. We have a nice room, in which to hold our meetings, and the use of the large hall for our shows. To commemorate the first meeting, Mr. Slade presented a handsome gold centre silver medal for the member who introduces the most new members during 1912. Schedule for young bird show June 29th drawn up and specials allotted. Money specials for every class and three silver medals for most entries in champion, novice, and British bird sections.—Hy. A. Freeman, Hon. Sec.

WELSH C.B.C.

Annual general meeting held May 18, Mr. D. H. Tealstone presiding. Balance sheet showing cash in hand £17 9s. 7d., read and accepted. Following new members accepted: Messrs. W. Palmer and H. J. Ford (Swansea), C. Latham (Tredegar), and T. Hodson (Brecon). A vote of sympathy was extended to Mr. S. H. George (Swansea), who, we are sorry to say, has met with a serious accident. The following are the cup winners for last season: Mr. W. B. Watkin (Tredegar), Leach's Canary and Mr. Sandiford's cups; Capt. Collier, Norwich Plainhead Cup; Mr. J. E. Jeffreys (Swansea), Leach British Cup. Medal winners: Messrs. W. B. Watkins, B. W. Collier, J. E. Jeffreys, S. H. George, F. H. Cook, and G. T. Jones. Several societies wrote asking for our patronage, but this matter was adjourned until next meeting. Show and general rules were revised. Officers for 1912: Chairman, D. A. S. Longden; vice-chair, E. J. Bevan; Treas., J. H. Jones; Sec., A. E. Brown; Auditors, Messrs. G. L. Harber and G. T. Jones. Committee, Messrs. E. J. Powell, W. B. Watkins, D. H. Tedstone, T. Hodson, J. E. Jeffreys, Dan Thomas; Judges, Messrs. D. A. S. Longden, G. L. Harber, D. H. Tedstone, J. H. Jones, J. E. Jeffreys, and G. T. Jones. Will members please send their subscriptions? I think I can safely say the club is in a flourishing condition, and I strongly appeal to all fanciers in Wales and Monmouthshire to join; fee only 3s. per annum, which must be sent with application. Now we have revised our rules and brought the club more up to date, it ought to have a tendency to considerably increase our membership.—A. E. Brown, Hon. Sec., 66, Clare Street, Merthyr Tydfil.

YORKSHIRE C.C.

The Annual General Meeting.

Annual general meeting held Market Tavern, Godwin-street, Bradford, May 18th. There was a good attendance, Mr. H. H. Towers in the chair. The balance-sheet, which showed a balance in hand of £4 0s. 11½d., was adopted. The chairman gave the result of the ballot for officers for 1912-13:—Pres., Mr. H. H. Towers (unopposed); vice-pres., Mr. R. Halliday (unopposed); committee (inside Yorkshire), Messrs. F. Hammond 67 votes, H. Hill 66, H. W. Battye 48, W. H. Shackleton 45, F. Armstrong 44, F. Allen 42, T. Ogden 41, S. Dean 39, W. Cruise 33, and J. Bailey 33; outside Yorkshire, Messrs. A. Hirst 75, J. W. Ramsden 72, T. C. Crawhall 60, G. W. Cuthbertson 51, and W. Broughton 44; hon. secs. and treas., John Greaves; assist.-secs., W. Crabtree (unopposed). Total number of papers returned, 89, of which two were rejected. The following were elected by the meeting:—Committee, Messrs. A. Cooper, A. Brown, H. J. Chittenden, W. A. Cowgill, R. Garnett, C. Morrison, M. Peel, E. Clegg, F. Townsend, and H. Charlesworth; scrutineers, Messrs. T. Ogden and H. Simonett; auditors, Messrs. R. W. Alderson and R. Garnett. Two new by-laws were made, viz.: Should any member neglect to pay his subscription to the club, he shall be notified of the same by the secs., and if such subscription be not paid in a given time he may be excluded from membership, and reported to the other specialist Yorkshire clubs, Yorkshire Union, etc. (as per by-law 12). A person may cease to be a member of the club at any time on giving notice to the secretary (in writing) to that effect, and the payment of all his liabilities to the club up to that date. Decided to continue competitions as last year. The following resignations were accepted with regret: Mrs. C. M. Sunderland, Messrs. D. Sunderland, T. C. Parkes, W. Blakey, J. Naylor, H. S. Naylor, A. Wright and Son, F. Drake, J. Dyson, T. Wood, T. Fortnam, H. Bradshaw, and T. Clegg. Messrs. S. Binns, A. G. Rhodes, T. W. Mountain, E. Stobart, H. Pearson (Queensbury), H. E. Wilkinson (Australia), H. Tyas, W. H. Kilburn, H. Clayton (Manchester), and W. Mitchell (Mirfield) were made members. Mr. A. Sutcliffe (Halifax) offered a smoker's cabinet, and Mr. A. Cooper a pair of paintings on glass, for competition in the coming season. The meeting closed with a hearty vote of thanks to retiring officers and donors of special prizes.—John Greaves, Sec.

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A New Hon. Sec.

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Swindon: Mr. J. T. Edwards, 66, County Road.

Cage Birds League Associates.

I am very sorry that, through a mishap, the particulars of our new idea of enrolling Associate Members of CAGE BIRDS LEAGUE were omitted from our columns last week. They will be found this week on page 468, and I hope that every reader of our organ, CAGE BIRDS, will become an Associate Member of the LEAGUE. The opposition to the keeping of birds of any sort in cages is every day showing its activity, and last week a letter appeared in many provincial papers appealing to people to do all that they could to discourage the hobby of bird-keeping. It behoves us as bird-keepers that, while we yield nothing to the ultra-humanitarians in our love of birds, we take steps to show these people who know nothing of the subject, that the proper keeping of a bird in captivity entails no cruelty or discomfort to the bird. There may be some who, from want of an understanding of their birds' requirements, omit sometimes to do all that they should do to minister to their happiness. Readers of CAGE BIRDS are not of this class, and it is their duty to do what they can to reduce the number of small bird owners who may be lacking in the knowledge of what is due to the birds in their charge. It is a very easy matter. All that is necessary is to let these people know that there is a better way of keeping their birds, and that they may find out that better way by reading CAGE BIRDS from week to week, and asking from its specialists any questions that may occur to them. If any member of our LEAGUE, or any reader of CAGE BIRDS, would like to have some copies of our journal for distribution among bird-keepers who are not yet readers, I am sure that our manager would be pleased to forward some sample copies. There is a very great power for good behind our new departure, and I know that I shall not be appealing in vain when I ask every keeper of a bird to miss no opportunity of spreading the knowledge of the proper methods of keeping birds in captivity in such manner that the birds may be happy in themselves, and a pleasure to their owner. Remember, Associates of CAGE BIRDS LEAGUE need not, unless they choose, pay anything beyond the penny for postage. They need not, unless they choose, become ordinary members of the LEAGUE. All that they need do is to sign the coupon, get five friends to sign one each, and send the six to me with a penny stamp. They will then receive, without any charge whatever, a badge of CAGE BIRDS LEAGUE, and will be enrolled in the new body of CAGE BIRDS LEAGUE ASSOCIATES.

Our Certificates of Membership.

Mistakes, like misfortunes, seldom happen singly, and there was a second mistake in last week's announcements. The Certificates of Membership will *not* be issued in two forms. They will be produced only in the coloured form, and the price will be one shilling each, post free. These handsome certificates are now in the hands of the colour printers, and will be ready in a few days. A large number of orders are already to hand, and these will be attended to immediately the first supply arrives. Every certificate will be signed, and dated to correspond with the period for which the member has paid his subscription. They bear an enlarged coloured reproduction of our badge and motto, and will form an ornament to the walls of any one's bird-room. They may be ordered when paying renewal subscriptions, and will be sent with the receipts for the same.

Some Subscriptions Overdue.

The renewal subscriptions of members who were among the first to join CAGE BIRDS LEAGUE have now been due for about three weeks, and although many members have duly forwarded the amount due, yet there remain several who have omitted to do so. To remind each member by postcard would entail trouble and expense, and I hope that all will kindly forward their renewal subscription without further delay. If any member is in doubt as to whether his subscription is or is not yet due, he can do no wrong in remitting his renewal, for the new receipts will be made out to cover the proper period according to my books, whether the amount be overdue or whether it be paid before actually falling due. In fact, one member, Mr. Polley has sent with his order for a Membership Certificate his renewal subscription, which does not fall due until November 19th next. His receipt and certificate will be dated with the proper date, not with the date upon which he happened to pay the money. Mr. Bennett, of Bearstead, in sending his subscription, writes: "I hope that all my fellow-members will do the same, so that the Secretary's work will come easier than if they are backward in sending their subscriptions." One member makes the suggestion that renewal subscriptions should be acknowledged in this column, but there is no need for this, as a receipt is sent in each case.

Our New Leaflets.

These will be ready in a day or two, and I shall be very pleased to send a supply to any member who would care to have some for distribution among his friends. They will be especially useful in connection with our Association Membership Scheme, for they contain full particulars of our Aims and Objects, terms of membership, conditions under which Gold, Silver and Bronze Medals will be offered for competition during the coming season, and many other items of interest.

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Birds and Agriculture.

The way in which agriculture in France is assisted by the Government is denoted by the now completed appointment of a commission to establish on a scientific basis in regard to the whole of France the classification of birds. Some birds are useful to farmers, others are harmful, and others again are of a mixed character in accordance with seasons and particular districts. The commission is to produce a full catalogue with explanatory notes and suggestions, and we have no doubt that it will prove of practical advantage to those for whom it is intended. When the information is available, it ought to be useful to British farmers likewise. There is grave reason for believing that our classification of birds into friend and foe needs some revision.

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England.

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Oct. 9 & 10.—**Clapham.**—(A. L. Priest, 28, Kyrle Rd.), J.R., C.A.H., H.J.F., H.N.
Oct. 10 & 11.—**Norwich Alliance.**—(R. Roll, 62, Ashby St.). W.E.G., J.R., W.V.
Oct. 11 & 12.—**Derby.**—(Wharam and Bamsey, 18, Colyear St.). J.H.R.
Oct. 12.—**Leeds** (W. A. Wilson, 75, Bayswater Mount, Roundhay.). J.H.R. and W.M.
Oct. 12.—**Morpeth.**—(E. Cowling, Market Place.) H.W.B., A.B.
Oct. 15 and 16.—**Western Counties O.S.**—(T. Pope, 98, Embankment Rd, Plymouth). J.R., T.H.
Oct. 17.—**Hanley.**—(W. G. Llewellyn, 45, Hawthorn St., Cobridge, Stoke-on-Trent). A.H.
Oct. 18 & 19.—**Burnley.**—(F. Cunliffe, 19, Lark St.). J.H.R.
Oct. 18 & 19.—**Newcastle.**—(J. W. Reed, 218, Ladykirk Rd., Benwell). J.C.B., J.C., J.S., J.P., A.S.
Oct. 19.—**Burton-on-Trent.**—(A. Wood, 10, South Oak St.). J.R.
Oct. 23 & 24.—**London and P.O.S.**—(C. W. Law, Brimley House, Woodhouse Rd., N. Finchley).
Oct 24.—**Stamford.**—(A. Harrison 7 New St.). J.R.
Oct. 25 & 26.—**Manchester and N.C.O.S.**—Belle Vue.—(H. Boothman, 10, Parker St., Levenshulme.)
Oct. 25 & 26.—**S. Shields.**—(W. L. Smith, 3, Queen-st.)
Oct. 26.—**Derwent Valley.**—(Lindsay and Marsh, Railway Cottages, Westwood, Medomsley, R.S.O.). W.R., G.W.
Oct. 26.—**Hartlepools.**—(Woodhead and Pyman, The Elms, Westbourne Rd., W. Hartlepool).
Oct. 29 & 30.—**Barnstaple.**—(J. D. Horrill, 17, King Edward Street). T.H.
Oct. 30.—**Torbay O.S. (Paignton).**—J. N. and J. Jeffery, "Sartor House," Winner Street, Paignton.) J.H.P.
Oct. 30 & 31.—**Cheltenham.**—(A. S. Treasure, Idahoe, Oakland Ave.) W.G., H.W.G., J.F.
Oct. 30 & 31.—**Grimsby.**—(Towl and Smith, 205, Welbolme Rd.). J.H.R.
Oct. 31.—**Grantham.**—(W. E. Allen, 119, Alexandra Road). J.C.B.
Nov. 1 & 2.—**Sheffield O.S.**—T. Bishop, 69, Alexandra Road.). W.M., C.H., W.V.
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Nov. 1 & 2.—**Liverpool.**—(Metcalfe and Deacon, 68, Brunswick Rd.). H.W.B., J.W.
Nov. 2 & 4.—**Leicester Hand-in-Hand.**—(A. Freestone, 79, Clarendon Street). J.H.P., R.J.H.
Nov. 5 & 6.—**Portsmouth.**—(J. Lawrence, 61, Kingston Rd.). J.H.R., H.N.
Nov. 6 & 7.—**Woolston.**—(F. G. Etheridge, "Meteor," New Town Rd.).
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Nov. 9.—**Warrington.**—(G. M. Nelson, 466, Knutsford Rd.).
Nov. 13.—**Alnwick.**—(R. Forster, 42, Bondgate Without).
Nov. 14.—**Stoke-on-Trent.**—(J. Pitchford, 218, London Rd.). H.W.B.
Nov. 14 & 15.—**Brighton and Hove C.B.A.**—(Will. H. Gibb, 19, Bond St.). C.A.H., J.R.
Nov. 15 & 16.—**Hull.**—(E. R. Ridley, 19, Lambton Street.) J.R., H.W.B.
Nov. 15 & 16.—**Preston.**—(J. P. Leeming, 40A, West Cliff.) J.H.R.
Nov. 15 & 16.—**Codnor Park and Eastwood.**—(J. H. Mitchell, South Street, Greenhill Lane, Alfreton).
Nov. 19 & 20.—**Bournemouth.**—(W. O. Brooke, 102, Nortoft Rd.). J.H.P.
Nov. 19 & 20.—**Wimbledon.**—(H. Smith, 115, Merton Rd.) H.N., R.H., J.R.
Nov. 22 & 23.—**Doncaster.**—(G. Bescoby, 1, Pavilion Street). H.W.B., W.V., J.W.
Nov. 22 & 23.—**Rochdale O.C.**—(R. Blincoe, 160, Drake Street). C.A.H.
Nov. 22 & 23.—**Hallwhistle.**—(Nicholson and Tallantyre, Westgate.) J.D., A.H.
Nov. 23.—**Cramlington.**—(J. R. Chestney, Quarry Cottage).
Nov. 23.—**Hinckley.**—(H. Ridgway, Priesthills Road).
Nov. 23 & 25.—**Ilkeston.**—(Thos. Smith, 5, King-st.). J.C.B., C.H.
Nov. 27-28.—**Bristol F.A.**—(G. T. H. Maggs, 9, Trinity St., Newtown, Bristol).
Nov. 27 & 28.—**Portsmouth F.S.**—(J. Tebbs Hipwell, 7, Osborne St., Southsea.).
Nov. 28, 29 & 30.—**L.C.B.A.**—(W. H. Mugford, 1, Strathearn Rd., Wimbledon, S.W.).
Nov. 29, 30.—**Sale C.B.S.**—(A. Royle, 99, Harley Rd.)
Nov. 30.—**Darlington C. and B.B.F.A.**—(A. Walker, 47, Montrose St.). J.H.R.
Nov. 30.—**Coventry Godiva.**—(H. Saunders, 31, Vernon St.) H.W.B.
Nov. 30.—**Harrogate C.B.S.**—(W. E. Fergusson, 62, Harlow Terrace). W.M.
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Dec. 11.—**Luton.**—(E. Bloomfield, 22, Hitchin Rd.) J.R., J.F.
Dec. 12.—**Frome F.A.**—(J.R.)
Dec. 13 and 14.—**Gateshead.**—(J. Davidson, 16, Weathercock Lane, Low Fell.)
Dec. 14.—**Sheffield C.B.S.**—(A. Hobson, 66, Langsett Avenue) J.R., H.W.B.
Dec. 14.—**Yarm, Eaglescliffe.**—(T. W. Wilson, High-st.)
Dec. 26.—**Anfield, Everton.**—(R. B. Wright, 15, Worcester Drive, Clubmore, Liverpool).

Scotland.

Oct. 5.—**Paisley O.A.**—(J. Kelly, 7, Underwood Lane). D.C., A.F., J.Hr., J.Hh.
Oct. 5.—**Broughty Ferry.**—(R. Whitton, 2, Churchill Place). W.B., T.T., J.Y., T.A., R.B.
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Oct. 19.—**Kelty and Blairadam.**—(A. Dickson, 37, Adams Terrace). J.Sn., W.D.H., R.H., F.R., R.M., R.V.R.
Oct. 26.—**Perth.**—(Jas. Kerr, 18, James St.).
Oct. 26.—**Kirkcaldy.**—(C. Rae, 15, Anderson St., Pathhead.)
Oct. 26.—**Ayr.**—(J. Sloan, 19, New Bridge St).
Nov. 2.—**Bo'ness.**—(T. Cameron, 7, Ash Terrace, Grangepans).
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Nov. 9.—**Forfar.**—(D. Kerr, 15, Green St.)
Nov. 9.—**Hamilton Cadzow Oak.**—(G. Marlin, 21, Glebe Street.) J.Sn., J.Hn., R.B.
Nov. 16.—**Cowdenbeath.**—(J. R. Reid, 7, Woodland-pl.) J.P., J.W.B., C.C., G.A.
Nov. 16.—**Galashiels.**—(J. Brown, 156, Croft St.). G.F., T.B., A.G., A.H.
Nov. 23.—**Blairgowrie.**—(M. Irvine, 17, Brown St.)
Nov. 30.—**City of Dundee.**—(A. Miller, 3, Park Ave.)
Nov. 30.—**Musselburgh O.S.**—(W. Niebet, 101, High St.).
Dec. 4.—**Forres and N.O.S.**—(W. Cumming, 23, North Rd.). J.L.
Dec. 14.—**Broxburn.**—(W. M'Laren, Church Street). J.McL., A.C., G.H., R.V.R., J.Gw.
Dec. 14.—**Kilsyth.**—(A. D. Duncan, "Chronicle" Office.)
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Jan. 1 & 2.—**Edinburgh Open.**—(R. Lilc, 15, Argyll Terr.)
Jan. 1 & 2.—**Paisley O.A.**—(W. Lambie, 25, Caledonia Street.)

Wales.

Nov. 13 & 14.—**Swansea.**—(S. H. George, 32, Fisher Street). J.R., J.F.D.
Nov. 20 & 21.—**Cardiff.**—(E. Thomas, 48, Craddock-st.) W.M., W.V., D.A.S.L.
Nov. 26.—**Llanelly.**—(D. John, 9, Pottery Place.) W.V., J.F.
Nov. 28.—**Pentrebach.**—(A. E. Brown, 66, Clare St., Merthyr Tydfil.)
Dec. 4.—**Pontypridd.**—(A. A. Gordon McLucas, 48, Rosser-st., Maesycoed).

Ireland.

Nov. 7 & 8.—**Banbridge.**—(A. McCagherty, Belmont Terrace, Banbridge). A.Lse., J.Hy.
Nov. 22 & 23.—**Lurgan.**—(S. McCollum, Drumgor).
Nov. 28 & 29.—**South County Dublin (Kingstown).**—(D. Smyth, 21, Eden Terr., Kingstown.) W.M.
Dec. 6 & 7.—**Ulster O.A. (Belfast).**—(R. Trimble, 11, Waring St., Belfast.) J.F.D., W.V.
Dec. 12 & 13.—**Larne.**—(T. Mayne, 35, Barnhill.)

Singing Contests.

CASTLEFORD.

Weekly Linnet contest, May 18; 49 birds competed in a 4 minutes' sing for three good prizes, and some very good time was done. Winners: 1, E. Smith, 105; W. Nelson, 104; W. Ratcliffe, 71. Also May 19; 35 birds entered for a 3 minutes' sing, and 3 good prizes. Winners: D. Nelson, 67; J. Kirk, 50; E. Smith, 48. Open sing Whit Tuesday; 4 minutes' hang, 5 seconds a break; and there will be three or four good prizes. First pair up at 1 o'clock. Hoping this will draw some good birds from other clubs.—Walter Dobson, Hon. Sec.

BUSLINGTHORPE.

Quality singing contest, Skinner's Arms, May 18, when 19 birds sang. 1, Sellars; 2, Clark. Also May 20: 1, 2, Ward; 3, shared by Kibbler and Sellars. Judges, Granger and Biss. Next contest, Whit Monday; first bird, two o'clock; also Whit Tuesday, when Mr. Mr. Fishwick is adding fine copper kettle to prize money.—C. Clayton, Sec.

LEIGH.

Open contest on May 19th at Globe Inn, when 20 birds entered, and some good singing was done for six prizes, three for quality and three for time. Contests every Sunday in future, when I hope to see some members of other clubs, as it is open for them to compete. Will affiliated members kindly note that Blackburn hold their postponed affiliated contest, May 25th, when each club will be compelled to send five birds; also the sec. will read the balance sheet prior to the affiliated contest at Atherton. Hoping that members will rally round Blackburn and make it the same success as at Wigan on Saturday, May 18.—J. McAllister, Sec.

WIGAN.

Open contest, May 18, at the Colliers Arms, Frog Lane, Wigan. 54 birds from Wigan, Leigh, Blackburn, Salford, Tyldesley, Atherton, Warrington, Westhaughton, Pemberton, sang for 8 prizes; 1st, quality, W. Barne; 2, G. Milligan; 3, J. W. Jones; 4, J. Green; Time, 1, J. Poole, 110; 2, J. Green, 102; 3, 4, R. Leyland. Judges for quality, Messrs. J. Macfarlane, G. Milligan, W. Barns. Timers, G. Lowe, S. Fishwick; tappers, R. Moss, H. Halcroft; minute-man, J. Peat.—J. Ashurst, Sec.

KIPPAX.

A members' sing was held at the Commercial Hotel on May 18, when 13 birds competed. 1st, E. Weighill; 2nd, J. Wallis; 3rd, E. Weighill. Timekeepers, Messrs. J. Wallis, O. Potter.—R. Plaws, Hon. Sec.

NEWTOWN (Leeds).

Usual week-end contest, May 19, at Prince Albert Inn, when Mrs. Saynor gave four good prizes to be sang for. Quality only. 26 birds entered. Judges, Messrs. S. Nevins and Butler; timekeeper, C. Lorriman. 1st, A. Binns; 2nd, M. Howlett; 3rd, D. Madden; 4th, A. Turner and J. Soloman.—E. Wood, Hon. Sec.

LEEDS.

Weekly contest for quality, held at old bird house, King's Head, Shannon Street, May 18, when 19 of the best birds in Leeds sung for 3 good prizes given by Mr. W. Tillotson, and some very good singing was heard. 1st, T. Stead; 2nd, T. Chadwick, 3rd, T. Stead; judges, S. Hardcastle, Walt. Naylor. Also May 19, when 28 birds faced the judges, who gave every satisfaction. 1st, T. Stead; 2nd, T. Chadwick; 3rd, J. Hollingworth; 4th, T. Stead and H. Wigfield. Judges, Messrs. Hardcastle, Naylor and Sissons.—F. C. Summers, Hon. Sec.

PONTEFRACT.

This club is going great guns just now. We had a good contest May 18, at Woodman Inn. Mr. Scott 1st, Piper 2nd, Beard 3rd. Also May 19, close on 30 birds were hung. Hinchcliff 1st, Piper 2nd, Nelson 3rd. On Whit Monday 16 good prizes will be given for a special contest for members, when we hope every member will try and compete. Hoping all will rally round us on that day. First bird at 3. Plenty of room for friends.—W. Beard.

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Twitterings.

We hear that a cage bird society is likely to be formed to cover Penrhiwceiber and district.

The South-West London C.B.S. have transferred headquarters to the New Guildhall, 638, 640, Wandsworth Road.

We are asked to state that the judge at Bontnewydd, Carnavon Show, to be held July 6 next, will be Mr. A. G. Davis, of Manchester.

See Sandiford's advertisement in other columns, re Colour Foods, etc. Best in the World, bar none. Can be obtained at new branch, 89, Sclater Street, Shoreditch, London.—Advt.

Will societies desirous of having the patronage of the National Green-marked Yorkshire Canary Club apply at once to the Secretary, Mr. E. Clegg, Victoria School House, Dewsbury?

We have secured the services of Mr. J. C. Barnes (Sheffield), and Mr. Chas. Houlton (St. Helens), to judge at our open show on November 23rd and 25th, writes Mr. T. Smith, Ilkeston.

So far, writes Mrs. Mansell-Eyre, I have sixteen young Rollers and Yorkshires this season from three pairs of birds. Not bad, I think, for season up to May 20. They are all very strong and healthy.

Members of Newcastle C.B.S. must pay their annual subscriptions before being allowed to show at Nest Feather Show, held June 2nd, at Crosby's Cafe, Northumberland Street, writes Mr. J. W. Reed, the Sec.

HOLIDAY NOTICE.

OWING TO THE WHITSUNTIDE HOLIDAYS, THE OFFICES OF "CAGE BIRDS" WILL BE CLOSED FROM SATURDAY TO MONDAY NEXT INCLUSIVE.

WILL ADVERTISERS AND CORRESPONDENTS GENERALLY KINDLY OBLIGE BY POSTING EARLY ALL MATTER INTENDED FOR NEXT WEEK'S ISSUE TO REACH US ON TUESDAY, MAY 28th.

Will fanciers and friends please noto, writes Mr. J. Hall, Hon. Sec. Eccles C.B.S., that we are holding another table show for British birds for members on June 12th. Mr. Clowe will judge first feather show, July 13.

The following are the judges at our 49th annual show to be held 2nd November, writes Mr. Geo. Mitchell, Brechin C.B.S. Norwich, Mr. A. Harris, Lochgelly; Border, Mr. Wm. Mossie, Ayr; British, Mr. Jas. Fyfe, Forfar.

In sending the report of the annual general meeting of the Welsh C.B.C., Mr. A. E. Brown, the Secretary, writes: "Without your assistance, through the columns of our valuable paper, Cage Birds, no cage bird club can flourish."

Societies who have not already applied, and who are desirous of having the patronage of the Y.C.C. at their coming shows, please make application before July 1, to the Secretary, Mr. John Greaves, 279, Hollings Road, Bradford.

Trade Notice.—Ramsden's Peppers: Owing to dock strike and threatened strike of transport workers, traders are advised to lay in their stock of pepper at once in order to avoid possible delay later.—J. W. Ramsden.—(Advt.)

The Anfield, Everton and Dist. C.B.S. has a very fine list of lectures, shows, rambles, etc., arranged for the current season. We hear that the hon. sec., Mr. R. B. Wright, is making a highly satisfactory recovery from his recent illness.

Leith O.S. propose to enjoy a ramble at Musselburgh this Saturday, May 25th, writes Mr. George Brown, the Secretary. It is proposed to drive by brake, and to leave Liberal Club, Hope Street, at three o'clock. The fare is 1s. 6d. per head.

Mrs. F. B. Jewson (Strawberry Hill, Twickenham) writes: After getting together a fine collection of Canaries, British and foreign birds, and Mules, about sixty in all, I find that I must give up bird-keeping for a time, so am compelled to advertise them all.

I should be very pleased to hear from any fancier or specialist club willing to guarantee classes or offer special prizes at our annual show, and to give any other information, writes Mr. W. J. Moran, Sec. Swindon and Dis. F. and F.A. (2, Brunswick Street, Swindon).

Watford C.B.S. annual ramble will take place Whit Sunday, May 26th, to Chalfont Road, writes Mr. Rackley. Train 10.6, Rickmansworth, Met. Railway. London Fanciers wishing to join will be cordially welcomed. Will members kindly notice alterations.

I have received an order for three champion seed crushing mills from someone at Liskeard, Cornwall, but without name and full address, writes Mr. J. Fitchford (Stoke-on-Trent), and if the sender will communicate with me I will send them on.

Will all members and friends of the Sheffield C.B.S., writes Mr. J. Woolhouse, Assist. Sec., who intend to go on the ramble to Ridgeway, on Saturday, June 1st., kindly give their names to Mr. J. Curley (136, Derby Street, Heeley), so that he can arrange for refreshments. "Ramblers" meet at Intake Car terminus, at 2.30.

The annual ramble of the Oldham and Dis. C.B.A. takes place on Sunday next, May 26th, when we go to Broadbottoms, writes Mr. Jas. Cope, the secretary. We shall be very glad to have the company of any friends, whether members or not, as all are welcome, and I shall be pleased to see all members. Train leaves Clegg Street Station at 9.30.

OBITUARY.

It is with the deepest regret, writes Mr. W. Stockton, that I have to inform you of the sad misfortune which has befallen Mr. G. Bainbridge, Felling-on-Tyne, in the death of his little daughter, who was laid to rest on Sunday, May 19th. Mr. Bainbridge is well known as an exhibitor of the Norwich Plainhead, and I am sure the hearts of all our members and all fanciers who know our friend will go out in sympathy to Mr. and Mrs. Bainbridge in this their hour of trouble. May they have strength to bear it.

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The ramble in connection with the Edinburgh Norwich Canary and Mule Breeders' Society takes place this Saturday, May 25th, writes Mr. J. Welsh. Train leaves Waverley Station at 2.42. As this is the only suitable date for our party to see the estate, I hope every one will do his best to be present.

The first ramble of Anfield and Everton C.B.S., writes Mr. Wright, will take place on June 2. Meet 11 a.m. Burleigh Road, South (Liverpool Football Ground). We visit Knowsley Woods, and there will be photos taken and sketches on the way. There will also be a free lunch provided. A real good muster is expected. Fanciers from any other societies cordially invited.

Bird lovers in the Highgate, Hampstead, Kentish Town, and adjoining districts should note that next Thursday, May 30, Mr. G. Crabb is visiting the Highgate, Hampstead, and Dis. C.B.S. headquarters, the Spencer Hall (near Tufnell Park Tube Station), at 8 p.m., to lecture to members and friends on "Birds I have Met." Visitors will be heartily welcomed.

"How I cycled 34,366 miles in 365 days," is the title of an interesting little booklet which The Mead Cycle Co., Liverpool, will send, post free, to any reader of Cage Birds. who applies for it. This booklet details a wonderful feat of human endurance, and incidentally gives striking testimony as to the reliability of Mead cycles. Marcel Planes, the hero of the great ride, used a Mead cycle, which had already seen six years' service and had covered no fewer than 75,000 miles. Prices of Mead cycles and other interesting particulars will also be sent on request.

The L. and P.O.S. ramble, writes Mr. Law, is fixed for June 1st. We are joining the N.B.B. and M. Club, having received an invitation again this year, which we have accepted with pleasure. The morning party leave Waterloo (South Station), 9.20 train, and book to Effingham Junction. The afternoon party leave by the 1.37 train and book to East Horsley; each member take his own ticket and ask for cheap booking. Those who intend coming must let me know by first post on 27th inst., which party they intend joining. This is absolutely necessary, as arrangements have to be made for luncheon and tea. (See Mr. Carr's letter in the correspondence columns.—Ed.)

I have been appointed hon. secretary to Thatto Heath Society in place of Mr. R. G. Tyson, resigned, writes Mr. H. R. Macdonald, 2, Page Street, Thatto Heath, St. Helens, and I shall be pleased to welcome new members, and give them any information they may require, re the society.

In "Bird Notes," the journal of the Foreign Bird Club, for May, Mr. H. Willford continues his "Bird-life Through the Camera," illustrated by interesting photographs of Meadow Pipits' nests, in one of which the hen is seen feeding an insatiable young Cuckoo. Mr. Page gives further instalments of his Foreign Bird articles. Mr. Teschemaker begins a story of the Life of a Mealy Redpoll. Mr. Hopkinson continues his account of the Birds of Gambia, and there are the usual Editorial Notes, Reviews and Correspondence.

Attercliffe C.B.S.

The new address of the hon. sec. of the above club, Mr. Hailstone, is 46, Broughton Lane, Sheffield.

Accident to Swansea Secretary.

Owing to our esteemed secretary having met with a severe accident, I am secretary pro tem., writes Mr. Henry Jenkins, 52, Aberdyberthi Street, Swansea.

Open Norwich P.C. Patronage.

Societies desiring the patronage of the Open Norwich Plainhead Club, and providing not less than six open classes, are invited to send in their applications, with name of judge, to Fred Hammond, Secretary, pro tem., 70, St. Margaret's Road, Bradford.

Yorkshire Union of C.B.S.

A meeting of the Council will be held at the Market Tavern, Godwin Street, Bradford, on May 25th, at 6 o'clock prompt. Business: Election of sub-committee, printing of handbooks, and other important business, writes Mr. Horatio Hill, Hon. Sec.

✠ HOSPITAL EGG WEEK ✠

Tuesday, May 28th to Tuesday, June 4th. 1912

POULTRY KEEPERS—Send ½ doz. eggs this week for the Hospitals to **The Poultry World,** 154, Fleet Street, London, E.C.

Yarm Chooses January.

At our monthly meeting, May 17, we decided to hold our annual show on Jan. 11 next (not Dec. 16, as before), writes Mr. T. Wilson, sec. Yarm, Eaglescliffe, and Dis. C.B.S. Will fanciers and show secretaries kindly make a note of this date?

Cruelty Punished.

At Brentford on May 9, Robert Hobbs and John Wingrove, of Heston, were fined 10s. each for cruelty to Linnets by pegging them to the ground in the vicinity of a net for bird catching. It was stated that the birds when found were quite exhausted and unable to stand. The nets and cages were confiscated.

Broughty Ferry Open Show.

The following specialist judges will officiate at our open show on Oct. 5, writes Mr. Robert Whitton:—Scotch Fancies, Messrs. W. Beattie (Dundee) and T. Thomson (Markinch); Crests and Norwich, Mr. J. Young (Rutherglen); Borders, Mr. T. Arnot (Kirkcaldy); British and foreign, Mr. R. Bald, (Bathgate).

Proposed Midland Norwich Club.

In reference to the above, Mr. Collier writes: "If the Midland fanciers wish me to move further in the matter, they must send me their names for membership, and promise to attend a meeting for appointing officers, drawing up rules, etc." A letter on the subject from Mr. De Maillet appears in our correspondence columns.

CAGE BIRDS LEAGUE.

It has been decided to form an Associate body of bird-lovers who will promise to give every possible attention to the wants of their birds, and to induce others to see that their birds are kept in such circumstances as to make their lives happy and contented.

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See also page 467.

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From Field to Show Bench.

One of the best Lectures ever delivered.

By J. STEEL (Dalkeith).

Continued from page 422.

A STUDY of various summer migrants convinces me that a temperature of under 55 degrees produces unmistakable signs of discomfort, and 60 degrees may be accepted as a suitable heat. The principal point to guard against is fluctuation of temperature such as is very liable to occur when the birds are dependent on the heat from an ordinary open fire, this being very likely to fail at the most critical period (early morning). I have within the past month, and during a severe spell of frost, seen such species as Whitethroats, Whinchats, Wheatears, etc., in various miners' kitchens across the Forth, the singing of which was indicative of suitable conditions, and the statements of their keepers bore out my opinion, that the all-night fire must not be allowed to expire. Some persons are especially favourably situated in this respect, by reason of an abutment on a continual source of heat, namely, an adjoining baker's oven, a hot house, or such, and I have on a few occasions seen fanciers strangely ignorant that such a supply existed, and could either be used in situ, or conveyed by coil or radiator, which latter is much preferable as being within control to the extent of discontinuation when climatic conditions render heat unnecessary.

Fruit an Important Item.

An opinion which prevails among many who keep these insect-frugivorous species is that the fruit addition is only of the nature of a tit-bit, and may be dispensed with to a great extent. This is quite a mistake, as various succulent fruits, such as berries, apples, pears, bananas, etc., can, and should, form a large part of the daily menu. I have seen various Warblers, the condition of which was a credit to their keeper, who assured me that fruit constituted about three-fourths of their entire diet. No doubt individual tastes vary, but an opportunity should be provided, and the bird-keeper can then ascertain which is the best line of procedure for that individual. And he should bear in mind that certain berries, such as elder, black, privet, yew, etc., are invaluable, and impart a colour and sheen to the plumage which no amount of cayenne pepper could produce. This, and plenty of bathing, is the secret of condition in these species.

A Critical Time.

"Migratory fever" is a term used to describe a period of restlessness which occurs in migratory species on the approach of the time when they would, if at liberty, depart to other lands. I have no hesitation in describing it as the greatest bugbear attached to the keeping of them, for nothing could be more annoying than to find a nice specimen whose tractability and condition made its possession by a brother fancier synonymous with a smashing of the tenth commandment, suddenly develop a tendency to damage itself out of recognition. Many fanciers who have kept only a very few migrants look upon this as more imaginary than real, the reason being that the tendency varies in a remarkable degree, and they have been fortunate in possessing specimens which were very mildly affected, but I think there is no point in bird-keeping which has made me more furiously to think than how to alleviate the tendency or minimise the evils which result from this temporary "migra-madness."

I may state that up till recent years the latter was the only point I aimed at, knowing that if I could only get over that period I was all right for another year, and a failure meant a loss of eight to ten weeks of the best part of the show season, while the broken feathers were being renewed. Of course, I went through the whole programme of glazed instead of wire fronts, I upholstered my cages till I was asked if I was designing a cell for suffragettes, etc., but I have now turned my attention to the alleviation of the evil. I find that though each returning season *generally* brings a diminution of the attack, this rule is not without exceptions, and I could point out splendid birds which have for three seasons defied their owners to bench them. I have noticed that certain causes have a tendency to bring on or aggravate the fit. Firstly, a shortening in the period of daylight, such as may arise from a sequence of wet days during August or September. Secondly, a sudden fall in temperature. Thirdly, any curtailment of diet, and fourthly, the call of another of the same species. Therefore, when that period approaches, I make it a point not to leave my birds to the care of others, provide them with an extra supply of insects and fruit, and guard against any failure in warmth or light. I never introduce another of the same species to the same room. Of course, in large towns there is little chance of a bird hearing the call of a wild bird of his species, but I have repeatedly seen birds in country bird-rooms get frantic at the passing call of one of their own kind. The first symptoms of an attack are easily discerned by the experienced keeper, who knows that rapid pacing of the perches, flapping wings, and indifference to the bath are the possible prelude to something worse, and takes measures accordingly. A daily spraying has a very soothing effect, and whether sheer ennui has a contributory effect I cannot say, but I am convinced that a bird kept in a kitchen, where there is much to distract his attention, is seldom so severely affected as those relegated to the quiet of a bird-room. I don't approve of the administration of any form of opiates, however mild, and the fancier who gives a frugivorous bird any form of laxative medicine is about as wise as he who puts chalk in its drinking water to produce an opposite effect.

I will next deal with a species which is both insectivorous and granivorous in its diet—the Chaffinch, and my remarks thereon may be taken as applicable to others, viz., the Bramblefinch and all the Buntings. The principal points of difference in their diet are the two first-named include various masts as part of their food in a wild state, the others don't. They are similar, inasmuch that all are granivorous during winter, and to a large extent insectivorous during summer.

Eaters of both Seeds and Insects.

My experiences, extending as they do over many years, during which I have had many hundreds of this species through my hands, convince me that to take a specimen which possesses all the essential features of an exhibition specimen at the actual time of capture, is a mistake, the reason being that this species is second only in intractability to the Corn Bunting, and this trait is intensified by an extended period of freedom. Though I have had a few adult-taken specimens which behaved very well, such exceptions only prove the rule, that a Chaffinch taken when it has attained the full development of size and colour will, in the majority of cases, never become steady enough to face a judge, as he will be then, at least, three years old, and the chances of obtaining a mature specimen in which good behaviour is combined with the qualities of size and colour are remote indeed.

I therefore advise the taking of immature specimens as being much easier to reconcile, and selecting such as excel in size (skull in particular) and depth of tone of breast feathers, and by proper treatment assisting them to develop these qualities to the maximum possible.

(To be continued.)

A DAY WITH THE BIRDS.

Members and Friends of the Pendleton and Salford O.S. at the ramble to Pickmere.

Photo by H. Birch (Lower Broughton)

REARING YOUNG BIRDS WITHOUT EGG-FOOD.

Some Remarkably Interesting Methods Revealed.

(Continued from page 453.)

An Advocate of Maize Meal.

In 1907 my sister and I were rearing British birds. We simply fed them on boiled maize meal, with a little rape seed and maw seed in it. The way we prepared it was to take a teacupful of maize (Indian) meal, mix in a handful of rape, a dessertspoonful of maw and a little sugar, pour boiling water over this in a 2lb. jam-jar, and well mix with a good broad table knife to a thin consistency. After that put it in the oven and let it bake for a few hours, the oven being not very hot. Take out and well beat up again. When cold, it is a stiff sort of paste. We had most successful results with it, so much so that since then we have never used any other soft food for our Canaries, and they are better in every way than when we used eggs. When colour-feeding mix the colour food into the paste, just before giving to the birds, and it brings out a grand colour.

ARTHUR SMITH (Liverpool).

Just Bread and Milk.

I purchased through CAGE BIRDS a pair of Norwich Canaries. I had the cage hung in the living-room and fed the birds as instructed in the books at my disposal with Canary, a little mixed seed (niger, rape and hemp), egg and green food. I found the birds were eager to nest, so provided them with box and nesting materials. The cock seemed very partial to the egg-food, but the hen would hardly touch it, but I thought the bird would get over its dislike. Four eggs were laid, only one hatching out, and this little one, owing to the hen's dislike to the egg-food, was fed almost entirely on watercress for the first seven or eight days of its life. I made the egg-food in many different ways, mixing it with bread, biscuit and cake. I also bought two kinds of food, but I could never get the hen to feed very readily from these.

While sitting at breakfast one morning, I dipped a piece of bread in some milk and placed it between the wires of the cage. To my delight I found the hen ate it greedily and fed the little one. From that time I gave her a small piece three times a day. The milk used was not boiled, nor did I squeeze the bread after soaking, but left it quite moist. Sometimes, for a change, I would substitute for the bread a piece of plain cake, sweet biscuits, or sprinkle the bread with sugar. The young one from this nest improved daily, and is now a very good bird. A week or two later I bought another pair of Norwich (a green cock and clear buff hen) from a well-known fancier who advertises in CAGE BIRDS. This green cock I paired with my first buff hen. These I fed entirely on bread dipped in milk, together with the mixed seeds and watercress, as mentioned before. The hen laid four eggs, all of which hatched out, and the young were fed entirely on the same diet, with the exception of the mixed seeds, which I held back for a day or two, giving plain seed only. From the time the eggs were hatched I have not had a moment's trouble with the young birds. In about three weeks I took them from their parents, and brought them up by hand. I was possibly hasty in separating them so early, but I was doubtless more eager than prudent. I fed them myself on bread and milk, giving it them on a feeding stick. I never had the slightest anxiety with one of them. They all passed through the moult well.

I might say that the two cocks from this nest are far larger than either of their parents, and after attending the Horticultural Hall and Palace shows I feel quite certain this bird would have stood a very fair chance of winning. Two of the remaining birds are hens, one of which I lost a little while back, owing to the door of their cage being left open. The other hen, although she escaped at the same time, came back two days later, being none the worse for her travels. She is one of the cobbiest hens I have seen, and a fancier who has had experience in breeding for many years past, thought her a very good specimen, and worthy of the show bench. Considering the parents of these birds and the moderate price I paid for them, I have far surpassed my expectations. I have not lost a single bird through death; every egg hatched has proved a really good bird, and none of the birds have suffered in health in any way. I am inclined to attribute my success to the method I adopted in feeding them when I dispensed with the egg-food.

During the winter I have occasionally fed them with a little bread and milk, giving the birds a small piece about once a fortnight. As I have more birds to cater for now, I generally prepare this food by cutting off a slice of bread, laying it in a saucer and pouring milk over it until it is well soaked. Then I cut off pieces and give to birds. Those who have very little time and money at their disposal, and who are away from home during the day, I should advise to try this method. Egg-food is an expense, especially to the novice, who perhaps has only one pair of birds. At the present time I have a pair of Rollers sitting, also Norwich, from which I bred last season, and I also have one of my last year's hens sitting on eggs, and these have all been brought into breeding condition with the bread and milk, watercress, and mixed seed.

(MISS) L. GOLLEDGE (Streatham).

Scotch Fancy Reformed by Boiled Seed.

No doubt some readers have come across birds which would not partake of egg-food. Let me state a case in point. I had a Scotch Fancy hen, which laid three eggs. I took these from her and put in their place three eggs from a common Canary. They all hatched, but the young birds died, as she would not feed. The next nest I gave her no egg whatever, but instead I boiled hemp seed from about twenty to thirty minutes (by so doing the kernel swells, and the shell of the seed bursts) then I strained off the water and let the seeds dry. I gave her a teaspoonful at a time, also rape seed. The later I put into cold water, and after it came to the boil I allowed it to stay for five minutes, then strained the water off. I gave her a teaspoonful of the rape also. I gave her, too, bread well soaked in sweet milk, also canary seed. These, in company with a variety of green foods, including lettuce, dandelion leaves, and chickweed, given in small quantities at various times, separately, induced her to feed well, and the young thrived splendidly.

T. KENNEDY (Wishaw).

(To be continued.)

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CANARY QUERIES.

Answered by CLAUDE ST. JOHN.

CANARY SEED (Wood).—No. 1 sample is moderate in size, well ripened and sweet, of very fair quality all round. No. 2 is a good size, nice and plump, free from weed seed, and of very good quality generally. There can be no objection to either sample, but No. 2 is rather the better.

NESTING TOO SOON (Aviator).—You should have given full details of your feeding. It is not unlikely this may be the cause, the birds, perhaps, having been stimulated to start nesting again too early and neglecting their young in consequence. This time remove the cocks when the hens are put to sit, and leave hens to hatch and rear the young by themselves. Do not begin to give hemp for rearing the young until they are about ten days old, and use chickweed, groundsel, watercress, or lettuce as green food, but avoid dandelion. By adopting these precautions and following similar lines to those advised to "F. E. N., U.S.A." I think you should do better with the forthcoming brood.

WHAT IS IT? (E. T.).—I can only suggest that a bird which sits in a heap on perch and puts out its wings and flies at anyone who goes near it is unusually tame and sociable. He simply wants to be played with, and if you put your finger to the wires when he flies at you he will make a great show of fighting it. You surely don't want to cure a bird of such a friendly disposition. If he is at all mopy, give him a morsel of bread and milk sprinkled with soft sugar every second day for a week, and on the alternate days a pinch of a mixture of equal parts hemp, inga, millet, and teazle. Give a leaf of dandelion daily, and add to the water the same medicine as advised to "M. M. Ackroyd."

MORE YOUNG DYING (J.G.W.).—If you really mean that your dietary is limited to the food you mention, the cause of the young dying is almost sure to be constipation, as an outcome of the injudicious food supply. Surely the birds have access to a regular supply of seeds, and besides this, in addition to soft food, they should have green food daily whilst young are being reared, beginning when the young are about four days old. Look down replies this week and you will find details for overcoming a similar trouble in another reply. You would have done well to be guided by instructions in "Canary Breeding for Beginners," or the article on this subject in CAGE BIRDS ANNUAL for current year.

NO FERTILE EGGS (No Luck).—It certainly does appear to be the hens that are at fault, and this may be due to lack of affinity that they "do not hit," as a fancier would term it. It might also be due to mechanical obstruction to efficient copulation, which often occurs when a hen has a deep nest and habitually "calls" whilst crouching in the cup of the nest. If this is the case with your hens, let them go to nest once more, and either remove the nest pans with nest until the evening before they are expected to lay, or place an egg drawer or similar obstacle in the nest to prevent crouching. Give a fairly liberal supply of dandelion and chickweed; add as much sulphate of soda as will cover a sixpence, and ten drops of lemon juice to the water for three days, and afterwards six drops of tincture of gentian and three of tincture of steel every second day for a week.

UNFERTILE EGGS (J. D. Brown).—It is difficult to account for these cases of unfertility when the cocks are apparently in excellent health and song, and performing their duties satisfactorily. It may be due to a snap of cold weather, or east wind affecting the cock adversely, to accidental obstruction to proper copulation, lack of affinity, or quite a number of causes. You might allow the birds to have another nest, and prior to going to nest see that neither of the birds carries any loose ends of superfluous feathers about the flanks or abdomen, and if copulation has been taking place in the nest, place an egg-drawer, or similar obstacle, in the nest next time, to ensure mating on the side of nest or perches. Give a small quantity of egg-food, well sprinkled with maw and gold of pleasure, every second day, and on the alternate days a pinch of equal parts hemp, inga, millet, linseed, and mustard seed. Give a little dandelion daily. You might also add a crystal of sulphate of soda to the water for two days, and afterwards six drops of tincture of gentian and three of tincture of steel for a few days.

A DISTRESSING ATTACK (A. Stone).—The attacks you describe were due to epileptic seizures, and painful as they are to look upon, it is doubtful whether the subject is conscious of any real pain. Other attacks may occur in future, or, on the other hand, it may never have another attack. To lessen the risk of more attacks, you must aim at keeping the bird in good sound health, well-fed, but not over-fed; stop giving it all such tit-bits as sweet rich cake, pastry, butter, and all fat or animal substances, and see that it never becomes constipated. Let the diet be plain and wholesome, and keep bowels regular by giving some kind of green food daily. Should another attack occur keep bird quiet for a few days, and add to its drinking water as much bromide of potassium as will cover a threepenny-piece daily for four or five days. You might also give now about the same quantity of sulphate of soda in the water every second day for a week. Considering his age, you cannot expect the bird to keep up to his youthful vigour now.

A PECULIAR ATTACK (M. M. Ackroyd).—I am not quite clear whether this hen's chicks were hatched when the attack you describe took place. If they were, it is quite possible the attack was due to some obstruction lodging in the throat and setting up choking sensations. It might have been a seed given her by a vigorous feeding cock. Otherwise some serious internal derangement had taken place, which may have been the result of undue constipation, as most hens are more or less constipated during the inactive period of incubation. Only personal examination could have enabled one to arrive at any definite conclusion. Keep her as quiet as possible for a time. You did right to separate her. Feed on a staple of plain canary seed, and give half a teaspoonful of egg-food sprinkled with maw, or as much bread and milk sprinkled with soft sugar, every second day, and a pinch of mixed seed twice a week, on the alternating days. Give a little fresh green food daily. In the drinking water give as much sulphate of soda as will cover a sixpence, and ten drops of lemon juice for three days, and afterwards six drops of tincture of gentian and four of dilute sulphuric acid every second day for a week. Shall be glad to hear in a fortnight what progress has been made.

UNEXPECTED SUCCESS (Amateur).—It is certainly a trifle unusual for a hen to lay a full clutch of eggs among the young brood of the first nest, and go on incubating after the young leave the nest without showing any disposition to pluck or flag in feeding the young. Still it is by no means rare, and only shows that you have a very dependable hen for rearing young. If the cock has been in with her whilst the eggs were being laid, by all means allow them to go on sitting. Unless the nest is really very foul I would not advise you to interfere with it until the eggs are hatched and the young about a week old. Then you might give her a clean nest. If there are any signs of red mites about the cage dust the nest at once, around the sides particularly, with Keatings, or freshly ground pyrethrum powder. As soon as the young left the nest you should have put them in a nursery cage, where the cock would have attended to them sufficiently through the wires. If you did not do this do so at once.

WILL NOT SING (L. M. Nicholls).—It is not unlikely this bird is going into an early moult, in which case it will not resume singing until the moult is over. Still, you may try the following treatment for two or three weeks. First see that he is in a bright healthy place, and free from cold draughts. As staple diet give a mixture of three parts canary to one part summer rape. Every second day give a morsel of bread and milk, the size of a hazel nut, sprinkled with soft sugar and a pinch of maw. On the alternating days twice each week give half a teaspoonful of mixed seed—a prescription for which you will find in one or two other replies this week. Give a good sized spray of chickweed, or two leaves of dandelion daily. In the drinking water add 20 drops of whisky, 10 of lemon juice, and as much Epsom salts as will cover a sixpence every second day for a week, and in the following week give four drops each of tincture of gentian, tincture of calumba, and aromatic sulphuric acid in the water every second day.

AN UNCOMMON TRIO (G.W.).—(1) It is not possible to tell if any egg when laid is fertile or not, unless the egg was broken and the "germ-sac," to use a non-technical term, on the yolk, examined with a good lens or microscope. Then, an expert could tell whether it had been fertilised or not. (2) There is no sex in an egg which, when fertilised, contains the elements of either sex, and it is impossible to tell into which sex it will eventually develop. There are many supposed methods of distinguishing sex in the eggs of larger species—poultry, for example—but none are reliable. The longer and more pointed eggs laid by a given hen are supposed by some to produce males. (3) I fail to see what material benefit the Fancy would derive from the above knowledge, except perhaps that one need not allow hens to sit on unfertile eggs—which would not always be an advantage,—or if breeding solely for songsters need not produce a plethora of hens.

FEEDING ROLLER (Ignorant).—You might treat the bird the same as advised in No. 10 Nutshell booklet, which our Manager will send you post free for 2½d. Give a staple of two parts canary to one part summer rape, and a pinch of mixed seeds two or three times a week; also a little crushed sponge cake, bread and milk, or egg food once or twice a week. A little sponge cake, so long as it is not taken in excess will do more good than harm, but if this bird helps itself to an appreciable quantity from the foreign bird's cage, you need not trouble to give it a separate supply. Give a little green food daily now. See reply to "C. E. B." for a good seed mixture, of which you could make a small quantity in same proportions.

YOUNG DYING (F. E. N., U.S.A.).—I suspect two things are at the root of your trouble: The biscuit you use may contain too much fat, and the soaked seeds be given too liberally with no proportionate increase in the supply of green food as the young grow. I feel confident the following amendment of your dietary will remove your trouble. If your biscuits show a large amount of fat, change the brand for one less greasy, or, better still, make up your own egg food with crumb of good stale household bread—two parts to one part egg. If the hens are at all shy feeders, you might with advantage use equal parts bread crumb, crushed sponge cake, and egg, and sprinkle it with a little maw. From the fourth day begin to give green food and gradually increase the supply, giving it fresh two or three times daily, as the young get older. Lettuce is good,, but I would advise you to give also, if possible, a little of the tender flower tops of groundsel and seedy sprays of chickweed. When the young are about ten days old, give a little cracked, but not soaked, hemp daily, and see that the kernel is sweet and sound, and a heaped teaspoonful of soaked or scalded rape daily. Give the soaked rape in the morning, and remove all that is left in the afternoon, and substitute the cracked hemp. Give no other soaked seeds. When you begin to give the hemp and rape you should note the condition of the evacuations of the young and regulate the supply of green food to keep them free, but not too loose. Probably your seasons are a trifle behind ours, but that does not necessarily make your climate bad for the birds.

SEED MIXTURE (C. E. B.).—Your seed mixture is not well proportioned. You should leave out the summer rape altogether, and give this separately as required, say, a pinch about every second day. The maw, gold of pleasure, lettuce, and dandelion might also be kept in a separate mixture, as they do not mix well in bulk with large seeds. However, if you prefer a single mixture, make up the following. One pint each of hemp, summer rape, niger, and millet; half-pint each of black rape, teazle, and maw; a quarter pint each of gold of pleasure, broken groats, and sesame; and a large tablespoonful each of linseed, thistle, mustard, lettuce, and dandelion.

LOST USE OF LEGS (Tabs).—You should have given more particulars, and have said if there is an appreciable difference in the appearance of its feet or legs. To say simply that it has lost the use of its legs and appears in pain conveys nothing tangible. If the symptoms came on suddenly it is in all probability due to an apoplectic seizure, or some internal rupture, when you could do little beyond keeping the bird quiet, and leaving nature to repair the damage. Keep it in a moderate sized cage, as quietly as possible, and give food and water inside. Feed on a staple of plain Canary seed, with a morsel of bread and milk sprinkled with soft sugar and maw seed daily, a pinch of mixed seed three times a week, and a little green food daily. Add as much Epsom salts as will cover a sixpence, and ten drops of lemon juice to its water for three days, and afterwards four drops each of tincture of gentian, tincture of calumba, and aromatic sulphuric acid every second day for a week. See if its claws are much overgrown, and if so trim back to a proper length. Try this treatment for a fortnight, then write again and report result, and give full particulars.

CANARY QUERISTS

should consult St. John's "Canary Breeding for Beginners" (7d.); Howse's "Canary Manual" (1/2); Battye's "Yorkshire Canaries" (1/1½); Howse's "Norwich Canaries" (1/1); Weston's "Stock Book" (7d.); Dr. Clarke's "Seplic or Bird Fever" (7d.); Dr. Creswell's "Hygiene of Bird-keeping (1/1); Norman's "Aviaries, Bird-rooms, and Cages" (2/3); Ramsden's "Colour-feeding" (3½d.); "Seeds and Foods for Cage Birds" (1/2); or the "Nutshell" booklets (2½d. each): No. 5 "The Pet Canary," No. 6 "Ailing Birds and How to Cure them," No. 9 "The Disinfection of Cages, Bird-rooms, etc.," No. 10 "The Roller," No. 23 "The Border Fancy," No. 24 "Green Canaries." All thoroughly practical and instructive. Prices quoted are post free, from "Cage Birds," 154, Fleet Street, London, E.C.

YOUNG DYING (D. E.).—I have no doubt the deaths were due to constipation or intestinal obstruction. The latter is apt to occur from a "glueing" of the vent through lack of proper attention to cleanliness on the part of the hen. Either would readily occur through using a food of a constipating nature, and not balancing it with a proper supply of green food. You make no mention of green food at all. With future broods, add a fourth part of crushed sponge cake to your soft food, and begin to give a little fresh chickweed, groundsel, lettuce, or watercress two or three times daily when the young are four days old, gradually increasing the supply as they get older, always giving sufficient to keep the bowels normal and regular. I have not seen the colour-food you name, so cannot answer. Test a little by placing a pinch on your tongue, and allowing it to digest there a minute or so. If there is any heat, suggestive of a mixture of hot pepper, do not try to colour young from the shell with it.

BACKWARD HENS (John Smith).—Your feeding is hardly generous enough. Give a staple of three parts Canary to one part summer rape mixed together. Every second day give each pair a small teaspoonful of egg food, or crushed sponge cake, in which you have mixed two or three finely chopped mealworms, and well sprinkle it with equal parts maw, gold of pleasure, and sesame. On the alternating days give a similar quantity of a mixture of equal parts hemp, inga, millet, and teazle. Give three good sized leaves of dandelion daily. Add a pinch of Epsom salts to the water for two days, and afterwards six drops of tincture of gentian and three of tincture of steel for four or five days.

A DOUBTFUL COUPLE (A. Turner).—(1) The reply to "Yorkshire" in last issue would have answered this for you. In comparison with the hen, the cock is fuller and bolder about the head and beak; has a more holting eye; is more dominant and assertive; and plumage is better filled in between abdomen and the under tail coverts, showing a more graceful sweep. The voice is more clear and bell-like, the song full and sustained, and the throat throbs very plainly whilst he is singing. (2) I am afraid these birds are two hens. Try to get a lusty young cock in fierce song, then place these birds in separate cages and try mating the undoubted cock with them. First with one, and when she has commenced to sit (if this occurs) introduce him to the other.

A PAIR OF BORDERS (J.H.).—See reply to "No Luck" in this issue. The cock not singing whilst with the hen is of no great importance. Many cocks act in this way, especially after the first season or two is past. Let them go to nest once more. Feed rather generously. Give a staple of three parts canary to one part summer rape. Every second day give a small teaspoonful of egg-food or crushed sponge cake in which mix two or three finely chopped large fat mealworms, and sprinkle with a mixture of equal parts maw, gold of pleasure, and sesame. On the alternate days give a similar quantity of equal parts hemp, black rape, millet, inga, teazle, and a sprinkling of mustard. Give two or three dandelion leaves daily. Give same medicines and quantities in drinking water as advised to "No Luck."

VARIED (Expectant).—(1) It may be all right, at least from the hen's point of view, for a cock to sit so closely that he scarcely leaves the eggs for a minute whilst the hen is gadding about all day long; but it would also be very remarkable. Seriously I fancy you are mistaken in the sexes of the birds, and that the one that sits so assiduously is the hen, or anyway "a" hen. (2) If the hen shows signs of starting to nest again before the first brood have left the nest, you may put in a second nest. Otherwise no second nest is necessary. (3) If you remove the cock when hen begins to sit you must not return him until the hen is ready to begin nesting again, or the young are old enough to place in a nursery, in case he began to maltreat them. Unless you know well the disposition of the cock it is best to take no risks in these cases. (4) You make no mention of egg food, or any substitute. Certainly you must supply some form of soft-food when young are being reared, beginning the eve of hatching, and continuing the supply daily until young are able to feed themselves. You will find details for rearing young in another reply this week, or, for fullest details of many methods, get Part V. of "Our Canaries." Give just a little egg or biscuit food once or twice a week whilst sitting.

VARIOUS (I. M. S.).—(1) Your best plan would have been to separate the cock from the hen when she was commencing to sit, and leave her to hatch and rear the young herself. Now, however, she might resent this, so you must leave them together until the young are fairly safe. If the hen shows no signs of wanting to nest again, leave them together until the young begin to get out of the nest, then take the hen away and the cock will finish the rearing. But if she begins nesting again early, take away the cock when the young are a fortnight old, and leave the hen to finish off the young. (2) Most young cocks begin to twitter and warble in a quiet way as soon as they leave the nest, but they do not assume full connected song until after the first moult. Careful observation when one has only a few birds gives a very close judgment of sex when the birds are only a few weeks old. (3) Certainly there is a sale for young birds before the first moult—often a ready sale. But it is not a good time to sell if you are breeding for fancy points, as you can never tell how a bird may make up after its first moult. At 14 weeks old they will probably be deep in moult, so you would need to advertise them earlier, say, about 8 to 10 weeks old. (4) Four would be enough, but if kept well cleaned and sanded six might be kept in each for a time. The old birds may be kept with the young ones in the flight through the winter, but the sexes should be separated—cocks in one flight, hens in another.

BRITISH BIRDS, MULES, AND HYBRIDS.

Answered by G. E. WESTON.

FOOD FOR YOUNG OWLS (W. E. Harker).—See the reply given "T. C." this week; they must have flesh food.

DIET FOR TAWNY OWL (T. C.).—Flesh of some description—for instance, rabbit's flesh, with the fur on, dead sparrows, mice, rats, fowls', etc., "innards," liver, lights (cooked and raw), and various other rough (cheap) portions of meat.

IDENTITY OF WEED (E.O.H..).—It is the yellow goat's-beard, popularly known as "John go to bed at noon," and not infrequently mistaken for the dandelion, though the leaves of these two plants bear no resemblance. Have never used the seeding heads myself, but I have been told by other fanciers that they have given them to their birds, and that the latter apparently relished them.

REARING MAGPIES AND JAYS (T. W. C.).—Puppy cakes, or dog meal or food (such as "Mclox") thoroughly soaked with hot water and reduced to a kind of pulpy consistency, will rear Magpies, Jays, etc., splendidly; very cheaply, too. Minced hard-boiled egg can be added, or given separately. As the birds grow, give some meat chopped into tiny pieces (beef or mutton), or rabbit flesh, which I prefer to anything. When adult, the "Melox," or similar dog food, answers admirably, though, of course, not made so "sloppy"; add table scraps of meat, vegetables, gravy, and the like; also give dead mice, sparrows, beetles, etc., frequently.

WHAT FOOD (Annie Primus).—Yes; you must supply the things ordinarily offered hen Canaries when rearing their own young, viz., egg and biscuit (or a good substitute), summer rape, hemp and sunflower seeds (crack the latter), and plenty of seeding greenfood, such as shepherd's-purse and chickweed, both of which are very common now, while dandelion and flowering tops of groundsel are also good. When the young Goldfinches begin to pick up for themselves, supply the seeding greenfood (not coarse leaves) freely, and let them have Plasmon oats to nibble at—failing this, use coarse or medium oatmeal of first-rate quality—in addition to the usual seeds.

TWO ITEMS (Merle).—(1) The beak and eyecores of the cock Blackbird turn yellow in the spring of the year following that of his birth, but the colour is richer (deeper) in two and three year old male birds. It often happens, by-the-way, that the bill of an old hen shows a fair amount of golden colour. (2) The hen Starling, like the cock, can be taught to mimic sounds and speak a word or two.

THRUSH NOT SINGING (E. R. C.).—Are you sure the bird is really a cock? The hens "warble" a little when young—that is, when the youngsters first begin to try over their notes. If the three you mention were all taken out of the one nest, it would be curious for them all to prove cocks. Any perfectly sound and healthy cock Thrush (as you say is your bird) could hardly help singing at this time of the year. I fancy your bird is a hen; but if you are absolutely sure on the point of sex, kindly write me again.

BIRD LIME (F. C. Ford).—You can buy bird-lime at many of the London shops; and it is sold by practically all the large advertisers of fanciers' goods using our columns. It is regularly offered for sale in our advertisement columns during the catching season. As regards making it, very full details were given by Mr. Steel in the correspondence columns of our double Spring Number (dated April 26th last). Did you not read his account of the process? I can add nothing thereto.

ABOUT A JAY (S. Ryan).—Cock and hen Jay are practically alike in plumage; the difference is so slight that it could not possibly help anyone who had no acquaintance with the species to sex any particular bird. The sex does not matter at all, however, so far as talking ability is concerned. The Jay is a fine talker and mimic; it is generally better to start with a young bird. In my opinion it is easily in front of the Jackdaw in this respect, and quite the equal of the Magpie. The price you mention is very reasonable. Respecting the food, see the reply given "T.W.C." this week.

THRUSH'S "UNWELCOME" SONG (W. Campbell).—Should a number of the neighbours choose to combine and institute proceedings against you before a magistrate on the ground that the early—very early—morning song of your Thrush is a "public nuisance," then if the magistrate considers the case proven, you can be legally compelled to "abate the nuisance"—you would have to keep the bird indoors at night. Of course, you might be able to call some of the neighbours to

depose that in their opinion the song of the bird was not a "nuisance" at all. Cases of this kind have occasionally come before metropolitan magistrates, and the latter have usually shown that they require a lot of convincing that the song of a caged Thrush or Blackbird can possibly be a nuisance.

A QUESTION OF VALUE (F. Wickins).—The value of a bybrid from cock Bullfinch and hen Canary would depend on its sex (a hen would be worth very little), and its excellence from the show point of view. The latter, of course, could not be appraised without seeing the bird. I presume you are aware that this particular cross produced from the cock Bullfinch is exceedingly rare; but I question if this in itself would help on the show-bench. I mean that the Bullfinch-Canary would have to exhibit points of excellence (colour, markings, size, and quality) equal to and even in excess of, the Canary-Bullfinch to enable it to be sure of beating the latter. And it is the ability to win prizes that largely determines the value of any Hybrid. Thus a Bullfinch-Canary might be worth only 40/- to 50/-, or it might be worth £10, possibly more—the show-bench is the real test of value.

BRITISH BIRD & HYBRID QUERISTS should consult Houlton's great work, "Cage-Bird Hybrids" (7/6); Norman's "British Bird Manual" (2/3); or Part 1 "Hardbills" (1/1), Part 2 "Softbills" (1/1); "Aviaries, Bird-rooms, and Cages" (2/3); "Seeds, Foods, and Wild Plants" (1/2); "Secrets of Hybrid Breeding" (1/2); Dr. Creswell's "Hygiene of Bird-keeping" (1/1); Dr Clarke's "Septic or Bird Fever" (7d.); "Colour-feeding" (3½d.); or the "Nutshell" booklets (2½d. each): No. 1 "Goldfinch," No. 2 "Linnet," No. 3 "Skylark," No. 4 "Song Thrush and Blackbird," No. 11 "Bullfinch," No. 13 "Chaffinch," No. 15 "Greenfinch," No. 22 "Siskin, Redpoll, and Twite," No. 25 "Small Insectivorous Birds," No. 26 "Large Insectivorous Birds," No. 6 "Ailing Birds and How to Cure Them," No. 9 "Disinfection of Cages, Birdrooms, etc.," No. 12 "How to Moult British Birds." All thoroughly practical and instructive. Prices quoted are post free from "Cage Birds," 154, Fleet Street, London, E.C.

FOREIGN BIRDS.

Answered by WESLEY T. PAGE, F.Z.S., Etc.

MOCKING BIRD (C.L.H.).—I think the bird you refer to is the Cuban Mocking Bird (Mimus orpheus). The Mocking Birds are Thrush-like birds, mostly clad in pleasing arrangements of grey and brown, with undeniable capacity for song, which usually is very varied and melodious.

WHAT PARROT? (H.P.G.).—I am still unable to identify your bird, and think one or other of the following alternatives is the cause, either it is a young bird of a species in which the young has not been described, or you have been wrongly informed as to the locality it came from. If you could send me a roughly coloured diagram of the bird, I think I could then solve the difficulty, quite apart from locality. Of course, if it is quite a young bird the colour of its plumage may change materially during the next two moults. Do you live in London? If so, make an appointment to meet me at the British Museum (Nat. Hist. Dept.), Cromwell Road, South Kensington, with the bird, and all doubt as to its identity could then be set at rest.

A SWEET SINGER (Novice).—If you get a good one, the Pekin Robin is a fine songster, and given a roomy cage is long-lived and enduring, but there is much variation in the song capacity of individuals. You should, if possible, hear its song before purchasing. It is also a handsome coloured species. The same applies to the Grey-Singing Finch; this is a pretty but plainly coloured grey bird, but a good one has a sweet and varied song; it is much smaller than a Canary. The Grey-necked Serin (Cape Canary) and Alario Finch are both good songsters of the Canary type, the former resembling a small Green Canary, and the latter is an arrangement of black, cinnamon, and white. The value of the above for a singing bird would be about 10s. 6d. each, while if you take your chance as to their song capacity, you could pick them up for about half that amount.

CARDINALS, ETC. (T. G. S.).—(1) Oyster shell, if crushed as small as white millet seed, will answer as grit, and with it may be mingled crushed eggshells. (2) It can arise from many causes, such as indigestion, parasites in the throat, and also natural weariness—if the "gaping" is excessive and not natural, a little Dinneford's Magnesia in the drinking water—one part magnesia to four parts water—should soon put matters right, at this season with grit, green food, etc., they should soon tone up if there is anything wrong. (3) I have found the Virginian Cardinal quite hardy and to keep very fit during English winters, and but for the man with the gun might easily be acclimatised in this country. Supply ripe fruit and some insects daily.

GREEN HOUSE AVIARY (E. W.).—As you have covered in the left side and part of back, I should screw boards to the sash bars of the roof of greenhouse on the underside of the whole portion over aviary, there will be ample light, and if you can let some creepers grow through the netting into aviary it will much enhance the effect. It is the too humid atmosphere you must guard against; ventilation must be ample, but it must be secured without causing a draught through the aviary. I consider the list you send—12 pairs—sufficient for the size of the aviary, at the most only add three pairs, say Green Singing Finches, Silverbills, and Bib (Dwarf) Finches; or you could have Olive and Ruficauda Finches, and leave two of the others out. You will require nearly a score of nesting receptacles hung from the roof and fixed to back and left side of the aviary, and you will soon see that the accommodation provided is fully occupied. So as to minimise the sun's heat over aviary I should paint the glass white, as well as putting boards underneath.

WILL IT TALK? (D. Walsh).—The bird you refer to is the Ring-necked Parrakeet. I have heard and known of many really talented individuals of this species, but some of them also scream more than is pleasant. You must first of all tame it, and get its confidence, and when this occurs you can commence training. While at first you must avoid scaring it (if you do this you will train a screamer), but as soon as it is a bit steady, keep it in your midst, where it will have plenty to see, and hear and engage its attention. It will pick up many sounds and words that it hears, and you can also teach it words and short sentences by the constant repetition method, but I repeat you can do nothing till it has ceased to fear you; winning its confidence is the first step.

GREY PARROT BARE OF PLUMAGE (Constant Reader).—I cannot assist you till you give me fuller details. How has it been fed and treated generally? How long has it been in your possession? As a preliminary I can only suggest thoroughly scalding out its cage with boiling water, also the perches and food vessels, and spraying the bird with quassia solution. Irrespective of the looseness, give the bird one teaspoonful of Dinneford's Magnesia in its drinking water, and repeat the dose after an interval of three days. Keep clean cuttlebone in the cage. Nothing more can be done till I get your reply to above queries.

BIRDS FOR AVIARY (H.J.D.). — You omit a rather important item, viz., the depth of the aviary from front to back, so I cannot give you its holding capacity, but I am basing the following reply on a depth of not less than 30 inches. Do not in an aviary of this size introduce British species, and I am inclined to advise you to exchange the Grey Javas for some other species, as they often prove troublesome in a small aviary. Some of them should breed. As opportunity offers add to your present stock pairs of Zebra Finches, Bronze Mannikins, Gold-crested Waxbills, Green Avadavats, and procure a mate for your Cordon Bleu; the cock of this species has red ear-coverts, which the hen does not possess. You can take your chance if you choose, but I fear the Bullfinches will spell trouble. I think the Madagascar Weaver will be all right, but he may prove troublesome; if so, you must cage him up again. As regards winter, unless your county is a very northern one, they should weather all right, providing they are thoroughly fit when winter commences, but all unfit specimens should be caged and brought indoors till spring. As the aspect is N.E., I should certainly advise stretching canvas or felt over the wire netting flight during the winter, and also a wood and glass shutter for the front, to be closed every night, and also during the days of severe periods, or spells of cold driving rain.

WHAT BIRD, ETC. (H. J. E.).—Your sketch has removed all doubt; it is the Orange-flanked Parrakeet, and as I suspected all along, a Brotogerys of some kind. As regards diet, etc., treat much as you would, a Budgerigar—canary and white millet, with a few oats and a little hemp, also fruit and green food, with cuttlebone, grit and water will keep them fit and strong. In a large cage or aviary they should breed if given a small barrel as nesting receptacle. I can put you on to a suitable one if you send me your address, or a well cleaned out oyster barrel would do. They are by no means common, and when fit should stand a good chance of catching the judge's eye. In good feather and condition, their value is about 60/-. Re the Plumhead, there should be a good chance of its crossing with either a Ring-necked or Alexandrine, as most Parrakeets will mate with other species in the absence of one of their own kind; but when, or how long they will take about it, is an uncertainty; in fact, just as uncertain as your luck would be with British Hybrids—ultimate success is, however very probable. Keep them in cages side by side for a week before putting them in the aviary.

FOREIGN BIRD QUERISTS should consult Page's "Foreign Birds for Beginners" (1/1½); Arthur's "Budgerigars and Cockatiels" (6d.); Arthur's "Parrots for Pleasure and Profit" (7d.); "Aviaries, Bird-rooms, and Cages" (2/3); "Seeds, Foods, and Wild Plants" (1/2); Dr. Clarke's "Septic or Bird Fever" (7d.); Dr. Creswell's "Hygiene of Bird-keeping" (1/1); "Colour-feeding" (3½d.); or the "Nutshell" booklets (2½d. each): No. 6 "Ailing Birds and How to Cure them," No. 9 "The Disinfection of Cages, Bird-rooms, etc.," No. 14 "Gouldian Finches," No. 16 "Avadavats," No. 17 "The Grey Parrot," No. 18 "Budgerigars," No. 19 "The Pekin Robin," No. 20 "Waxbills." All thoroughly practical and instructive. Prices quoted are post free from "Cage Birds," 154, Fleet Street, London, E.C.

GREY PARROT (A. D. B.).—You must continue your present diet (which is fairly wholesome), though a Grey is better without boiled maize, except in the case of a very young bird, but you must continue it till the bird is well on seed. Let the bird have all the air and light it can without draught. From your letter it would appear that the bird has had a short spell at any rate of outdoor life, and the warmth of your kitchen has thrown it into a partial moult, but no harm should accrue—at this time of year an unheated room would be the better place for it, and at any period the sitting-room in preference to the kitchen. Get our Nutshell, "The Grey Parrot," 2½d. post free from our Manager; it will remove your doubts. There can be no Parrot mixture for all species, you had better mix your own as often advised in this column—the mixture must vary more or less with each group. Do not give tea, coffee, or milk sops, table scraps, or any kind of animal food, and it should do well.

A FEATHER PLUCKER (Anxious).—It is almost impossible to cure feather pulling unless taken in its earlier stages; it often is a vice, and incurable; you can only use such palliative as spraying with quassia solution, painting bare parts with bitter aloes, and rubbing in a little paraffin, but not sufficient to run among and grease the plumage. Treat the bird as follows: Every fourth day for a month give in lieu of the drinking water the following: One part Dinneford's Magnesia in three parts water; on the intervening days put a little bynophosphates in the drinking water, but you must not use a metal drinker while giving drugs. Diet: A seed mixture of one quart each canary and white millet seeds, one pint each oats and hemp; half a pint each shelled nuts, maize, paddy rice, dari, and sunflower seeds, one gill of grit (not sand); well mix and keep a supply in the cage. Also supply ripe fruit liberally, plain biscuit, or crust of household bread, and keep a piece of clean cuttlebone in the cage; give seeding grass, lettuce, etc., as green-food. The bread or biscuit should be moistened, not soaked, and dusted with flowers of sulphur. Use the quassia solution; give the bird all light and air possible without draught, and on favourable days have it out of doors, but not in an exposed position. You will have to persevere with the treatment. Report progress a month hence.

GREY PARROT OUT OF CONDITION (W.H.B.).—A long course of unwholesome treatment has brought about the usual result—system quite out of order. Stop at once tea sops, bits of everything, etc., and confine its dietary to seed mixture (canary, white millet, oats, hemp, dari, maize, paddy rice, and sunflower seeds—well mix and keep supply in cage), ripe fruit, plain biscuit or stale crust of household bread (if moistened, use chemical food one part, chilled water two parts, for the purpose), and nuts; add a pinch of grit (not sand) to the daily supply of seed, and keep a piece of clean cuttlebone hanging in the cage. Give every fourth day—water three parts, Dinneford's magnesia one part—in lieu of the ordinary drinking water, so long as the voidings are not watery loose, if this occurs you must lengthen the period between the doses; on intervening days well colour the drinking water with chemical food, but you must not use a metal drinker while giving drugs. Get some honey and boax from your chemist and put some on the bird's tongue, twice daily, with a feather or camel hair brush, which must only be put into the bulk of the mixture when quite clean. Keep the outside of its mouth quite clean by sponging with tepid water and if there are any sores anoint with a little antiseptic ointment. You must persevere with the above as it will take time to undo the mischief—three months was a long time to let the trouble run on. Our Nutshell "The Grey Parrot," 2½d. post free from our Manager, would help you as to dietary, etc. Report progress a fortnight hence.

CALIFORNIAN QUAIL AND BUDGERIGARS (J. H. E.).—As regards the mutilation of the Budgies, you can be quite sure one of the larger Parrakeets is the culprit, very probably the Red-rump. The Bramblefinch is a dangerous bird among small species, but it would come off "second best" with a Budgerigar. Californian Quail and other species of Quail often act as yours are doing, leave them to take their own course, the better plan is to place the eggs under a bantam or any other small variety of fowl (Silkies are good), as they need brooding. As regards diet, maggots, live ants' eggs, preserved ants' eggs, soft food, seed, etc., should all be supplied, the young will soon take to the two latter items, but till they do so, should be liberally supplied with small live food. A hen in my aviary laid 22 eggs in a nest and did not sit, then I found another nest (both on the ground) containing another score, which she has incubated and is about due to hatch.

BLACK-CHEEKED LOVEBIRDS (C.M.).—This species is not always amiable with Budgerigars, and when they do not quarrel are apt to fill all available husks and logs with rubbish to the utter discomfiture of the poor Budgerigar, and I suppose this is why they have not "caught on" like the Budgerigar, for they are equally beautiful, prolific and hardy. However, I should try them, they may ignore the husks, if you put in a small barrel and a square box (entirely closed save for entrance hole), say 9 inches square at base by 12 inches high. Supply them with withered leaves, pieces of thin bark, etc., to line their nests with. They will thrive on the same treatment as that given to Budgerigars and Cockatoels, but should have a continuous supply of spray millet, especially when they have young to feed. Be very liberal with green food, the withered stems of which they will use for nesting material.

AMAZON ILL (A. Hermann).— I could not send a reply per post as there was no address on your card when it reached me. In cases of this kind an aperient must be given to clear the bowels—Dinneford's and water in equal parts—see that the birds get a good drink, remove it and replace it again in a couple of hours' time, afterwards put three drops of tincture of opium in two tablespoonfuls of water (supply for one day) give two doses on successive days, and then another dose after a day's interval, repeating it on alternate days for a few doses if necessary, but three doses should suffice. Afterwards a course of Byno-phosphates should prove a good tonic. As regards diet, do not give any slops, table scraps, or messes of any kind—you do not say how you have been feeding or whether it is a young or aged bird, so I cannot advise you further as to diet.

YELLOW-WING SUGAR BIRD (Para).—Instead of a stiff perch, give this bird a small twiggy branch, this will keep the muscles of the feet better exercised, bathe the swelling with tepid water, and if there is any pus, carefully lance and exude same by gentle pressure, well cleanse with tepid water, dry and lightly anoint with a little antiseptic ointment. To accustom the bird to take a little fruit, put in some split grapes, and half a tangerine orange. The sop must be prepared fresh daily. I have a pair of these birds in my ont-door aviary and they are doing grandly, but they take fruit (mostly banana), and also eat the sponge cake portion of the sop. By all means let it take a little orange-juice, but it would be much better if it would extract the juice from the fruit itself. Just a word of caution, a bird's leg is easily broken, so handle it carefully when treating the sores.

POST MORTEMS.

Mr. G. Yates, M.R.C.V.S., 1, College Road, Harrow, Middlesex, will examine and report upon dead cage birds for a fee of 1s. 6d. each bird; for reply direct, 2s. 6d.; analysis, 21s. Subjects for post mortem examination must be sent packed in a box direct to Mr. Yates, with the fee, this and any accompanying letter being kept from contact with the dead bird. Send by letter-post; it is cheaper and quicker than parcel post. Any bodies sent to the office of this paper will be thrown away, and if a fee is enclosed the loss will be the sender's.

W. Whiteley, Ltd.—Acute enteritis, or inflammation of the bowels, probably induced by the formation of ptomaines within the food.

G.D.—Hen died of septic poisoning due to infection from the oviduct. Both the ovary and oviduct (egg passage) were considerably inflamed.

E. J. Lamb.—Pneumo-enteritis, viz., inflammation of the bowels, complicated with pneumonia, due to the production of ptomaine poisons.

D.E.—There was no evidence of constipation, nor was the food at fault, death resulting from peritonitis, a common trouble with hens during the breeding season, infection occurring by way of the oviduct. The ovaries were active and enlarged, and if egg production had not already occurred, it soon would have done.

Fluff.—There was no direct evidence of death from violence. What you take to be a puncture at the base of the skull is in reality a natural foramen for the passage of the spinal cord given off from the brain, nor was there anything like shot within the skull. This foramen was certainly enlarged, but this I consider due to the action of the ants. The two sharp bones you describe are anatomically correct, and not peculiar to the Bullfinch. It is impossible for me to say the true cause of death, owing to destruction caused by the ants. Your suspicions are probably rightly founded, but in the absence of any definite lesions, or the presence of shot, you are unable to justify these suspicions.

Madam.—Goldfinch died of enteritis as the result of ptomaine poisoning. It is evident that there is something wrong with the diet, from which they have all succumbed. The bird was very thin on the breast—a symptom of high fever, such as would be induced by the absorption of ptomaines.

GENERAL.

Answered by THE EDITOR.

W. McMillan; J. Moore—We are much obliged to you for the notifications so promptly sent us.

A. E. Morris, J. Brown, and Others.—Our Mr. Weston thanks you heartily for the kindly letters of sympathy in his recent indisposition, and is glad to be able to say that he is once more back again at business.

J. McIntyre.—We appreciate the suggestion you are good enough to make, and will see if something cannot be done in the matter.

CLUB & SOCIETY NOTICES

Anfield Plain E.B.S.—May 25, Mr. Lumley's, 7. Table show. Classes: Linnet, Goldfinch, Greenfinch, A.O.V. British birds. Staged 7 p.m. Next table show business.—R. Peart.

Ayr C.B.C.—May 29, Academy Hall, 7.30. Classification for open show. A full meeting is requested. —James Sloan.

Amble C.B.S.—May 25, Gardener's Arms, 8 p.m. Business important.—J. T. Crackett.

Alnwick and Dis.—May 30, Temperance Hotel, 8.15. First feather show date and schedule for open show. —R. Forster.

Blaydon C.B.S.—June 1, Co-op. Library, 7.30. Date for first feather show and other important business. All local fanciers cordially invited.—Geo. Hamer.

Boldon Colliery C.B.S.—May 25, Co-operative Hall, 7. Arrange classes for first feather show.—A. Widdowfield, Sec.

Chester C.B.S.—May 28, Nag's Head Cocoa House, 8.30. Ordinary.—R. N. Williams

Chesterfield C.B.S.—May 25, The Welbeck Inn, 7.30. Nest feather shows and general business.—T. Booker.

Chester-le-Street C.B.S.—May 25, 7. p.m. Nest feather schedule.—J. Hedley.

Darlington C.B.S.—May 29, Labour Hall, 7.30. First feather show business, etc.—Hy Todd.

Dalton C.B.A.—May 25, Y.M.C.A. Rooms, 7.30. Nest feather show.—F. Houldsworth.

Darlington C. and B.B.F.A.—May 29, George Hotel, 8. Fix date and judge for first feather show. Classification of schedule for open show. Hear result of prize draw and make sundry arrangements.—A. Walker.

Eccles C.B.S.—June 29, Diamond Inn, 8. Business important.—J. Hall.

Glasgow Queen's Park C.B.S.—May 29, Marie Stuart Halls, Crosshill, 8.—Robt. Heggie.

Grimsby O.S.—May 30, Slatter's Rooms, 8. Norwich yellow or buff champion and novice Mule or Hybrid Linnet, Siskin, Twite, or Redpoll, Goldfinch or Bullfinch, Greenfinch, A.O.V. British.—Towl and Smith.

Glossop and Hadfield C.B.S.—May 28, Senior's, High Street W., Glossop, 8. First Feather show and general business. With all members please attend.—E. Thompson.

Glasgow and Western Counties C.B.S.—May 25, 122, Ingram Street, 6.30. Table show of Chaffinch, Bramblefinch, Lesser Redpoll, Mealy Redpoll, or Twite, Bunting, A.V. Nomination of judges.—W. Connelly.

Grimsby and Cleethorpes R.C.S.—May 25, Brunson's Rooms, 7. Selection of judges for open show, etc.—H. Mason.

Heywood and Dist. O.S.—May 28, Reehabite Hall, Pine Street, 7.30. Classification, etc., for young bird show.—A. H. Meadowcroft.

Hanley and Dist.—May 29, George and Dragon Hotel, 8. Election of secretary and choosing of nest feather judge.—W. G. Llewellyn.

Highgate and Hampstead C.B.S.—May 30, Spencer Hall, Dartmouth Park Hill, 8. Mr. Crabb on "Birds I have met." Members please note.—G. T. Clark.

Hebden Bridge and Calder Valley C.B.S.—May 30, White Horse, 8. Young show, etc.—A. Pickles.

Ilkeston C.B.S.—June 1, Gladstone Inn, 7. Classes for open show and first feather show. All fanciers are invited to attend.—T. Smith.

Ilford and County F. & F.S.—General meeting, May 28, White Horse Hotel, 8. Arrangements for next monthly show; judges for young stock, and annual shows; other important business.—J. H. Priestman.

Lochgelly C.B.S.—June 1, Kelso's, Main Street, Lochgelly, 6. Arrange for a ramble; patronage of S.P.C., Crests, Yorkshires, British Bird and Mule Club, and Fife and Kinross N.P.C.—Martin Kelly.

Lancaster C.B.S.—June 1, Market Hall Coffee Tavern, 6. Table show and judging competition.—J. Bostock.

Larkhall C.B.A.—June 1, Miners Hall 7. Lecture on Canaries, by Mr. Dan Hamilton. Fanciers don't miss this. Admission free.—J. Pollock.

Long Eaton C.B.S.—June 1, Sawley Road Council Schools, 7 for committee, 7.30 for members. Election of new member, etc., for committee. Members' meeting open.—G. T. Wall.

Midland Roller C.C.—May 30, Swan and Peacock, 8. Appointment of judges for our next annual contest. Members are requested to attend.—T. J. Smith.

Middleton C.B.S.—May 27, Old Boar's Head, 8. Young bird show; all members requested to attend. —J. Oldham.

Newcastle Novice C.B.S.—June 6, Mr. Purvis's Cafe, Clayton Street (opposite Bird Market).—T. W. Lumsden.

North Manchester C.B.S.—May 28, St. Stephen's Schools, Conran Street, Harpurhey, 8. First feather business.—John Davey.

National B.B. and M.C.—May 30, "The Feathers," Gt. Chapel Street, Westminster, 8. General business.—Plumbridge and Carr.

Northern B.B.M. and F.B.C.—May 29, Lockhart's, 65, Grainger St., Newcastle-on-Tyne, 8.15. Important.—Geo. Taylor.

Oldham C.B.A.—May 28, Textile Dining Rooms, Shaw Road, 8. Show and general business.—Jas. Cope.

Paisley, Tannahill O.S.—June 1, Lockie's, 2, St. James' Street, 7.30. General business.—John Stewart.

Provincial Roller C.C.—May 25, Old Boar's Head, Corporation Street, Manchester, 6 prompt. Important show business, to be followed by a lecture by Mr. W. Massey, Bolton. Members and friends invited to attend.—Andrew Percival.

Portsmouth C.B.S.—May 29, Long's Memorial Hall, 8. First feather show. Paper by Mr. R. C. Tout on "Management and Keeping of Softbills." Members' friends invited.—J. Lawrence.

Rotherham C.B.S.—May 25, College Inn, 8. Arrangements for nest feather show and other business.—B. Bailey.

Rochdale Good Intent C.B.S.—May 29, Temperance Club, Toad Lane, 8. Committee. General business. —Thos. Holt.

Swindon F. & F.A.—May 29, Baths, Milton Road, Swindon, 8. Agenda: Table show (pigeons). Election of new members and general business.—W. J. Moran.

Sunderland C.B.A.—May 25, Fawcett Street Cafe, 7.30.—J. Jeffrey.

Warrington C.B.S.—May 30, Blue Bell Saleroom, 8. Questions.—G. M. Nelson.

Wigan C.B.S.—June 1, Legs of Man, 8. Young show business.—H. Young.

Wakefield O.S.—Usual meeting will not be held on May 25, owing to it falling on Whit Saturday. —J. Isherwood.

Wombwell B.F.A.—June 1, Park Street School, 7. —Thos. Eames.

Watford C.B.S.—Annual ramble to Chalfont Road, May 26. Train, 10.6, Rickmansworth, Met. Rly. Any London fanciers wishing to join us will be cordially welcomed.—W. Rackley.

Correspondence.

How to Re-lacquer Brass?

Sir,—Would any reader of Cage Birds kindly let me know how to re-lacquer brass? I should be extremely obliged for the information.

A. H.

Proposed Federation of Societies for South Wales.

Sir,—A most important meeting will be held at the Market Coffee Tavern, Swansea, on Whit-Monday, at 11 a.m., to discuss the formation of a federation of societies for South Wales and Mon. Representatives are earnestly asked to attend, as the business will be of the utmost importance to societies.

A. A. Gordon McLucas, Sec. pro tem.

43, Rosser Street, Maesycoed, Pontypridd.

The National British Bird and M.C. Country Ramble.

Sir,—The N.B.B. and M. Club have had to make a slight alteration respecting the outing on Saturday, June 1. The morning party are to book to Effingham Junction, and the afternoon party to East Horsley, instead of the places that appeared in last week's issue. The train times are the same, viz., morning party by the 9.20 a.m., afternoon party by the 1.37 p.m. Both parties from South Station, Waterloo.

J. P. Carr, Joint Hon. Sec.

Thirty Years Old Grey Parrot Commences to Lay Eggs.

Sir,—A friend of mine would like to know if any of your readers have ever experienced anything like the following: He has a Grey Parrot, no less than 29 or 30 years old, and it never laid an egg until last Friday week, at 8 p.m., and then it laid another on Tuesday night last at 9.20 p.m. It has never been with a male bird during the time he has had it (some 25 years); it is very tame, and answers to the name of "Jacob," as it was supposed to be a "male." If any reader can relate a similar experience, I should feel obliged. The owner is Mr. John Woolston, of this town.

A. W. Ludlow.

Chairman, Stamford and Dis. C.B.S.

The Breeding of Chaffinches in an Aviary.

Sir,—I have had a pair of Chaffinches in my small aviary about ten months. They have built a nest in an ordinary nest pan. The hen has laid three eggs, and is now sitting on them, and I think will hatch them out all right. In the same aviary are a few Linnets, Redpolls, and Canaries, but I am certain it is the Chaffinches that have paired up together. They were outside in the garden all last winter, but the aviary was moved into a partly glass building about three months ago. I have four Canaries sitting in the same aviary. My reason for writing you is that I have taken your paper for some years, and during the whole time I do not recollect seeing any record of Chaffinches breeding in a cage or aviary. The birds have been fed and cared for by my son, who is very interested in all kinds of birds. If you think it will interest your readers, I will let you know the result later.

W. Andrews.

[We shall be very interested to hear the result.—Editor.]

The Chiff-Chaff in Scotland.

Interesting Notes by a Perthshire Bird Lover.

Sir,—All interested in bird life may like to know that for some days past the writer has seen and heard the Chiff-Chaff in Perthshire. So far as I am aware, this bird is not one of our regular summer visitors, and I never remember seeing or hearing it in Scotland before. It is an early bird to arrive in the south of England, being noticed as early as the end of February, but its range to the north does not appear to extend beyond Northumberland. This I gather from Yarrel's "British Birds," but as this is rather an old book, the bird may have been noticed by some other recent writers as a Scottish visitant. It is the first time to my knowledge, however, that it has been seen or heard of in Perthshire, nor have I come across any person who has heard it in any other part of Scotland. The Willow Warbler is a constant visitor to this country, and is about the first, if not the first, summer bird to arrive. This year the writer heard it early in April; this is late, as it often arrives in March. These two little birds referred to are so like one another in size and colour that it is not easy to distinguish them by their plumage, but their notes, of course are very different. The Grasshopper Warbler, is known to visit Scotland, and has been seen in Ayrshire. I have heard its peculiar note, which resembles that of the cricket, in the south Ayrshire neighbourhood. Is it not a little remarkable that birds so similar in many respects should so differ as to their range of flight. The Chiff-Chaff has been noticed in Norway, and is a hardy little bird. Why, then, should it not pay us more frequent visits? Another interesting feature is—how does the female bird find its mate? The male bird is supposed generally to arrive about a week before the female, and yet I am pretty sure that the mate of this Chiff-Chaff has joined it.

Birds Eye.

Indian Meal as a Substitute for Egg Food.

Sir,—In answer to Mrs. E. Geddes, I put meal in a cup and pour on it just enough boiling water to cover it, as I find all meal swells when it is wet; so get it to swell before giving it to the birds. Put a little sugar and mix the bread in till it is crumbly.

E. James.

On Collecting Dandelion Seed.

Sir,—Wait till the seed pods have expanded, then collect early in the morning, when dew is on them, as then the seed will not fly about. Hang up to dry in a bag, then gently rub together, when the seed will sink to the bottom. In this way I can gather half a pound of clear seed in two hours. If preferred to gather when dry, collect in same way, but when seed pods are dry; rub together as before. A day with no wind is best for gathering when dry.

John Shotton.

Why Not a Yorkshire Canary Club in Lancashire?

Sir,—Having seen how well other varieties of Canaries are catered for, I thought I would write and see what the feeling was in regard to Yorkshires in Lancashire. When you read what the Yorkshire Union are doing every year it makes you think it was time something was done in Lancashire for this variety. I am sure there are plenty of good birds to run a club, also there are plenty of shows where the patronage could be given. Hoping that some abler pen than mine will take up this matter.

The Nut.

How the Lesser Whitethroat Builds Its Nest.

Sir,—In my bird-nesting days I found several nests of the Lesser Whitethroat. These birds seemed to me very partial to certain nesting sits, a typical place being the small clearings in woods. These spots are usually covered by rank vegetation, with small briar bushes and brambles dotted here and there. In one of these briar bushes that was thickly entangled, with coarse grass and weeds, the nest would be situated, a frail looking structure about a foot from the ground, cup-shaped, but very shallow, composed of dead grass and lined with horse-hair.

E. Wear.

Rare Visitors and the Gun.

Sir,—During the spring several birds not previously known to Great Britain have paid the penalty of death for favouring us with a visit. It is well-known that if it were not for the "sportsman" with a gun, acting in many cases for collectors of rare specimens, a number of beautiful birds, such as the Hoopoe, Golden Oriole and Waxwing, would be frequently seen in our islands. Now "several examples" of the Siberian Nutcracker, and at least two Collared Flycatchers, have fallen victims. A favourite argument of the humanitarians is that if there were no bird-keepers there would be no bird catchers. Is it not more true to say that if there were no moneyed "collectors" there would be no "sportsmen" prowling in search of solitary, rare and beautiful visitors.

Bird-Keeper.

Nightingales at 7s. 6d. Apiece.

Sir,—Although I am a member of the Cage Birds League, when I read advertisements at this time of the year of Nightingales for sale at 7s. 6d. each, I cannot but sympathise with people who object to caged birds, for it is perfectly apparent that these Nightingales are fresh caught ones, seeing that such advertisements only appear after the arrival of the migrants. Here and there all through the winter there have been isolated specimens to be had for 30s. apiece, and more, but is it *likely* that tame, steady Nightingales would be sold for seven shillings and sixpence? It is a cruel act to catch them just as they have safely accomplished their long and arduous flight, and are looking forward to mating and rearing their families. Neither are they the only victims, for with the spring migration, there at once appear advertisements of Wheatears, etc., etc., to be sold at a cheap rate. *Of course*, these are wild caught birds, and Wheatears are diminishing in numbers. That quantities of birds are absolutely content and happy in their private houses—their cages—I think I know as well as anyone, after an experience of at least 30 years, but I strongly object to our native migrants being decimated.

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HYBRIDS WITH ALIEN PARENTS.

The Britisher Staunchly Supported.

Sir,—Re the interesting question raised by Mr. Meek, we would like to see this carried out, but would it be practical? We are afraid not. We are bound to agree, word for word, with Mr. F. Archer, for half prize-money, with the excessive railway charges, would simply spell ruin to the exhibitor, and he would be compelled to keep his birds at home. What would be more to the point at present would be better classification. Take the majority of schedules, the utmost they seem to be able to do for the exhibitor is "Any variety Mule or Hybrid," whereas if this were divided into two classes, say, "Any Variety Hybrid, including Canary-Bullic," and "Any Variety Mule," we venture to think that classes and shows in this section would be better supported.

T. Bowler (F. and T. Bowler).

Sir,—I have been greatly interested in the various views expressed by several fanciers in your correspondence column, under the above heading, and therefore venture to reply to Mr. Archer's letter in your last issue. Accepting Mr. Archer as a connoisseur on hen Bullfinches, I doubt very much if he could select or distinguish a German hen from a Britisher, if kept under proper conditions. Personally, I have failed to detect the outstanding features in the British hen your correspondent mentions. I am afraid I must have seen either really good Germans or possessed poor British specimens. He asks who is likely to suspect a hybrid bred from a German hen, exhibited in a class provided for British specimens. Unfortunately, all exhibitors are not true fanciers. Strictly speaking, a *fancier* is an individual with a conscience, and he would not venture to exhibit a bird in any class other than the correct one. Our "conscience makes cowards of us all," and one could not feel greatly flattered by winning unfairly. Mr. Archer is glad to see that classes are to be provided at our large shows for foreign Goldfinches and Bullfinches (have they not already been provided?), so that they will not be allowed to compete in British classes in future. I was not aware that foreign Goldfinches or Bullfinches were ever allowed to compete in classes specified for British specimens. Perhaps your correspondent could inform me at what shows foreign Goldfinches and Bullfinches competed in British classes? To return to the Hybrid controversy. This branch of aviculture needs encouragement. It is not very encouraging to the fancier with limited means to breed British Hybrids, and to know that he has to compete with the "money bags" of the Fancy, who can pay large prices for large birds, viz., Siberian hybrids. I am of the opinion that there are more British hybrids kept at home than there are sent out, owing to unfair competition. I know several well-known exhibitors who are exhibiting birds, known for a fact to be bred from Siberians in classes which clearly state "hybrids between two British birds." I contend it is quite time this state of affairs was ended. Mr. Archer states that if classes were divided the result would be that the few remarkable hybrids (he admits there are some shown in British classes) we see now and again (I presume he means birds bred from Siberians) would no longer be benched. Personally, I would rather see a really good class of British hybrids than a half-filled class possessing a remarkable specimen such as your correspondent refers to. No doubt Mr. Archer and his partner are in a position to purchase these remarkable specimens and would rather exhibit them in classes which contained their smaller relations, than in a class where foreign hybrids competed together, where competition would be keener. I should like to ask Mr. Archer if he is a breeder as well as an exhibitor of hybrids? I think Mr. Archer's chief interest in the Fancy is that of exhibiting and winning, no matter whether it be with hybrids, British (normal) or albinos.

E. A. Morris.

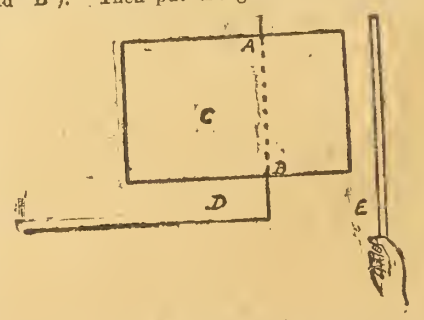
Can Glass be Cut with Scissors Under Water?

Further Amusing Differences of Opinion.

Sir,—After carefully trying repeatedly to cut glass with scissors, both under water, I have absolutely failed to perform the feat.

J. Blaine.

Sir,—My method of cutting glass is to procure a piece of iron (square or round will do), and put this in the fire, making it red hot. Take the piece of glass, notch a little out of each end where you want it cut (as seen in sketch "A" and "B"). Then put the glass on a table, or



Mr. Boyd's Method.

anything flat, with one end overhanging, as seen in sketch. Place the red hot iron flat across from A to B, and you will be surprised at the effect it produces.

A. Boyd.

Sir,—I have tried the experiment of cutting glass with scissors under water. It is quite easily done, but the glass breaks into small pieces when being cut.

Anon.

Sir,—I have cut glass with scissors many times. The glass and scissors must both be entirely plunged under water to stop vibration. Thin glass can be cut with ease, although it is not possible to get a straight edge like you do when cutting paper. It looks as though it had been sawn off.

Thos. Robson.

Sir,—It is quite true, as one or two of your correspondents have suggested, that a broken fragment of an old file will at a pinch make a tolerable substitute for a glass cutter in a small way. So will a broken fragment of any other thoroughly well hardened steel implement. The fragment only needs to be broken in such a way that it has a point—or several points—which will "bite" or get a purchase on the glass to scratch it. The cutting powers of these improvised cutters certainly seem to be improved by keeping the point moist, but do not moisten them with water. A drop of turpentine or turpentine in which a little camphor has been dissolved is the thing for the job. Having at various times been interested in many hobbies, I have come in contact with most or all of these dodges, and I do not think the little wheel glass cutter is to be beaten for the purpose in view.

Claude St. John.

Sir,—The hint that glass could be cut with scissors if the operation was performed under water was so interesting that I at once proceeded to put the matter to a practical test. I found it was possible to do so. The glass I used was comparatively thin, the scissors very ordinary, and the resulting edges very rough.

George Oglethorpe.

Sir,—Years ago this idea was given me by a plumber friend, and I used to cut glass in this way for my seed boxes, also with a red hot iron; both ideas are old, and both answer their purpose well. The scissors must be sharp.

A. E. Long.

[This correspondence is now closed.—Ed.]

How to Dry Yolk of Egg.

Sir,—My method is to place the hard-boiled yolks of eggs in a basin, mince up as fine as possible with a fork and place in a gas oven for forty minutes, taking out every five minutes to stir and mince with the fork (this prevents the eggs burning). It is imperative that the egg is thoroughly dried, otherwise it will turn mouldy. I consider this method the most satisfactory for making egg food. Keep in a tin and use as required.

Arthur Forrest.

Affairs of the Y.C. and C.B.S. of Ireland.

Sir,—Mr. Holley, the secretary of the above society, writes me that his council have unanimously decided to elect me President for this year, and I wish to decline their generous offer with thanks. Since the general body failed to elect me as vice-president at the general meeting, the position which I have held since the formation of the society, I will accept no office from the council. We got on very well without a president up to this year, and as one of the present council sent me a voting list with my name struck from the V.P. and two others substituted, and told me that for the benefit of the society a complete change would be necessary (which he and his colleagues have managed to get nearly to their ideal), we will hope for a record 1912 show, with everything they desire, as they have managed to get those "objectionables" removed, and have now no obstacle. We will also hope for an unquestionable balance sheet, with a record balance, as the fruits of their labour. By the way, I would like to know what was the result of balance sheet last year? The club seems to be carried on in secrecy; no show advertised, no monthly meetings. Well, I suppose we are to be ready when the call comes to send entries and specials, which help to draw big entries. We are to do as we are told and ask no questions. Pay our 2s. 6d. and be thankful it is taken from us. It is one of the privileges to be allowed to pay a member's sub. Wishing all shows the success they deserve.

W. Hawkins.

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Moulting Linnets for the Catching Season.

Sir,—Is there any kind reader of Cage Birds who could give me information as to the way to box a Linnet up and have him on full song when the catching season comes in? What month do you put him in the box, and what is the sort of cage used?

Norfolk Swede.

Fanciers' Societies and Public Houses.

Sir,—I was much surprised to see in your last issue that the Doncaster and District C.B.S. had committed an offence in the eyes of the would-be fanciers. What a pity is it that Mr. Abbott had driven it so long in making up his mind to become a member of the above society, when it is possible his vote would have been the means of its meetings not being taken to a "pub." Mr. A. must be very short-sighted, or he would see by the society's doings, since its formation in July, 1910, that every encouragement has been given to fanciers in the district (which has been extended to 12 miles radius) to become members. In conclusion, allow me to give Mr. Abbott a pressing invitation to join this society of honest and hard-working fanciers who are determined not to rest until Doncaster can boast of one of the strongest cage bird societies in the country.

G. Thomas.

Is a Specialist Norwich Club Wanted in the Midlands?

Sir,—The meeting advertised to be held in Birmingham on Saturday last could not be held owing to the non-attendance of fanciers, and to put the matter lightly, this must have been very disappointing to Mr. Collier, after the expenditure of much time and expense in bringing the matter forward. Mr. Collier assures me he had been promised support by about twenty fanciers belonging to Birmingham, West Bromwich, and Wolverhampton Societies, but only three persons attended, while a letter of regret for non-attendance was received from the Wolverhampton chairman, and enclosing half-a-dozen names for membership. It makes one wonder whether a Norwich Plainhead Specialist Club is wanted in the Midlands at all, and if fanciers wish Mr. Collier to continue his efforts on their behalf, a great deal more enthusiasm must be shown if the Wolverhampton Society's desires are to be attained. A club containing only members of the three societies previously mentioned seems to me to be of little advantage from the "entries" side of the matter, seeing that the inter-club cup competition is a great success in that respect; but if the Norwich fanciers in Staffs, Derby, Leicester, Coventry, etc., joined, then we should have plenty of competition, and our patronage would be sought for by those wanting a bumping entry in our section at their shows, while special prizes would be found by the new club for competition amongst its members at those shows. The suggested club was broached to me while secretary of the Birmingham C.B.S., and if the Norwich men really want one, now is the time to say go "or for ever after hold their peace." Mr. Collier's address is 110, Abbey Road, Bearwood, Birmingham.

J. H. de Maillet.

Early Nesting and Rambles.

Some Hints about Young Birds.

Sir,—I do not think I can remember so many early nests and nestlings as reported this year. The season being so open, the birds started nesting much earlier than usual. Nests with young of both the Blackbird and Thrush were fit to take early in April, and budding fanciers have in some cases procured the first nests in the hopes of getting (as most generally is the case) the most cocks in the early nests. In my experience of many years, when I used to hand-rear so many nests, I always found that four out of five young in the Blackbird's earlier nests were cocks, and as the season went on and the late nests, the second brood most of the young would be hens. I found out that it was not of much use to raise them, so I left them alone, and always went into raising the early broods. In raising or trying, too, the early nests, I can give you five instances of this season, which might be of some interest to those who wish to hand-rear a nest of young birds; in fact, of any kind, that the principal secret lies in keeping them warm at night. The food may be all right during the day, but the nights have been so cold; that's where the loss comes in. All five cases which these young would-be fanciers tried to raise were lost through their getting off the nests and getting cold. If they could be kept all together they would help to keep each other warm, but when they get separated they feel the cold and soon succumb, as the nights have been very cold during the second week in April, although the days have been summer-like. Now, anyone out on their rambles and find a nest of young and wish to raise them, care must be taken to keep them warm at nights, besides covering them up with flannel. The flannel is not like the old birds sitting on them to produce the warmth. A good plan I once adopted over some young Nightingales was an old hot-water bottle, which I filled with boiling water and placed in a box and put the nest on that, which kept them nice and warm all night. This I kept up until they were well feathered. By this simple means they came on apace. Before I tried this dodge I had lost several nests of the more hardy kinds, so now when I have anything good I use the bottle. Another great secret is the early morning feeding as soon as it is daylight. That, of course, means a lot of extra trouble, but it is well worth it for a few weeks only; besides being healthy for yourself.

Nimrod.

From a Photo [*by D. Recks.*

A Group of Bird-Lovers at the Country Outing of the Dulwich and Peckham C.B.S.

The Shows.

ILFORD & COUNTY F. & F.S.

Table show held St. Luke's Institute, 14th May. Entries were fair. Mr. W. L. Rae judged. The awards which gave every satisfaction were as follows:—NOR., 1, Priestman; YORKS., 1 (spl., 2nd best), 2, 3, Res., Skinner; BRIT. 1, 2, Oliver, 3, Card; FOR. 1 and spl. 2, 3, Reed; res., Priestman.

SHEFFIELD O.S.

A Grand Array of Foreign Birds.

A tit-bit in the birdie world of Sheffield was the table show of foreign birds, held May 7, at the Rose and Crown Hotel, Waingate, under the auspices of the Sheffield O.S. Mr. T. Dawn presided, and was ably supported by Messrs. J. Woodall and H. J. Chick, of Nottingham, and all the principal exhibitors and fanciers of Sheffield and district. It was indeed a great night; 45 birds were staged, and these included some of the rarest species in the country, some of them having scored premier honours at the Palace show. Many open all England shows cannot boast of 45 foreigners. The interest taken in this particular section by the Men of Steel is very great, and there are indications of other members adopting the strangers from foreign lands. The leading exhibits included Yellow Rumped Parrakeets, pair of Brown's Parrakeets, pair of Spotted Bower Birds, Cuban Finches, American Nonpareils, Red-headed and Black-headed Gouldian Finches, and Diamond Sparrows. All these were staged by Mr. G. Fletcher. Other notable exhibits were grand Eclectus Leadbeater Cockatoo, Red-cheeked Lovebirds, pair Pintailed Nonpareils, and many other small species of the commoner varieties. A very able lecture on the keeping and exhibiting of foreign birds was given by Mr. E. E. Smith, who also placed the cards. This was en-

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Annual show, held May 14, in glorious weather, being, as usual, in connection with the old-established Horse, etc., Show, shelter being provided for the cage bird section. The classification was meagre, especially in the Canary section, two classes only provided in the open, and these, according to the wording of the schedule, confined to Yellows, which no doubt accounted for the small entry. We hope that the committee in their own interest will give this consideration another year to improve matters. The secretary, Mr. D. R. Evans, and the stewards worked hard, and did well. The attendance was very good all day. A few of our best birds graced the show once more, the chief exhibitors being Mr. W. H. Williams (Llangoed), and Mr. R. E. Griffith (Carnarvon), who had a field day. Mr. T. H. Furness made the awards.

The Critique

NOR., CL. OR TKD.: 1, W. H. Williams, grand cl. yell., nice size and substance, full of quality, rich colour, the Menai Bridge winner, in grand form, stood out well; 2, Hugh Ellis, foul mkd. buff green, good colour and feather; 3, Mary Evans, varieg., huff, fair size and quality. YORKS., CL., or TKD.: 1, R. E. Griffith, thigh ticked yell. hen, natural col., good length, plenty of leg, nice position and feather; 2, 3, Edgar Price, yell., plenty of length, shade, thick, grand stock bird, latter nice cinn. head tkd. yell.; res., G. H. Williams. HYB.: 1, 2, 3, res., R. E. Griffiths, 1st, dark buff Siskin, nice type and quality, in good form, won, 2nd, four-pointed buff Goldie Can., very neat; 3, dark Goldie, good size and colour; vhc, Mrs. E. Jones; hc, Price; c, E. Roberts. BRIT. GOLDFINCH: 1, W. H. Williams, very typical, good sound coloured blaze, nice tan and markings, lustrous sheen, in the pink; 2, R. E. Griffith, good grey pate, nice size and colour, some feathers missing in the flights; 3, Price, another nice grey-pate; res., vhc, Edward Jones, well known, good birds all over; hc, J. Roberts. HARDBILL, A.O.V.: 1, 2, W. H. Williams, both well known, Bullie winning, in excellent form, rare size, shape and colour, good polish; 2, Hawfinch monster, in superb form, hard to find fault with. SOFTBILL: Cancelled. FOREIGN: 1, H. Jones, nice Amazon Parrot; 2, G. Edwards; 3, Williams. BRIT. GOLDFINCH, NOV. (6 miles radius): 1, B. Lewis; 2, J. O. Richards; 3, Pierce; res., O. J. Griffith. CAN., A.V. (6 miles radius): 1, Ellis, stood 2nd in open; 2, M. Evans, noted in open class; 3, J. E. Jones; res., W. Griffith.

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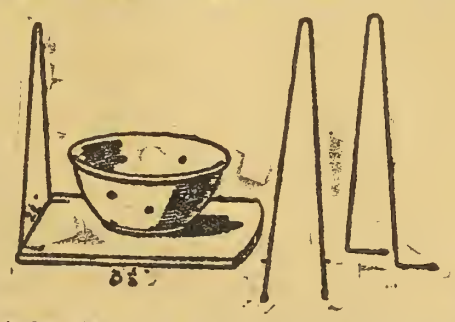
Sent by Wm. Shakespeare, 233, Kentish Town Road, N.W.

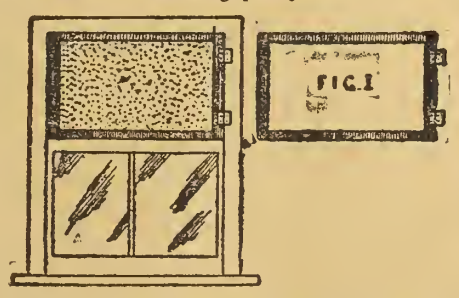
The best nest-pan holder I have ever used is easily made by anyone, or a wire worker would supply them for about sixpence a dozen. I have discarded all my old wire brackets, as I find this one is firmer and safer. Cut a piece of wire to a length of nine and a half



inches, flatten out the ends, and bend each at right angles for three-quarters of an inch. Drive the ends into a piece of wood, and the holder is complete. Glue the nest pan to the wood.

No. 593.
A Combined Draught Screen and Sun Blind.
Sent by W. Bloomfield, 28, Havenhill Road, Balham.

Now that we shall be having the warm and sunny days and the youngsters are leaving the nest, the order will be open windows, as fresh air is the finest tonic they can have. At the same time, we must guard against draughts, the deadly enemy of cage birds, and I have found the following "idea" a preventive, at the same time allowing plenty of fresh air to



enter the room. Measure top half inside of window frame, and get four strips of wood 1½in. wide, ¼in. thick, and make a frame, as Fig. 1—a simple thing to do. Now get a piece of common unbleached calico half an inch larger than frame (this is to turn under to prevent tearing) and tack on to frame, and get a small pair of hinges, screw on side of frame and then on to window frame (the same as an ordinary door). It can then be shut or open at will. The same screen will also act as a sun blind during the period of moulting.

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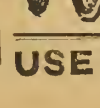

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Habits of the Charming Willow Wren.

In spite of his small size, the Willow Wren is one of the most conspicuous birds of our summer visitors. He is not at all shy, and one can stand under the branches of a large tree and watch him with ease as he flits from branch to branch, peering under the leaves for tiny insects and caterpillars, and stopping from time to time to warble his pretty little song. This graceful little bird is frequently seen in village gardens in the South, and nests in suitable spots in some of them. One occasionally visits the writer's premises, hunting over the fruit and rose trees, going from one to another carefully searching each twig and cluster of leaves. No doubt green fly and small maggots are its principal find, and as these are generally fairly numerous, on the trees, we are careful not to disturb our visitor, although anxious to watch him and note his active habits. The Willow Wren is frequently confused with the Chiff Chaff and Wood Wren, but it is more brightly coloured than the Chiffchaff, and has a paler eye stripe than the Wood Wren. It is much more numerous than either. Its pretty song is quite a distinguishing feature, for the bird is one of the brightest and sweetest singers visiting us in the summer. The song is somewhat short, and lacking in variety, but is delivered in such a sprightly simple manner that it is really charming. The nest of the Willow Warbler is dome-shape, and rather difficult to find, as it is generally situated upon the ground among the grass and coarse herbage, and possibly sheltered by the overhanging branches of a small bush, although one the writer located last season was quite in the open in an old chalk pit, the nest being placed under a thick branch of dead woodbine. It was composed mostly of moss, and assimilated so well with the surroundings that although the fact of the sitting bird flying off disclosed its presence, it was not for some minutes that it could be properly located. The Willow Wren is one of the early arrivals in this country, and proclaims his presence by commencing to sing at once, and he may be heard still singing when the harvest waggons are trundling along the country lanes.

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A Royal Pair of Parrakeets.

By the Rev. C. D. FARRAR.

No. 25 of the series "Through a Birdroom Window," specially written for CAGE BIRDS by this popular aviculturist.

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FOR many years I longed to breed King Parrakeets, but as usual, the difficulty was to get a Queen, for that is the name by which the female King is known in the trade. One can generally secure a King, for they are excellent show birds, and generally manage to catch the judge's eye—I suppose because the most ignorant judge can recognise a King—and if you ask him why he has passed over some very rare specimen and put the King first, he will not tell you that he did not know what the other bird was, but will dwell long on the lovely colours of the bird of his choice. In my time I have been the proud owner of many Kings, from the raw young nestling that I fondly hoped might prove a hen, down to the venerable old fellow whose age could only be guessed at. Once I bought one that the man assured me was five years old, but I felt very like the village rustics at a funeral when some old inhabitant passes away; they take a last look at the coffin plate to see how old he was, and some shake their heads, as if, even in the grave, he was not quite candid about his age. I always thought that that King looked more than his five years!

Introducing the Royal Couple.

One day I made up my mind that I should like to breed Kings, and therefore I set about looking for a Queen. As luck would have it, Fortune favoured me. I happened to be writing to Mr. Arthur, of Melksham, about something else, and in his answer he happened to say that he had a good Queen for sale for 25s. Would I care for it? My readers will guess what my answer was. A few days later the lady arrived, and proved all that had been said about her. I at once introduced her to my King by placing their cages side by side. I am too old and experienced a hand to put two strange birds at once together, especially if they are of opposite sexes. An old writer says that it is necessary that a man who visits ladies should wear good clothes, even to magnificence, if he may do so without impairing his fortune. The expense we make in habits bears us through all, as an ingenious man once said; it opens all doors to us, and always procures us an obliging reception, and as the exterior part, striking first the sight, is that which makes the first impression on our spirits, doubtless we ought to take some care to render that impression favourable. Nature has clothed the King Parrakeet in the most gorgeous colours. They may be a little loud for some tastes, but they are undeniably striking. A King Parrakeet, with his vivid scarlet and green uniform, is sure to catch the Speaker's eye in any company. My bird evidently pleased the lady's eye, and they were soon on the best of terms.

Of course the bars of the cages were a drawback to their close and intimate relationship, but at the same time they enabled me to judge of the dispositions of the two birds before putting them together.

For a week I kept the birds under observation, and then I thought there would be no danger in putting them together. I accordingly placed the cages side by side, opened the door of the King's prison, and let him pass into the lady's chamber. Babel was a Quaker meeting to what went on. They screamed at each other till you could hear them all over the garden; but I am bound to say I believe it was only a rather exuberant way of expressing joy, as no harm was done to anybody's person. Still, for a time, I kept a careful watch, for I can run no risks. I have skirted too close to the rocks of Death to enjoy the sensation, and I must confess that for a time my heart played postman at my ribs.

After a while the screeching ceased, and when I stole away they were sitting comfortably side by side on their perch, like a regular Darby and Joan.

Two Strings to the Bow.

My readers will hardly believe me, I fear, when I tell them that after waiting in vain for Queens for years, I actually got hold of two in a fortnight; but, as we say of the weather, it never rains but it pours, so it is sometimes of Bird-dom. In making this revelation, I shelter myself under the authority of Goethe, who remarks on such grand old tales as those of Horatius and Scævola: if the Romans were great enough to invent those stories, we ought to be great enough to believe them. I hope my readers will believe me, when I tell them that I once actually had two Queens at the same time. There is nothing like having two strings to your bow, as then if anything goes wrong you have something to fall back upon. I regret to say that my King was an exceedingly greedy bird, and would never let his wife feed, till he had done. He reminded me of Peter Bridge Ward, who, when moved to an act of piety, assigned to the pilgrim's use the ill-baked bannock which the bairns couldn't eat.

Jealousy At Court.

I was rather glad when I got my second Queen; but I found that you can have too much of even a good bird. The awful jealousy that these hens exhibited towards each other was painful to witness. The cock seemed quite unable to settle so long as both dear charmers were within sight or hearing; so I reluctantly determined to part with one. My readers will all remember how Master Mills' double-bladed knife with a corkscrew in it was sent by his stepmother to the missionaries, and even so can an inconvenient bird be always utilised as a wedding present, or a Christmas gift, especially if the receiver lives somewhere near you, so that in case of anything going wrong at home, you can either buy it back, or, better still, get it on loan!

The hen I retained was a particularly fine one. It reminded me of Mrs. Gamp's oracular sayings anent a certain cucumber: "I don't believe a finer cowcumber was ever growed. I'm sure I never see one." I had kept the pair in a perfectly cold room all the winter to harden them off; and so I had no great qualms about turning them out when the days began to get warm towards the beginning of April. Luckily for me, it was a particularly genial spring, or I might have paid for my temerity by the loss of the Queen with egg-binding. But there, we have to take these risks with Parrakeet breeding; for they all go to nest early, and if you waited till the weather was really warm you would lose a year. Of course, when I am going in for early breeding, I take care to provide a warm and well-sheltered aviary. Then if the birds are in good fettle they will take but little harm. I gave them two or three ideal logs to choose from, but they would have nothing to do with them. I don't know how it is, and I can't say whether mine is an exceptional experience, but I have found that both Kings and Rock Peplars prefer to nest on the ground in some retired corner. It is very disconcerting to the owner, as it gives him agonising fears as to the fate of the eggs and young at the jaws of marauding rats and the scamperings of inquisitive mice; but when the hen Parrakeet selects a site for her home, mortals can only bow before her decision. Still I saw before me a vista of very dark possibilities.

The Queen Commences Housekeeping.

For some days the Queen groped about in a corner, endlessly shaping the spot to her liking, though so far as I could see she did little or nothing but turn round and round an indefinite number of times and collect a few stray chips and little bits of wood. But one morning as I looked through the wires I saw the gleam of something white in the shadow. It reminded me of the skull of historic fame which Kasper's little grandchild found beside the cottage door, and which was so large and smooth and round.

The egg really did look very big for the size of the bird, and it was certainly smooth and round. On three successive mornings she added one more, and then she settled down to sit, just like an old broody hen. The King meanwhile spent most of his time in sleeping. Probably he was getting ready for the hard work which he knew lay before him. Occasionally he would make a remark to his wife, and then shut his eyes and relapse into slumber. Once or twice during the time of incubation I saw a mouse, bolder than the rest, run quite close to the nest, and then the Queen would give a vicious dab at it, which, had it reached its mark, would have ended an interesting career on the spot. At the end of the three weeks I got up very early in the morning to see what had happened to the eggs. The parents were suspicious, clearly; and, with the lower creatures, as with men, the best rule in such a case is to act naturally, with more quietness than usual, and give them time to forget their suspicions. I accordingly stepped quietly into the aviary, hoping that the hen might shift her position sufficiently to permit me to see if anything was moving under her. I was delighted to see a little bit of yellow fluff, which told me that the good beginning had been made, which I hoped would make good ending. The hen hardly ever left the nest for days, but at stated periods the cock would descend to earth and feed her, and she then passed on the nutriment to the babies. After a time the Queen flew up on a branch and the cock fed her there; and then they would both visit the nest, in which there were now three youngsters, and feed them. At first they were a bit shy about feeding *coram populo*, but after a while they seemed to consider me a necessary evil. It is not often that you can watch a nest of baby Parrakeets from the first moment of their existence till they can proudly sit nodding on a branch. The only other time I have been able to do so was in the case of my baby Rock Peplar, who, like these little Kings, was born behind a brick.

The Royal Family Growing Up.

At the end of a fortnight they resembled three little porcupines. In a few more days the sheaths of the feathers burst, and they were very like their mother, except that they had not a beautiful tail like she has, but only a sort of little paint brush. They grew wonderfully fast, and at the end of five weeks were quite a respectable size, but, of course, only about half that of the old birds. In their first feathers they all resembled youthful Queens. It is not for two or three seasons that the cock assumes his gorgeous scarlet coat. I was proud of those three birds, and my eyes flew from one to another, like bees from flower to flower. As they sat side by side on an old apple branch they looked as innocent as a boy on an errand, and St. Anthony had no harder fight with the ladies he was impolite enough to call demons, than I in resisting the temptation to take another look at those birds. We all like something new. Nature has no more interesting illusion than that of turning over a new leaf or beginning a new life. I suppose it is the same feeling as makes my little dog shake the sheep-skin mats when overjoyed at my return.

I intended to keep the happy family together till the following year, but Fate ruled otherwise; for the King turned so spiteful that I felt that the only way to save the family was to remove them out of the paternal circle. I accordingly caught them up and transferred them to another compartment, and saw all my splendid creations dissolve like Ariel's pageant. It is very seldom that birds, when they want to go to nest again, will tolerate the presence of a former family. Parrots never will.

Shattered Hopes.

I put these youngsters, unthinkingly, into a recently painted aviary, never dreaming of harm. True, the paint smelt a bit strong; but it never struck me it would hurt the birds. Alas, it did. The next morning they did not look well. It is easy to tell when a Parrakeet is not well if you are experienced. That evening they were very mopy, and did a deal of sleeping and a lot of drinking, which I knew was a bad sign. They gradually got worse and worse. It was a case of painter's colic, and soon I had three lovely corpses. I sent them to a taxidermist, and when they came back I wished I had given them decent burial. For years they confronted me in a big box with a glass front, till I could bear it no longer, and I gave them away. I suppose, as such things go, it was a rather fine specimen of the taxidermist's art. It ought no doubt to have reminded me of that large domed edifice in the Duke of Hamilton's park—something like the tomb of Theoderic at Ravenna. It was erected by the last duke for himself, his son, grandson and his nine predecessors. "What a grand sight it will be," he said, "when twelve Dukes of Hamilton rise together at the Doom." I suppose I ought to have felt something like that, but I never could.

I felt very wretched, but I consoled myself like the widower who inscribed on his wife's tombstone "The light of my life has gone out," and who excused himself to her successor by adding "but I have struck another." For I at once got the old birds to go to nest again, and ere long was rewarded with another family. You may be sure that when they needed to be moved into new quarters I did not put them into a newly painted one.

TIMELY HINTS.

Our New Helpful Competition

Four prizes of 2s. 6d. each (cash, or our books to value, at option of winners) given weekly to the senders of the four best Hints. All hints must be WRITTEN ON POST-CARDS, *with sender's name and address at foot, and reach us by Monday's post.*

When Hand-rearing Birds.

[Winner of Half-crown Prize.]

A useful appliance for hand-rearing Finches or Warblers is a feather with most of the web cut from each side, just leaving about half an inch of web on the quill to feed the young birds with. I find this very satisfactory, as it does not bruise the mouths of the "babies" like the hollowed-out stick.—R. Blake (Overross Road, Ross, Herefordshire).

Egg-eating Hen Finches.

[Winner of Half-crown Prize.]

Many fanciers like myself, who have to go to work early in the morning, find on their return that the hen Finches have eaten their eggs. The safest method is to procure two nest pans, one larger than the other. Half fill the small one with bran or sawdust. Pierce a hole, large enough for the egg to pass through, in the bottom of the larger one, and place it on the top of the smaller one, and hang up in the cage or flight. When the Finches lay, their eggs will drop out of sight and will be safe until you get home. I have tried this and been successful.—E. Toulson (3, Powell Street, Worsbro' Dale, near Barnsley).

Marbles as Dummy Eggs.

I have found marbles placed under the hens while laying their clutches of eggs answer quite as good as dummy eggs, and much cheaper.—David Higgs (Tipton).

To Prevent Plucking of Young.

Get an old piece of veil or window curtain, about six inches square, fill with feathers, afterwards closing it and fastening tight with string. Then place same inside cage, just within reach of the hen. This you will find will prevent even the most forward hens from plucking their young. This device will also answer for the birds when beginning to nest, as it will prevent the littering of the cage floor with nesting material.—F. G. Ball (Shotton).

Cook the Red Mite.

[Winner of Half-crown Prize.]

If troubled with red mite in a small singing cage, take the bird out and put the cage in the oven after the "missis" has cooked the meat, and so cook the mite and its eggs. Put the nest pan in also before letting the hen sit, as very often it has already got some in it; and when changing the nest pan for the young ones, put the pan in the oven at once—don't leave it lying about for the mite to escape.—E. James (73, Carlisle Street, Splott, Cardiff).

Preventing Bird-cages Marking Walls.

To prevent a cage from marking walls, or wall paper, cut four cork studs from a bottle cork, and glue one on each corner of cage. This idea will also prevent red mite from harbouring between back of cage and wall.—M. Hopper (Millbeck).

Cheap Nest Linings.

Get a yard of carpet felt 1½yd. wide, costing a shilling. Cut into five-inch squares; round off the corners and cut a V-shape out about an inch at the top edge, and cut a hole in the centre. Tack in the nest pan. It makes a nice warm lining for the birds. This quantity makes six dozen linings.—Mrs. Manners (79, York Road, East Ham).

To Preserve Dandelion Seed.

[Winner of Half-crown Prize.]

A method I found very successful last year, and have again this season, is to gather the dandelion flower just after the flower has closed and the fluffy part forms on top, then with a pair of scissors snip off the fluff just clear of the seed, then cut seed head off the stem and put in a shallow box (cardboard for preference) with a piece of glass on top, and put in the sun to dry (by so doing you will have no fluffy litter flying about the room or cages). When dry, the seed will then shake out, and can be stored away in paper bags until required. For use this year up to now I have dried nearly a pint.—H. Jones (3, Brightside Road, Hither Green).

An Interesting New Book.

THE FLIGHT OF BIRDS, by F. W. Headley, author of "The Structure and Life of Birds." Crown 8 vo.; price 5s. net. Published by Witherby and Co., 326, High Holborn, London, W.C.

An intensely interesting investigation, written in a style delightfully devoid of abstruseness, and technical terms. The question "How does a bird fly?" is very fully answered in this volume, and the solution is given in terms that may be understood by everyone. The structure of a bird's wing is explained, and illustrated by simple diagrams, and different forms of wings are shown in some very well-executed photographs. Besides the text drawings, there are fifty or more photographs of flying birds shewn in the sixteen plates contained in the volume. Many of these are strikingly beautiful, and all of them go to elucidate in the clearest possible manner the letterpress.

The majority of the photographs are of Pigeons, but they include also some striking representations of the flight of Gulls. Not the least interesting part of the work is the comparison between aeroplanes and birds, in the course of which much interesting information is given relating to man's latest conquest of the air. Altogether the volume may be unreservedly recommended to all interested in a truly fascinating subject.

Nests of Birds, Poultry, etc., should be regularly sprinkled with KEATING'S POWDER, especially when hens are sitting. Don't forget to do this just previous to the eggs hatching, to destroy the Red Mite. Kills all insects. Harmless to everything else.

Club Reports.

BURTON-ON-TRENT C.B.S.

Monthly meeting, held May 7th, at the Staffordshire Knot. The question of using closed rings was laid before the members, and after a lengthy discussion on the advantages and disadvantages of the closed rings, it was decided to leave the matter open. Nest feather show, July 20. Birds to be staged at 2.30. Mr. Walton (Leicester) judge.—A. Wood, Sec.

HALTWHISTLE C.B.S.

Meeting held May 13, Mr. William Pope in the chair. The following new members were elected: Messrs. W. Reid, J. J. Hutchinson, W. Howe, J. Wray, J. Bowes, J. Bowerbank, T. Fawcett, T. Keen, W. Graham. Nest feather show, July 20. Classes: Borders, Norwich and Yorkshires (3 each), Mules and A.O.V. As this is our first attempt at a Nest Feather show, we hope all the members will try and make it a success.—Nicholson and Tailantyre, Hon. Secs.

BRADFORD EAST O.S.

The arrangements that were made for a visit to Ingleton on Whit Tuesday afternoon will have to be cancelled, as no half-day excursion will be run on the Tuesday. Thus railway arrangements have interfered with both rambles this year, and no doubt the officials will arrange one on a Saturday afternoon a little later on, in order to allay the disappointment this has caused. Members reading this would greatly oblige if they would communicate the postponement to any member or members they may meet during the holidays. Don't forget the First Feather show on June 8.—H. Hill, Sec.

LONGTON C.B.S.

Monthly meeting held May 14 at Castle Inn. Mr. D. Barker in chair, before a good attendance of members. Two new members elected; Messrs. J. Peake (Stoke), W. Hickman (Longton). F.F. show, July 6, at Portland Hotel; two open classes, 1 Nor., 1 Yorks, for members of North Staffs. Societies; Mr. F. Bate, judge. Birds staged at 2. Specials total 7 up to the present. Mr. J. Pitchford gave a paper on colour feeding for the show bench. Afterwards Mr. Pitchford offered to answer questions, but he had so explained his subject that it was impossible to put any questions. A vote of thanks was unanimously given to Mr. Pitchford. A good number of members is essential for the progress of the Society.—Geo. Lea, Corres. Sec.

NEWCASTLE C.B.S.

Committee meeting, May 16. Mr. C. Crawhall, in chair. On the proposition of Mr. Crawhall and seconded by Mr. Tindall, a vote of sympathy was passed with Mrs. Taylor, on the death of her husband, Mr. Thos. Taylor, our esteemed fellow member and committeeman. Mr. Taylor will be sadly missed by fanciers in the North. Correspondence read from Cinnamon C.C., Northern Lizard Club, Yorkshire C.C., E. and W. B. F.C., Norwich P.C., Border Fancy C., Green Canary Assn., and Nat. B.B. and M.C. Will members who intend going to picnic on Whit Monday to Bothal kindly note they must take their own eatables with them; train leaves 1.30 p.m.; meet station (Central) 1.10 p.m. Annual subscriptions must be paid before being able to show at nest feather show, June 22. —J. W. Reed, Sec.

ANNFIELD PLAIN AND DISTRICT

Meeting held May 11th; chair taken by Mr. J. Hall. Messrs. McKay and J. Biddle were elected members. This society is going up by leaps and bounds, and still we strongly advise fanciers to join us. It was decided to change our meeting place. Next place of meeting I will notify in Fancy press. A deputation formed to inspect school for show January 4th next, reported that school gives every satisfaction, plenty of light, and free from draughts, convenient in every way, close to station; also a separate room for the cage birds. Birdie men please remember we are doing our utmost for you. We strongly plead for your support to make our first venture a success. Re prize drawing, I strongly urge members to do their utmost in selling these books; they mean £20 to us, so "buck up" and let us see this sum of money behind us. Any members who have not received these rings kindly apply to me.—J. W. Chiston, Sec.

COWDENBEATH C.B.S.

Usual monthly meeting, held Crown Hotel, May 15th, Mr. A. Anderson presiding. Agreed to engage the Drill Hall Stenhouse Street, from 15th to the 17th November inclusive. Judges appointed:—Borders, J. Patterson (Chirnside); Yorks., J. W. Bruce (Coldstream); Norwich, C. Campbell (Glasgow); Cresta, G. Arnott (Sinclairtown); Scotch and British judges were delayed, awaiting replies. Estimates for show printing, agreed to delay till secretary enquire re marked catalogues. Decided to apply for patronage of all specialist clubs. Club smoker will be held in the Old Inn (Mr. Lean's), June 4th, begin at 6.30 p.m. Decided to ask Mr. McLean to supply sixpenny pies and two refreshments; admission to be 1s. All members present gave in their names. Would all members who intend going kindly let secretary or members of committee know at once, as this will be a special order, and we will require to know the number to cater for. Next monthly meeting, Commercial Hotel (A. Campbell's), June 19th, when we intend going over the show rules.—R. Reid, Sec.

CINNAMON C.C.

Annual general meeting held at Blackburn, May 9. Mr. L. Roberts in the chair. A letter was read from Mr. Stephen Wilson, offering a silver medal for most points gained by a member joining in 1912. Same was accepted, and a vote of thanks passed to Mr. Wilson. Free membership is to be given to non-members for most points in Cinnamon classes. Societies to notify secretary if they are providing Cinnamon classes. Patronage granted to Newcastle, Manchester (club show), Liverpool, Bradford (Cinderella), Aberdeen, Scottish National, and Palace. Five classes to be provided, including one for novices, at every show. In future, points gained in foul classes not to count for season's specials. Mr. Heys brought forward a scheme for amateur exhibitors; this left over until the specials are allotted. The question of purchasing trophy was gone into, and the following are the subscribers to date, and the Secretary was instructed to purchase the trophy. Messrs. Deacon, £2 2s.; W. Dormer, 10s. 6d.; J. Wones, 10s.; J. W. Metcalfe, 5s.; H. Smalley, 5s.; J. Norman, 2s. 6d.; L. Roberts, 2s.; Hartup, 2s. 6d.; T. Proctor, 2s.; W. Hales, 2s. 6d.; S. Wilson, 5s.; W. Chubb, 2s. 6d. One or two dates remain open, so societies that wish for our patronage apply at once, please.—J. W. Metcalfe, Hon. Sec.

WEST STANLEY C.B.S.

Monthly meeting, May 18, Mr. W. Butler in chair. Schedule adopted for annual open show. Open classes: 4 Nor., 5 Crest and C.B., 7 Yorks, 5 Bord., 1 A.O.V., 3 selling, 2 Mule or Hybrid, 7 British, 2 Foreign; 35 classes in all. At next meeting a schedule will be drawn up for the members' classes.—W. Elliott.

SPRINGBURN & POSSIL PK. C.B.C

Monthly meeting and show of British held in Reid Hall, May 8. Mr. A. Sloan, the President, judged the birds. Awards: Light Mule or Hyb., 1, F. Taylor; 2, 3, J. Dunlop. Dark, 1, W. Dunlop. Bramble or Chaffinch, 1, 2, R. Reid, 3. 5, A. Gordon, 4, J. Dunlop. Bunting, A.S., 1, J. Crawford; 2, A. Gordon; 3, 4, J. Dunlop.—J. Waugh, Sec. and Treas.

CHOPWELL C.B.S.

Meeting held May 18, in Club Hall. There was a moderate attendance of members as usual. Mr. W. Carr was elected treasurer, Mr. M. Simpson chairman (pro tem), and Mr. J. Walker a vice-president. Open show on Oct. 5. Decided to apply for the patronage of the N.B.B.M. and F.B.C., N.Y.C.C., and N.B. and S.F.C. Next meeting, Club Hall, June 1, at 6 o'clock. All members and intending members please try to attend.—W. Tomlinson, Hon. Sec.

MORPETH C.B.S.

Monthly meeting held May 10th, Mr. H. Seely in the chair. There was a good attendance of members, and four new ones were enrolled. Everything seems to augur well for the success of our next show. Intending members should send in their names, or come to our next meeting, June 10, when we shall be pleased to welcome them. Members who have not yet paid their subscriptions kindly do so at their earliest convenience.—E. Cowling (Hon. Sec.).

HULL C.B.S.

Annual ramble fixed for June 1st, when the committee hope all members will make a special effort to go, and bring their friends. Barton-on-Humber is the venue, and members and friends are requested to meet at the Victoria Pier, at 1.15, in time to catch the 1.30 boat. A cheap booking has been arranged, 1s. return fare. Tea at 6 o'clock at the Red Lion Hotel, Barton. After tea a convivial evening will be arranged, at which Mr. F. H. Stamford will preside. It is hoped all members will stay and make the concert as big a success as the past rambles at this place have been. —E. A. R. Ridley, Hon. Sec.

NORTH LONDON C.B.A.

Monthly meeting held May 15th, at headquarters. A very interesting and instructive paper on Mule Breeding was read by Mr. G. Mortlock. In answering the questions on the various crossings, Mr. G. Mortlock gave ample proof of the life study he has given in this direction, and the members' thanks are due to him for the splendid support he gives us. It is a great pity the members do not show their appreciation by attending in larger numbers. I trust they will take the opportunity at our next meeting to be held on June 19th, when Mr. A. J. A. Marley is due with a paper on British Birds, and judging by last year's, we are in for an enjoyable and instructive evening. Another very pleasant item was the presentation to the Association of a handsome silver cup for the British section. This was given by W. Raymond Greene, Esq., M.P., to whom the members accorded a hearty and unanimous vote of thanks. The cup will be on view at our next meeting, which I trust will be a record.—P. H. Jeffries, Hon. Sec.

NATIONAL GREEN-MARKED Y.C.C

Annual general meeting held Market Tavern, Bradford, May 18th, Mr. H. H. Towers presiding. The balance-sheet was adopted as being satisfactory, showing a balance in hand of £1 3s. 11d. The following officers were elected:—President, Mr. W. A. Cowgill; vice-pres., Messrs. A. Brown and T. Ogden; hon. sec. and treas., Mr. E. Clegg, Victoria School House, Dewsbury; committee (inside Yorkshire), Messrs. W. Crabtree, C. Pickup, R. Sutcliffe, H. W. Walsh, L. Dykes, J. Bailey, S. Dean, H. Hill, H. H. Towers, and F. Townsend; outside Yorkshire, Messrs. T. C. Crawhall, J. W. Ramsden, R. C. Bullen, A. Hirst, and J. Currie; district representatives, Messrs. H. W. Battye (Huddersfield), J. W. Middleton (Keighley), H. Ramsden (Leeds), and C. Morrison (Brighouse); auditors, Messrs. R. Halliday and S. Dean; scrutineers, Messrs. F. Allen and S. B. Grayshon. The following new members were enrolled: F. Oldfield, J. E. Pickup, M. Moore, and Pearson. Revision of rule: That an amateur is one who has not won more than three first prizes. Decided that the competitions, specials, etc., be left in the hands of the new committee.—E. Clegg, Hon. Sec.

LONDON AND PROVINCIAL O.S.

An Interesting Lecture on Softbills.

Monthly meeting at The Raglan, May 16th, Mr. Crabb in the chair. A large number of members were present to hear Mr. Otto Puck's lecture on Softbills. Mr. Puck said, in opening, that he was a member of the L. and P.O.S. 25 years ago, but dropped out from the society for some time, and re-joined about 12 months ago. He did not like the name of "bird-fancier," but liked bird-keeper much better. Mr. Puck gave some very interesting and amusing anecdotes of his early days, when he started keeping Warblers and Nightingales. He said Nightingales must be fed on live food, and this must consist of various grubs, also dry "ant eggs," worms, and gentles. Staple food to consist of ant eggs and "whiteworm." Food must be crumbly moist. Blackcaps must have fruit all the year round. Water was one of the principal things; it must be fresh every day, and a bath was an important necessity. Cage must be large, so that the birds may be able to use their wings, the top being soft. Mr. Puck advised using the box pattern cage, as it excluded the draughts, and he showed a very fine cage with side panels of glass which could be removed, and also a dome to place on the top of cage after removing a part of the original top, this dome being surrounded with artificial foliage. The perches of this cage were covered with india-rubber, so as to be soft to the birds' feet, and were of different thicknesses. Mr. Puck said there were three periods of the year which were very trying with Softbills. First, when they were fresh caught, then the cage should have a false roof of calico; second; moulting time, when the food should be most nutritious; third, the migratory season, as the birds jump about at this time. He said it came quite naturally to the birds, and that it was impossible to stop it, first and second years worst, but they settle down in time. He advised feeding Softbills up to 8 p.m. or 10 p.m. in winter, as he considered that from 4 p.m. to 8 a.m. was too long for the birds to go without food. By doing this you get the birds singing about Christmas. The Blackcaps, he said, support each other while singing, but the Nightingale was just the reverse. He would stop singing if moved, or if another bird was singing. Mr. Puck showed a Blackcap which had been caged six years, and which had won several prizes, including a win at the last L. and P.O.S. Show at the Palace. Also a melodious Warbler caged three years. He said these birds were kept on the Continent a great deal. He believed in plenty of sunlight during the moult. Mr. Puck also brought samples of pine kernels, Styrian ants' eggs, and whiteworm. Several very interesting questions were asked by Messrs. Mortlock, Ward, Crawford, Matthes, and Crabb. Mr. Crabb proposed a hearty vote of thanks to Mr. Puck for the very practical information he had given of this most interesting part of bird keeping. He said the information was of considerable value, coming as it did from one with 40 years' experience. This was seconded by Mr. Couzens, and carried unanimously.

CARDIFF C.B.S.

Monthly meeting held Maskell's Hotel, May 16. Mr. Wheeten presided; there was a good number of members present. Resolved, to accept Mr. Silk's offer of cup for competition at our open show. Young bird show July 10th, with an outside judge. The guarantee fund scheme was left over until next monthly meeting.—E. Thomas, Sec.

SUNDERLAND C.B.A.

Fortnightly meeting held May 11th, Mr. J. Farrer presiding. It was decided to cancel the proposed F.F. show on July 13th, and to hold a table show instead, on same date, in club room; entrance fee 3d. per cage. The following classification was suggested: Nor. yellow, Nor. Buff, Yorks. ditto, Bord. ditto, Lizards, A.O.V. Canary, and A.V. British.—J. Jeffrey, Sec.

SALFORD LINNET CLUB.

Meeting held at Boathouse Hotel, on May 19. The club will be well represented at Blackburn on May 25th. The following delegates were elected:—Messrs. J. Caskell, A. Marshall. A special meeting for the picnic party will be held May 26th, at one o'clock prompt, when a good attendance is requested. Members and friends wishing to join the party kindly send their names to Mr. Cootes at the earliest.—B. Wharton, Hon. Sec.

THATTO HEATH O.S.

Special meeting, 13th May, at Railway Hotel, Mr. Enever in the chair; a good muster of members. Resolved, that headquarters be transferred to the Railway Hotel, where there are greater facilities for shows, etc., and that the monthly papers by members or friends be continued. Mr. Cutler kindly promised to give one in August on "Wild Seeds," and R. P. Bixter one in September on the Breeding of the Norwich Plainhead." A very enjoyable evening was spent. Votes of thanks were given to Mr. J. Ashton and Mr. H. Enever. Next meeting, 3rd June, when nest feather show will be discussed.—H. R. Macdonald, Hon. Sec.

WOLVERHAMPTON C.B.S.

Meeting held May 9th, at the Duke of York, when Mr. F. G. Weaver presided over a good attendance. The cup rules, which had been drawn up by the sub-committee, Messrs. Rowley, Robinson, Weaver, and Gibbons, were accepted unanimously, the Secretary to frame and hang up in the meeting room. First nest feather, June 13th, birds to be staged at 7 p.m.; judge, J. A. Tonks, Esq. No entrance fee, but every exhibitor to pay 6d., which shall be given to the best bird or birds in show. Classes, Nor. clear, lightly mkd., and heavily mkd., Yorks. clear, lightly mkd., and heavily mkd., and A.O.V. Can. Annual nest feather and cup show, July 27, which will give all those a chance that have had a bad start. A prominent reporter and judge has been communicated with to judge same. The classification was left over to give consideration to sufficient novices' classes.—J. Gibbons, Hon. Sec.

ANFIELD, EVERTON & DIS. C.B.S.

Monthly meeting held Headquarters, May 13th; Mr. W. Bell, chairman. New members were enrolled. Schedules for the four shows down for competition for the three handsome cups, gold and silver medals, numerous specials, and money prizes, were got through. The first show on the list is the nest feather, July 13th, at the Mission Hall, Burleigh Road South. All that remains is to give a good big entry, thereby increasing the prize money. There will be some competition, judging by the enthusiasm displayed. There are not a few dark horses, so look out you champions. Who are those two members who have been doing the Bradford district; were they trying to keep it dark? That yellow cock bought at £4 10s. should be somewhere about when the points are counted up. The classes for the nest feather show are very comprehensive in Canaries, Hybrids, British, and Foreign, and they should catch on all right. The cups and medals were given to and accepted by the officers of the society on the following conditions: That all members be considered novices and all members be eligible to compete for same; that an equal number of flighted and unflighted classes be provided at each show (not including nest feather show); that no arrangements be made to "star" birds; that every member be encouraged to put on the bench as many birds as possible, and that all birds winning count for points upwards: that one cup be for Yorks. clears, etc., one cup for Yorks. greens, one cup for Norwich, Borders, and British. Any further discussion on these points would be entirely out of order and discourteous to the donor, who, by the way, is one of the oldest fanciers in England to-day. Any further information will be given by the secretary, if necessary, on July 8th, when that well-known fancier, Mr. L. Hamilton, will give a most interesting lecture on colour-feeding. Our first ramble takes place on Sunday, June 2nd, through fine woods; a free lunch will be given to members and friends. A special invite is extended to members of any other society.—R. B. Wright, Hon. Sec.

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NORTH WALES C.B.S.

Committee meeting held May 20th; Mr. James Jones presiding over a full attendance. Preparations were made for Whit Monday members' show. Splendid special and extra special prizes have been received; the prospects are very good.—John Wynne Parry, Hon. Sec.

GARSTON B.B.A

Monthly meeting held in club-room on May 16th. Nest Feather Show July 11th. Any fancier in district wishing to join should do so at once to be eligible to exhibit. Mr. Wilkinson having resigned, all further correspondence should be sent to me—A. T. Mullock, 26, Gladeville-road, Aigburth, Hon. Sec.

ATTERCLIFFE C.B.S.

Meeting held May 9th at Horse and Jockey; Mr. Havenhand presided over a good muster of members. For the coming Nest Feather Show in the Vestry Hall, Attercliffe, June 22nd additional classes were made, including a cottagers' class. Three competent judges have been engaged, and I hope all members will stage a good array of birds. We are having a ramble on Whit-Monday to Tankersley Park, taking train to Ecclesfield. All those going please meet at the Great Central Station by 12 o'clock, Whit-Monday morning.—W. Hailstone, Hon. Sec.

BELFAST N.C. AND Y.C.C.

Meeting held May 4th, in Clarence Place Hall, May Street, which was well attended by members and friends. Three new members were nominated by Mr. Lavery. This society has increased its membership considerably this season. Members present had only poor results to report for their first round, though one or two have done fairly well; it is to be hoped the next round will be more successful. Next meeting, June 1st, and as all contributions should be cleared up on that date, members not clear will please note.—Walter Connell, assist. Hon. Sec.

PENDLETON AND SALFORD O.S.

At the Irwell Castle, May 13, Mr. W. Bancroft gave a paper on Breeding and Feeding for colour, and was keenly listened to, the lecture being very interesting, and given by a fancier who understands his subject thoroughly. Some very useful tips were given, and the novice would have every chance in competition with the champion if he would follow Mr. Bancroft's methods and advice. Lectures like these are not given every day, and it behoves members and friends to make sure of attending them. There would be less grumbling at our judges, and our reporters, who really do their best to wake fanciers up to the little defects in their exhibits.—Critchley and Metcalfe, Secs.

YORK C.B.S.

Well attended meeting, held headquarters May 13, when a very interesting lecture on British Birds was given by Mr. H. E. Shorney. Wild birds of every description were mentioned, and many of us were very much surprised to hear of the quantity of birds of various kinds which may be found around York. Mr. Shorney gave a description of most of them, their habits, and their nests, and kept every one present interested. Several questions were asked and were answered by the lecturer, after which Mr. D. Hunter proposed a hearty vote of thanks, seconded by Mr. Humphries. Decided to have another cycle run on June 5, when Haxby and district will be visited, so we are hoping every member who can possibly come will do so; ladies, as usual, are invited. Classes for nest feather show fixed, and one class and a special prize added for junior members. Specials also for best young bird champion, best bird novice section, all points gained will count for the many prizes already given. New members are wanted, and will be given a hearty welcome. Members requiring colour food, kindly let me know quantity required by next meeting night.—H. Sayles, Hon. Sec.

LEITH O.S.

Monthly meeting, held Liberal Club, Hope Street, May 11, Mr. Jas. Lumsden in the chair. The following gentlemen have consented to judge at annual show on November 9th: Scotch Fancy, Mr. Jas. Carlow (Falkirk) and Mr. A. Hamilton (Caldercruix); Norwich, Mr. Chas. Campbell (Glasgow); Borders, Mr Robert Lamber (Whitburn), and Mr. Joseph Thomson (Newtongrange); Brit. and Mules, Mr. Jas. F. Dewar (Edinburgh). It will be noticed that two judges have been appointed for Borders this year, as owing to the heavy classes last year, and the increase of breeders of this variety who have joined the society, the members thought it advisable to do so, as to get the judging through in good time. In connection with the ramble to Musselburgh at an early date, the Secretary intimated that he had made enquiries about a conveyance for a party, and found that they could secure one for 1s. 6d. per head for a company of 20 or more. The matter was left in the secretary's hands to make the most suitable arrangements, when date of ramble was definitely fixed. It was agreed to send out collector, as usual, and to apply for patronage of the various specialist clubs. Next meeting, September 14, when Mr. Steele (Dalkeith), will lecture on "Wild Seeds and their Uses." Members are asked to keep this in mind, as they can depend on the lecture being both interesting and instructing.—G. Brown.

WALLSEND & MID-TYNE C.B.A.

Meeting held May 8th, Mr. McColl in the chair, with a large number of members present. All being well, we are looking forward to having a large open show next year, as the society is growing. Our judges for this year are: Mr. W. Ronald (Walker) for N. F. show; for November show, Mr. A. G. Cameron (Kelso), Canaries, and Mr. J. Maddison (Newcastle) Brit. and For. The latter has on many occasions honoured us and asked no fee, but this time the members are determined to pay him. Six new members admitted:—Messrs. Murray, T. Decker, W. Elliott, E. Dyson, Smith and Thompson, J. R. White and J. Morrison. Messrs. Wigglesworth, McKie, Studham were admitted the previous meeting. Success for this year's show is indicated by the success of members in their breeding rooms, 250 birds recorded. Breeding results of members up to meeting: F. Reeves, 21; W. Greenwell, 29; Stephenson, 4; Stubbs, 2; Elliott, 12; Mackwell, 12; Scott, 12; Jolly, 4; McQuillan, 10; Newton, 13; Hyman, 22; Curson, 15; Hopkinson, 11; Wigglesworth, 9; McColl, 9 (crests); Ronald, 5; McGinn, 20; Hutchinson, 24; Macdonald, 16; Morrison, 16; Young, 26. Many who were not present are known to be doing well. A motion was agreed to thanking the Fancy Press for all favours and for the great assistance received. Many members stated that they had advertised and also replied to others, both buying and selling birds, and this had proved of great service to them. The meeting terminated after a most harmonious evening.—J. M. Macdonald, Hon Sec.

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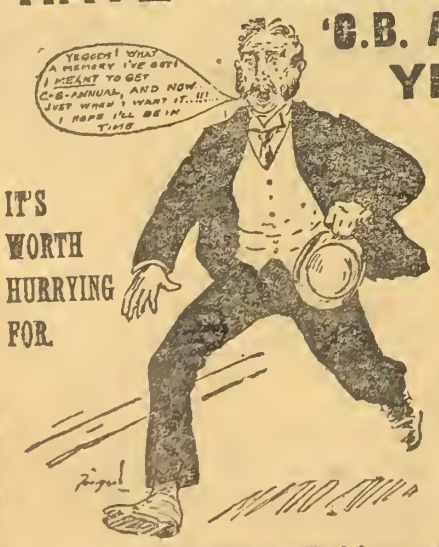

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The Shows.

LEIGH C.B.S.

Table show, May 22. Judge, Mr. A. Grundy, Bolton. Three classes, Nor., Yorks., and Mules. Principal winners: Yorks., Messrs. Chadwick and Charnock; Nor., Bayley and Son; Mules, T. Sedden. —R. Charleston, Sec.

EASTVILLE (BRISTOL) OPEN F.S.

Eighth annual open members' show held at White Swan Hotel, May 18, when there was a good muster of cage birds. Mr. Isaac Baynes placed the cards, and gave general satisfaction. Principal winners were: Nor., H. Bryant; Yorks., Messrs. York, Greenslade and Jones; Nat. Col., Messrs. Pace, Williams and Greenslade. Nest-feather Yorks., T. Flock and T. York; Brit., C. Tilly, H. E. Morgan, and H. Bryant.—J. A. Greenslade, Vice Chairman.

GLASGOW AND WESTERN COUNTIES.

Monthly meeting and table show of British birds, held Good Templars' Hall, 122, Ingram Street, May 25, when a good and select array of birds was on exhibition. The following new members were admitted, viz., Messrs. Alex. Wyse and Robt. Jeffrey of Rothesay, and J. Gibb, Alexandria. Arranged, to have a ramble to Thorntonhall Waterbank Farm, on June 22, train leaving Central Station at 3.3 p.m., when the prizes not competed for at Balloch will be run off. It is hoped that all members will use their best endeavours to be present. Mr. Peter Pettigrew kindly offered 5s. and 2s. 6d. for the members proposing most new members during June and July. Judges for annual show, Dec. 7, nominated, and will be voted upon at next meeting. Messrs. Alexander McFarlane, Shawlands, and J. M. Edwards (Greenyloof) judged.

CHAFFINCH: 1, Pettigrew, good size, fine colour; 2, sp., Wyse, grand Finch, in grand trim; 3, Jeffrey; 4, Connelly; 5, Rankin; 6, McGowan; 7, Adam. BRAMBLE: 1, sp., Adam, new face, grand size and colour, easy win; 2, Knox, good, in rare order; 3, Rankin; 4, Davidson, 5, Connelly; 6, Pettigrew; 7, McLuckie. LESSER REDPOLL: 1, Pettigrew; 2, Knox, many preferred for first, hard lince; 3, Connelly; 4, Jeffrey; 5, Adam; 6, McGowan; 7, Liddell. MEALY REDPOLL or TWITE: 1, Adair, Mealy, grand size and colour, in rare trim; 2, Pettigrew, Twite, grand colour, well staged; 3, Rankin; 4, Adam; 5, Connelly 6, Wyse, largest Twite in class, Rothesay winner, in grand bloom; 7, Liddel. BUNTINGS: 1, Pettigrew, Yellowhammer, good colour, fine head; 2, Connelly, fine Blackheaded Bunting, rare condition; 3, Adam; 4, Wyse, fine Blackheaded, close up for 2nd place; 5, McGowan; 6, McLuckie; 7, Liddell.—Walter Connelly, Sec.

CARNARVON.

Second annual show, held at the Assembly Rooms, Market Street, on Whit Monday, in lovely weather. The quality of the exhibits was of a high standard, and the entries totalled over 100 in the 19 classes provided. The staging was all that could be desired, a nice height and well arranged, while the room is one of the best for the purpose, well lighted and ventilated. Norwich were up to expectations in type and quality, especially the winners, which are so well known all over North Wales. Yorkshires were grand birds, well shown, and the Borders were very fair. Some promising youngsters were also on view; not so numerous as last year, still good. Mules and Hybrids were a treat in themselves, both light and dark, and we have never seen better Goldfinches, some of them being hard to separate, with not a bad bird amongst the lot. Linnets also were good, and the A.O.V. quite one of the best classes. Special for best Canary went to Mr. W. Nolan, with his well-known Buff Yorkshire, in faultless condition; best dark Canary Mule, Mr. D. G. Jones (Jenque Linnet), another well-known bird in the pink of condition. Best British, Mr. W. R. Williams, with the winning Bullie, in superb form. Specials were also given in every class for most points. The show was well managed; from start to finish there was never a hitch. The work was in the practical hands of true fanciers, who worked hard, as usual, for the benefit of the Fancy in general. The Chairman, Mr. James Jones; Vice-chairman, Mr. George Jones; Treasurer, Mr. R. E. Griffith, and the Hon. Secretary, Mr. J. W. Parry, are all very efficient officials; the prize money was paid on day of show, and specials, too, we think. Mr. A. G. Davis (Manchester) judged, and gave general satisfaction. He got through his work in good time.

The Critique.

BORDER, YELL. (4): 1, sp, 2, 3, res., Williams and Green, nice type and quality; 1st, wing mkd., nice jaunty carriag, right type, good condition; 2nd, cl. yell., very lit. BUFF (3): 1, sp, 2, 3, Williams and Green; 1st, nice shaped, good quality, tight feather; 2nd, grizzle mkd., rump and tail, neat and stylish, good carriage; 3rd, another neat clear. YORKS, YELL. (8): 1, J. O. Williams, cl. yell. grand length, leggy and stylish, good position, wings well folded; 2, sp., vhc, R. Angel, well-known cheek mkd. yell., nice length and style, plenty of leg, good wing carriage, neat tail; vhc, another good lengthy cl. yell.; 3, res., Jas. Jones; 3rd, cl. yell., good length, rich colour, nice pose and out line, close up; 4, neat, leggy, good length of side, useful 14 d; 5, E. Hughes; c, W. Molan, too wild to-day. BUFF (6): 1, sp., extra sp. best Canary in show, W. Molan, well-known clear buff, full of style and quality, nice length, grand outline, well moulded, nicely cut away, faultless condition; 2, Jas. Jones, another cl., leggy and stylish, nicely rounded, good wings and tail, stands like a guardsman; 3, R. E. Griffiths, great length, grand position and colour, not so tight in feather; res, J. O. Williams. FIRST FEATHER (6): 1, sp, 2, 3, Jas. Jones, grand trio, which will be heard of again; 1, nice lengthy yell, full of quality, very promising 2nd, mkd. yell., nice type, good quality, very compact; 3rd, neat wing mkd.; res, E. Hughes; vhc, C. J. W. Pritchard. NORWICH YELL. (5): 1, sp, 2, 3, vhc, E. D. Owen; 1st, good cl. yell., rare type and quality, plenty of substance, good head and eye, short flights and tail, well over the perch, hot colour, in grand form; 2nd, another yell., same stamp, equal in size and colour, good width of skull; 3, W. H. Williams, cl. yell., ideal type, excellent quality, nice round head, well placed eye, good rich level colour, plenty of substance, well cut away, but not in his best clothes to-day; res, J. L. Sweeney, saddles mkd. yell., very chubby, good quality. BUFF (6): 1, sp, E. D. Owen, grand shaped and bodied bird, neat for size, rare quality, good head, rich colour, bony feather, hard to find fault with; 2, W. H. Williams, another of immense size, rare shape and substance, level colour, tight feather; 3, J. O. Williams, lovely colour, tight feather, full of size and substance, full of quality, plenty of size and substance, res, J. O. Parry, good size and colour, not quite so chubby, still a good one. FIRST FEATHER (5): 1, res, E. D. Owen, lovely four pointed full, good in size, shape and feather, one of the best youngsters we have seen for some time; 4, good cl. yell.; 2, sp., vhc, hc, c, George Jones, leader cl. yell., nice size, good quality, very promising; 3, W. H. Williams, cl. yell., plenty of size, good youngster. CAN. NAT COL. (5): 1, W. H. Williams, variegated. Crest, well known, good size and quality, grand headpiece, good leafy feather, in the pink, cage winner; 2, 3, vhc, Williams and Green, Borders, already noted in open; 4, R. E. Griffith, yell. Yorks, hen, Portmadoc winner, in good form. LIGHT MULE or HYB. (7): 1, sp, hc, c, R. E. Griffith; 1st, four pointed Goldie Can., good size, grand type, bit of quality, well polished; 2, 4, D. G. Jones, Goldie-Can., good type and quality, tight feather, beaten in markings and colour; 4th, Goldie-Bullie Hybrid, grand bird for size and colour; 3, vhc, J. W. Pritchard, light var. Goldie-Can., good all over, close up. DARK MULE (10): 1, sp, D. G. Jones, grand Jonque Linnet, good size, rich colour, excellent condition; 2, sp, 4, vhc, R. E. Griffiths, grand Goldie, rare size and shape, grand colour; 4th, Si-kim-Can., grand bird all over, extra good size, a marvel for shape, yellow, should be higher in our opinion, Portmadoc winner; 3, c, R. Hughes, good Linnet Can.; hc, Owen Davies. GOLDFINCH (6): 1, sp, 4, vhc, hc, Edward Jones, good team, hard to separate; 1st, good size, typical, lustrous colour, blaze of great width and depth, nicely cut away, well defined bars, good tail; 4th, good blaze and colour, lovely condition; 2, D.G. Jones, good body colour, rich tan and markings, immense blaze, grand sheen; 3, W. H. Williams, best Greypate we have seen, good all over, well known, in grand form. GREYPATE (6): 1, sp, W. H. Williams, already noted above; 2, E. D. Owen, good size, colours very distinct, grand blaze, well defined bars, lovely feather 3, Owen Davies, good, sound coloured tans and markings, rather unsteady yet; vhc, W. Griffith. LINNET, ETC. (5): 1, sp, J. W. Pritchard, well-known Linnet, good size and pencilling, looking as well as ever; 2, E. Jones, another good Linnet, steady; 3, O. Davies, good size and colour, not quite so steady; 4, J. W. Jones; vhc, W. Griffith. BRIT. A.O.V. (9): 1, sp, 2, W. H. Williams, grand Bullie, best British in show, never looked better; 2nd, Hawfinch, monster, in superb form; 3, J. Thomas, also a good Bullie, rare size and colour; 4, R. W. Taylor; vhc, E. Jones; hc and c, O. Davies. FOR. (4): 1, sp, res., W. Molan, excellent Parrakeet; 2, R. Angel, good African Grey Parrot; 3, Taylor, very nice Siberian Goldfinch. SELLING 10s. 6d. (8): 1, O. Davies; 2, J. O. Parry; 3, vhc, Geo. Jones; res, E. Jones; hc, E. D. Owen. NOVICE BRIT. (6): 1, sp, 2, Taylor; 3, 4, J. W. Jones. CAN. A.V. (2): 1, Evan Hughes; 2, J. W. Jones.

HARPENDEN.

Held Whit Monday, in magnificent weather, in connection with the annual gathering of the Harpenden Agricultural and Fanciers' Association. Crowds of people passed through the spacious tent, and the cage birds were a source of great attraction, although not a large collection. Messrs. E. S. Willmott, Weeton, and S. Roberts, the stewards, did splendidly, and everything passed off well under the able control of the excellent hon. secretary, Mr. J. B. Townend. There was a fine class of Mules and Hybrids, and the Foreign birds were splendid, though few in numbers. Some of the specimens entered did not arrive until long past judging time, notably a grand Eclectus, the property of Mr. W. Smith, which otherwise would certainly have won in its class. Mr. Geo. Gardner judged, and his awards were well received.

NOR. (5): 1, Pedder, close feathered buff, good body, head, wings, and tail, nice bottom colour; 2, Davies, capped yellow, fair size, lustrous and very deep in colour; 3, Price, buff, good body, nice quality, tiffle slack at thighs. YORKS. (2): 1, Price, yell., rare length, gets up well, shapely bird; 2, Hawkes, chn.-variegs., slim and upstanding, not quite so well packed as winner. MULES (10): 1, vhc, hc, Andrews, leader very nice Goldie-Bullie Hyb., good face, not as large as some, but very rich in colours; 2, Davies, Linnet-Bullie, very rich colour, smart bird; 3, Price, large light Goldie-Canary, mkd. wings and front of face, only wants tightening up, and will do better; r, Dollimore; c, Miss Sibley. GOLDIE (3): 1, Price, grand blaze, rare bars, buttons and whites well shown; 2, Andrews, fine Finch at all points, not quite so tight in feather; 3, Harris, smaller, but good, well mkd. bird. A.O.V. FINCH (7): 1, Andrews, topping Bullfinch, clear of loose thigh feather, grand breast and poll, won well; 2, hc, Harris, former large well mkd. Hawfinch, nice bib, but showing want of tightness, which hindered its chances; 3, Pedder, another Hawfinch, clean cut and good in colour; r, vhc, Dollimore. FOREIGN (6): 1, Davies, grand King Parrot, very lustrous; 2, 3, Timaeus, Glossy Starling and lovely Limnage; 2, 3, Timaeus, Glossy Starling and lovely pair of Black-cheeked Lovebirds, all in superb feather; vhc, Hawkes; hc, Edwards.

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Wild-Bird Life.

Bird Nesting.

For the reader who is fond of "bird-nesting," the present month is the best for indulging in the pastime. When one writes of nest-finding, one does not mean the hunting for the homes of wild birds with a view to taking their eggs or destroying the young. The readers of our paper are, we know, real bird-lovers, and many of them take a pleasure in long rambles across commons and open fields, along footpaths and through leafy woods. One may not go out with the definite object of nest-finding, but being a lover of birds, the doings of the wild ones are sure to attract attention, and many a securely hidden home has been located by simply noting the bush where the old bird flew in. Frequently the finding of one nest leads to others. As an instance, the writer located a Thrush's nest with three lusty young ones in it, and retired under an old lodge to watch the parent birds feeding. While watching, a little bird flew out of a hole overhead. This hole proved to be the home of the common Wren containing some wee little mites that were probably only a day or two old. They could just be reached with the finger, but not withdrawn. A Robin was busy down the footpath, picking up something occasionally, and flying to some ivy in the bank, his object in doing so was to feed three nearly fledged young ones that would probably leave the nest in a day or so. Crouching down, they tried to make themselves as small as possible, so as to escape detection. Young Robins are totally unlike their parents, being a rusty brown colour, more or less mottled. All this time the scolding note of a Warbler had been heard, and after a time a fine Nightingale appeared in the path; the nest was evidently close handy, and after a little search it was found, within a few inches of the ground, lodged in the fork of a bush, where the young branches had grown from the stub. The King of Songsters has been described as a slovenly builder, but this particular nest was far from slovenly. It was rather large, but nicely woven together; dry grass stems and a few dead leaves formed the exterior, and it was neatly lined with fine roots and grass, and a little hair. It contained a solitary egg, a spray of ground ivy rambled round the edges, forming quite a pleasing picture.

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Twitterings.

The Uddingston C.B.S. First Feather Show for members, writes Mr. Corgrove, will be held July 6.

Will secretaries and fanciers kindly note that I have removed to 49, Clapton Avenue, Halifax, from 6, Emscote Grove, writes Mr. J. A. Watson.

At the annual show of the Old Colwyn Agricultural Society, July 3, there will be a class for A.V. Canary and one for A.O. Cage Bird. Judge, Mr. G. Furness.

Sheffield C.B.S. ramble to Ridgeway, June 1. Friends meet at Intake Car Terminus at 2.30. Fanciers and members of other societies invited, writes Mr. J. Woolhouse, assist. sec.

Owing to the unexpected increase of membership, writes Mr. R. B. Wright, hon. sec., Anfield and Everton C.B.S., we have had to appoint two judges for each of our shows instead of one.

We had a very pleasant surprise last Friday morning, write Messrs. Phillips and Huxley, in seeing our first prize Yorkshire on the front page of CAGE BIRDS. He has won several times since he was shown at Wimbledon.

Having won out the Scotch Fancy and Belgian Challenge Cup presented by the Cork and Provincial Cage Bird Society, writes Mr. L. Birch (Rathangan), I beg to acknowledge the receipt of same from the secretary, Mr. J. Cottrell.

We have secured Messrs. H. Taylor, T. Ridle, and J. Milne to judge our special table show on June 13, writes Mr. J. Woolhouse, assist. sec. of Sheffield C.B.S. Prize money 3s., 2s., 1s., and specials. See syllabus for classes. Fanciers joining same night can compete.

Mrs. Geddes writes thanking Mr. James for his information about Indian meal given last week, and would like to know if any reader has tried feeding the old and young birds on milled groats. She tried it by chance, and has found the old birds feed well with them.

At the next meeting of the Hornsey, Wood Green and Dist. C.B.S., at Mr. Bedford's 165, High Road, Wood Green, June 6, writes Mr. P. Brookes, hon. sec., a lecture on Norwich Plainheads will be given by Mr. J. Hodder at 8.30 p.m. Fanciers and friends welcome.

The following gentlemen have been appointed to judge at our open show, to be held Nov. 9, writes Mr. D. Kerr, Forfar:—Nor., Mr. A. Sloan, Glasgow; Bords., Mr. A. Peters, Buckhaven; Brit., Mr. W. Bishop, Stirling.

Mr. E. Carrol Dawson writes as follows: "Thanks for the honour paid my Mule in publishing the lifelike picture. I was delighted; the drawing is so true to life. It does your artist, Mr. Norman, great credit."

A young stock show is arranged for Aug. 14, writes Mr. F. W. Capell, hon. sec., Croydon F.A., 121, Brighton Road, Croydon. A general meeting will be arranged, of which due notice will be given to members, to adopt schedule drawn up by committee. Will fanciers wishing to join please communicate with hon. sec.; subscription, 2s. 6d.

The Wallasey C.B.S. have secured the services of Mr. Charles Houlton to judge their Nest Feather Show on July 6, writes Mr. T. Edwards (4, Park Way, Wallasey). Several good specials are being offered, and new members are joining, so that things are looking brighter. I shall be glad to give full particulars to any intending members if they apply.

There will be an important proposal discussed on the ramble, June 2, writes Mr. R. B. Wright, hon. sec. of the Anfield, Everton, and Dist. C.B.S. A silver vase or rose bowl has been offered by the donor of the cups to the novice gaining most points throughout the season who has never won a first prize at any club show. Novices should attend and give their views on the subject.

I read with pleasure Mr. Jeffrey's article in CAGE BIRDS touching upon the Nightingale in captivity. Information of this kind is both valuable and educative, and has been commented upon by several individuals outside the Fancy. Your coloured plate in the last special number was charming and a great credit to the artist. CAGE BIRDS is undoubtedly a wonderful pennyworth.— S. H. LOVE (Bristol).

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I was both surprised and delighted to find my name as winner in the British Bird Section of your recent Essay Competition, writes Mr. Robert Cohain. I may say I never expected to have the honour of winning. My utmost expectation was that my article might be thought to be worth publishing in what I consider to be, without exception, the best bird fanciers' paper in existence.

We have received from Mr. J. A. Taylor, 36, Aireville Road, Frizinghall, Bradford, secretary of Windhill, Shipley, and Dis. C.B.S., a list of members' shows to be held during the forthcoming season. There are two first feather shows—June 15, with Mr. John Greaves as judge; and July 20, judge Mr. Chittenden. The combined show is down for Sept. 28, with sixteen champion classes (judge, Mr. W. Cruse), and twelve novice, two selling, and one gift (judge, Mr. T. Ogden). The December show is on the 21st, with twenty classes and some attractive specials (judge, Mr. J. Broadley).

OBITUARY.

It is with the deepest regret that I have to announce the sad loss that has befallen our treasurer, Mr. Ernest Norton, in the death of his little boy, aged four years and four months, writes Mr. W. A. Wilson, hon. sec., Leeds C.B.S. I am sure the sympathy of all fanciers will be extended to Mr. and Mrs. Norton in the hour of their great trial.

The schedule of members' shows of the Bankfoot and Dis. C.B.S. and the syllabus for the season 1912-13 is to hand from Mr. F. Gelder, the secretary, 91, Marsh Street, Little Horton, Bradford. There are to be three first feather shows, June 1, June 22, and Aug. 3. Judges, respectively, Messrs. Bailey, Halliday, and Wilcock; and three old bird shows, Oct. 26, Nov. 30, and Dec. 28, with Messrs. Cowgill, Allen, and Self as judges. Seven classes are given in the first feather shows and fifteen in those for old birds. The syllabus of events for the season promises some interesting evenings for the members.

Owing to pressure of business, writes Mr. John Young, City of Glasgow O.S., our late secretary Mr. Macdouald, is unable to again accept office, and it has been decided to revert to the former idea of two secretaries. I have consequently been elected a Scotch Fancy, Belgian, and general management "scribe," with a colleague in Mr. R. Higgin, 27, West Leman Street, Mount Florida, Glasgow, who looks after the interests of the Norwich, etc., sections. I may say that last year we were hit very badly financially (about £40 and over), but with an excellent committee of thoroughly efficient and well-known fanciers in our service, we go forward with hope, and as we are going to offer full prize money of 36s. in every class, it only requires the general Fancy to give us their support to bring success and keep the senior association of Scotland to the forefront.

Nae Doot!

Bird-nesting stories are all the go at present. The latest is that a Perth workman who hung up his coat in a quiet corner when he began work on a recent morning, found a nest with two eggs in a pocket at dinner-time!

It Runs in the Family.

In asking us to pay over to CAGE BIRDS LEAGUE, for a year's subscription and badge, his prize won for Illustrated Idea No. 589, Mr. Page, of Rodley, writes: "I am of the fourth generation of our family in the Canary Fancy, and I have a son following in his father's footsteps. I have taken CAGE BIRDS now for about four years, and it takes premier honours in my paper rack."

Northern Counties N.P.C. Appeal.

Societies desirous of having the patronage of the Northern Counties Norwich Plainhead Club during the forthcoming show season should apply on or before June 5, on which date our meeting will be held, when the patronage will be allotted. Societies must provide not less than seven classes for champions and one or more for novices. I appeal to Norwich fanciers to join us; anyone in the following counties eligible: Northumberland, Durham, Cumberland, and Westmorland. Last season the following specials were competed for: Silver cup, novice special, twelve silver medals. Annual sub., 2s. 6d.—W. Curry, sec. (60, Grosvenor Gardens, Newcastle-on-Tyne).

We are favoured by Mr. Rhodes, 32, Barlow Street, Bradford, with the list of members' shows to be held during the forthcoming season by the City of Bradford O.S. There are to be two first feather shows and four for old birds. In the first feather shows sixteen classes are provided (eight Yorks., six Nor., two Brit.), and in the old bird shows twenty-six classes (sixteen Yorks., eight Nor., two Brit.). The entry fee is sixpence, and the prizes are on the sliding scale, with specials to the value of 15s., 10s., and 5s. in each of the five sections (Open Yorks., Novice Yorks, Open Nor., Novice Nor., and British). Well-known experts are down to judge, and some good shows should result. The dates of the first feather shows are June 15 and July 27.

Reared in a Boot.

A nest was discovered in an old boot at the foot of a garden hedge at Lochgilphead the other day, and four young Blackbirds will soon be on the wing.

Linnet's Nest in Beehive.

On a farm at Nyon, near Geneva, a pair of Linnets built a nest in a beehive, and have continued to live on the best of terms with the bees, says a "Standard" correspondent. There are now several eggs in the nest, and the birds and insects fly in and out, using the common entrance.

Drowned while Bird-Nesting.

Thomas Britton, a boy of fourteen, and Robert Robinson, aged thirteen, both residing at Dumbarton, were drowned recently at Dalreoch Quarry. Along with several companions about their own age, they were bird-nesting near the disused quarry there, when both fell over the unprotected ledge. There is a drop of over fifty feet to the water surface, and the water is reckoned to be twenty feet deep. Grappling irons were obtained, a couple of boats launched into the quarry, and eventually the bodies of the victims of this sad accident were recovered.

Found After Forty Years.

A remarkable discovery has been made in the saw mills of the Great Western Railway Works, Swindon. A number of men were engaged in sawing up the trunk of an elm tree into planks by means of a steam-driven saw, when they noticed a cavity right in the heart of the tree. Upon examination, the workmen were surprised to find in the hole a little moss nest containing five Tom Tit's eggs. The eggs were unbroken. The bark had entirely grown up round the tree, and there was no external evidence of the cavity. By counting the rings it was estimated that the eggs must be between forty and fifty years old. The tree was grown in Somerset, and was bought by the railway company at the beginning of the year.

Curious Method of Stealing Birds.

A mean method of stealing was disclosed at Old Street Police Court, on May 27, when two lads of no fixed abode were charged with stealing Linnets and cages, a Lark and a cage, and eight Chaffinches. The method of theft was with a long bamboo pole to lift the cages from the nails outside the windows of the owners, who were chiefly working men. They admitted the theft, and were remanded in view of a number of other complaints. Detective Rutter said that the value of the Linnets was 7s. 6d. each, and of the Lark 6s. On Mr. Bixon, the magistrate, remarking that he did not know the birds were so valuable, the detective replied that some are worth as much as 25s. or 30s. each, as they were much prized by working men for their song and win valuable competitions.

How Bird Breeders Are Faring in 1912.

Notes on the results of the present breeding season, or of any interesting happenings, are invited from the secretaries of societies and others. The communications must in each case be accompanied by the sender's name and address.

I have got such a lot of young birds through following the advice in your valuable paper, CAGE BIRDS, writes Mr. J. Peasland (Northampton).

I am pleased to tell you, writes Mr. Greenslade, Eastville (Bristol) F.S., that several of our members are having exceptionally good breeding results this season, having in several cases over thirty on the sticks the first round. Wishing CAGE BIRDS continued success.

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— By —
W. HAINSWORTH
(Preston).

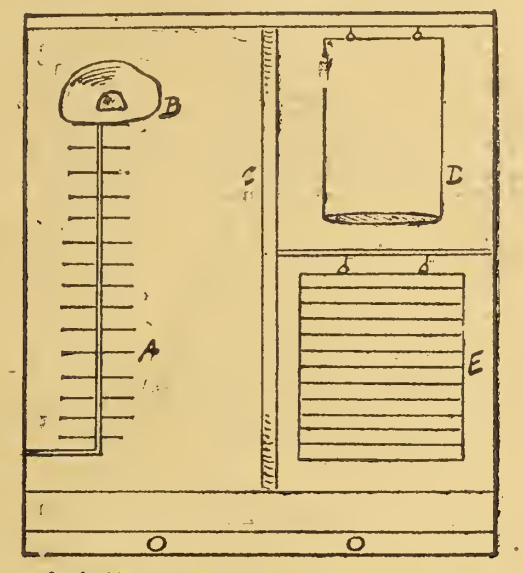
These charming birds may frolic in a novel cage

BIRD keeping can truly be classed as one of the most interesting of all hobbies, and for a very moderate outlay the bird-lover is repaid a hundred times over for his trouble by the beautiful song of his Canaries, the comical antics of his Budgerigars, or the song or mannerisms of whatever birds he may be the happy possessor. With the hope of adding still further to the pleasure of readers who keep Budgerigars, but do not possess roomy cages, I will describe how to make a cheap and serviceable home which, if copied, will delight the owner just as much as the charming little birds who occupy it and cause endless amusement with their funny antics.

First, I procured a large box from the grocer's, which cost me 6d. It happened to be well made, from smooth wood, so that it needed nothing further than a good coat of whitewash in order to enable me to proceed with the interior equipments. After I had made the sand drawer (which needs no description) I fastened a piece of wood, cut from a brush handle, in the middle of the box by mean of a double-ended screw, half of which was screwed into the handle and the other half into the top of the box. The piece of broom handle is cut so as to clear the sand tray by about an inch.

At right angles to this, I screwed another piece of strong wood in the centre, which just touched the side of the box, and on to this I fastened a wire "gate" by means of two little hooks and two small eyelets, such as can be bought at 12 a penny. The gate is very easy to construct, the woodwork being made from lengths of perching and the bars from cage wire. The sketch will make all clear.

DIAGRAM OF MR. HAINSWORTH'S CAGE.



A: Ladder of wire and wood. B: Cokernut husk. C: Broom handle. D: Swing. E: Swinging "gate."

Above the gate I have arranged a good sized swing. Then at the top left-hand corner I have a coker-nut husk nest, leading to which is a miniature ladder, made from perching wood, with wire staves hammered through about an inch apart. I have other perches in various parts of the box, which I simply fasten up by driving a nail through the wood from the outside and then knocking the perching on to the nail point.

The cage front can either be made from fine wire netting, or a loose wire front can be cheaply made to order, just the size required, and this is the most satisfactory in my opinion. I have made use of two stock-sized fronts one fastened above the other; but that can be decided by the maker of the cage.

Anyone handy with tools could make a similar cage in half a day, and at a total cost of not more than about 2s., and if anyone who takes the trouble to make such a cage is not well repaid for his trouble when he sees his pets chase one another up the gate, on to the swing and down the ladder again, I shall be very much mistaken.

I have also similar cages for my Canaries during the "off season" (i.e., when not breeding), with the exception of the ladder and gateway, which are replaced by swings and spring perches. In conclusion, I may say that I am confident my birds are as happy as the day is long.

Hybrids that Pay for Holidays.

By
ANDREW RAE,
(Wishaw, N.B.)

Two young Mules brought sufficient to defray our contributor's New Year outing. He gives useful hints on the methods which lead to success.

HYBRID breeding has from my boyhood been a passion —in fact it has the same effect on me as the proverbial carrot on the donkey. At present I have about 50 birds, British and Siberian, including Goldfinches, Bullfinches, etc. Having had experience with both aviaries and cages, I must say I have always had the best results with large cages. The hens laid plenty of eggs in my aviary, but they invariably got broken. I keep my birds in a room facing South-East. I have a wire screen made with half-inch wire netting, fixed to open like a door, for the purpose of cleaning the window. I have a weight, suspended from the room door over a small wheel, and attached to a piece of cord. This weight runs up when the door is opened, and closes the door automatically. I made these two appliances after losing a few valuable birds, one a young Goldfinch-Greenfinch Hybrid which came through the drinking hole and escaped, to become the victim of a cat. This occurred when the young one was only thirteen and a-half days old. The same season I had another escape through the room window, which had been left open for ventilation. I have never had any escape since, although I often give them the use of the whole room for an odd flight.

I keep my birds in a large cage, 8ft. high, 6ft. long, and 1ft. wide, fixed against the wall, facing the window. The cage is constructed to form four flights, 2ft. by 6ft. This gives the birds plenty of room for exercise in winter, and with partitions I can make each flight into two or three breeding cages. I always put my wildest pairs in the highest part, and the tamest pairs in the lower part of the cage. The back of the cage is made of 3-ply wood (as advertised in CAGE BIRDS). This makes the cage light and easily handled. Of course, it is essential with a cage of such large dimensions to make it vermin proof, or if you don't you are sure to have trouble later on. I coated the whole cage, both inside and out, with four coats of enamel (even the wires and wire holes). My false bottoms are also made of three-ply wood, well enamelled round the edges. When I buy a new bird I keep it in a cage for a week, and wash it in quassia water twice before transferring it to the flight. If I have a bird ailing I cage it off until it becomes better or departs to the man who gets all the birds on approval but never returns any.

The Birds and the Time.

When buying in birds for muling I always get the largest yellow Norwich-shaped hens I can, and for Hybrid breeding the largest and best coloured wild birds (Siberian preferred) I can pay for. I find it better to buy one good bird than two or three indifferent specimens, for to be successful in competition, both size and colour are necessary. If you are in the country and can get the wild birds' eggs, and have a Canary to hatch and rear them, I should advise you to do so, as Canary-reared hens are more apt to lay in the nests than wild-caught ones. I have Canary-reared hens that will lay in the usual Canary nests, and will sit till lifted off. But I never trust them with fertile eggs, and no amount of persuasion would tempt me to do so, as I think the experiment too risky.

Never be in too great a hurry to get your birds engaged with matrimonial duties. The end of April is soon enough, as wild birds in captivity usually never lay before July or August, and if you have been breeding your Canaries before April they will be exhausted before your wild birds commence to lay, and although you get fertile eggs from your wild birds, if you have no hen Canaries to hatch them, they are, of course, worthless. If your hens seem too forward, reduce their diet to plain canary, giving a little Epsom salts in their drinking water; if the male birds are singing lustily, remove them out of hearing of the hens. This is not always possible, so it is better to keep your eye on the hens, and do not feed them too liberally till you see the Hybrid pairs making ready for pairing. Having got your birds together, look for old nests of the species you are pairing up, and put into them a little of the material at first, till you see they are in earnest, then give them a more liberal supply. Many hens lay on the bottom of the cage, often dropping the eggs from the spars. Your spars should be lowered to from 3 to 4 inches from the cage floor, and the latter be covered with sawdust or some other soft material (I use moss myself), placed thickest below the spars to prevent the eggs getting broken.

Help from the Canaries.

The eggs (if any) should be placed below a hen Canary —the most reliable feeder you can get. It is necessary to have two hen Canaries for every Hybrid pair you have up, and one cock Canary for every three hens. The young cocks from the latter can be sold, and the money will help to reduce your food bill. Keep the hens, if off good feeding parents. Look at your eggs on the seventh day, and if they are dark remove them below the best hen you have, especially if you have any sitting about a week whose eggs may happen to be clear. I always try and get three or four hens sitting at one time, as it gives you a three to one chance of rearing the young. I never disturb the eggs after the seventh day. If the eggs are a day overdue do not get impatient, as I have had eggs hatch on the sixteenth day.

Having had the Hybrid successfully hatched, make sure the hen is feeding. This can easily be seen by looking at the side of the young bird's throat. If there is a big green and yellow lump there, all is well; but if the neck is thin and the youngster obviously making no progress, transfer it to another hen, if you have one with young about the same age.

Always Test Every Egg.

Always test every egg laid whether the pairs seem to have paired up or not. I had a Goldfinch paired to a Canary-reared Greenfinch hen, but the hen did not seem ready for his attentions. I had a spare hen Canary calling for a partner, so I introduced Mr. Goldie. When she had laid her third egg I returned him to Mrs. Greenie, repeating this till the Canary laid her third round. Both the first and second rounds turned out clear eggs. I never saw the Goldfinch near her. Thinking her third clutch would be a repetition of the two previous as regards fertility, I replaced two of her eggs with another two, but fancy my surprise when the eggs hatched and I had two young Goldfinch Mules! I have tested every egg since, and it is mostly the unexpected that happens. I have seen birds mate up and go through the ceremony in faultless style, yet produce nothing but clear eggs, although they would have led the most doubting to expect a full nest of Hybrids. Of course, a great percentage of eggs are clear, and a very large amount addled. We are, of course, always striving after something bordering the impossible; there is no honour, however, in doing anything everybody else can do. Then I have known myself, after a whole season, getting fertile eggs, but although I got them hatched I could not get a hen to feed. Many hens will feed their own species that will not feed Hybrids, so last season I was compelled to hand-feed two. I got a piece of stick sharpened at the point, and moistened the egg food, giving it as often as possible, as it is better to feed often with small quantities.

I always give my young birds well ripened heads of plantain three times a week. I feed as near as possible on the seeds relished by their parents in their wild state. Should any appear a little thick, I give a piece of bread soaked in scalded milk and sprinkled with maw seed or soft sugar.

Never let your "missus" know when commencing in the hobby, the exact price of your birds. I remember the first bird I bought, at £1, after we were married. I went into the post office and got a P.O. for 15s., and placed it inside the addressed envelope. We went out for a walk later in the evening, and I sent her into the post office for a P.O. for 5s. I showed her this disappearing into the letter. The bird arrived, and she was well pleased with it. She told me later, however, when she knew how she had been "done," that had she known it cost £1 there would have been trouble. Some years have elapsed since then, and now she knows the price of a bird so well that if I am in doubt I invariably give her the "ruling vote." This privilege is greatly appreciated, and is worth a trial. In conclusion, I may say that I know of no hobby which, if carried on on proper lines, affords the same amount of pleasure at such a small cost, many, in fact, making quite a cosy "nest egg" out of it. Anyway, I spent my own New Year holidays this year on the money I received for two young birds—a Siskin Mule and a Goldfinch Mule.

THE LEYTON C.B.S IN EPPING FOREST.

Back Row: Messrs. Pettet, Davis, A. S. Wilkins, Dalton, jun., and W. Hellens. Middle Row: Messrs. Farmer, Wilson, Miss Hilda Langdon, P. Smith, Gravestock, A. B. Forse, King Mrs. Langdon, and J. Shankley. Front Row: Messrs. A. J. Wilkins, B. F. Forse, Mrs. J. S. Clarke, Rhodes, J. S. Clarke, W. Taylor, and Dalton.

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NOTE.—If an answer is required concerning the proper mating, etc., of Norwich, Yorkshires, Crests, Cinnamons, Greens, Borders, Lizards, Scotch or any other variety of the Canary family, we shall, should the querist desire us to do so, be pleased to submit his questions for answer to some leading specialist of the day on the variety concerned.

CANARY QUERIES.

Answered by CLAUDE ST. JOHN.

BITING OFF BEAKS (R.W., Sparkhill).—It is not possible to dogmatise as to the cause of hen Canaries biting off the beaks of young nestlings. It may be due to a highly-strung nervous temperament, or a form of resentment of undue interference. But whatever the cause it is a bad vice which is not easy to overcome when the hen is the culprit, except by placing her eggs under a more natural and kindly disposed parent to be hatched and reared. If the hen is of only ordinary quality it is best to dispense with her as a breeder altogether, especially if it is this same hen that committed the same vile deed last year. You might try the effect of adding a pinch of maw to the egg food, giving a teaspoonful of soaked tape daily in separate vessel, and at 2 p.m. give a piece of bread sopped in cold milk and drained, instead of egg food. Also give chickweed, groundsel, lettuce or watercress instead of dandelion as green food.

SLIPPED TOE (Anxious).—You ought to have attended to this defect immediately the bird left the nest, or as soon as it was discovered. See that the perches are a proper size for the bird's feet to grip comfortably—about one-and-a-half times the size of an ordinary lead pencil would do nicely. Make them nearly round, and slightly rough them by drawing them through a fold of very rough sand-paper a few times in order to give the bird a good grip. Besides this, put on the leg a rubber band made by cutting an eighth of an inch of the end of feeding bottle tubing, and leave this on a month. To put it on hold the three front toes together and pass ring over them, hold hind toe back against leg, and pass on ring up leg until it is near the end of hind toe, but do not take it quite as far as end of hind toe. Then leave it there when it will hold the hind toe backward after you release the bird. You would find illustrations of various methods in Part VI. of "Our Canaries."

HUDDLED AND SHIVERING (K. Zeno). The bird has got a severe chill, and you will, I think, be rather lucky if it has not developed into pneumonia before this reply can appear. The cause is undoubtedly "dancing in a draughty window," for although you might perhaps get over the difficulty of preventing draughts, I fail to see how you can avoid extreme and rapid variations of heat and cold, which are almost if not quite as bad. Keep the bird in a fairly warm and equable temperature until better. In addition to a staple diet of plain canary seed, give a morsel of bread and milk sprinkled with soft sugar daily. Every second day add a pinch of maw and on the alternate days a pinch of a mixture of equal parts rape, nigra, teazle and millet. Give a spray of chickweed daily. In the drinking water give 20 drops of whisky, and five each of oxynol of squills, ipeca cuanha wine, and sweet spirit of nitre every second day for a week, and on the alternate days 20 drops of chemical food.

REARING YOUNG BY HAND (C.D.).—This is quite a simple task if heaps of patient perseverance is brought into play. Make the usual egg food into a soft pap with a little water whilst chicks are very young, say up to ten or twelve days; afterwards make it more like a soft paste. Mix only sufficient at a time to last a few hours, and in the morning and afternoon mix in a little finely chopped green food—just enough to keep the bowels in a normal condition. Feed every hour from dawn to dusk when chicks are very young, and gradually lengthen the intervals to about two hours as they get old enough to leave the nest, and give as much each time as they will "gape" for readily. Keep nest in a cosy place and cover young lightly with a bit of folded flannel or woollen.

MATE FOR ROLLER (Novice, N.B.).—You do not say whether the Roller is a yellow green or buff-green. If the former mate him with a clear buff, but if the latter a clear yellow-bred from two clears for preference in either case. The young will be more or less heavily variegated, with a few ticked, and, perhaps, now and again a clear bird or two, or an occasional self or broken green, according to which parent is the dominant partner.

BLISTERED WING AND SITTING HEN (Constant Reader).—(1) It is quite likely the blister you describe is simply an accumulation of air under the skin. Pierce it carefully with a perfectly clean needle. If it quickly disappears, but returns again in a few days, repeat the pricking each time it returns, which may be several, or, on the other hand, it may not return at all. If any fluid oozes out when first pricked gently press out all that you can without using force, and anoint the "prick" with boracic ointment. Do not anoint it if swelling contains only air. You may add six drops of tincture of gentian and four of dilute sulphuric acid to the water every second day for a week. (2) You ought to have said how this hen was fed. See that your nesting material is quite clean, and do not overload nest with needless powders and disinfectants. When she begins to sit next time give a staple diet of plain canary seed. Stop egg food and green food, but give a pinch of crushed dry arrow-root biscuit, millet, rape, and hemp seeds in about equal parts for a few days if any signs of looseness appear. See that the hemp is sound and good, and keep drinkers and water perfectly clean and fresh. Certainly try her again, and if the above treatment does not prevent the looseness, you may, if it becomes necessary, give the eggs to another hen to hatch and rear, or distribute them among two or three others that have eggs at the same stage of incubation.

CANARY QUERISTS

should consult St. John's "Canary Breeding for Beginners" (7d.); House's "Canary Manual" (1/2); Battye's "Yorkshire Canaries" (1/1½); House's "Norwich Canaries" (1/1); Weston's "Stock Book" (7d.); Dr. Clarke's "Septic or Bird Fever" (7d.); Dr. Creswell's "Hygiene of Bird-keeping" (1/1); Norman's "Aviaries, Bird-rooms, and Cages" (2/3); Ramsden's "Colour-feeding" (3½d.); "Seeds and Foods for Cage Birds" (1/2); or the "Nutshell" booklets (2½d. each); No. 5 "The Pet Canary," No. 6 "Ailing Birds and How to Cure them," No. 9 "The Disinfection of Cages, Bird-rooms, etc.," No. 10 "The Roller," No. 23 "The Border Fancy," No. 24 "Green Canaries." All thoroughly practical and instructive. Prices quoted are post free, from "Cage Birds," 154, Fleet Street, London, E.C.

FOREIGN BIRDS.

Answered by WESLEY T. PAGE, F.Z.S., Etc.

ASTHMA? (Amazon).—Please let me know how you have been feeding and treating this bird. In the meantime, while you keep it warm and free from draught, see that it gets plenty of air and light. Whenever running at the nostrils occurs spray or bathe with dilute glycothymoline, it will do no harm whatever if the bird swallows a little. While the trouble lasts change the drinking water twice daily—one ounce (two table-poonfuls) is an ample supply—give one dose Dinneford's magnesia, one teaspoonful in the above quantity of water, and repeat the dose after an interval of three days. When not giving the magnesia put 5 drops of Friars' balsam into the drinking water, and continue for a week at least. If the bird will eat sponge-cake, give it a small piece at intervals during the day, allowing 3 drops of either whisky or brandy to soak into it before supplying to the bird. It will do the bird good to go outside on warm days, and be stood in some unexposed position, but of course it should not be out while cool winds prevail. You must only use a china crock or glass drinker while giving drugs. You have applied rather "late in the day" for advice.

ROSEATE COCKATOO INDISPOSED (R. F. de S.).—Give the Dinneford's magnesia every third day so long as the voidings are not watery. When this occurs you must either lengthen the period between the doses or cease giving it for a time. At all times the bowels should move freely, and this should be secured by an occasional dose of the magnesia. When not giving the magnesia put one teaspoonful of sherry into its drinking water, or in lieu of the sherry give two doses of 5 drops of aromatic sulphuric acid in the drinking water, with one day between the doses. Remove all dropping as made, and burn them if possible. Its cage should be cleaned daily while the indisposition lasts. No birds, whether Parrots or any others, must be subjected to draught, more especially so when they are indisposed, but at the same time they should have abundance of light and air. Your bird is a Roseate Cockatoo, a very hardy species once it is well established, and as your bird is tame get a light Parrot chain for it; fix this on its leg, and on warm days, when cold winds do not prevail, let it have a roll and tumble on the lawn, using the chain as a sort of lead. There is no trouble in taking the chain on and off, and the bird soon ceases to give trouble during the operation. If not too far gone, this exercise out of doors on suitable days should do wonders for the bird. Its dietary should consist of seed mixture, fruit, nuts, plain biscuit, green food, grit and cuttlebone. Do not give table scraps, sops or any kind of animal food whatever. You had better report progress a fortnight hence.

FOREIGN BIRD QUERISTS

should consult Page's "Foreign Birds for Beginners" (1/1½); Arthur's "Budgerigars and Cockatiels" (6d.); Arthur's "Parrots for Pleasure and Profit" (7d.); "Aviaries, Bird-rooms, and Cages" (2/3); "Seeds, Foods, and Wild Plants" (1/2); Dr. Clarke's "Septic or Bird Fever" (7d.); Dr. Creswell's "Hygiene of Bird-keeping" (1/1); "Colour-feeding" (3½d.); or the "Nutshell" booklets (2½d. each); No. 6 "Ailing Birds and How to Cure them," No. 9 "The Disinfection of Cages, Bird-rooms, etc.," No. 14 "Gouldian Finches," No. 16 "Acadavals," No. 17 "The Grey Parrot," No. 18 "Budgerigars," No. 19 "The Pekin Robin," No. 20 "Waxbills." All thoroughly practical and instructive. Prices quoted are post free from "Cage Birds," 154, Fleet Street, London, E.C.

The intervention of the Whitsun holidays makes it impossible for us to get all the Queries received answered in time for publication in this issue. They will be dealt with, however, next week.—EDITOR.

BRITISH BIRDS, MULES, AND HYBRIDS.

Answered by G. E. WESTON.

SEX OF SONG THRUSH (J. Willoughby). I am afraid I can help you very little, as the only really sure guide to the sex of Song Thrushes is the song. If your bird which is mute is in first-class health and condition, then the chance are that it is a hen. The state of the vent is at this time of the year a certain guide to the sex in birds which are in first-rate condition just the same as it is in the case of cock Canaries. If you don't understand this sex sign, couldn't you get a local Canary breeder to examine the bird and give an opinion?

GONE INTO MOULT (H.H.K.).—If your Linnet has really dropped into moult, its case is hopeless, so far as any further breeding is concerned this season. It is very hard luck. You are feeding the bird in first-rate style.

A BRAMBLEFINCH (Doubtful).—If you want a bird for song, then the Bramblefinch will be useless, as it has no "music" to boast of, even its call notes being, to my mind, harsh and irritating. But a good specimen makes a grand addition to any exhibitor's team. It should be fed the same as a Chaffinch (note the "Nutshell" booklet, also Mr. Steel's recent article).

IS IT A HABIT, (W.H.C.B.).—Yes, the throwing up of food and "feeding the feet" will with it, is a habit indulged in by many birds at the breeding season, when they are in high condition. It is by no means "injurious, but rather evidence of their robust health and forward condition. It cannot be "cured"—unless, that is, you provide him with a kindly disposed hen Canary to feed in place of his pedal extremities. Glad to hear the Greenfinch's eyes have returned to a normal condition.

A GOLDFINCH-TWITE COUPLE (Bexhill).—It is quite early yet for hybrid couples to get to business. In my experience the eggs come mostly in July and August—or late in June. You are feeding the birds on sound lines, and I can only suggest that you give the teazle regularly. Shepherd's purse and chickweed should also be freely given. You will find it better to keep the pair in the large cage of which you speak. The cross is certainly a possible one; it has been produced. The hen will probably lay on the cage floor, so the latter should be thickly covered with moss, coker-nut fibre, sawdust, or other suitable material, to prevent the eggs getting damaged.

TWO ITEMS (Birdy).—(1) The nest is that of the Hedge Sparrow, and in my opinion it is not worth while to hand-rear this species—anyway, there are many other birds more desirable as cage pets. If you decide to do so, get "Nutshell" booklet No. 25 from the office of CAGE BIRDS, which will give you very full particulars as to the food when young and when adult. (2) This bird is a young Missel Thrush.

BRITISH BIRD & HYBRID QUERISTS

should consult Moulton's great work, "Cage-Bird Hybrids" (7/6); Norman's "British Bird Manual" (2/3); or Part 1 "Hardbills" (1/1), Part 2 "Softbills" (1/1); "Aviaries, Bird-rooms, and Cages" (2/3); "Seeds, Foods, and Wild Plants" (1/2); "Secrets of Hybrid Breeding" (1/2); Dr. Creswell's "Hygiene of Bird-keeping" (1/1); Dr Clarke's "Septic or Bird Fever" (7d.); "Colour-feeding" (3½d.); or the "Nutshell" booklets (2½d. each); No. 1 "Goldfinch," No. 2 "Linnet," No. 3 "Skylark," No. 4 "Song Thrush and Blackbird," No. 11 "Bullfinch," No. 13 "Chaffinch," No. 15 "Greenfinch," No. 22 "Siskin, Redpoll, and Twite," No. 25 "Small Insectivorous Birds," No. 26 "Large Insectivorous Birds," No. 6 "Ailing Birds and How to Cure Them," No. 9 "Disinfection of Cages, Birdrooms, etc.," No. 12 "How to Moult British Birds." All thoroughly practical and instructive. Prices quoted are post free from "Cage Birds," 154, Fleet Street, London, E.C.

POST MORTEMS.

Mr. G. Yates, M.R.C.V.S., 1, College Road, Harrow, Middlesex, will examine and report upon dead cage birds for a fee of 1s. 6d. each bird; for reply direct, 2s. 6d.; analysis, 21s. Subjects for post mortem examination must be sent packed in a box direct to Mr. Yates, with the fee, this and any accompanying letter being kept from contact with the dead bird. Send by letter-post; it is cheaper and quicker than parcel post. Any bodies sent to the office of this paper will be thrown away, and if a fee is enclosed the loss will be the sender's.

"Sorely Perplexed."—Norwich Crest died as the result of hemorrhage from the lungs induced by congestion of its vessels.

R. Weir.—Ptomaine poisoning was the cause of your loss; there was rapid putrefaction, slight enlargement of spleen, and acute enteritis. It was of a very acute character to cause death in such a short space of time.

GENERAL.

Answered by THE EDITOR.

Miss M. C. G.—Cuttthroats are Foreign birds. Please see our Mr. Page's query columns for answer to second part of your letter.

J. P.—Sweet and hot peppers are not sold by chemists; in the ordinary way of business, that is. Colour-food should be bought from those who make it their speciality to supply the right kind, i.e., excelling in colour, etc. It is of no use to buy any kind of pepper that offers, whether pungent (hot) or non-pungent (sweet). Write for particulars of their goods to one or other of the advertisers of colour-foods using our columns; some of them may have agents in your town from whom you could go and purchase.

J. Alfred.—We are much obliged to you for your letter, but for certain reasons we do not think it desirable that the same should be published.

W. Eceb. We will get legal opinion on the point and give you an answer in our next issue.

W. H. Gibb. We regret to say that the photograph sent with account of country ramble was not sufficiently clear to permit of reproduction.

I wish to thank all applicants for Cockatoo and cage advertised in CAGE BIRDS. They were too numerous for me to reply to every one, which says a great deal for the value of CAGE BIRDS to advertise in. (Geo. Hind (Amam).

I must just tell you, writes Mrs. Cooper, of Southsea, that I have been able to dispose of seventeen birds through a single advt. in your splendid paper, "CAGE BIRDS." My husband and I quite look forward to Fridays.

Pleased to inform you, writes Mr. Martin, Castle-Douglas, I am having a record sale for my Crystal Palace Aviaries, through my advts. in your valuable paper, "CAGE BIRDS"; in fact, we have been working overtime to cope with orders. Wishing your paper every success.

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To Keep Green Food Fresh for a Week.

[Winner of Half-crown Prize.]

Hold a clean piece of white cloth under the tap until it gets soaked with water, then wring out, but not too dry; roll up the green food in the cloth, put on the floor in some dark corner, and it will keep crisp and fresh and not too wet for a week.—Herbert Wm. Hill (Todd's Buildings, Dipton, Co. Durham).

Another Way.

Procure a earthenware flower pot; or a large jam jar will answer nicely. Place in the bottom of this some stable manure four or five inches deep; then place on top a handful of earth. Put your groundsel, dandelion, or any greenstuff in the pot; keep in a cool place and sprinkle morning and evening. It will keep beautifully fresh for any length of time.—A. Delany, Irishtown, Kilkenny.

To Clean Bird Fountains.

[Winner of Half-crown Prize.]

Having tried various ways for cleaning bird fountains, I have found the following method the best, and should like to pass the idea on to other bird keepers. Cut a raw potato in small pieces—just small enough to pass through the "lip" of the fountain. Half fill the latter with water and shake it well until all green colour has been removed. Then empty out the water, and the pieces of potato will come out easily. Rinse well. I do not think sand is a safe cleanser for those blue-top water vessels as the glass is so thin.—Miss S. G. Ruby (9, Magdala Terrace, St. Luke's, Cork).

To Keep Britishers in Good Condition.

[Winner of Half-crown Prize.]

Boil some ordinary mixed seed for about fifteen minutes, and then dry same and give to birds in egg drawer. I give this to my birds all the year round, and I scarcely ever have any go wrong. I find same useful in steadying fresh-caught birds, as they are always eager for it, and I have reared with this seed, mixed with any ordinary egg food, a number of young Canaries off hens which I could not get to feed. I have reared a number of young Mules and Britishers on this food, and I found my hens feed on this far better than the ordinary egg food and seed.—F. Lloyd (138, Briardale Road, Mossley Hill, Liverpool).

Cheap Nesting Moss.

[Winner of Half-crown Prize.]

Here is an idea to make your nesting material run cheap: Get two or three pennyworth of ordinary moss such as is used for making wreaths. This you will be able to obtain at most flower shops. Then thoroughly wash it in a mixture of boiling water and disinfectant (Jeyes' Fluid or Izal). Let it drain well, then spread it out on a sheet of paper and put it in the sun, if possible, turning it every day until dry, when you will have sufficient moss for about twenty nests. You can then add cow hair if necessary.—C. Oates (241, Pitsmoor Road, Sheffield).

To Keep Red Mite from Nest Pans.

Get a pennyworth of carbon and crush it (not too fine), then put some between the pan and lining. It not only prevents mite, but is a good disinfectant. Tried with success.—P. Gedge, 205, Abbott Road, Poplar, E.

Good for the Youngsters.

For rearing big, strong, healthy youngsters, I have found this recipe very good: One cupful of flour, half cupful oatmeal, pinch of salt. Beat an egg into this and add enough cod liver oil to make it into dough. Bake in oven, and when dry grind into powder and store in a tin with tight-fitting lid. Two tablespoonfuls of this added to the usual egg and biscuit will make your young birds grow into big robust birds. It is splendid for moulting your birds also.—R. Middleton (Pegswood).

An Emergency Nest Pan.

To replace a nest pan that may get broken, when you have not another to use, get a flower-pot, about the same size as nest pan, stick in a lining, drop in wire holder, and it is ready for use.—A. B. Church, 8, Park Road, Henley-on-Thames.

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DRINKERS FOR CAGES AND AVIARIES.

By D. E. SAYCE (Sunderland.)

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Being No. 4 of a practical and helpful series dealing with Bird-room Requisites and their Making.

THERE is not a great deal to be said about drinkers, for they are usually made of glass, a substance which can only be successfully worked in a proper factory; however, this series would hardly be complete without a few words upon them.

Personally, the writer never uses the ordinary glass drinkers. He prefers to see a drinker on one side of the cage to exactly match the hopper on the other side, and so he utilises a tin hopper (such as was described in the last article, April 27th issue) with the back removed. Into this then slips a zinc vessel made to fit exactly, and this vessel contains the water.

Sheet zinc can be obtained very cheaply at almost any ironmonger's, and on this should be marked with a sharpened piece of wire the pattern shown in Fig. 1, of course making the central portion (which eventually forms the bottom) just a trifle smaller than the seed hopper, so that it will slip in and out easily. The height of the vessel will have to be ascertained before the marking is done. Having cut this out with a pair of scissors, bend the zinc at right angles to the dotted lines; then if a knob of solder with a little Fluxite be placed at each corner, and a fine flame applied, the solder will "run," and immediately make a good joint.

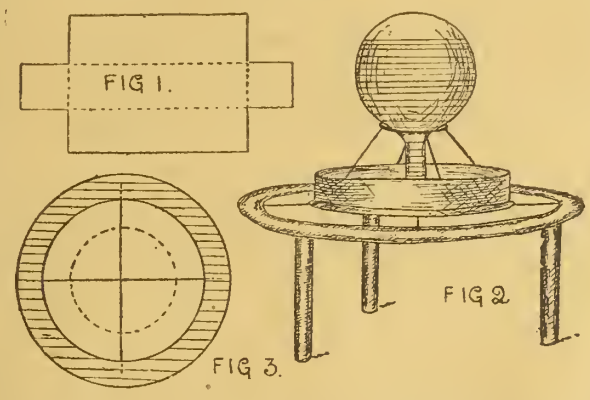
The Destructive Rust.

Tin would do just as well as zinc, but it will have to be coated with a couple of coats of hard bath enamel or it will rust, because what is called "tin" is really thin sheet iron coated with tin, and as soon as the surface wears off the iron is exposed, which very speedily rusts in the presence of oxygen and moisture. The rust will not harm the birds, however; indeed, many people always keep a rusty nail in the drinking water to act as a tonic, but the rust will very soon eat through the drinker, and render it leaky and useless unless it is properly enamelled. With zinc, of course, no enamelling is necessary.

It is wonderful what an effective shampoo Dick sometimes can get in his drinking water, so it is a good plan to give the inner side of the sloping roof, and other parts which are likely to get splashed, a coat of black lacquer, the same as was used for the outside.

If hoppers and drinkers of this pattern are used the appearance of the bird-room will be greatly enhanced, and the little extra trouble will be repaid; but remember that medicines must not be given in metal drinkers.

Fig. 2 shows a neat type of self-supplying drinker, which is suitable for a small aviary or flight cage. As will be seen, it consists of a round-bottomed flask filled with water, supported over a shallow trough also containing water. This is surrounded by a circular perch, and the whole affair stands (like a lame dog) on three legs. This is an interesting drinker in that it seems marvellous that the water in the flask should not sink and fill the trough to overflowing, yet such will not be the case, for it is only when the level of the water in the trough is below the neck of the flask that more will come down from above (a bubble of air rising up into the flask to replace the water). Consequently, even if the birds are all ravenously thirsty, and "booze" away for hours, still there is always a constant supply of fresh water as long as there is any in the flask.



The Stiffest Fence.

The most difficult thing to make in connection with this drinker is the circular perch, and if the fancier could get it done at a wood turner's, so much the better, but if not, the work can be done with a keyhole saw (or a fretsaw) and a small spokeshave, or even a sharp knife. Out of half-inch wood cut a circle of wood 4in. across, and then by drawing another circle ½-in. inside of this, and cutting out the centre portion, we have our ring, which now needs rounding down to make an "oval circular perch." (This sounds Irish, but it really means that a section of the perch is an oval.) If it is rounded roughly with a knife, a coarse sandpaper will soon smooth it nicely.

Now take a red-hot wire, and bore four holes on the inner side of the ring, and into these holes force two wires at right angles to one another, as shown in Fig. 3, and upon this support the water trough may rest, but before this is placed into position the three legs (which should be about four inches long, and could be conveniently made out of odd pieces of straight perching) had better be fitted. Bore three equi-distant holes through the perch, and, by means of glue and thin screws, supply the table with its legs.

The water trough is merely composed of a round tin of suitable size cut down until it is only about one inch in height. The trough will look considerably neater if a circular piece of wire be soldered on to the brim, but this little job won't be found quite as easy as it looks, and, after all, our trough is quite all right without.

A Very Useful Appliance.

The glass round-bottomed flask, which can be bought for 3d. or 4d. at most chemists, should next be purchased, and a circular collar of wire should be made with four straight wires attached leading to the edge of the tin, where they are soldered, as shown in Fig. 2. This will, of course, support the flask in an inverted position, and should be of such a height as to allow the neck of the flask to clear the bottom of the trough by about half an inch. When this has been done, the trough may be securely soldered on to the wires already fitted to support it.

If the trough has been made of tin (as suggested) it will have to be painted with bath enamel to prevent rusting.

To use this drinker, fill the flask completely with water, invert the rest of the contrivance over the flask until the collar rests upon the flask, and then suddenly turn the whole the right side up. The water will, of course, run into the trough until the edge of the neck of the flask is just covered, and no more will come down until a thirsty bird comes for a drink.

CLUB & SOCIETY NOTICES

ONE notice of any forthcoming Society meeting inserted free. It should reach us not later than Tuesday morning's post. Specially printed Club Notice Postcards may be had free on application to our Manager. Secretaries should always use them.

Ashton-under-Lyne O.S.—June 4, P.S.A. Rooms, 8. Judge, F.F. Show, and discussion re rambles, etc.—J. K. Colville.

Ardwick and Manchester C.B.A.—June 4, Onward Hall, 8. Lecture on Norwich by Mr. W. Robinson. First Feather Show business.—J. Spencer.

Bradford East O.S.—June 4, Park Chapel Schools, 8. Arrangements for June First Feather Show, and other important business. Schedules for members' shows can be obtained at this meeting.—H. Hill.

Broughty Ferry C.B.S.—June 5, Baker's Room, 8.—Rob. Whitton.

Beamish C.B.S.—June 1, Bird Inn, High Hold, 7. Schedule for Nest Feather Show and other business.—Wm. Knowles.

Border City (Carlisle) O.S.—June 6, headquarters, 8.15. Agenda: Schedule.—John C. Bell.

Bootle C.B.S.—June 4, Wood's Cafe, Stanley Road, 8. Schedules and specials for Nest Feather Show. Will all members do their best to attend.—L. S. Hamilton.

Barnsley C.B.S.—June 1, Clarence Hotel, 7.30. Questions by ballot and other important business; members and friends invited.—F. C. Sims.

Bolton C.B.S.—June 4, Joiners' Arms, 8.30. Nest Feather Show.—J. Gerrard.

Burton-on-Trent C.B.S.—June 4, Staffordshire Knot, 8. Classification for Nest Feather Show.—A. Wood.

Bankfoot C.B.S.—June 1, Red Lion Hotel, 2.30. Members' First Feather Show. Several specials at this show; Judge, Mr. J. Bailey (Allerton).—F. Gelder.

Barnet F. and F.S.—June 5, Dolton's Rooms, 35, Wood Street, Barnet, 8. Lecture on "Pigeons" by Mr. Coleby. Members please attend.—F. Chandler.

Bedlington Street Social Club.—June 1, 7.30. All members are earnestly requested to attend.—Jas. Smith.

Coventry O.S.—June 5, Sydenham Palace, 8.30. Tickets, schedules and general young stock show business.—A. J. Barratt.

Chopwell C.B.S.—June 1, Club Hall, 6. Election of president, judges. Other open show business, rules, etc.—W. Tomlinson.

Cramlington C.B.S.—June 6. Arranging of classes for First Feather Show.—J. R. Chestney.

Clitheroe C.B.S.—June 3, Bennett's Tea Rooms, 8. Lecture on "Colour and Colour Feeding," by Mr. J. Barnes. J. Southworth.

City of Birmingham C.B.S.—June 5, Crown Hotel, 8.30. To receive committee's report re Nest Feather Show. All members earnestly requested to attend.—J. H. Jones.

Clapham C.B.A.—June 3, Landor Hotel, 8.30. Arrangements re ramble.—A. R. Coe.

City of Bradford O.S.—June 1, Flying Dutchman Hotel, 8. Important business; classification for open show.—F. Rhodes.

Crewe O.S.—June 4, Brotherhood Institute, 8. Monthly.—E. Jaycott.

Doncaster and Dist. C.B.S.—June 8, Black Bull, 5. Nest Feather Show; birds to be staged by 5 o'clock prompt; arrange Second Nest Feather Show, and other important business; Judge, Mr. Preeley.—G. Bentley.

Dewsbury C.B.S.—June 1, Little Saddle, 7.30. Schedules F.F. Show. Members must pay subs. up to date, or will not be allowed to show.—S. Shaw.

Dubmire Workmen's Club C.B.S.—June 2, Dubmire Workmen's Club, 10.30.—B. Robinson.

Dulwich and Peckham C.B.S.—June 4, Reindeer Hotel, Rye Lane, S.E., 8. Paper by L. J. Richardson on "Breeding and Feeding for Colour." Fanciers invited.—W. Hodson.

Eccleshill C.B.A.—June 1, Fountain Inn, 8. Schedules for members' shows; other business.—W. Nettleton.

Gainsborough C.B.S.—June 1, Britannia Works, No. 1 Messroom, 7. Important business; all members requested to attend.—J. E. Conway.

Great Horton O.S.—June 1, Butchers' Arms, Great Horton, 3. Also Members' Show, birds to be staged at 3 p.m. Judge, Mr. D. Sutcliffe, of Wibsey.—J. Holroyd.

Grangemouth O.S.—June 5, Rechabite Hall, 8.—Jno. Woodhouse.

Gateshead C.B.S.—June 12, Lockhart's Cafe, High Street, 7.30. Report of committee re Nest Feather Show and egg-food making competition for members; no entrance. Mr. R. Tindale will give medal.—J. Davison.

Hartlepools C.B.S.—June 5, Y.M.C.A., 8. Business: N.F. show and proposed removal of meeting room.—Woodhead and Pyman.

Hull C.B.S.—June 1, Oddfellows' Hall, 8. First Nest Feather Show; judges, Messrs. Geo. Brumby and R. Barwick.—Ernest R. Ridley.

Hemsworth C.B.S.—June 5, Hemsworth, 7.30. Members' subscription due; First Feather Shows; judges, etc., for Members' Nest Shows, etc., and any other business.—James W. Gillinge.

Halifax O.S.—June 1, Plummet Line Hotel, 8. Business important.—Harry Clegg.

Hetton-le-Hole C.B.S.—June 1, Crown Inn, 7. Important business.—A. J. Notley.

Hyson Green (Nuttingham) C.B.S.—June 4, Cricket Players' Hotel, 8. Any fancier wishing to join this society will be welcomed. First Feather Show June 15.—Wm. Cottingham.

Leeds Roller C.C.—June 1, 55, Briggate, 7.30.—H. L. Davis.

Laisterdyke B.F.A.—June 5, Railway Hotel, 8.15. Members' Show and other business.—J. E. Hudson.

Leicester Hand-in-Hand C.B.S.—June 4, White Swan, 8.30. "The Rearing of Young Birds," by Mr. E. H. Hulse.—A. Freestone.

Lancashire and Lizard F.A.—June 9, Glossop, 2.30. Important business; full attendance desirable. Cheap booking Manchester to Glossop, 6d. return.—John Rukin.

Leeds C.B.S.—June 1, Lockhart's, next door to Hope Bros., Briggate. First Feather Show; birds staged 7.30. Entrance 5d. per cage (all returned). 1s. special meet points in each class. Judge, W. A. Wilson.—J. P. Moir.

Leigh C.B.S.—June 5, Railway Hotel, 7.45. Nest Feather Show business.—R. Charleson.

Morley C.B.S.—May 25, Sycamore Hotel, 7.30. Time of staging, stewards, etc., for First Feather Show June 15.—D. Haliday.

Mid-Rhondda C.B.S.—June 6, White Hart Hotel, 7. Fixing dates of First Feather Show and Open Show, and other important business, when every member should make a special effort to attend to air their views.—J. T. Lloyd.

Manchester and N.C.O.S.—June 3, Deansgate, 7.45. F.F. Show business.—H. Boothman.

Middlesex O.S.—June 6, St. John's Schools, Southall, 8. Young Stock, etc., Show; judge, Mr. F. Easterling; admission free.—Jeffery Jefferis.

Manningham C.B.A.—June 1, headquarters, 2. Members' Show entries, Friday 8 to 11; judge, Mr. J. Wilman.—H. Grange.

Northern Border and S.F.C.C.—June 3, Pillar's Cafe, Pink Lane, 8. Table show, 3 classes for each section, champion and novice—yellow, buff, green or cinnamon. Mr. A. Montgomery will judge.—M. C. Potts.

Northern Counties Norwich.—June 5, Lockhart's, 65, Grainger Street, 8. Patronage, colour-food, etc. Members and intending members, please attend.—W. Curry.

Newsham C.B.C.—June 1, Willow Tree, 7.30. Last meeting for taking new members.—C. Snowdon.

Nelson C.B.S.—June 4, Mr. Fulton's Shop, 7.30. First Feather Show business and subscriptions.—F. Aynscough.

New Cross C.B.S.—June 6, The People's Hall, Tanner Hill, Deptford. Birds to be staged 7. Young Stock Show; judge, Mr. Hazel.—Barton and Barton.

Newcastle C.B.S.—June 6, 65, Grainger Street, 7.30. Nest Feather Show. Lecture, Mr. A. Brown, "Norwich Plainhead."—J. W. Reed.

Ormskirk C.B.S.—June 3, 8. Business: Table Show, also purchase coupons.—T. H. Tiffen.

Partick C.B.C.—June 7, Trades Halls, Anderson Street, 8. Agenda: Judges for Annual Show; discussion on breeding and rearing Canaries.—John Henderson.

Plumstead and Woolwich C.B.S.—Will members notice that a ramble has been arranged for June 1, in White's woods and grounds. Meet at the tram terminus, Abbey Wood, 3.15. Friends are invited. Further particulars of the sec.—E. Meades.

Pudsey and Stanningley C.B.S.—June 3, Fleece Hotel, 8. Schedules for Members' Show now ready.—Hugh Raistrick.

Rochdale Good Intent.—June 5, Temperance Club, Toad Lane, 8. First Feather Show business.—Thos. Holt.

Radcliffe C.B.S.—June 5, Wareing's Dining Rooms, 8. Business: F.F. Show, and other business.—W. Pickup.

Reading C.B.S.—June 5, Palmer Hall, 8. Discussion on breeding and rearing, introduced by J. Brooker.—W. H. Pyke.

Stoke-on-Trent C.B.A.—June 3, Red Lion Hotel, 8. Final arrangements for young bird show June 22. Lecture on "Colour Feeding," by Mr. W. Bowyer, of Leek.—J. Pitchford.

Shipley O.S.—June 4, Prince of Wales, 8. Members' schedules ready.—A. Tillotson.

Stockton-on-Tees C.B.S.—June 6, Leeds Hotel, 8. General business.—J. N. Lowes.

Stocksbridge C.B.S.—June 7, headquarters, 3. F.F. Show. Birds staged 3 p.m. Judge, Mr. F. Elliott. Entries close June 7; fee, 6½d. per cage.—G. L. Sampson.

Sittingbourne C.B.S.—June 3, headquarters, George Hotel, High Street, 8.30. Committee meeting; please will every committeeman be so kind as to be present.—B. Tidy.

Spen Valley C.B.S.—June 3, Commercial Hotel, 8.—Arthur Lee.

South Shields.—June 1, Cyprus Hotel, 7.30. Judge for First Feather Show.—Wm. L. Smith.

Sheriffhill F.F.S.—June 1, St. John's Parish Hall, 7. General monthly meeting. All members requested to attend so as to arrange for our show on the 22nd; other business.—W. Stockton.

Smallbridge.—June 4, I.O.G.T. Room, Garside Street, 7.30. Important; F.F. Show, etc.—W. Lanyon.

Vale of Leven C.B.C.—June 6, Schoolroom, Alexandria, 8. Show business; last night for admitting new members; all subscriptions must be paid.—A. H. McLean.

Wallasey C.B.S.—June 6, Fairhaven Institute, Seaview Road, Liscard, 8. Subject, "The Question Box." Visitors welcomed.—T. Edwards.

Windhill C.B.S.—June 1, Blue Bell Hotel, 8. Classification for open winter show. Also schedules now ready for members' shows.—Taylor and Gunn.

Wimbledon C.B.S.—June 3, 6, The Broadway, 8. Lecture on "British Birds," by Mr. J. Robson, and judging competition. Fanciers invited.—H. Smith.

Walkley C.B.S.—June 6, Mission Rooms, Westmoreland Street, 8. Table Show; members and novices to be followed by judging competition for novices.—A. Lawton.

Wakefield O.S.—June 1, Crown and Anchor, 8. F.F. Show and ordinary business; members please attend.—J. Isherwood.

Walsden C.B.S.—June 4, Bull's Head Hotel, 8. Business important.—H. Howard.

West of Scotland O.S.—June 1, Nelson Temperance Hotel, 7.30. Usual monthly meeting and final arrangements for First Feather Show. New members now being enrolled.—Wm. Hutchison.

Wibsey C.B.S.—June 1, Horse and Groom Inn, 8. Arrangements for First Feather Show; intending members cordially invited.—H. C. Crossley.

Watford C.B.S.—June 5, Essex Arms Hotel, 8.30. Schedule for Y. Bird Show.—W. Rackley.

N.B.B and M.C. Annual Report.

The handbook and annual report of the National British Bird and Mule Club are to hand. Besides the rules and conditions governing the cup competition, the handbook contains, as usual, the list of British birds eligible to compete for the club's specials. The birds are grouped into their proper families and subfamilies, the Latin name of each bird is given, and whether it is a resident or a winter or summer migrant. A list of Hybrids and possible Hybrids (we notice that the "Greenfinch-Chaffinch" is omitted) is given, with suggested classifications for from six to fourteen classes. The headings here, however, do not agree with the numberings. For "six classes," for instance, only three classes are named; and so on. This does not now fit in with the revised British Bird classification. The club classification for British birds, as given in our issue of April 13, is printed in the handbook. This provides for the proper arrangement of any number of classes from nine to thirty, and entirely avoids the use of confusing terms such as "larger than," etc. Show secretaries should certainly write to Mr. Carr, 45, Overdale Road, South Ealing, London, W., for this list, or keep by them the copy of CAGE BIRDS in which it appeared. The report shows a credit balance of £11 18s. 5d., as against £10 14s. 2d. brought forward, and the Club is to be congratulated upon its continual improvement in this respect.

The Noisy Sedge Warbler.

The Sedge-bird has returned to the marshes and reed beds on the banks of the rivers. He is the most numerous of his family visiting the British Islands during the summer. He stays with us well into the autumn, and may be seen when the reeds have changed to brown and yellow. He is such a persistent singer that one may be certain of hearing his voice at almost any time of the day, and even after sundown; for the least noise starts him performing. The song is a hurried, chattering repetition, and although pleasant to listen to on the wind-swept marshes, is not by any means noted for melody and variety.

Correspondence.

Six Eggs in Three Days.

Tall Story of a Hustling Hen Canary.

SIR,—I read in CAGE BIRDS a few weeks ago about a hen Canary laying seven eggs in one clutch. I bought a pair of Canaries three weeks ago, and the hen laid two eggs last Friday, May 17, two on the Saturday, two on the Sunday, and two more up to Tuesday morning, the 21st; total eight; and she is sitting on the lot. It is rather unusual, is it not, to have so many? I have never heard of it before. I should think it is nearly a record.

A. SMITH.

Sudbury, Middlesex.

[We have heard of eight and more eggs being laid in one clutch. But we have certainly never before heard of a hen Canary laying two eggs a day on three successive days; a most extraordinary thing.—Editor.]

Aged Parrots Laying in Cages.

SIR,—In answer about a Parrot laying eggs after thirty years, I have known two which laid eggs at twenty and twenty-five years old for the first time, and were very ill just before, and stayed at the bottom of the cage for days. Does anyone know of a Parrot like the one "Polly Grey" a friend of mine has that at twelve months old laid two eggs, and has done so every three months since—perfect eggs all of them—and is now nine years old.

F. B.

SIR,—In answer to Mr. Ludlow as to Grey Parrots laying eggs, I should, as a reader of CAGE BIRDS for this last eight years, like to say that when about twenty-two years of age I had the experience of witnessing the same sort of thing. We had a Grey Parrot which was a very fine talker, and one evening it laid an egg on the bottom of the cage. We, of course, took possession of the egg, and to our surprise she laid again the next evening, just as Mr. Woolston's Parrot did, but I am sorry to say she only lived about three weeks after laying these two eggs. She was twenty-four years of age when she died. Like Mr. Ludlow, all the years I have been reading CAGE BIRDS, I have not heard of another case like these two after so many years of cage life.

W. H. TANSEY.

Roller Canaries at the Crystal Palace Shows of 1912 & 13.

SIR,—In a report of the Leeds Roller C.C. held on Saturday, Jan. 6, 1912, is the following paragraph: "The next item was a letter from Mr. Norris re Palace Show. It was unanimously agreed that the members would uphold the stand taken by the B.R.C.C. and not exhibit there under the present conditions." Mr. J. W. Norris published an apology dated Feb. 9, 1912, in which he says: "I also understand that other arrangements were made by the manager of the show with which I was not acquainted at the time I wrote such letter, and am sorry, etc." Mr. Andrew Percival, hon. sec. of the P.R.C.C. and member of the B.R.C.C., publishes a letter in February, 1912, in which, after alluding to Mr. J. W. Norris's "Open Letter," he says:—"To prevent individuals from exhibiting at the Palace Show is simply boycotting, and is altogether wrong." At the B.R.C.C. general meeting of March, 1912, I am informed Mr. J. W. Norris, as hon. sec. of the B.R.C.C., asked for the guidance of the members present as to his reply to a letter from a member, the member desiring to know if the B.R.C.C vetoed showing Rollers at the Crystal Palace Show of 1913, for if so the member desired to tender his resignation; and the members present decided they had no right to interfere with a member's individual right to show at the Crystal Palace Show, or elsewhere. Since this decision at the general meeting of the B.R.C.C. held in March, 1912, no public announcement respecting it has been made by Mr. J. W. Norris, and I ask him through your columns to do so for the guidance of members who were not present at the general meeting of the B.R.C.C. of March, 1912.

ARNOLD E. READ.

Rearing Young Birds Without Egg Food.

SIR,—I was agreeably surprised to find I had been adjudged winner of the much coveted prize in your competition for an essay, on the rearing of young birds without the use of egg-food. I can assure you it will be a pleasure if my essay should prove helpful to fellow-fanciers, and I shall be ready to further enlighten anyone, if possible, who feels disposed to tread the new ground (as you put it in your remarks). I am certain very few will ever return to the old order of things, but will discard for ever the troublesome egg. A trial will convince all of the economy of my method. In the first place it saves much time (besides preventing waste), and cost less in cash. I am confident that the adoption of my method of feeding will reduce the risk to fanciers' stock of an outbreak of the terrible septic fever to the lowest possible minimum. Further, I have proved in cases of wheezing that the feathered patient more quickly recovers when fed on these lines, and treated as advised in CAGE BIRDS. By the way, I never miss reading the columns of Queries and Replies in your valuable paper, as although I have kept birds since 9 years of age (25 years), I have learnt practically all I know about bird culture from CAGE BIRDS, and such grand works as "Our Canaries," and "Cage Bird Hybrids," which I had complete as soon as published, besides many other books compiled by your experts, and costing very little. I hope shortly to put other ideas before your readers, through the advertising columns, which I hope will prove equally interesting. I have a process for preparing the nut food, so that it can be given the birds without further cooking, and I shall be pleased to send a small sample to fanciers on receipt of 1d. stamp.

T. STANLEY.

212, Rookery Road, Handsworth, Birmingham.

Nightingales at 7s. 6d. each.

SIR,—I read with especial interest in this week's CAGE BIRDS the letter of Hubert D. Astley, Esq., with reference to the selling of freshly arrived migrants, such as Nightingales, at 7s. 6d. apiece. I quite agree with this gentleman's views where such is the case, but it is not fair to assume that all such birds that are advertised at this low figure are fresh-caught ones, as the following will show. On Thursday last I purchased from one of the advertisers in question a cock Nightingale, and the bird I received turned out to be the best bird I have ever had in my possession—and I have had a few one time and another—and this bird commenced singing the following evening, and has continued to sing each day and night since, which is abundant evidence to prove that it is no "freshly-caught migrant"; in fact, he is singing quite loudly as I write these few lines. I also know of a still further instance. When I applied for a 'Gale from an advertiser now offering them at the low figure mentioned by Mr. Astley, he informed me, at the time of intended purchase, that the Nightingale advertised was exactly the same as our English Nightingale, only they were imported from the Continent.

S. H. L.

Sir,—I am quite in sympathy with Mr. H. D. Astley on this matter, as, apart from the cruelty or illegality of the business, it is a great loss to the country generally—to agriculturists, bird-fanciers, catchers, nature-lovers, and all, simply because what birds are captured are captured at the wrong time. Assuming that 5,000 of them are trapped and disposed of before breeding, then that means a loss of at least 20,000 on what would have been the season's results; but if the trapping were delayed till after breeding time, if the 5,000 were taken, a good margin of increase would still be left over, and so their numbers would steadily increase year by year. Any bird fancier would like to keep a good singing Nightingale, I am sure, but the present way of going about it is the wrong way, and, as I have tried to show, a deplorable loss to all, because these birds, in addition to their charm of song, are great destroyers of insects, etc., and do no harm in any way whatever.

PHILOMEL.

✠ HOSPITAL EGG WEEK ✠

Comes to a close Tuesday next, June 4th.

POULTRY KEEPERS—Send at once ½ doz. or more eggs for the Hospitals to **The Poultry World**, 154, Fleet Street, London, E.C.

AN UNASSUMING BUT POPULAR COUPLE.

The Lesser Redpoll and the Twite cannot boast gorgeous plumage, yet their engaging ways have endeared them to many bird-keepers. The Redpoll depicted here won 2nd prize at the Horticultural Hall Show for Mr. J. E. Jeffreys (Swansea), and the Twite 2nd at the City and Surburban Show for the late Mr. W. Page (London).

Another Talking Canary.

SIR,—Seeing a previous record of a talking Canary, I should like to let readers know that I have a Norwich cock Canary that can say a few words quite distinctly, whistle a few notes of a tune, etc. It has the Canary song also, The Canary is just over twelve months; we had it at the age of six weeks. It has picked up the words from a Green Parrot we have. If you care to mention this in your paper, you may do so, but please do not give name or address, as we do not want any callers.

E. C.

"Mocking Bird Food."

SIR,—Regarding the "Mocking Bird food" mentioned in letter from Mr. Jas. A. Blow, published in your issue of 11th inst., and of which you expressed the desire to know the ingredients, I have taken the liberty of enclosing herewith a leaf from a pamphlet of one of the manufacturers of this food. This gives the ingredients, but, as they express it elsewhere in their pamphlet, they "reserve the quantities."

JAMES R. MATHEWS.

New York.

[The ingredients given in the extract to which Mr. Mathews refers are as follow:—Roasted beef-heart, toasted wheat bread, best quality blue maw meal, ant eggs, dried sweet potatoes, pea meal, dried currants; the whole made moist with melted beef suet.—Ed. "C.B."]

A START FROM THE BOTTOM RUNG.

Pleasure for People with "Short Purses."

SIR,—I started on the lowest rung of the ladder with a few Waxbills, being anxious to work my way up. I think that is the best way for those who contemplate going in for foreign birds: start with a few hardy sorts. I built a large indoor aviary, simply but strongly constructed, with every convenience for their comfort. At the back I put cokernut shells, cut in two and wired, together with branches of different sizes, so as to suit their feet. In the centre I put a swinging perch, and at either end I suspended from the top a swing consisting of two uprights and a cross-bar, of which they are very fond, and which also affords them good exercise. The bottom I made of four compartments; one for sand, of which I give them plenty, and the other three I fill with good pine sawdust. I am a great believer in sawdust. I find it acts as a disinfectant, and it prevents any smell. It is most interesting to watch the changes of plumage in some species, especially the Weavers and Avadavats, which take place in the spring and autumn. One advantage of keeping the birds I have mentioned is the simple feeding, millet and canary seeds being the staple food. I keep a good supply in the aviary, also plenty of spray millet, with ants' eggs for the Weaver and any of the others who wish to partake of them. Often I give a small quantity of mixed seed, similar to that I give my Finches, but without much hemp. I also give them plenty of flowering grass, and this can be got nearly all the year round. I fix it in the front, and they amuse themselves by pulling it through the wire netting, for I find that birds like "something to do," and the pulling of the grass through seems to afford them a lot of pleasure. One thing needful is plenty of water for drinking and bathing, especially the latter, I have never seen birds take to the water like mine; they seem to revel in it. The strange part is that directly I put the bath in all the small ones wait till the Weaver has had his bath, and then they have their turn; but never before him. I have spent hours watching them, especially on Sundays, and their lively movements and their bright plumage and engaging ways make them most interesting pets. Of course, if one goes in for the rarer sort, a long purse is required, but the cheaper ones are within the range of most people, and they can be bought any time during the year if kept indoors. I have had good luck with mine. I have had a St. Helena Finch for six years, and he is fit for show at any time. I recommend an indoor aviary, length 5ft., height 4ft., and 2ft. wide. Anyone handy with tools can easily make it. I first made the frame and then covered it with thin boards, which I obtained cut to order through an advt. in CAGE BIRDS. The front I covered with fine mesh wire netting, with a stay in the centre, from right to left; that made it firmer, and also acted as a rest for the perches. I put a good-sized door at each end. The bath I put inside on a round tray, so that they can splash about without making the cage very wet. A cage that size would well accommodate fourteen birds of the smaller sort, and I would suggest pairs of Avadavats (common and Green), St. Helena Finches, Orange Cheeks, Bronze-winged Mannikins, Zebra Finches, and Madagascar Weavers. Cordon Bleus are very pretty, but I find them rather delicate. Of course, there are many others to choose from, but I have found the ones mentioned easy to keep. I have had great pleasure from my indoor birds, and I hope I shall persuade others to take up the hobby of foreign bird-keeping.

A. W. TRUE.

The Bird Trade and the R.S.P.C.A.

SIR,—Seeing "G. G.'s" letter has prompted me to pen this. For reasons which you will appreciate I am not signing my name, but as you have it before you, that is a proof I am not ashamed of it. Just a little friendly advice to all fanciers, dealers and others whom it may concern. Treat the R.S.P.C.A. inspector as I do—be polite, but let him realize you know your business and don't require any help or advice from him. If he persists in being "nosey" show him the door; if he does not go out you will be entitled to throw him out, always realizing (as he well knows) that he is a trespasser. Oh, what can be done in a uniform! Talk of the blind leading the blind. As the recent prosecution of the Spa Road dealer proved; two inspectors did not know a Goldfinch when they saw it, or they were wilfully untruthful when they said he had a number in stock, as he proved he had none. Those who "know," realize this society, like most others of its kind, is out for the "shekels." Talk about pot-hunting exhibitors, they are not in it with these good people, who boast that even a failure to get a conviction brings the subscriptions in from sympathetic old ladies who are the backbone of the society. We must not forget the R.S.P.C.A. was mostly concerned in prevention of cruelty to horses. Now that the motor has superseded horses, this society is, like the poor veterinary surgeon, hard put to it to keep alive at all, so they have had to find a fresh channel for their energies, and they have picked the weakest and poorest section of fanciers and dealers to start with. I may say, in conclusion, that a talk with an ex. R.S.P.C.A. official is very instructive, if not edifying.

ONE WHO KNOWS.

When Fixing up Your Aviary.

Some Things to Bear in Mind.

Sir,—In planning a new aviary the first essential from the aviculturist's point of view is to find a good position, facing south if possible, with a wall of a house for a background to build against. If he has this, there is one side of the shelter without further trouble; if he hasn't, the shelter should be built of zinc or corrugated iron lined with wood, which insures a good even temperature. The roof should, of course, slant down to carry off the rain into a gutter at the bottom.

The floor is best made of cement to keep rats and mice out. It can be formed quite easily with a good foundation of rubbish (stones, glass, etc.), filled in with smaller ashes and tarred over. Besides being a preventive against vermin, this makes a floor which can be easily cleaned, and is warm and healthy for the feathered inmates. The shelter should be well lighted with one or two windows, according to its size. A sliding or hinged door should connect the shed with the flight; also, there should be an opening or window to give passage for the birds, if the door is required shut. This arrangement will enable the aviarist to separate some of his birds when required, or to shut them off from the open flight in winter.

For the flight, half-inch mesh wire netting should be used, as this will keep out Sparrows, and will also enable the aviarist to keep small birds as well as large. Again, as a protection against vermin, the wire should be buried a foot or so down, and run along outwards to prevent burrowing underneath. The wire, of course, is fixed to wooden supports and cross-pieces. If expense allows, rods or thin sheets of iron would be better, as wood will rot away in time. The exterior should be painted over with black paint (Brunswick black) to show up the interior and enable the birds to be better seen.

The size of the aviary must, of course, be according to the individual's desire, but a good-sized aviary of 20ft. long and about 6ft. wide should comfortably hold seven or eight pairs of birds, provided they are not too large, with a chance of their breeding. Branches of trees hung from the roof, placed in corners, or in pots, are the best perches for the shelter. The flight may be planted with various kinds of thick and bushy evergreen shrubs, which are adapted for shelter and nesting purposes. A few rose trees, if planted in the flight, will afford a supply of green-fly (aphides) to the birds, which they will greatly enjoy. One end of the flight should be grassed, and will keep the birds in health with the insects which abound in it. Food and water receptacles are better, perhaps, placed in the shelter, though if the roof be extended beyond the shed a foot or two into the flight, they may be placed under this. Care must be taken that they are placed nowhere near a perch, as soiled food or water is most harmful. Open food pans are the best, as the birds can see their seed, and scattering can be prevented by an overcurving rim. Small fountains, with shallow bowls attached, are the best to ensure clean water. Nesting contrivances of every kind (cokernut husks, boxes, logs, old hats) may be fixed up in shelter and flight. The floor of the shed should be covered with sand.

A BIRD LOVER.

Money-making with Canaries in the U.S.A.

Sir,—Could any of your readers tell me why British Finches moult a lighter plumage here? Is it because of the high altitude (we are more than a mile above sea level)? I have two Goldies that have moulted nearly white. Their young are natural plumage for the first year, but after the first year they also get lighter. The old pair are four years old, and I have had seven rounds of eggs from them so far, and have raised twenty-three to date. I am unable to do anything with Bullies, but have raised several fine Goldfinch-Canary Mules. My best results are with Canaries, as I rear from 800 to 1,200 per season, so you see it keeps me busy; but it pays well, as it nets me from 1,600 to 2,400 dollars per year.

H. W. GRAY.

Denver, U.S.A.

The Breeding of Chaffinches in an Aviary.

Results of Interesting Experiments.

Sir,—Seeing a letter under the above heading in your interesting paper, CAGE BIRDS, I write to let you know that early in June last year I had a pair of Chaffinches which built a nest in a white earthenware nest pan placed in the centre division of a good-sized Crystal Palace aviary which stood on a table in our morning room window. The hen laid four eggs in the nest and sat as tight as a Canary. Two young were hatched, another chick was dead in shell, and the fourth egg clear. As soon as the first chick hatched out, which was midday of the fourteenth day from start of sitting, the hen picked it up in her beak and flew with it to the seed box. She then deposited it on the floor of the cage, took some seed, and returned to her nest, leaving the young chick on the floor. I picked it up and put it under a Canary, but she was a bad feeder and starved it. The next morning early I was in the morning room, but unfortunately not early enough, as the second young one was out on the cage floor dead. The mother was a Canary-reared Chaffinch, and the cock bird I have had in my possession since 1904, so that he must be turned eight years old. He is again this spring in first-rate breeding condition, so I have tried him with two different Canary hens. The first one used to keep as far away from him as she could, and as she was young and inexperienced, I took her away and gave him a large yellow Norwich hen for partner. He made a great fuss of her at first, and they appeared for half a day to be getting on famously. She started to build her nest, but, alas! by evening of the first day, whilst I was out of the room, he nearly scalped her, so, of course, there was a separation. The aforesaid Chaffie hen now is paired to a cock British Goldfinch, who has proved a most attentive partner, feeding the hen whilst she sits on her eggs and singing and swaggering himself about as if very proud of himself. I had great hopes of getting a Hybrid from this pair, but two days have passed beyond the proper time without any successful result from the first two eggs. I consider she has two more days to sit before I give up hope, as I do not interfere with her eggs after she starts laying. This pair is in the smaller division of same aviary, and the nest this time is in a wooden nest box. As we have a nest of a pair of wild Chaffies in our garden, quite close to the house (it is built between a rose tree and honeysuckle climbing together up the pillar of the pergola), I found one young hatched this morning, which I have carefully extracted and placed, as an experiment, in the nest of my Chaffie and Goldie to see if she would feed it. When she left the nest I popped the young wild one in, and the broken egg shell on side of nest, and am delighted to say she is feeding the young one well all the day, and the Goldie is stuffing her.

K. TIPPER.

Can the Fronts of Breeding Cages be Improved?

The Views of a Member of Cage Birds League.

Sir,—Being about one of the first members of CAGE BIRDS LEAGUE, I have watched its steady progress from the commencement to a great success indeed. The paragraph in last week's issue desiring all members and new beginners to look well after their feathered pets is excellent, and I should like to also give the same advice. Respecting the matter of keeping them clean, I have thought a great many years that there is a great opening for an improvement in the wire fronts of breeding cages, both for Canaries and British. I should myself like the cages out more often than they are done, but I generally feel a little backward owing to the trouble, so to speak, with the wire fronts, taking out and refitting them. I think the whole front of a cage could be much improved, and made easy to manipulate, say, for example, with a full slot hinge, so that the whole front could be easily opened, like the lid of any box, etc., and replaced, to fasten with a suitable catch. I feel sure it would make the cleaning out and re-lining, etc., a greater pleasure. There are many ways, no doubt, already with cage fronts, but as yet not one to my satisfaction, and I do think there is an opening for an improvement in that direction. My best wishes are with all members of CAGE BIRDS LEAGUE. Great credit is due to Mr. Fulljames for his efforts and his interest in so vast a combination at home and abroad. Let us all give him our best possible assistance, as opportunity comes our way.

JOHN H. JOWETT.

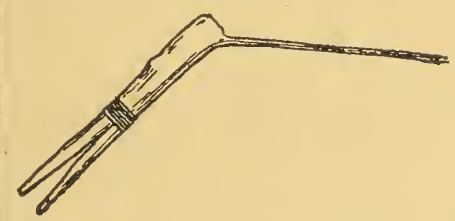
Store Cages and Clap Nets.

Sir,—In thanking Mr. E. Telson for his kind information re store cages, etc., might I ask him how he would use 9-yard nets? I only catch for amusement, and the Linnet is a favourite of mine. How many call birds, number of brace birds, and if Chaffinches will drop in the nets, as I am afraid I should not have a cock Chaffinch in song in the autumn. Can he give me any information on pegging Chaffinches? When does it commence and finish?

E. GRANTHAM.

The Fixing of Limed Twigs on Hedge-rows.

Sir,—Respecting sockets for limed twigs, to fit on the hedge. I enclose two twigs, the best that any one can give you. These twigs are just the right sort for small birds. Put them on the hedge at a nice angle so the bird's wing will strike the twig when it begins to flutter. Do not put them too tightly on to the hedge; just have them so as they will



fall when the bird begins to flutter. If the twig is too tight on the hedge and the bird rises straight up, it will only leave two or three feathers and get off, while if your twig is not too tight it will fall with the bird, and when the twig falls with the bird it always strikes it on the wing, then you have the bird safe.

S. D.; GREENOCK.

The Clashing of Shows.

A Federation of Societies for South Wales and Monmouth Formed.

Sir,—The much-talked-of meeting came off at Swansea on Whit Monday for forming a federation of societies in South Wales and Monmouth, for the purpose of the prevention of the clashing of shows and other important reforms. It was unanimously decided to form the Federation. There were seventeen delegates present, and all were enthusiastic and unanimous in such formation. Mr. Longden (Swansea C.B.S.) was appointed chairman for the year, and Mr. Gordon M. Lucas, 48, Nosser Street, Maisycoed, Pontypridd, was appointed secretary. All the sections were represented at the meeting, which speaks well for the future working of this important body. A committee of seven were appointed, namely: Messrs. W. J. Davies (Treharris), F. C. Williams (Swansea), A. Guppy (Cardiff), E. James (Treorchy), Bevan (Mumbles), S. Gascoigne (Llanelly), and S. George (Swansea). This committee will meet at the Victoria Hotel, Pontypridd, on June 15, at 4.30, to draft rules, etc. Societies are earnestly invited to become affiliated to the Federation and send representatives to the meeting at Pontypridd, where they will be able to hear of the intentions and advantages to be gained by being affiliated. The meeting at Swansea was, no doubt, the most important to societies ever held in Wales, and the results should be far reaching and advantageous. Dates fixed by societies were given, and we noticed that two societies held their shows on the same date: Penrhrweeiber and Swansea Mixed, but as these societies were not represented, nothing could be done to try to prevent what must prove disastrous. These societies have no one to blame but themselves, and we were sorry their representatives were not present, as no doubt if they were an understanding could have been arrived at. Thus the first chance of doing some good by this Fed. was neglected by the indifference of these societies. We are therefore extremely sorry that they should not have taken advantage of what we consider a very important meeting.

GORDAN M. LUCAS, Sec.

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Hybrids with Alien Parents.

Sir,—I agree that Mr. T. Bowler's suggestion would assist, could we get a correct solution as to what is a Hybrid and what is a Mule. I have heard so many differ on these two points that I now feel the time has arrived when it should be thoroughly thrashed out, and I now ask one or two of our leading judges to kindly explain, and that all judges shall abide by their decision. We see a class provided, viz., "Mule, any variety," and find two or three Hybrids entered and accepted to compete, and some of our well-known fanciers say this "Mule, any variety," class includes all crosses. More often than not, show officials provide two or three of these classes, not really considering what crosses they are catering for, and a great number, to my belief, are judged on these lines. Possibly time will not permit the comparing of the accepted entries with the classes; but where does the exhibitor come in under these conditions? I note on the frontispiece of a recent issue two noted Canary Hybrids. If this distinction was mentioned, I see no fear of all classes getting filled, as I maintain there are good specimens of Canary Mules ofttimes kept at home through the owner seeing that he cannot hope to do more than just get in the tickets under the conditions already mentioned. I take it this correspondence ought to clear up what is, to my mind, great dissatisfaction among the exhibitors of Canary-Goldfinch (British) mules and British Hybrids. I endorse Mr. Morris's remarks, as from his previous writings I believe him to be practical on the Hybrid problem.

J. LOCKE.

A "Balloon" Canary.

Sir,—I have been a breeder of Scotch Fancy Canaries and Yorkshires for the last twenty years and a reader of your most valuable and interesting paper, but in all those years' experience I have never come across what I term a "Balloon" Canary, and should like to hear if ever anyone has had the same experience, and if they can account for such a freak. Yorkshires are my fancy just now, and having paired a yellow cock and buff hen, three eggs were laid, and all hatched. The young did well till the fourth day, when one died; the other two did well for six days, then one of them got a little dark in colour, but was being fed all right. It seemed to go back; then it revived again, but never looked like getting any larger. The feathers commenced to burst out all right until the ninth day. In the morning it was all right and had been newly fed, but to my astonishment at one o'clock in the afternoon, when looking at them in the nest, the bird was blown up from the back of the head to the root of the tail. It looked like a little "balloon." The bird lived till the following afternoon, but never was able to open its mouth. On holding it up to a strong sunshine you could see right through it. Its mate is now on the perch and doing well. I have taken the liberty of sending it to you for inspection. I have shown it to a few fanciers, who are all surprised, and have never seen the like before. I am feeding on egg, boiled rape, sponge biscuit, and crushed hemp, with plain canary in seed box.

H. R. MACMILLAN.

[We should think some rupture of the lung tissue and consequent escape of air responsible for the extraordinary distension of the skin seen in this young Canary—it had quite a balloon-like appearance.—Ed.]

Club Reports.

BONNYRIGG C.B.S.

Meeting held Foresters' Arms, May 25. Mr. Alex Jardine, President, in the chair. Classification for First Feather show was gone into, and it was agreed to have two classes for Scotch Fancy, two for Bred., two for Nor., and a Mule class; entries to be in, if possible, by 29th June.—Jas. Hamilton, Sec.

GATESHEAD C.B.A.

Committee meeting, May 22. Arrangements for Nest Feather show, date later. Decided to have egg food making competition for members, for which Mr. R. Tinkale will give a medal. Mr. Lindale made reference to the death of the late Mr. T. Taylor, and it was decided to confirm the Secretary's action in sending a letter of sympathy to Mrs. Taylor.—J. Lavison.

ARDWICK AND MANCHESTER DIST. C.B.A.

General meeting held May 21. Mr. W. Robinson presided over a fair attendance of members. Mr. A. E. Long gave a paper on Foreign Birds, dealing with the various kinds of Humming Birds, Hornbills, Toucans, Scarlet Tanagers, Hoopoes, etc., describing the construction of nests, number and markings of eggs, feeding, and the general management of each variety. Many useful hints were given as to the conditioning of the birds. Afterwards many questions were asked Mr. Long, and answered in a very straightforward way. A very interesting night was brought to a close by a hearty vote of thanks to the lecturer, Mr. Long replying, also promising to give us a paper later on the most popular varieties of our British Birds.—J. Spencer, Hon. Sec.

SCOTTISH METROPOLITAN (OPEN DERBY) O.A.

Continued list of new members, 1912:—A. M. Baird (Paisley); J. Brown, J. Hendry, D. McEashran, J. Rodgers (Leith), R. Carmyllie, A. Curtis (Broughty Ferry), A. Gibson (Kirkcaldy), D. Holden (Muirkirk), L. Jackson (Kirkmuirhill), A. Jardine (Polton), A. Paterson, J. Reid, W. Allan, J. F. Dewar, P. Farrell, G. C. T. Hope, P. McNiven (Edinburgh), J. A. Stewart, W. McClure (Glasgow), R. Thom., C. Wood, J. Maxwell (Dundee), T. Brown (Duns), J. Farquhar (Musselburgh), J. Gladstone (Spittal), J. Morrison (Helensburgh), W. Rodgers (Colinton), W. Thornton (Blackhall), W. Wilson (Portobello), A. Allardice (Wishaw), R. Wright (Greenock). We publish our final list of new members at an early date. Will fanciers please oblige by accounting for tickets in their possession? A number of old members have not yet responded, and we make a special appeal to them to again add their names to our roll.—J. R. Meikle, Sec.

EDINBURGH C.B.S.

Monthly meeting held Cairns Memorial Hall, Gorgie Road, May 21, Mr. J. Charlton presiding over a fair attendance. Messrs. John Hardie, Geo. Wilson and Jas. Reid were proposed and admitted as new members. The following well-known judges have been appointed for the annual show, Dec. 7: Nor., Mr. J. Holmes, Edinburgh; Bord., Mr. Henry Bennett, Kelso; Scotch Fancy, Mr. John Dalgleish, Edinburgh; Brit. and Fer., Mr. R. Bald, Bathgate. President Charlton gave his report as delegate to Scottish National smoker. Classification of First Feather show, July 13, at 3 p.m., was fully discussed. Decided, to have thirteen classes. Judge, Mr. J. F. Dewar (Edinburgh). Admission tickets 2d. each. Chairman pointed out that this was question night; about 12 questions were written and put in the hat, which the members themselves answered, causing great merriment and instruction. Annual subscriptions are now overdue.—J. I. Mackie, Sec.

DENTON C.B.S.

An Interesting Lecture on Norwich.

Meeting, May 13th. A lecture was given by Mr. Robinson (Manchester), on the Norwich Canary. A pretty fair number of fanciers were present, and some very good tips were learned by all. Mr. Robinson said the Norwich Canary that is winning at present is not what he likes. They are more like Lancashires; they are too long, and going away from the Norwich altogether. Mr. Robinson advised the Buffinch type. In choosing birds, he said, get a cock as big as possible, good half-inch rise above the eye, that is one of the main points; also go for quality and size. Hen: Typical bird, not big, nice pipy tail, not too much feather. It is type that is wanted, not feather. What feather there is should be silky. He strongly believes in double buffing. He is breeding at present off cocks and hen the parents of which were double buffs. Get birds with little feather, it gives wedging. He doesn't believe in double yellow; double yellow leucthens the feather, double buff widens the feather. He had bred clear yellow from double buffs. In double buffs more buffs result than yellows. You must have green blood before double buffing. The birds you select for double buffing must have hardly any feather. Don't inbreed, especially if you are a novice. A novice generally goes too far. If we do too much inbreeding we are sure to lose all. Inbreeding, too far, will prove fatal. If inbreeding at all do away with the ino ting, and you will not lose colour. Whatever you do don't double buff with inbred birds, or you lose both colour and blood. When you go to a room to buy, buy what you go for, not what they want you to have. You don't want Lancashires, but the real Norwich type, and go in for it. The type is sure to come back again. It is not Norwich they are breeding for nowadays. Get birds with good stout necks and good round bodies. Don't forget the half-inch rise above the eye. Remedy for moulting hens: Get yolk of egg and put damp it, and feed the young brood about half per day; at the same time put a little common salt in the hen's drinking water. It will throw her off her broodiness. Then no doubt she will turn her attentions to feeding. For hand feeding turn the nib of a pen, and it will answer as a good spoon. The last thing at night Mr. Robinson always gives milk sop, or rice pudding, so that their throats are full the last thing. He has great faith in rice pudding, both for young and old. All the young have left the nest he always mixes his egg food rather sloppy. If you have a bird with rasping diarrhœa give cold tea, and feed white millet and put it in the egg food. Don't give young birds water till about eight weeks old; then put tincture of gentian in the water. When young are in the flight get equal parts of Italian meal, white millet, and German rape, ground together in a mill, and give them a little daily. It is a good thing to keep their bowels open Spratts' cod liver oil food is good for the young after they have left their parents. They may be hurried up on mealing till time comes for colour feeding. For colour feeding he used Fox's granulated biscuits and colour food (one part cod, quarter part hot pepper). Maw seed is a good pick-me-up, but young birds generally eat too much. To stop inflammation make the food sloppy, and put a pinch of cayenne pepper in it, also a pinch of salt, and a bit of sugar in egg-food. For green-food give dandelion two days, then chickweed and watercress. Don't forget to give a pinch of cayenne pepper. After the breeding is over clean all breeders well out with paraffin oil, and common salt. Put pitch-pine sawdust in the bottom of cages, and screen your windows before the moult gets going. When you are colour feeding take away seed till they have eaten up. At the end of the moult give a piece of cabbage leaf to clear their bowels. If you find any youngsters with slipped heels the best remedy is to paint the foot with tincture of arnica. Areca powder is a fine thing for worms. If you get your birds on cod liver oil food early in February you will have no trouble to bring them in condition for the breeding time. Several questions were asked and very satisfactory answers were given. A hearty vote of thanks to Mr. Robinson was proposed by Mr. Walker, and seconded by W. Howard. Decided to have a first feather show the second Saturday in July. Mr. Robinson, judge; hoping all members and friends who were unable to attend last meeting will make a note of same.—W. Hopwood, Sec.

ROSSENDALE C.B.F.S.

Committee meeting held at Commercial Hotel, Stacksteads, May 21, Mr. Heys presiding. Arrangements were made for Mr. L. E. Watkins to give us a lecture on the Roller on June 4, at 7.30. Members and the general public have a hearty invitation to attend.—Ingham Taylor, hon. sec.

NOTTINGHAM AND NOTTS O.S.

Meeting held June 15th, at Mechanics' Institute, R. Rhodes, Esq., in the chair. Decided to hold a nest feather show July 6th, in the above-mentioned hall. A well-lighted room has been secured, and we trust all members will do their utmost to make it a success. Points will count at this show for specials to be awarded at a later show. Will all members try to attend our next meeting June 11th, to fix up schedule, judges, and points competition? Three new members were elected, and another proposed. All fanciers should join the society now to enable them to exhibit at this show. Subscriptions are now due, and should be paid to the sec.—J. G. Royce, Assist.-Hon. Sec.

PROVINCIAL ROLLER CANARY CLUB.

Monthly meeting Old Bear's Head, Corporation Street, Manchester, May 25th. A good muster of members was present: Mr. G. Wareing (Bury) was in the chair. Decided, to give patronage to the Wigan Roller Society. A members' show was decided upon, and arrangements will be notified later. The annual contest will be held at the Old Bear's Head, Manchester, on Jan. 17 and 18 next. Also decided, to engage a German judge for next annual contest. After ordinary business, Mr. Massey (Bolton) gave a lecture on the "Training of the Roller Canary," and, during the course of it, gave some very valuable and instructive hints. A large number of questions were asked and ably answered by Mr. Massey, who was thanked for his lecture.—Andrew Percival, Hon. Sec.

YORKSHIRE UNION OF C.B.S.

Council meeting, May 25, at the Market Tavern, Bradford, Mr. F. Armstrong, President, in the chair. A member of Hebden Bridge and Calder Valley was reported to the Union for non-payment of his subscriptions, and the Council decided to suspend from the Union until such time as he pays all dues and demands to the Society. Mr. W. Errington having offered four valuable prizes to members of the Union who gain most points at Union shows with birds fed on his XL colour-food, the Council accepted this offer with thanks. Letters from P. Illingworth, Esq., M.P., and J. M. Robertson, Esq., M.P., Parliamentary Secretary to the Board of Trade, in respect to a claim for loss of birds in transit to Ireland, were read to the meeting, and these giving little hope of a successful issue being achieved in the case, the Council decided to go no further in the matter. The only safeguard which fanciers seem to have in sending birds away, is to insure them against loss or damage in transit. Mr. P. Jowett, of Gt. Horton, having applied for reinstatement as a novice, he having previously taken a 1st prize in a Small Linnet class, the Council decided to reinstate him as a novice. Sandy Lane applied for permission to withdraw from holding an open show this year, and this was granted on condition that they pay their share of judges' fees, this method allowing them to retain the same date for their show another year. Messrs. L. Dykes, E. Clegg, W. Hellas, A. Brown, J. W. Kaberry, H. C. Crossley, and W. Wharton were elected as the sub-committee for the ensuing year. The question of four gold medals for the intermediate competition was disposed of by the majority of societies deciding that the medals should be given to the amateurs, all members of the Union who have not won more than three first prizes in open competition being eligible to compete for same. The majority of societies were also in favour of all financial questions being left off the ballot paper, and that any recommendations of a financial nature should be dealt with in Committee, the sub-committee to be subservient to the Council on all questions of finance. It was decided that equal tenders be obtained for the printing of Union handbooks, and the following firms were nominated. Messrs. Wilkinson and Woodhouse, Messrs. Brown, L. Hodgson, and Fur and Feather. Societies holding an open show would greatly oblige by arranging their schedules for insertion in the Union Handbook, as soon as the specialist clubs have granted patronage. Will the secretary of Spen Valley kindly communicate with the Union Secretary as soon as possible.—H. Hill, Secretary.

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A Brief for the Bonnie Border Fancy.

By H. STEPHENS (Forest Gate).

(Concluded from page 434).

Birds that go well through their first moult generally turn out strong hardy birds, whilst those in which the moult is prolonged have not the same stamina.

When the birds are through the moult it will be necessary to weed out those that you do not wish to keep, and an advertisement in CAGE BIRDS will soon find you a purchaser of your surplus stock. A point I would emphasize is that no birds should be sold until they have completed their first moult. It is not fair to the purchasers, who in many cases buy the birds for songsters, and having made no study whatever of the birds, are not acquainted with the management necessary during this most trying time of a bird's life.

Getting Birds Ready for the Show.

Now if you purpose showing, your birds must be accustomed to the show cage. This can easily be accomplished by training them to run in and out from the time they leave their parents. The show cage for Borders, used by the members of the Border Fancy C.C. is an all-black enamelled one, 14 inches long by 5¼ inches wide, by 9¾ inches high at each end, with dome reaching to height of 11½ inches over the centre of length.

About a week before the birds are sent to the shows they must be washed. This is the most ticklish job the young fancier has to undertake, but if it is tackled with confidence it is a task easily surmounted. We hear of novices getting older fanciers to wash their birds. This is only like half doing the job, and is a mistake. Besides, is it fair to the other novices in competition who wash their own? If one wants to be a full fledged fancier, then he must have self reliance. Let him attend one or two washing competitions in connection with the local society, and then tackle the job himself.

Procure the necessary utensils, viz., three basins, a couple of small sponges, a badger hair shaving brush, a few pieces of clean soft cloth for wrapping the birds in, and a drying cage. A drying cage is easily made by getting a fair sized box, say 20 inches by 10 inches, by 8 inches, knocking out the bottom, and substituting a piece of flannel stretched across, and then fixing two slides to allow a piece of glass to slide in and out where the lid would have been. Cut a door in the top (late side of box), for putting the birds in, and one in the end so as to run the birds out when ready without handling them. Commence with a bird of small value, and with a little practice you will become an adept at the art.

How to Wash the Bird.

After you have everything ready, your warm water in the three basins, and soap worked into a lather, take hold of the bird to be washed firmly between the thumb and first finger, with the body and tail over the palm of the hand. Soak it well with the water from No. 1 basin, and then lather it from the back of the neck downwards to the tail, taking care to use the brush the way of the feathers. Spread one wing over the thumb and well wash it, and then the other over the third and fourth fingers. By letting the tail lie in the palm of the hand, running up the wrist, it can be easily washed. Now turn the bird over and proceed the same way down its front. Lastly, do the head, being careful to get all the dirt from the bird's nostrils, and don't brush across the neck feathers unless you want a "bearded Canary."

You will find the bird dislikes its head washed very much, especially when the soap gets into its nose and eyes, so the quicker it is done consistent with thoroughness the better. Then rinse the bird well with water from No. 2 basin and lastly well rinse with clear water from No. 3 basin over No. 2. By this method the last water (No. 3) is always kept clean.

Wrap the bird in one of the pieces of cloth, letting the air get to its head, and put it in front of the fire with head farthest away. In about ten minutes' time, when the bird has a little more life in it, take it out of the cloth and place it in drying cage which you have placed in front of the fire with the flannel side facing it. A candle placed at the glass side of the cage lightens up the cage and the bird in a very short time commences preening itself. When it is fairly dry run it into the clean cage ready for it.

How much more satisfied is a fancier when his first prize winner is a bird he has bred moulted and washed himself. The way to achieve success is by judicious pairing to establish a good strain and aiming persistently at producing the ideal bird, giving the birds proper attention and remembering that cleanliness is a true essential.

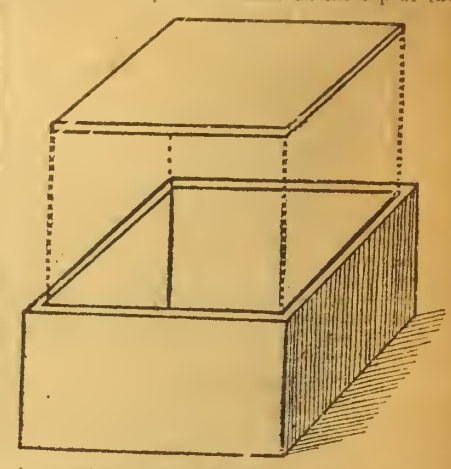
Illustrated Ideas

Every "Illustrated Idea" used in this column will entitle the sender thereof to a postal order for two shillings and sixpence.

No. 594.
An Easy Way to Grate Hard-Boiled Eggs.

Sent in by C. J. Munday, 37, Leat Street, Tiverton, Devon.

If a perforated zinc grater is used for mincing the egg and bread, it is a good deal of "fag" to rub the ingredients through the small holes in the zinc. A much quicker and easier method is to make a small box frame with neither bottom nor top to it, about half the size of the zinc in the grater. Next cut a piece of wood to fit slackly in the frame, as sketch. Now put the frame on the top of the

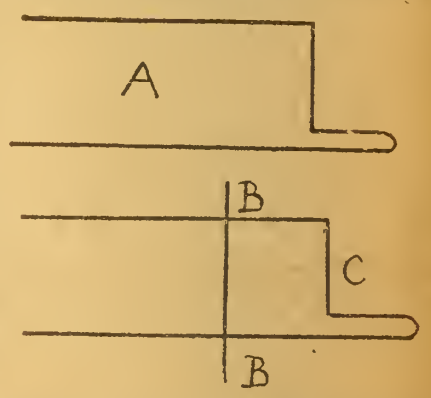


zinc, and put your egg, cut in quarters (or as much as convenient for the size of the frame at a time), in the frame. Put the piece of wood on the top of the egg, and press fairly hard with the forefinger, at the same time rubbing about the frame on the top of the zinc. It will be found that the egg will be rubbed through in a very short time and much more easily as well.—C. J. Munday.

No. 595.
A Neat Perch-Holder.

Sent in by E. James, 13, Lord Street, Earlestown, Lancashire.

The following idea will be found very useful to secure perches to the backs of breeding and box cages, and will allow them to be taken out easily for cleaning purposes. Bend a piece of wire like A, then solder a cross piece to this



at B, about ¼in. from C. Make holes in back of cage where perches are required, push holder up to cross piece, then bend the wire at back, and the holder is fast and secure. A groove must be made in the end of the perch to go on the holder, also one for front.—E. James.

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Singing Contests.

NEWTOWN (Leeds).

Linnet singing contest, May 26, at Prince Albert Inn, when 23 birds entered to sing for 4 good prizes given by Mrs. Saynor. Judges, S. Nevins and A. Lorriman. 1st, A. Binns; 2nd and 3rd divided between J. Smith and C. Lorriman; 4th, J. Clark.—E. Wood, hon. sec.

WESTHOUGHTON.

Open contest for time singing, held Horseshoe Inn, Wingates, May 25, when 20 birds entered for 4 good prizes and some good singing was done. 1st and 2nd, J. Woodward, 88sec. and 81sec.; 3rd, J. Macfarlane, 44sec.; 4th, Wm. Ratcliffe, 40sec. Timers, J. McFarlane and W. Dootson. Tappers, Sam Fishwick and J. Brown. Minute man, Nick Green. Birdman, S. Woodward.—J. Woodward, Sec.

SALFORD.

Club members are requested to note that we are compelled to send 5 birds to represent the club at Atherton affiliation contest, June 1; also all members to bring birds for a contest on the 2nd at headquarters, Boat House Hotel, at 7.30. Also special business re future contest. Every member requested to attend.—B. Wharton, Hon. Sec.

DURHAM.

Linnet singing held at Black Horse, New Street. Seventy birds competed, and some good singing was heard. Most of the cracks of the county were present. Owing to the late start we could not get through them, darkness setting in, so we had to make a division, the following taking part: Bairstow, 4 lots; Franks, four lots; Hislop, three lots; McDonald, three lots; McQuirk, one; Bailes, one; Foster, one; Sayers, one. Judge, Mr. Joe Gardener; timekeeper, Mr. Brown. Next contest at Mrs. McQuire's, Witton Gilbert, near Durham, June 1st. Reed gives £2 cash; entrance, 1s., 3d. back; meet one o'clock prompt; hurry up so that we can get through.—Geo. Reed, Sec.

SHEFFIELD.

Linnet singing society held Royal George, Brightside Lane, Sheffield. Mr. C. Hill gave three special prizes to be sung for, three minutes time singing; 16 birds entered. 1st, Thompson, 81sec.; 2nd, Driver, 68sec.; 3rd, Cole, 60sec.; Driver, 49sec.; Rawson, 39sec.; Albert, 33sec. May 19, Mr. C. Hill gave three special prizes; 22 birds entered, and close singing was heard. 1st, Booker, 78sec.; 2nd, Thompson, 77sec.; 3rd, bird shop, 71sec.; Thompson, 70sec.; Albert, 62sec. and 60sec., Watson, 60sec.; Booker, 57sec.; Cole, 50sec.; Watson, 48sec. Mr. C. Hill gave three specials, May 25; 10 birds entered, 3 minutes time singing. Thompson 1st, 58sec.; Cole, 54sec.; Albert, 52 and 51sec.; Thompson, 50 and 41 sec. May 26, Mr. C. Hill gave three special prizes for 3 minutes time singing; 18 birds entered. 1st, Bird shop, 81sec.; 2nd, Thompson, 79sec. and 77sec.; Albert, 57sec. and 49sec. On Whit Monday Mr. C. Hill gave 16 money prizes for 4 minutes time singing. 1st, Watson, 117sec.; 2nd, Thompson, 116; 3rd, Thompson, 107; Whittle, 89sec.; Rawson, 82sec. and 68sec.; Hill, 61sec.; Whittle, 54sec.; Watson, 52. Bowens, 48; Gregg, 47 and 42; Bowens, 37; Robinson, 20 and 19; Hill, 14.

HUNWICK LANE ENDS (Durham).

Singing held May 27th at the Helmington Inn: 34 birds competed, and some extra good birds were sung. Everything went well, and not a grumble was heard. Results: 1st and 2nd divided between Franks and Newcastle; 3rd, Franks; 4th, Bailes. Judge, Mr. Joe Gardener; sec., Mr. Lee. After the contest a grand concert was given by the fanciers, and a pleasant evening was spent by all. Fanciers, don't forget the contest on June 1st at Witton Gilbert, £2 cash given.—G. Reed.

SEAHAM HARBOUR.

Linnet singing held Northumberland Arms, May 25th, when Mr. Hancock gave three valuable prizes. Thirty-one birds competed, and some very good singing was heard. 1st, J. Briggs; 2nd, Gilbray; 3rd, Welch. Judge, Mr. J. Robson; timekeeper, F. Wilkinson.

LANCASHIRE AFFILIATION L.C.

Affiliated Linnet contest at Blackburn; 54 birds entered, and some very good singing was done. The record for time singing was well broken by Mr. Poole's bird, which did 315 secs. out of a possible 330, and according to the judges sang the full 5½ minutes. There was another record in the entry of 54 birds. After the contest the secretary put before the members the application of Westhoughton Club to get a date for a contest. Two dates were fixed, June 8th, and in August, if they agree to the terms. Will members of the affiliation kindly note that the last affiliated contest is held at the Queen's Arms, Atherton, June 1st, when the secretary will settle with all clubs re the guarantee, and elect officers for next season. All clubs must send five birds to this contest or forfeit all monies held by the Affiliation.—J. McAllister, Sec.

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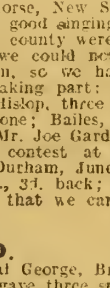

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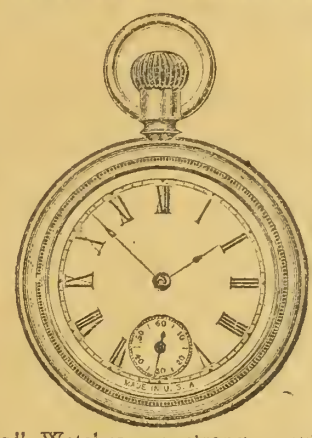

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BIRD LIFE AROUND DONCASTER AND DISTRICT.

Members of the Doncaster and Dis. C.B.S. had an enjoyable ramble on May 19, Potterie Carr being selected. The weather was ideal for the occasion, and the party was guided by our old friend, Mr. T. Truman. It was soon evident we were to receive a great surprise, for we found bird life in abundance and breeding in full swing. In one hour's nesting observation we were able to account for thirty-five nests and twenty youngsters, including Chaffinches, Greenfinches, Linnets, Whitethroats, Blackbirds, Thrushes, Wrens, and a Partridge, returning home after a delightful outing. We should be pleased to be accompanied by other fanciers and friends in the district on our next ramble, June 2; the district chosen is Wadworth and neighbourhood, starting from the Clock at 1.30 and Balby Terminus at 2 p.m.—G. Bescoby secretary.

LEITH O.S. SEE WILD BIRDS RUNG.

Eighteen members, accompanied by a few friends of the above society, journeyed to Musselburgh on May 25 to enjoy an afternoon in the country. They left the society's headquarters at three o'clock in two brakes, going by Seafield and along by the side of the "silvery sea," passing the Marine Garden on the left, and on through Portobello, passing by the way the genial Mr. Matthews, who was standing in his shop door. We soon reached Musselburgh Bridge, where we were met by Mr. John Allan, who was doing the journey on his "bike," and he showed us the way to the estate which we were privileged to see over, about three miles outside the town. Mr. Sykes had preceded us on the road, and we picked him up about 100 yards from the estate entrance, where we left the brakes and commenced the ramble proper. Entering by the lodge gate, we were joined by the lodge-keeper who was to conduct us over the grounds. We had also the privilege of the company of Mr. Steele, of Dalkeith, the well-known expert on British birds, who was there on behalf of Aberdeen University. We were not long in finding a nest of Greenfinches with young about eight days old. Only one bird was rung here. Close by was a Pheasant sitting on a clutch of eggs, and although the company was standing within one yard of it, it never showed the least sign of fear. The next nest found was also a Greenie's with three young, which were all rung by Mr. Steele. A nest belonging to an Oxeye Tit was found inside an old stone cannon ball, the entrance being so small that a penny completely covered it. A Spotted Flycatcher's egg was here shown to the company. We had here a grand view of the mansion house, which is a handsome structure built in the old baronial style and very old. On the lawn in front were a lot of Mandarin Ducks, and they looked very pretty basking in the bright sunshine. Striding like a sentinel among them was a Crane. Somebody suggested that Mr. Steele should ring its leg, but someone whispered "Neck!" The party were shown an interesting gardening feat, it being the grafting of a mistletoe branch with a pear tree. A Robin's nest was the next found, with young; the nest was very artfully concealed on the side of a tree. A Mavis was next found, with four young about ten days old; the ringing process was here executed again. A Willow Warbler's nest with six eggs was also found. We next were privileged to visit a part of the well-laid-out gardens, and standing here and there were a lot of clay figures, which looked very comical. At this juncture a halt was called and a council of war held, as time was getting on, to see how much further we should go, when it was decided that we might visit the old entrenchments made by the English before the battle of Pinkie on Sept. 10, 1547, and afterwards made use of by Mary Queen of Scots on June 15, 1567, a stone marking the spot where Queen Mary surrendered. Afterwards, in companies of threes and fours, we started on our three miles walk back to Musselburgh Arms, where we spent a social hour in song and story, and before leaving, hearty votes of thanks were accorded to Mr. Sykes, Mr. Steele, and Mr. Whitelaw for their kindness in conducting the party. The outing all over was voted a complete success, and it was suggested to have another at an early date, of which due intimation will be given in the Fancy Press.—Geo. Brown, sec.

LEYTON C.B.A. VISITS EPPING FOREST.

The above association went for their annual ramble on Saturday, May 18. The main party assembled at Loughton Station at three o'clock. After waiting for several trains, which brought a few late-comers, a start was made at 3.30. We were not long before we were right among the birds. The first call was for two Herons, which were seen flying overhead. Soon after a Blackbird's nest was spied, with the old bird on, and several Blackbirds' and Thrushes' nests were found in quick succession. The next find was very interesting—a nest of four Chaffinches about eight or nine days old, and as we had Mr. Talbot, the photographer, with us, the accompanying photo was taken. Scarcely more than a dozen yards away a Linnet's nest with four eggs was found, and this also was photographed. The next find was a Bullfinch's nest with two eggs. Soon after this a nest was seen high up in the fork of a tree, which looked like a large bundle with a hole in the side. Someone remarked that it would want some getting at. "Get out," said Mr. King, and, promptly taking off his coat, commenced to swarm up the straight trunk of the tree without a branch to get hold of for at least fifteen feet up. When he arrived at the nest, it was only to find it empty, although it had been occupied quite recently. Several more Chaffinch nests were found, one with three young about the same age as those photographed, also another Linnet's nest with two eggs. We tried hard to find a Whitethroat's nest, but were not successful, only finding old ones. This is the first year we have not found this variety. As feeding time was getting near, we now made straight tracks for the "Owl," where we were met by several other members and friends, including our worthy president, Mr. S. C. Rhodes, and Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Clarke. After the photographer's business was over, we all adjourned to the large hall at the rear of the "Owl," to do justice to the good fare provided by the hostess, Mrs. Langdon, while her daughters Miss Grace and Miss Hilda attended to the table most diligently. The feeding being over, we next turned to jollification; songs were given by Miss Grace Langdon, Miss Hellens, Mr. W. Hellens, "Phil Carr's Comedy Boys," who came over specially to entertain, Mr. Talbot, Mr. Pettet, and several others whose names we did not catch, including some friends of Mrs. Langdon. In moving a vote of thanks to the artistes, our president, who occupied the chair, remarked that he knew everyone present would be sorry to hear that our old friend, Mr. C. R. Carr, was prevented from joining the ramble through illness, and requested his son, Mr. Phil Carr, to convey to him our sympathy, and wished him a speedy recovery. A vote of thanks was given to the organisers of the ramble, Mr. J. S. Clarke and Messrs. Forse and Son, to which Mr. Clarke suitably responded. A vote of thanks to the chairman then closed one of the most enjoyable evenings we have ever spent. On the way to Loughton Station we heard the Gales singing lustily.—Forse and Son, hon. secs.

BRIGHTON AND HOVE C.B.A. HAS A GOOD TIME.

Annual ramble, May 19, when the following fanciers formed a merry party:—Messrs. A. Flook, G. Pinyoun, E. Holley, C. Pearson, W. Swaysland, D. Dean, A. Bignell, A. Goble, R. C. Gibb, F. Dandridge, A. Plummer, E. Cadman, W. Cadman, and Will H. Gibb, hon. sec. We took train to Barcombe, and under the guidance of Mr. O. Plummer strolled to Littleworth, Kernals Bank, and via Cinder Hill to the Five Bells, Chorley, where a substantial spread awaited us. After dinner, Mr. W. Swaysland, in the chair, thanked Messrs. O. Plummer and C. Pearson, who had charge of the arrangements, and expressed the wish that these rambles would become an annual affair, as they tended to increase the friendship and good feeling between members, as well as providing interesting studies of nature. (Applause.) Messrs. Pearson and Plummer responded, and after facing the camera we started for Marstakes Common, where we rambled at will. Later we set out for Lewes via Beveridge, Hamsey, Cooksbridge, and Offam, and caught the 5.30 train to Brighton, having had a most enjoyable day. The following were amongst the finds recorded:—Greenfinches—twelve nests in one hedgerow; Chiff Chaffs—three nests with five young in two and eggs; Lesser Whitethroat—one nest of five eggs; Whitethroat—two nests with five young and three young; Chaffinch—six nests, two with young; Hedge Sparrows—four nests, one with four young; Wood Pigeons—one nest with two young; Nightingale—one nest, three eggs; Blackbirds—many with eggs, one just hatching, hens refusing to leave; Robin—two nests in tree stump, with eggs; Thrush—several with eggs, one with young; Wrens—many nests, but no eggs; Missel Thrush—one nest of three young nearly fledged; Bullfinch—three nests of five eggs; Linnets—three nests, one with eggs. Birds seen included Green Woodpecker, Lapwing, Long Tail Tits, Yellow Bunting, Blue Tits, Red Back Shrike, Spotted Fly Catcher, flock of Wood Pigeons, and Cuckoo. Birds heard: Cuckoo, Nightingale, Black Cap, Goldfinches.—Will H. Gibb, hon. sec.

The Young Naturalist.

*Peter's Pet.

A miser named Peter had a tame Jackdaw, of which he was very fond. Fearing he might be robbed, he hid his gold in tarpaulin bags in his fierce watch-dog's kennel. The Jackdaw and the dog were great friends, and finding a slit is one of the bags the Jackdaw extracted all the gold. The old man had a fright on finding the bag empty, but turning an old cucumber frame over some days later he found all the gold buried in the soil, so the bird had to go into a cage for his home again.—Copied and sent by Wm. Sharples (age 15), 16, Dixon Street, Waterhead, Oldham.

*How a Magpie Made a Nuisance of Himself.

Just outside a house a Magpie lived in a cage, and round the corner a cab rank was stationed. Now the Magpie had learnt how to whistle like a cab whistle, and every now and again the bird would give the cab whistle, and the drivers used to race round there to be first, but they were very puzzled when they could not see anyone blowing the whistle.—Taken from the "Children's Encyclopædia," and sent by F. L. McCreary (age 14), 11, Harlescott Road, Waverley Park, S.E.

**The Clever Parrot.

I was on a visit to my cousin's house this Easter. They have a fine Grey Parrot, which was brought to them from West Africa. When I knocked at the door a voice called "Come in," and of course I walked in. There was no one in the kitchen, only the Parrot, and when it saw me it said "Hullo, Jacko," and then it laughed. I think it is a very laughable Parrot. It calls it "Jacko," and says "Come on, Jacko," and also laughs and imitates anyone with a very bad cough. He is a beautiful whistler. He says "Whistle for Chaaa Jacko," which is the little native girl's name to whom he belonged before being brought here. He has a pot egg in his cage. He holds it in his foot and talks to it; indeed, it is laughable to hear him.—Sent by Ernest Walker (age 9), 90, Southport Road, Ormskirk.

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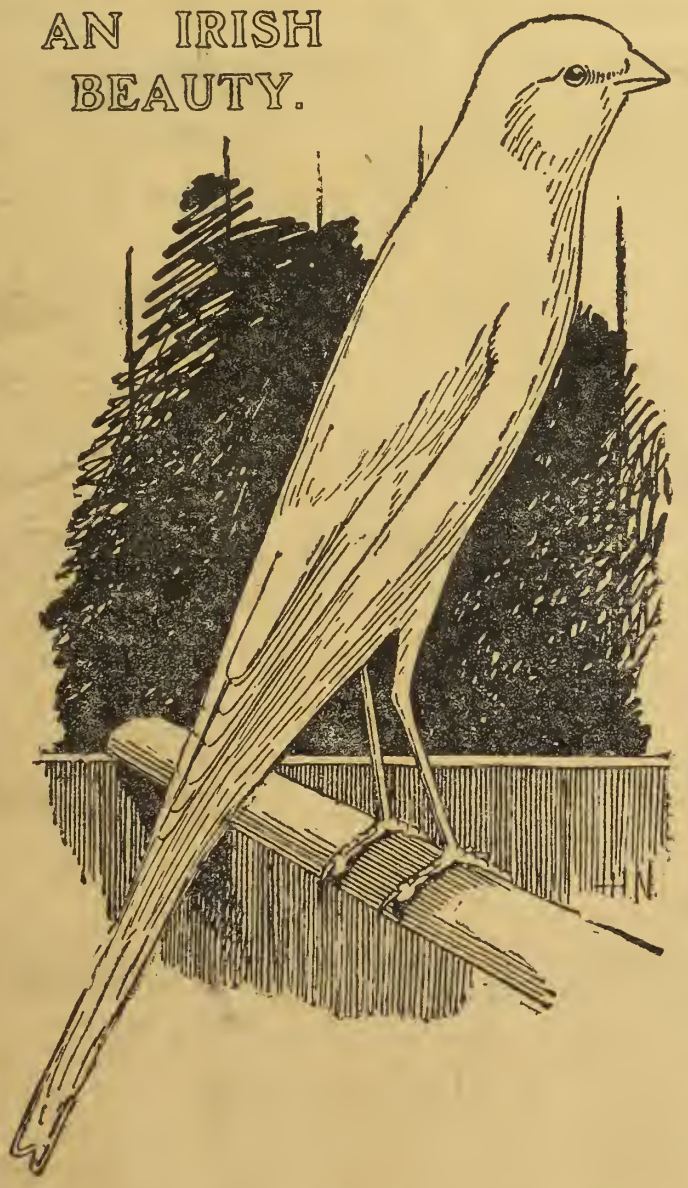

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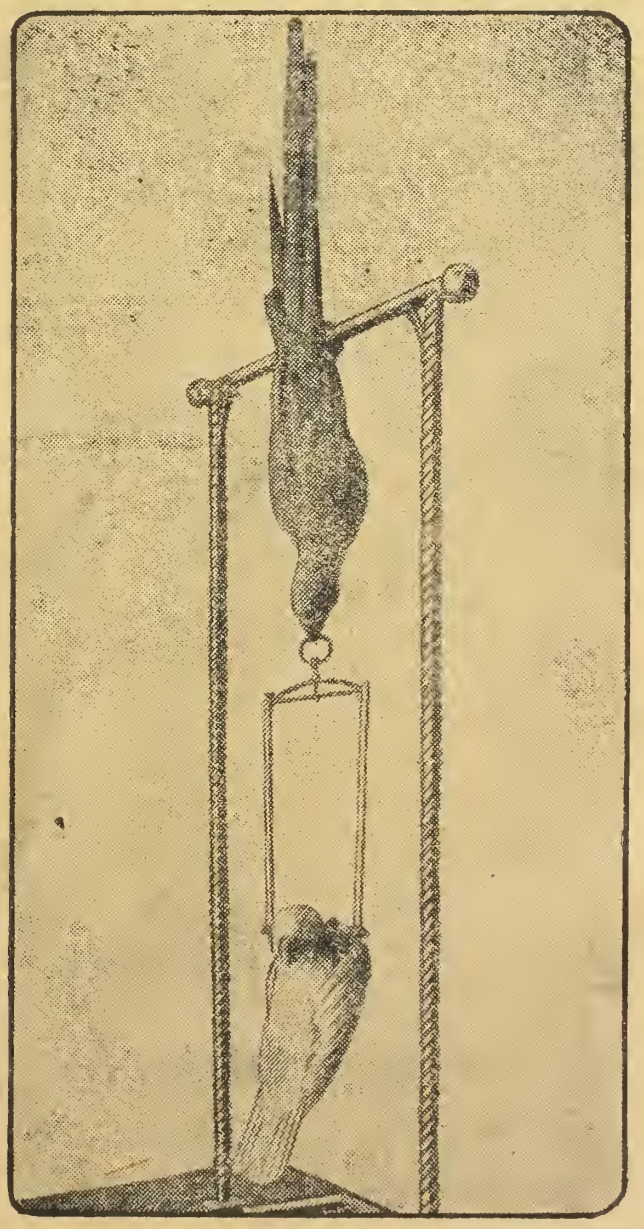

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And the Medals.

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Very many societies, even with their present membership to the League will be entitled to the medals for their next show, and some will have very considerable option as to the class of medals they may offer in their schedule. For instance, the Sheffield O.S., with its forty-four LEAGUE members, is now entitled to one gold, and two silver or bronze, or eight silver and bronze, and these may be offered as specials in any way the society may choose. Even if the paid memberships of a society to the League amount only to five shillings, it will be entitled to one silver or one bronze, and every further five shillings will ensure another one of either kind.

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I shall be pleased to forward to any secretary a number of our leaflets explaining the Aims and Objects of CAGE BIRDS LEAGUE, and giving full particulars of terms of membership, etc.

Obituary.

It is with deep regret that I hear of the sad bereavement which has befallen one of the earliest of our members, Mr. E. Bardsley, of Ashton-under-Lyne, in the loss of his wife, who has passed away after a long illness, and was interred on May 27th. The sympathy of all LEAGUE members will be extended to Mr. Bardsley in his sorrow.

Associates Joining in Numbers.

It was scarcely to be expected that an immediate result would follow the announcement that it had been decided to establish an Associate body of bird lovers as part of CAGE BIRDS LEAGUE, and it is therefore all the more pleasing to be able to announce that a large number of readers of our organ, CAGE BIRDS, have already obtained the necessary five signatures to the coupons besides their own, and have been enrolled on our Associate List. Practically every Associate joining has accompanied his application with a letter of appreciation. The following letter from Mr. John Moss (Senghenydd) is an example of many.

As a bird-lover and dealer for many years, I take pleasure in sending you the six coupons, duly signed, which will entitle me to be registered as an Associate Member of CAGE BIRDS LEAGUE. A few of us about here are all bird-lovers, and we seldom see anything about our Fancy excepting what we read in our good paper, CAGE BIRDS. I can honestly say that myself and friends have taken CAGE BIRDS from the first number. I have got the promise of all my friends and fellow fanciers to do all they can to forward our hobby to the utmost, and I thank you and the LEAGUE for the splendid offer you are making. I shall be very glad to distribute leaflets or any other literature you may send me.—JOHN MOSS.

Full particulars of "How to become an Associate" will be found in another column, and I hope readers will do all that they can to bring the idea to the notice of their friends.

To Glasgow Readers.

Mr. Jas. Stevenson, Local Hon. Sec. to the LEAGUE for Glasgow, has changed his address to 38, McNeil St., South Side. Mr. Stevenson will supply to any applicants our leaflets setting forth the Aims and Objects of CAGE BIRDS LEAGUE.

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METROPOLITAN C.B.A. Young Bird Show, **June 15**, at All Saints' Parochial Hall, close Battersea Park Station. Judge, John Robson. Admission 3d.

The schedule of the two young bird shows of the South Birmingham O.S. is to hand. The dates are June 26 (judge, Mr. W. G. Poole), and July 20 (Mr. J. H. Roe). There are twelve classes in each section (champion and novice): 4 Nor., 4 Yorks., Cinn., Bord., C. and C.B., and A.O.V., with 1 Mule and 1 Brit.

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Twitterings.

Mr. W. Mundell will judge at Rochdale Show Nov. 22 aud 23, in addition to Mr. C. A. House.

We hear that Mr. J. W. Metcalfe (Liverpool) is judging Bangor Open Show (Ireland) on Nov. 14 and 15.

Mr. W. Ayers, 28, York Street, Jarrow, has been appointed secretary of Jarrow, Hebburn, and Dist. C.B.S.

Mr. C. Bell has been appointed assistant hon. sec. to the Anfield, Everton, and Dist. C.B.A., writes Mr. R. B. Wright, the sec.

We have engaged Mr. J. C. Barnes to judge at our open show, Nov 15 and 16, writes Mr. J. M. Mitchell, hon. sec., Codnor Park and Eastwood C.B.S.

Mr. H. R. Meager, Kelso, North Road, Parkstone, writes that he has been appointed, hon. sec. of the Bournemouth and Dis. C.B.A., in the place of Mr. W. O. Brooke.

Mr. A. Holden (Gateshead) and Mr. J. Stanger (Pelton Fell) have been elected to judge at our open show, Oct. 5, writes Mr. W. Tomlinson, hon. sec., Chopwell C.B.S.

Mr. W. T. Mattinson, 32, Orchard Street, Great Harwood, writes that he has again been appointed secretary of the Great Harwood and Dist. C.B.S. in the place of Mr. A. Bentley.

Owing to the resignation of Mr. D. Holliday, late secretary of the Morley and Dis. C.B.S., all communicants should address letters to Mr. J. Rhodes, sec. pro tem., 75, High Street, Morley, near Leeds.

We have engaged Mr. J. W. Cleminson (Preston) to judge Norwich section, and Mr. E. Brunskill (Southport) for Border section. This makes four judges in all, write Messrs. Metcalf and Deacon, hon. secs., Liverpool O.S.

Manningham C.B.A. ramble to Fewston takes place June 15, writes Mr. H. Grange, sec., 44, Silk Street, Manningham. Meet Manningham Station, 8.10; train to Otley. Fanciers invited. If the weather is fine, the outing will be very enjoyable.

Mr. A. E. Brown, 66, Clare Street, Merthyr Tydfil, sec. of Pentre-bach and Dis. F.S., writes that Mr. George Gardner, of London, will judge the cage bird section. Mr. Gardner is a well-known judge of cage birds, and we hope a good entry will result.

Members of the Northern Yorkshire C.C., please note, writes Mr. Tindall, sec., that the date for the table show has been altered from the 12th to Tuesday, the 11th of June, owing to the original date clashing with the egg-food making competition of the Gateshead and Dis. C.B.S.

Ramsden's Pure Peppers.—Independent Testimony.—CAGE BIRDS Critique on Hybrid Section, Horticultural Hall Show, 1911:—"Dark Goldie (21), 1st, Shellam, magnificent Jonque, ablaze with colour and shining like plate glass. Dark Linuet (18), 1st Shellam, another topper for colour and quality, absolutely red hot, plumago like silk; 2nd and 4th, Pope, two very massive fine-coloured birds in beautiful condition. A.O.V. Dark (26), 1st, McQuiston, one of the best Buff Greenies we have seen, marvel for colour and sheen. Bullfinch Hybrid (9), 1st, Shellam, Canary Bullie, marvellously fiery colour, plumage like silk. A.O.V., 2nd, McQuiston, most charming Goldie Redpoll, beauty for colour and condition; 3rd, Ramsden, gem of a Greenfinch Redpoll, about the best we have seen for colour and quality." All the birds mentioned were colour fed on Ramsden's Pure Peppers, and the entry forms were signed to this effect. To get colour and quality, use only Ramsden's Pure Peppers.—(Advt.).

We are asked to state that Mr. Hy. Wilson (Hetton-le-Hole) has removed to 2, Wynard Street, Dawdon Colliery, Seaham Harbour.

I have removed from Elm Place, Leith, to 69, Dalmeny Street, Leith, writes Mr. J. Allan, sec. of Scottish B.B. and M.C. Secs of shows, please note. Subscriptions are now due.

The second monthly show of the Ilford and County F. and F.S. will ho held June 18 at Santa Claus Hall, Seven Kings, instead of on June 11, as previously arranged, writes Mr. J. H. Priestman, hon. sec.

At Cefnybedd, Breconshire, Mr. T. L. Sheen recently put an old bowler hat on a gooseberry tree in his garden to frighten away the birds. A week later a bird (species not stated) built a nest in the hat, and the mother is now rearing a hatch of six young.

We have received from Mr. W. T. Tulloch (33, Hylton Road, Sunderland) a model of a new style of wire cage front he is now fitting. It is an ingenious idea, the wire front being easily removable and at the same time safe and strong.

Societies who have not already applied, and who are desirous of having the patronage of the Northern Yorkshire C.C., should do so as early as possible to the secretary, Mr. R. Tindale, 141, Stanton Street, Newcastle-on-Tyne.

The Clapham and Dist. C.B.A. annual outing to Ranmore Common is now decided on, writes Mr. Coe, hon. sec. The train leaves Victoria Saturday, June 8, at 9 a.m., and London Bridge (L.B.S.C.R.) at 9.20 a.m. for Boxhill. Meeting place at Railway Hotel, Boxhill.

The programme of members' shows of the Shipley O.S. is to hand from the secretary, Mr. A. Tillotson, 24, Commercial Street. There are to be two first feather shows, each with eleven classes—June 22, Mr. Broadley judge, and July 20, Mr. Sutcliffe. Three old bird shows will be held, with twenty-three classes each, five of these being for novices. Dates and judges:—Nov. 6, Mr. Cowgill; Dec. 11, Mr. Chittenden; Jan. 15, Mr. Mundell.

The first of a series of rambles of the Sheffield O.S. is to be held on Sunday next, June 9, via Wharncliffe and Grenoside Woods, writes Mr. T. Bishop. Arrangements have been made for tea at the Norfolk Arms, Grenoside, at 1s. 3d. each. A hearty invitation is given to all fanciers and friends to join in what promises to be a most delightful outing and enjoyable occasion. The party will leave the Park Hotel, Hillsborough, at two o'clock.

We have received from Mr. T. Stanley (Handsworth) samples of the nut (pine kernels) and biscuit food he is putting upon the market. It strikes us as a very palatable and attractive food, while there is seemingly no question as to its high nutritive value, and Mr. Stanley's own experience goes to show that it is a most reliable food with which to rear young birds; further, it is ready for use, and does not go sour. Those interested in egg substitutes should turn up Mr. Stanley's advertisement.

Mr. G. Lawton, of 159, Werrington Road, Bucknall, writes that he has been elected sec. (pro tem.) for Hanley and Dis. C.B.S. in place of Mr. Llewellyn, who is shortly sailing for Canada. The society is sorry to lose such an ardent and enthusiastic member, and we wish him good luck in his new quarters. Mr. H. Tams, of Longton, has been engaged to judge the first feather show, held July 6. Four open classes have been provided for members of North Staffordshire societies. Schedules may be obtained from any of the members.

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Southern Norwich P.C. Patronage.

Will societies that have not yet applied for patronage kindly do so at once, as the club will be allotting the shows for 1912 by ballot papers this month, writes Mr. F. S. Matthes, hon. sec., 34, Rotherhithe New Road, S.E.

Green-marked Yorks. at the Shows

Societies who have not already applied and who are desirous of having the patronage of the National Green-marked Yorks C.C. at their coming shows, should make application early as possible to the sec., Mr. E. Clegg, Victoria School House, Dewsbury.

A 23-year-old Redpoll.

A Redpoll at Renton, Dumbartonshire, has just died after being confined in a cage for the last twenty-three years. This is considered to be a record in longevity for this species. The lady who kept it vouches for its age from the fact that, on the day on which her daughter was born twenty-three years ago, it was taken from a nest, and had lived in a cage ever since.

A Pure White Wagtail.

For several days past we have seen, quite close to the house, a perfectly white Wagtail with a yellow bill, writes "E. T.," to the "Spectator." It comes with an ordinary Pied Wagtail. It has no black or grey anywhere on it.

Parrots at Liberty.

Winter and summer, daily for the last three years, a Parrot has been visiting this garden several times a day, writes "Curious," of Stoke, Devonport, to the "Cornishman." We place Parrot food for it on the lawn in front of the house, and it evidently appreciates it. (A week or two ago we saw a large green bird, either a Parrot or a Parrakeet, at Killivose, near Truro, says the Editor in a footnote.)

How Bird Breeders Are Faring in 1912.

Notes on the results of the present breeding season, or of any interesting happenings, are invited from the secretaries of societies and others. The communications must in each case be accompanied by the sender's name and address.

Records of eggs and young were taken at the meeting of the Paisley, Tannahill O.S., held June 1, writes the sec., Mr. J. Stewart, when nine members reported fifty-nine young and thirty-four eggs under incubation.

Mr. A. J. Notley, sec. of Hetton-le-Hole C.B.S., writes that members are doing very badly, three's and four's being about the usual results. In consequence, the society will not hold a first feather show this season.

Varied Luck at Grantham.

Grantham fanciers are having varied luck in breeding results, writes Mr. W. Ratcliff. Some have one or two very promising youngsters which look like doing well for their owners. The following results are up to last Monday:—Lockton, 15; Allen, 26; Waite, 19; Parsons, 6 Mules, 25 Canaries; Cragg, 3; Turner, 2 Mules, 4 Canaries; Ratcliff, 20; Bond, 14; Ward, 20; Muxlow, 3; Lowther, 3.

Progress at Sunderland.

The following are results of the breeding season for some of our members, writes Mr. J. Jeffery, sec., Sunderland C.B.A.:—Messrs. Swan, 40, comprising Crests, Lancs., Yorks., and Borders; Rawson, 20, Nor.; Copeland, 18, Bor.; Waters, 13 Sihs., 1 Mule; Riseborough, 10 Yorks., 5 Nor., 5 Liz.; Hunt, 3 Nor., 3 Bor.; Smith, 6 Nor.; Pitt, 5 Mules, 1 Nor.; T. Davison, 44 Bor., 2 Yorks., 1 Crest; Peacock, 7 Liz., 18 Bor.; Proctor, 3 Nor.; Graham, 7 Nor. and Yorks.; J. M. Walker, 6 Bor., 2 Yorks.; A. Walker, 7 Bor.

In Nottinghamshire.

Having an hour to spare on Saturday night, writes Mr. Bernard Gabhitass, I thought I might learn something from the birdy men of Sutton. I found a good number of members of the Eastfield Side C.B.S. in the club room at the Masons' Arms, and I had only to mention "birds" when all gave attention. R. Nuttall, the sec. (of Nuttall Bros.) said we have not done very well this year up to now, having only reared five young ones, but are hoping for better luck in the next round. Hall Bros. have four on the sticks; C. Allsopp has twenty-one doing well; S. Wooley, 25; Burton, 4 (an old stager this); S. Hawksley, the sec. of Mansfield C.B.S., has reared 16; Caunt and Keeling, 18; H. Handley, 20 (all Crests); J. S. Norwood, 15; A. Spencer, 20; H. Booth, 9; W. Owen, 14; C. Waldram, 18. This society has a good number of fanciers on their books, totalling 43. The members all work together for the good of the society, and with a little more time they will be at the top of the tree.

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May 30th, 1912.

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The Sweetest Songster We Have.

By THOS. JACKSON (Dunfermline).

This Scottish Birdlover considers the Skylark our "sweetest songster," and gives an interesting account of his feathered favourite.

THE Skylark is, in my opinion, the sweetest songster we have got. How grand it is on a summer morning to take a walk into the country and hear him in his natural state. As he rises from the ground he immediately breaks into song and soars upwards until only a very small speck is to be seen, and when coming down he continues his beautiful singing until the ground is reached. Old Larks caught and caged very seldom become free singers, although I have known them come into song the year following their capture. A young Lark taken from the nest and hand-reared becomes, however, the tamest of all our British birds, and, if a cock, he is sure to start singing early after moulting.

Why this Curious Difference?

I have always been a lover of the Lark, and generally keep one or more, and last year I had the pleasure of getting two out of the same nest, and both have turned out to be cocks. I selected the two biggest birds in the nest; this guess at the sex proved correct, and they turned out beauties. Both were very light when I took them, but, after moulting, one has turned out to be the blackest Lark I have ever seen—the same opinion being expressed by local fanciers who have had a look at him. Fanciers denounce hemp seed as a feather darkener, but the young birds I possess moulted differently under the same feeding conditions—the one very light and the other black. I fed them on ground hemp seed and a well-known packet soft-bill food, and I gave them plenty of sand to dust in, and a fresh piece of turf as often as it could be got. For an old bird, the same method of feeding, with such additions as ants' eggs, dried flies, a small piece of minced meat, and any small worms he may find in the turf, will keep him in splendid condition. A good supply of sand is necessary for him to properly attend to his toilet, although I find he prefers ashes, which can be given occasionally.

Outward Guides to the Sex.

Regarding the sex, a variety of points go to determine the cock from the hen, and the following will serve as a fairly safe guide: The male is always the bigger bird in every way, especially in the length and spread of wing. He has a larger, bolder eye, a long back toe, and also a white feather in each side of the tail, while the spreckling (marking) on the breast goes up nearer the bill, and he has more white on the belly than has the hen. By following these points one will not go far away in selecting a cock.

A Happy Marriage.

From a drawing. [By D. R. F. Davidson.

The Aim of the Hybrid Breeder.

The love-making of the cock Siskin and hen Redpoll has run smoothly, her lady-ship has built the home and laid the eggs, and when "caught" by our artist is anticipating a share of the dainty her husband has in his beak.

Breeding Attempts that Failed.

As to the breeding of the Skylark in confinement, I have heard and read a great deal concerning it, but the birds do not always appear to care much about it, judging from the experience of a friend, who has been trying hard for the last six years in every possible way, by giving the birds their natural food and as nearly as possible their natural surroundings. He has had a special room fitted up for them, and his labours last year were rewarded by eggs. The pair made a nest in the usual way, and the hen seemed to be keen on sitting, but the cock apparently would not allow her, continually pecking at her. My friend removed the cock, thinking that if she was not annoyed by him she might sit; but it proved of no avail. She would not incubate the eggs, and she kept on calling for her husband. The male bird, I may say, is a first-rate songster.

When nesting, the Lark prefers a grass field, and generally selects a thick clump to breed in. The nest, which is not easily seen, usually contains four eggs of a very dark brown colour. The young are reared quickly, as the parents feed very assiduously—chiefly on big night moths they find sleeping among the grass, caterpillars, and a variety of other small insects, small snails, etc.

Young Larks often leave the nest before they are thoroughly feathered, and get scattered here and there through the field, but they are never neglected by the old birds in the matter of food. The parents give a "chirp" and get an answer from the young ones, wherever they may be in the field.

Black-Beetles Poison!

I have heard it said, it may interest readers to know, that a black-beetle is deadly poison for a young Lark, and that when the parent birds find their young caged (or netted) they bring them a beetle to eat! For the truth(?) of this I cannot vouch, for, although I have boxed a lot myself, I have never had an experience of that nature.

A nest of young Larks just when the latter are feathering is very difficult to distinguish from the surrounding grass. The old birds make a sort of "mouse run" to approach their home, so that a person not acquainted with this would look a long time before he found the nest. They do not appear to be a bit shy, judging by the places and positions in which I have known them to build, as to where they make their nest—sometimes not many yards from the public road.

TWENTY YEARS OF CANARY BREEDING.

SOME USEFUL "TIPS" ON REARING THE YOUNG BIRDS.

By JEFFERY JEFFERIS (Southall).

(Concluded from page 417).

SOMETIMES at the age of about seven weeks you may have one or two of the youngsters go "thick," generally due to indigestion, and the best remedy is milk-sop. Put such birds in a cage by themselves, and give them nothing but this; no other food, and not even water, for a day or so, when generally they will be all right, and you can return them to their ordinary cage and diet. The way to make this sop is with a fairly stale piece of bread; boil a little milk and pour it boiling over the bread. Let it cool, and then just lift the bread out off the milk, at the same time slightly squeezing some of the milk out so that it is not too sloppy. If you find the droppings of any of the youngsters watery, a pinch of maw seed will generally put this right, if given in time. Of course bread and milk has this tendency, but I mean when on their ordinary diet.

The Water Cure.

Always keep plenty of good sharp grit in the cage for them, as young and old both want this: in fact it constitutes their "teeth," and without it they cannot properly digest their food. Another item that often causes trouble is the young birds drinking too much water. Now if you just make the water pink with Parrish's Chemical Food this will stop them drinking too much and transform what they do drink into a capital tonic for them. In speaking of young birds going "thick," this must not be confused with sleeping, as all young birds, for the first few weeks will sleep after having had a good feed.

Returning to the hen, at times she will want to go to nest again when the youngsters are barely a fortnight old and will start plucking them. Now this plucking greatly retards the growth of a young bird, if nothing worse. In this case the best course to adopt is to put the young, nest and all, into a nursery cage and hang this on the front of the breeding cage so that she can feed through the wires. Then you can give her a fresh nest and return the cock bird, if he has been away, and he, too, will possibly help in feeding the brood. Then things will go on all right, the hen going to nest again, and the youngsters gradually learning to do for themselves.

Mixing and Using Color-Food.

We now come to the moulting period, and if the fancier has a variety that wants colour-feeding, colour-fed they must be. Now there are several good peppers on the market, and I have found that the best results are got by using a mixture as follows: 1lb. of tasteless, or sweet, pepper, 2oz. of hot Natal, 4oz. of soft sugar, and 2oz. of the best olive oil. Put these ingredients into a bowl and thoroughly blend them; then put into an earthenware jar, tie down air tight and keep in a cool dry place.

To one egg and an equal bulk of powdered biscuit, begin with half a teaspoonful of colour food, gradually increasing this until you get to two heaped up teaspoonfuls. You will get a good colour if you feed at this strength to the end of the moult. You must gradually take them off the colour-food and not stop it all at once. When your birds are about half-way through, put a piece of sulphate of iron in their drinking water (about the size of a split pea), three times per week. This helps to fix the colour, and is a good tonic. You will as a rule, find the first round youngsters begin to moult at about twelve weeks, the second round at ten weeks, and the third round at about eight weeks: so you must get them on to the feed before these ages. Do not forget to supply them with a bath two or three times a week, as this greatly assists them to cast the old feathers, and also to tighten up the new ones.

I always moult my birds two in each cage (that is, the youngsters), as I find by so doing they eat up the colour food better. A heaped up teaspoonful between two birds is quite enough per day, and they will not want much else except canary seed, which must always be supplied. I have never had any trouble to get the birds to eat the colour-food by this method, and I do not believe in taking the seed hopper away. Do not give young birds any green food after leaving their parents, until they have completed the moult. A good thing to put a gloss on their plumage is to add one teaspoonful of the best crushed linseed to the egg, biscuit and colour-food previously described. This should be done when the birds are nearly through, not earlier—when they only have their neck and head to finish is about the time.

The End of the Season.

You must break up your pairs by the end of July as they finish off their respective broods, as at this time the old birds will begin to drop into the moult. At this period of the season you must keep a sharp look out for red mite, and keep them down as much as possible. Carbolic is a good thing to paint the outside crevices of the cages with, but do not put this where the birds can get any, or the result will be disastrous to the bird as well as the red mite. Keep the cages as clean as possible, as if you have any specimens you would like to show it will do away with the necessity for washing them too early. In conclusion, always remember that what is worth doing at all is worth doing well.

New York's Use for Sparrows!

The Americans have found an ingenious way of meeting the present high cost of living, according to the "Standard." The pest of Sparrows, which have caused great damage in New York City and vicinity for several years past, has been turned into a "blessing." The little feathered depredators are now being captured wholesale and sold to hotels and restaurants, which serve them up as "reed birds." No complaints have been made about the deception, for even gourmets have pronounced the Sparrow to be as palatable as Quail.

The Tiniest of all British Birds.

A Delightful Account of the Golden Crested Wren.

By that excellent naturalist MATTHEW BARR, (Walsden, Lancs.)

IN a hoary old yew tree, one of a number on either side of a beautiful avenue—beautiful with age—that led up to an old historic mansion house in the West of Scotland, the Golden Crested Wren was cradled. His parents also for many generations had been born in that broad avenue. It was an ideal place, the sombre yew trees providing a safe and secure position for their nests; and the noble clumps of pretty flowering and sweet smelling shrubs provided abundance of food in the hordes of small insects that were attracted thither by the sweet juices they contained.

Under the Parental Wing.

Gold Crest was one of the second brood of the year, and when he left the nest, along with the rest of his sisters and brothers, they had their parents to look after them, to warn them of, and to guard them from any passing danger; more so than if they had been of an earlier brood, their parents having no inclination to resume house-keeping again that year. Gold Crest remembers how his parents made him and his brothers sit all in a row on a convenient branch to be fed, before they had acquired strength in their own wings; and how the young family, when their parents were away searching for green-fly, and other dainties of the insect world, used to while away the time by pecking at the leaves, and on making dashes at any small insect that alighted within reach. When they got stronger and able to fly well, they began to follow their parents about the trees in the avenue. Later on, when the leaves of the trees had assumed their autumn tints of russet and golden brown, when the life-giving sap was no longer rising in the branches, and leaves were fast losing their hold, and began twirling round and round before they reached the ground, Gold Crest's family joined in company with other birds of the same race, and numbers of the Tit species (chiefly Coal and Blue Tits), believing in safety in numbers, and commenced to travel about the country. What a delightful time was that, and how Gold Crest enjoyed it, as they all flew from tree to tree, and scrambled amongst the branches in search of food, at times chasing one another for a little diversion! Of all the places the pine woods were their favourite haunts. Myriads of insects were to be found hiding in the rough bark of the trees and amidst the dangling pine needles. The young birds were expert hunters now, the older birds had taught them so well, and they had proved themselves capable pupils.

Travels and Trials.

In the mellow days of autumn and throughout the dreary months of winter, the merry band were to be observed in localities where they had never been seen during the green days of summer. And people that saw them marvelled to see such small birds, and loved to watch their motions in the fruit bushes of their orchards. When the frost came and the snow fell Gold Crest and his companions found food harder to find; they had to be still more active. The light of day was so short they had no time to play; they had to work with a feverish anxiety to live, and in the evening it was so bitterly cold. When night overtook them, as long as they could find the shelter of some evergreen bush, by huddling together under its friendly shelter they kept nice and warm. But it was a different story if they had to sleep in the open hedgerow; it was so miserable. After sleeping in such a situation through one very cold frosty night, Gold Crest awoke at break of day very stiff and awfully cold, but he was luckier than some of his little friends, for on looking about he saw them down on the earth below, with the feathers of their bodies puffed out. He got such a fright that Gold Crest and his remaining friends flew away from this sad spot as quickly as they were able.

The weather shortly after this sad event became a little milder, and gradually the light of day got longer, and the sun stronger and warmer, and the country-side under these genial influences became greener and brighter. Gold Crest's spirits rose, and he began to sing. He made but a sorry attempt at first, but by constantly practising, and listening to the singing of the older birds, he gradually became proficient, and he was quite proud of himself when he could begin with the high pitched note of his own, and then let it die away in a whisper.

The Coming of Spring.

Now spring had come, and trees and bushes were showing little points of green at the ends of their twigs and branches where the leaves had been encased awaiting the voice of summer to call them forth.

Little Tiny, who had lost her mate in the early part of winter, had met with and joined her fortunes with the roving band of which Gold Crest made one. Gold Crest and Tiny had become quite friendly; she was such an amiable wee bird at roosting time, that they used to sit close together, and preen with their bills each other's feathers. When the spring came, other male birds made advances to her but she would have none of them, and drove them away with vicious pecks. Gold Crest had no battles to fight for his lady-love. When the little flock dispersed, she took him away with her to the wood that had been her home the year before—a pine wood full of feathery spruce trees with an undergrowth of trailing brambles studded with clumps of ferns, the crozier-like fronds peeping up amidst the withered leaves of the past summer, the wood sloping down the hill side to the brook that ran rippling past, full of clear and sparkling water. Gold Crest thought it was a very pretty place; he was very happy, and sang all day in the fulness of his heart.

Preparing for a Family.

In April their thoughts turned to nest building. After viewing many situations, they chose one of the branches of a tall spruce about twenty feet from the ground. The tree stood apart by itself in an open glade where it got full share of the sunshine. There they began to fashion their little home about a foot from the point of the branch. Little Tiny did most of the building herself, seldom alighting on the ground for any of the material; moss and lichens she got from the trunks and branches of the trees. The wind helped, too, by carrying upwards, when in a frolic, little bits of fur from the rabbits, wool from the sheep, and very small feathers from the plumage of the different feathered inhabitants of the wood, all caught and held by the rough bark of the trees. She began by weaving bits of moss in and out amongst a few small twigs of the branch that had been selected, till she had something fashioned like the handle of a little basket. Then she commenced and made the outer shell of the body, lining it afterwards with fur, wool, and hundreds of feathers, till it was soft and warm.

Many were the journeys she had before it was finished. Gold Crest accompanied her as she went for and brought building material, but he did very little of the work himself. Now and then he would condescend to carry a bit,

THE LINNET'S ODD CHOICE.

Our photograph shows a Linnet's nest built in a flower-pot lying at foot of a bramble bush in a garden.

more in imitation than with any earnestness of purpose. He seemingly thought his whole duty lay in singing to cheer her in her labours. It took them a few weeks to construct the nest; they were in no hurry. But at last it was finished, and then it hung suspended from the under side of the branch, for all the world like a basket.

One day little Tiny laid her first egg—white, with coffee-coloured spots mostly at the thick end. Next day she laid another, and one each following day till she had the bottom of the nest covered. Still she kept on laying, till she had eleven eggs. What a number for so small a bird! With no room in the bottom of the nest, she had to deposit a few eggs on the top of the others, and she was so careful and cautious that none of them were broken or damaged in any way.

(To be continued.)

Useful Small Appliances for the Bird-room.

By D. E. SAYCE (Sunderland).

(Concluded from page 487).

The concluding article of a very practical series dealing with Bird-room Requisites and their Making. The previous instalments appeared in our issues of Dec. 16 (Cages), April 13 (Wire Fronts), April 27 (Seed Hoppers), and June 1 (Drinkers).

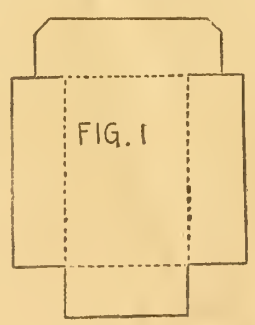
IN this, the concluding article, the writer proposes to deal with the making of egg-drawers, finger drawers, and one or two other little appliances which are so useful in the bird-room. We shall again find that syrup and cocoa tins are useful for other things besides holding syrup and cocoa.

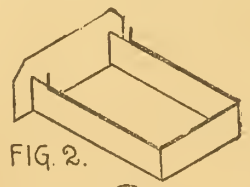
Let us begin at once with the egg-drawer. Egg drawers are cheap, certainly, but if we require a dozen it will cost us a couple of shillings, whereas if we make them, and a dozen can be easily made in the course of an evening, it will cost us nothing. I think we can, therefore, safely consider it worth while. Having flattened out the tin as described before, mark out the pattern shown in Fig. 1, making it of a convenient size. (My own measure 2in. long by 1½in. wide by ½in. deep). Then cut it out with a strong pair of scissors and bend it up at the dotted lines. Place a knob of solder at each corner, having smeared a little Fluxite over the parts to be joined, and melt with a blow-pipe. The solder, as well as making a neat joint, will round off the corners, and thus facilitate cleaning.

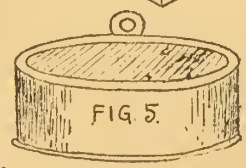
Humouring the Birds.

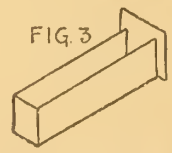
Now many birds like to perch upon the edge of the drawer whilst feeding, and so it will be advantageous to rim our egg-drawers round with bird cage wire, soldered on, and at about a quarter of an inch from the back; this wire should be bent up at right angles so as the sliding door can hold it firmly in place (see Fig. 2). A neat little handle of tin can then be soldered on to the back, and after having received a coat of either lacquer or enamel, the egg-drawer will be complete.

The finger drawers can be made in exactly the same way, only of course considerably narrower, being of such a width as to fit easily between the wires of the cage. Fig 3 shows the completed drawer. These are, of course, useful for giving special little tit-bits.









We will now deal with a rack for holding nesting materials. This rack is my own invention, and I find it also very useful for giving chickweed and other green food, which it is difficult to tuck firmly between the wires. Fig. 4 shows the idea. It is really a large brooch made entirely from two pieces of cage-wire hinged together by means of two loops. Each piece is bent into the shape of the letter "S" as shown. The green food (or nesting material) is laid upon one of the "S"s and the other part of the affair brought over and by means of a simple little catch, the two pieces are locked together with the green food held firmly between. The whole contrivance is then hung on to the cage, or else lightly wedged between the wires.

The advantages are many, the first being that the job of giving green food is so quickly accomplished; secondly, it cannot be dragged into the cage to be dropped on to the floor to get stale and unfit for the bird's "clockwork"; thirdly, it can be made in about one minute forty-five and three-quarter seconds and out of material which is sure to be in every bird-room.

Fig. 5 shows a home-made nest-pan. It is the upper half of a treacle tin, and it is fitted with a bottom made of perforated zinc. The chief advantage of this pan is that it is very light, and well ventilated, and will not vibrate when the bird settles on her nest.

I have now done my best to explain the making of practically everything that the average fancier will require in his bird-room, and I think I can safely say that there is not a single article that need cause anyone to fear that it is too difficult to make. Many pleasant evenings may be spent in a small workshop or even at the kitchen table, manufacturing all sorts of appliances for our pets, and I am inclined to think that many a shilling may be saved in this way, and as spare shillings are none too plentiful with many of us, I trust that these few hints may be found of use to a number of fanciers.

Do the Thrush and Blackbird Interbreed?

What promised to be an interesting case of natural hybridism has ended rather tamely, says "Country Life." We were informed last year that a Blackbird and Thrush for several successive seasons had mated and nested in the garden of a Glasgow suburban house. Early this spring information arrived that the alliance was resumed. It would appear that the birds had paired too early, because they forsook the nest; and the owner of the garden very obligingly forwarded to us the nest with three eggs in it. It was obviously a Blackbird's nest and the eggs those of a Blackbird; but in order to make assurance doubly sure, the nest and eggs were sent to Mr. Ogilvie-Grant, of the Natural History Museum, who confirmed the statement. The sender, of course, accepted a decision so authoritative; but she writes that of the young in previous seasons some had speckled breasts and some had not, and her description of the hen bird is extremely like that of a Thrush. It is, however, absolutely impossible that a Thrush should lay eggs coloured like those of a Blackbird. The birds have paired again, and it is promised that if the eggs are hatched off the alleged hybrids will be forwarded. It will be interesting, although the explanation seems obvious that the hen Blackbird, always more lightly coloured than her mate, is in this case exceptionally so.

OUR TIMELY HINTS.

USEFUL "TIPS" FOR ALL BIRD-KEEPERS.

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Moulting Young Canaries.

Now that the season for moulting of young Canaries is approaching, the following will be found a valuable hint:—Allow half a teaspoonful of egg food per bird, mixed as follows every other day (if colour feeding, every third day): To one egg, add four Osborne biscuits and a teaspoonful of treacle, with three drops of Parrish's Chemical Food. It is an excellcut conditioner, helps the young birds to shed their feathers quickly, and keeps their bowels in action.—Seut by W. Lidgett (Newark).

"Newskin" for Cracked Eggs.

A very useful article for the bird room is "Newskin," the liquid court plaster. I have used it for cracked or sore feet, also for eggs, cracked or with tiny holes. A few drops paiuted over repairs the damage, and often resuits in a valuable bird where otherwise the egg would have beeu thrown away as useless.—F. J. Fitzpatrick (Dublin).

Bad and Good Examples.

My heu of erect and good position, paired to a crouching cock, copied his habit and lost her former upright position. The moral is: Never allow a crouching bird in sight of youngsters. Erect and good positioned birds should be kept in their view, as birds are copyists, like the boy who, seeing a soldier for the first time, straightens himself up, sticks his chest out, and imitates him for years to come, with beneficial results.—J. H. Chambers (Manchester).

Bird Lime for Catching Mice.

Get some brown paper cut in squares and cover it with bird-lime. Put a bit of seed iu the centre, and then place in the runs. I have found this very successful; try it and see.—Mrs. Watson (Sheffield).

When Boiling Eggs.

[Winner of Half-crown Prize.]

Probably most fanciers use Irish eggs for making egg food, as these are much cheaper than English, and just as good for the purpose. It is very annoying, though, to find that, when they are put in the boiling water, they generally crack and lose a good deal of the white. This simple remedy will prevent it: Take a sharp needle and pierce the egg at the thick end. When it is put in the water it allows the air to leave the egg without cracking it. A dozen eggs can be boiled at a time, as they will keep good a considerable time.—Wm. Hainsworth 11, Nevett Street, Prestou.

To Prevent Red Mite.

Get some good white lead, boiled oil, and turpentine. Mix well, shade it with Prussian Blue. If a green shade is wanted, add a little Lemon Chrome. Then paint the cage well inside (sand trays also), then varnish with copal varnish. Use perchos suspended on wires; also use earthenwaro nest pans, and you will never be troubled with red mite.—W. Hibbert (Manchester).

Burnt Bone as a Shell-former.

To ensure a cheap and constant supply of grit for the cage or aviary, save the bone from tho weekly joint, and last thing at night put it iuto the heart of a bright red fire. Next morning you will be "grate-full" to find a splendid commodity to form the shells containing our hoped-for winners.—Mrs. Nellie Pluck (Cargo Fleet).

The Uses of Wormwood.

For getting Canaries and Hybrid pairs into strong breeding condition, I use a herb called "wormwood," which can be purchased at any good herbalist's in tho dry state. Put a few pieces in a tea cup and pour boiling water over it, when it will look like strong tea. Only give two drops at the time in the drinking glass, as it is very bitter, and the birds may not like it at first if too strong. I have found this a good preventive of egg binding, and it soon brings the birds in vigorous breeding form, especially Bullfinches.—J. Drewett (Claygate).

When Changing Birds.

Changing birds from flight cages is often attended with serious injury to wings, claws, etc.; but this can be overcome if you notice the position of the bird you wish to transfer. Cover the cage with some thick material, and you may then place your hand upon the bird without any trouble. This prevents consternation amongst the other occupants. I have always found this a safe way, and have never had an "accident"—such as slipping out of the cage and broken limbs or feathers—as the birds are motionless when in the dark.—R. Yates (Hull).

To Lark Fanciers.

[Winner of Half-crown Prize.]

I havo found what I think is the best way to rear young Larks. First you want a good cock Lark in good condition, a cage about 2ft. long, 18in. high, 16in. from back to front. Put the young birds in the cage with the old bird. Be sure it is a cock, for I have found that a hen will uot feed them; give plenty of ordinary Lark food and also some small worms and slugs. Keep him supplied with pleuty of food, or he will give them sand off the cage floor. If you look after him he will look after the young birds and rear a dozen or more in a season.—S. Nicholas (c.o. Mr. A. Shaw, Scropton Road, Tutbury, Staffs.).

Old Wire Fronts as New.

[Winner of Half-crown Prize.]

All wire fronts, after being in use for a time, turn black or rusty. A good way of doing them up is to give them a goed wash in soapy water, dry them well, and then give them a coat of aluminium paint. It is rust and damp proof, and it makes them look like new. It does not peel off like ordinary paint or enamel. A sixpenny tin of Falcon aluminium paint will do about thirty fronts, and can be got at any paint shop.—R. Tayler (Fryer's Terrace, Burradon Colliery, Northumberland).

Bone-powder for the Youngsters.

[Winner of Half-crown Prize.]

Procure a green marrow bone from any butcher and take a fine saw and saw it in as many places as you can, so as to make as much bone dust as possible. Then place the dust iu egg pots iu the flight cage for the young birds to feed on. Exhibitors will find it splendid, as it forms both bone and muscle. The marrow can also be used to give to both old and young birds between the wires of cages, as it is a very good thing for them all the year round. Fanciers will find they will get strong, healthy birds by adopting the above method. I might say I owe my success to the hints I get from CAGE BIRDS.—S. Fairey (45, Colenso Street, West Hartlepool).

Fanciers Enjoying the Country.

CODNOR PARK AND EASTWOOD C.B.S. MIDST FLOWERS & BIRDS

The members of the above society went for their first ramble on May 28, and had a most enjoyable time. Being favoured by the weather clerk with a glorious day, we were soon at it. Meeting at one of our headquarters, the Three Tuns, Eastwood, we made a start at 10.30 a.m., after getting refreshed by the good things our worthy president had provided for us. We were guided by Mr. J. Martin, who made an ideal guide, for in less than fifteen minutes we were amongst the thick wood, the first attraction being the Swans on the large lake, then the Dipper. The next find was a Chaffinch nest with three eggs. Then we had a most lovely sight, for the rhododendrons were out in full bloom. We were in for a good time after leaving the blooms, for nests were in abundance—Blackbirds', Thrushes', Greenfinches', Chaffinches', Wrens', etc.; they either had eggs or young. After a two hours' ramble, our guide suggested a halt under a grand old oak tree, but we soon made another start on our way, for we had about six miles farther to go, and nothing but woods and fields to traverse. After having another two hours' ramble we were all getting about ready for refreshments, so we made tracks homewards, and this proved to be our best time, for we were amongst the Linnets now, and their song was grand. We made a halt under a very high hedge to listen to one that was pouring out its song. We were now nearing home again, after six hours' good rambling, and we were ready to do justice to the good things provided by our worthy president. The feeding being over, we next turned to jollification, and right well we all enjoyed ourselves. The outing was voted a complete success, and we hope to arrange another at au early date.—J. H. Mitchell, hon. secretary.

THE LATEST SUCCESS OF SHEFFIELD C.B.S.

Another decided success was the verdict of the members and friends who journey to Ridgeway on June 1 on the second ramble of the season. The weather at the start was beautiful. We soon got amongst the fields, and here we were delighted by the song of the Larks, which were very numerous, and the sight of the Plovers as they skimmed the fields in their graceful flight. The route taken by our friend Mr. Curley, who acted as guide, was full of interest. Birds abounded on every side, and their songs made one long sweet melody. The scenery, too, was magnificent, the fourteen miles we travelled being one panorama of hills and dales, covered with innumerable woods, in which bluebell and fern grew in abundance. The journey was much enjoyed—even a thunderstorm which came on as we neared the village! At our host's house we did full justice to the good things provided. During tea the subject of non-feeding hens was mentioned, and the remark was passed that though the hens refused to feed, their owners didn't. On our return journey, passing through the village, we took to the fields and woods, and for miles we never saw the road. Nests were very plentiful, and several interesting finds were made. The Cuckoo was both seen and heard, two of them passing right over us. Nearing Haisborough Farm an interesting time was spent in searching some gorse bushes. Mr. Jackson made the first find, a Yellowhammer's nest with three eggs. Then the writer found another Yellowhammer's nest with two young about four days old and one addled egg, also a nest of five young Linnets about ten days old, in grand condition. Mr. Wagg then found a Blackie's nest with four eggs and a Throstle's with four fine young. Such sights as these cheered those members who had left some half-starved young at home, and wishes such as this were expressed: "Oh, if only my best Buff hen would feed like this." The day was now getting old, the birds were singing against each other, and in the distance the Wood Pigeons could be heard cooing—everything in harmony with the scene. With the sound of Nature's voices in our ears and sights that will live for many a day in our minds, we arrived home, having had auother enjoyable ramble.—J. Woolhouse, assist. sec.

EDINBURGH N.C. & M.B.S. FIND THEMSELVES IN GOOD COMPANY

About sixteen members and friends journeyed to Musselburgh, where they were met by Mr. Crossley Sykes. The destination was a very fine estate about three miles from the towu, but having a good deal of time to spare Mr. Sykes took tho party up the River Esk for a distance of four miles, explaining as he went along the different places he had seen certain species of birds frequent. One particular spot he pointed out was where Wagtails were caught every winter. On leaving the river we saw the start of the famous dykes which shut off the Duke of Buccleuch's grounds, and are known as "the Duke's Dykes." We were then interested in the nurseries of a famous Edinburgh seedsman, the estate being sited. We were met by the lodge keeper, who at once took the party into the very midst of bird life. We were very much indebted for the assistance of two boys belonging to the estate, who knew every corner, and showed the party nests by the dozen. They made excellent guides, as they seemed to know exactly where to lay their hands on every nest for miles around. Each nest we found was described by Mr. Sykes, who seems to know everything in connection with wild bird-life. He informed me that when not in his bird room he was out in the woods studying the ways and haunts of birds. The weather was ideal, aud every one of the party enjoyed the outing, which I am sure proved very instructive.—John Welsh, sec.

OLDHAM C.B.A.

Annual ramble, May 26, to Broadbottoms. About sixteen fanciers and friends arrived at destination in grand time, and commenced our search for the different species of birds and their nests in good earnest. We had a very good leader in Mr. Gibsou, who, I may say, proved himself to be the "right man on the right spot." During our afternoon's ramble we came across somo very nice nests We were all very sorry that Mr. Cocker could not accept our invitation to be with us; I am sorry to state he was too ill.—J. Cope, sec.

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Questions and Answers.

DOUBTS AND DIFFICULTIES SOLVED BY SPECIALISTS.

(FOR RULES, SEE PAGE 486 LAST WEEK.)

THE following gentlemen represent CAGE BIRDS staff of **ADVISORY EXPERTS.** Queries must in no case be addressed to any of them individually, but to the Editor.

Canaries.—**Claude St. John.** British Birds, Mule and Hybrids—**G. E. Weston.** Foreign Birds—**Wesley T. Page,** F.Z.S., M.B.N.H.S., &c., Wild Bird Lite—**H. Norman.**

NOTE.—If an answer is required concerning the proper mating, etc., of Norwich, Yorkshires, Crests, Cinnamons, Greens, Borders, Lizards, Scotch or any other variety of the Canary family, we shall, should the querist desire us to do so, be pleased to submit his questions for answer to some leading specialist of the day on the variety concerned.

CANARY QUERIES.

Answered by CLAUDE ST. JOHN.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT (Miss M. M. Acroyd).—Thanks for letter. Glad to hear bird is improving, and hope you will soon have her quite well.

NORWICH HEN MOPY (A.E.B.).—Keep the hen caged separately until she is more active, when you may place her in a flight cage where she can get plenty of exercise to recuperate before the moulting season. Give her a staple of plain canary seed. Every second day give separately half a teaspoonful of summer rape, and twice a week on the alternate days a similar quantity of a mixture of equal parts hemp, inga, millet and teazle. For the first fortnight give on each alternate day a piece of bread and milk the size of a hazel nut, well strewn with maw seed, and afterwards give this, or its equivalent in egg food, once a week only. Give a fairly liberal supply of green food daily, but avoid dandelion. In the drinking water dissolve a crystal of sulphate of soda the size of a small pea, and add 10 drops of lemon juice for three days, and afterwards add four drops each of tincture of gentian, tincture of calumba, and aromatic sulphuric acid every second day for a week, or fortnight, if necessary.

CANARY WITH ASTHMA (Novice).—Candidly, I'm afraid there is no cure for the bird, which I imagine from your letter, is a chronic subject. See that it is kept from all direct draughts, or extreme fluctuations of temperature, but at same time in a bright, well-ventilated place where the air is free from dust. Give a staple diet of plain canary. Every second day add a pinch of rape separately, and on the alternate days for a fortnight give a morsel of bread and milk with two drops of cod liver oil emulsion on it, and sprinkled with maw seed. Give a good spray of chickweed daily. In the drinking water add 12 drops of syrup of buckthorn daily for three days, and afterwards 20 drops of whisky, five each of oxymel of squills and ipecacuanha wine, and two of eucalyptus oil well shaken in water two days in every three for a week, and every second day for another fortnight after. If not then well, write again, referring to this reply, and I will advise you further.

RETURNING COCKS AND EGG SETTING (Mrs. Whitehead).—(1) You did quite right to remove the cock. Unless the hen starts nesting again in earnest do not return him until the young are leaving the nest, when they will be quite safe to put in a nursery cage and hang on the front of the breeding cage, in case the cock should maltreat them. If the hen starts nesting earlier there will be nothing for it but to return cock earlier, but watch him closely for a few hours, and if he molests the young transfer them to a nursery cage, and hang so that the old birds can comfortably reach to feed the young through the wires. (2) These two do not seem to have been in breeding condition when previously mated, in which case copulation would be very unlikely to take place, and the egg now laid so long after separation—and also, probably, the first two laid after putting birds together again—will be unfertile. Of course, this may be a stray egg, and not an item in a normal clutch. If birds are now in good condition you might certainly try mating them again, but the eggs already laid are not worth troubling to incubate.

EGG DRYING UP (No Luck).—This subject is fully dealt with in an article in the current year's CAGE BIRDS ANNUAL. The fault is not so much with your treatment as the abnormal condition of the ovary and ovidnet of the hen. Try the following treatment for the remainder of this season, when preparing to nest. Give plain canary seed and a liberal supply of chickweed daily as the sole dietary for a week, and during this time add 10 drops of syrup of buckthorn to the water every second day. After this still give a regular supply of canary seed as staple, and every second day give in addition half-a-teaspoonful of summer rape, with, on the alternate days, a similar quantity of seed mixture, for which you will find prescription in reply to "C. E. B.," on May 25th. Every second day for a fortnight give a morsel of bread and milk with four drops of syrup of hypophosphites dropped on it, and sprinkled with maw and gold of pleasure seed. Continue to give a free supply of chickweed or dandelion daily. In the drinking water dissolve a crystal of sulphate of soda the size of a small pea, half as much sulphate of iron, and add six drops of dilute sulphuric acid. Give this every second day for a fortnight. At the end of the fortnight stop the bread and milk, and go on with the usual egg food two or three times a week.

WEAK LEGS AND EGGS (Tabs).—(1) The cock must have made some little progress, or he would not start to sing. Continue treating generally as advised in last reply, but give the gentian tonic each alternate week for two months, and in the first month you might also try painting the feet and legs with a small feather dipped in Friar's Balsam. Recovery will probably be very slow, so you need to exercise patience. (2) The eggs drying up is almost, if not quite, invariably due to imperfect shell structure. If this hen goes to nest again strew the cage with a little pounded old mortar, in addition to the usual cuttlefish, and when about laying add a teaspoonful of lime water to the drinker each day. You would find this trouble dealt with in an article in CAGE BIRDS ANNUAL.

SWOLLEN FOOT (E. J. U.).—Bathe the foot for a few minutes morning and evening, until better, in a lukewarm solution of extract of wych hazel—say a teaspoonful of extract in a saucerful of water. Dry gently and then paint leg and foot with the full strength of the extract. Give a rather plain seed diet, and avoid all tit-bits rich in fats and oils. A morsel of bread and milk well sprinkled with maw may be given about every second day for a week or so, and a liberal supply of chickweed daily will be beneficial. Dissolve a crystal of sulphate of soda in the water every second day for a week.

YOUNG BIRDS SLEEPING (Amateur).—It is quite natural for young birds to sleep a good portion of the time during the first few weeks of their lives, just as is the case with all other young creatures. If your birds have intervals of activity after a period of repose, you need not be anxious about them. You should gradually drop off the egg food now, or you might with advantage substitute a little bread and milk for a week or so. Give a pinch of maw with it each time. Do not give a large quantity of very succulent greenstuff, but give a few half ripened plantain stalks, seed stalks of shepherd's purse, and just under ripe dandelion heads. Watch the droppings, and if birds become constipated give a spray of tender groundsel tops.

TWO HENS (Amadis).—The death of the hen was undoubtedly due to acute inflammation of the oviduct, brought on by the prolapsus, which in turn would result from the passage of the imperfect egg you found. It is doubtful if you could have done much to save or relieve the bird, even if you had brought her indoors. The second hen which refuses to mate will probably not do so this season, unless turning her into the aviary with a cock should bring her forward. I fancy she is rather a weakling, and consequently not a promising subject to breed with in any case. In addition to the usual seed diet, give a little egg-food well sprinkled with equal parts maw, sesame, and gold of pleasure seed every second day for two or three weeks, and a little mixed seed on the alternate days. Give a liberal supply of dandelion and chickweed daily. The just ripening heads of dandelion would be excellent, and just as good as the leaves. Dissolve a crystal of sulphate of soda the size of a small pea in the water every second day for a week, and afterwards add to it six drops of tincture of gentian and three of tincture of steel every second day for another week.

YOUNG DYING (J. S.).—You do not say whether the hen started nesting again when she ceased feeding the young, but even if she did the cock in most similar cases would have gone on feeding the young. I rather suspect there was some disturbing element, which they resented. Had you been giving a new nest, or did the young refuse to be fed? You need to vary the food a little more next time when the young are ten or twelve days old. Interfere as little as possible; do not begin to give hemp until the young are ten days old, so that it may come in as a variant at this time, and see that the kernel is sweet and sound. You may also offer at this stage a bath, in which a little common salt has been dissolved, and add as much sulphate of soda as will cover a threepenny piece to the drinking water for one-half of each day for a few days. For the rest see detailed replies to "F. E. N." and "D. E.," on May 25th. You should get Part V. of "Our Canaries" for full information of feeding in all circumstances.

UTILISING ATTIC (Birdroom).—Beyond being rather low-roofed, which would make the place rather inconvenient for a person of average height to move about, there is no reason why the attic should not make a very efficient bird-room, and Yorkshires should thrive there quite well without any heat, as you say, being provided by artificial means. If you got Part X. of "Our Canaries," you might get some good ideas from a plate therein showing what can be done in this way with such a place as you describe. For ventilation you should certainly make the skylight to open with hinges at the top side, and a strut at the bottom to regulate the extent of opening. The sash of skylight should be fitted into a frame about three inches deep across the lowest side, on to which the sash closes, and angularly shaped sides to fit closely. Then, either make a row of small apertures across the lowest sides, or let in a strip of perforated zinc, which will provide an outlet for heated and foul air when the sash cannot be left open. An ingress may be made in the foot of the door. See that the skylight is covered underneath with securely fixed wire netting. An outdoor birdroom such as you propose would also do admirably for Canaries, but you should fill in the space between the walls with sawdust or wool waste. There would be little to choose between it and the attic, save that in building it you could easily make it a more comfortable size. The birds would flourish quite as well without artificial heat here as in the attic. The south aspect would be preferable. There is nothing whatever to choose in the hardihood of the Norwich and Yorkshire.

INJURED TOE (Norwich).—The rough sketch you give in your letter clearly shows four toes, in addition to the upstanding hind toe. I suppose this is a slip of the pen; otherwise the upstanding toe is superfluous, and merely an unnatural defect. In this case the only rational treatment is to amputate it, with proper precautions to preserve the utmost cleanliness possible until the wound has quite healed. If not an abnormality, it is either dislocated, in which case you should see the displaced joint at the "ball" of the foot, or the sinews are relaxed. If this bird gets the perch fairly well it would be best to leave all mechanical contrivances alone. Try painting the toe right down to centre of foot with tincture of iodine twice a week for a month, and give perches that it can quite comfortably grip with normal foot, slightly flattened on top, and slightly roughened to give the bird a good purchase on them when gripping. Report result in a month, referring to this reply.

TOES STICK OUT (J. C.).—See that the bird has well fitting perches, and make one of the ordinary size which the bird can grip comfortably, and the other slightly thicker than an ordinary pen-holder, and nearly round. Catch the bird and sparingly paint the feet with a small feather dipped in Friar's Balsam once every second day for a week, if necessary. Stop painting when the toes come down and grip perch. You did wrong to spray the bird, if you mean that you saturated the plumage. If they refuse to bathe, just a little puff or two from a spray may be given them when the bath is about being offered, but they should in no sense be drenched. The object should be to slightly bedew the plumage and thereby incite the birds to complete their bath voluntarily. If they still refuse to do so let them go unwashed until another time. The health of many birds will withstand a drenching with a spray, but, also, that of very many birds will not.

SEED MIXTURE FOR YOUNG (Nutshell).—As an occasional treat the mixture you name in moderate quantities will be beneficial to growing young, but for regular or even very frequent use no mixture containing an appreciable amount of linseed is quite safe for Canaries. It may stimulate them and appear to do good for a time, but eventually is certain to upset them. The dietary given in House's "Manual" or "Canary Breeding for Beginners," with such variation as named in reply to "Amateur," is the safest and best. A perfectly satisfactory method of using bread crumbs with egg is to take a piece of ordinary household bread at such a degree of staleness that the soft part will crumble into nice soft crumbs readily when rubbed through the fingers. Crumble sufficient bread into a cup or basin, add the egg well broken up with a fork, and mix the whole thoroughly with a circular, blending motion of the fork against side of basin. It is rather too early yet to give colour food regularly. Give a little about twice a week, until the birds show signs of starting to moult. If the birds will not take it, you probably do not make it sufficiently palatable.

NO RESULTS (A Reader of CAGE BIRDS).—You might have seen quite a number of replies on this subject in the last month or so, most of which would apply fully to your case. I am afraid this pair of birds are scarcely worth keeping over another season, unless the following treatment should effect a radical change in them. Give a staple diet of three parts canary to one part summer rape mixed together. Every second day give a small teaspoonful of egg food, in which you have well mixed two or three finely chopped mealworms, and sprinkle it with a mixture of equal parts maw, sesame, and gold of pleasure seed. On the alternate days give a similar quantity of a mixture of equal parts hemp, inga, millet, and teazle seed. Give a liberal supply of dandelion, and seedy chickweed and shepherd's purse, and also two or three just ripening heads of dandelion each day. Continue this feeding for a month unless the birds settle down and go to nest in less than that time, when you would, of course, reduce the dietary when the hen began to sit. In the drinking water give six drops of dandelion juice, and as much Epsom salts as will cover a sixpence every second day for a week, and in the next week give six drops of tincture of gentian and three of tincture of steel every second day.

CANARY QUERISTS

should consult St. John's "Canary Breeding for Beginners" (7d.); House's "Canary Manual" (1/2); Battye's "Yorkshire Canaries" (1 1/2); House's "Norwich Canaries" (1/1); Weston's "Stock Book" (7d.); Dr. Clarke's "Septic or Bird Fever" (7d.); Dr. Creswell's "Hygiene of Bird-keeping (1/1); Norman's "Aviaries, Bird-rooms, and Cages" (2/3); Ramsden's "Colour-feeding" (3½d.); "Seeds and Foods for Cage Birds" (1/2); or the "Nutshell" booklets (2½d. each): No. 5 "The Pet Canary," No. 6 "Ailing Birds and How to Cure them," No. 9 "The Disinfection of Cages, Bird-rooms, etc.," No. 10 "The Roller," No. 23 "The Border Fancy," No. 24 "Green Canaries." All thoroughly practical and instructive. Prices quoted are post free, from "Cage Birds," 154, Fleet Street, London, E.C.

HUSKY VOICE (Printerdom, Walworth).—There is nothing remarkable in a cock not singing whilst rearing young, but if he really tries to sing and produces no sound, then he is troubled with loss of voice, and the husky voice when he calls points in this direction. The cause is practically certain to be exposure to cold draughts, damp, or sudden extremes of heat and cold. The first step in treatment is to remove any or all of these causes. You cannot very well treat the bird whilst he is helping to rear young. You might mix four drops of cod liver oil emulsion in the egg food every morning. This will help to relieve him, and do no harm to the young. When the young are taken away, if the hen is not ready to begin nesting again, cage the cock separately, and in addition to the usual diet give a morsel of bread and milk with three drops cod liver oil emulsion on it, and sprinkled with maw seed every second day for a fortnight. On the alternate days in the first week add to the water 20 drops of whisky, ten of lemon juice, six of glycerine, and as much chlorate of potash as will cover a threepenny piece. In the second week omit the lemon juice and potash, and substitute instead six drops of oxymel of squills and two of eucalyptus oil. Shake this well in the water

FOREIGN BIRDS.

Answered by WESLEY T. PAGE, F.Z.S., Etc.

WHAT BIRD? (T.).—Sorry, but the species to which your description might apply are almost legion. It reads like one of the Hyphantornine group; send me the description again when it is in colour, as it is impossible to attempt to name it at present—seeing the bird one might hit the mark pretty nearly, but in out of colour plumage many species are very much alike.

WHAT ARE THEY? (J. Winterbottom).—They are Budgerigars, and Budgerigars are Parrakeets, though they are commonly known by the former name. The Nutshell should solve all your difficulties, but if you are in doubt on any point repeat query.

BUDGERIGAR PLUCKING ITSELF (F.C.C.).—You absolutely give me no details whatever, save the fact of plucking. Send me full particulars of how the bird is kept, and what it is fed on, then I hope to be in a position to help you. In the meantime give it as much seeding grass as it will eat, and let it have all the light and air possible without draught. You should also get our Nutshell "Budgerigars"—2½d. post free, from our Manager.

PIPING BULLFINCH (S. A.).—The bird got a shock while out of its cage, from which it should gradually recover. It is not a case calling for drugs, etc.; simply keep the bird quiet, and leave Nature to do its work. I should continue the treatment you had been giving it previous to the mishap, and be as quiet in your movements as possible when attending to it, at the same time do not let the bird miss anything in your manner and attention to it, simply avoid doing anything likely to scare it. If there is no improvement in, say, two or three weeks, please repeat query.

WHAT BIRD? (H.T.G.).—I do not think the bird can possibly be from the Congo district, but I take it to be a Brotogerys; in fact, the Orange-winged Parrakeet (B. chiriri), here is the proper description of it (you will see in what points it differs from your sketch). Prevailing colour green, lighter below; bastard wing and outer greater coverts deep yellow, primary coverts deep blue; beak fleshy horn colour, feet brownish, iris dark brown. I am keeping your sketch by me, and I expect to be at museum during the week, and will have out the skins, though the authorities in the birdroom would show you the skins of a given group at any time and without carrying the bird up, and you should recognise the correct one at a glance—yours may be a young bird. Re the Rosellas, occasionally such mishaps occur.

BREEDING RIBBON FINCHES (Twiz).—With such space, three pairs ought to agree, but put up another half-dozen nest receptacles, say, two more Hartz cages and four boxes, about 6 inches square at base by about 9 inches high, with an elliptical entrance hole near the top. There are not many finches that are gregarious, and will breed together in any numbers (that is of one species). You would get most pleasure out of the aviary by putting in pairs of Zebra, Bib, Ruficauda, Long-tail Grass and Spice Finches, Silverbills, Bronze Mannikins, and Avadavats; parting with two pairs of your Ribbon Finches. If you do this you must increase your nest receptacles pro rata, there should be two of these to each pair of birds. Give plenty of green food, such as seeding and flowering grass, chickweed, groundsel, shepherd's purse, etc., and when young are about due supply dry or live ants' eggs. You cannot hurry matters, the season lasts right on to November, so there's plenty of time, and foreign species usually take a little time to settle down.

BULBULS FOR SONG (C. J. Bennett).—The Red-eared Bulbul has not much song, but its few flute-like notes are very pleasing. It must be borne in mind that with all songsters the capacity of individual specimens varies considerably, and that sometimes they take some little time before coming into song. In a cage they lack the inducements of courting and pairing, and it is at this season that the males of wild species pour out, with full abandon, their melody. The White-eared, the Persian, and the Syrian Bulbuls are the best songsters. (Note—the White-eared and White-cheeked are two different species.) Diet: Insectile mixture (soft food), seed (canary, millet, hemp and oats), ripe fruit, and some live insects. Being restless, active birds, they need a roomy cage. The Green Bulbul's or Fruitsuckers make grand cage birds, are fearless, soon become tame and confiding, are excellent mimics of other birds' songs, but have some harsh notes. The Gold-fronted Fruitsucker is bright grass-green, with black mask, forehead golden yellow and moustachial streaks of turquoise-blue. Diet: Fruit, insectile mixture, milk sop and insects.

MEXICAN JAY AND FRUITSUCKER (A.W.S.).—(1) Bathe its feet daily in hot (not hot enough for discomfort) water, and, after, by gentle pressure removing any pus there may be in the sores, anoint with a little antiseptic ointment every other day till relief is given. Take out the straight perches and substitute for these a twiggy branch. Supply as much fruit as it will eat. (2) Give this bird two drops of tasteless castor oil direct to the bill, you must catch it a time or two and treat its legs, same as the Jay's, and also give it a twiggy branch in lieu of stiff perches. Diet: Ripe soft fruit in variety, syrup sop (condensed milk, Mellin's food, honey and crumbled sponge-cake, mixed together with boiling water), soft food, and some live insects. Induce it to take exercise—cage should be roomy for such active birds.

AN AILING MYNAH (Mrs. F. A. T.).—Your description is pretty near that of the Lesser Hill Mynah, and it is, I presume, that species. I expect the perches in your cage are ordinary ones, and all one thickness, which do not give the toes proper exercise. The better plan would be to take them all out but one, and to put in a twiggy branch at one end of the cage. The diet for this species is soft food, which should be rich in ants' eggs, fruit and insects, and as their natural diet is fruit and insects, tempt it with every kind available; mince up some banana into cubes, say about one quarter inch, and mix this with the soft food mixture, also add to the soft food a little minced cooked meal two or three times weekly. While it is ailing, procure some live ants' eggs (can be purchased now—see advert. column), and mix these with the soft food; also offer it a little milk pudding when you have any, preferably rice. Give one teaspoonful of Dinneford's Magnesia in the drinking water (two tablespoonfuls) for one day, repeating the dose after an interval of two days; in between, add 5 drops of brandy to the daily supply of drinking water, and at the end of the week put half-a-teaspoonful of Bynophosphates in lieu of the brandy in the water for two or three weeks—a metal drinker must not be used. Vary the mealworms with any beetles, spiders, smooth caterpillars, grasshoppers, etc., you can capture for it—it should have a liberal supply of live food. Continue to bathe the feet in warm water, and if there is any sign of pus in the swellings, it must be released by gentle pressure after careful lancing, rubbing in a little Elliman's embrocation after the bathing; but if you have to use the lance, after well cleansing, anoint with a little antiseptic ointment. This bird should have a roomy cage, and all the light and air possible without draught, and on warm summer days stand it outdoors in some unexposed position. Report progress in two or three weeks.

BREEDING CUT-THROATS (M.C.G.).—Cut-throats and Ribbon Finches are names referring to the same bird. This rather pleasing, but sometimes pugnacious, African species, simply requires to be turned into an aviary and left to themselves. Sooner or later they will settle down and breed. You will see when sitting has commenced, it usually lasts thirteen days. Towards the end of this period supply soft food, ants' eggs and green food ad lib—nothing else will be required. The parent birds usually rear the young without trouble. Canary, white and spray millet, and green food are the ordinary "bill of fare." See also reply to "Twiz."

A YOUNG GREY PARROT (L.P.H.).—You do not say how you have been feeding, and thus handicaps my reply to a considerable extent. There must be no sudden change of diet, but wean it gradually on the following: Boiled maize—boil till soft, strain off all water and lightly dust with flowers of sulphur—this must be prepared fresh daily, as it soon turns sour. Also supply ripe fruit, and keep a tin of the following mixture: Canary and white millet seed, with a little crushed hemp and crushed oats, in the cage, and as the bird takes to this gradually lessen and finally cease giving the boiled maize and sop. One drop each of Condy's Fluid and brandy should be sufficient for the quantity you name, but if the bird is fairly fit, or, say, in a week's time, substitute three drops of Bynophosphates for the above. You can also give as a change the following sop—stale crust of household bread, sprinkle with sugar, put 10 drops of Bynophosphates on the crust, pour over as much hot water as it will absorb—the crust should be well moistened, but not saturated with the water. Our nutshell, "The Grey Parrot," 2½d. post free, from our Manager, should help you.

WHAT PARROT? (G. B. Lynn).—It is not a Rock Parrot, your description (providing tail is short and not merely cut so, for exigencies of importation) fits that of the Senegal Parrot, an African species. Value depends on condition; if it is a Senegal, it should be worth a couple of pounds, or, when in talking and in good feather, a little more. I gather the plumage of body below the breast is orange—you do not mention colour of beak, that of the Senegal is blackish, and the feet dusky-brown. Give it a seed mixture of one quart each canary and white millet; one pint oats; half a pint each hemp, paddy rice, and sunflower seeds, and a gill of grit (not sand); well mix and keep a supply in cage. Also ripe fruit, nuts, and plain biscuit, with water for drinking and bathing. Keep a piece of clean cuttlebone in the cage.

AUSTRALIAN FINCHES (T. W. E.).—As regards what you term "bringing on," when your birds are really fit, tight, and settled down in their quarters, they will go to nest readily enough. During such fine weather as we are now experiencing give them all the light and air possible without draught. Give green food ad lib, seeding (flowering) grass, chickweed, groundsel, shepherd's purse, etc. As regards seeds, canary, mixed millet (white and Indian), and a continuous supply of millet sprays, is about all you can give, and the same applies to the other birds you name; all are Australians. I should advise you, though, not to put other birds with the Gouldians, let them have the whole cage. The size of cage you name will answer admirably, but have the sliding partition a solid one. The ordinary Budgerigars' husk will meet the case, the hole should be on the top, and the husk hung up for the hole to face the light. Bichenos are fragile and difficult to establish, sexes similar in plumage, and with all others this frequently applies—too infinitesimal to describe without objects, but if ages were about equal choose a richly coloured specimen and one a little duller and smaller. The Long-tail is fawn colour, with silver-grey head and a large black bib. The Ruficauda (Rufous-tailed) is greyish-olive to rosy-brown, with the side of face and forehead vermilion (the hen has less red on her face) the under surface is much spotted with white. The Masked is fawn and fawn-brown, with a black mask. The Bicheno is a beautifully marked little bird, with a variegated garment of black, brown and white. They would all be probable breeders.

GOULDIANS IN BAD PLUMAGE (Gould).—Give the bird one dose of the magnesia as advised in our previous reply; unless the skin gets very hard discontinue the use of the vaseline, spray it with chilled water on bright warm days, putting a little quassia solution into the water you use. In spite of cleanliness and care, parasites get into cages; carefully examine yours for mites, etc., and if they are in the cage you must get rid of them by scalding out the cage, and washing the bird with quassia solution. Give them as much green food as they will eat (especially seeding grass), and you must leave the rest to nature, except for putting half a teaspoonful of byno-phosphates every other day into the drinking water. Going out of doors (not during periods of cold winds), whenever the weather is warm and genial, will help greatly. Give them all the air and light you can without exposing them to draught. Re the others, they would be better caged in pairs than flying together, and the same treatment must be carried out. I do not suppose any attempt at nesting will be made while they are in poor feather.

BUDGERIGARS (G.W.L.).—Three-quarter inch mesh wire netting will confine Budgerigars, but Avadavats will get through anything larger than half-inch mesh. You will be well advised not to mix Budgerigars and Finches, as though they may agree together for a time, it will mean ultimate loss. You could keep with Budgerigars in an aviary of suitable size, pairs of Cockatiels, Madagascar and Blue-wing Lovebirds, and Ring-necked Parrakeets, and if you keep the flight furnished with turf and growing cereals, this, with the brilliant plumage of the birds, would be very picturesque and pleasing.

FOREIGN BIRD QUERISTS

should consult Page's "Foreign Birds for Beginners" (1/1½); Arthur's "Budgerigars and Cockatiels" (6d.); Arthur's "Parrots for Pleasure and Profit" (7d.); "Aviaries, Bird-rooms, and Cages" (2/3); "Seeds, Foods, and Wild Plants" (1/2); Dr. Clarke's "Septic or Bird Fever" (7d.); Dr. Creswell's "Hygiene of Bird-keeping" (1/1); "Colour-feeding" (3½d.); or the "Nutshell" booklets (2½d. each): No. 6 "Ailing Birds and How to Cure them," No. 9 "The Disinfection of Cages, Bird-rooms, etc.," No. 14 "Gouldian Finches," No. 16 "Avadavats," No. 17 "The Grey Parrot," No. 18 "Budgerigars," No. 19 "The Pekin Robin," No. 20 "Waxbills." All thoroughly practical and instructive. Prices quoted are post free from "Cage Birds," 154, Fleet Street, London, E.C.

GREY SINGING FINCH (M. G. L.).—(1) Yes, the Grey Singing Finch is a trifle smaller than the green species, and its song is soft and pleasing. A good bird, for individuals vary, has quite a sustained song, much milder than that of a Canary. (2) The Bronze-wing Mannikin has very little song; in fact, little more than a call note. The St. Helena Seed-eater is a good songster, much like a Canary's, but not so loud, to me it is far superior, for it has the melody of wild unadulterated nature. (3) All three have bred in confinement, and will rear their young on the ordinary diet, plus a little soft food; some pairs run on seed alone.

AVIARY QUERIES (Cordon).—I do not think you need have confined them to the shelter unless you are in the far north; the recent cold weather has not adversely affected any of my birds, including Cordons. (1) I think you may safely asumes that there are eggs in the nest, if by your remarks I am to infer that one or other of the birds is continually in the nest. (2) Yes. (3) The range of dietary you name should be ample to meet their need, but I consider it would be better moistened with hot water than milk. If the caterpillars are smooth ones, they are suitable for the birds, spiders, small beetles, live ants' eggs, are all excellent for many of the Finch tribe at this period. (4) It is quite probable you will have some young Cordons; keep up a continuous supply of millet sprays while they are feeding young, and the parent birds will capture many small winged insects in the aviary. Incubation lasts twelve to thirteen days.

AVIARY QUERIES (An Amateur).—Most certainly the extra yard extension will be a help; turf it over, also sow a few canary seeds, oats, etc., in each corner of the plot. This extension will enable the birds to take a rain bath and the Budgergiars to take a natural one by rolling about in the grass, which during the dry weather you should water through the rose of a water can. Hang up small barrels and husks under the roof both of inner and outer compartments, with their openings towards the light. You could put in the following: one pair each of Green and Yellow Budgerigars, Madagascar and Blue-wing Lovebirds and Cockatcels. The treatment given in our Nutshell "Budgerigars" will suffice for the whole of the above, save that you must supply strips of bark and leaves for the Lovebirds to line their nests with. Give them a living branch, and let them strip it themselves when they show a desire to go to nest. If you follow my advice you will confine yourself to Parrakeets and not include any Finch-like birds. You must so arange that there is no draught between the inner and outer compartments.

SICK AMAZON ("Amazon").—Diet the bird as under, but keep a tin of seed mixture in the cage. Cease giving tea and milk at once; this is the cause of all the trouble. Offer it, or leave in the cage, chemical food and water in equal parts. Give it boiled maize, and twice a week soak into this 10 drops of Dinneford's Magnesia (boiled maize only keeps fresh one day). Get a hottle of glyco-thymoline and bathe the bird's nostrils daily with a portion of this diluted with an equal bulk of water. The bird's system has been altogether upset with tea, milk, etc., and it will take a little time to right matters. You can give the other items of diet you name, but bread and butter in very limited quantity. I have named Parrish's Chemical instead of the phosphates mentioned in previous reply, as this will make the water tea-like in colour. There should be at least a 3-inch circle on top of cage left uncovered at night for ventilation—the sides to be covered all night. Continue to put it in the porch whenever the winds are not cold. Treat thus for say a month, and then report progress, unless, of course, the bird becomes worse, in which case write at once.

BRITISH BIRDS, MULES, AND HYBRIDS.

Answered by G. E. WESTON.

THE CASE OF A LINNET (J. B., Frizington).—The plumage will not grow until the moulting season comes round, I am sure, no matter what treatment you try. Still, there is no reason why the bird should not sing as well as ever. Your feeding, however, is not at all good. The seed sample you send contains a lot of millet, which is useless for Linnets, and too much linseed, while I can find no teazle. Why not get the "Nutshell" booklet on the Linnet (only 2½d. post free) and feed on the lines laid down therein, being particular to gather seeding shepherds purse and give it plentifully, varying it with chickweed and flowering groundsel tops. These things are easily obtainable everywhere and are invaluable for bringing the birds into song and high condition—far superior to watercress. Just try a fresh diet for a week or two and you will find it work wonders.

NOT SEEN PAIRING (Beginner).—With regard to the feeding, you cannot better that given in the "Nutshell" booklet. If the Linnet is nervous, you should put the breeding cage a fair height up in a quiet corner and disturb the pair as little as possible. As you have seen the Linnet feeding the Canary, there surely can't be much wrong and I shall be surprised if you don't get fertile eggs. That you have not seen the couple in the actual act of pairing, counts for nothing. I have had fertile eggs from more than one pair which did not even seem on good terms; I had, in fact, to put the slide between them in the day-time, they were so "nasty" one to the other. I wish you a full nest of Mules. I presume the Linnet is "up" and in full song.

LITTLE STRANGERS (Bexhill).—As matters have gone so far, you can only trust to luck and the hen Canary to pull you through. If the young birds ever reach the stage of being able to feed themselves get them on to the usual insectile mixture given to small Softbills, mixing it, at first, with the egg and biscuit. Should he interested in knowing what happens, if you don't mind writing me.

CHAFFINCH-CANARY MULES (A Norwich Reader).—I have never seen a bird I was satisfied could be considered a Chaffinch-Canary Hybrid; neither has one been shown, within, that is, my own experience. I don't think the cross an impossible one, and I hope you have succeeded in producing the genuine article. It is impossible to "value" birds of this nature without seeing them, as much dpends on the sex (a hen would be comparatively valueless); further, a good deal depends on the buyer. The best plan is to exhibit the birds; then, if held to be genuine, you'll soon have plenty of offers to pick and choose from, and no difficulty in finding a buyer at a good figure.

A SKYLARK (W. Cawson).—The best thing you can do is to invest in a small bottle of extract of malt and hypophosphites (in combination), and moisten his soft-food with a little of this daily over a period of 12 to 14 days. It will, I think, vastly improve the bird's condition. I presume, of course, that you are housing him under correct conditions.

A VARIETY (Novice).—This cage will not comfortably hold more than six small birds. I suggest Goldfinch, Bullfinch, Linnet, Redpoll, Twite, and Siskin. The Bullie is hardly a songster, but very attractive in all other respects. You could substitute a Chaffinch for the Twite, but this species, unless house-moulted, is usually not particularly steady. Try this seed mixture: teazle and canary three parts each, summer rape one part, linseed and charlock half-part each, by measure. Give hemp and sunflower in a separate dish. You should obtain much very valuable help at trifling cost by investing in a few "Nutshell" booklets (see advts.); they are just the very thing for beginners.

BRITISH BIRD & HYBRID QUERISTS

should consult Houlton's great work, "Cage-Bird Hybrids" (7/6); Norman's "British Bird Manual" (2/3); or Part 1 "Hardbills" (1/1), Part 2 "Softbills" (1/1); "Aviaries, Bird-rooms, and Cages" (2/3); "Seeds, Foods, and Wild Plants" (1/2); "Secrets of Hybrid Breeding" (1/2); Dr. Creswell's "Hygiene of Bird-keeping" (1/1); Dr Clarke's "Septic or Bird Fever" (7d.); "Colour-feeding" (3½d.); or the "Nutshell" booklets (2½d. each): No. 1 "Goldfinch," No. 2 "Linnet," No. 3 "Skylark," No. 4 "Song Thrush and Blackbird," No. 11 "Bullfinch," No. 13 "Chaffinch," No. 15 "Greenfinch," No. 22 "Siskin, Redpoll, and Twite," No. 25 "Small Insectivorous Birds," No. 26 "Large Insectivorous Birds," No. 6 "Ailing Birds and How to Cure Them," No. 9 "Disinfection of Cages, Birdrooms, etc.," No. 12 "How to Moult British Birds." All thoroughly practical and instructive. Prices quoted are post free from "Cage Birds," 154, Fleet Street, London, E.C.

A THRUSH (E. Dear).—Your bird should be given the treatment advised W. Cawson this week. Evidently he is not in very grand condition. Judging by your letter, I think you would be able to improve upon his present diet if you read our "Nutshell" booklets on the Song Thrush (only 2½d. post free).

TWO SAMPLES (J.A.).—Both are German rape of good average quality, the sample marked No. 1 being rather larger than usual. I failed to detect the presence of "mustard" (charlock) in either.

THREE SAMPLES (T.K.).—The hemp is probably a mixture of two kinds (large and small), but it is good, the kernal being white and "milky." Unfortunately you did not mark the boxes of rape, and I can't tell which is No. 1 and which No. 2. One sample, however, is very bad, being full of dust and mite (this is obvious even to the naked eye), while I feel sure it contains charlock. Don't use it. The other is fairly good rape seed, quite fit for use.

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Aintree F.S.—June 10, Headquarters, 7.30 p.m. prompt. Evening table show. Six classes for cage birds (nest feather), Judge, John Walker, Esq.—J. A. Anderson.

Annfield Plain F. and F.C.B.S.—June 15, instead of 8, Temperance Bar, 7, owing to Birtley Show. Business important.—J. W. Christon.

Ashton-under-Lyne O.S.—June 9, ramble to Sale and district. Meet at Chester Square, 1.30 p.m. prompt. Fanciers and friends invited.—J. R. Colville.

Attercliffe C.B.S.—June 13, Horse and Jockey Hotel, 8. Nest feather table show. All birds to be staged by 8.45 p.m.—W. A. Hailstone.

Birmingham South O.S.—June 12, Sydenham Hotel, 8.30. Important debate on winter show. Open, Limit, or Members'. Of interest to all, so please attend.—J. Sheppard.

Bolton Colliery C.B.S.—June 15, Co-operative Hall, 7 p.m. Arranging classes for F.F. show. Taking number of young birds bred. Rules to be printed, and other important business.—A. Widdowfield.

Bolton R.C.S.—June 11, Joiners' Arms Hotel, 8. Business special.—William Massey.

Bolton Woods C.B.S.—June 8, at Victoria Hotel. Feather show; birds staged at 2.30. Judge, Mr. E. B. Denton. Entries, Friday, 8.30 to 10 p.m.—M. Skirrow.

Bradford East O.S.—June 8, Park Chapel Schools, West Bowling, Bradford. Members' First Feather Show. Judge, Mr. M. Broadley, Windhill. Birds to be staged by 2.30. Entries taken on Friday night and Saturday to time of staging.—H. Hill.

Bradford West C.B.A.—June 8, Shoulder of Mutton, Girlington, 8 p.m. Business, First Feather Show held July 13. Birds to be staged at 2.30.—Kilburn and Western.

Bramley O.S.—June 10, Old Unicorn Inn, 8. Monthly meeting, general business.—W. H. Steel.

British Roller Canary Club.—June 11, "The Royal Mail," Noble Street, St. Martins-le-Grand, 8. Monthly meeting.—J. W. Norris.

Burslem C.B.S.—June 13, Barnfields Inn, 8. To make final arrangements of First Feather Show. Members are requested to note that their subs. are due.—Leonard James.

Crewe O.S.—June 11, Brotherhood Institute, 7.30. Closing entries for young bird show. No entries will be received after 8.30. Kindly make it a bumper and oblige. Judge, Mr. C. Houlton.—E. Jaycott.

City and Suburban A.C.B.—June 10, Church Institute, 60, Paddington Street, W., 8.15. Discussion on "Colour Feeding."—Henry W. Dickinson.

Cinnamon Marked Yorks. C.C.—June 8, Market Tavern, Bradford, 6 p.m. General meeting. Business: Election of officers.—Grayshon and Allen.

Derwent Valley.—June 8, Headquarters, 7.—Lindsay and Marsh.

East Bowling B.F.A.—June 8, 2.45. Meeting and show. Show will be held in parish room, owing to alterations in school. Judge, Mr. W. A. Cowgill.—L. Booth.

Eccles C.B.S.—June 12, Diamond Inn, 7. Members' table show. Will members please get their birds there as soon as possible. Judge, Mr. Fairhurst.—J. Hall.

Glasgow West End C.B.C.—June 14, Co-op. Hall, St. George's Cross, 8. Usual monthly meeting. Lecture on "Small Softbills" postponed.—William Prondfoot.

Great Horton O.S.—June 8, Butchers' Arms, Gt. Horton, 8. Special business.—J. Holroyd.

Gateshead C.B.S.—June 12, Lockhart's Cafe, High Street, 7.30. Nest Feather Show and egg-food competition. Mr. Tindale will give a medal. Entry free. Subs. now due.—J. Davison.

Gt. Harwood C.B.S.—June 10, D. McNally's, 8. Classes for young bird show, etc.—W. T. Mattinson.

Gt. Horton Good Intent O.S.—June 8, Church Schools, Southfield Lane, 8. Very important business.—H. Gornall.

Huddersfield O.S.—June 10, Old Hat Hotel, 8. 1st Feather Show, June 17.—F. J. Sykes.

Houghton-le-Spring C.B.S.—June 8, White Lion Hotel, 7.30. Business important.—R. H. Dixon.

Jarrow and Hebburn C.B.S.—June 11, 1912. Lockhart's Cafe, 7.30. To fix date of First Feather Show, and enrol new members.—W. Ayers.

Keighley C.B.S.—June 11, Black Horse Hotel, 7.30. Members' meeting. Selecting stewards for show.—J. Binns.

Kent County C.B.A.—June 12, Barton Road School, Dover, 8. Correspondence, allot patronage, and general business.—A. Hendry.

Leyton C.B.A.—June 8, Grange Park Hall, Leyton. First Feather Show. Judge, Mr. J. Robson. Doors open at 4 p.m.—Forse and Son.

Littleborough C.B.S.—June 12, Coffee House, 8. F.F. show business.—H. Woodhead.

Liverpool B.B.A.—June 13, Oldham Hall, 8. Nest Feather Night Show. Judges, Messrs. W. Hales and Lloyd.—F. Eccleston.

Llanelly C.B.S.—June 8, Greyhound Hotel, 7. Important show matters.—Daniel John.

Loanhead C.B.S.—June 8, Masons' Arms, 7.30. Correspondence and general business.—W. B. Smart.

London C.B.A.—June 12, "The Feathers," Great Chapel Street, Westminster, S.W., 8. General business. A lecture is being arranged. Due notice will be sent to each member.—W. H. Mugford.

Longton C.B.S.—June 11, Castle Inn, 8. Show business.—Geo. Lea.

Morpeth C.B.S.—June 8, Earl Grey Hotel, 7.30.—E. Cowling.

North Manchester C.B.S.—June 11, St. Stephen's Schools, Conran Street, Harpurhey, 8. Entries taken for show on June 15. Members must pay their subs. before June 15, to be eligible to compete for specials at the November show.—John Davey.

Northern Yorkshire C.C.—June 11, 65, Grainger Street, 8. Nest Feather Table Show. 2 classes for champions and 2 for novice. Judge, Mr. M. Wigglesworth.—R. Tindale.

Nottingham and Notts. O.S.—June 12, Mechanics' Institute, 8. Arrangements for First Feather Show.—G. E. Wilkinson.

Oldham C.B.A.—June 11, Textile Dining Rooms, 8. Entries for First Feather Show.—Jas. Cope.

Pendleton and Salford O.S.—June 10, Irwell Castle, Lr. Broughton, 8. Orders for colour food. F.F. Show business.—Critchley and Metcalfe.

Portobello C.B.S.—June 11, Masonic Hall, 8 p.m.—J. Davidson.

Queens' Park (London) C.B.A.—June 13, Emmanuel Hall, 8. Final arrangements for young bird show.—W. J. Letbbridge, jun.

Romford F.A.—June 10, White Hart Hotel, 8. All members invited. Ordinary business. Cage bird judging competition. No entrance fee to exhibitors, but 2d. entrance fee for judging competition will be charged.—Charles Ives.

Rochdale O.C.—June 10, Club Room, 8.30. First Feather Show, date, classification, etc. Mr. Mundell will judge at open show, in addition to Mr. House.—R. Blincoe.

Rotherham C.B.S.—June 8, College Inn, 8. Special meeting for final arrangements of First Feather Show.—B. Bailey.

Scottish National C.B.S.—June 8, 142, High St., Edinburgh, 7.30. Smoking concert; balance sheet, and other very important matters.—J. R. Meikle.

Sale C.B.S.—June 10, Volunteer Hotel, 8. F.F. Show business.—Royle and Wood.

Sheffield O.S.—June 9, meet at Park Hotel, Hillsborough, 2, for ramble via Wharncliffe and Grenoside.—Bishop and Cotton.

Sandy Lane C.B.A.—June 11, Victoria Hotel, 8.—Ratcliffe and Shaw.

Sheffield C.B.S.—June 13, Wentworth Cafe, 8. Table show young birds. Entry fee 4d. per cage. Prize money, 3s., 2s., 1s. Staged at 7.35 p.m.—A. Hobson.

Skipton C.B.S.—June 10, Globe Coffee Tavern, 8. Arrangements for First Feather Show.—E. Gill.

Southend O.S.—June 12, Blue Boar Hotel, Prittlewell. First Feather Show. Birds staged at 6 o'clock. Judges, Messrs. Pattrick, Brown, Jeffries.—C. Tapper.

South London C. and F.A.—June 13, Headquarters, 8. General meeting.. Show of young rabbits. Judge, S. G. Walton, Esq.—George F. Crawford.

Sowerby Bridge C.B.S.—June 8, Wharfe Hotel. Young bird show. Birds to be staged by 3 prompt. Judge, Mr. W. Speak, Halifax.—Sutcliffe and Walker.

Stockport B.F.A.—June 11, Boars Head Hotel, 8. Show postponed to July 6. Classification for same.—W. Stafford.

Sunderland C.B.A.—June 8, Fawcett St. Cafe. 7.30. Classification for open show, and other important business.—J. Jeffrey.

Swansea C.A.—June 14, Market Coffee Tavern, 8. Classification of First Feather Show, and much important business.—H. Jenkins.

Tong C.B.S.—June 11, Hand and Shuttle Inn, 7.45. Members' Show on Saturday, June 15, at 3 p.m. Judge, Mr. T. Bentley, Cleckheaton.—W. Walker.

Wakefield Roller C.C.—June 10, 8.—H. Rochuck.

Wigan C.B.S.—June 15, Legs of Man, 8. Business important.—H. Young.

Wallsend and Mid Tyne C.B.A.—June 12. Station Hotel, 7.30. General business.—John M. Macdonald.

Wandsworth F.S.—June 13, the "Red Lion," 8.—W. Lightfoot.

Wibsey C.B.S.—June 8, Horse and Groom Inn, 8. First Feather Show. Judge, Mr. L. Briggs. Specials for best bird in show, most points, 2nd most points, best vhc and hc bird.—H. C. Crossley.

Wood Green F.F.A.—June 11, Brook Hall, Myddelton Road. Meeting: also judging competition. Judge, Mr. Kershaw. Will cage bird men please turn up as we have something of importance for them.—A. Willom.

Wolverhampton C.B.S.—June 13, Duke of York, 6.45.—Table show. Birds to be staged at 7 sharp.—J. Gibbons.

York C.B.S.—June 10, All Saints' Room, 8. Lecture on "Colour Feeding," by Mr. J. Wright. Please try to attend.—H. Sayles.

POST MORTEMS.

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A. J. Nicholson.—Your bird died from internal hemorrhage, brought about by rupture of one of the blood vessels supplying the lungs. A congested state of the lungs is responsible for such an accident when the blood pressure is at high tension. This condition can occur from fright, a most likely cause in your case.

Henry James.—I regret to tell you that your bird succumbed to septic fever. The little nodules you describe as cysts are typical of the disease, and are always present in the chronic type of this affection. Disinfection and isolation are your only hope.

A. B. Brown.—There was existing disease (fatty degeneration of the liver). Death, however, occurred from impoverishment caused by anaemia, resulting from this disease.

R. B.—Peritonitis complicated with pneumonia due to infection from the oviduct. The lungs were black, and it is easy to understand the symptoms described.

T. Langton.—Ptomaine poisoning, or poisoning by the formation of toxic substances developed in the food. Try a little Condy's in the drinking water every day, and ensure thorough cleanliness in the preparation of the food.

GENERAL.

Answered by THE EDITOR.

J. Hooke.—A copy of the Wild Bird Act for any district can be obtained by sending two penny stamps to Messrs. Wyman, Ltd., printers, Fetter Lane, London, E.C. State district (or county) when applying.

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C. H. Hill.—We note your kind promise.

S. J. Riley. You must on no account turn squirrels into the aviary with your small foreign birds; that is, if you value the well-being of the latter.

H. S.—Although the pepper will not have lost its colouring properties, we think you might reasonably complain about the method of packing. A tin would have been best; failing this, greaseproof paper. Well mix one fluid ounce of best olive oil into each pound of the pepper.

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Correspondence.

Ten Canary Eggs in One Clutch.

Sir,—I thought it might interest your readers to know I have a Norwich hen which has laid ten eggs in one clutch, all being of normal size. I have been a regular reader of CAGE BIRDS since I began bird-keeping four years ago, and have gained practically all my knowledge on birdy matters from its columns.

P. HUNT.

A Help when Hand-feeding.

Sir,—Perhaps some of your readers would be glad to know of a method to feed young birds when the hen Canary proves a non-feeder. Let them procure from a chemist an ordinary half-ounce glass syringe with rather a wide nozzle at end. Remove the cork at top and take the piston right out. Then pack the food into the barrel, replace piston and insert the point of the syringe in the bird's mouth; gently force down the piston, and there you are.

F. C. W.

Coarse Oatmeal a Good Canary Food.

Sir,—In reply to Miss Geddes in last week's "C.B. Twitterings," I have used very coarse Scotch oatmeal for feeding Canaries for some years with every success, also in weaning the young. I use summer rape three parts, Scotch oatmeal one part, maw seed half a part. They do well on this; the hemp seed is so hard to get always right that I have almost discarded it. I also give pine kernels powdered in a mortar with sweet arrowroot biscuit as a change to the ordinary egg food, it is greatly relished by old and young.

J. A. HATHEAD.

A Cage Bird Society for Ushaw Moor (Durham).

Sir,—A very successful meeting was held in the Ushaw Moor Workmen's Club on May 26 to form a cage bird society for the members. About fifteen names were given in for membership. The officers elected were:—Chairman, Mr. T. Hansom; vice-chairman, Mr. R. Walker; treasurer, Mr. H. Russell; assist. sec., Mr. A. Teasdale; sec., Mr. H. Briggs (Auton Style, Bearpark, Durham). The next meeting will be held on June 9 at 11 a.m., in the Workmen's Club to draw up rules, etc. The subscription was fixed at 2s. 6d. per annum. Any member of the club interested in cage birds is cordially invited to join.

H. BRIGGS.

Rearing Young Birds Without Egg Food.

The Views of a Believer in Eggs.

Sir,—I was greatly surprised on reading Mr. Stanley's letter in last week's issue re the rearing of young Canaries without the use of egg food. If he has invented something better and cheaper than egg food, the blessings of Canary breeders will be upon him. But I doubt it, because in my opinion (and I have been amongst birds twenty-seven years) egg food is the food par excellence for the rearing of the young brood. We know for a fact that the chick for the first few hours of its existence lives upon the yolk of the egg in which it was born, showing that, according to nature, the yolk of the egg is the first essential in the life of the young bird. I do not say that young birds cannot be reared without the use of egg. I know they can. I have a hen Canary now that is rearing her second nest without. But she is exceptional. She would sooner feed on milk sop than egg and bread, and she has nine bonny youngsters to her credit. Milk sop is a good substitute, if you can get your birds to feed with it. But in my opinion the birds find it more difficult to form into pellets than egg food, and the task of feeding is therefore not so easy. I have used milk sop with good results, both in the breeding season and as a titbit, ever since I first saw it mentioned in CAGE BIRDS by that grand old fancier, Sam Drake. Egg food is supposed to be very troublesome to make, but it is nothing of the kind if you go about it right. I can make enough for fifty young birds in three minutes. I use no machine. My method is this: I boil three eggs for five minutes (no longer) and grate them on a large flat penny grater. Three thick slices of stale bread are grated in the same way; three tablespoonfuls of fine sugar, and there you are. Grate the eggs first, then your bread will keep the grater always sweet and clean. I put the lot in a small mug and stir with a fork, and I am sure that my egg food will need some beating; anyway, my birds eat it all up. As for wheezing in birds, this is an affection of the throat (a cold or chill), and I fail to see where Mr Stanley's food can beat milk sop sweetened with honey. Cover the cage with a piece of flannel, and nothing in the world will beat that for wheezing, I think. And nothing is more easily made than milk sop. As for septic fever, I have had no experience of this and do not want to. But I know that birds have their diseases and ailments just like humans, and I cannot see where food either causes it or cures it. If fanciers feed their birds on the best seed and see to it being sweet, keep all utensils clean, and the bottom of the cages well sanded, they need have no dread of septic fever. By following the above method I have this season from twenty-one hens and six cocks sixty-five youngsters, and only two of my hens have their second brood. My young are as bonnie as one could wish to see, and this I attribute to feeding on milk sop after removal from their parents. I have not tried nuts as I know for a fact that egg food is invincible and no trouble to make, and during the last six years I have bred and brought through the moult well over 600 Canaries.

JOHN CANNING.

Sir,—Since my letter of last week, some fanciers have written asking for the same particulars as were given in my essay. I shall be glad if you will mention that I cannot write it out for them. I presume they can obtain copies of CAGE BIRDS containing the essay. Also please state that fanciers should not risk giving anything in the shape of nuts to their birds, as one fancier sent me some foreign hard nuts which had been supplied to him for pine kernels, but I was unacquainted with them, and I certainly would not have liked to eat them.

T. STANLEY.

Roller Canaries at the 1912-13 Palace Show.

Sir,—In reference to Dr. Arnold E. Read's letter re the above, as one who thought the hatchet was buried, and who was not able to attend the general meeting, I trust that Mr. J. W. Norris will, with his usual guidance, ignore it. My opinion of the latter part of Dr. Read's letter, in asking Mr. J. W. Norris to reply, is that it is not quite so much for his fellow-members' guidance as that he wishes him to admit through CAGE BIRDS that the fact of him (Dr. Read) showing at the Palace was by no means taking advantage of those members who stood by their committees and kept their birds at home.

A. T.

More "Balloon" Canaries.

Sir,—Mr. H. R. MacMillan is not alone with his "balloon" Canary. I had one in 1909, when about fourteen days old, and one last year when three weeks. Mr. W. Sharpland told me he has seen such cases before. I am of the same opinion as the writer as to cause.

C. PEARSON.

Sir,—Seeing Mr. MacMillan's account of his "balloon" Canary, I thought it might interest him to know I had one last year from a Roller, in my outside aviary. It was all right until eight days old, and lived in the "balloon" state two days. The hen fed her young so much on green food, I thought that might have caused it. As I had never heard of a bird being like it before, I was very interested when reading that Mr. MacMillan had one this year.

L. YALDEN.

Young Bred from a Hen Linnet Mule.

Sir,—As a reader of your unbeatable paper CAGE BIRDS, I write to inform you that I have at present a hen Linnet Mule with three young which are all doing well. Seeing the hen carrying feathers and showing every desire to nest, I placed her with a Yorkshire cock in a breeding cage. This was on May 4, and on May 11 she laid her first egg, finishing with a clutch of five eggs. I let the hen incubate the eggs by herself, and the three young hatched out on Monday, May 27, one egg being clear and the other dried up. At first I gave the hen yolk of egg to feed the young with, but this was not touched, so I tried several other methods, including soaked seeds, but with the same result. At last I tried boiling the seed for twenty minutes, and then drying it on a cloth before use, and the hen fed the young well on this. I thought I would write you about it, as in the cases of Mules breeding that I have read of in CAGE BIRDS it has been with a cock Mule and hen Canary. I may say this is my second year as a breeder, and all my knowledge is due to reading the "Nutshell Series," CAGE BIRDS ANNUAL, and CAGE BIRDS. I wish your publications every success.

GEO. W. ANDERSON.

Heaton, Newcastle-on-Tyne.

The Popular Parrot and Its Treatment.

A Letter Filled with Useful All-round Advice.

Sir,—All Parrots take cold easily in our English climate, and therefore require to be kept in a warm room during the winter. They must always have coarse gravel (grit) given to them, and clean water for drinking and bathing purposes. Should a Parrot refuse to take a bath in summer time, he should have tepid water sprinkled over him, and then be placed in the sun to dry. Like Canaries, Parrots should not be exposed to draughts. Damp is bad for them, too, and the cage should always be dried after the bird has had a bath. Damp will give a Parrot rheumatism or cramp. The food of birds in captivity should in some way resemble the food they would choose for themselves when in a natural state. Fruit, grain, and nuts the Parrot would find in his native clime, and in captivity he should have some ripe fruit and a few nuts, but grain should be his staple diet. When newly imported, let the bird have Indian corn boiled and given cold. Once a day the Parrot will look for his sop, to which he likes to have a little sugar added. Meat should never be given, but a little bread or potato will not hurt. No food must be allowed to remain in the Parrot's cage to become sour. The Grey Parrot is perhaps the greatest favourite. The grey colour of the eyes of the young bird changes as it grows older into a straw colour. Grey Parrots eat maize, oats, and wheat, as well as different bird seeds (sunflower is much liked), various nuts, potato, fruit, and a little sop. Green food, such as chickweed, is also good for Parrots, and they like to have harvest grains (wheat, etc., in the ear) given to them on the stalk. The best way to take care of our pets and to guard them from disease is to study their particular requirements and see that they are filled.

ROSE.

The Slaughter of Swallows Abroad.

Sir,—I notice that the Rev. D. Cooper-Hunt, British Chaplain at Bex, has recently been commenting in the "Spectator" on the fact that the Swallow has disappeared almost entirely from countries in the North where it at one time used to abound. He gives as a possible reason the wholesale way in which the Italians kill by electric wires these birds upon their entrance into their country en route for the South, and vice versa. Tired with their long flight, they alight, he writes, on these wires, when they are electrocuted and fall down dead. Such a question as their destruction should be made an international question, and a stop should be put to this wholesale massacre. The Swallow is the only bird that lives upon the wing, and keeps down the fly pest (more especially mosquito), and is therefore man's greatest friend; for malaria has been undoubtedly traced to the mosquito. And if those in authority amongst our rulers would exercise their influence with the Italian Government, no doubt this evil would be remedied.

DEVONIAN.

Hybrids with Alien Parents.

Should they be Given Separate Classes?

Sir,—I have read Mr. Morris's letter re the above, and, having been away from home, I regret I could not reply before. I am rather astonished at his remarks, and I will deal with him and answer his questions to the best of my ability. In the first place, Mr. Morris doubts very much if I could select or distinguish a German Bullfinch hen from a Britisher. I can only say this is entirely a matter of opinion, and I do not know whether Mr. Morris is an authority or not neither do I care; but he must allow other people to have an idea besides himself. I am more than aroused when he states: "Mr. Archer and his partner are in a position to purchase these remarkable specimens, and would rather exhibit them in classes which contained their smaller relations. I would like to ask: Is this a matter of jealousy? What has it to do with the matter referred to? I could have understood it if it had anything to do with the subject. I believe in a true spirit, and for myself I do not care which classes we exhibit in, but I would rather exhibit in foreign classes if such were possible; but my point is that at present they are not. Mr. Morris also says "he would like to ask Mr. Archer if he is a breeder as well as an exhibitor." My reply is, "Yes, certainly I am a breeder, and during these last six years I have done nothing else whilst I have been in the Fancy, only try to breed these remarkable birds, but, like many others, have been unsuccessful." I cannot understand such piffle, for at our place at Huddersfield I think we have one of the most ideal places for the purpose, and at present I am busy trying all I know to get one or two good crosses as I have about a dozen British paired up. I would also tell Mr. Morris that I was invited by the Editor to give an opinion. I did this most willingly, and I received a reply from him thanking me for same. Had it not been for this, I should have said nothing, as I have quite sufficient to do with the different organisations with which I am connected. The British bird and Hybrid Fancy needs encouragement, and if you, Mr. Morris, will be more to the point and less personal, the better you will shine. Mr. Morris also says: "I think Mr Archer's chief interest in the Fancy is that of exhibiting and winning, no matter whether it be with Hybrids, British (Normal), or Albinos. Well, sir, all I can say is he must have some very funny notions. As for what I am and what I have done, I will leave other people to judge, for self-praise is no recommendation. I will say one thing, and that is absolutely true: I wrote my letter solely because I thought it would help. In conclusion, I may say that I joined the British bird Fancy to put something into it, and not to take away, and if I could help or benefit the same at any time, I shall always be glad to do so. I do not know Mr. Morris personally, but I advise him if he cannot speak of men as he finds them, not to speak at all. It doesn't do to "think" at this day; we must be sure. I hope we shall all remember that "United we stand, divided we fall." I wish CAGE BIRDS every success.

FRED ARCHER.

Bird Catching: A Caution and Some Sound Advice.

Sir,—In answer to Mr. E. Grantham's request for information as to catching Linnets with 9-yard nets, I have used 9 and 12-yard nets, and I always used them in the same way as any smaller size, only I use two rubber elastics on my front staffs instead of one. In catching Linnets six call birds are plenty—three each side—and two brace birds. Let your brace birds be hens, and see that the brace is not too tight and not too slack. If you train your birds to sit on the stick you stand a better chance of success in catching big flights. Always see that your brace birds have water; cut a small hole in the ground to put a tin drinker in, so that it will not get knocked over when pulling. Please do not tie a brace bird by the leg. As regards Chaffinches, you do not want a Finch in song for catching with nets, but if you have not got a bird that will "pink" well you do not stand much chance in catching others in nets. The Chaffinch is a very cute bird; he will often deceive you when dropping into nets; he will drop short and rise again, and once you are on the wrong side of him he will not come near the net again unless he should get in with a lot more Finches. Now, I should like to inform you that pegging is not allowed, as it is only of any use during the breeding season from March 1 to Sept. 1. I should advise you not to do it, for it is not sportsmanlike, and you are laying yourself open to a fine of £25 or six months' imprisonment. I do not think any bird fancier who loves birds would use this method. When the catching season was over I turned to my Canaries for breeding, which I have found good sport. I have nobody to show me anything; I only know what I have got out of books and CAGE BIRDS, which I look forward to every week. If you can take a hint, you should buy the best birds that your pocket can afford, and go in for a good hobby that you can enjoy yourself at. I hope you will not think I am being personal, but I am speaking from a bird-lover's point of view. Any information I can give you in future I will, but please do not ask about such an unsportsmanlike practice as pegging Chaffinches.

E. TILSON.

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A Mystery of Clear Eggs.

Sir,—We should be glad if one or other of your readers could explain the meaning of so many clear eggs and of hens lying in the nest. We have fifteen hens doing nothing but lie in the nest. We started the season with thirty pairs of birds, and up to the present time have got nine young birds. We are anxious to know if the hens are too fat, and not in proper condition. The cocks are all singing. We are afraid we are in for a bad season.

McAllister and Walsh.

Can the Fronts of Breeding Cages be Improved?

Sir,—Seeing a reader writing on cage fronts, I beg leave to offer him my way of fitting them to allow of their being easily cleaned. When making my fronts, I leave the third wire from each end out and then put them in through top of cage, then through punch-bar holes and right down into the bottom front rail. This is all that keeps them in position, and when wanting to clean the cage I draw one of said wires; the other wire then acts as a hinge, on which the front swings open, which allows easy access to the whole cage for repainting, etc. I trust my hint may be of some use to readers.

Falls of Clyde.

[Mr. F. G. Ball and Mr. W. Hollinshead kindly send along a similar notion. We are having sketches made of one or two other ideas which have come to hand, and will publish them next week.—Editor.]

A Strange Choice.

Hen Bullfinch Fascinated by an Orange Bishop.

Sir,—Reading in Cage Birds of May 11 the article entitled "Mule Breeding Made Easy," I may say that I have for many seasons adopted and advised the plan of hanging the male bird outside in an all-wire cage, or in a show cage, so that when he sings the hen will call and the cock Goldfinch, Linnet, or Greenfinch will copulate. I have had the Goldfinch and then Linnet immediately after copulate with hen Canary; also the Linnet and Greenfinch the same. Last season I had cock Bramblefinch and cock Greenfinch (both had only been caught three weeks) pair off properly with hen Canary. I took Greenfinch away at once, and had one egg full, but it did not hatch. I am trying the same this season, but without success so far. As it was June 1 that I set the hen last season, I do not give up hope. I saw the Bramble try to pair off with hen Bullie a few days ago when she called, as I had cock Bullfinch hanging on front of aviary. I have in the same aviary (outdoors), cock Linnet, cock Goldfinch, cock Greenfinch, cock Bramble, and grand plumaged Orange Bishop in full colour; also hen Canaries and hen Bullfinch. Now appears the surprising part with reference to colour (mentioned in the Rev. F. Richards' interesting article). The said hen Bullfinch, whether attracted by the bright colour of the Orange Bishop or not, has been very anxious to make love to him, going through the usual preliminaries up and down perch and bowing and bringing up food and putting it on perch for the Bishop to pick up. But he does not appear to take on the job (I wish he would). Possibly he does not care for her advances, as I have watched many times, but no response has come from him. The strange thing now happens, as the Bishop has gone into a rapid moult and lost all his bright colour, and with that the Bullie's loving attentions have likewise evaporated! Being now of much more sober colour, I suppose she no longer admires him; anyway, she now takes scarcely any notice, and I think passes him with contempt. It seems a good instance where colour was the chief attraction, and all further hopes in that direction I must give up this season and content myself with trying in future with Goldfinch, Linnet, Bramble, or Greenfinch. Unfortunately, all my many past efforts each season for Hybrids have been unsuccessful. F. J. Weaire.

The Remarkable Experience of a Mule Breeder.

Who Was Its Father?

Sir,—I wish to relate what I consider a strange happening, but perhaps to those older at the game than myself it will not appear strange. With a view to having a Canary hen ready for a Goldfinch, I paired her in the first instance to a Canary cock, and had a nest all right. I took the cock Canary away on the evening of the laying of the third egg, and the cock never saw the hen again. The same hen, about a month or five weeks afterwards, was paired to a Goldfinch, and a nest of four eggs resulted. Only one egg hatched, and a week afterwards my temperature rose to about 200degs. in the shade when I saw that the youngster was a clear bird! It is now about three weeks old, but is not clear now, having a dark splash on the head only. In my own mind it is not a Mule at all, having every appearance of the Canary, the beak (the chief point of distinction, I take it, with a Goldfinch-Canary Mule) is just of the ordinary type of the Canary—not of a Goldfinch type at all. Would your readers kindly inform me through the medium of your paper whether they have had a similar experience? Is it possible for the hen Canary to retain the fertilising germ of the cock Canary so long, or is my bird a Mule. (I ha'e ma doots.) I would be glad to show this doubtful bird to any member of the Western Counties O.S.

J. H. Beale.
Quartermaster-Sergt., Royal Engineers.

Type of Present-day Norwich Plainhead Canaries.

Fanciers of Norwich Take Action and Censure Judges.

Sir,—A meeting was held May 30, by the United Bird Breeding Society (Norwich), at their Club House, to consider the question of the judging of the present-day Norwich Plainhead. The chair was occupied by the President of the society (Mr. F. Cullington), supported by the leading fanciers of Norwich, including Messrs. W. W. Freestone (chairman, Norwich Alliance), Steward, Burrows, Vines, Shearing, Campling (breeder of Queen Mary's Canary), and others, and to hear the opinion of that well-known judge, Mr. Wollard. The chairman remarked that the meeting was called to consider a question that had been before the fanciers for some time past through the remarks of Mr. Wollard made at this club and reported in Cage Birds. As several letters appeared in that journal, it seemed that the same question prevailed at other places as well as Norwich, that is: Are the birds judged to the type laid down as being the ideal? The chairman thanked those present for their attendance. A letter of apology was read from Mr. Jacob Mackley for not being able to attend, but he said it was a step in the right direction, and wished it every success. Mr. Wollard then gave his opinion of the Norwich Plainhead as follows:—

Gentlemen,—It gives me great pleasure to be with you and try and illustrate at your request my views as to the type and quality of the Norwich Plainhead. Well, gentlemen, there seem to be different ideas with some judges as to what constitutes a Norwich Plainhead. One seems satisfied with any bird so long as it is big, with plenty of colour. Another goes in for type, size, and colour; another, big heads and necks—the rest doesn't matter. But, gentlemen, do these things constitute a Norwich Plainhead? I say decidedly not. You will often see Crestbreds of good Norwich type, and if colour fed it improves their quality, but it does not make them into Norwich Plainheads. Type is one thing, but type and quality combined are another; and a Norwich Plainhead is a bird of type, quality, and colour, also a bird of substance, not length, and in judging them you must combine quality with type. Of course, in judging you must always give and take; that is to say, should you have two good birds, and one beats the other just a little in quality, but the other is a little the better in type, they would run a bit close, that is, considering all other points equal. Undoubtedly, the best type bird would win, but should there be a marked difference in the quality of the two birds, it should be the other way. Now, gentlemen, as I have said before, the type I like is the Robin-shaped body, with short full neck, large round head, neither pinched at back nor front, with neither horns nor brows, large full eye, short, neat and clear beak, also clear legs and feet, legs to be short and strong, but not too thick, and when they jump from perch to perch I like to see them show just the joint, no thigh whatever. A bird that doesn't show the joint has the appearance of being crouchy, even if it is not so. I prefer the Robin-shaped body to the Bullfinch, because it is tapered off more behind, and the body behind the perch curves slightly upwards towards root of tail, thereby giving it the appearance at least of possessing a deeper chest and a shorter body. As to the quality, in an ideal specimen none of its feathers should be individually distinguishable, but should be of a downy nature, and look as though one feather covered the whole body. The flights and tail should be short, compact, and well balanced, with V at end of tail, the flights to just meet at the tips and lie on the tail. I like to see the flights and tail in this position, as though they were a fixture, when the bird jumps from perch to perch, as it gives them such a graceful carriage.

After considerable discussion, during which several members described the winners at the late Palace Show, it was unanimously carried that the time had arrived when societies should instruct their judges to act in accordance with the type laid down, as they considered that it was not uniform throughout the shows. It was also carried that the "Norwich Alliance" should take up the question, and Mr. Freestone, the chairman, promised to convene a meeting of the twelve societies in Norwich to instruct their judges to act up to standard.

F. Cullington.

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W. T. Miles.

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**A "Moving" Story.

The other day some farm hands were engaged in digging down a hedge next to our garden, when they came across a Blackbird's nest, which I knew of. I waited to see what they would do with it. When one of them saw it with the hen sitting closely he lifted the nest and carried it a distance of twenty yards (with the hen still sitting closely) to a hawthorn bush in our garden where she successfully finished rearing her brood.—Sent by D. T. Williams (age 10 years 1 month), Mason Cottage, St. Clears.

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Singing Contests.

WESTHOUGHTON.

Open affiliated contest for time and quality, June 8, at Headquarters, Horse Shoe Inn, Wingates, when all the affiliated Linnet clubs of Lancashire will be expected to send five birds, this being our first contest under affiliation rules. Singing to commence at 2.—J. Woodward, Sec.

CHILTON.

A good company assembled at the Workman's Club, Chilton, June 1, to hear Brown Linnet singing, when 49 birds competed. Result:—1, Stephenson; 2, Burton; 3, Bell; 4, Stephenson. Judge, J. Gardner; timekeeper, C. Stobbs. Match: Cant's Benny Lad beat Cragg's Aldermap House.—W. Fairless, Sec.

SALFORD.

All Manchester and District fanciers are earnestly requested to note that we hold another open contest for time and quality, at The Boathouse Hotel, on June 15, when the following clubs will be well represented:—Westhoughton, Blackburn, Leigh, Wigan, Atherton, Tyldsley. This being one of our special gatherings, we hope all members and friends will visit us. The usual prizes will be given to the added £1 to the entrance fee of 1s. Start at 2 prompt. Whitehaven fanciers kindly note. We give them a hearty invitation: Salford (L. and Y.) nearest station. Weaste cars pass the Hotel.—B. Wharton, Hon. Sec.

TO DURHAM LINNET FANCIERS.

At our last Linnet contest it was decided to make our late judge, Mr. Geo. Reed (Brandon) a small present for his services amongst us. We all know that he is a very hard worker for our hobby; he has judged 100 contests, and is now acting secretary for us. He is always to the front in getting contests up and carrying them through. This will not be a heavy strain upon us, and I know Mr. Reed will be very proud to see that we are still taking an interest in him. I shall be pleased to take subscriptions, no matter how small, at any future contest I attend, or it can be sent to me, which will be thankfully received and acknowledged.—E. Hewitson, 12, Lambton Street, Langley Park, Co. Durham.

KIPPAX.

Open contest held May 25, at Commercial Hotel, when 18 birds entered. 1 (copper kettle), J. Liversedge, jun.; 2 (pair carvers), Mrs. Gamble. Only two birds sung. It was one of the worst contests we have had for singing, and it was our first open sing; the winners only sung 30 seconds, and the 2nd 11 secs. Tappers, W. Perkin and J. Levereedge. Timekeepers, R. Plows and O. Potter. Members' sing, June 1, when 13 birds entered: 1, J. Liversedge, 58 secs.; 2, O. Potter, 35 secs.; 3, A. Tomkin, 30 secs. Timekeepers: T. Hall and O. Potter. Mr. Liversedge's bird is making a name for itself, scoring 82 seconds in an open contest on Whit Tuesday, at Castleford. It has won several firsts and seconds at Kippax. Linnet fanciers should join our club and win some prizes, and help to swell our membership, and see what their birds are worth at contest singing. Entrance fee, 1s., and 2d. per week contribution.—R. Plows, Hon. Sec.

NEWTOWN (Leeds).

Tenth annual contest held Prince Albert Inn May 27th, when 13 of the best picked birds in England sang for eight good prizes. A large number of members and friends were present. Mrs. M. A. Saynor added £1 to prize money, Mr. John Smith 7s. 6d., and Mr. Woodhead gave 1 stone of Linnet seed. Judges, E. Wood and C. Lorriman. 1st, A. Binns, copper kettle and 8s. 6d.; 2nd, A. Bryan, half tea set and 7s. 6d.; 3rd, A. Turner, teapot set and 7s.; 4th, T. Chippendale; 5th, W. Lorriman; 6th, J. Smith; 7th, H. Playforth; 8th, P. Madden. After the contest we had an enjoyable afternoon's harmony. Also two contests May 28th, when our hostess gave five good prizes, first contest between 14 picked birds. Judges, H. Hayes and D. Madden. 1st, P. Madden; 2nd, A. Binns; 3rd, W. Hinceon. Second contest between 16 picked birds. Judges, D. Madden and C. Lorriman. 1st, P. Madden; 2nd, G. Backhouse.—E. Wood, Hon. Sec.

Usual week-end singing contest June 2nd, at Prince Albert Inn. Mrs. M. A. Saynor gave four good prizes for quality singing; 27 birds entered. Judges, Messrs. A. Butler and C. Lorriman. 1st, P. Madden; 2nd and 3rd, divided between A. Binns and Tolly Soloman; 4th, J. Clark.—E. Wood, Hon. Sec.

CASTLEFORD.

Contest May 25, at George and Dragon Hotel, Bridge Street. 53 birds sang for 10 good prizes and specials. Some fairly good time was done. Winners: 1, E. Smith, 91; B. Nelson, 84; W. Nelson, 64; J. Kirk, 62; J. Wainwright, 56; A. Sweeting, 56; A. Sweeting, 55; C. Scott, 55; T. Piper, 48; S. Morley, 41. Also May 26; 36 birds competed in 3 minutes' sing for 3 good prizes, the winner doing well. 1, W. Nelson, 94; C. Scott, 46; W. Ratcliffe, 39. Open sing, May 28. 52 birds entered for 4 minutes' sing, and four good prizes. Linnet fanciers from all surrounding clubs brought their birds. Mr. Driver and Mr. L. Thompson came from Sheffield with five good birds, including Mr. E. Bisby's famous Linnet Bull Dog. The Sheffield birds are the best we have had at Castleford, but our style of singing did not suit them. One of the birds did 42 seconds, the biggest break of the contest. Winners: 1, Nelson, 109; J. Liversidge, 81; E. Smith, 78; W. Nelson, 69. Also June 1; 42 birds sung for four good prizes, when the birds sung very well, most of them doing 60 sec. or more. It was the best average contest this year. Winners: 1, A. Sweeting, 94; B. Nelson, 86; W. Ratcliffe; 79; J. Kirk, 73. Also June 2; 21 birds entered for a 3-minutes' sing, but the birds did not give much satisfaction. They have been doing so much work these holidays they are a bit tired. Winners: 1, W. Nelson, 62; J. Kirk, W. Ratcliffe, 48.—Walter Dobson, Hon. Sec.

WITTON GILBERT.

Linnet sing held at Glendenning Arms June 1; 42 birds competed. This, without a doubt, was the best contest ever heard, all birds being in the pink of condition. Mr. Wit. Wilson judged, and his awards were well taken. 1, 2, 4, divided between Hewitson and Bairstow; 3, Ridley. The runners-up were Barker, Witherspoon, and Atie. After the contest a concert was given, and a grand evening was spent by all.—Geo. Reed, Sec.

WARRINGTON.

Open contest held at Mersey Hotel, May 25, when we had a fair entry. 1, 3, J. Wych; 2, J. Webb. Club contest, May 27, for nine good prizes. Some of the birds did a good performance. Two new members were made. Anyone wishing to join can do so by paying up from Whit Sunday. Winners: 1, Green; 2, 3, J. Wych; 4, 7, F. Hughes; 5, J. Webb; 6, Stanway; 8, J. Coan; 9, C. Corbett. Open contests every other Saturday, to commence at 2.30 p.m. Next contest June 14.—F. Hughes, Sec.

BLACKBURN.

Affiliated contest for time and quality, May 25, at headquarters, Old Red Lion, Snig Brook. 54 birds competed for eight prizes. All the affiliated clubs were present. Quality: 1, J. Green; 2, G. Milligan (Wigan); 3, J. Caswell (Salford); 4, Mrs. Smedley (Salford). Time: 1, 2, Poole (Leigh); 3, W. Cain (Salford); 4, J. McAllister. Judges: Quality, W. Barnes, Dobson. Tapping Time: J. Evans and J. Ashurst, Wigan. Tappers, R. Hayhurst and Parkinson. Minute man, T. A. Hurst. Birdman, C. Dobson. Boothman cup contest, for members only, will be held June 8, singing to commence at 2 o'clock; entrance fee, 6d. per bird.—R. Hayhurst.

LEEDS.

Twenty-second annual open contest held at King's Head, Shannon-street, May 27th, 1912, when 34 of the best birds in Yorkshire sang; 18 prizes. 1st, C. Ward; 2nd, W. Naylor; 3rd, J. Grant; 4th, T. Stead; 5th, T. Stead; 6th, H. Whitfield; 7th, M. Brophy; 8th, H. Robinson; 9th, A. Richardson; 10th, McNabbs; 11th, A. Nicholson; 12th, W. Tarrar; 13th, W. Tarrar; 14th, H. Whitfield; 15th, T. Stead; 16th, C. Ward; 17th, H. Ward; 18th, Nelson. Mr. O. Grady, special prize. Judges, Messrs. A. Jennings, T. Summers, S. Hardcastle. Also May 28th, when 18 birds sang for three prizes given by Mr. Tillotson; some good singing was heard: 1st, T. Stead; 2nd, T. Chadwick; 3rd, shared by T. Chadwick and H. Robinson. Judges, W. Naylor and J. Thompson. Also June 1st, 19 birds sang. 1st, H. Whitfield; 2nd, D. Madden; 3rd shared by J. Hollingworth and T. Chadwick. Also June 2nd, 19 birds. 1st, T. Stead; 2nd, T. Stead; 3rd, T. Chadwick; 4th, H. Whitfield; judges, W. Naylor, A. Jennings.—Walter Naylor, Hon. Sec.

PONTEFRACT.

First annual contest, May 27, at the Woodman Inn, for 16 good prizes, members only. 28 birds competed, and a splendid afternoon was passed. All the prizes were on show, and many came to see them. First prize was a tea service, and second a flower stand, won by Mr. T. Piper; 3rd, flower stand, Mr. C. Scott; 4th, Mr. B. Nelson, ornaments set, with timepiece. Nearly every member got a prize. On June 1, members' contest. S. Scott 1, Hinchliff 2, Martin 3; Jun 2, open contest, Martin 1, Piper 2 and 3. Open contests will be held every Sunday until further notice. First bird at 1. We have one of the finest windows in the district.—W. Beard, Hon. Sec.

SHEFFIELD.

Weekly contest held Royal George, Brightside Lane, June 1. Mr. C. Hill gave three special prizes for three minutes' time singing. 16 birds entered, and some good singing was heard. 1 and 3, Thompson, 97 and 85 sec.; 2, Driver, 95 sec.; Albert 65 sec.; Thompson, 51 sec.; Griffiths, 49 sec. June 2; Mr. Hill gave three special prizes, 3 minutes' time singing. Only nine birds entered. 1, 3, Thompson, 78 and 55 sec.; 2, Driver, 68 sec.; Albert 42 sec. Contest every Saturday and Sunday. First pair sing at 3. After contest, Driver and Cole sung a match, 1 minute face singing. Driver won with 51 sec., Cole 47 sec.—A. Thompson.

BUSLINGTHORPE.

Quality singing contest held Skinners Arms, Buslingthorpe, May 28, when 29 birds (best in Yorks.) competed for copper kettle and prize money. 1, Sellars; 2, Farra; 3, 4, Clark. Judges, C. Clayton and Green. Also June 1: 1, 3, Ward; 2, Sellars. Judges, Clayton and Heyes. Also June 2: 1, 2, Ward; 3, Kibbler. Judges, Clayton and J. Granger. All members are requested to attend special meeting June 9, at 7 o'clock.—C. Clayton.

LANCASHIRE AFFILIATION.

Linnet contest at Queen's Arms, Atherton, June 1. There was a record entry for this year of 63 birds. Each club in the affiliation was well represented, and some very good singing was done, both for quality and time; in fact, the best all-round singing we have had this year. The usual eight prizes were given, four for time and four for quality. Winners for quality:—W. Barnes (Wigan), W. H. Topping (Blackburn), J. McAllister (Leigh), and J. W. Jones (Leigh). For time:—J. Poole, 157, 1st; F. Kennedy, 138, 2nd; D. Banks, 122, 3rd; J. Poole, 109, 4th. Judges for quality: J. W. Jones, T. Statham, and F. Gilbin. For time: J. Ashurst and J. Evens. Tappers: W. Parkinson and W. Halliwell; timekeeper, F. Kennedy; birdman, E. Holcroft. Will all affiliated and other members kindly note that there is an open Linnet contest for quality and time, at the Horse Shoe Inn, Wingate, Westhoughton, June 8. First pair up at 2 o'clock. Hoping that members will make this a success, being the first open contest.—J. McAllister, Sec.

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The Shows.

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Members' show held May 23. Mr. C. H. Cooper judged cage birds. Entries numbered 192, a really grand entry for an evening show. The room was crowded with visitors, admission being free. Awards:—NOR.: 1, 2, 3, Hawkes. A.O.V. CAN.: 1, 3, 4, Hawkes; 2, vhc, Reed. BRIT., LINNET: 1, hc, Cooper; 2, res, Lafbury; 3, vhc, Hawkes. GREENFINCH: 1, 2, 3, Reed; 3, Lafbury; vhc, Hawkes. CHAFFINCH OR BRAMBLE: 1, 2, Lafbury; 3, Reed; res, Hawkes; vhc, Cooper. REDPOLL, ETC.: 1, 4, Lafbury; 2, Reed; 3, Hawkes. BULLFINCH: 1, 3, Hawkes; 2, Lafbury. A.O.S. HARDBILL: 1, 2, Hawkes; 3, 4, Reed. SOFTBILL, A.S.: 1, 2, 3, Reed. FOR., SMALL: 1, 3, res, vhc, Reed; 2, Cooper. LARGE: 1, 2, 3, 4, sp. best bird, sp. best team, Reed; vhc, Hawkes.

GRIMSBY O.S.

Meeting held May 30, Slatter's Rooms. 22 members present. Table show held same time. NOV. YELL.: 1, G. Wood; 2, T. Cartwright. BUFF: 1, 3, G. Wood; 2, W. King; 4, T. Cartwright. MULE OR HYB.: 1, F. Yearing; 2, W. Metcalf. LINNET, ETC.: 1, A. Cartwright; 2, H. Towl; 3, F. Yearing; 4, W. Metcalf. GOLD. OR BULL.: 1, 3, W. Metcalf; 2, H. Towl; 4, vhc, F. Yearing. GREENFINCH: 1, 4, A. Cartwright; 2, vhc, F. Yearing; 3, W. Metcalf. A.O.V. BRIT.: 1, H. Towl; 2, 3, 4, A. Cartwright. AMATEURS: LINNET, ETC.: 1, 2, Siddle Bros.; 3, W. Watson. GOLD. OR BULL.: 1, W. Watson. GREENFINCH: 1, W. Watson; 2, Siddle Bros.; 3, H. Oliver. A.O.V. BRIT.: 1, Watson; 2, Siddle Bros. Judge, Mr. W. Clews. A vote of thanks was accorded Mr. Clews, who, in the absence through illness of Mr. H. Stubbs, judged the birds.—Towl and Smith, Hon. Secs.

TWYNYRODYN F.S.

First show held Whit Monday at the Twynyrodyn School Hall, which is admirably suited, being free from draughts, and having good light. This new society can congratulate themselves on their first venture, having 209 entries (all sections) in 18 classes. Mr. W. Evans made an ideal secretary, and was assisted by a good working committee headed by Mr. Joe William as show manager. A large number of fanciers spent an enjoyable day. Mr. J. H. Jones judged, and gave complete satisfaction. Four classes were provided, and the British birds totalled 18 good specimens.

YORKS. (7): 1, W. Evans, buff, good length, nice position, in fine feather; 2, Thos. Lewis, another very decent bird, but slightly frilled; 3, vhc, hc, c, J. Thomas, 3rd good shape and length, not now in the best of feather. A.O.V. CAN. (5): 1 withheld; 2 vhc, c, Farrow, good Green Scotch Fancy, nice position, comes down well with prominent shoulders; 3, Lewis, fair, good bird, but trifle small for a cock; hc, Howell; c, Parry. MULE (5): All Goldie Mules: 1st withheld; 2, G. Davies, excels in size and col.; 3, vhc, c, Tom Williams, trio of good birds, 3rd variegs., natural colour, vhc larger, but not the quality; c, Howells. BRITISH (18): 1, A. Jones, real grand Goldfinch, good size, nice tan and markings, only fault not so square in blaze as we should like; 2, Tom Williams, not quite so large as winner, nice blaze, a good Finch; 3, Joe Parry, yet another good Goldie; extra 3, W. Davies, again a Goldfinch, of really nice quality; vhc, Parry, W. Williams; hc, W. Williams, Wheeler; c, W. Evans.

ROUND THE YOUNG BIRD SHOWS.

LEEDS C.B.S.

First Feather Show held headquarters, June 1. During the judging ordinary business was transacted, and three new members were elected in Messrs. Gaunt, Gath, and Norwood. Mr. Wilson, our genial and enterprising secretary, judged, and gave entire satisfaction. YORK. YELL.: 1, 4, hc, Baldwinson; 2, Sykes; 3, vhc, c, Rhodes. BUFF: 1, 2, 4, Sykes; 3, Baldwinson; vhc, Rhodes; hc, c, Storey. BRIT., GOLD. OR BULLFINCH: 1, 2, Middleton. A.O.V.: 1, 4, Kay; 2 3, Middleton.—J. P. Moir, Assist. Sec.

EASTFIELD SIDE (Sutton-in-Ashfield).

Young bird show held June 1, at headquarters, when a fairly good number of birds were staged. Judge, Mr. G. Marshall.

YELL. NOR.: 1, Caunt and Keeling, nice bird, very promising; 2, J. Waldram, little behind winner, with a good moult will hold its own; 3, J. Leam. BUFF: 1, sp., 2, C. Connah, two real good birds, 1st full of quality and the best buff seen out this year; 3, Allsopp Bros.; vhc, W. Owen; hc, C. Waldram; c, S. Woolley. CREST: 1, J. Norwood, very nice dark crest; 2, Shaw and Booth; 3, vhc, Nuttall Bros. C.B.: 1, Norwood; 2, Shaw and Booth. BRIT.: 1, 2, G. Ward. 1st good Linnet, 2nd a nice sized Goldie. The monthly meeting was held after the show. Decided to have bills printed for July show, and to have our photographs taken, if we can get a man to risk his machine. A hearty vote of thanks was given to Mr. Marshall for judging the show.—B. Gabbitass.

BANKFOOT AND DIST. C.B.S.

First Y.B. Show held Red Lion Hotel, June 1. Mr. J. Bailey (Allerton) judged, and his awards were entirely satisfactory. Special for best bird was won by Mr. J. Crowther; sp. best green-marked, Mr. G. Hudson; most points, Mr. J. Crowther; most points with birds other than those counting for competition, was tied for by Messrs. G. Hudson, and C. Bastow. These specials were kindly given by Messrs. S. Dean, S. Crossley, J. Lawson, and C. Bastow. The entry suffered owing to the poor breeding season experienced by the majority of our members, and also by holding the show rather earlier than usual. CL. OR TKD. YELL.: 1, 3 Crowther; 2, Hudson; 4, Self; vhc, Lawson; hc, c, Bastow. BUFF: 1, Crowther; 2, Hudson; 3, Hardaker; 4, Lawson; vhc, c, Musson; hc, Wilman. EVEN OR UNEVEN MKD. YELL.: 1, Hardaker; 2, 3, vhc, Bastow; 4, Crowther. BUFF: 1, 2, Hudson; 3, Musson; 4, Lawson. FOUL MKD.: 1, Hudson. CINN. MKD. YELL.: 1, 2, Wilman; 3, Mitchell. BUFF void. It has been decided that the society's outing be to Colne Bridge on Saturday, July 13, particulars later.—F. Gelder, Sec.

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Club Reports.

CHOPWELL C.B.S.

Meeting, June 1, in Club Hall, when the following new members were enrolled:—W. Clement, J. Mason, G. Stoddart. Mr. W. Brown was elected one of our vice-presidents for our open show October 5. Mr. A. Holden, Gateshead, was elected as judge for the Canary section, and Mr. J. Stranger, Pelton Fell, for the British and Mule sections. Decided that all members try to get as many specials for open show as they could, and report same at next meeting, June 22, in club hall, at 6.—W. Tomlinson, Hon. Sec.

GREEN CANARY ASSOCIATION.

Monthly meeting, held at Oldham Hall, May 23, Mr. J. W. Metcalfe in the chair. The following were nominated for membership: Messrs. Wilson, Hamilton; Parker, South Shields; Greenwell, Wallsend-on-Tyne; Little, Percy Main; and Ridley, Blackhill. Applications for patronage received from Newcastle-on-Tyne, Manchester, Halifax, Preston, Rochdale, Llanelly, London C.B.A., Bradford National, Scottish National, and Liverpool O.S. There is still time for further applications, the list closes prior to the July meeting, held 25th prox. Decided to hold a night nest feather show at the June meeting, with the following classification: Yorks., Greens, Self-Yell., Self-Buff, Foul Yell., Foul Buff, Ncr., Green, the same; Bord., Greens, Self or Foul Yell., Self or Foul Buff, Clear Yorks.; Clear Tkd., or uneven mkd. Yell., ditto Buff, Clear Nor. and Bord.; similar classes; A.O.V. Yell. or Buff, and A.S. Brit. 10s. has been allotted for specials, and several members have given seed show cages, etc., for competition. Judges, Norwich, V. H. Deacon; Borders, J. Walker; remainder, J. W. Metcalfe; fee 6d. per cage. Birds to be staged 7.30 p.m. The committee trust the members will turn up in full force; if successful, a further show will be held in July.—Geo. Green, Hon. Sec.

LONDON AND COUNTIES A.C.B.

A Lecture on "Yorkshires Past and Present."

A very interesting meeting took place on June 1, when a paper on "Past and Present Yorkshire Breeding" was read by Mr. E. Pretty, and a very instructive discussion took place. I was sorry that only a few members attended, for it is not much encouragement to prepare an address, and then have to deliver it to half-a-dozen, or so. I hope we shall have larger audiences. We are promised a very keen competition for the Cathcart cup, which we hope to have on view in a very short time, so that members may come and bring their friends to see it.—Alfred Mowl, Hon. Sec.

Mr. Pretty's Lecture.

Mr. Pretty remarked that the Yorkshire of the past was a very thin bird, and he doubted very much if it exceeded 6½ins. long. They were birds with a close fitting jacket, and very short feather. The saying was that the ideal bird should pass through a wedding ring. I must say I have yet to see it done. In those days coarse-feathered birds were not known. Although small—at the present day we should call them weeds—they were very graceful little fellows, being bred from the Belgian and Norwich cross. The present day bird appears to be a "go as you please" sort; in fact, I do not know where we are drifting to. Some of our stock birds exceed 8in. in length. A few years back the Yorkshire men had a conference on the length, and made a law that the show bird should not exceed 6½ins. That did not last very long; the breeders got exceeding the length, and the judges gave their awards to the long birds; so you see clubs make standards and judges mutilate them. I think it is quite time something should be done to keep the bird as a Yorkshire, if not, you will very shortly be unable to distinguish the Lancashire with a close fitting jacket from a Yorkshire.

The introduction of the Cinnamon into the Yorkshire has done volumes for the bird. It has given that beautiful silkiness of feather and high colour, also pale birds with fountains of colour under them. The birds of to-day are to be seen with long flat heads. Too much attention has been given to long-sided birds. It is quite time that our judges paid a little more attention to the head properties; that is, a small, round, marble head; in fact, a Belgian head. The Yorkshire being one of the birds known as a position bird, the more you handle it in a show cage the better. A show cage should be hung on the cage door for the bird to hop in and out; this also helps to get the bird into position. They are also trained in cages specially made for the purpose, with peep holes and sliding seed boxes. Some fanciers use a looking glass for the birds to see themselves. I think nothing beats well handling in a show cage. The present day bird is bred from a Lancashire and Belgian cross, but avoid using those with long flat heads. After the lecture several questions were asked, which the lecturer answered very satisfactorily. A vote of thanks was given to Mr. Pretty for his most able and instructive discourse. Next meeting on June 15th, when our coming young birds show will be the topic of the evening.—G. G. Stubbs, Official Reporter.

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PAISLEY TANNAHILL O.S.

Monthly meeting held in Mr. Lockie's, 2, St. James' Street, June 1, Mr. R. Neil (president) in the chair. Records of eggs and young were taken, and the nine members present reported 34 eggs and 59 young. There will be no metings in July and August. The president intimated his change of residence to 1, Barnes Street, Barrhead.—J. Stewart, Sec.

SUNDERLAND C.B.S.

Fortnightly meeting held May 25, Mr. W. F. Swan presiding over a good attendance. The action of the secretary in sending a letter of condolence to Mrs. Thos. Taylor was confirmed, several members testifying to the worth of our late esteemed member. At the next meeting, June 8, classification will be considered for our open show, Jan. 17 and 18, 1913, when we hope for a full attendance. I shall be glad to hear from anyone willing to guarantee classes, or who will give specials. As the time limit for paying annual subscriptions is rapidly approaching, will members please give it their attention?—J. Jeffrey, Sec.

GRIMSBY AND CLEETHORPES ROLLER C.S.

Monthly meeting held Club Room, May 25. Judges for open show held December 19 and 20 were selected, viz., Messrs. Roebl (London), Wareing (Bury), and Jacquemin (Wolverhampton). We hope by engaging three judges from the most popular centres to secure the support of all fanciers. Our last show was so well spoken of by exhibitors that we are naturally looking forward to an increased number of entries at our next, and it was in anticipation of this that we decided to engage one more judge. Fanciers will know that their exhibits will have the same chance of being heard and judged as they had last year.—F. Mason, Hon. Sec.

MANCHESTER AND N.C.O.S.

Usual meeting at Deansgate Hotel, May 20th. A very good muster of members and friends met together to listen to a lecture by Mr. Houlton (St. Helen's) on "British Cage Birds." This proved to be, as most of us expected, a very interesting and instructive lecture. Mr. Houlton took us through the Fancy, from the feeding, moulting, etc., to the showing of most British birds. He spoke very highly of sunflower seeds for all Finches. This he said he had been using with great satisfaction for 26 or 27 years, having first got the wrinkle from the fanciers in Scotland.

The small seeds Mr. Houlton thought kept the birds too busy filling their stomachs, leaving them no time to preen themselves. A weed which Mr. Houlton called "red neise" was also very much recommended. This he described as a plant which grew on waste ground, and which bears what appears to be a red flower, something after the shape and style of the spirea, but which on closer examination, proves to be clusters of small seeds. These are relished by most Finches and are a grand conditioner. We were advised to be careful in the use of hemp in the case of the Bullfinch and Siskin. Most other birds could have a fair quantity along with sunflower and other seeds. Baths of cold soft water were strongly recommended for all British birds which would take them; hand washing was not recommended, as it was found that the tendency was to take away the natural gloss from the plumage. For Softbills generally Indian meal, together with dried flies, ants' eggs, dried fruits, such as sultanas, currants, etc., was recommended as a staple diet, this being varied with the different insects, grubs, etc., which might be procurable, together with boiled potato, raw carrot, chickweed, etc., and sweetened with raw sugar. Cockroaches he recommended as a good standby; these may be kept 12 months by being scalded, and dried and stored in canisters. On concluding his lecture, Mr. Houlton was heartily thanked on behalf of the society and friends, by Mr. Atkinson, Mr. Fairhurst and Mr. Richards, and Mr. Houlton replied briefly. Mr. Moorbey was also thanked for his part in arranging the ramble to Mottram. After a reply by Mr Moorbey, we closed a very enjoyable and instructive meeting.—E. H. Fulcher, Assist. Sec. and Treas.

DARLINGTON C. & B.B.F.A.

Meeting held May 29th, at George Hotel, Mr. H. C. Carter in the chair. Decided to hold first feather show June 26th; five classes. Prize money on sliding scale. Decided to pay in full all members' prize money in connection with last annual show. Schedule for next open show was partly revised and held over until next meeting.—A. Walker.

FALKIRK (Good Intent) C.B.A.

Meeting held Oddfellows' Hall, May 25, President James Muir in the chair. Table show of British birds. Mr. J. Hunter judge. 1, Goldie, 3, Linnet, R. Gardner; 2, J. Muir, Bramblefinch; 4, Greenfinch, J. Marshall. Next meeting June 22, owing to the holidays. Eight new members were elected. Will members please note address.—Walter Clarkson, 130, Victoria Place, Falkirk.

BERMONDSEY AND ROTHERHITHE F.A.

General meeting held at Jolly Gardeners, Rotherhithe New-road, Mr. E. J. Coombes in the chair, supported by a fair number of members. Ten silver medals were handed over to members present. It was decided that next show be for birds any age on June 20th at above. Judge, Mr. Matthes. Medals for first and second best in show. Entries close June 15th.—John Clark, Sec. and Treas.

ANNFIELD PLAIN C.B.S.

Monthly meeting and table show held at Mr. Lumley's May 25th, Mr. S. Foster in the chair. Decided to hold a table show June 22nd. Classes: Nor. (buff), Yorks. (yell.), Bord. (buff), and A.O.V. Canary, all to be feather birds, and 1 British (Greenfinch). Mr. W. H. Butler, Stanley, judge. We have booked the Anfield Plain Co-op. Hall for annual show December 22nd. It is the best hall in the district for a cage bird show, being well lighted and very comfortable. We had a grand table show and good turn up of members, all being very eager to secure most points towards the teapot. These table shows are doing a lot of good for the society both financially and in the way the members turn up to the meetings. The table show was judged by Mr. J. Snell, of Stanley, who expects to be leaving England soon to go to New Zealand; his awards gave every satisfaction. LINNET: 1, R. Humphrey; 2, 3, R. Peart. GREENFINCH: 1, Peart; 2, Humphey; 3, J. Williams. GOLDFINCH: 1, Humphrey; 2, Williams; 3, T. Robinson. A.O.V.: 1, 2, Humphrey; 3, Peart. Mr. Humphrey secured a good lead in points, being 12 points above the next to him.—R. Peart, Sec.

OLDHAM AND DISTRICT C.B.A.

At our next meeting we shall be having entries for the first feather show, and despite the bad luck which some of our members have had with breeding, I am expecting to see a good entry. Will any member not having had a schedule ask, and I will see he gets one.—Jas. Cope, Sec.

HETTON-LE-HOLE C.B.S.

Meeting held June 1, at Crown Inn, Mr. Hy. Wilson in the chair. Decided not to hold a F.F. show this year, as members are doing so badly in the breeding room, threes and fours being about the order. It was also decided to omit three payments in the contributions this year, owing to unpreventable causes. It is to be hoped that all our members make a good finish of the breeding season, if not in quantity, in quality, and so help us to make our annual show a grand success.—A. J. Notley, Sec.

SWINDON F. AND F.A.

Monthly meeting held at Baths, May 29, Mr. H. R. Halliday in the chair. Mr. T. Patterson very kindly judged the table show. New members elected: Messrs. J. H. Simpson, J. Brunker, D. Hoare, S. Tanner and C. Bridgeman. Mr. J. T. Edmonds was elected on the committee in place of Mr. A. D. Winter, who has left the district. Next meeting at Baths, June 26, at 8. Table show of young rabbits. Mr. W. H. Carter, of Shaw, has kindly promised a medal for the best. Mr. H. Smith will judge. Any fancier heartily welcomed.—W. J. Moran, Hon. Sec.

CHESTER C.B.S.

Meeting held at the Nag's Head Cocoa House, Foregate Street, May 28, Mr. F. C. Parker presiding over a fair attendance. Mr. Way, our president, has kindly presented the society with a cup value £2 2s., to be competed for at our annual show. After business, a discussion on the birds was opened, the subjects touched being the colour and colour-feeding, the egg, fertilization, and the forming of the young bird, the members giving their experiences in a most masterly fashion, which was thoroughly enjoyed by the younger members. The secretary then announced that he would receive the collecting books at the next monthly meeting in June. Please note: the new address of the hon. sec. is 25, Francis St., Chester.—R. W. Williams.

WIMBLEDON C.B.S.

The chief attractions at the monthly meeting held at 6, The Broadway, on Monday evening, were a judging competition and a lecture by Mr. J. Robson, on British birds. Mr. W. H. Stoakley presided, and there were some 50 members and visitors present, including a very good proportion of the fair sex. Four new members were elected, one lady and three gentlemen, and five others were nominated. The sec., Mr. Smith, gave his usual report, and Mr. H. Dixon reported the success of the recent ramble from the point of view of enjoyment, and expressed the hope that more members would take part the next time a similar function was arranged. The schedule and rules for the young stock show, to be held in July, were discussed and passed, and it was announced that the society would have the patronage of the British Roller C.C. at the annual show. Mr. J. Robson was final judge in the judging competition, in which 25 members took part. The result was Mr. E. Gibbs 14 points, Mr. F. Beckett 9, Messrs. A. W. Simpson, G. P. Baker, A. H. Dyke, and L. G. Owen, 6 each; Mr. F. W. Owen, Mrs. Mullins and Mrs. Thynne, 5 each, Mr. T. Brown 3. The winners of special prizes were Mrs. Owen and son, for best bird bred in 1912, and Mr. A. W. Simpson, for best British bird. The chairman then welcomed Mr. Robson for the first time as a vice-president, and said he was sure all those present would be sorry to hear that Mr. Robson's son had recently undergone a somewhat severe operation and equally pleased to know that he was progressing favourably. Mr. Robson, in returning thanks, said he was always pleased to be with the members, and glad to recommend those living in the district to belong to such a well-managed society. At the conclusion of the lecture many questions were asked and most satisfactorily answered, and a hearty vote of thanks was accorded Mr. Robson by acclamation. The feature at the July meeting of the society will be "Questions and Answers," chiefly concerning colour feeding.—H. Smill, Hon. Sec.

NORTH MANCHESTER C.B.S.

Meeting held May 28th, Mr. Robinson in chair. Balance-sheet was adopted as being satisfactory, showing a balance of £4 5s. 10d., which shows a great change from last year. The prospects for our first nest feather show, which will be held at our new quarters, the Balmoral Hotel, Rochdale-road, look very bright. Two gold medals will be given, four highest awards to count. Will members please not forget the forthcoming ramble? Mr. Cowgill was selected as judge for November show. Next meeting night June 11th, when entries will be taken for F.F. show.—W. H. Tansey.

BLAYDON-ON-TYNE C.B.S.

At the monthly meeting of the above society there was again a fair attendance of members. After the ordinary business had been dealt with, members decided to hold first feather show in the Bisley Hotel, July 27, birds to be ready for the judge, Mr. C. Vallans, at 2.30. The annual schedule was carefully considered, and it was decided to add six or seven more classes to the schedule. We hope, therefore, that fanciers will rally round and support our efforts in endeavouring to cater for them. Messrs. Jas. Craig and T. Johnston, Blaydon, were elected members.—Geo. Havver, Sec.

SOUTH COUNTY DUBLIN C.B.A.

General meeting held Tuesday, May 21st, in the Court House, Town Hall, Kingstown. Mr. Reilly occupied the chair, and there was a fair attendance of members. Mr. Ramsey Phillips was unanimously elected president. An alteration was made in the rule dealing with the annual subscription, and a new rule was added concerning the constitution of the committee. The honorary membership list, which was recently opened, was read and received with applause. Owing to the strenuous efforts of the committee, the association has a substantial sum standing to its credit in the bank, and if such good work continues the premier township of Kingstown will undoubtedly be able to boast next November of the first cage bird show ever held in the district. The large concert room in the Town Hall will be at the disposal of the association for the occasion. After other minor matters were discussed, a very successful meeting was brought to a close.—D. Smyth, Hon. Sec.

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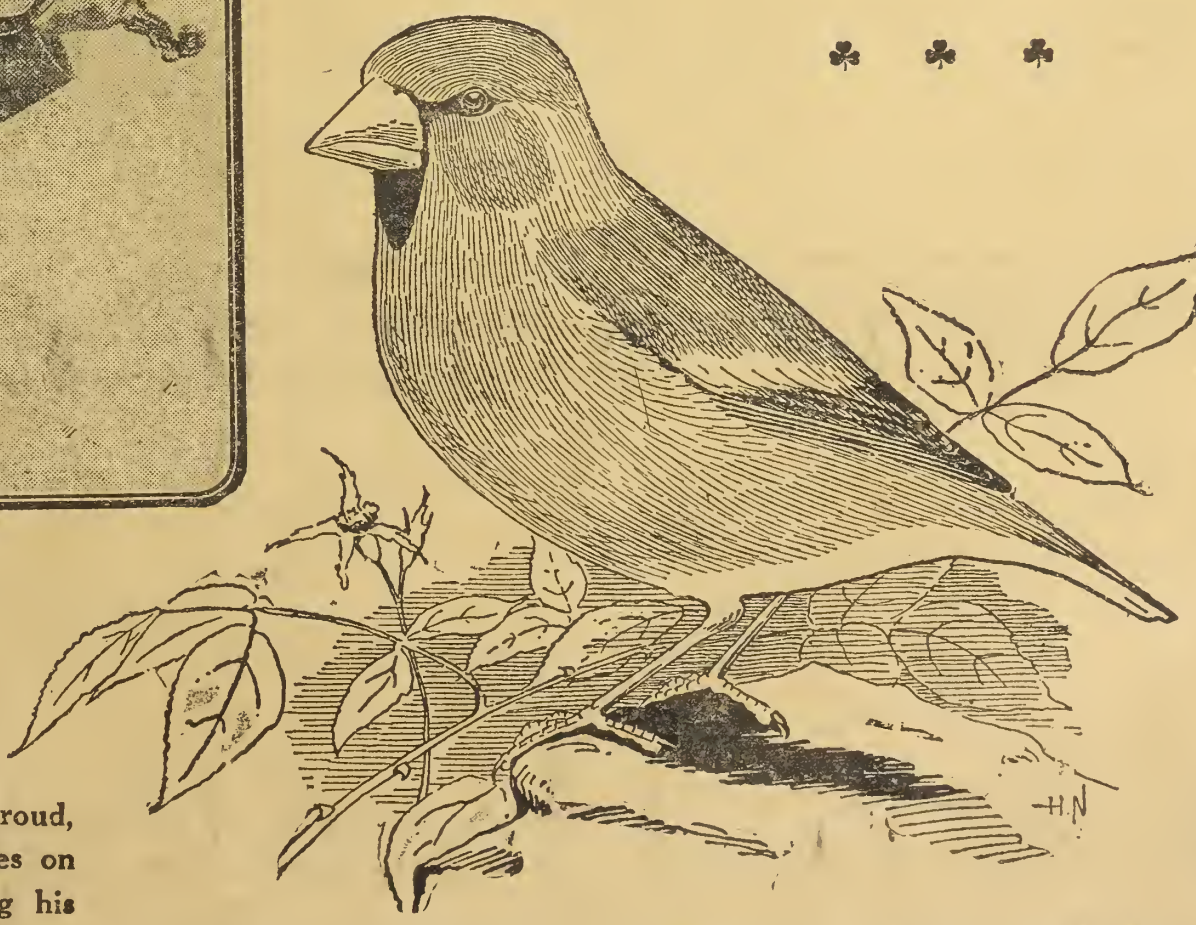

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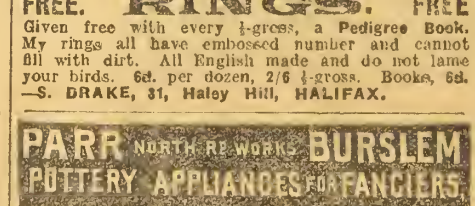
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MUST be sold owing to removal; no reasonable offer refused; pair of good Rollers, ready for second nest; long clear Yorkshire hen, ready for nesting, pairs of h.m. Blackhead Nuns, Ribbon Finches, and Linnets; two single breeders; two box cages; Norwich show cage: Ivey, 58, Cranbrook-rd., Deptford, London.

WANTED.

WANTED, regular supplies of cage fronts, or maker: Torpy, John-st., Bradford.

WANTED, second-hand golf balls for cash, or cages: Ross, Cage Works, Forres, N.B.

WANTED good Terrier, also good baby's push-chair; exchange exhibition Yorkshires; approval: E. H. Williams, 19, Copper Works-rd., Llanelly.

WANTED Goldfinch and Linnet Mules; best prices given: R. Kremner, 101, Tib-st., Manchester.

WANTED, small aviary, in good condition: H. Copp, Strawberry Cottage, Sneddon-st., Bideford.

WANTED a pair Diamond Sparrows, state price: A. Barrot, 15c, St. Ann's Villas, Holland Park, London.

WINNING 1911 Thrush, full song, hand-reared, perfect feather, sell 12/6, or offers: John Boyle, Church-st., West Stanley.

WANTED, Canaries, also British and Foreign Birds, Parrots, etc.: Mrs. Martin, 9½, Cowcaddens-st., (only address), Glasgow.

SEASIDE and country readers! There is a notice of considerable interest to you under this week's "Twitterings."

WANTED, Yorkshire cock, 1911; exchange No. 2 Brownie camera and case: White, 216a, West End Lane, London, N.W.

WANTED, Rhea Buzzards, Eagles, White Cockatoos, Parrots, fancy Pheasants, Swans, Peafowl, monkeys, and other animals: 1, Pembury-st., Darlington.

WANTED, gent's cycle frame; exchange 3 new Norwich show cages and case, value 7/-, and cash balance: B. Gunton, 221, St. Albans Road, Watford.

WANTED, Canaries any variety; must be in song; also British and Foreign birds, rabbits, pigeons, Toy dogs, etc.: Sorley, Naturalist, Saltmarket, Glasgow.

WANTED Parrots, Pigeons, poultry, dogs, monkeys, rats, guinea pigs, birds, etc.; purchase or exchange other varieties: Barlow's Aviaries, Greenwich.

WANTED 1,000 Guinea Pigs, Hedgehogs, Magpies, Canaries, Jackdaws; state lowest price; stamped envelope reply: Enoch Powers, 91, Selater-st., Shoreditch, London.

DEALERS; wanted cash offers, 12 young Norwich, on hard seed, 10 weeks, also three good songsters, 1911, overstocked; approval: Gater, Jones-square, Troedyrhiw, Glam.

WANTED, cock Goldfinch-Canary mule, or Goldfinch Bullfinch; exchange good flight cage, new condition; approval; particulars, must be good: W. Deans, Selby, Yorks.

GOOD broken cap gold lizard cock, breeder; exchange handsome brass drawing-room cage, or well-bred Buff Norwich cock: Livingstone, 35, Victoria Gardens, Rutherglen.

WANTED, cock Song Thrush, cock Goldfinch, cock Linnet, planed wood boards, spars, glass, paint; exchange foreign birds, gramophone records, Watkin's exposure meter, Swan fountain pen: Bridge, 53, Parkside-rd., Moss Side, Manchester.

WANTED.

1911 and 1912 Plainhead Norwich, Yorkshires, and Crests, good prices given: West of England Bird Exchange Co., 13, Durnford-st., Stonehouse, Plymouth.

NATURAL HISTORY

BIRD and animal preserving done cheaply by practical hands; latest improvements: F. Livermore, Windley, Derby.

ALL our readers having holiday accommodation to let should read the notice under "Twitterings" in this week's issue.

LARGE collection British birds' eggs for sale cheap; exchange good Goldfinch-Canary Mule, Goldfinch or Bullfinch; approval; particulars: W. Deans, Selby, Yorkshire.

BIRD-STUFFING, illustrated, 1/-; Animal, Fish Stuffing, 1/-; Lepidoptera Collecting, 1/-; Entomologists' Guide, 1/-; Egg Collectors' Guide, 1/-; Larvæ ditto, 1/-; illustrated catalogue naturalists' requisites free: Messrs. Davis, Museum Works, Dartford.

SALE or EXCHANGE.

Mainly British.

SEASIDE and country readers! There is a notice of considerable interest to you under this week's "Twitterings."

SPLENDID Chaffinches, 1/-; Blackcaps, 6/- each; or exchange Magpies to value: J. Driver, Tindal-st., Chelmsford, Essex.

A SPLENDID hand-reared Thrush, cock; exchange mule or cock Canary; approval both ways: Clements, Jeynes Row, Tewkesbury.

THREE cock brown Linnets, splendid singers, 3/-, 4/-, 5/- each; exchange cock Goldfinches, anything: Barthrop, Builder, Holbeach.

FINE 1912 hand-reared Magpie, finger tame, splendid condition, 2/6 each; exchange: Haynes, Harcourt-st., Raunds, Wellingboro'.

FOUR hand-reared Magpies, six weeks; exchange for Mules, Canaries, or any live stock: Davies, 7, Tinman's-row, Brynamman, Carm.

WILL give singing cock Linnet mule for a good steady cock Goldfinch; approval; sell 8/-: F. Comber, 65, Lumley-rd., Horley, Surrey.

PAIR Goldfinches, ditto Greenfinches, cock Bullfinch, all house-moulted, 6/-; two buff Yorkshire cocks, 10/-: Miller, Bootmaker, Shortlands.

EXCHANGE cocks, Bullfinch, Greenfinch (muler), Cirl Bunting, 2 hen mules, for exhibition cock Goldfinch: Thos. Towers, 15, Orchard-st., Hinckley.

VERY tame house-moulted cock Goldfinch, fine clean plumage, with fancy brass cage, 7/6, or exchange Budgerigars: Freeman, Ironmonger, Brockley, S.E.

GOLDFINCH cock, 3/6; H.M. Bullfinch cock, 4/6; Greenfinch hen, 2/-; pair Green Budgerigars, 5/6; 2 cocks, 1 hen Zebra Finches, 11/-: Ayers, 28, York-st., Jarrow.

THREE young Owls, nice pets, 9/-; also large Crest hen Canaries, Even's strain, 15/-, fit to win, 1911; exchange other varieties: Stewart, Hemstill, Sandford, Crediton.

TWICE H.M. cock Linuet, 5/-; also large, 1 H.M. cock Greenfinch, 4/-; F.M. cock Goldfinch, 4 H.M. hen Bullfinch, 3/-, sure mulers; or exchange Thompson, 18 Court, Gooch-st., Birmingham.

Mainly Canaries.

EXCHANGE pair Scifert Rollers for 28 x 1½, wire edge tyres, must be good: Griffiths, 27, Ketley, Wellington, Salop.

EXCHANGE two Yorkshire hens for Yellow Siskin cock; yours first: Mr. N. Jones, 44, High-st., Abertridur, Cardiff.

FIVE pairs high-class Canaries for good pedigree Bull bitch puppy; dog first; no rubbish: Owen, 5, Argyle-st., Paisley.

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EXCHANGE pair Scotch Fancy for pair Rollers; Phillips' ball-bearing skates, for good Roller cock: Dimbleby, Broad-st., Stamford.

NOTICE. Two buff Norwich 1911 hens, sell 10/-, or exchange for cock Goldfinch mule; approval: Hodgson, Shearburn-terrace, Snaith, S.O.

NORWICH cock, 7/-; cock Greenfinch, Roller hen, 5/-; exchange pair Borders and show cage; anything: Pearce, 231, Cathedral-rd., Cardiff.

EXCHANGE prize-bred Norwich Canaries for any old scrap brass, copper, pewter, lead, etc., or anything useful: 134, Havelock-st., Leicester.

OFFER pair yellow Budgerigars, for breeding pair Norwich Canaries; Green Budgerigar cock for Norwich cock: 50, Chepstow-rd., Newport, Mon.

TWO good untried yellow Norwich hen Canaries and tame ben Goldie, 5/-; or exchange pair Budgerigars: Chopping, Taxidermist, Stansted, Sussex.

FOUR Yorkshire hens, Norwich cock, young Magpie, pair Siskins, bred this year, room wanted; cash or exchange: J. Dudley, 52, Occupation-st., Dudley.

TWO lengthy cock Yorkshire Canaries, 5/- each; moulted piping Bullfinch, beauty, 3/-; also Goldfinch cock Mule, 5/-, all on song; exchanges entertained: Hilton, 65, Falcon-st., Oldham.

SALE or exchange H.M. cock Goldfinch, warranted in full song, and safe with eggs, and two Norwich hens for two Yorkshire cocks, in full song: F. Deavall, Confectioner, Banbury, Oxon.

TO make room for young, must sell three Norwich hens, three Yorks, hens, 1911 birds, 2/6 each, 12/- lot; also 1912 green Yorks. cock, 5/-; 1911 yellow Yorks. cock, 6/-; house-moulted Bramblefinch, 2/6, all clean, healthy birds: Ernest Barker, Bongate, Helmsley.

Mainly Foreign.

LARGE handsome white lemon-crest Cockatoo, sell £2; large hand-reared brown Owl, sell 7/6; or exchange Canaries, or mules, either sex: Merrington, 40, Besson-st., New Cross Gate.

Miscellaneous.

"OUR Canaries," by Claude St. John, bound, new, 10/-: Forster, 73, Albion-st., Swindon, Wilts.

EXCHANGE stamp camera, cost 12/6, for British Finches: Watts, Horner House, Stocksbridge.

EXCHANGE pedigree Black Pom., worth £5, for talking Parrot: Woodside, New Hey, Rochdale.

SALE or exchange pair Black Rosecomb Bantams, 5s., or British birds: Juniper, 52, Ambley Road, Paddington.

WILL sell, good whippet bitch, 30/-, or exchange good talking Parrot; approval: M. Wood, 12, Treleth, Askam-in-Furness.

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PAIR White Fantails, 3/6, or offer; rubber heels, new, offer, Norwich, anything: Downie, 47, Regent-st., Llangollen.

HANDSOME Amazon Parrot, intelligent talker, 50/-, with large cage; exchange cock Canaries: Barlow's Aviaries, Greenwich.

EXCHANGE, jet black pom. bitch, prize pedigree, 2 years, perfect points, 70/-; or Canaries: Swann, Prescot-st., Liverpool.

GOOD five string banjo, nickel rim, walnut arm, sell 13/-; offers wanted; poultry, anything: Gray, 70, St. James, Shaftesbury.

TWO new sets goat harness, 7/6 each; some donkey harness, 12/6; exchange Canaries: Roytern, 7, Wellesley-place, Kentish Town.

FOUR splendid Black Leghorns, 5 weeks, with good hen, real bargain, 5/6, through moving: 154, Bellingdon-rd., Chesham.

WHAT offers for 20 long-distance homers, some rung; cash preferred; also 3 Norwich show cages: 47, Elliott-st., Tyldesley.

EXCHANGE, one black Owl cock, and one yellow Magpie cock, for 2 Norwich hens, or anything: Denham, Market-st., Malton.

YORKSHIRE terrier bitch, 12 months old, clean in house; offers exchange anything: Lockwood, 3, Ryecroft-st., Ossett, Yorks.

EXCHANGE treadle sewing machine, working order, for child's cot, or offers: Rawlings, 5, Victoria-st., Barnsbury, London.

NOTICE, Thomas treadle sewing-machine, cost £7, sell 30/-, sample of work sent; or exchange Canaries: Siddon, Tansley, Derbyshire.

EXCHANGE pair roller skates, cost £1, for pair yellow Budgerigars, or Zebra Finches: T. Tacey, 8, Arley Avenue, West Didsbury.

IRISH Terriers, seven weeks old, champion parents, dogs 15/-, bitches 12/6; exchange Canaries: "Princess Mary," Kerbey-st., Poplar, E.

WANTED lady's or gentleman's tricycle, or good gramophone; give talking Parrot: S. Marshall, jun., 32, Poplar-st., Nottingham.

EXCHANGE 6 ivorine handled knives, also hollow ground razor for 1 cock and 3 hen Canaries: Marsden, 175, St. Philips-rd., Sheffield.

EXCHANGE double breeding cage, complete, cost 12/6, for Norwich or British show cages, or sell 7/-: Oates, 241, Pitsmoor-rd., Sheffield.

OFFERS wanted in cock Yorkshires for gent.'s boots, size 8½, value 12/6; girls' rink ditto, size 7: Kendall, 22, Warley-rd., Sheffield.

EXCHANGE.—What offers Canaries (breeders) for Frena camera (40 films) in case?: Ferguson, 97, Plymouth-rd., Penarth, Glamorgan.

WALTHAM lever watch, value 25/-, for good whippet; must be able to catch and kill anything: Wilkins, Postman, Chesham, Bucks.

ENCHANTRESS Phonograph, 30in. brass horn, 63 records with carrying cases, 40/-, or exchange: Simpson, 404, Bethnal Green-rd., London.

GENT'S cycle, guaranteed running order, 30/-, or Norwich Canaries; also grand lot (1912) Norwich for sale: Balderstone, 33, Cedar-st., Blackburn.

Advertisements continued on page 528.

TIMELY HINTS.

Four prizes of 2s. 6d. each (cash, or our books to value, at option of winners) given weekly to the senders of the four best Hints. All hints must be WRITTEN ON POST CARDS, *with sender's name and address at foot and, reach us by Monday's post.*

To Banish Mice from the Bird-room

Get a box of matches and pour over them some boiling water; put the liquid on bread and place in their run for them to take.—Sam Pritchards (Hednesford).

Green Food and Green Fly.

Procure a flower pot and sow the soil very thickly with rape seed. When the green shoots come up well, you will always have a good supply of green fly on them (in addition, of course, to the green food). No time wasted hunting about the country! I have found the above excellent for keeping Goldfinches in sheen, condition, and health.—R. E. Hillier (Paisley).

An Effective Limewash.

[Winner of Half-crown Prize.]

A mixture composed as follows is a good preventive of red mite:—1lb. of lime, add sufficient hot water to dissolve it, then add 2oz. of whiting, 2oz. of glue, ½lb. of salt, and ¼-pint of paraffin. Stir well, and use it, particularly in all corners and crevices, with a paint brush in the ordinary way. This will exterminate all the mite it comes in contact with.—H. Hornblower (Dosclcy, Dawley, Salop).

Helping Finches into Breeding Condition.

[Winner of Half-crown Prize.]

A good thing to get both Finches and Safe bills into condition is to obtain a few small tins (such as empty mustard tins) and put into these a few leaves from currant trees, etc., that are infested with green fly. These may be got at night. In the morning put one of these tins, after taking the lid off, into each cage. As fast as the insects come to the top of the tin they will be eagerly taken by the birds. One of these tins will keep a bird busy all day. —W. Fletcher (98, Station Road, Langley Mill, Derbyshire).

No More Wet Sand Trays.

[Winner of Half-crown Prize.]

When fanciers wish their birds to bathe, they unthinkingly place a small bath on the sand tray or hang it upon the wires; anyway, as the case generally happens, there is sand upon the tray, and when the bird starts splashing, the sand tray is saturated. To obviate this, I empty the tray, place it reverse way (bottom upwards) in cage, then put bath into the cage. The bird can then splash to its heart's content. When finished, you take out sand tray, and then replace sand upon the right side, which is perfectly dry. Result—no more wet sand trays to clean.—F. J. Harland (70, Buckingham Road, Southgate Road, N.).

The Sweating of the Young.

[Winner of Half-crown Prize.]

After the young are a few days old, remove the nest pan lining (lifting the young out), then put some hay in the nest pan and smooth it round, afterwards putting the young back. I have found this prevent even the worst offenders from sweating their young, as the nest pan lining prevents the air from getting to the young through the holes in the nest pan.—F. G. Ball (Shotton, Chester).

Fuller's Earth for Young Birds.

Should any fancier be troubled with young birds going thick, let him try this remedy. Place a piece of rock Fuller's earth, the size of a thimble, in drinking water and stir well. Change water twice a day by gently pouring off the water and leaving behind the sediment that remains. This holds good for three days. Take away all soft foods and substitute soaked canary and teazle seeds for the first two days; afterwards give crushed canary and rape only. This rarely fails to bring them round.—W. G. Andrews (West Bromwich).

Cochineal for Asthma.

If any fancier should have a bird suffering from asthma, let him try the following, which I think he will find to be an almost certain cure:—Get one pennyworth of cochineal from the chemist and dissolve a piece about the size of a hemp seed in the drinking water; in severe cases give two pieces. This gives almost instant relief. When using this remedy, the water glass will be stained a little with the cochineal, so perhaps it would be advisable to keep the glass for this purpose only.—A. W. Howarth (Sheffield).

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Illustrated Ideas

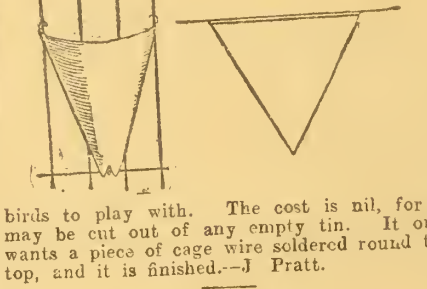
Every "Illustrated Idea" used in this column will entitle the sender thereof to a postal order for two shillings and sixpence.

No. 596.

A Holder for Green Food or Nesting Material.

Sent by Mr. J. Pratt, 29, Astor Street, Bramley, Leeds.

The holder shown in sketch is very handy for holding either green food, a piece of sweet apple, or a little nesting material for the



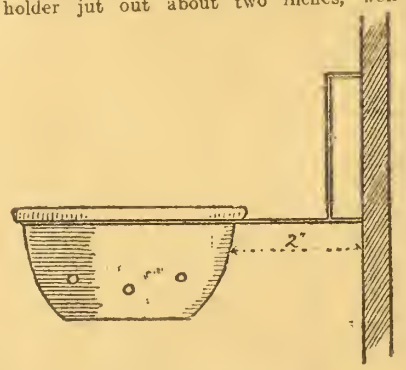
birds to play with. The cost is nil, for it may be cut out of any empty tin. It only wants a piece of cage wire soldered round the top, and it is finished.—J Pratt.

No. 597.

An Improved Nest Holder.

Sent by Miss M. Walker, 56, Queen's Road, Wimbledon.

My cages used to get very dirty at the back, where the nest hung, from the young birds' droppings. So now I make the wire nest holder jut out about two inches, well



away from the back of the cage. (The bought wires let the nest go too near.) This keeps the cage back quite clean.—M. Walker.

The Young Naturalist.

*A Courageous Skylark.

A friend writes me of an instance of the keen vision and courage of the Lark. He was crossing some fields at Witton on Sunday last, and paused to watch a Lark sing at an immense altitude, when the song suddenly ceased and the bird seemed to drop like a stone to the earth, and with shrill cries flew wildly around my friend's small terrier, which was a few yards in advance. Time after time the bird darted with open beak at the bewildered dog, eventually driving him from the spot, where my correspondent afterwards discovered the Lark's nest and several young.—Sent by Elliott Tilley (age 13), 84, Station Road, Gorsty Hill, near Halesowen.

*Tim and Dick.

Tim is a big black and white cat, and Dick is a cheery little Canary. Tim's favourite seat is on the window-sill by the side of Dick's cage, and Dick seems quite pleased to have him there. Sometimes their mistress will put the cage down on the floor, and say, "Tim; love Dick," and the big cat will arch his back and rub himself up against the cage, after the manner of cats who want to show their affection. This is quite a true story, but all the same I do not advise you to try so dangerous an experiment with your own cat and bird. Very few cats would be so forbearing as Tim, and very few Canaries would be as strong-minded as Dick. Taken from Llanelly "Church Magazine," and sent by D. J. Mathias (age 12), 34, Cambrian Place, Seaside, Llanelly.

**Good-bye, Good-bye.

A pet Parrot that had learned to speak a good many words had learned, among others, to utter "Goodbye" in clear, distinct notes, whenever his mistress's guests left the room. One day Poll was sitting on the garden fence quietly meditating, when a large Hawk suddenly swooped upon him, and, seizing the poor bird in his talons, soared rapidly upwards. A friend who was near rushed to the spot to effect a rescue, if possible, when all at once the Parrot, with his eyes fixed on the scene below and on the friend he was being borne away from, cried out, "Goodbye, Goodbye!" The astonished Hawk was so much startled that he dropped his prey instantly, thinking, no doubt, that it was a very queer, uncanny creature he had caught this time. Taken from "The Sunday Companion" and sent by Jessie Burman (age 13), 115, Wickham Street, Beeston Hill, Leeds.

CAGE BIRDS LEAGUE

CERTIFICATES IN COLORS NOW READY.

Important Notes and Hints.

NOTES BY THE SECRETARY.

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Result of Our Recruiting Competition.

I have received no claim from any member of the League that he has introduced more members than Mr. Peck, who brought fifty-one recruits into the League, or from any Society that it has more than the forty-one members of the Sheffield O.S. who are members of the League. The two first prizes of £5 go, therefore, to Mr. Peck, of Bexley, Kent, and the Sheffield Ornithological Society respectively, and cheques have been forwarded accordingly. I hope to announce the destination of the two second prizes of £3 each next week.

Membership Certificates Now Ready.

The coloured Certificates of Membership are now to hand, and signed copies have been posted to all members who had sent orders in anticipation of delivery. These Certificates are printed in seven colours, and are a facsimile of a specially designed coloured drawing by Cage Birds artist, Mr. H. Norman. In size they measure 15ins. by 11ins., and, when framed, should make an effective ornament to the walls of any room, besides being a visible record that their owners are members of Cage Birds League, a body of bird-lovers banded together in good-fellowship, and in the defence and furtherance of a delightful hobby. I am pleased to have already received many expressions of satisfaction from members who have received their copies, and I shall be glad to send one to any member sending one shilling to cover the cost. A large number of Cage Birds League members are engaged in the bird trade, and every one of these should certainly have a signed certificate to hang in his shop. The officials whose object in life it is to bring actions against bird shop keepers would hesitate before taking steps to prosecute a shopkeeper whose possession of a Certificate of Membership of Cage Birds League would be in itself evidence that he belonged to an Association whose members are pledged to do all that lies in their power to inculcate the knowledge of the proper keeping of birds in captivity. I hope that every member of Cage Birds League will make a point of applying for one of these Certificates.

Cage Bird League Medals.

It would appear from some enquiries I have received that some secretaries of societies are not quite clear as to the Medals to which their societies may be entitled, and to the conditions under which the Medals will be offered. I would therefore repeat that for every five shillings subscribed to Cage Birds League as an annual subscription of members, societies wil be entitled to either a Silver or Bronze Medal. If those subscriptions amount to ten shillings they may have two of either kind or one of each, and so on, while if the total subscriptions amount to thirty shillings either a Gold Medal or six Silver or Bronze may be added to the schedule. The Medals may be given in any way a Society may wish, but they will be open for competition among Cage Birds League Members only, and League Members must put the letters C.B.L. after each entry, as is the custom with other special competitions. It must be, of course, understood that secretaries must make application for these medals in time for announcement in their schedules, stating the number of paid members of the League who are members of their Society. It must not be left for me to find out these particulars without application.

Associate Members Enrolling in Numbers.

Nothing that Cage Birds League has done has approached in popularity the establishment of Associate Members. Not a single post goes by without a number of applications from readers who have signed one of the coupons published in recent issues, and have got five of their friends each to sign another coupon. These are being dealt with in rotation, and the badges are being sent out as quickly as possible. A coupon appears again this week, and I shall be pleased to register as an Associate Member of Cage Birds League any reader conforming with the simple conditions thereon stated. As one reader expresses it, we shall soon have an army of bird lovers whose numbers would astonish the opponents of our hobby of pet-bird keeping.

How to Become an Associate.

Many readers, writes Mr. F. G. Ball, Shotton, have, like I once had, surplus copies of Cage Birds which they would like to dispose of—this has been my method of doing so. Whenever anyone, especially one who has never heard of Cage Birds, comes to purchase a bird, or whenever I know of anyone who keeps a bird or is interested in birds I ask them to accept an old copy, and tell them where I order mine from. It helps them to start differently to what I and hundreds of others did, and it will also enable them to see where to purchase the various foods, seeds, etc., which will help to keep their birds in the "pink" of condition. Get them to sign the coupons, and when you have got five, sign another yourself, and send the six to the Secretary, Cage Birds League.

In sending coupons signed by himself and his friends Mr. A. W. Fullwood, Wolverhampton, writes as follows.—"I have been in the Fancy fifteen years, and I think this idea of forming an Associate Society of bird-lovers is the finest thing our valuable paper Cage Birds has ever undertaken. A very great number of people, who are bird-lovers, are not in a position to pay an annual subscription to Cage Birds League, but will be glad of the opportunity to become Associates. I am impressing upon all my customers that they should follow my example."

TERMS OF MEMBERSHIP.

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Neat and unobtrusive badges are supplied to members, without any charge beyond their subscriptions as above. The badges may be had either in button form, or mounted in rolled gold in two forms, one as a brooch for ladies or for cycling caps or coat lapel, and the other as a pendant for bracelet or watch-chain. The kind required should be specified clearly.

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Gold, Silver, and Bronze Medals are offered for competition among Cage Birds League members at Open Shows. The terms under which these will be given may be had upon application.

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READING C.B.S.

Meeting held June 6th, at Palmer's Hall, before a very fair attendance. Mr. Thomas was elected a member. New prize cards were discussed, and a well-designed card was finally adopted. Schedule for Y.B. show, July 10th, was then gone into. Decided to have 19 classes as last year, and the society to add £1 to the prize money in proportion to the entries. Mr. G. H. Acton very kindly offered 5s. as two specials, and the Sec. would be very glad if any other member will help in the same way. Mr. J. Brooker (chairman) gave a paper on breeding and moulting for colour. At the outset he volunteered the statement that it was the first paper he had ever written on this subject. All we can say is we hope we shall soon get another like it. Full of practical information and interest as it was, we were sorry when it ended. It is to be regretted that he would not hand it over so that it could be published, as it would be sure to be appreciated. Several questions were asked and answered in a good style, and at the close we felt we had spent a very interesting evening. Members report a fair result of breeding up to date, but a few have hens that nest but do not lay. There will be no meeting until Y.B. show, July 10th. The secretary will be glad of any help in showroom on that day.—W. H. Pyke. Hon. Sec.

Through a Bird-room Window.

By the Rev. C. D. FARRAR.

No. 26 of this popular series deals with the Ribbon Finch, generally known as the Cut-throat.

A MAN influences his fellows very little by what he says, by the tricks of manner or by want of them; by the food he eats and the particular taste in liquor he happens to possess; his practical effect upon this world results from the amount of fresh air he takes, from the wholesome thoughts he begs or steals from birds and beasts and trees; from the free wind of charity. These things cling round him, giving out fragrance, as of herbs that grow in a well tended garden. It is no credit, you will say, to the man, the credit is due to the birds, the beasts, the jolly, wholesome earth; but, credit or no, he makes for good, be it much or little, and in a world that is too much given to shut out winds and calls them draughts. And so I venture to think that in a very humble way I conduce to the happiness of the world, by writing these occasional papers on my past experiences.

Common, but Unreliable.

Cut-throats, like the poor, are always with us. There are times and years when some species of birds seem to disappear completely. It is twenty years since I have seen a Turquoisine, I mean a live one. Every year I go to South Kensington Museum and gaze upon a particularly fine specimen I gave to the collection years ago; but, alas! he is stuffed. I don't like to think when it was I last set eyes on a Musky Lorrikeet; but you can never go into a bird-shop without finding Cut-throats, and the price is always within the compass of the most modest purse. Another thing to be thankful for is that you can always tell the cock from the hen, and therefore you are sure of getting a pair, and with very moderate luck you can get them to go to nest. This is all very fascinating to a beginner. It is nice to breed even such a common thing as a Cut-throat. At the same time I have always found Cut-throats most disappointing so far as rearing goes. They will go to nest anywhere, lay any number of eggs and hatch them, and they will live for a few days; but then something goes wrong, and, like Jezebel, they are ignominiously thrown out.

There is one statement that I will venture to make at starting. Cut-throats are perfectly hardy. I have seen them living in Leeds bird market, which is like a railway station, open at both ends, and one long continued draught. A bird that can live there and look happy and contented may be passed anywhere as a "good life."

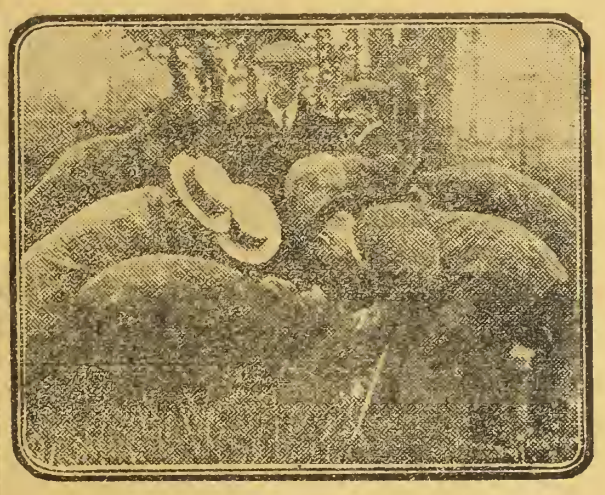
A Modest Commencement.

The first pair of foreign birds I ever had were a pair of Zebra Finches, and the second a pair of Cut-throats. I can't tell you how proud I felt of the latter; especially the cock, with his throat so suggestive of an attempt at suicide. So far as I remember, I bought them in Leman Street, and paid four shillings and sixpence for them. I took a real care of them for the time, as if they had been Turquoisines, until I found that my care was quite unnecessary. At the time, I only had one place to keep my birds in, a large and sunny attic. My collection was a very humble one, consisting, as it did, of Zebras, Cut-throats, Avadavats, and Bengalese. They were all very common, I grant you, but I do not know that they did not give me as much pleasure as when in later years I had hundreds of birds, including many great rarities. I know I did not feel half the anxiety about them, for if one died I could always replace it at a trifling cost, whereas when one of my rare specimens went aloft, it was not merely a question of money, but there was always a grave doubt if I should ever look upon its like again.

In this big attic I rigged up a lot of cigar boxes with a hole cut in the middle and a little twig jutting out for the birds to perch on, and lined with hay. At one end I put up a lot of logs, with likely places for nesting sites. And then I turned in the birds and awaited results. I had not long to wait. That is the best of these common birds; if they mean to go to nest they will do so at once, whereas your rare specimens either wait for years before they can make up their minds; or else go and die just as they have decided on propagating their species.

Disappointed Hopes.

It was not many days before I saw the Cut-throats carrying building materials into one of the cigar boxes, and they seemed particularly keen on feathers, from which I gathered that they were of a chilly nature. In about a week the hen



A DIVE INTO AN ANT HILL.

Members of the Sheffield O.S. gathering live ants' eggs for their birds on the occasion of their recent ramble.

disappeared and I concluded that eggs had arrived. A few mornings later I was assured of the fact, as I found a dirty white egg, rather large for the size of the birds, cracked on the floor. Still, I felt very happy, and I believe I experienced one of the solid joys and lasting pleasures that the hymn says none but Zion's children know. When you are only a beginner you are proud of having a Cut-throat lay eggs! Things went on all right, and after thirteen days had passed I fancied I could hear a feeble chirping from the Cut-throats' cigar box. This daily increased in volume, until the eighth day. When I entered the attic in the early morning I fancied that the air was not as sweet as it might be; so I opened the window and let in some air.

When I came up later I could find no improvement. I noticed that the smell in the aviary was violent and it was of unmistakably animal origin. I proceeded to investigate, and the nearer I got to the box the stronger the atmosphere became. I got a pair of steps and proceeded to investigate. When I got on a level with the [illegible] I was "red hot," as the children say. Meanwhile the bodies were going bad, and the smell for a mile around was strong enough to take the paint off a door! I got a bit of bent wire, and after a time I succeeded in drawing out four livid bodies of what had once been young Cut-throats. As I looked at these swollen bodies, and thought of what might have been, I felt as grouty as King Ahab when he turned his face to the wall and would eat no bread.

The Same Again.

The parents seemed not to mind their loss, but only rather relieved that the mouldering bodies had been removed. I fancy that their sense of smell is not of a high order, for they went to nest in a box not far away from the old one. All again went well for a time; the eggs laid were duly hatched, and then everything was repeated de novo. I felt a bit sick.

It reminded me of a story I read once about a son of a Publishing Firm, who had been unsuccessful, and was anxious to get some work; and some old friends of his father, who were manufacturers of iron bedsteads, offered him a job of travelling for them till he could find something better. The work was not very congenial, but he did it as well as he could, and, of course, one of his duties was to furnish a daily report. After a time he made a daily footnote to his report: Macbeth, so and so; Scene, so and so, Line so and so. This attracted the attention of the heads of the firm, who were not literary men, and puzzled them much. After a while, one of them said one morning: "Hang it all, let's send out and get a half-crown Shakespeare, and see what it is, any way." And it was found that the passage referred to, ran:—

This is indeed a bloody business.

Success at Last.

As I looked at my second lot of putrefying corpses. I felt inclined to echo his words. But they say it's a long lane that has no turning, and it proved so in my case. For at the third time of asking my Cut-throats succeeded in rearing three fine youngsters, two hens and a cock. Still, my story seems to prove that it isn't so easy as it seems to rear even such a common bird as a Cut-throat. Indeed, from my experience, I should be inclined to say that while it is perfectly easy to get Cut-throats to go to nest and lay eggs and rear for a few days, it is the reverse to get them to rear them to maturity. I think it must be something to do with feeding. Maybe seed diet is too dry and heating and probably, like our Sparrows, they, at liberty, feed a good deal on small grubs.

When I saw these young Cut-throats flying about with their parents I felt as grateful as the native of India who said to someone who had done him a favour, 'If I were to make shoes of my skin for your excellency in exchange for these favours, I would think that I had not trespassed the limits of my gratitude!"

It may be well to utter a note of warning as to the temper of the Cut-throat. It not an amiable bird. Nay he is a born fighter. Put two cocks together, and the stronger will never give the weaker a moment's peace; he reminds me of an Australian horse-dealer, who, speaking of the fighting qualities of certain fox terriers, said: "They fly at each other's throats and they hold on quite quietly—just like a prayer meeting!"

An Expert's Views Upon the Yorkshire Green Canary.

Mr. Geo. Bell Tells How Winners Are Bred and Moulted.

A LECTURE was recently delivered by Mr. Geo. Bell before the members of the Anfield, Everton and Dis. C.B.S., on "Yorkshire Greens." He said: In touching upon this one-time local variety of the Green Canary, I thought a few remarks on how to work up a strain would be very useful, as the Green is now becoming one of the most popular and interesting varieties of the Yorkshire Canary. Many a novice buys stock at a good price and expects by merely putting the birds together he is sure to breed a few winners. How often are his hopes disappointed; and much of this disappointment might have been avoided had our young friend asked the advice of some old fancier. The novice nine times out of ten chooses unsuitable partners through his lack of knowledge, and it is here where the trouble commences. No matter how good the birds are in themselves, it is impossible for the operations of the breeding season to be brought to a successful isue if the birds do not suit each other. There is no set rule how to pair birds. Experience in the breeding room, and one's knowledge of the stock must be the chief guide. The keynote of success rests upon a wise selection. But with patience and perseverance success is certain. I advise those just about to start to select their stock prudently; one single rash action at this time may foil all your plans. Never buy a bird for breeding purposes unless a good pedigree accompanies it. Having judiciously started a few stock pairs, the ultimate success, of course, rests with the owner.

Colour Counts Before Type.

On starting to breed Greens at the present time, I should select birds of the Yorkshire type, as this is my favourite. Type, quality, feather, colour, and position are the important items, and we want them combined if possible. One thing I would like to point out is that if you get colour you can soon work up type and quality. Colour is the main point in this variety, so I put it first. I want you to breed for colour, not feed for colour. In other varieties type is put first.

I would prefer the start be made with buff green cocks and yellow green hens, as I have generally found that the best birds are produced in this way. They should be sound in colour, with quality of feather and good type, especially in the hen. I have proved that the high quality of feather possessed by the hens is reproduced in far higher degree by them than by the cocks. Avoid coarse-feathered birds as far as you can at all times.

How Colour is Retained.

A stud book should be kept, so that you can ascertain how to pair the birds on any future occasion. By this book you will be able to pick out which birds have Green or foul blood in them. It will also help you to find out which pair produce the best results. Having secured a strain of your own, after a few seasons' careful breeding, the fancier must not think he can rest on his oars, or that the labour is at an end. It will be necessary to be on the look out and see that colour, size, and quality of feather are not being lost. By this time the stock will be full of reliable Green blood, and any cross that may seem advisable can be introduced. If colour is required, I should advise pairing a pure yellow Cinnamon hen, of true Yorkshire type, to a buff Green cock bred from self Greens. The Green and Cinnamon cross constitutes the fountain of colour for Green breeding. When birds of this cross are obtained it will not be necessary to introduce the same cross again for several seasons, so that the breeder may keep as far as possible from the Cinnamon tinge. From a cross of this description colour and quality of feather will be improved.

If size is being lost, I should advise taking a dip into Lancashire blood. A mistake is often made at the first step in the unwise selection of the Lancashire which it is wished to use for crossing purposes. I would therefore say that any kind of Lancashire will not do. The one that must be used is the so-called Lancashire of the Yorkshire type, with narrow skull, close feather, thin body and long legs. I would also urge that in all cases it should be a Yellow Plainhead. We do not want coarseness of feather, and for that reason I prefer a yellow to a buff as the former will be less likely to transmit that coarseness than the latter. We will assume that a bird of the right character has been obtained. It should be matched with a buff Green hen of the true Yorkshire type, and of fair size only; this hen must in all respects be typical.

From a cross of this sort it must not be thought that self-colour Greens will be bred. One may be got in a nest, but most of the young ones will be heavily variegated, and some of them only slightly ticked. It will be gathered from this that fanciers will not breed champions at the first cross, although there are exceptions even to this, but experience has tanght me to expect nothing beyond stock birds at this stage. The young ones from such a pair should be well looked over, and those showing a great tendency to be clear, or that have broad skulls, should be discarded. You must pick out for the next cross the birds that are yellow and most heaviiy variegated; yellows are to be preferred, as by again using them, nice short, silky, close-feathered birds are obtained, and these are wanted in this variety. In pairing the yellow variegated cocks of this cross, a pure-bred buff Green hen must be used, of the right type. The produce from these will probably be both Greens and Cinnamons, or variegated. When pairing the yellow variegated hens you must use a pure-bred buff Green cock. If these instructions are followed a strain in which the Green blood is intensely strong will be produced. The best results I have seen have been obtained from the above cross. My best birds, both for yellow and buff Greens, are self colour; it is here where you get size and quality of feather.

Don't Despise the Buffs.

Although I have not told you to use the buff variegated birds, I do not mean them to be despised, as enough yellow variegated birds will not always be to hand, so you may be compelled to use a buff from the same cross. We cannot always get our stock birds in our own liking, and sometimes we have to pair up with whatever buff variegateds we have got. I have had very good results from using buff variegated hens paired to a very fine feathered yellow Green cock. For instance, my yellow foul and buff foul Green cocks and buff Green hen, all of which took many firsts, including the Crystal Palace show, were all bred from a buff variegated hen and a yellow Green cock; so it can be seen that from this cross, and from our variegateds, good birds are to be had. I would advise that the young ones from this cross be paired again to pure Greens; by doing so more self-colour Greens will be obtained.

(To be continued.)

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The attention of Show Secretaries is directed to the following list of gentlemen willing to act as Judges. Terms for insertion on application.

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Twitterings.

We are informed by Mr. H. Copp that a white Blackbird was caught last week near Barnstaple.

Mr. A. Hirst (Accrington) will judge the members' show of the Clitheroe C.B.S. on Dec. 7 next.

Mr. J. Bryson, secretary of the Aberdeen O.S., has changed his address from 8, Broomhill Road to 293, Holborn Street, Aberdeen.

Manningham C.B.A. will ramble to Fewston, June 16; meet Manningham Station 8.10 a.m., writes Mr. H. Grange, sec. Fanciers invited.

The Birkenhead C.F.A. have engaged Mr. Wellings (Prescot) to judge young bird show, June 29, and Mr. Cowgill (Bradford) for old bird show, Nov. 30.

The name of the owner of the Buff Yorks winning special for best Canary at Carnarvon was given in our report as W. Molan. This should be W. Nolan.

We are asked to state that the Metropolitan C.B.A. will hold a young bird show at All Saints' Parochial Hall, Battersea Park, on June 15, from 4 to 9.30.

Messrs. A Hamilton (Caldercruix), G. Fulton (Partick), J. Park (Govan), D. Brown (Edinburgh) will judge the Scotch Fancy Section; and Mr. T. Brown (Duns) the Belgian Section at the Scottish Metropolitan (Open Derby) on Sept. 28.

Wallasey C.B.S. have been presented by Crane and Sons, the large piano manufacturers, with a cup for their nest feather show on July 6. It is expected that this will be the best young show the club has held for many years. I am glad to say, writes Mr. T. Edwards, Hon. Sec., that through the medium of your paper we have received substantial additions to our membership.

CAGE BIRDS has many readers resident in seaside or country districts. And it has many town-dwelling readers who when on holiday bent would be glad to stay with other bird-loving enthusiasts. We propose to add to our advertisement headings one for "Holiday Apartments." Any of our readers having accommodation should be able to let it readily by the aid of a small announcement under this heading. Rates as usual, 18 words 6d., and ½d. for each subsequent word.

Newcastle-on-Tyne C.B.S. annual Nest Feather Show will be held in Crosby's Cafe, Northumberland Street, June 22. Thirty-three classes: 5 Nor., 2 Cinn., 3 Yorks., 5 Bord., 2 Scotch Fancy, 1 A.O.V., 2 Mule, 9 Brit., 3 For., 1 Brit. or For., bred 1912. Fee 6d. Prizes on sliding scale. Entries close June 22, 10 a.m., to J. W Reed, 218, Ladykirk Road, Benwell, Newcastle-on-Tyne. Birds staged 1.30. Show closes 8.30. Judges:—Canaries: A. Hermeston, T C. Crawhall, J. Johnstone. Brit. and For.—J. Maddison, J. Bertram.

The opening article in the June number of the "Avicultural Magazine," the organ of the Avicultural Society, is a first instalment by Mr. Frank Finn, of some most interesting notes entitled, "Notes on Sexual Selection." This discusses various forms of sex-differences, seasonal displays, etc. Mr. Staples-Browne continues his "Diary of birds seen on the White Nile." Mr. J. L. Phillips writes on "Wintering Cranes in New Egland." Mr. Sydney Williams contributes an article on Weaver Birds. The usual "Bird Notes from the Zoological Gardens" appears from the pen of Mr. D. Seth-Smith, the curator, and Dr. Butler continues his "Practical Bird-Keeping" by an account of Bulbuls in captivity. Correspondence, Notes, and Reviews complete a good issue. The price of the magazine is 1s. 3d. monthly, from the publishers, West, Newman and Co., 54, Hatton Garden, E.C.

Crystal Palace Show Report, 1912.—These are only champion classes, where colour counts; everything in Norwich and Cinnamons. Note: I don't give Mule classes or Borders. Champion Norwich classes, clear yellow: 1st, Thomas, delightful colour, etc. Tick Yellows: 1st, Davies, wonderful colour, etc. Tick Buffs: 1st, Smeaton, rich colour, etc. Yellow Unflighted: 1st, 4th, Davies, lovely colour, etc. Unflighted Buffs: 1st, championship diploma, also special best in show, ideal specimen; took premier honours at all leading shows: Davies, also won N.P.C. challenge cup three years in succession. Yellow Hens: 1st, 3rd, Smeaton. Unflighted Yellow Hens: 1st, Smeaton, exquisite colour. Unflighted Buff Hens: 1st, Thomas, capital colour. These are out of the ten open champion classes. All the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd prizes in Cinnamons were won by W. Dormer, E. Godley, and Mrs. Deacon. Every one of the above birds never saw nor ate any colour food only Sandiford's Royal Red. Can I give any more proof that it is the best in the world? See advertisement.—(Advt.)

Ilford and County F. and F.S. monthly show (all sections) and first feather show will be held at Santa Claus Hall, Aldborough Road, Seven Kings, June 18, writes Mr. J. H. Priestman, hon. sec.

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We hear from Mr. A. E. Silk, of the Aviaries, Whitstable, that the cups he is offering for competition at next season's shows have been accepted at Kirkcaldy, Swansea, and Warrington, where competition will be confined to novices; and at Gateshead, Plymouth, Cardiff, Scottish National, and Glasgow and West of Scotland, where the competition is to be open to all.

OBITUARY.

It is with the deepest regret, writes Mr. W. Stockton, that I have to inform you of the sad misfortune which has befallen Mr. G. Bainbridge, Felling-on-Tyne, in the death of his little daughter, who was laid to rest on Sunday, May 19th. Mr. Bainbridge is well known as an exhibitor of the Norwich Plainhead, and I am sure the hearts of all our members and all fanciers who know our friend will go out in sympathy to Mr. and Mrs. Bainbridge in this their hour of trouble. May they have strength to bear it.

Mr. Stephens (South London).

It is with very much regret, writes Mr. W. Hodson, hon. sec., Dulwich and Peckham C.B.S., that I have to inform you of the sad death of Mr. Stephens, one of our members, and a hard worker on the committee. Mr. Stephens was a keen fancier of British birds, and was well known in the South London district, his name often appearing under letters in your correspondence columns. On Whit Tuesday he was thrown from his bike in the Old Kent Road, a motor-car passing at the time unfortunately going over him. He was taken to Guy's Hospital, where his injuries were found to be of a serious nature. An operation was at once performed, but it was of no avail, and he passed away on Thursday morning, June 6. He leaves a widow and two little children. The funeral took place last week-end, at which the society was represented.

Messrs. Nicholson and Tallantyre write that Mr. Jas. Johnston (Wallsend) will judge the Nest Feather Show of the Haltwhistle C.B.S., July 20.

West Bromwich C.B.S., writes Mr. Andrews, sec., have appointed Mr. Geo. Baker (Birmingham) to judge their Nest Feather Show, June 22nd.

Societies desiring the support of the Crested C.C. are requested to make application to me forthwith, writes Mr. John Tyson, Hon. Sec., 169, Sloane-street, London, S.W.

Mr. A. E. Silk (The Aviaries, Whitstable) has intimated his intention of presenting a cup for competition in the Norwich Section at the Scottish National Annual Show, writes Mr. J. R. Meikle, the sec., and we have accepted the offer. The cup will be open to all competitors.

Members of the Salford Linnet Club, writes Mr. B. Wharton, Hon. Sec., are earnestly requested to attend the contest at headquarters on June 15th, as this is the last open contest of the season. It is hoped that all the Lancashire fanciers will support us. A social evening will be held in the concert room afterwards. All friends specially invited.

Owing to the resignation of Mr. G. Taylor (Secretary), all correspondence for the Northern B.B. M. and F.B.C. should be addressed to me in future, writes Mr. W. Curry, 60, Grosvenor-gardens, Newcastle, and societies who have not applied for our patronage, and are desirous of having same, should apply before our next meeting, July 24.

We have received an account of a Linnet Singing Contest said to have been held at the Turf Hotel, Newcastle. The communication bears neither signature nor address. Further, it is written on both sides of the paper, and is of much too "rambling" a nature for publication. Will the sender please note the style in which these contests are reported, and, in future communications, write on one side of the paper, and sign his report.

Will all members of Bradford West C.B.A. who did not attend the meeting of June 8 kindly note, write Messrs. Kilburn and Western, that the conditions of the Payne Cup have been altered? When Mr. Payne offered to give a cup to be won outright in one year, we expected just an ordinary cup, but it has exceeded all expectations, being an elaborate cup of the value of about seven guineas. All members present came to the conclusion that it would be unfair to lose sight of such a trophy in one year, and it was unanimously agreed that the cup, before becoming the sole property of any member, must be won two years in succession or three times in all, not necessarily in succession. We hope all members will show their appreciation by making our first feather show, July 13, a great success All birds to be entered Friday night, July 12, and staged at 2.30 Saturday. Mr. A. Shaw judges.

Use our Notepaper

White Sparrow Near Dublin.

For the past few days a white Sparrow has been observed in the paddock at Warren House, Sutton, near Dublin.

White Canaries for King George.

Dr. Palmer, who is on a visit to Bristol from New Zealand, has, says the "Western Daily Press," brought with him about thirty pure white Canaries, which have been bred in the Dominion by him. It is intended to ask his Majesty King George's acceptance of a pair of these remarkable little birds for the Royal Aviary. White Canaries have been known, but never before in such a number, states Dr. Palmer, who further said that there is every reason to believe the strain has been established; also that the birds were bred on the lines of Mendel's theory.

"Blades" Abroad.

At our last meeting, writes Mr. J. A. T. Woodall, Sheffield O.S., we had reports pertaining to two of our members who recently left old England for pastures new, Mr. J. W. Crooks, of Crest fame, and Mr. H. E. Wilkinson, of Wilkinson and Elliott, lovers of the Yorkshire Canary. The former reached America some weeks ago, and is already highly satisfied with the new country. In breeding also he has done well, for he took two pairs over with him, and up to the time of writing he has bred six youngsters. Mr. Wilkinson would land about May 27th, so that we have not heard from him yet. Our secretary has been in communication with the secretary of the Victoria C.B.S., Australia, whose members are eagerly looking forward to welcoming our old friend Harry, and I gather they will give him a right royal reception. In his letter the Secretary tells us that he will arrive just at the commencement of the show season, which is the best time of the year for anyone interested in the Fancy to arrive, as by visiting the shows he will meet and get in touch with all the breeders and exhibitors of note.

OUR LITERARY COMPETITION.

After somewhat protracted consideration of the winning essays in our recent Literary Competition, it has been decided to award the chief prize—the framed original painting of birds, value £4 4s.—to Mr. W. Spillman, of 35, Alcester Street, Devonport. His article, entitled "Climbing the Norwich Plainhead Tree," was published in our issues of Feb. 10 and 17 last. It was the opinion of the judges that all the winning essays were very meritorious, and ran Mr. Spillman's contribution a close race.

How Bird Breeders Are Faring in 1912.

Notes on the results of the present breeding season, or of any interesting happenings, are invited from the secretaries of societies and others. The communications must in each case be accompanied by the sender's name and address.

Mr. W. B. Smart, sec. of Loanhead C.B.S., writes that some fanciers are doing well, others moderate. Full results for the district will be given later on.

I have been breeding this last nine years, and have shown some of my specimens and won several prizes. This year I have six pairs up Yorkshires and Norwich, and I have at present 20 young doing well. I make all my own cages and fittings. Anyone can call on me and see for themselves.—J. Taylor (2, Beaumont Buildings, Bow Street, W.C.).

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Canaries and Heredity.

A Short Cut to Mendelism.

An interesting Lecture by Miss Durham, delivered before the Wimbledon C.B.C.

There was a large attendance at the usual monthly meeting of the Wimbledon Cage Bird Society, held at Mr. Johnston's Rooms, May 6th, Mr. W. H. Stoakley presiding. The chief event of the evening was an intensely interesting lecture by Miss Durham on "Inheritance or Family Likenesses, and the Laws which Govern them."

The Chairman, in welcoming Miss Durham, said they were perhaps aware that she was connected with the John Innes Horticultural Institution at Merton, and had there dealt with heredity in Canaries and other similar subjects.

Miss Durham, then proceeding, said the subject of inheritance or family likenesses, and the laws which govern them, was one of paramount importance to anyone engaged in breeding, whether of plants or animals.

Speaking of Canaries, she said that every breeder knew that it was not always the prize-winning bird which necessarily bred the best offspring. In order to obtain the best results, birds must be chosen carefully, and yet sometimes the very birds from which good results were expected proved deceptive. The first person who tried to analyse scientifically inheritance or the handing down from parent to offspring of definite qualities or characters was a certain Austrian Abbot called Mendel, whose work was published about fifty years ago, but was passed over and forgotten till about twelve years ago, when it was rediscovered by three separate individuals, all well-known scientific men, who were able to add confirmation to Mendel's views from those of their own. Mendel set out to explain and examine the problem not from the point of view of the Fancy, which was to breed a finer and better prize-winner than anyone else, but to find out exactly what happened when individuals bearing different qualities were bred together.

Some Results of Mating.

Canary breeders knew perfectly well that green or black-eyed birds never resulted from mating two cinnamon, or, as she preferred to call them, pink-eyed birds together. On the other hand, they did sometimes appear when two green-eyed or black-eyed birds were paired. We could now supply answers as to why that happens, and, moreover, we knew how many of such pink-eyed birds might be expected to appear. By applying the methods which Mendel first instituted the breeder could find out which of the qualities he wanted to appear in his birds would be inherited or how he could combine them to produce the desired result. Mendel used peas for his experiments. He chose two varieties of peas, one of which was tall, six to seven feet high, and the other dwarf, ¾ft. to 1¼ft. He first made sure that each variety bred true to its character, and then he crossed the tall with the dwarf, and the dwarf with the tall. In order to carry out the experiment, he removed the stamens before they were ripe, and then afterwards, when the flowers were ready, dusted the pollen of the plant chosen to be the father on to the stigma of the mother.

The All-Important Third Generation.

In this way cross-fertilisation was brought about. As a result of this, when the seed was ready, sown, and the new plants produced, he found that in this, which we call the first generation, all the plants produced were tall, like the tall parent, whether the tall parent had been the father or the mother. When these plants had in their time produced flowers they were allowed to fertilise themselves. Then it was found that the second generation consisted of two kinds of plants, one resembling the tall grandparent, the other the short grandparent, and there were three talls to one short. In the third generation it was found that whereas the short plants bred perfectly true to shortness and never threw talls, there were two kinds of tall plants, one breeding perfectly true to tallness, the other splitting again into talls and shorts as in the previous generation in the proportion of three to one. The tall plant might be said to be dominant and the short plant recessive, because the character of tallness overmastered and hid from view the short character.

Separate Characters.

Now, supposing that instead of mating the two impure forms together, the impure form was mated with the pure tall form, all the offspring were tall, though there would be the two kinds, one pure and one impure, indistinguishable to the eye, it was true, but when used for breeding the true characters would come out again. Now this meant that the characters of tallness and shortness were separate. Each reproductive cell carried one character or the other. No one reproductive cell could carry both. A new plant or a new animal was made as the result of the union of the two reproductive cells, and the new individual which resulted from such a union might inherit one character or the other or both according to the characters carried by the parent cells. It was often a puzzle to breeders why two apparently pure breeding forms might throw a waster or a quite different form unexpectedly a reversion or throwback, but they would now see how this happened. In order to test, therefore, whether birds were throwing true to type, they must not mate with the pure type, but with another form. In the case of the cinnamon Canary, if they wanted to find out if a green cock was pure to greenness, they must mate it with a cinnamon. If the cock was pure, then there would be no cinnamon young, but if he was not pure to greenness, there would be cinnamon young

The Part Sex Plays.

As a result of the more recent work which has been carried on by Mr. Bateson and others, very interesting facts have come to light, and not the least interesting is the part played by sex in inheritance. It has long been known that certain characters are inherited from one sex and not from the other. Generally this kind of inheritance is from the female side; for instance, colour-blindness in humans. The character seems to be associated or connected in some way with the sex character. The inheritance of sex itself is a question of great interest to all of us. We should all like to know, for instance, in breeding Canaries how to produce cocks or hens at will. Alluding to the belief that the sex of the offspring is believed to be influenced by the age of the father, she said in her view this opinion still requires proof, and at present scientific analysis has not yielded this proof. In the case of the Canary, if they mated a green hen with a cinnamon cock the young would be mixed greens and cinnamons, but all the cinnamons would be hens. In the reverse mating of cinnamon hen and green cock, the young would be all green unless the cock was carrying cinnamon blood.

Cinnamons and Females.

A green hen pure for greenness was unknown, but pure green cocks were known. It was suggested, therefore, that the green hen was not only impure for sex, but also for cinnamon, and the cinnamon in some way was associated with the female character. If an impure green cock was mated with a green hen there was mixed offspring, and the cinnamons were again all hens; to get a cinnamon cock the impure cock must mate with a cinnamon hen. Speaking of her own experience, she said she had had 224 birds by mating green hens with cinnamon cocks, and got 125 cinnamon hens; 238 birds bred by mating impure cocks with green hens gave sixty-eight cinnamon hens; the rest were greens. One of the most interesting things she had found out was that hens were produced greatly in excess of the cocks. For every 100 cocks she had 150 hens. It looked very much as if certain hens had a tendency to produce excess of females.

At the close of the lecture Miss Durham was accorded a vote of thanks by acclamation, a compliment for which she briefly returned thanks.

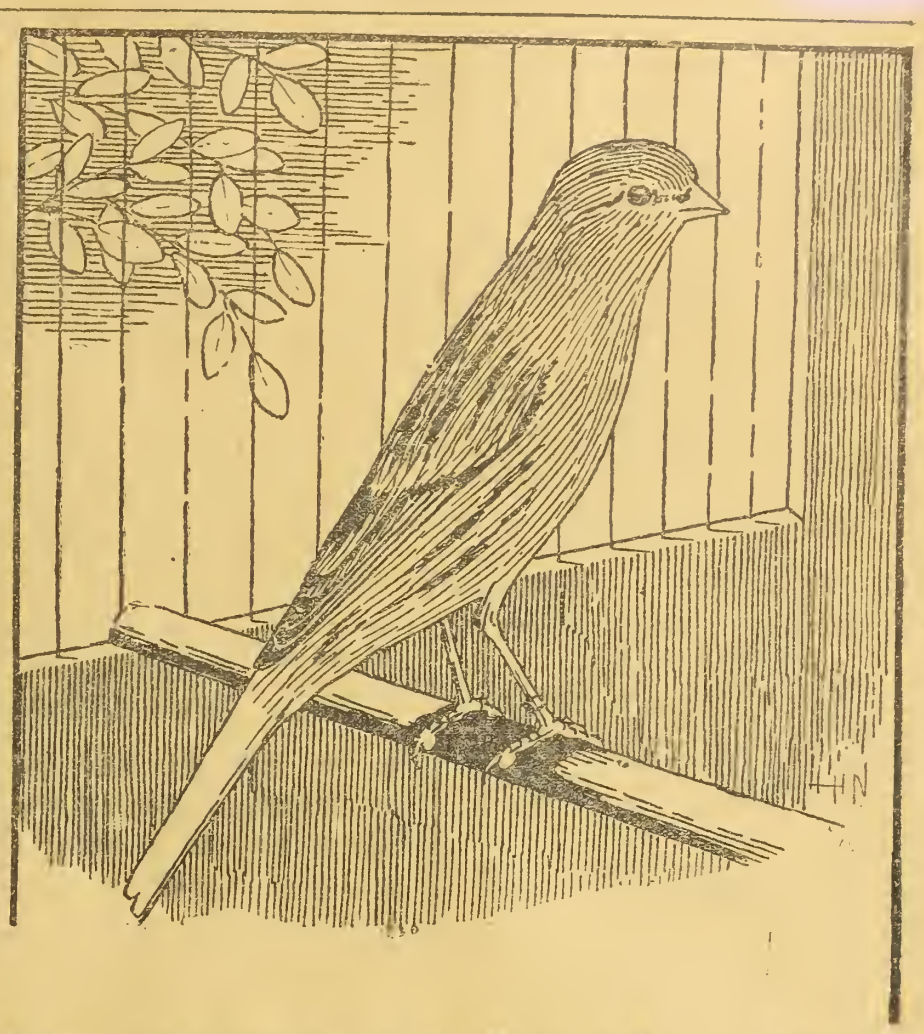
The Green Woodpecker's Nest.

The nest of the Green Woodpecker is frequently betrayed by the chips at the foot of the tree. The nesting hole is bored in a decaying tree, but usually in a portion that is fairly sound. The Green Woodpecker is shy, and will dodge round the opposite side of the trees, occasionally peeping at the intruder.

The Goldfinch's Work of Art.

The sprightly Goldfinch is a neat builder, although generally somewhat late. A nest recently found by the writer was quite a work of art, composed of moss, vegetable down, dry grass stems, and snugly lined with hair; while the exterior was plentifully covered with lichen. It was partly suspended from a branch, and reminded one of Graham's lines:

"Sometimes suspended at limber end
Of plain tree spray, among the broad-leav'd shoots,
The tiny hammock swings to every gale."



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Well, here goes!! and with a snap of the lid I find myself in darkness, and know that once again my destination is a show. I'm a Canary, Yorkshire in type; gentleman of the Fancy, you know! and this will not be the first time I have graced a show bench. Victorics? Rather! in the keenest competition, but modesty, although I am often called "swanky," is one of my strong points. With the shutting out of light the most tedious part of the business has commenced, and before my destination is reached, many jolts are to be mine. At last! after what has seemed an eternity, I am lifted out into the light of day, to gaze with interest on the scene of battle. Row upon row of cages greet my eyes, containing brothers and sisters of all my varied tribe, and aren't some of them hideous? Look at poor old humpback; he's enough to send any self-respecting bird into a fit. Ah, well, poor chap, just what man has made him, and beauty is in the eye of the beholder.

Seems to be a crowd of my variety, and my class (Clear Yellow, by the way) seems endless. Craning upward I can just see an old rival of mine—whacked him last time—now busily occupied with his toilet he is; must begin mine. What a confounded row my brethren do kick up; no time for a quiet snooze; this waiting is getting on my nerves. Thank goodness at last here comes our judge. Hello! seen him before somewhere. The first cage is in his hands, my fate will not hang in the balance long. How careful he is, noting first one and then another, giving all an equal chance. He reaches me. My cage is lifted in those firm hands; now or never! Don't I just give him a show, straight as a die. I never waver as he runs his nail along the bottom of my cage, but there is no need for coaxing; he is getting of my best. "What type" I hear murmured as he turns me round for a view, in profile; "certainly the best I've handled so far," and, reluctantly, it seems to me, I am replaced whilst he jots something down in that book of his.

The Happy nding

My neighbours having been handled in a like manner, our class is finished, and then don't we give vent to our pent up excitement! The room trills with song, much to the disgust of some insignificant Rollers I can just see peeping from another room. The end is near; I see them with hands full of cards. They approach me; will they stop? My heart beats wildly. Yes!, A card is slipped between my bars, and yet another, and I found myself the proud possessor of a first and special for best bird in my variety. I almost forget my modesty. Later, with admiring faces round me, I gain some little idea of why all that tender care was bestowed on me through my moult, and as the remarks—"What a Gem," "Lovely colour." "Wax isn't the word," etc., are passed, I forget everything in the enjoyment of knowing my master's care has not been wasted. On reaching home I see that kind face beaming with pleasure as, tired and sleepy, I am lifted from my case, displaying my cards. That night, as my head slips under a wing, in fancy I can see him recounting to his birdy friends my birth and subsequent development.—R. Fielden Richards.

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A Lecture recently delivered before the Longton C.B.S. and Stoke C.B.A.

MR. CHAIRMAN and Gentlemen: The subject of colour feeding is one in which most of those present are interested, and I have no doubt you have had more or less experience of colour feeding birds for exhibition, therefore much that I may say on the subject you will be well acquainted with. Still, it is possible I may be able to enlighten you on some point that you are not quite clear about, or have overlooked, then my trouble in writing this paper and coming here to-night will not have been in vain.

A Present-day Necessity.

Colour, as everyone knows, is a necessity to the exhibition bird, and the breeds in which artificial colour-feeding is essential to success in competition are Norwich, Yorkshires, Cinnamons, Lizards, and Hybrids. It is no use exhibiting any of these varieties unless they are colour fed, however good in type, quality, or condition they may be. Get your birds as rich in colour as you can; you cannot get them too hot for present-day competition. Opinions differ as to the effects of colour feeding on Canaries. Personally, I have found it beneficial during the moulting season, as birds I have been colour feeding have gone through the moult quicker and better than those which have had none. Peppers are a vegetable readily eaten by birds in their natural state, and it was through birds eating capsicum pods growing in a conservatory, and moulting out such a grand colour, that the idea of colour feeding first originated. In the early days of colour feeding nothing but cayenne was used. Cold pepper is a recent product; it is a "vegetable-fruit," something like a tomato.

How the Ingredients are Mixed.

I mix my own colour-food in the following manner: To one pound of cold pepper add four ounces of hot Natal pepper, four ounces of moist brown sugar, and two ounces of best olive oil. These should be well blended together and then put in an airtight tin or covered jar for future use. The next thing to be considered is a medium for administering the colour to the birds. Until last autumn I always used egg and biscuit, using six Osborne biscuits to one egg. To this amount of egg food I commence by giving one teaspoonful of the pepper, gradually increasing the quantity up to four spoonfuls, and continuing at this strength right through the moult. The pepper must be thoroughly blended with the egg food, and for this purpose there is nothing to equal a chemist's mortar and pestle.

Another method of preparing the colour food is to soak a quantity of home-made bread in water, then squeeze as much of the water out of it as possible. Mix in the quantity of pepper required and work it all well together with a fork, then add a small quantity of mixed seed to it. This is much cheaper than using egg and biscuit, but there are very few of us who can obtain home-made bread, so that this method is not practicable for every fancier.

Saving Time and Expense.

The chief objections to colour feeding are the expense and the time and trouble involved, but to the true fancier the trouble is but a "labour of love." Still, if we can adopt a method of colour-feeding that will give satisfactory results, and at the same time save time and expense, it is policy to do so. With this object in view I discarded the use of egg and biscuit during the last moulting season, and used instead Spratt's Cod Liver Oil Cage Bird Food. I have no doubt you will be interested to know that the results were very satisfactory, and as the cost is about one-fourth that of egg and biscuit, and it can be prepared in a few minutes, this method of mixing colour food has much to recommend it. When using cod liver oil food it should be scalded with boiling water, making it crumbly moist—not sloppy. Allow it to go cold, then add the required quantity of colour (pepper) and it is ready for use.

To Help Through a Difficult Moult.

The proper time to give the colour food is just before the birds commence their autumn moult; in the case of young birds at about eight or ten weeks old. A little linseed should be given to the birds daily during this period, which will help to give a bloom and finish to the process of colour-feeding. A small piece of sulphate of iron, about the size of a split pea, should be put in the drinking water three times a week when the birds are about half through the moult. This is a good tonic and acts, too, as a mordant in fixing the colour and making it more lasting. While the birds are moulting it is advisable to cover over the front of the cage with a piece of calico or muslin. This will keep the birds quiet and free from draught, and prevent the sun from bleaching their colour, and as it will also keep them clean, you will be able to show any birds a few times before washing them.

The moulting period in Canaries, and especially in young birds that are moulting their first, or nest, feathers, is certainly the most critical time they have to pass through. Therefore one cannot be too emphatic in drawing the particular attention of fanciers to this important part of the subject. It is most essential to exhibitors that their birds should have a successful and uninterrupted moult. It frequently happens that some birds are unable, from some cause or other, to cast their feathers at the proper time, and so get "stuck in the moult." In this case a simple and inexpensive medicine can be prepared as follows: Sixpennyworth of hay saffron, sixpennyworth of rum, one pennyworth of gentian. Mix together, and allow to stand a few days to get out the strength of the saffron. Give about 20 drops in the drinking water each day. A few feathers plucked from the back of the bird will generally give it a start, and the bird will continue right through the moult without further trouble.

I always leave the seed box on the cage when the birds are being colour-fed, unless I find the birds are not eating as freely as I would wish, in which case I take away the seed, only allowing them to have it for an hour or two in the afternoon. By this means you ensure that the bird partakes of sufficient colour food to obtain the desired rich effect.

Members and Friends of the Sheffield O.S. having a pleasant time in the Country at the Society's recent Ramble.

From Field to Show Bench.

One of the best Lectures ever delivered.

By J. STEEL (Dalkeith).

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When and How to Take Chaffinches.

September and October are quite early enough, as the young birds are then in semi-developed plumage, which renders their identification an easy matter, and, what is more important, they will then have attained a robustness which precludes any arrestment of development by a change to a confined state.

The Bath set, which I have already described, is a very effective method of taking, or the cover-feed method. This, though more effective during winter, especially for the taking of Greenfinches, Linnets, and Bramblings, may be depended on as very effective with Chaffinches during the above months. Take a fairly large bag of screenings (these are easily procured from any farmer or dealer in seeds), arrange them in two separate, but adjacent heaps, where birds are located, water each heap well, and cover both with old bags, matting, or grass; allow a few days to elapse, during which the various seeds will germinate, in which state they are greedily devoured by Finches, etc. Then remove cover from one of the heaps, and arrange a few unlimed grasses in and around same. This is the ground bait, and a day will suffice for all the birds in the locality to locate and banquet thereon, after which the covering may be removed from the second heap, and limed grasses distributed thereon. Another method is to affix a number of grasses to the seeding heads of groundsel or "Fat Hen," on which a flock are observed to be feeding. Or fallen beech mast may be set as directed for bath set, taking care that the limed part is raised about three inches from the ground, and ends of grass are not too firmly fixed in the soil.

Hand and Canary Rearing.

I have no hesitation in condemning both of these methods as being unlikely to produce an exhibition specimen. The former because, however cunning the hand, there is invariably a check to development following the process. But I should certainly advise this method being adopted by anyone who possessed a good tutor, or wished to ascertain the abilities of a Chaffinch when trained in the manner of a piping Bullfinch. Canary rearing will prove a failure, or worse, at least such has been my experience, notwithstanding the fact that I invariably chose proved feeders for my experiments, yet a reference to my notes shows that out of fifty-three eggs of Chaffinch and Buntings hatched, I only succeeded in rearing six, and every one of these young ones were obviously delicate and stunted. This is no doubt attributable to the lack of insects, which in the wild state constitute the major part of the diet of these species. I would advise those who have a desire to Canary-rear these to supplement the chyle supplied by the Canary with small portions of mealworms, gentles, or wasp-grubs administered by hand. This, though I have an opinion that the insective tastes of the Chaffinch are similar to those of the Chats, viz., for coleoptera. This is borne out by the results of quite a few microscopic examinations which I made of the crops of nestlings which were drowned during the awful storm last July, the bright metallic wing-sheaths of various beetles being easily discerned and the iodine test failed to reveal the presence of starch, though possibly such had been assimilated (ante mortem).

Treatment of Fresh-caught Birds.

The secret of success lies in gradually weaning the bird from the succulent seeds and live insects, on to a dry seed diet, slightly augmented by an occasional supply of live or preserved insects, and the more gradual the change the less chance of arrestment of growth or vitality. For seed, supply rape seedlings and scalded oats, in addition to canary seed, which also should be slightly moistened. For green food, supply groundsel, chickweed, mouse-ear and "Fat hen," and a few beech mast or a smashed walnut. For insects, mealworms, gentles, or chrysalides, wasp grubs, beetles or earwigs. These insects have their value as a steadying agent, apart from the fact that they are indispensable to condition—a remark which applies to the bath also.

Never hang a Chaffinch high up, breast high in a scullery is a very suitable place for steadying, and if a small piece of fish or a small perforated box containing a smear of honey be placed in the cage, such will attract flies, which he becomes very adept at catching.

Colour Feeding—Pro or Con?

This is a question I am often asked in connection with the Chaffinch, and my answer is that such depends entirely on whether the bird has a failing in depth of tone in breast. That such a specimen is improved in that respect by judicious feeding, there can be no doubt, but a comparison with an equally excellent unfed specimen, makes apparent the fact that such improvement has only been achieved by a sacrifice of other features, viz., sharpness, yet harmony, of contrast in the colour scheme of the species, and that lustre or bloom, which is invariably flattened more or less by cayenne. I am not an anti-feeder, but I think the assertion that colour feeding a Chaffinch is like applying a coat of bad varnish to a good portrait, is not without a modicum of truth. To the novice I would say, whether you feed or not, don't think you will succeed in benching a cage-moulted specimen equal to that gorgeous specimen which excited your admiration, and your disgust at its taste for second-hand corn, last spring. Such beauty is evanescent in a caged state, like the rose tint of the Linnet. We know not why, like Shakespeare (and my Goldfinch) I can only say—

"'Tis true, 'tis pity, 'tis pity, 'tis true."

I will next deal with the Bullfinch, which, with the Thrush, concludes the series.

The Bullfinch's Varied Diet.

The Bullfinch is generally regarded as a granivorous bird, but in reality his diet varies with the seasons. In spring he draws on himself the gardener's wrath, by his destruction of fruit buds (herbivorous). Later he makes amends by destroying a host of arboreal insects wherewith to rear his young (insectivorous). During summer and autumn his tastes are divided between the fruits of the earth and the weeds of the wayside (frugivorous and granivorous), and in winter he eks out a subsistence on what remains of the wild seeds, nettles and dock in particular, and the cones of the birch tree.

(To be continued.)

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CANARY QUERIES.

Answered by CLAUDE ST. JOHN.

SEED AND HEN DYING (E.O.A.).—The sample of hemp is quite sound and sweet, and of very good quality. The rape is a very good quality of summer rape. The canary is rather small in size, but of first-rate quality. You might satisfy yourself whether the latter is free from the visits of mice. There is nothing whatever in the seeds to account for death of hen. Numerous causes may have been responsible for the loss, but in the absence of all data it is useless speculating about it. You should have given full particulars of treatment, and any symptoms shown before death, or, better still, have sent the body to Mr. Yates for post-mortem. Should another bird fall ill, write again and give full particulars.

WHAT IS WRONG? (H. Williams).—Really, I cannot tell what is the matter from such slight data as the bird drooping its wings and shaking feathers. Surely there must be some other symptoms you might have recognised, and also said where you keep and how you feed it, and condition of its bowels and appetite. Examine its cage well for red mites, and if any are found deal with them as described in the ANNUAL. Also feed for a week as mentioned in ANNUAL for backward birds. Give six drops of syrup of rhubarb, and as much Epsom salts as will cover a sixpence in the water for two days, and for the remainder of the week give four drops each of tincture of gentian, tincture of calumba, and aromatic sulphuric acid in the water each day. If not well in that time please write again, and give fuller particulars, when I shall be better able to advise you.

COLOUR FOOD (J.B.).—The ordinary red food as sold by all our large vendors is all that is really essential for ordinary varieties. A little soft brown sugar is added to make it more attractive, and sometimes a small proportion of hot Natal pepper when an exceptionally deep colour is desired. A very good blend is 1lb. of tasteless red, 8ozs. sugar, and 2ozs. hot Natal, thoroughly blended together, and stored in jars or air-tight tins. One or two ounces of best salad oil may be added whilst blending, if none appears to have been added by the maker. But as a rule there is quite enough oil in it when bought. You will find several recipes for colour foods in "Canary Breeding for Beginners," and Part IX. of "Our Canaries."

NORWICH HEAPY (J. B. Fizington).—Putting the bird in a wall-case now is about analogous to locking the stable door after the horse is stolen. You will be lucky if its sojourn in the window has not permanently ruined its health. Keep now in a bright cosy position, but not overheated, and see that it is free from direct draughts and impure air. Keep cage strewn with clean gritty sand. For one week give a diet of plain canary only, with a free supply of green stuff daily, and add to the drinking water six drops of dandelion juice and as much sulphate of soda as will cover a sixpence, every second day. After this add a fourth part of summer rape to the staple of canary seed, and in addition give half a teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake with four drops of sherry and two of cod liver oil emulsion mixed in it and sprinkled with maw seed every second day, and on the alternate days give a pinch of equal parts hemp, millet, and teazle. Give a little green food daily. Dissolve a dram of ammoniated citrate of iron and quinine in one ounce of sherry, add a teaspoonful of glycerine, and give ten drops of this mixture in the water two days in every three for a fortnight. If not quite well report progress made at end of month, and I will advise further, if necessary.

INJURED TOE (Norwich).—Your present letter is quite clear, and the treatment I advised last week after surmising that the extra toe shown in sketch was an error still holds. Try the treatment given in the last nine lines of type in reply last week and report result at end of month.

NO RESULTS (M.C.).—If the birds are anxious and ready to commence nesting again, you may allow them to make one more effort, in which case begin at once to feed them as advised to "A Reader of Cage Birds," in last week's issue, and continue this method of feeding until the hen has gone to nest again. Also give the same course of medicines in the water advised in that reply. If you have a lusty young cock available, I would advise you to substitute him for the four-year-old cock, as the latter may possibly be worn out early.

CRESTS AND ROLLERS (H.A.).—(1) It is quite a matter of personal taste whether the Crest or Norwich is the better songster. I personally prefer the Crest, as although its song has rather less variety it is more deep and mellow, and not so painfully shrill and piercing as that of a robust healthy Norwich is apt to be. (2) You would doubtless get some very fair singers from a Roller cock and Crest hen, especially if the young cocks were trained solely under the Roller cock. But if the Crest hen is of fair type it would be wasting good material to utilise her in this way, whilst better songsters might be obtained by mating the cock with a Roller or even a Border hen.

GROWTH ON SIDE (H. Goldstone).—The substance sent was an abnormal feather growth, which sometimes appear during the moult. At times a single quill only is affected, but occasionally several quills become affected, coalesce, and a more or less extensive deposit of matter occurs, which forms into these growths. The cause is obscure as yet, and the growths are not in themselves dangerous in any way, though apt to be very disfiguring when of material size. The one you sent must have been an exceptionally large one. I shall be glad to hear if it reappears either now or at the moult. If you notice it starting to grow, slightly moisten it with lanocyllin three times a week, and give a morsel of bread and milk slightly dusted with flowers of sulphur twice a week for a month.

BOWEL OBSTRUCTION (Miss F. Bird).—You ought to have given full particulars of the foods you use, especially soft food, and how you mix them. Also how often you give green food. The cause of the "caked" vent is much more likely to be due to the food supplied than to the hen. If the bowels appear constipated you may not be giving sufficient green food, but if they move freely you probably give too much. Again, the addition of sugar to the egg food, if at all overdone, will set up this trouble. In cleaning the birds use a small camel-hair pencil, such as is found in a box of water colours, and after cleaning birds, clean the brush, and then partly fill it with salad oil, and just touch the vent with the oil for a day or two until the trouble passes away. Add a third part of crushed sponge cake to the soft food you name for a time, and well sprinkle it with maw seed. Give also a teaspoonful of soaked rape each day for each brood that is being reared; see that your hemp is sound and good; and give chick weed, lettuce, and tender young tops of groundsel as green food. Regulate the quantity of green food given in such a way as to keep the bowels free, but not relaxed, and the evacuation normal.

INTRODUCING FRESH HENS (J. Kirkland).—You certainly must not introduce fresh hens into the breeding cages where you have hens already sitting on eggs. If you want to mate these fresh hens with the two cocks, you must place each hen in a separate breeding cage, and move the cocks from the hens that are sitting, and mate them in the usual way with the other hens. This means that the hens now sitting must be left to rear the broods by themselves, which they will probably do satisfactorily. When this method is adopted the cock really ought to be taken away at the commencement of incubation, as when removed at a later stage some few hens will leave the eggs and refuse to "see the job through on the lonesome." Therefore you must keep an eye on them for a day or so after moving the cock, and if they leave the nests and do not return there will be nothing for it but to return the respective cocks before eggs are spoilt.

A TRIO (Philbert).—(1) The colour of young from a yellow cock and buff hen (clears, I presume), depends very largely upon the colour of their respective parents. There will be yellows and buffs, and probably clears, ticks, and more or less variegated, the extent of marking depending upon the amount of green blood in the birds. The question is a very vague one. (2) The hen had probably not begun to feed the last brood of young. By all means try removing the cock this time, and let the hen hatch and rear the brood alone. Cock should be removed when hen commences to sit, or at least during the first few days of incubation, and not be allowed to remain until near hatching. Feed hen whilst sitting on plain canary seed, with an occasional pinch of rape. On the eve of hatching give half a teaspoonful of egg food, and continue a regular supply of this, fresh, twice a day, in small quantities, until young are reared. Begin giving a little green food on the third or fourth day, or earlier if hen seems slow to begin feeding. You might also add a pinch of sulphate of soda to the drinking water for one half of each day for two days before, and after the eve of hatching. Get Part V. of "Our Canaries," for the fullest details of feeding. (3) Yes, an "untried" hen is one that has not been mated, in the current season at least. The only advantage in having untried hens is that you have the "raw material" good or bad, and know you are not starting with hens which have been put to a practical test, and are discarded because they were "found wanting."

LOSS OF YOUNG (J.F.P.).—It is quite possible the young may have died of inflamed bowels set up by obstruction, as you suspect, in which case you might have seen several replies of late referring to the trouble; notably to "J.S." last week, and "F.L.N." and "D.E." on May 25th. But I think the cause is more likely to be that the hen ceased feeding them, and a little judicious variation of diet, adding a little soaked rape, a variety of green food in small scraps, and sprinkling the egg food with maw, might have brought her round. If the bowels appeared to be obstructed, then a few of the tender young tops of groundsel would have been the best green food, and should have been given in sufficient quantity to just keep the evacuation of a normal consistency. The absence of droppings from young three days old is, however, no evidence that the bowels are not working properly, as the evacuations at this age, and for some days later, are disposed of by the hen. If the pair of birds are both thoroughly robust and healthy, and anxious to nest again immediately, you may allow them to do so if you wish, and when the nest of young are hatched follow up above hints and those in replies referred to. As you have only the one pair of birds you should discard the white of the egg. The yolk alone will make ample egg food for two days, if you remove only half the yolk from shell the first day and bury the remainder in a tin or cup filled with fine meal and keep in a cool dry place.

GETTING A SECOND BROOD (F.W.B., Hastings).—You did right to remove the cock under the circumstances, as the hen was clearly not ready to go to nest again, and will not agree very well with the cock as long as she is in this condition and so attentive to the young. You ought to have put a little crumbly moist egg-food, and a pan of lightly crushed seed in the nursery, as the young would very soon have picked up a fair proportion of their own food. If they do not already do this, supply them with food as suggested, but you need not trouble to give water, or green food as long as the hen is feeding them, and in a few days when you see them picking over the food and frequently nibbling a seed in their beaks, place them in a rather larger cage by themselves, and feed as advised for weaning birds in "Canary Breeding for Beginners," or Part V. of "Our Canaries," and you will find them quite able to do for themselves in a very few days. Then re-mate the parents in the ordinary way. The hen will be more amenable to the cock's attention by this time, I expect.

BREEDING WITH WHEEZY COCK (J. R. D.).—Ashton).—It is a very great mistake to breed with such a cock, as the young are extremely liable to be predisposed to the complaint, and become affected early in even a worse degree than the parents. The cock feeding the young will not affect them. They will inherit the predisposition constitutionally. I am afraid nothing will cure the bird. Any remedy can only be palliative, and the schlorodyne mixture you say you have tried is the best you can use. It must be used, however, in combination with proper preventive measures, and removal of causes.

A SILENT YORKSHIRE (Puzzled).—I take it the bird is not mated, in which case if the Goldfinch was a fresh introduction last autumn before the Canary was ready to resume singing, after the moult, it is possible he may simply be jealous of his company. It is difficult to account otherwise for such cases as these. See that he is quite free from cold draughts, and try keeping him where he will not see the Finch. Give a diet of plain canary only, and a liberal supply of green food for a week, and add to the water six drops of dandelion juice and as much sulphate of soda as will cover a threepenny piece every second day during the week.

CANARY QUERISTS

should consult St. John's "Canary Breeding for Beginners" (1d.); House's "Canary Manual" (1/2); Baltye's "Yorkshire Canaries" (1/1½); House's "Norwich Canaries" (1/1); Weston's "Stock Book" (7d.); Dr. Clarke's "Septic or Bird Fever" (7d.); Dr. Creswell's "Hygiene of Bird-keeping" (1/1); Norman's "Aviaries, Bird-rooms, and Cages" (2/3); Ramsden's "Colour-feeding" (3½d.); "Seeds and Foods for Cage Birds" (1/2); or the "Nutshell" booklets (2½d. each); No. 5 "The Pet Canary," No. 6 "Ailing Birds and How to Cure them," No. 9 "The Disinfection of Cages, Bird-rooms, etc.," No. 10 "The Roller," No. 23 "The Border Fancy," No. 24 "Green Canaries." All thoroughly practical and instructive. Prices quoted are post free, from "Cage Birds," 154, Fleet Street, London, E.C.

After this add a fourth part of summer rape to the staple diet, and give a small teaspoontul of crushed sponge cake with four drops of sherry and two of cod liver oil emulsion mixed in it and sprinkled with maw and gold of pleasure seed. Give this every second day for a fortnight, and on the alternate days a pinch of equal parts hemp, inga, millet and teazle. Give a spray of green food daily, and add to the water four drops each of tincture of gentian, tincture of calumba, and aromatic sulphuric acid every day for a week. His behaviour in flying at the wires is simply an indication of tameness. He wants to make friends, and play with your finger. Possibly he is more interested in courting your notice than in singing.

CAUSE OF DEATH (Miss K. S. C.).—I'm afraid I cannot help you very much. The "hard substance" internally, of the locality of which I am not at all clear, is in any case not consistent with the bird being in perfect health a few hours before you found him in extremis, as it were. The external symptoms you describe are very similar to what may be expected in a case of pneumonia supervening, or a severe chill. The only really satisfactory way of ascertaining the true cause of death would have been to send the body to Mr. Yates for a proper post-mortem to be made. If you have another die in a similar way, I would strongly advise you to adopt this course. By the way, it was a most risky thing to put this bird among your other birds, where it had not previously been kept, when it was so obviously ill. Suppose the trouble was infectious! It would even be a good plan to test the cage, by keeping a common, worthless Canary in it for a week or two, and if it should die pretty soon, get a p.m. to ascertain the cause. No envelope reached me.

DIET OF CRESTS (J. Roberts).—When the young are a month old you should begin to add a regular supply of canary and summer rape seed, dry and uncooked, and a little cracked hemp to the daily supply of soft food. Mix the soft food rather on the dry side as soon as the young are doing for themselves, and give about a teaspoonful of hemp daily. Crack the latter fresh each day, but do not smash it up. As soon as they crack the canary seed quite freely, gradually reduce the other items until by the time the birds are seven or eight weeks old you have got them on a staple of plain canary with a small quantity of egg food, crushed biscuit, or bread and milk every second day, which you may continue until the moult is at hand. In addition to this staple, give a pinch of summer rape every second day, alternately with the soft food, and a little seed mixture, hemp, millet, teazle, inga, black rape, and broken groats, as frequently prescribed here, two or three times a week. Keep a supply of pure, fresh water, and for green food give half ripe plantain stalks, shepherd's purse seed, and seedy chickweed.

REMOVING COCK (W. Miller).—As your hens already go to nest too early now the cocks are removed there is little hope of them not doing so if the cocks are left with them. The opposite effect is more likely to happen. Still, you might try it with the next brood, which will be the last brood for this season. When another round of broods are being reared, do not start giving hemp until the young are about ten or twelve days old, otherwise your feeding will do very well. If you have any more young about fourteen days old you might also try returning the cock, and keep an eye on his behaviour. If he takes up feeding the eyes on his behaviour. If he takes up feeding the young all will be well, and if he molests them they will be quite old enough to place in a nursery cage, when one or both old birds may continue feeding them, and in the worst event they will be quite old enough for you to easily complete the rearing by hand. As soon as the young leave the nest supply them with a nursery cage, with crumbly moist egg food, a little soaked rape, and seeds to "practice on," as advised to "J. Roberts" in this issue.

STRANGE BEHAVIOUR (J. C. M.).—The manner in which the cock behaves after copulation is quite common among Canaries, though it is much more pronounced with some specimens than others. In many cases it is barely noticeable. It is doubtless of nervous origin, and does not necessarily affect the fertility of the eggs in any way. The manner of the first hen, in a minor degree, is also quite common, though this hen was rather abnormally demonstrative, which may possibly have been somewhat due to excessive vigour and inefficient action combined. As a beginner you should get "Canary Breeding for Beginners," which will help you over numerous difficulties.

SEPTIC INFECTION (G.D.).—I'm afraid I cannot enlighten you much without full particulars of your method of feeding, and the conditions under which birds are kept, and you give not the slightest information on these points. The cause is probably due to some error in the general hygienic conditions or dietary. In a general way see that the greatest cleanliness is observed in the cages, perches, nest, and nesting material. Pay particular attention to the water supply, keeping it pure and fresh, and frequently cleansing the vessels thoroughly. When hens are nesting add sufficient Condy's to the water every day or two to give a slight pink hue. See that all foods are perfectly sound, sweet, pure, and fresh, leaving nothing that is putrescent, such as soft food and greenstuff, to be eaten after it has become stale, and pay particular attention in this respect to egg food, using none but quite good fresh eggs, and, if possible, see that they are laid by fowls in a healthy condition, and under hygienic management. Similarly with green food; give none but perfectly sound and fresh, and see that it is grown under clean and wholesome conditions. It would be wise to avoid plural mating for this season at least. If you have any further lose, write again and give full particulars as indicated above, and refer also to this reply.

FOREIGN BIRDS.

Answered by WESLEY T. PAGE, F.Z.S., Etc.

AILING GREY PARROT (Moore).—As a preliminary, bathe or spray the nostrils with diluted glycothymoline, and repeat your query next week, giving me full details as to how you have been keeping, feeding and treating; in the meantime, while letting it have plenty of light and air, keep it strictly out of draught, and put a half-teaspoonful of bynophosphates into the drinking water daily. You must not use a metal drinker while giving drugs.

PARROT PULLING ITS FEATHERS (J. E. K.).—Apparently you can do but little save to avoid anything which seems to aggravate the trouble. Feather pulling is almost incurable once the bird becomes confirmed in the habit. Cease spraying for a bit, and just grease the bare parts with paraffin oil, rubbing this on with your finger; do not put on sufficient to run among its plumage and make it greasy. Providing it eats sufficient of it, the canary and millet alone will be ample, but I should add a few oats. Also continue to supply all the other items as at present. Continue the Dinneford's Magnesia and chemical food as already directed. On all suitable days put it outside, but not in an exposed position, and not when cold winds are prevalent. Give it as much fruit as it cares to eat; also some seeding grass and chickweed to pick over. Continue as above for another month, and then report progress again.

AVADAVATS (E. E. M.).—Yes, they are Avadavats; you will have to trim the beak back as often as it grows to any abnormal length, keeping a piece of clean cuttlebone hanging in the cage, and a few small-ish lumps of old mortar on cage bottom should assist the bird in keeping his beak down to normal size. Add to your dietary millet

FOREIGN BIRD QUERISTS

should consult Page's "Foreign Birds for Beginners" (1/1½); Arthur's "Budgerigars and Cockatiels" (6d.); Arthur's "Parrots for Pleasure and Profit" (7d.); "Aviaries, Bird-rooms, and Cages" (2/3); "Seeds, Foods, and Wild Plants" (1/2); Dr. Clarke's "Septic or Bird Fever" (7d.); Dr. Creswell's "Hygiene of Bird-keeping" (1/1); "Colour-feeding" (3½d.); or the "Nutshell" booklets (2½d. each); No. 6 "Ailing Birds and How to Cure them," No. 9 "The Disinfection of Cages, Bird-rooms, etc.," No. 14 "Gouldian Finches," No. 16 "Avadavats," No. 17 "The Grey Parrot," No. 18 "Budgerigars," No. 19 "The Pekin Robin," No. 20 "Waxbills." All thoroughly practical and instructive. Prices quoted are post free from "Cage Birds," 154,

sprays and greenfood (flowering or seeding grass, chickweed, groundsel, lettuce, etc.), I should ignore their not taking greenfood; supply a little of the kinds I have named—not all the kinds at once, but varying them from day to day. Dinneford's Magnesia and bynophosphates are good remedies to keep by you. Give one dose of the former, half teaspoonful in the drinking water, and follow this with about 20 drops of the phosphates in the drinking water every other day, but you must not use a metal drinker while giving the above. Also give them all the light and air you can without draught.

RUNNING AT NOSTRILS (Pakena).—This can arise from several causes. I cannot help you unless you tell me how you have been feeding and treating the bird. Send me this information at once, and I shall be pleased to help you. In the meantime give one teaspoonful of Dinneford's Magnesia in the drinking water for one day, and repeat the dose after an interval of two days. Also spray or bathe the nostrils twice daily with dilute glycothermoline; it will do no harm if a little is swallowed. Do not give this in bulk, but mix a little for each occasion. You must keep it strictly out of draught, but at the same time it must have light and air.

BARE OF PLUMAGE (Constant Reader).—Treat as already advised as regards spraying and drugs, but diet as follows: Seed mixture: One quart each canary and white millet seed, one pint oats, half a pint each hemp, paddy rice, dari, sunflower, and shelled nuts, and a gill of grit (not sand)—well mix and keep a continuous supply in the cage. You can give a little soaked bread or biscuit daily, but soak it only in chemical food and water in equal parts, and lightly dust with flowers of sulphur before supplying to the bird. Also supply ripe fruit, according to season and bird's taste, liberally. A dry crust or piece of plain biscuit occasionally is very wholesome, keep clean cuttlebone hanging in the cage. You must keep its bowels well regulated, not watery loose, with occasional doses of Dinneford's Magnesia—one teaspoonful in the usual supply of drinking water, but a metal drinker must not be used. The spraying will help the bird, as will outdoor treatment on suitable days (not while cold winds prevail), do not stand in an exposed position. Report progress a month hence.

VARIOUS PARRAKEETS (H. J. E.).—I do not consider metal receptacles good; these should be of wood, at any rate for Parrakeets, which do not line their nest at all. Any box or log will do, if of suitable size, providing the bottom is concave, this providing a resting place for the eggs—wooden barrels if hung up level naturally provide this, therefore are usually recommended. If you care to send me a stamped addressed envelope per Editor of this paper I will put you right.

DOVES AND PIGEONS (R. H. Walsh).—Bleeding-heart Doves or Pigeons are a costly but beautiful species, warm brown above, whitish below, with a patch of vivid crimson on the breast. Bronze-spotted Doves have metallic spots on the wings. Crested Pigeons are very beautiful birds, clad in blue-grey, paler below with metallic lilac and bronze wing bands. I think you would prefer either the former or the latter. It is quite impossible to give the whole Dove family in the query column, altogether too large an order, but if you will indicate the direction your fancy lies, and state your accommodation, I shall be pleased to name suitable kinds. Re nest receptacles, send me a stamped addressed envelope per Editor, and I shall be pleased to help you. I do not consider it probable that a Canary and a Java Sparrow would mate.

BUDGERIGARS NOT BREEDING (P. P. B.).—You really expect too much from me, not a hint as to how you are keeping—cage or aviary. There have been cases of them breeding in quite small cages, but this must not be taken as a general rule, so I cannot attempt to even guess a reason for them not breeding. Give details, and I will try to assist you. Give them canary and white millet in equal parts, with a liberal supply of green food, such as seeding or flowering grass, lettuce, chickweed, groundsel, etc., according to season; cuttlebone, grit, and a few oats occasionally. Our Nutshell, "Budgerigars," 2½d. post free, from our Manager, would assist you in keeping and breeding these charming birds.

BRITISH BIRDS, MULES, AND HYBRIDS.

Answered by G. E. WESTON.

LINNET MULES (Dou).—You will find all the particulars you want given in the reply to "Beginner" this week. Unless one knows the disposition of the cock Linnet—i.e., that he does not interfere with nest, or eggs, or young—it is a wise plan to separate him from the hen Canary while she incubates the eggs and rears the young. Perhaps you may be able to keep reasonably close watch on the Linnet at first, however. I have had Linnets which would both sit on the eggs when the hen came off and lend a hand (or beak, rather) in the feeding of the young Mules.

THE CASE OF A BLACKBIRD (J. G. Coughtrey).—Try the following: Mix together an equal quantity of unrefined honey and glycerine, say a tablespoonful of each and well stir a teaspoonful of the mixture into two tablespoonfuls of drinking water. Give this fresh daily for a week to ten days, as may be necessary. It is a simple remedy which I have known prove efficacious in quite a large number of cases of hoarseness and loss of voice in different kinds of birds. By the way, I don't think much of the method of feeding you mention; it is neither varied nor generous.

CUTTING THE TONGUE (E. Derbyshire).—I have for many years past very frequently stated that it is useless to cut a bird's tongue with the idea of enabling it to talk freely, as birds do not make use of the tongue in talking—in short, it is an act of sheer cruelty, and those perpetrating it ought to be compelled to have their own tongues slit in return. Many other writers, too, have said the same thing. How hard it seems to kill this "old woman's" helief! The wretched question crops up as regularly as the influenza! All you need to do is to repeat short catchy phraees as often as possible to your bird—such, for instance, as "Hello, Jack" and "Come on, Jack"—which he will soon begin to mimic when he gets older.

FURTHER FROM BEXHILL (P.G.).—Many thanks for your interesting letter. By all means send along your theory concerning light muling. I am not scared at scientific terms, and long ago got over the head-ache which synchronised with my determined wrestle with Mendel's principles of heredity. I can quite believe that in the magical third generation you will be able to breed dark

BRITISH BIRD & HYBRID QUERISTS should consult Houlton's great work, "Cage-Bird Hybrids" (7/6); Norman's "British Bird Manual" (2/3); or Part 1 "Hardbills" (1/1), Part 2 "Softbills" (1/1); "Aviaries, Bird-rooms, and Cages" (2/3); "Seeds, Foods, and Wild Plants" (1/2); "Secrets of Hybrid Breeding" (1/2); Dr. Creswell's "Hygiene of Bird-keeping" (1/1); Dr Clarke's "Septic or Bird Fever" (7d.); "Colour-feeding" (3½d.); or the "Nutshell" booklets (2½d. each): No. 1 "Goldfinch," No. 2 "Linnet," No. 3 "Skylark," No. 4 "Song Thrush and Blackbird," No. 11 "Bullfinch," No. 13 "Chaffinch," No. 15 "Greenfinch," No. 22 "Siskin, Redpoll, and Twite," No. 25 "Small Insectivorous Birds," No. 26 "Large Insectivorous Birds," No. 6 "Ailing Birds and How to Cure Them," No. 9 "Disinfection of Cages, Birdrooms, etc.," No. 12 "How to Moult British Birds." All thoroughly practical and instructive. Prices quoted are post free from "Cage Birds," 154, Fleet Street, London, E.C.

Mules "to order," but the light ones—well, that's a very different kind of order. Go ahead with your scheme, however, by all means. Respecting the Swallows, I have never heard the matter even mentioned, but will make enquiries. Don't forget the promised further information concerning the Blue Tits. You would seem to possess a very worthy hen Canary.

LINNET OUT OF CONDITION (Perplexed).—It is a little out of condition internally, and in my opinion a short treatment with dandelion juice (taraxacum) will put matters to rights. Get one ounce of taraxacum from a chemist and stir a teaspoonful into two tablespoonfuls of drinking water.' Give this for two days (fresh daily), then on alternate days (plain water in between) over a period of 8 to 12 days, as seems necessary. Your feeding is good; continue the shepherd's purse and chickweed. Get the following seed mixture made up and give a teaspoonful daily for a fortnight (afterwards at frequent intervals): plantain, gold of pleasure and sesame two ounces of each, dandelion, thistle, white lettuce, maw, and cornflower, one ounce of each, by weight.

TWO ITEMS (D.E.).—(1) The answer to the question referred to was not given by me (possibly by my colleague, Mr. St. John, who replies to Canary queries), hence I do not know definitely to what kind of birds it refers. You could mix 2 or 3 drops of cod liver oil emulsion amongst the soft-food (I presume that you gave the olive oil in this way), which would serve your purpose and help build up the young at the same time. If the fault is really the hen's, then the only remedy lies in getting rid of her. (2) The young Greenfinches won't need soaked seed, but it should be lightly cracked—at any rate, the hemp and sunflower should be. Offer them coarse oatmeal or groats in additiou (whole Plasmon oats are really best of all), and plenty of wild seeding greenwood, such as shepherd's purse, chickweed, groundsel, plantain, and the like. A good all-round seed mixture would be: Canary three parts, teazle and white sunflower two parts each, summer rape and hemp one part each, by measure. You would find the "Nutshell" booklet on the Greenfinch (post free 2½d. from our publisher), or Mr. Norman's book on British Hardbills (post free 1/1), full of valuable information concerning the species.

FROM A NOVICE (T.D.X.).—No sample was received with your letter (did you omit to enclose it?) so that I cannot, of course, say whether it is sulphate of soda or not. There is no reason why the sulphate should not be given when using the food you mention. At the same time, neither old nor young birds should be indiscriminately dosed with this medicament—nor any other, for matter of that. At the same time, if a saline medicine is needed, then sulphate of soda cannot be beaten. For young birds, and especially those just feeding themselves, seeding shepherd's purse is the only green food I care to use freely—it is not a green-food in the same sense as lettuce or watercress, but green-seed-food, so to speak, for it is the soft seed out of the pods that is eaten and so much relished and which does the birds so much good. Seeding chickweed (either the ordiuary kind or the mouse-ear) is also good providing too many leaves he not given.

MULING MATTERS (Beginner).—Am afraid you ask for information which I could hardly give without writing a long article—an impossibility in the space allowed these replies. You should read up the articles on Mule breeding which have recently appeared in CAGE BIRDS; also books on the subject. You should not return the Linnet until the hen Canary shows signs of desiring to go to nest again, which ought not to be until any young which hatch are about to start to fend for themselves. Feed the hen while sitting mainly on canary seed, with just a little mixed seed (or mixed hemp and rape) occasionally, and a trifle of egg-food. If you have only the one hen up, when the young hatch give the hen egg-food made by mixing the yolk only of the egg (hard-boiled, of course, and minced) with an equal quantity of crushed Osborne biscuit, or stale crumb of a standard loaf. Later on, when a greater quantity of food is needed daily, use a portion of the white of the egg also, increasing the biscuit, of course, at the same time. Let her also have good, sound hemp (lightly cracked) and summer rape seeds, and, after the second day, a little seeding shepherd's purse and chickweed, gradually increasing the two latter items until you are giving them practically ad libitum.

POST MORTEMS.

Mr. G. Yates, M.R.C.V.S., 1, College Road, Harrow, Middlesex, will examine and report upon dead cage birds for a fee of 1s. 6d. each bird; for reply direct, 2s. 6d.; analysis, 21s. Subjects for post mortem examination must be sent packed in a box direct to Mr. Yates, with the fee, this and any accompanying letter being kept from contact with the dead bird. Send by letter-post; it is cheaper and quicker than parcel post. Any bodies sent to the office of this paper will be thrown away, and if a fee is enclosed the loss will be the sender's.

NOVICE.—Anæmia was the cause of death. The body was dropsical and in a very ill-nourished condition.

GENERAL.

Answered by THE EDITOR.

A. W. L.—We cannot answer until you let us know for what purpose you require the disinfectant. "Nutshell" booklet No. 9 deals with the disinfection of cages, bird-rooms, and aviaries, and we think you would find the information you require in this (post free 2½d.). You could not, for instance, very well disinfect soil with the same medium you would utilise for cages, walls, etc.

H. Hornblower.—We could not possibly reproduce your sketch of the perch, which is at the same time a red-mite trap, as this idea is already the subject of a patent.

W. Forbes.—Your notice, we think, would hardly do for breeding cages, which are generally stacked one above another.

H. Flintoff.—The strictly correct pronunciation is Der-be; but locally it is more often pronounced Dar-be. It is one of those points around which dispute can always arise.

J. Locke.—We could not reproduce the picture you so kindly send us, but will see if we can obtain one of the original photographs.

CLITHEROE C.B.S.

A lecture was delivered in Bennett's Tea Rooms, June 10, by Mr. J. Barnes, of Whalley, on colour and colour feeding. Mr. J. Briggs in the chair. The lecturer, in opening, said they must always go in for good coloured birds both in the cocks and hens. He preferred marked hens and clear cocks for breeding a good percentage of clear ones. The lecturer, however, thought they could get good coloured birds from two clears providing they had green blood in them. They must always have good feathered birds and the best of quality. With regard to colour feeding when the birds moult they must start when the young birds are from seven to eight weeks old. The way he preferred to mix colour food was 6lbs. of tasteless to 1lb. of hot, mixed well together; then put it in an airtight canister or jar. When using it with egg food, put castor sugar to their liking, starting with it weak and gradually making it stronger. He gave the birds colour food six days, and on the seventh day mixed seed. He covered the cage fronts with brown paper down to the middle bar when the birds are moulting. Questions were afterwards asked, and satisfactorily answered. A hearty vote of thanks was given to Mr. Barnes for his lecture, and the hope was expressed that more members would attend the meetings and endeavour to make the society a success.—J. Southworth, sec.

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Ardwick and Manchester C.B.A.—June 18, Onward Hall, 8. First feather show business. Confirmation of specials.—J. Spencer.

Brighton and Hove C.B.A.—Committee and general meeting, June 19, headquarters, 8.15. Classes, etc., First Feather show, general business.—Will H. Gibb.

Bankfoot C.B.S.—June 18, Red Lion Hotel, 8. Arrangements for members' show and ramble to Colne Bridge. All members please attend.—F. Gelder.

Barrington and Choppington C.B.S.—June 15, Social Club, 7. To arrange for Nest Feather show and general business.—Thos. Griffiths.

Birkenhead C.F.A.—June 18, Ahlett's Cafe, 8. Show business for young bird show.—G. Morton.

Bath F.A.—June 20, Foresters' Hall, 8. Young and old stock table show. Committee, 7.—W. Eric Cottereil.

Cowdenbeath C.B.S.—June 19, Commercial Hotel, 7. Show printing and other important business. A full attendance requested.—Jos. R. Reid.

Consett, Blackhill Poultry, Etc., Society.—June 15, Co-operative Buildings, Consett, 7.30.—J. Hedworth Coupland.

Choppington C.B.S.—June 15, Railway Hotel, 7.30. Payment of First Feather show prize money. Classification for big show.—G. H. Seely.

Chesterfield C.B.S.—June 22, Welbeeb Inn, 6. Nest feather show and general business.—T. Booker.

Coventry O.S.—June 19, Sydenbam Palace, 8.30. General business of Young Stock show.—A. J. Barratt.

Cardiff C.B.S.—June 20, Maskell's Hotel, 8. Monthly meeting; important business. All please attend.—E. Thomas.

City of Bradford O.S.—June 15, Flying Dutchman Hotel. Members' First Feather show. Judge, Mr. Sam Wilcock, Eccleshill. Birds staged at 2.30.—F. Rhodes.

Cumnock C.B.S.—June 15, Co-op. Hall, Auchinleck, 7. Election of judges and other general business. Hope to see a full turn-out of members, old and new.—Joseph Nutt.

Dewsbury C.B.S.—June 15, Little Saddle. First Feather show. Staged at 3. Judge, Mr. H. H. Clarke, Bradford.—S. Shaw.

East Ham C.B.S.—June 20, Hartley Avenue Schools, Wakefield Street. First Feather and British Bird show. Open at 7. Judge, Mr. J. Norman.—F. Fox.

Gt. Horton (Good Intent) O.S.—June 15, Church Schools, Southfield Lane. First Feather show. Judge, W. A. Cowgill. Birds to be staged not later than 3 p.m. Meeting to be held during show. Members requested to attend.—H. Gornall.

Glasgow C.B.A.—June 18, Duncan's, 71, London Street, Glasgow, 8. Open show; delegates, etc.—Fred Bowman.

Garston C.B.A.—June 20, Club-room. Monthly meeting, 8. All members are earnestly requested to attend.—A. T. Mullock.

Hebden Bridge and Calder Valley O.S.—June 20. White Horse, 8. Schedules for First Feather show, July 6.—A. Pickles.

Halifax O.S.—June 15, Plummet Line Hotel. Young show. Birds staged 2.30. Judge, R. Halliday (Shipley). Entries taken Friday, 8.—Harry Clegg.

Ilkeston C.B.S.—June 15, Flower Pot Inn, Chapel Street, 7. Classes for open show and other important business; all fanciers are invited.—T. Smith.

Kelty and Blairadam C.B.A.—June 18, headquarters, 6. Members are requested to turn out as business is very important.—A. Dickson.

Lancashire C.A.—June 15, Church Inn, Huddersfield Road, Oldham, 6. Patronage, etc.—J. Hampshire.

Lochgelly C.B.S.—June 22, Mr. J. Wilson's, Church Street, Lochgelly, 6. To consider smoker and general monthly business.—Martin Kelly.

London and Counties A.C.B.—June 15, Earl Cathcart, Osnaburgh Street, N.W., 8. Mr. W. Shakespeare on "Moulting and Preparing Birds for Show."—Alfd. Mowl.

Leigh C.B.S.—June 19, Railway Hotel, 7,45. Prizes for table shows; also lecture on "Colour Feeding," by Mr. J. Lomas; discussion to follow.—R. Charleson.

Manchester and N.C.O.S.—June 17, Deansgate Hotel, 7.45. Specials for F.F. show, etc.—H. Boothman.

Mid-Rhondda C.B.S.—June 20, White Hart Hotel, 7. Business of importance demanding the attendance of every member.—P. T. Lloyd.

Mannington C.B.A.—June 17, headquarters, 8. Important business. Ramble (see Twitteringe).—H. Grange.

Morley C.B.S.—June 14, Sycamore, 7.30. Entries of birds for June 15th show.—J. Rhodes.

Newcastle-upon-Tyne C.B.S.—June 20, 65, Grainger Street, 8. Committee meeting; important business.—J. W. Reed.

North London C.B.A.—June 19, headquarters, 8. Paper on British birds by Mr. A. J. A. Marley.—P. W.. Jeffries.

Plumstead and Woolwich C.B.S.—June 20, Trinity School, Beresford Street, Woolwich, 8. Young stock show (July 6). Business, and lecture by Mr. J. Hazell on "Colour Feeding." Members are invited to bring their friends.—E. Meades.

Pudsey and Stanningley C.B.S.—June 14, Fleece Hotel, 8. Entries from 8 to 10.30 for show, June 15. Judge, Mr. A. Chew. Birds to be staged by 2.30.—H. Raistrick.

Pendleton and Salford O.S.—June 17, Irwell Castle, Lr. Broughton, 8. Special meeting, F.F. show business; important.—Critchley and Metcalfe.

Rochdale Good Intent C.B.S.—June 19, Temperance Club, Toad Lane, 8. Entries close. Allotting of specials, etc., First Feather show.—Thos. Holt.

Rycrott and Rawmarsh C.B.S.—Meeting, June 15, Queen's Hotel, 8. Special meeting; all members are requested to attend.—W. Wilshaw.

Sunderland C.B.A.—June 22, Fawcett Street Cafe, 7.30. Classification for open show.—J. Jeffrey.

South Wales and Mon. Fed. of Societies.—June 15, Victoria Hotel, Pontypridd. A committee meeting of the above will be held for the purpose of drafting rules. All societies not yet represented are cordially invited to send representatives and give any suggestions. As there are now something like 14 societies connected with this Federation, those outside should take an early opportunity of being represented and help to further the good work intended.—A. A. Gordon McLucas.

S. Shields and Dist.—July 13, Cypress Hotel. Young Bird show. Two members made at last meeting, W. Smith and R. Winter.—W. Smith.

Sheriffhill F.F.S.—June 15, St. John's Hall, 7. Entries close for show. All please try to come; if not, send your entries. Other business. W. Stockton.

Tong C.B.S.—June 15, Hand and Shuttle, top Dudley Hill. Members' show. Staged, 3. Judge Mr. T. Bentley (Cleckheaton).—W. Walker.

Windhill and Eccleshill.—June 15, Blue Bell Hotel, 2.30. Members' show (inter-show). Judge, Mr. John Greaves (Manningham). Entries, Friday night, 8 to 11, at headquarters.—Taylor and Gunn.

West Bromwich C.B.S.—June 18, headquarters, 8. Entries for nest feather show, June 22nd; other business.—W. G. Andrews.

Walsall C.B.S.—June 19, White Hart Hotel, Caldmore, 8. Linnet singing. All attend, please, and bring a bird.—F. Price.

Watford C.B.S.—June 19, Essex Arms, High Street, 8.30. Judging competition for British birds. Members are requested to make an effort to attend.—W. Rackley.

West Stanley C.B.S.—June 15, Town Hall, 7.30. Schedule for members' classes and special prize list.—W. Elliott.

Windhill C.B.S.—June 15, Blue Bell Hotel, 2.30. Members' show. Entries, Friday night, 8 to 11. Judge, Mr. J. Greaves (Manningham).—Taylor and Gunn.

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ROSSENDALE C.B.F.S.

A lecture was given June 11, at Commercial Hotel, Stacksteads, by Mr. L. E. Watkins (Bolton) on the Roller. There was a very good attendance and he gave the members something to think about, giving them hints on breeding, sinking mating, feeding, etc.—Ingham Taylor, hon. sec.

KETTERING C.B.S.

Meeting held headquarters, June 10. Mr. E. Whitehall gave a very interesting paper on "Domestic Pets," pointing out how many lessons can be learnt from all our pets. After a very lengthy discussion, a vote of thanks was unanimously passed to the speaker for giving such a very interesting address.—A. Martin, Sec.

Correspondence.

Roller Canaries at the 1912-1913 Palace Shows.

Sir,—As Mr. J. W. Norris has not contradicted the statement of my informant, that the general meeting of March, 1912, declined to sanction interference with any member's private right to exhibit Roller Canaries at the Crystal Palace Show in the future, I infer my information is correct. The object of my letter in your issue of June 1 was that committees and members should know such a commendable decision had been arrived at.

Arnold E. Read.

A Proposed Cage Bird Society for Bargoed.

Sir,—Being a Canary fancier, I should like to see a society formed in Bargoed. I know one or two fanciers that are anxious to join, and I am sure there are enough fanciers in the district to form a good society, if we could only get in touch with each other. If you would publish this in Cage Birds, it would no doubt give us the necessary introduction. Wishing your valuable paper the success it deserves.

Henry Bye.

51, Greenfield Street, Bargoed, near Cardiff.

And for Penygraig, Rhondda Valley.

Sir,—Having been approached by several well-known bird fanciers in the locality to form a club here in Penygraig, shall be pleased if you will kindly announce that I intend calling a meeting at the Butchers' Arms Hotel, Penygraig, on Tuesday next, the 18th inst., with the intention of forming such a club. All fanciers are heartily welcome, and I hope that all interested in the Fancy will make every effort to attend. The meeting is to be called at 8 p.m. prompt, and I hope to see a good muster there. Thanking you for the use of your valuable paper.

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Egg Laid When a Month Overdue!

An Extraordinary Experience.

Sir,—The following account of my experience with a large Norwich Plainhead hen may interest your readers. She laid on the 27th and 28th April, which eggs were taken away and replaced with china eggs. She missed the 29th; on the 30th she appeared drowsy, and I treated her for egg-binding for two days without result. Then I continued treating for inflammation. She improved, but the swelling at the vent continued. The hen, sitting on the china eggs, continued to eat well. Thinking now it was a growth in the vent, which I considered incurable, the same as I have seen affect fowls, I separated her from the cock and put her in a spare cage with a nest to sit in, and kept her bowels open. Fancy my surprise when, on the 5th June, she laid a large full-shelled egg, partly covered with a second shell. When broken, the white was blue-black, rotten, and smelt very badly. Now the egg must have been carried inside the hen for over a month after it was due. The hen appears none the worse and quite lively. Has any other reader had a similar experience, with the bird living after undergoing such a strain?

Rearing Young Birds Without Egg Food.

Sir,—I was much amused at Mr. Canning's letter in this week's Cage Birds referring to the above subject, and the loose way in which he writes upon this important subject. He is rash enough to pass his opinion without examination of the matter before him. I sum Mr. Canning's letter up in one word, viz., prejudice, which is the enemy of all truth, knowledge, and improvement, and is the blindness of the mind, rendering its powers not only useless, but mischievous. Healthy criticism makes for advancement, but it is fundamental that such criticism be dictated by commonsense. The time that Mr. Canning has kept birds does not necessarily stamp him as an authority, because another man with keener faculties may advance considerably further in much less time. Mr. Canning proceeds to give us details of his method of preparing egg food, and he differs from all who can claim to be called experts, by not boiling his eggs half long enough. But supposing five minutes' boiling is enough, there are three other processes after the eggs are cold, the part cannot be greater than the whole, the food was to be done in three minutes; so we will dismiss this part of his reasoning in Euclid's way, and call it absurd. Touching on wheezing, Mr. Canning does not grasp my meaning; this complaint is really a state of disordered respiration caused by the narrowness of the bronchial passages. I contend that egg food, by raising the temperature of the blood, and causing overheating, renders the birds confined in cages easier victims to an attack. Upon sudden changes taking place in the temperature of the air, the bird takes a chill more easily when its blood is in the unnatural condition following upon egg feeding. I have always studied the food question for the benefit of my birds, and I aim at fortifying the system by giving them proper nutriment to sustain them and keep them at a high level, and in the pink of condition. Referring to septic fever, I would point out that Mr. Canning is much nearer to an outbreak of this malady amongst his birds than the fancier who does not use egg food. The word "septic" in chemistry is used to denote those bodies which tend to promote putrefaction. Now, egg food virtually begins to decompose one hour after it is made, and the process is accelerated in a hird cage. I think these facts should make even Mr. Canning reflect, if he has not imbibed too many prejudices in his youth. No, Mr. Editor, my food does not cure diseases, hut it does more: it prevents them to a very great extent. Many can testify throughout our hobby what a terrible scourge septic visitation is and what ravishes it will make, and I believe the egg food is often responsihle; candidly, this consideration first started me to seek a substitute, and I hope to have the opinions of other fanciers on my method before many weeks. I do not expect every fancier to see eye to eye with me without duly considering my claim. However, I have confidence that I shall be given a fair trial to prove what I say.

T. Stanley.

A Bird-catching Query.

Sir,—Having noticed in your correspondence columns a gentleman saying a person is liahle to the penalty named, I should be pleased if he will enlighten me as to where it comes in, as in our district (Sleaford) Chaffinches are not listed, and there is a clause inserted which says "Any owner or occupier of land or any person authorised hy him is exempt from all birds not on schedule." I am a bird-catcher myself, although I have never set up Chaffinch pegging, but as your correspondent's penalty may apply in other cases, I shall be obliged if he will explain.

Birdlet.

A Recipe for Egg Cake.

Said to Supplant Hard-boiled Egg.

Sir,—It seems to be a religion with Canary breeders that egg food is necessary in rearing young. The term "egg food," I take it, means the accepted formula, as egg and bread crumb or egg and biscuit. As every breeder knows, it is essential that this he given absolutely fresh, and observing the fact that young birds are being fed for at least twelve hours a day, unless such food is changed two or three times during this period it is sure to "go off" more or less. Taking into consideration the frail mites whose staple food it is, it is easy to understand the harmful results that may accrue from even a morsel given that is not thoroughly sweet. Now, as regards the mother: even Canaries are very "human" with respect to food, and will eat that which is most palatable, irrespective of what is most heneficial, and the result of too much of this food from its over-stimulating effects brings them too soon into breeding condition, and the results are that the young, while still unable to leave the nest, are neglected, perhaps plucked of their feathers, and the mother starts laying again, with the result that the young are probably lost from lack of maternal attention. From long use I am satisfied that the formula given below supplies all the nourishment that is required in the successful rearing of young, whether Canaries, Hybrids, British, or various seed-eating foreigners, and the advantages I have found are as follows: It is economical, can be made at home, is palatable to the birds, sufficient can be made to last at least a week (or longer if required), it remains sweet until the end, and every particle will be eaten up by the birds, and, unlike egg food proper, it does not over-stimulate the hen, consequently the desire to start re-nesting is considerably lessened. Formula: One egg, teacup nearly full of castor sugar, teacup quite full of self-raising flour. Beat egg, add sugar and beat, add flour, wet down with a little milk until quite limp, and pour into a shallow tin. Cook in a quick oven for ten minutes. You have here the essential feature of egg food, every particle of which is of equal value. Keep it in a closed tin, and commence using when a day old (it rubs up better than when new). Break off a piece as required, and rub between the hands until fine. Since using this formula I have never resorted to egg food as such, and from years of experience I am satisfied that more and healthier young can be reared, and the baneful results of egg food proper very largely obviated. I would add that I use this food in conjunction with the usual seeds all through the year—of course, in a much lesser degree.

E. Perry.

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How to Identify the Warblers.

Valuable Hints to Rambling Bird-lovers.

Sir,—One of the chief charms of field ornithology lies in the daily difficulties that hesot one. If all hirds were as easy to identify as the Blackbird and Robin, few of us would trouble to go deeply into the study of wild-hird life. The novice begins by being interested in our common resident birds, and after a time, when he commences to classify, he finds that many species are partly resident and partly migratory. The Bunting family is generally the first stumhling block. Of these hirds we have eight species which are not by any means easy to identify as male, female, or young, but there are marks that, with a little perseverance hecome familiar to the student. With the visit of our beautiful migratory birds, one finds difficulties of identification of daily occurrence, and especially is this so with the beautiful little Warblers—the Chiff-Chaff, Willow Warbler, and the Wood Wren. If one could only handle the birds, there are certain means of identification which make the matter practically easy, but as this is denied to us, we must study the habits and manoeuvres of these little creatures to help us in our pursuit. In the early days of March, the little Chiff-Chaff makes the toilsome journey to his English home; he is the first to arrive, and about the last to depart. He has been noticed in the West in the winter months, and I think a few stay with us all the year round. He is with us generally a week or more hefore his song, if you may call it a song, is heard. I noticed one in a garden here quite eight days before he commenced to sing; the weather was cold at the time. It would he too cold to find insects readily, and such food would be absolutely necessary to sustain such a mite. The Chiff-Chaff is the smallest of these three Warblers; he is somewhat dingy in colour, has a faint whitish eye stripe, dark feet and legs, and has the shortest wings of the three—the wings when folded, only cover the root of the tail. In flight, he flaps his wings quickly and flies in an undulating manner; he is less rapid, and, what is of great importance, is much rarer than the Willow Wren and more shy, so that if we see either of these two we may generally consider it to be the latter. The Willow Wren is the next to arrive, and is not many days after the Chiff-Chaff in reaching our shores. In colouring he is practically a copy of the same—yellowish-brown hack, whitish breast and abdomen, and yellow flank; the eye stripe has a greenish tinge, the legs are a shade paler than those of the Chiff-Chaff. He is not hy any means shy, and one may stand under a tree and watch him closely, running out to the end of each branch, and hunting carefully each separate leaf, for he is a veritahle leaf-searcher; he only pauses in this occupation to sing his peculiar song, so unlike that of any other bird. Commencing with a high note, he sings in a descending scale, and finishes in a manner suggesting exhaustion, as though he would continue it if it were not such an effort. There is a difference in this song during the height of the breeding season, when he will occasionally finish with a high-pitched note. The peculiarity of song of the Willow-Wren and his hold familiarity are certain aids in separating these Warblers. Now, to deal with the Wood Warbler, or Wood Wren, as he is more commonly called. He is a bird of the woods, especially beech woods, and can often be detected hunting among the foliage of those grand trees. He is the largest of the three, and has larger wings, which, when closed, reach nearly to the end of the tail. He is greener and brighter in colour, and the eye-stripe is more distinct and yellow; his flight is swift and gliding until he is about to settle, when he descends in a somewhat spiral manner. He sings a cheery mellow bubbling song, his wings and tail vibrating swiftly the while, and he sometimes sings on the wing like our well-known pet the Greenfinch, finishing with a mellow trill as he alights on some favourite branch. He will occasionally dash out and catch some passing insect on the wing in the manner of the familiar Flycatcher. In the identification of these fragile little creatures one should remember that the Willow Warhler is much more plentiful than either of the others, and one can generally tell whether the bird he is watching is a Wood Wren, unless some peculiarly coloured Willow Wren deceives him. The old birds moult before going to their winter homes, and, of course, are then bright and clean looking. These must not be confused with the young birds of the year, which are a pale yellow colour, and are fond of coming to our gardens in late summer, clambering up our rose trees and the stalks of other plants in the manner of the Grasshopper Warbler. In the summer months when the foliage of the hedgerows and shady lanes is getting thick, a croaking scolding note from the opposite side of the bushes betrays the fact that the Whitethroat is busy constructing his nest somewhere near. Stay and watch for him; his scolding note continues until he is unable to contain himself no longer, and then, flitting about among the hranches, he warbles a few hright notes, his quivering wings and ruffled crest showing the energy he is putting into his song. Taking wing, he continues singing, and alights upon a favourite branch some distance away. Here he can generally be seen for some time, and we may note his pure white throat and upper breast and hrownish back and legs; when he ruffles his plumage, his head seems too large for his body. One should not confuse the Whitethroat with any other hird, his pure white throat distinguishing his from the Garden Warbler, and his size and colour from the Lesser Whitethroat, hesides which his actions are somewhat peculiar. He is busy and inquisitive, trustful and confident in himself, flittering from bough to bough, and darting after passing insects in the same way as the Flycatcher. The Lesser Whitethroat is a shade smaller, but although this difference is noticeable in caged specimens, it is hardly enough for identification in the open, and fortunately the Whitethroats differ in plumage; the back of the Lesser bird is darker, and of a greyish brown, and the head a bluish grey; the legs are bluish; in song the two birds differ considerably. The one has a truly warbling note, pleasant to listen to; the other's is a piercing high pitched effort, and one may hear it the whole length of a long country lane without once catching a glimpse of the performer. The Lesser is not only shy, but considerably rarer than the greater bird, but as he is such an incessant songster he and his brothers get the credit of being much more numerous than they actually are. Now, if one only will remember that if a brownish bird is seen with a pure white throat singing a warbling song, this is likely to be the greater of the Whitethroats, there need be no mistake in identification. Other birds have white throats, but they are of a dingy dirty white, and lack the purity of the genuine Whitethroat. I thought, as there are such good reports in our Cage Birds of fanciers' rambles, these few notes might be of use to them.

A. W. Fullwood.

Societies in Newcastle-on-Tyne.

Sir,—Will fanciers please note that there is another society, which, when started a few weeks ago, was styled "Newcastle Novice C.B.S." They have now changed it to Newcastle-upon-Tyne C.B.S. There is only one society—the old-established one—called Newcastle-upon-Tyne C.B.S., which I have the honour to be secretary of. We have no connection whatever with this new one. Our headquarters are 65, Grainger Street, Newcastle. My address is 218, Ladykirk Road, Benwell, Newcastle.

J. W. Reed, Sec.

Hybrids with Alien Parents.

Should They be Given Separate Classes?

Sir,—I was very pleased indeed to read Mr. Archer's reply to my letter, but extremely sorry to see that some of my previous remarks appear to have hit him fairly hard. Mr. Archer says: "The British bird and Hybrid Fancy need encouragement, and if you, Mr. Morris, will be more to the point and less personal, the better you will shine." In my last letter I strictly stated Hybrid breeding between British birds needs every encouragement, which I think is more to the point than Mr. Archer's remarks, viz., the "British bird and Hybrid fancy" needs encouragement. What I staunchly advocate is that the use of our British hen Bullfinch as a Hybrid breeder should be more encouraged. I have no inclination to wish to shine through the medium of the Fancy Press. My letter was strictly intended to encourage those with limited means, who use British birds, to try to get justice. I was rather surprised to see that Mr. Archer is what I should term a fairly modern recruit to the Fancy, and I sincerely trust he will not be another six years before his efforts to breed a Hybrid are rewarded; and if it gives him as much pleasure as it did me when I bred my first Goldie-Bullie (British), which won the Hybrid Cup at Walthamstow in 1907, he will feel more than repaid for his time and attention. Although by no means an ideal place, we have a nice place at Ilford, where my partner and myself were again successful in breeding a Hybrid from two fresh-caught birds, this time in the shape of a Linnet-Bullie, which we sold to Mr. Edwards, of Leominster. Wishing Mr. Archer and his partner every success with their Hybrid breeding, I now close.

E. Austin Morris.

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Wild-Bird Life.

The Last Migrants.

The much needed rains have refreshed the country; the grassland, trees and hedgrows, look all the brighter and greener, and the wild birds have benefited much by the extra food brought to the surface by the moisture. All the migrants are with us now, including the Turtle Dove, Spotted Flycatcher and Red-backed Shrike. These are generally the last to put in an appearance, and sometimes the Summer is well advanced before the two last named are seen in some districts. They are both particularly conspicuous and interesting birds, although so unlike in appearance, their only similarity is their habit of perching upon prominent sites so that neither is easily passed by. Near the writer's dwelling is an old park fence, and upon this one can count quite a dozen Flycatchers. They do not congregate together, but each keeps at a respectable distance from the other. At times they dart into the air after insects, first on one side of the fence, then on the other. It is curious to see them suddenly disappear on the opposite side, and then after a short interval as suddenly come in sight again within a few inches of their original position. Large elm trees grow close to the fence, and cattle frequently rest under them, so that flies are plentiful, so much so that the Swallows and Martins from the village hawk round them for hours, particularly in the evening. These big trees are the happy homes of many birds. For some years a pair of Jackdaws have nested in one, the Missel Thrush, Blackbird and Song Thrush, have each in turn hatched and reared lusty broods, and several pairs of Starlings are still busy, the greedy young ones for ever screeching for food, and like Oliver, "for still more food." Some distance up one of the trees, where a branch grows out from a larger one, a pair of Chaffinches have their nest, it is hardly discernible and looks like a bulging in the growth of the tree, but the writer has seen the old ones constantly visiting

Spotted Flycatcher's nest built against the trunk of an elm tree.

the spot and knows that they are busily rearing their young. Against the stem of one of the trees, a pair of Spotted Flycatchers have managed to lodge enough material to form a nest. A few growing twigs support it, it is a cosy little structure, but rather exposed to the weather.

CORRESPONDENCE.

(Continued.)

Hawk Kills a Flying Homer.

Sir,—On Sunday morning, June 8, a Kestrel Hawk was seen attacking a Pigeon, which it eventually killed, and was afterwards well mobbed by a large number of Rooks, as it was close to a Rookery. After some manœuvring, a sportsman managed to get a shot at the Hawk as it was devouring the Pigeon, which it had nearly eaten. On its leg was a metal ring with the numbers EP2SC1911, also a rubber ring with the number 255 .

NIMROD.

The Boiling of Eggs.

Sir,—With reference to boiling eggs, I notice Mr. W. Hainsworth (Preston) says that if eggs are put in boiling water it makes them crack. So it does. They should be put in cold water and allowed to come to the boil; then let them boil for ten to fifteen minutes. I am a Canary and Mule breeder, and a member of the Clapham Cage Bird Club. This is the way I boil my eggs. I put them in a small calico bag that I keep for the purpose, and put them in cold water and let them boil for fifteen minutes. Then I take them out of the iron saucepan and hang up in the bag to drain. They keep much better and are more digestible; also the yolk does not go black.

J. TAYLOR.

The Type of Present-day Winning Norwich Plainheads.

Sir,—I was attracted by the report of the meeting held in Norwich protesting against the type of present-day winning Norwich Plainhead Canaries, and censuring the judges. The chairman, in his introductory remarks, mentioned that some letters appeared in CAGE BIRDS on the subject, and added that evidently the same idea prevailed in other places—i.e., that the judges were not judging to the ideal laid down by the governing bodies. If I remember correctly, there was a quotation from a Norwich daily paper in your journal decrying the Palace judges and the winning birds, which was followed by the writer with a letter; but that letter marked the end of the correspondence; no one seemed inclined to take the matter up, and to say from only one letter that the same idea prevailed in other places seems a long way from essaying a fact. I never attempted in that letter to censure the judges. On the contrary, I was congratulating the judge on finding the right bird for the diploma. I only mentioned two birds which had been winning all over the country, which, in the opinion of your humble, should have been kept in the stock room. I wasn't at the Palace, but I had seen most of the winners previously in stronger competition, and I knew what they were. One of the two birds mentioned didn't win at the Palace. Mr. Woollard seems to be the leader of this little band of pessimists, and he gets his information about the judging at the Palace second-hand. Those who informed him may, or may not, be good judges of a Norwich; but I would like to ask Mr. Woollard if he has seen in the flesh the unflighted buff which won the diploma. If he hasn't, I ask him not to judge it from a drawing which appeared in a Fancy journal quite recently, and which did not flatter it. Had the fanciers who described the winners to him any faults to find with that bird? Didn't the judge find the winner there? That bird is perhaps not ideal, but I would lay odds that he had plenty to spare in winning in that class. Has Mr. Woollard seen Mr. Smeaton's unflighted yellow, or Mr. Cook's yellow hen, a hen of the Robin type so beloved by himself, and yet a big 'un and a quality bird? Has he seen Mr. Vardy's variegated buff, a bird that it is almost impossible to find fault with, and is one that even a stickler for type and quality like Mr. Woollard himself couldn't find fault with? These birds are a near approach to the ideal, and if Mr. Woollard and his brother pessimists from Norwich will breed and exhibit some as good they will see that the judges will find them; but when a class is put before a judge full of birds all exhibiting faults, it remains for the judge to pick out those for premier honours which have the least faults. Mr. Woollard must understand that the Norwich Plainhead has undergone a great change this last ten years. In the N.P.C. standard 25 points are given for head and neck alone; and our breeders and judges know that head points are difficult to get and difficult to retain; consequently fanciers have been striving for these head points. Some of them may have overlooked a few minor points in their eagerness for the head, but if Mr. Woollard will visit a few of the best shows he will find birds nearly approaching the ideal. I think it was Pope who said that the study of mankind was man, but if Pope had been of the present generation of Canary fanciers, he would have said that the study of mankind, or that section of mankind in which the Plainhead fanciers move, was how to get those 25 out of the hundred points allowed by the governing body. In that study, fanciers have had to traverse a long lane, but as Mr. Woollard knows, most long lanes have a turning, and the turning is just now in view. Indeed, some have reached it. In a few years' time, with careful selection, we shall have Norwich with wonderful heads and quality and type that will please so good a judge as Mr. Woollard himself. I can assure these fanciers from Norwich that there is no real cause for alarm, nor any reason for the wholesale censure of our judges. If they will put a curb on their impatience and move with the times instead of standing still and blaming those judges who *are* moving with the times and the improvements in the Norwich Plainhead, and try to breed a few like some of the real toppers which are being exhibited, they will be doing the Fancy and themselves a good turn.

SUB ROSA.

Faults Found with the Yorkshire Show Cage.

Sir,—Having read the letter last week by our friend "Falls of Clyde," I think his arrangement of two loose wires very good indeed, and one way of being able to get at the insides of cages with ease when required. I notice that we are going to be favoured with some drawings respecting the same matter, and I shall be delighted to see them and pass my humble opinion as to which is the best—namely, least trouble, easy of replacement, and a permanent model for cage makers' consideration—particularly for the benefit of new beginners in the Fancy. Apart from the breeding cage fronts, I have a great dislike for the present style Yorkshire show cage. I think it is a most uncomfortable article to clean out, etc., and needs great alteration in that respect; again, the inside seed trough is far from being an ideal arrangement. I hope my remarks may have a few supporters, as there is always room for a little improvement; or, at least, to have our readers' opinions on the subject.

JOHN H. JOWETT.

Fanciers Enjoying the Country.

MANCHESTER & N.C.O.S. FIND NESTS VERY SCARCE.

At the ramble on May 18th, about thirty members and friends were present, including a few ladies, who had a ramble "on their own," and joined us at tea. Mathram was the place selected, where we were met by our fellow-member, Mr. Moorbey, who had kindly consented to conduct us. We set off up hill and dale through woods, and along the banks of streams. Bird life was fairly plentiful. We saw Blackcaps, Magpies, Robins, Wagtails, Thrushes, Blackbirds, Wrens, Starlings (that were feeding a nest of young in the eaves of a roof of a farm-house), Yellowhammers, etc. Nests were very scarce owing (we were told by our guide) to a lot of boys having been on a trip and robbing most of them. However, we found a few, amongst which was a Wren's, with six eggs. We also saw a Magpie's nest, but it being in a high tree none of us felt inclined to see if there was anything in it. However, what we missed as regards nests was made up for in the beauty of the country. The woods were one mass of bluebells, and several took home quite a bouquet; also along the lanes the Hawthorn trees were laden with bloom, making them smell quite fragrant.

We almost lost one of our members; he slipped down a hill with a deep pond at the bottom, but managed to escape all right. He was none the worse, judging by the way he moved the "egg-food" at tea. Several of the members were keen on having a photo taken; we came across a man sitting by the bank of a stream, with what we thought was a camera, but found out it was his lunch! We were now feeling we could do with tea, so "made tracks" for same, and did full justice to it. Afterwards one of the members dropped across a photographer, who consented to chance his camera on us. After a walk through the large grounds attached to the tea-rooms, we set off to the station for Manchester. It was a grand day, and I think everyone agreed we had had a very enjoyable afternoon.—H. BOOTHAM, Hon. Sec.

SHEFFIELD O.S. PASS SPLENDID DAY AMONGST BIRDS & WOODS.

On June 9, the occasion of the first of a series of rambles arranged by the Sheffield O.S., the sun was shining brightly in the heavens, a clear blue sky was overhead, and the birds were chirping merrily, as if once more to welcome Old Sol. The weather became slightly unsettled later in the day, however, slight showers occurring at intervals until about five o'clock. We had to wait the passage of a thunderstorm before starting, and then our chairman, Mr. T. Down, leading, in a quarter of an hour we were in the woods, and at once came across bird life, a Yellowhammer being the first to greet us. These woods are full of bird life, which really is surprising, being so near the suburbs of the city, Chaffinches, Linnets, Greenies, Goldies, and Bullies all greeting us immediately on our entry with their various songs. The sun had now appeared again, shining between the leaves of the birch, beech, ash, and other trees; this was a lovely sight, the glistening raindrops on the leaves, when crossed by the sun's rays, giving them the appearance of being decked with diamonds. Proceeding further, Wood Warblers, Whitethroats, Ring Ousels (rare), Robins, Wrens, Blue Tits, etc., all attracted our attention. One of the party was suddenly observed at the top of a tree, about forty feet from the ground. He thought something at the summit appeared to represent a nest; but, alas, his exertions were in vain, for when he reached the topmost branch he found only a few dead leaves that had collected amongst a clump of branches. We at about this point found our first nest, a Blackbird with four young, all appearing in excellent condition. This was followed by the discovery of a Redstart's nest in an old wall, with four eggs. We now take the fields for about half a mile. Immediately on doing so we are greeted by a couple of Skylarks, soaring high, enjoying life to the full. Higher up the hillside we are on the outskirts of our second wood (Wharncliffe Woods). What a transformation the writer beheld. A fortnight ago, when traversing the same paths, with wife and children, this part of the wood was carpeted with bluebells—any artist coming across this scene would have gone wild with delight. Now not a single flower remained, only the carpet of green. Pushing on, we came across more birds that were the envy of more than one present. A lovely cock Hawfinch was quite close to us. We wondered how this would have compared with that noted exhibit "Midland Chief." We think our friend of yesterday would have been on top.

Cuckoos had been entertaining us all along the route, but we had not seen one, when all at once a battle royal was before our eyes, one of these marauders being evidently bent on turning out the occupant of a nest, about thirty feet from the ground. Alas! the latter could not hold his own against the odds of a Cuckoo, and he fell amongst the bushes, if not dead, mortally wounded. In the meantime our photographer was not idle. We at this point hear a whisper that our chairman has made arrangements for refreshments to meet us; this announcement was gratifying to every one concerned. Soon we behold a four-wheeler. It is not necessary to mention why the vehicle had been brought to this outlandish place! We naturally indulged in about twenty minutes rest before entering Grenoside Wood, which proved the most interesting and instructive part of the journey. This is where the softbills live, and no wonder. At this point one of the old residents, one who has traversed every inch of the woods from boyhood, who knows every nook and corner, met us and acted as our guide until we reached headquarters, the "Norfolk Arms," for tea. He pointed out a hermit's cave, which up to about fifty years ago had been occupied continuously for thirty-five years. It at one time penetrated about six yards underground. Our next dive is into an ant hill. A good many of our members had provided themselves with tins of various kinds, bags, etc., to procure real live ants' eggs for their feathered friends at home. What a treat the birds would have next morning! There was one continuous string of these ant hills for three miles, so that our members soon had all the eggs they could carry. Our guide here gave us practically a lecture on the habits and doings of the industrious ants. What an array of soft-billed birds we beheld here; every species you could mention, and a good many the writer had never seen before, and no doubt a good many more of the party were in the same boat. We had been so interested in our guide and his entertaining manner that the time went out of our minds entirely, when all at once someone discovered it was six o'clock, the hour tea was ordered for, so we had to hurry up. At the "Norfolk Arms" our host gave us a right royal reception. A ham and egg tea was in waiting for us, and a jolly good tea, too, and to improve matters we were all in form for it. After the repast Mr. Longbottom, in a few well-spoken words, proposed a hearty vote of thanks to our host and hostess for our splendid spread. This was ably seconded by Mr. P. Walsh, the hostess suitably responding. Every one of the thirty-five members who had participated in this glorious outing admitted that it had been the finest and most instructive and enjoyable ramble it had ever been their lot to take part in, and are all looking forward to the next one on July 14 to Maltby.—J. A. T. Woodall, Press Correspondent.

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Great Tits in a Beehive.

I see you have a note of a Linnet's nest in a beehive (writes Miss F. Bird, Peterborough). Last year a pair of Great Tits built a nest in a hive in my sister's apiary, and raised eight or nine young ones. A queen bee was being raised meanwhile in the hive. The birds' "door" was a hole for ventilation (from which the perforated zinc had gone) in the roof of the hive. This year they have built there again, but several of the young ones have died. There are only two left, which are about to fly.

Swallows at School.

A pair of Swallows are at present building their nest inside Birtley School, North Tyne. Whilst the children are busy with their lessons the birds are busy flitting in and out of the open window, erecting their little house, apparently unconcerned, and certainly undisturbed with the daily routine of the school. Last year, also, a nest was built in the school and young ones reared—probably by the same parents—but on that occasion it was done in the summer holidays. Evidently the Swallows feel that a schoolroom is an appropriate place for "bringing up their young."

Singing Contests.

LEEDS.

Weekly contest for quality held King's Head, Shannon Street, June 8th, when 15 birds sung for three good prizes given by Mr. Tillotson: 1, T. Stead; 2, J. Hollingworth; 3, T. Chadwick. Judges: W. Naylor, S. Hardcastle; also June 9th, when 18 birds sang before a crowded house, when the best singing for some time was heard. 1, T. Stead; 2, H. Whitfield; 3, H. Whitfield. Judges, Messrs. B. Sissons, W. Naylor.—Walter Naylor, Hon. Sec.

DUSLINGTHORPE.

Quality singing contest, held Skinner's Arms, June 8.—1, Sellars; 2, Sellars; 3, Granger. Also June 9: 1, 2, Ward; 3, Sheard; bye, Simmons and Tomlinson. Judges, Summers and Dolton.—C. Clayton, sec.

NEWTOWN (Leeds).

The usual week-end Linnet-singing contest took place June 9, Prince Albert Inn, when 19 birds entered to sing for four good prizes given by Mrs. M. A. Saynor. Judges, Messrs. J. Clark and H. Hayes. 1, A. Richardson; 2, A. Bryan; 3, 4, divided between E. Wood and A. Binns.—E. Wood, secretary.

SPENNYMOOR.

Linnet singing held at Butcher's Arms, June 8; 40 birds entered, and some very good time was done. Mr. Jos. Gardner judged. Awards: 1, Mounter; 2, Martin; 3, Beales; 4, Brady. Mr. Brady had a collision with his cycle going to contest, and damaged his birds. Next contest at above house, July. 1st, silver cup and 10s.; 2nd, copper kettle and 7s. 6d.; 3rd, carvers and 5s. Mr. Jos. Gardner, judge; timekeeper, Weeler.—J. Beales, sec.

CASTLEFORD.

Weekly Linnet contest, June 8, at George and Dragon Hotel, Bridge Street, before a good number of fanciers and friends; 37 birds were entered for a four-minutes sing, and three good prizes. Winners:—W. Nelson, 81; A. Sweeting, 76; E. Smith, 72. Also June 9, 20 competed in a three-minutes sing for three good prizes given by Mrs. Paker:—W. Nelson, 54; J. Kirk and J. Brindley, 43. Week-end singing is open to all, and we have the best room and window in the district.—Walter Dobson, Hon. Sec.

SHEFFIELD.

Contests were started again at the old house, Fitzwilliam Hotel, Attercliffe, Sheffield. Mr. J. Grundy gave three prizes. Result: 1, 3, Baker; 2, Robinson.—Squire Cutts, sec.

Linnet Singing Society held at Royal George, Brightside Lane, Sheffield, June 8. Mr. C. Hill gave three special prizes for three minutes time-singing; only 11 birds entered. Result: 1, Thompson, 91sec.; 2, 3, Driver, 73 and 70; Thompson, 40 and 39. Also June 9, when Mr. C. Hill gave three more special prizes for three minutes' time singing; only 21 birds entered. 1, 3, Thompson, 97 and 49; 2, Driver, 69; Albert, 35. Contest every week-end; first pair of birds hung at three o'clock, Saturday next.—A. Thompson, sec.

BLACKBURN.

Cup contest for quality, held headquarters, Old Red Lion, Snig Brook, June 8; 22 birds competed. The singing was grand. 1, Bootsman Cup and gold medal, Barnes (Wigan); 2, 3, Topping (Blackburn); 4, Bromilow (Leigh); 5, Hayhurst (Blackburn); 6, Barnes. Next contest, the consolation, will be held June 22 for quality only.—Rd. Hayhurst.

WESTHOUGHTON.

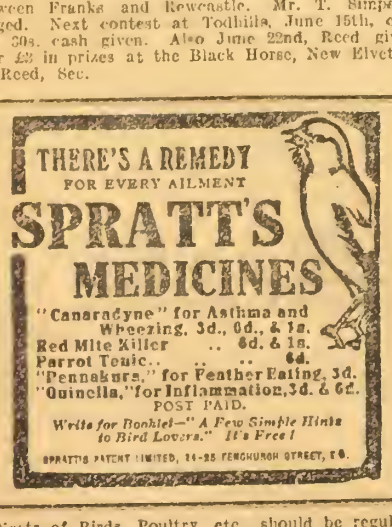
Affiliated contest for time and quality, June 8, at headquarters, Horse Shoe Inn, Wingates; 41 birds competed for eight prizes—four for time and four for quality—and some good singing was heard before a large company. Winners, quality: 1, R. Holcroft; 2, J. Ashurst; 3, F. Kennedy; 4, J. Poole. Time: 1, D. Banks, 142; 2, J. Woodward, 130; 3, R. Statham, 112; 4, D. Banks, 99. Judges for quality: F. Gibbons, J. McAllister, and Milligan; for time, J. Evens and R. Statham; tappers, W. Robinson and W. Halliwell; minute man, J. Peet; birdman, J. Brown.—J. Woodward, sec.

KIPPAX.

Members' sing held at Commercial Hotel, June 8; there was only a moderate entry; 1, J. Wallis; 2, 3, J. Liversidge, jun. Timekeepers, P. Potter, T. Hall. J. Wallis's bird looks like being a winner at our members' sings. It sang 24secs. first break. There will be no sing June 15, owing to the room being occupied.—R. Plowe, hon. sec.

DURHAM.

Linnet sing held at Balaclava Inn, Crook, June 8th. 27 birds competed. Result: 1, 2, 3, divided between Franks and Newcastle. Mr. T. Simpson judged. Next contest at Todhills, June 15th, cup and 30s. cash given. Also June 22nd, Reed gives over £3 in prizes at the Black Horse, New Elvet.—G. Reed, Sec.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The Shows.

SKELMANTHORPE C.B.A.

The F.F. show took place June 8th, when 68 birds faced the judge, Mr. T. Bentley (Cleckheaton), who gave perfect satisfaction. Open section: Mr. J. Hirst, 17 points; F. Taylor, 17; L. Jobson, 15; J. Helliwell, 7; J. Lodge, 6; M. Peel, 3. Novice section: J. Bower, 17; W. Hutchinson, 16; G. Shaw, 15; Fisher and Dyson, 15; Beaumont and Marsden, 14; J. Hird, 13; R. Lodge, 12; H. Tyas, 8; J. Radley, 7.—James Hird, Sec.

SHEFFIELD O.S.

Table show of young birds bred by novices held Rose and Crown Hotel, Waingate, June 4th. A.V. Yorks. Judge, Mr. T. Bishop (25): 1, 2, Green; 3, 4, Bestwick; vhc, Porter; hc, Bestwick; c, Simpson. A.V. Nor. Judge, Mr. J. Woodall. 1, 2, Smith; 3, Sisson; 4, Cobb. Crest or C.B.. Judge, Mr. J. Memmoth: 1, Dr. Deane (Dewsbury); 2, Read; 3, Richardson; 4, Read.—T. Bishop, Hon. Sec.

NEW CROSS C.B.S.

Young stock show held at headquarters, June 6th, when 38 birds were staged. Judge, Mr. J. Hazel. AMAL. CHAMPION and NOR.: 1, Jordan; 2, 3, Gunnell. FLIGHTED MULES: 1, 2, Pope; 3, Gunnell. NOV. YORKS CL. YELL.: 1, 2, bc, Allsopp; 3, vhc, Rouson. BUFF: 1, 2, Rouson; 3, G. Barton. TKD. MKD. OR VAR. (7): 1, 3, G. Barton; 2, c, Rouson; vhc, Allsopp; hc, J. Barton. NOV. BORD. YELL.: 1, 2, vnc, Burton Bros.; 3, Williams. BUFF: 1, 2, 3, Burton Bros.; vhc, Williams. LINNET, SISKIN, REDPOLL OR TWITE (6): 1, c, Gunnell; 2, Pope; 3, Jordan; vhc, hc, J. Barton. GOLDFINCH, ETC.: 1, Jordan; 2, Pope; 3, G. Barton. Judge, Mr. J. Hazel.—G. Barton, Hon. Sec.

GREAT HORTON O.S.

Members' show, June 1st, at Butcher's Arms, Gt. Horton. Mr. D. Sutcliffe placed the cards and gave every satisfaction. Prize winners: —

YORKS. CL. YELL.: 1, hc, Self; 2, Hainsworth and Son; 3, S. Midgley; 4, Shackleton; vhc, Hodgson; c, Lister. BUFF: 1, Shackleton; 2, Lister; 3, Hainsworth and Son; 4, Fieldhouse; vhc, Self; hc, Gaunt; c, Self. TKD. YELL.: 1, 3, S. Midgley; 2, Self; 4, Gaunt; vhc, Geo. Midgley. TKD. BUFF: 1, Shackleton; 2, Geo. Midgley; 3, 4, hc, Lister; vhc, S. Midgley; c, Self. EVEN, UNEVEN, OR VARIEG. YELL.: 1, 3, Geo. Midgley; 2, Stansfield; 4, Hainsworth and Son; vhc, Self; hc, c, Lister. BUFF: 1, S. Midgley; 2, Shackleton; 3, Geo. Midgley; 4, Hainsworth and Son; vhc, Lister; hc, Hudson. CINN. MKD. YELL.: 1, 2, Fieldhouse. BUFF: 1, 2, Hudson; 3, Fieldhouse; 4, S. Midgley.—J. Holroyd, Sec.

CHOPPINGTON C.B.S.

First feather show, June 8th, in the club room, Railway Hotel. Entries came up very well considering the poor breeding results fanciers are having in this district. The show arrangements were well looked after by Mr. Seely (chairman) and the committee, composed of Messrs. Edwards, Thompson, Rigg, Fairbairn, Clark, and others. Messrs. Seely Bros. won the special for best bird in show with a yellow marked Norwich. Mr. G. H. Seely, as secretary, as usual had everything well in hand. Mr. R. Rowell judged, and his awards were well received. NOR. YELL., ETC. (5): 1, 3, Seely Bros. 2, hc, Fairbairn; vhc, Fail. BUFF (12): 1, Seeley Bros.; 2, vhc, Clark; 3, hc, Rigg; c, Fail. BORDER (2): 1, Seely Bros.; 2, Fairbairn. A.O.V. CAN. OR MULE (7): 1, Seely Bros. cinnamon; 2, Thompson, cinnamon; 3, Clark, Green Nor.; vhc, hc, c, Rigg, all Yorks. A.V. BRIT.: 1, hc, Edwards, Linnet and Greenfinch; 2, Thompson, Yellowhammer; 3, vhc, c, Archibold, Linnets and Thrush.

WALKLEY C.B.S.

Table show held at headquarters, June 6th. A huge surprise awaited the officials, this proving to be the record show of its kind ever held in Sheffield nine classes, only one being cancelled. The total entry was 84. Considering the members have had very indifferent luck this breeding season, they deserve to be congratulated on their efforts. The judges were Messrs. J. Woolhouse, Yorks; G. Drabble, Novice Yorks; W. T. Furniss, Nor. and Brit. Their awards gave every satisfaction. MEMBERS' CLASSES—YORKS. YELL., ETC. (7): 1, vhc J. Thorpe; 2, Ridal; 3, J. Jones; hc, G. Butler; c, C. Tomlinson. BUFF, ETC. (12): 1, 2, W. Furniss; 3, hc, J. Thorpe; vhc, c, F. Jones. NORWICH, YELL., ETC.: 1, 2, J. G. Cowley; 3, vhc, J. Woolhouse; hc, J. and C. Scott. BUFF, ETC.: 1, 2, 3, vhc, hc, J. G. Cowley; c, J. and C. Scott. NOVICE CLASSES—YORKS, YELL., ETC. (17): 1, J. Smith; 2, G. Abbott; 3, A. Wardley; vhc, c, R. Smith; hc, J. Carr. BUFF, ETC. (19): 1, 3, hc, P. Chadwick; 2, J. Carr; vhc, c, P. Thompson. NORWICH, YELL., ETC.: Cancelled. BUFF, ETC. (8): 1, 3, G. Abbott; 2, c, R. Smith; vhc, J. Curley; hc, J. Sisson; BRIT. (9): 1, 2, J. and C. Scott; 3, A. Hobson; vhc, hc, c, A. Bailey.—C. Tomlinson, Sec.

BRADFORD EAST O.S.

First feather show at headquarters, Park Chapel Schools, West Bowling, Bradford, June 8th, when a grand entry of 81 birds was recorded. Mr. Matt Broadley, Windhill, judged and gave every satisfaction. Some very promising young birds were staged and were much admired during the afternoon. This was the first show of a series of six to be held during the year for a valuable list of special prizes, and competition proved very keen. Most points in the respective sections were won by Messrs. F. Allen, H. Hill, J. Northrop, S. Binns, S. Wood, S. Midgley, and Morrell and Harper. Awards:—CHAMPION SECTION—YORKS. CL. YELL. (10): 1, 3, Stables; 2, Allen; 4, Hill; vhc, hc, Northrop; c, Laycock. BUFF (9): 1, 2, Laycock 3, hc, Walker; 4, Allen; vhc, Farrar; c, White. TKD. YELL. (7): 1, 2, Northrop; 3, Hill; 4, vhc, Walker; hc, White; c, E. Riley. BUFF (5): 1, Allen; 2, Hill; 3, Walker; 4, White; vhc, E. Riley. UNEV. MKD. (9): 1, Riley Bros.; 2, Hill; 3, c, Allen; 4, Stables; vhc, hc, Farrar. NOVICE SECTION—YORKS. CL. YELL. (6): 1, Binns; 2, Hardaker; 3, Rushworth; 4, Gregson; vhc, Midgley; hc, Wroe. BUFF (7): 1, Wroe; 2, Gregson; 3, 4, Binns; vhc, Gale; hc, Wood; c, Midgley. TKD. YELL. (6): 1, 4, Midgley; 2, Rushworth; 3, Wood; vhc, Wroe; hc, Lightowler. BUFF (4): 1, Rushworth; 2, 4, Midgley; 3, Gornall. UNEV. MKD. (16): 1, 2, 4, Wood; 3, Metcalfe; vhc, Midgley; hc, c, Binns. EXTRA NOVICE, A.V. YORKS (2): 1, 2, Morrell and Harper.—H. Hill, Sec.

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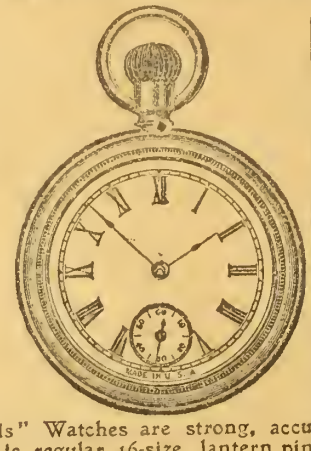

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ORMSKIRK C.B.S.

A table show of young Canaries, British, and Hybrids, held at the Church House, on June 3rd. Norwich and Borders turned up very well, but many of the latter were lacking in quality. Some well-known winners were forward in the British and Hybrid classes, a Canary-Bullie heading the latter. The Secretary judged Canaries, and Mr. E. A. Walker the remainder. Awards:—NOR.: 1, 3, Lewis; 2, Johnson, jun.; vhc, Hesketh. BORD. 1, 3, c, Johnson, sen.; 2, vhc, Hesketh; hc, Lewis. BRIT.: 1, 2, 3, vhc, Johnson. HYBRIDS: 1, 2, 3, Johnson. Similar classification is provided for next month's meeting, July 1st, when Yorkshires are expected to be out in full force.—T. H. Tiffen, Hon. Sec.

DONCASTER C.B.S.

Meeting and nest feather show held June 8th, at Black Bull. Mr. Presley judged, and his awards gave general satisfaction. There was a fairly good entry with quality a most prominent feature, particularly in Yorkshires and British, the winning yell. Yorks. belonging to Mr. Beers (who, we think, is making his first attempt), being a real eye-opener. Let us hope he will keep it up. In Buffs were some stylish youngsters, 1, and 2, Blanchon, will most likely be heard of again. In Brit., 1, 2, Pogmore, Linnet and Twite, are very promising, being full of quality and markings. There was a good attendance of members and friends present, who consider the room in which the show was held to be an ideal one. In Mr. Seels the society has a gentleman who does not fail to welcome with every courtesy all members or friends. Awards.—YORKS, YELL.: 1, Beers; 2, Tonkinson; 3, Blanchon. BUFF: 1, 2, Blanchon; 3, Beers. NOR.: 1, Simpson; 2, 3, Flint. BRIT. F.M.: 1, 2, Pogmore; 3, Bescoby.—G. Bescoby.

BEDFORD AND BEDS. O.S.

First nest feather show, June 6th, the number and quality of the birds exceeding anything previously seen in Bedford at nest feather shows. Messrs. Keech, Beanland and Goodman each brought a good team, containing many choice specimens. Mr. Goodman's birds, however, were handicapped by being a fortnight too young. Some of them will be heard of again. Mr. Keech's winners and Mr. Wilmot's first clear buff were very typical specimens. Mr. H. Markham was judge and gave general satisfaction. CL. YELL. NOR. (12): 1, 2, 3, Keech; r, Wilmot; vhc, hc, Beanland; c, Goodman. BUFF (15): 1, Wilmot; 2, r, Bushby; 3, Beanland; vhc, hc, Goodman; c, Keech. MKD. YELL. (10): 1, r, Keech; 2, Goodman; 3, Bushby; vhc, hc, c, Beanland. BUFF (12): 1, 3, hc, Keech; 2, Bushby; r, vhc, c, Beanland. MULES: 1, 2, Notley, two excellent Greenfinch Mules; 3, r, vhc, Armitage, three smart Goldfinch Mules.—J. C. Wilmot.

WIBSEY C.B.S.

The above society held the first of a series of six members' shows, June 8th, at Horse and Groom Inn, when, considering the very indifferent breeding season that fanciers in the district have experienced, the entry of 44 birds must be considered good. Mr. L. Briggs judged, and his awards seemed to please all present. The special for best bird in show was won by C. Bastow; best vhc, Bairstow and Chapman; best hc, F. Hanson; most points with four birds, C. Bastow, 21 points; second most points, L. Hudson, 18. Points were gained in cup competition as follows: C. Bastow 18, L. Hudson 18, W. Mann 15, F. Hanson 11, H. S. Crossley 11, Bairstow and Chapman 9. Awards:—YORKS CL. OR TKD. YELL. (10): 1, C. Bastow; 2, W. Mann; 3, A. Holden; 4, vhc, Bairstow and Chapman; hc, H. C. Crossley; c, G. Hudson. BUFF (12): 1, hc, F. Hanson; 2, L. Hudson; 3, Jonas Crowther; 4, G. Hudson; vhc, c, W. Mann. GREEN MKD. YELL. (7): 1, H. C. Crossley; 2, 3, vhc, C. Bastow; 4, F. Hanson; hc, Bairstow and Chapman; c, A. Riley. BUFF (12): 1, 3, L. Hudson; 2, W. Mann; 4, c, G. Hudson; vhc, Bairstow and Chapman; hc, H. C. Crossley. CINN. MKD. YELL. (1): F. Hanson. BUFF (2): 1, W. Hillas; 2, C. Bastow.—H. C. Crossley, Sec.

BOLTON WOODS C.B.S.

Members' show held June 8th, at Victoria Hotel, Bolton Woods. Mr. E. B. Denton (Windhill) judged 54 birds and gave his awards to the satisfaction of all. CL. YELL.: 1, Bryant; 2, Goodwin; 3, Taylor; 4, Dykes; vhc, Atkinson; hc, Shepherd; c, Shaw. BUFF: 1, Boocock; 2, Goodwin; 3, Dykes; 4, Atkinson; vhc, Shepherd; hc, Chittenden; c, Hall. TKD. YELL.: 1, Chittenden; 2, Pullan; 3, Shepherd; 4, Taylor; vhc, Pullan; hc, Smith. BUFF: 1, Shepherd; 2, Dykes; 3, Shepherd; 4, Chittenden; vhc, Bryant hc, Taylor; c, Boocock. UNMKD. YELL.: 1, Dykes; 2, Chittenden; 3, Dykes; 4, Goodwin; vhc, Morgan. BUFF: 1, Shepherd; 2, Goodwin; 3, Morgan; 4, Atkinson; vhc, Boocock; hc, c, Chittenden. FOUL MKD.: 1, Boocock; 2, Dykes; 3, Smith; 4, Bryant. Special prize winners: Dykes, Bryant, Boocock.—M. Skerrow, Hon. Sec.

EAST BOWLING B.F.A.

In consequence of their usual meeting-place being unavailable, the above society held the first F.F. show of the year in St. John's Parish Room, where 58 birds were staged. The competition was very keen, and, indeed, the quality of many of the exhibits was such that Mr. W. A. Cowgill had some difficulty in giving his awards. His rulings, however, gave every satisfaction, and the show was in every way a successful function. Awards:—OPEN—CL. OR TKD. YELL.: 1, Padgett; 2, Casey; 3, 4, Helliwell; vhc, Clark; hc, Bywater; c, Casey. BUFF: 1, Helliwell; 2, 4, hc, Padgett; 3, Cowell and Calloway. EVEN MKD. OR FOUL MKD. YELL.: 1, Dinsdale; 2, Casey; 3, Bleazard. BUFF: 1, Clark; 2, Hall; 3, Helliwell; 4, vhc, Casey; hc, Padgett; c, Bywater. YEL. CINN.: 1, 4, Casey; 2, Helliwell; 3, Hudson. BUFF: 1, 3, vhc, Hudson; 2, Helliwell; 4, Casey. NOVICE—CL. OR TKD. YELL.: 1, 3, 4, Wilkinson and Son; 2, Hodgson and Holdsworth. BUFF: 1, Hinton; 2, vhc, Hodgson and Holdsworth; 3, Cheshire; 4, Wilkinson and Son. EVEN MKD. OR FOUL MKD. YELL.: 1, 2, Hodgson and Holdsworth. BUFF: 1, Hodgson and Holdsworth; 2, Cheshire. YELL. CINN.: 1, 2, Wilkinson and Son. BUFF: 1, 2, Hinton.—Levi Booth, Sec.

MIDDLESEX O.S.

Young stock and Finch show held June 6th, at Southall. Considering the early date, there was a very nice show. Many of the birds will be heard of again during the coming season. Mr. F. Easterling judged and gave satisfaction to all. YORKS, CL. OR TKD. (13): 1, 2, 3, bc, Jefferis, 1st very smart clear, Yorkie all over, takes special best Canary, 2nd ticked on wing, not quite so stylish, 3rd well placed, trifle smaller than first two, if a hen a good one: vhc, Fletcher; a very nice class. MKD. OR VARIEG. (7): 1, 2, vhc, Fletcher, nice style and feather, should be heard of again, the 2nd not far behind, perhaps does not show quite so well; 3, hc, Phipps and Huxley, green marked, nice feather and condition; c, Barnyard. MULE OR HYBRID (1): Smith, nice dark Goldie-Canary, good condition. GOLDFINCH (2): 1, Caunbers, good black leg, nice face and buttons, will improve with another moult; 2, Burrows, very nice Finch, not in condition. CHAFFINCH, ETC. (7): 1, 2, Caunbers, Chaffinch, nice size and colour, good condition, takes special best Brit., 2nd another Chaffinch, not quite the bloom; 3, Smith, Greenfinch, nice yellow, well shown; vhc, Phipps and Hutley; hc, Burrows; c, Taylor. LINNET, ETC. (5): 1, 2, Burrows, Linnet, nice colour and markings, good size and condition, 2nd very smart Redpoll; 3, Phipps and Huxley, another nice Redpoll, not quite the condition; vhc, Smith. FOREIGN (2): 1, Smith, Budgerigar, in splendid condition, well shown; 2, Higgins, Lavender-headed Lovebird, nice bird.

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Club Reports.

LANCASHIRE C.A.

Meeting held at Rochdale, May 30th, Mr. Naden presiding. The annual report was a great success, so it was decided that the Secretary have an extra 5s. for his services. Decided that the four highest birds count for L.C.A. specials in future instead of nominating four as before. Next meeting, June 15th, Church Inn, Oldham, 6 p.m. Subs. of 2/6 now due. Applicants for patronage please apply to—J. Hampshire, Sec., 7, Cowper Street, Oldham.

THATTO HEATH O.S.

Monthly meeting held headquarters, June 3, Mr. Enever in the chair. We had a very good attendance of members, and one of the best meetings since the formation of the society. Nest Feather Show, headquarters, July 6, with twenty classes, for Canaries, British, Foreign, and Mule or Hybrids, and it is hoped that this fixture will encourage some more of the local fanciers to come in and join our ranks, whilst the society is still in the making. Our subscription is only 2s. 6d. per annum, with 6d. entrance fee.—H. R. Macdonald.

YORKSHIRE C.C. OF SCOTLAND.

Committee meeting held June 5th. First Feather show arranged for June 29th, in the Crown Halls, Sauchiehall Street, Glasgow, 3 p.m., Mr. Fred Bowman judge. Secretary reported receipt of ten "specials" to date. Three applications for membership were considered and recommended for acceptance. Yorkshire fanciers are cordially invited to join us. We are catering liberally for the "novice" at this show. Most of our members are doing fairly well in the breeding-room. Will club secretaries, applying for our patronage, and other correspondents, kindly note that my address is now 2, Alexandria Terrace, Govan.—R. B. Gibbs, Hon. Sec.

NORTHERN B.B.M. AND F.B.C.

Meeting held on May 29th, in Lockhart's, 65, Grainger Street. The Chairman (Mr. C. Pettereon) presided. Several letters from societies applying for club's patronage were read. Decided to leave them over until next meeting, July 24. June meeting has been postponed owing to its date falling in race week. The Secretary (Mr. Geo. Taylor) not having the time to spare to attend meetings, etc., tendered his resignation. Mr. Joe Mackenzie proposed that the best thanks of the Society be given him for his past services, seconded by Mr. J. Scott and carried unanimously. Mr. Taylor suitably replied. Having been appointed in his place, I shall be glad if members will send all correspondence to me in future, and also subscriptions, which are now due. I will gladly send particulars, etc., re membership, to any fancier in the Northern Counties who would like to join us. Annual sub., 2/6.—W. Curry, Sec., 60, Grosvenor Gardens, Newcastle-on-Tyne.

NATIONAL BRITISH BIRD & M.C.

Committee meeting held headquarters, the Feathers Hotel, Great Chapel-street, Westminster, on May 30th. Present, Messrs. J. Robson (chairman), J. Dewhurst, T. R. Trower, W. H. Shepherd, G. Mortlock, A. J. A. Marley, C. T. Maxwell, A. C. Askew, A. Plumbridge, and J. P. Carr. Mr. Robson spoke at some length on the sad death of Mr. W. Page, an active committeeman of the club, as did also several members present. It was unanimously carried that a letter of deep sympathy should be sent to Mrs. Page in her sad bereavement. A number of rings for marking wild birds had been sent by Messrs. Witherby, of High Holborn, for members to place on young birds during their country ramble. These rings were very much criticised by the members, being somewhat clumsy, and with sharp edges, and it had been agreed that Messrs. Robson and Crabb should wait on Messrs. Witherby and explain the danger of these rings. At the last meeting Mr. Robson stated that Mr. Crabb and himself had waited on Messrs. Witherby ,and although he (Mr. Robson) was not satisfied with the safety of these rings, Messrs. Witherby assured them that they were perfectly safe ,and no report had been received of any bird being injured by their use. It was agreed that a few of the rings should he used during the club ramble. A letter was read from Mr. J. Dixon in respect to a medal alleged to have been won by him at Gateshead. It was unanimously carried that, as Mr. Dixon had not complied with Rule 6, he had not won the medal. The committee's attention was drawn to a resolution that was passed re the club diploma being hung in the club room, and Mr. Dewhurst very kindly offered to have a box frame made for the diploma and suitably lettered before being hung in the club-room. Mr. Dewhurst's offer was unanimously accepted. A discussion was opened respecting extending the work of the club. After much discussion it was decided to further discuss the matter at the next meeting. Messrs. Bonham (East Lexham), Otto Puck (Chingford), and Maddison (Newcastle) were elected members.—Plumbridge and Carr, Hon. Secs.

NEWCASTLE C.B.S.

Monthly meeting held June 6th, at headquarters, 65, Grainger Street, Mr. T. C. Crawhall in the chair. Mr. Crawhall informed the members present that the Secretary had written to Mr. T. Taylor on behalf of the society tendering our sympathy at the death of her husband, our esteemed fellow member and committeeman; also that Mr. R. Tindale had sent a wreath on behalf of the society, and would like anyone so disposed to contribute towards it, so members please note Mr. Tindale's address is 141, Stanton Street, Newcastle. Correspondence was read from Cinnamon C.C., Border Fancy Club, Northern Lizard Club, Northern Border and Scotch Fancy Club. Mr. Crawhall also read a long letter from our late member, Mr. J. Currah, who is in Australia. New members elected: Messrs. J. Smart, Tweedmouth; J. Dugdale, St. Lawrence; W. H. Butler, Stanley; T. W. Christie and Son, Chopwell; W. C. Ward, Newcastle; W. Robertson, Newcastle; T. Bewick, Dudley Colliery; and Mr. Callaghan, Newcastle. Mr. A. Brown, of Gateshead, gave us a lecture on the Norwich Plainhead. He commenced by saying we had to take his remarks as his own expression. What he liked to breed with were short cobby birds of the Bullfinch type, with large skulls. For quality he used yellow hens; for type, buff hens; but for size, double Buffing. He didn't care for forcing birds to breed, but just paired when ready; gave bread and boiled egg; he found this made better birds than egg and biscuit. For green food he gave chickweed, and he reduced the egg food when leaving parents. He always gave plenty of water to bathe in. When showing birds, see that cages are clean. The lecture was listened to very attentively, and at the close Mr. Brown answered a great number of questions. He was heartily thanked for same, and suitably replied. Committee please note: Meeting, June 20th, at 8. Mr. Ramsden will give lecture at July meeting, "Colour Feeding." Will fanciers and friends please note that there is only one Newcastle-upon-Tyne Bird Society, and that is the one I have the honour to be secretary of. There is another society which, when started a few weeks ago, called themselves "Newcastle Novice C.B.S." But my society is the old-established society and is *the* society in Newcastle. Do not forget nest feather show, June 22nd, in Crosby's Cafe (1.30 p.m. to 8.30 p.m.), Northumberland Street. I will supply anyone with tickets if they will send to my address, 218, Ladykirk Road, Newcastle.—J. W. Reed, Sec.

SUNDERLAND C.B.A.

Fortnightly meeting held June 8th, Mr. W. F. Swan presiding. Mr. Fern was made a member. The classification for open show was considered and adjourned until next meeting.—J. Jeffrey, Hon. Sec.

SHETTLESTON C.B.S.

Meeting held, Johnston's Rooms, June 8, Mr. Hendrie presiding over a good turnout of members. First Feather Show fixed for July 6. Four handsome silver medals to be competed for. All fanciers in the district wishing to compete must send in the names before July 1. For full particulars apply A. Berry, sec.

WEST OF SCOTLAND O.S.

Monthly meeting in Nelson's Temperance Hotel, Mr. P. Thom (president) presiding over a fair attendance. Arrangements for first feather show held July 6th were completed, and are as follows: Crests, 4 classes; P.H., 4 classes; Yorks., 2 classes; Borders, 5 classes. Mr. F. Taylor judge. Birds to be staged not later than 3.45, Nelson's Hall. Messrs. Thom, Smart and Gunion were appointed as deputation to attend Glasgow and District C.B.A. meeting.—Wm. Hutchison.

LEIGH.

Leigh Linnet Club held a general meeting June 7, when the following officers were elected for the coming season: President, J. W. Jones; vice-president, G. Amison; secretary, R. Holcroft; assist sec., W. Statham; committee, A. Jackson, T. Statham, J. Yates, R. Disley, J. Poole. Decided to have the annual knife-and-fork tea July 20. Will every member come to our next general meeting, July 5, when there will be business of very great importance.—R. Holcroft, Sec.

NOTTINGHAM Permanent O.S.

We are holding our annual first feather show with classes for British birds and mules, on July 20th. We look like having a good show, several of our members having got some good youngsters. Fanciers, now is your time if you wish to become members of this society; it is open to anyone residing within 10 miles of Nottingham. The society is in a flourishing position. There are specials at F.F.S. for best young birds. Anyone wishing to become a member should let me have their names and addresses. Subs., 3s. per year.—J. Bunn, Secretary, 81, Ena Avenue, Sneinton Dale.

NORTHERN BORDER & S.F.C.C.

Meeting and table show June 3rd, Mr. W. Smith in the chair. Correspondence was read re patronage, and the Secretary was instructed to write and give number of classes required for shows to receive our patronage. The following were elected members: Messrs. Beaver (Wellington Quay), Stephenson (Wallsend), G. R. Henderson (Whitley Bay), Dyer (Benwell). Winners at table show:—Class 1, W. Smith. Class 2, W. Smith. Class 3, 1, 3, 4, Mr. Greenwell; 2, J. Johnstone. Class 4, 1, Mr. Smith; 2, 3, Mr. T. Smith. Class 5, 1, 3, Mr. Smith; 2, W. Affleck. Class 6, 1, W. Affleck; 2, J. Read; 3, T. Smith. A hearty vote of thanks was given Mr. Montgomery for acting as judge.—M. C. Potts, Sec.

COWDENBEATH C.B.S.

The above society held a very successful smoking concert, June 4, in the Old Inn, Mr. J. C. Murray (President) in the chair. Over 40 members and friends turned up and a most enjoyable evening was spent. After justice had been done to the excellent repast supplied by Mr. C. McLean, the toast of the Cowdenbeath Cage Bird Society was enthusiastically pledged. An excellent programme of songs and recitations was carried through, the following contributing: Messrs. Wm. Robertson, A. Simpson, A. Robertson, J. Brand, A. Beveridge, Wm. Gewar, Jos. R. Reid, E. Duthie, Geo. Raitay, Jas. McVicar, Geo. Sinclair, and J. MacKiver. Mr. Robt. Johnstone, at the piano, provided a splendid accompaniment. Members and friends were delighted with the quality and variety of the entertainment. The only regret was that time was so short, as we could have gone on for another couple of hours easily.—Joseph R. Reid, Sec.

CINNAMON-MARKED YORKSHIRE C.C.

Annual meeting, held in Market Tavern, Bradford, June 8, under the chairmanship of Mr. R. Garnett. The balance sheet was accepted, which showed a balance of 8/- upon year's work. The following were elected officers for ensuing year: President, Mr. A. Brown; vice-presidents, Messrs. P. Drake and R. Garnett; auditors, Messrs. S. Dean and R. Halliday; secretaries, Messrs. B. Brown and R. Garnett; committee, Messrs. W. Richmond, H. H. Towers, D. Thornton, A. Cooper, F. Hammond, T. W. Hall, A. Whitley, J. Bailey, T. Ogden, J. Greaves, E. Clegg, W. H. Shackleton, G. Snead. Three competitions are to be run by the club for coming season, open champions, amateur, novice. Some alteration was made in regard to open novice competitors, any member now being eligible to compete for amateur prizes who has not won three first prizes in open classes. This rule should considerably improve the entries for amateurs. The following new members were elected: Messrs. J. E. Hirst, W. Long, J. Atkinson J. Harney. Decided that applications for patronage be accepted until July 20; all future communications to be addressed to Mr. B. Brown, 10, Haw Street, Yeadon, or Mr. R. Garnett, 117, Woodville Terrace, Windhill, Shipley.—A. B. Grayshon.

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PERTH CITY AND COUNTY O S

Monthly meeting held in Laidlaw's Rooms, Leonard Street, June 3rd, Mr. D. Brown in the chair. A letter was read from Mr. John Young, Rutherglen, agreeing to act as judge of Crests at open show. Agreed that nest feather show be held June 29th, at 3. Classes: Nor. P.H. yell., ditto buff, Mules, Brit., Lark and larger, Brit. small. Entry, 3d. each bird; over 4 free. Special for best in each variety. A prominent fancier was nominated for judge.—J. Kew, Sec.

GT. HORTON (Good Intent) O.S.

Meeting held Church Schools, Southfield Lane, June 8th. Mr. D. Bartle presided over a record attendance, and the meting proved to be one of great interest. The business part of the meeting was gone through in a real good manner. Subjects which were discussed brought forward some very long debates. Four new members were elected: A. Brown, J. Ramsden, J. Ward, and Mrs. C. M. Sunderland. There is still room for more, and new fanciers will be welcomed. Subs. 3s. per year. For further particulars apply to A. Morley, Assistant Sec., 123, Hartington Terrace, Lidget Green.

VALE OF LEVEN C.B.C.

Monthly meeting held in Schoolroom, Alexandria, President J. Hannah in the chair. The ball committee reported that they had taken Public Hall, Alexandria, for First Feather Show, July 6, from two till six p.m., and Public Hall, Alexandria, for Annual Show, Nov. 16. Ramble committee reported ramble in conjunction with the Glasgow and Western C.B.C., and agreed that the same had been a great success. Classes for First Feather Show were carefully gone over, and adopted. Admission, F.F. Show, to be twopence, and threepence for annual show. Judges were approved of for F.F. Show. Owing to lateness, other special business of Annual Show had to be left over until next monthly meeting.—A. H. McLean, sec.

CITY OF BIRMINGHAM C.B.S.

Monthly meeting held Crown Hotel, Station-street, June 5th, Mr. Broadhurst in chair. Messrs. Austin, Smitb, Steanes, and Webb were elected members. Classification as suggested by committee was adopted for nest feather show, to be held next club night, July 3rd, and Mr. F. J. Weaver, Wolverhampton, elected judges. Entries to be made night of show. Exhibits staged 6.30; show open 9; free admission. Ten 2s. 6d. cash specials, and one 10s. 6d. pair of trousers to measure, have been promised for competition at this show, while the secretary offers an oak smoking cabinet, value 20s., made by himself, for most points gained at this show and the young stock show in October. Members on our books nearly seventy; a record for this society for some years back. Colour-food question was dealt with. Decided to purchase in bulk, all profits to go to the society's funds.—J. H. Jones, Hon. Sec.

LOCHGELLY AND DIST. C.B.S.

Monthly meeting, Kelso's, Main Street, June 1st, Mr. T. Wildridge presiding over a large turnout of members. All those that wanted colour feed handed in their names. Secretary was instructed to write to the various specialist clubs for their patronage. Collectors for the year elected. The following new members were then proposed: Messrs. Spalding, C. Shilbraid, J. B. Reid, W. Gray, J. Gray, C. Croy, J. Cairns, G. Douglas, P. Grant, J. Taylor, A. Mathieson, J. Beedie, A. Anderson. A discussion regarding a ramble then took place, and the Secretary was instructed to write Mr. Munro Ferguson, M.P., for permission to visit his estate. Next meeting, June 22nd, Victoria Bar, Church Street. Closing date for local members joining is July 31st; fee, 2s. 6d. Local district, Lochgelly, Lochore and Glencraig, Bowhill, Cardenden, Dundonald. Fanciers in those districts are earnestly requested to join.—W. Grewar, Hon. Sec.

STOKE-ON-TRENT C.B.A.

Meeting held June 3, about twenty members present. Arrangements were completed for the young bird show, June 22. 20 classes, including two open to members of local societies, in addition to the cup and medal competition. A nice list of specials are to be competed for. Mr. Ratcliff is presenting a tea service for most points. Mr. Bowers gives a special for the best bird; Mr. Pitchford one for best Norwich; Mr. Smith one for best Yorks; Mr. Walton one for best British; and Mr. Alcock one for best bird shown by a new member, so that members have every inducement to make this show even a better one than last year's effort. We were to have had a lecture on "Colour Feeding," by Mr. W. Bowyer, of Leek, but as he was unable to be present, the Secretary read a paper on the same subject, which appeared to interest those present. It is very desirable that all members should try to attend the next meeting, as then we shall decide where the annual open show will be held.—J. Pitchford, Sec.

SHEFFIELD O.S.

Meeting, June 4th, at headquarters, Rose and Crown Hotel, when over 60 members attended the table show of young birds bred by novices. Chairman, Mr. T. Dawn. Our novice members are very keen, proved by the number of birds staged. Yorks. naturally topped the bill in Class I. with 25 entries. Judge, Mr. T. Bishop, our genial secretary, who gave general satisfaction. In Class II., Norwich, the quality was there, but the numbers were not nearly so large. The writer had the honour of placing the cards, and had not a very difficult task. Mr. J. Memmott, like myself, had not a very difficult task in Class III., Crest and C.-B., though he, too, could not complain of quality. Dr. Deane, of Dewsbury, proved the winner, which was very pleasing, showing the interest he takes when he sends birds all the way from Dewsbury for a table show. A judging competition (novices only) also took place. The majority of the novices entered into this very keenly and would naturally gain a deal of knowledge. Winners: Yorks. section, Mr. J. Smith; Nor. section, Mr. G. Fletcher and Mr. Sisson tied, both placing the birds in the correct order; Crest and C.-B.: Mr. F. Smith. Our Chairman referred to a letter of condolence written by the secretary to Mrs. Taylor, of Gateshead, expressing sympathy at her great loss by the death of her husband, always a big supporter of the Sheffield O.S. Such fanciers are badly missed by societies; it is a pity there are not a good many more exhibitors of the calibre of the late Mr. Taylor. The next announcement from our Chairman was of a very pleasing nature, and that was the success that our society had attained by winning the £5 prize given by CAGE BIRDS for the society holding the greatest number of members of CAGE BIRDS LEAGUE for competition at our all-England show. This should be an inducement to secretaries of other societies and cause them to "buck up" and get a large list of their members to join the LEAGUE. Don't forget next meeting, July 2nd. A lecture on "Colour Feeding," by Mr. J. A. T. Woodall. This should draw a large crowd, coming, as it does, just at the commencement of the moulting season. Friends heartily invited.—J. A. T. Woodall, Press correspondent.

ROTHERHAM C.B.S.

Special meeting held June 8, at the College Inn, Mr. W. Brotherton presiding over a good attendance. Decided to have classes for nest feather show same as last year, with three open classes—1 Yorkshire, 1 Norwich, 1 British, with 8s., 4s., 2s. as prize money for a 1s. entrance fee; also to have a two weeks' advert in "Cage Birds." Mr. G. Browning promised to give us a lecture at our next meeting, to be held June 29, when all fanciers are invited.—B. Bailey, Sec.

NEWCASTLE NOVICE C.B.S.

Meeting held at Purvis's Cafe, Clayton Street, June 6. Mr. A. Gordon in the chair. Mr. H. Curtis was elected a member. It was proposed to hold the society as a club this year, and give the patronage to some society in the neighbourhood with the hope that other novice friends will join the club and make a good muster to ensure success. Some of the members present passed some useful remarks as to rearing and feeding, which were much enjoyed. All novice friends wishing to join the above society will be heartily made welcome; entrance fee 1s. and 2s. 6d. per annum. Meetings held first Thursday in each month, at 7.30.—T. W Lumsden, sec.

WALKLEY C.B.S.

Meeting in conjunction with table show, St. Philip's Mission Room, Westmorland Street, Mr. T. Ridal in the chair. A very crowded meeting on account of the show, visitors being well represented. We are making wonderful progress, new members being made every meeting night; 56 on the books now. It bids fair to rival the other societies yet. Special mention of the table show should be made. The officials offer their congratulations on the record created, novices particularly. This kind of show is quite new to Sheffield. Previous shows have been confined to one or two classes. We have 12 specials to be given for the highest and next highest in each of the five sections. Competition was very keen in most sections, novices being well divided, Mr. P. Chadwick leading in Yorks with 12; Nor., Mr. G. Abbott, 10; members' Nor., Mr. F. G. Cowley is well away with 24; members' Yorks., Mr. J. Thorpe leading with 15. The show in every way was voted a huge success. The business of nest feather show was next dealt with. The secs. will sit on June 17, at headquarters, from 8 to 9, to receive all entries. Fixed prize money, 3s., 2s., 1s., will be paid July meeting, at which is a lecture on colour-feeding by Mr. T. Hemming.—C. Tomlinson, sec.

WALLASEY C.B.S.

Monthly meeting, June 6th, at headquarters, Fairhaven Institute, Seaview Road, Liscard, a very good attendance of members being present. Mr. G. Benson occupied the chair. The subject for the evening was "The Question Box." The mode of procedure was as follows: Each member present wrote a question on paper, these being placed in a hat, and slips of paper containing the names of those present were placed in another hat. Then one paper from each was drawn. In every case an attempt was made to answer the given question, sometimes greatly to the amusement of those present, but in all cases most instructive and profitable. The following were some of the questions asked: "Does cinnamon blood improve the green bird as regards colour? What is the best age to show young birds? Is a Rook a Crow? Is sheeting-up necessary during moult? How to save young birds from dying after they leave the nest. How to deal with sweating hens. How to select a good Greenfinch. How to deal with young birds after they leave their parents, etc. A most enjoyable evening was brought to a close by a proposition to hold two more rambles, June 15th, 2.30 p.m.; and June 23rd, 10 a.m., meeting at headquarters. Five new members elected.—Thomas Edwards, Hon. Sec.

CHELTENHAM C.B.S.

A paper on "Fascinating Foreign Birds," by Mr. J. Edmunds (Swindon), attracted a room full of members and visitors on June 5. The ordinary business having been transacted, the chairman, Mr. Lewis, called upon Mr. Edmunds for his paper. Mr. Edmunds said he was somewhat of the nature of a hardy annual, this being the third year he had had the pleasure of meeting his fellow-members and talking about foreign birds. Before speaking of the birds proper, Mr. Edmunds gave some very useful tips upon various things, such as the wood he uses for cage making, also a special paint, and passed round samples of seed, etc. It was a mistaken notion, he said, to think that foreign birds were delicate, and needed a lot of coddling. He had always found them hardy, and sometimes hardier than ordinary British, and gave as an example an account of a number of Gouldian Finches he had flying in an open aviary through a severe winter, and although many roosted in an open flight in all sorts of weather, they were always fit and hardy. The essayist, having a soft spot in his heart for Lories, spoke at some length on this interesting family, describing the various species, their peculiarities, and the treatment necessary to ensure good health and show form. The next birds to receive attention were the Tanagers, and these were followed by several more insectivorous and fruit-eating species, then seed-eating species. A vote of thanks to Mr. Edmunds close a very instructive evening.—A. F. Treasure.

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TWO pair gent's glace, hand-sewn boots, 7½ and 8½, cheap; or exchange netting or cages; anything useful: Rathbone, 6, Doddridge Square, Northampton.

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SPLENDID concert clarionette, 14 keys, grand tone, good condition, 35/-; gent's gold ring, large brilliant, 7/6; exchange cycle, anything: Bugg, Stonemason, Holbeach.

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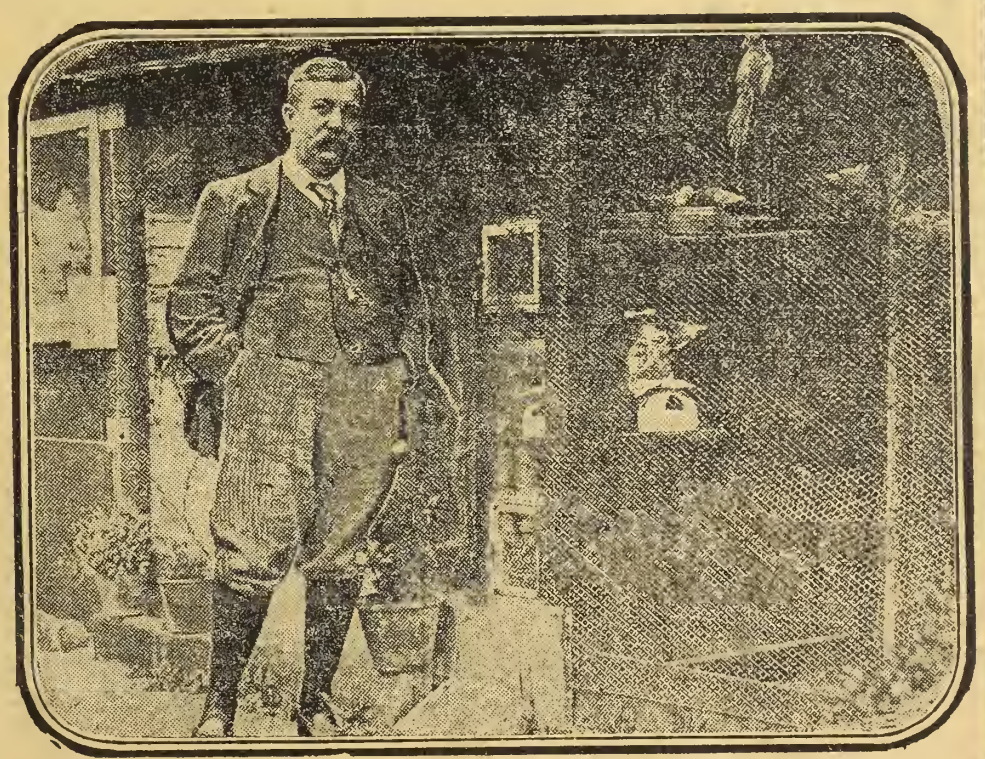

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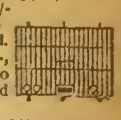

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COCK Blackbird, cock Thrush, 12/-, or exchange disc records: Tutty, 3, Squarey-st., Tooting.

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HANDSOME, loud singing cock Song Thrush, fine healthy bird, exchange, poultry preferred: Chopping, Elm Grove, Bishop Stortford.

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EXCHANGE twice house-moulted Greenfinch cock Muler, for Norwich hen, untried; yours first: Barns, 5, Lichfield-rd., Edmonton, London.

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FOUR Chaffinches, cocks, four Greenfinch hens, Linnet, Bramblefinch, all house-moulted, cash or exchange Foreigners; also Blackbird cock: Craigen, Comrie, Cairnie, Huntly, Aberdeenshire.

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WHAT offers for two Yorkshire hens, 1 Roller hen, no live stock; sell 10/-: Smith, 1, Castle-st., Blackburn.

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EXCHANGE two pairs Borders, nesting, for Toy Pom., or useful exchange, or sell £1: Barton, 36, East-st., Barking.

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EXCHANGE 1911 Roller hen Canary and three compartment or large single breeder, for cock; what offers: Lake, 10, Crescent-st., Grimsby.

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EXCHANGE two 1910 cock Canaries, 1 Crest, 1 Crest-bred, Joyce's strain; lever watch, Roller cock, or anything motor cyclist, no rubbish on either side: Coupar, 3, Thorter Row, Dundee.

SIX pairs prize-bred Borders, 15/6 pair, or would exchange boots, blankets, bed covers, good running cycle, 24in. frame, offers in anything useful in house: Greenhorn, 164, Oakbank, Mid Calder, Midlothian.

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Arrival of Rare Indian and Other Birds.

By WESLEY T. PAGE, F.Z.S.

On June 12th I had the opportunity of seeing a fine series of Indian and other Eastern species, recently landed by Mr. W. Frost, who has been abroad some months collecting them. Their number would have been much larger, but for the inclement weather encountered after leaving Port Said. Of the rare Red Sunbird (*Æthopyga*), which has never been imported alive previously, only one lived to reach English shores, and that only survived one or two days, and all I saw was its body, sufficient to indicate the exquisite beauty of the species, which is clad in scarlet, yellow, metallic green and purple. The majority of the birds are bespoke for the New York Zoo.

Among the birds, some 250 or more, are many rarities and very many really desirable species, of which I note the following:—

Robins.—Any Robin, wherever it hails from, is interesting; the traits and characteristics which have endeared the Redbreast to English hearts are more or less common to the whole group, and constitute them ideal birds for the aviculturist who has fair accommodation, for the various species cannot be kept together. Blue-headed Robin (*Adelura cæruleocephala*): About the same size, but a little slimmer, than the English Robin, its plumage is black, with a silvery grey-blue cap. Major Perrean imported this species in 1908, I think, the pair he brought over passing into the possession of H. D. Astley, Esq.—a beautiful and fascinating species. Brown-backed Indian Robin (*Thamnobia cambaiensis*): A beautiful and graceful species, reminding one of the Shama in its deportment and elegant form. It is 6 inches long and has a tail of 2⅞ inches. The male is dusky olive-brown above with the wings and tail black, which is also the colour of the lores, ear coverts and underparts. A white spot adorns each wing, and the centre of abdomen and under tail coverts are rich chestnut. The female is dusky brown with middle of abdomen and under tail coverts chestnut. Red-flanked Bush-Robin (*Ianthia rufilata*): Similar in size and form to the preceding species, but of much brighter plumage. The male is blue above, with the forehead, eye streak, shoulder patch and rump ultramarine; below it is white, washed on the breast with brown, flanks rufous. The female is brown with traces of blue on the shoulders and above the eye. A most desirable species. There were also specimens of the Loo-choo Robin (*Erithacus komadori*), which, we believe, pass into the possession of that well-known aviculturist, H. D. Astley, Esq., and the Japanese Redbreast (*E. akahige*)

Short-Billed Minivet (*Pericrocotus brevirostris*): Several specimens of this lovely species were safely landed. It is blue-black above and flaming scarlet below. The female is mostly grey above, with patches or spots of yellow on forehead, wings, rump and tail beneath yellow.

Ashy Wood-Sparrow (*Artamus fuscus*): I do not think this species has been previously imported alive, it is similar to the Masked and White-eye browed, in form, size and the lovely bloom on its plumage. The general hue of the plumage is ashy-grey, with a slight wash of rufous on the upper back; the lores are black, and the under parts ashy-white. In a state of nature they live entirely upon insects.

Redstarts: The collection included four lovely species, the Blue-fronted, Indian, Plumbeous and White-capped. All are beautiful as well as interesting. I have kept the Plumbeous. It did well out of doors all the year round in one of my aviaries for several years. I had better remark here that all the foregoing species would thrive on some good insectile mixture, and a liberal supply of live insects—fruit should also be given to such species as will take it.

Flycatchers: I noticed three species (there may have been others, but some of the cages were rather high up). The Flycatchers have a Robin-like demeanour and appearance which make them fascinating cage or aviary birds, to say nothing of the beautiful hues of their plumage. The species were: The Verditer, the Blue-throated and the Rufous-bellied Niltava.

Shrikes: Some very interesting species and excellent specimens—Rufous-backed (*Lanius erythronotus*), Brown (*L. cristatus*), Black-headed (*L. nigriceps*), Indian Great Grey (*L. lahtora*); also the Cuckoo-Shrike (*Graculus macii*).

Fruitsuckers and Bulbuls.—Of the former beautiful birds only the Gold-fronted (*Chloropsis aurifrous*) and Hardwick's (*C. hardwicki*) were represented, but the latter were in true pairs and one can only hope that one pair at least may remain in this country with some aviculturist able to give them breeding accommodation. The Fruitsuckers are unequalled as cage pets. Diet: Ripe fruit, insectile mixture, milk sop and live insects. All the Bulhuls are interesting, and, moreover, usually do well in captivity. Several rare species were included: Brown-eared (*Hæmixos flavala*), Japanese (*Hypsipetes amaurotis*), and the Indian Black-crested Yellow (*Rubigula flavivcntris*). Diet: Seed, insectile mixture and live insects; also fruit for such as will take it.

There were many other very interesting species, of which I can only give a list: Pigmy and Golden-backed Woodpeckers; Black-headed and Yellow-headed Wagtails; Pagoda and Malabar Starlings; Pied and Gold-crested Mynahs; Ruby-throats (in true pairs); Black-headed and Maroon Orioles; Chestnut-bellied Nuthatch; White-bellied Drongo; King Crow; Lanceolated Jays; Wandering Tree-Pies; Blue-winged Sivas Persian Nightingales; Tickell's Ouzel, Blue and Chestnut-bellied Rock Thrushes; Black-throated Pipit; Golden-eyed Babbler; Pied Wood-chat; Yellow-cheeked Marsh, Grey and Green-backed Tits; Indian Skylarks (*Alauda galgula*); Black-billed Finch Larks; Jerdon's Accentor; Crested and Calandra Larks; Hair-crested and Eastern Meadow Buntings; Yellow-throated and Cinnamon Sparrows; Himalayan Goldfinches; Sikkhim Siskins, India Green Barbets; Rain and Little Button Quail; Buff-backed Herons and Pratincoles. Mr. Frost is to be congratulated on having gathered together and safely landed so many rare and interesting species, and to be sympathised with over the many rare and beautiful birds he lost during the last stage of the voyage.

TIMELY HINTS.

Four prizes of 2s. 6d. each (cash, or our books to value, at option of winners) given weekly to the senders of the four best Hints. All hints must be WRITTEN ON POST CARDS, *with sender's name and address at foot, and reach us by Monday's post.*

To Prevent Feather Plucking.

When young birds are on hard seed and turned into the flight, the only trouble the fancier has to encounter is feather-plucking. The old method of curing this was to tie pieces of twine or cord in the cages to keep them busy nibbling at them. A better way is to procure some blades of grass (or hay) and hang these up. This keeps them from the mischievous habit, and is also a good green food.—Edward Evans (Penyrheol).

Creosote for Red Mite.

[Winner of Half-crown Prize.]

I have been very much troubled with red mite, but have at last discovered what I consider absolutely the best, easiest and cheapest way of obviating them. All that is necessary is to paint the nest box or basket with creosote, and then hang it outside for two or three days before using. You will never be troubled with red mite, and the birds do not take any notice of the creosote.—Richard Barron (35, Eleanor Street, Wigan).

Young Birds and the Moult.

[Winner of Half-crown Prize.]

If you see any young after leaving the parents go "thick" or the least bit soft, mix at once a few drops of Scott's Emulsion with their egg-food, and you'll lose very few before they are through the moult. But the best way is to be on the safe side, and stick to the old adage that "Prevention is better than cure." Mix a few drops two or three times a week with their soft food, from the time of taking them away from the parents right through the moult.—F. Barron, 84, Chestnut Street, Ashington, Northumberland.

Feeding Linnets for Song.

[Winner of Half-crown Prize.]

I have found the following best for keeping Linnets in full song and condition. Stock mixture: Add ¼lb. of spanish canary seed to 1lb. of English rape. Special Mixture: 1oz. each of dandelion, lettuce, thistle, cornflower seeds, and ½-oz. each of maw, inga, gold of pleasure, and linseed. Mix all the special seeds together, and give half a teaspoonful 3 times a week. During the moulting season keep the special seeds from them; then add 2oz. of linseed to the stock mixture.—Geo. Reed (35, Newcastle Street, Brandon Colliery, Durham).

Epsom Salts Helps Hens to Feed.

Hens will sometimes feed the young till they are a week old or thereabouts; then they will starve them. First take the young away and feed them yourself a while; then get a bottle—an 8-ounce medicine bottle is the best—place a pennyworth of Epsom salts in the bottle; fill up with warm water, shake till dissolved, then let cool. Fill the drinking fountain a quarter-full first day; if that does not do, half fill it the next day. You can safely put the young back afterwards. She will take every care of them and feed till they can care for themselves.—A. W. Fullwood (Wolverhampton).

Nests for Hybrid Breeding.

[Winner of Half-crown Prize.]

After trying various nesting places for Bullfinches and other Finches, I find the following is the safest and best. Get a small German wicker cage, and with small tacks fix all round the sides and ends some small pieces of heather or other twigs. Do not put them on with string or the birds are likely to get their legs caught. Then place in the bottom of the cage some dried twitch grass, that can be got from any field and press well down. This is a fine thing to keep the hens from "sweating," and there will be found very little difficulty in getting them to go to nest.—B. Garner (Bannold, Waterbeach, Cambs.)

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Over-due Subscriptions.

I have had to send out some three hundred postcards reminding members that their renewal subscriptions are over-due. This means time and money, which could be spent to a better purpose, and I have to ask members, as a personal favour, to be kind enough to send along their renewal fees without waiting for me to apply for them. If they are in doubt as to the date upon which these fall due there is still no object in delay, for the renewal receipts are dated to cover one year from the proper date, without regard to the day upon which the renewals may happen to be paid. Further, in the competition for our medals, which I know will be very popular during the forthcoming season, only paid members of Cage Birds League will be entitled to participate. Members should, therefore, in their own interests, make sure that they are in the list of paid members before the show season commences. It has given me great pleasure to note the spirit of good-fellowship which exists among us, as is evidenced by the tone of the letters I am receiving daily. Practically everyone of these voices the brotherly feeling which animates our organisation. The following letter from our member, Mr. Downing, of Manchester, is a type of the many. It is not possible to answer these individually, but I hope that it is quite understood that all the good wishes are thoroughly appreciated and cordially reciprocated by your secretary.

"I enclose P.O., in payment of the renewal of my subscription as a member of our only League in the bird world, wishing it luck, and the best of everything, including yourself in the lot."

A Member's Good Wishes.

I hope the League is going strong. My pendant has aroused some enquiry among friends, and I hope it helps both paper and League. With continued good wishes to "C.B."—Dan McArthur.

A Word for Mr. Peck.

Sir,—On opening my Cage Birds last week, I was very pleased indeed to see that Mr. Peck has been awarded first prize for the recruiting competition for Cage Birds League. There is not a man works harder for anything he undertakes than our old friend Mr. Peck. Whether it be in organising a show for a poor man's benefit or taking round a list for subscriptions for hospitals, or dressing himself up in fancy costume to benefit carnivals, or anything you like to mention. He is one of the best-hearted chaps I have ever met in the Fancy. As long as I have known him he has been a true fancier, and I am sure every member of Cage Birds League will agree with me in thanking Mr. Peck for the good work which he has done for our cause.—J. F. Shiers.

A Generous Offer to Glaswegians.

Mr. J. Stevenson, local hon. sec. for Glasgow to Cage Birds League, whose address is 38, McNeil St., South Side, Glasgow, makes an offer which is as original as it is generous. In a letter to me dated 3rd inst. Mr. Stevenson said: "If anyone in Glasgow will send me three Bird lover's Coupons properly filled up, I will add three to them and procure their Associate Badges. This is open to any one of either sex in Glasgow." I wrote to Mr. Stevenson asking him if he appreciated the magnitude of his grand offer, and he has replied that he is assured, as the result of ten days' "scouting," that he can get at least a hundred supplementary coupons, and he asks me to state that he will guarantee to get for the first fifty readers sending him three coupons the necessary three remaining coupons properly signed. In confirming his offer, Mr. Stevenson writes as follows:—

"To the first fifty persons in Glasgow sending me three coupons each filled in properly, I will give the remaining three coupons needed, filled up, and I will produce their badge for them. Trusting I shall be able to add fifty new associates to the League, and as many more if I can get them, which I hope and trust I can. I would take it as a great favour if members of our good old Cage Birds League would rally round and promise to sign a coupon for me, and so help to add another Associate to the already swelling numbers. I know all this will take a little expense in writing and postage, but as a member of (and more so, local Hon. Sec. for Glasgow) Cage Birds League, I think it is but part of my duty to do as much as I can for the paper that has given me so much help in the past and does as much for others as well as myself in the present. And, let me tell you, sir, that I feel real happy when about the market I get a glimpse of someone wearing the "C.B." League badge. Now and then I wish I could see more of them being worn, but perhaps the day is not far distant when one will see every bird-lover wearing the badge of "C.B.L."

Let Good Example Guide You.

It only remains for every Glasgow reader to send Mr. Stevenson three signed coupons from this or any other issue. It is, of course, unnecessary for me to say that I am proud that our League numbers among its members such enthusiasts as Mr. Stevenson and Mr. Peck, who is referred to in the letter from our member, Mr. Shiers, which I am glad to publish. There is no question as to Cage Birds League being a power for good while it has members such as these to help it in its work to establish a world-wide brotherhood of bird-lovers.

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A Noted South-Country Fancier's Hints on Breeding Norwich Plainheads.

A Lecture delivered on June 6th by Mr. J. Hodder, before the Hornsey, Wood Green and District C.B.S.

Gentlemen,—In taking up the breeding of Canaries of any description, the first thing to take into consideration is suitable cages for the particular variety you are about to start with. The breeding cages for the Norwich Plainheads, in my opinion, should be 20in. long, 14in. high, and 10in. from front to back. This gives the birds room to move about and carry out their duties in comfort. While speaking of cages, I might mention that during the winter months it is imperative that the hens especially should be kept in large flights, the larger the better, so that they may be able to exercise themselves well and gain in health and vigour by the time the breeding season comes round. The cock birds can also be kept together during the winter months, provided they are not quarrelsome, but they must be separated in the early spring time, as they invariably turn quarrelsome.

Don't Fly Too High at First.

To a beginner—i.e., one about to start breeding Norwich Plainheads—I would say: "Don't pay too high a price for your stock birds," as if you pay a very high price and you should happen to have poor results, it will tend to dishearten you, but lay your money out carefully. Pay about 30s. to 40s. per pair; for that sum you will be able to procure decent birds for stock purposes. Of course, show birds run to very high prices. I like the Norwich Plainhead because he is a bird of such grand type. I mean a good show specimen. He is also a bird of glorious colour and a real good one always carries such superb quality of feather. It does the eyesight good to see a first-class yellow standing like a ball of fire on his perch; and a real good buff, what a pleasing bird to look upon, with his silky feathering and glistening meal on the surface, like frozen snow with the sun shining upon it, and then that beautiful under-colour bursting up through the frosting! I say to a true fancier such a sight makes the heart glad, especially if the show season is at hand.

Show Bird to Show Bird not Advocated,

In pairing, I do not trouble to pair two show birds; the best results are not always obtained by pairing show birds. I never hesitate to pair up a small hen provided I know how she has been bred. Small hens that are very tight in feather and of good type and quality, if paired to cocks a bit long or even a bit rough, will often breed some nice birds. I once had one of these small hens—a yellow—in fact, so small that some fanciers would scarcely look at her. I paired her to a big cock, and this pair bred me a most lovely buff cock that did a good share of winning, even during his first year beating many old birds. If you find your stock losing in colour, get a good yellow green cock, and he will give you enough green blood to last for years if carefully worked through all your stock. Use the bronze green, not the grassy green, if you are aiming at increasing colour. Do not overdo the green; if you use too much you will have too large a percentage of greens, and so you will defeat your object—i.e., to breed a good clear yellow that is all ablaze with colour, which is not a very easy task. Whenever possible I pair a ticked or marked bird to a clear, which keeps the green evenly distributed throughout the whole stud, and by this means I do not get too many greens.

Assisting the Colour Food.

Colour feeding will have little effect in giving good sound deep colouring unless you breed for colour in the way I have described. If the colour is bred into the birds there will be little difficulty in bringing it out when colour feeding commences and the moult is in progress. I have had birds come through the moult a glorious colour, after having been fed on alternate days with the colour food, and I have seen birds that have been crammed with it daily come through the moult a very poor colour; in fact, altogether unfit for the show bench, hence, I repeat, the necessity for breeding to get colour.

While the breeding operations are in progress I feed my stock birds liberally, and indeed for some weeks before I give the cocks some tit-bit to bring them on. I do not feed the hens so liberally as the cocks before pairing up, as I find the hens, if we are not careful, will get fat by the time we pair up, and you can get no good from a hen that is too fat. She will not lay, and is, in fact, absolutely useless as a breeder while she remains in a fat condition. So always watch your hens as the season approaches to see they do not become too fat. The singing of the cocks, as a rule, has the effect of bringing the hens into condition. When they are first paired up I give them sixteen drops of chemical food in their drinking water during the whole of the first week, and I have found this to be conducive to having the eggs well fertilised. Give them plenty of good flint and shell grit in vessels provided for the purpose, and use coarse sawdust in the cage bottom. If a hen has a tendency to lay soft eggs, give her the shells of fowls' eggs baked and broken up small, and an old piece of mortar in the corner of the cage is often found useful, as she pecks at it, and the lime has a tendency to assist the formation of shell.

"Bucking Up" Slack Feeders.

If hens become slack in feeding the young after the first few days, as many do, try a little Glauber salts in the drinking water, and, in addition to the egg food, in another vessel, give some milk sop with maw seed sprinkled over it. I have known hens feed well on such a food as milk sop and best German rape seed, the latter having been soaked in cold water for about eight hours. Put in a sieve and let all the water run out of it, and then place in a clean cloth for a short time before giving to the birds. Give also ripe apple early in the season, or watercress later on. By resorting to these means, hens are often induced to feed when otherwise they would allow the young to die.

For nesting diarrhœa try a little prepared chalk in the soft food or three drops of chlorodyne in the drinking water, and stop all green food until the trouble is over. The trouble is often brought on by giving green food in too large quantities, so give sparingly and avoid the trouble if you can. Never give green food until the young are three or four days old, and not then if the weather is cold. Sometimes I find it best to leave the cock with the hen throughout, but everything depends on circumstances. Some hens will not sit with the cock bird in the cage, and sometimes he is too mischievous to be left there. I have known some cock birds which would eat all the eggs they could get hold of, but I am glad to say these are rare exceptions.

When the Cock Bird can Help,

As a general rule, I find it best to leave the hen alone with her brood until they are ten or fourteen days old, but I have had best success in rearing young by introducing the cock when the young are that age—i.e., if the cock turns out a feeder and most cocks I find do. By doing this you gain a great advantage, because the majority of hens want to go to nest again when the young are about three weeks old, and she starts plucking them and neglecting them, with the result that you will lose the whole nest unless the cock is there to continue the feeding. I have often had to remove the nest with young into a nursery cage away from a hen that plucks, and give her a fresh nest, and leave the cock to rear the young through the wires of the cage; but as soon as she has laid her full complement of eggs I take the cock and young away to a cage by themselves and leave him to attend to them until they can look after themselves. Indeed, my experience is that I should rear few birds if I were not to resort to these measures.

Why the Young Birds Die.

We hear a good deal of young birds dying at about five weeks old, and in the years that are gone, especially the first few years I was breeding Norwich Plainheads, I lost many valuable birds at about that age. Now I am fully convinced that giving them hemp seed in unlimited quantities has something to do with it, but by far the greater evil is giving them water to drink all day long. If you watch your young birds, you will find they are very fond of drinking, and they drink so much that internal troubles are set up, and they waste away and die off in a very short time. I am perfectly certain that young birds are best without water until they are about eight or nine weeks old—that is, if they are given moisture in the form of milk sop made fresh twice every day. This milk sop can be prepared by soaking the bread in boiling water; squeeze out all the water, then pour boiling milk on the bread. Allow same to get cold, when sprinkle a little fine white sugar on the top of it, also a little of the best maw seed. The latter counteracts the relaxing tendency of the sop. You can also put into the cage the egg food just as they were receiving it from their parents before they started looking after themselves. This milk sop treatment is continued until they are about ten weeks old; they are then generally fairly safe.

When to Close Down.

Do not continue breeding after the middle of July. As your last nests get finished off, put the old birds in large flights and give them rest, and look after them well, as they need your care more especially then, after the hard work of rearing broods through the season. If you pay attention to this matter, few birds will die during the most trying ordeal of the moult. Clean out daily all cages in which young birds are kept, as if they pick up any stale food it will almost certainly prove fatal to them. I think now I will conclude, and if I have said anything that has in any way helped any young fancier, I shall be amply rewarded for having come here to-night.

Several questions were asked by Messrs. Griffin, Clay, Howie, any others, which were ably answered, and so a pleasant evening was brought to a close by a vote of thanks, proposed by Mr. Pomeroy, the chairman, and responded to by Mr. Hodder.

Nests of Birds, Poultry, etc., should be regularly sprinkled with KEATING'S POWDER, especially when hens are sitting. Don't forget to do this just previous to the eggs hatching, to destroy the Red Mite. Kills all insects. Harmless to everything else.

SHOW DATES FIXED.

To secure insertion in this column, a guarantee that the show will be advertised in "C.B." to the extent of at least 25/- must be sent to our manager.

England.

Oct. 5.—**Longton.**—(H. George, 54, Raglan Street, Fenton, Stoke-on-Trent.) J.H.R.
Oct. 9 & 10.—**Clapham.**—(A. R. Coe, 18, Caldervale Rd., Clapham, S.W.). J.R., C.A.H., H.J.F., H.N.
Oct. 10 & 11.—**Norwich Alliance.**—(R. Roll, 62, Ashby St.). W.E.G., J.R., W.V.
Oct. 11 & 12.—**Derby.**—(Wharam and Bamsey 18, Colycar St.). J.H.R.
Oct. 12.—**Leeds** (W. A. Wilson, 75, Bayswater Mount, Roundhay.). J.H.R. and W.M.
Oct. 12.—**Morpeth.**—(E. Cowling, Market Place.) H.W.B., A.B.
Oct. 15 and 16.—**Western Counties O.S.**—(T. Pope, 98, Embankment Rd, Plymouth). J.R., T.H.
Oct. 17.—**Hanley.**—(W. G. Llewellyn, 45, Hawthorn St., Cobridge, Stoke-on-Trent). A.H.
Oct. 18 & 19.—**Burnley.**—(F. Cunliffe, 19, Lark St.). J.H.R.
Oct. 18 & 19.—**Newcastle.**—(J. W. Reed, 218, Ladykirk Rd., Benwell). J.C.B., J.C., J.S., J.P., A.S.
Oct. 19.—**Burton-on-Trent.**—(A. Wood, 10, South Oak St.). J.R.
Oct. 23 & 24.—**London and P.O.S.**—(C. W. Law, Brimley House, Woodhouse Rd., N. Finchley).
Oct 24.—**Stamford.**—(A. Harrison 7, New St.). J.R.
Oct. 25 & 26.—**Manchester and N.C.O.S.**—Belle Vue.—(H. Boothman, 10, Parker St., Levenshulme.)
Oct. 25 & 26.—**S. Shields.**—(W. L. Smith, 3, Queen-st.)
Oct. 26.—**Derwent Valley.**—(Lindsay and Marsh, Railway Cottages, Westwood, Medomsley, R.S.O.). W.R., G.W.
Oct. 26.—**Hartlepools.**—(Woodhead and Pyman, West House, Grange Rd., W. Hartlepool.
Oct. 29 & 30.—**Barnstaple.**—(J. D. Horrill, 17, King Edward Street). T.H.
Oct. 30.—**Torbay O.S. (Paignton).**—J. N. and J. Jeffery, "Sartor House," Winner Street, Paignton.) J.H.P.
Oct. 30 & 31.—**Cheltenham.**—(A. S. Treasure, Idahoe, Oakland Ave.) W.G., H.W.G., J.F.
Oct. 30 & 31.—**Grimsby.**—(Towl and Smith, 205, Welholme Rd.). J.H.R.
Oct. 30 & 31.—**Ramegate.**—(A. Afrigan, 21, Thanet Rd.). G.G.
Oct. 31.—**Grantham.**—(W. E. Allen, 119, Alexandra Road). J.C.B.
Nov. 1 & 2.—**Sheffield O.S.**—T. Bishop, 69, Alexandra Road.). W.M., C.H., W.V.
Nov. 1 & 2.—**Wolverhampton.**—(J. Gibbons, 64, Napier Rd.). J.R.
Nov. 1 & 2.—**Liverpool.**—(Metcalfe and Deakon, 68, Brunswick Rd.). H.W.B., J.W., J.W.C., E.B.
Nov. 2 & 4.—**Leicester Hand-in-Hand.**—(A. Freestone, 79, Clarendon Street). J.H.P., R.J.H.
Nov. 5 & 6.—**Portsmouth.**—(J. Lawrence, 61, Kingston Rd.). J.H.R., H.N.
Nov. 6 & 7.—**Woolston.**—(F. G. Etheridge, "Meteor," New Town Rd.).
Nov. 6 & 7.—**Newport, Mon.**—(J. Hammett, 56, Milman St.).
Nov. 7 & 8.—**Leyton.**—(Forse and Son, 31, Thornhill Rd.) J.R., J.F.
Nov. 8 & 9.—**Old Shildon.**—(J. H. Elwell, 35, Church Street, Shildon).
Nov. 8 & 9.—**West Stanley** (W. Elliott, 15, Fairford Terr.). A.B., F.M.
Nov. 9 & 11.—**Nottingham.**—(G. E. Wilkinson, 86, Lenton Boulevard), T.H., W.V., G.E.W.
Nov. 9.—**Warrington.**—(G. M. Nelson, 466, Knutsford Rd.).
Nov. 13.—**Alnwick.**—(R. Forster, 42, Bondgate Without).
Nov. 14.—**Stoke-on-Trent.**—(J. Pitchford, 218, London Rd.). H.W.B.
Nov. 14 & 15.—**Brighton and Hove C.B.A.**—(Will. H. Gibb, 19, Bond St.). C.A.H., J.R.
Nov. 15 & 16.—**Hull.**—(E. R. Ridley, 19, Lambton Street.) J.R., H.W.B.
Nov. 15 & 16.—**Preston.**—(J. P. Leeming, 40A, West Cliff.) J.H.R.
Nov. 15 & 16.—**Codnor Park and Eastwood.**—(J. H. Mitchell, South Street, Greenhill Lane, Alfreton). J.C.B.
Nov. 19 & 20.—**Bournemouth.**—(W. O. Brooke, 102, Nortoft Rd.). J.H.P.
Nov. 19 & 20.—**Wimbledon.**—(H. Smith, 115, Merton Rd.) H.N., R.H., J.R.
Nov. 22 & 23.—**Doncaster.**—(G. Bescoby, 1, Pavilion Street). H.W.B., W.V., J.W.
Nov. 22 & 23.—**Rochdale O.C.**—(R. Blincoe, 160, Drake Street). C.A.H., W.M.
Nov. 22 & 23.—**Haltwhistle.**—(Nicholson and Tallantyre, Westgate.) J.D., A.H.
Nov. 23.—**Cramlington.**—(J. R. Chestney, Quarry Cottage). A.H., H.S.
Nov. 23.—**Hinckley.**—(A. H. Ridgway, Priesthills Rd.)
Nov. 23 & 25.—**Ilkeston.**—(Thos. Smith, 5, King-st.). J.C.B., C.H.
Nov. 27-28.—**Bristol F.A.**—(G. T. H. Maggs, 9, Trinity St., Newtown, Bristol).
Nov. 27 & 28.—**Portsmouth F.S.**—(J. Tebbs Hipwell, 7, Osborne St., Southsea.).
Nov. 28, 29 & 30.—**L.C.B.A.**—(W. H. Mugford, 1, Strathcarn Rd., Wimbledon, S.W.).
Nov. 29, 30.—**Sale C.B.S.**—(A. Royle, 99, Harley Rd.)
Nov. 30.—**Darlington C. and B.B.F.A.**—(A. Walker, 47, Montrose St.). J.H.R.
Nov. 30.—**Coventry Godiva.**—(H. Saunders, 31, Vernon St.) H.W.B.
Nov. 30.—**Harrogate C.B.S.**—(W. E. [illegible], Harlow Terrace). W.M.
Dec. 6, 7, & 9.—**Bradford National.**—(H. Hill, 15, Settle Terr., Thornton Lane.)
Dec. 7.—**Rotherham.**—(B. Bailey, 47, Craven Street, Parkgate, nr. Rotherham.) J.C.B.
Dec. 11.—**Luton.**—(E. Bloomfield, 22, Hitchin Rd.) J.R., J.F.
Dec. 12.—**Frome F.A.**—(J.R.)
Dec. 13 and 14.—**Gateshead.**—(J. Davidson, 16, Weathercock Lane, Low Fell.)
Dec. 14.—**Sheffield C.B.S.**—(A. Hobson, 66, Langsett Avenue) J.R., H.W.B.
Dec. 14.—**Yarm, Eaglescliffe.**—(T. W. Wilson, High st.)
Dec. 26.—**Anfield, Everton.**—(R. B. Wright, 15, Worcester Drive, Clubmore, Liverpool).

Scotland.

Oct. 5.—**Paisley O.A.**—(J. Kelly, 7, Underwood Lane). D.C., A.F., J.Hr., J.Hh.
Oct. 5.—**Broughty Ferry.**—(R. Whitton, 2, Churchill Place). W.B., T.T., J.Y., T.A., R.B.
Oct. 5.—**Dysart.**—(W. Russell. Castle "O" Guns). J.A., J.C., J.McL., L.J.A.
Oct. 12.—**Lochgelly and Dis. C.B.S.**—(W. Grewar, 7, Park View.)
Oct. 18, 19.—**City of Glasgow.**—(Scots, Fancy and Belgian, J. Young, 80, High St., Rutherglen; remainder, R. Higgie, 27, McLennan St., Mount Florida.)
Oct. 19.—**Kelty and Blairadam.**—(A. Dickson, 37, Adams Terrace). J.Sn., W.D.H., R.H., F.R., R.M., R.V.R.
Oct. 26.—**Perth.**—(Jas. Kerr, 18, James St.).
Oct. 26.—**Kirkcaldy.**—(C. Rae, 15, Anderson St., Pathhead.)
Oct. 26.—**Ayr and Dist.**—(J. Sloan, 19, New Bridge St.). J.T.D., J.M.
Nov. 2.—**Boness.**—(T. Cameron, 7, Ash Terrace, Grangepans).
Nov. 2.—**Brechin.**—(G. Mitchell, 118, Montrose St.) A.H., W.Mc., J.F.
Nov. 9.—**Forfar.**—(D. Kerr, 15, Green St.)
Nov. 9.—**Hamilton Cadzow Oak.**—(G. Marlin, 21, Glebe Street.) J.Sn., J.Hn., R.B.
Nov. 16.—**Cowdenbeath.**—(J. R. Reid, 7, Woodland-pl.) J.P., J.W.B., C.C., G.A.
Nov. 16.—**Galashiels.**—(J. Brown, 156, Croft St.). G.F., T.B., A.G., A.H.
Nov. 23.—**Blairgowrie.**—(M. Irvine, 17, Brown St.)
Nov. 23.—**Uddingston C.B., etc., S.**—(Jas. Corgrove, 2, Croftbank Terrace, Bothwell.)
Nov. 30.—**City of Dundee.**—(A. Miller, 3, Park Ave.)
Nov. 30.—**Musselburgh O.S.**—(W. Niebet, 101, High St.).
Dec. 4.—**Forres and N.O.S.**—(W. Cumming, 28, North Rd.). J.L.
Dec. 14.—**Broxburn.**—(W. M'Laren, Church Street). J.McL., A.C., G.H., R.V.R., J.Gw.
Dec. 14.—**Kilsyth.**—(A. D. Duncan, "Chronicle" Office.)
Dec. 31 & Jan. 1, 1913.—**Scottish National.**—(J. R. Meikle, 51, Lothian Rd., Edinburgh.)
Jan. 1 & 2.—**Edinburgh Open.**—(R. Lile, 15, Argyll Terr.)
Jan. 1 & 2.—**Paisley O.A.**—(W. Lambie, 25, Caledonia Street.)

Wales.

Nov. 13 & 14.—**Swansea.**—(S. H. George, 32, Fisher Street). J.R., J.F.D.
Nov. 20 & 21.—**Cardiff.**—(E. Thomas, 48, Craddock-st.) W.M., W.V., D.A.S.L.
Nov. 26.—**Llanelly.**—(D. John, 9, Pottery Place.) W.V., J.F.
Nov. 28.—**Pentrebach.**—(A. E. Brown, 66, Clare St., Merthyr Tydfil). G.G.
Dec. 4.—**Pontypridd.**—(A. A. Gordon McLucas, 43, Rosser-st., Maesycoed).

Ireland.

Nov. 7 & 8.—**Banbridge.**—(A. McCagherty, Belmont Terrace, Banbridge). A.Lsc., J.Hy.
Nov. 22 & 23.—**Lurgan.**—(S. McCollum, Drumgor).
Nov. 28 & 29.—**South County Dublin (Kingstown).**—(D. Smyth, 21, Eden Terr., Kingstown.) W.M.
Dec. 6 & 7.—**Ulster O.A. (Belfast).**—(R. Trimble, 11, Waring St., Belfast.) J.F.D., W.V.
Dec. 12 & 13.—**Larne.**—(T. Mayne, 35, Barnhill.)

LONDON C.B.A.

Meeting held June 12, at the Feathers, Gt. Chapel Street, Westminster, S.W., the President, Mr. R. L. Crisp, in the chair. Mr. Mugford gave a report of the last Federation meeting. Decided to support a Federation show on condition that it be held after Christmas. Mr. Brumbridge, Wembley, was nominated for membership. Mr. Crisp opened a discussion on colour feeding. He called attention to the importance of having all birds in the best of condition before placing on colour food. His own method of mixing colour food was as follows: To each 6lbs. of tasteless pepper, he added 1lb. of hot and a little almond oil, white sugar, brandy and saffron. He also gave a liberal supply of maw seed. Messrs. Dewhurst, Smith, Mugford, Boxall, and Mrs. Litchfield joined in the debate.—Mugford and Knight, Secs.

Have been very pleased indeed with the results of my recent adverts. in "CAGE BIRDS," and entirely satisfied. "C.B." is THE paper for cage birds.—F. J. Whibley (Maidstone).

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Twitterings.

Our Nest Feather Show will be held on July 13, writes Mr. F. Houldsworth, Secretary Dalton O.B.A. Mr. J. Wagstaff (Barrow) will judge.

Ealing and Hanwell F.S., writes Mr. Bamber, Sec., will hold an evening show (all sections) at St. John's Memorial Hall, West Ealing, on June 26th, at 7.30.

Mr. Joseph Thomson, Newtongrange, and Mr. Geo. Brown, Leith, will judge our show here on October 19, writes Mr. J. McHolme, Sec. Haddington C.B.S.

Owing to the resignation of Mr. F. Aynscough, late Secretary of Nelson and Dis. C. and C.B.S., all communicants should address letters to me, writes Mr. J. Speak, present Secretary, 11, Princess Street, Nelson.

The following gentlemen have been elected as judges at the Midland Roller C.C. next annual contest on October 31st and November 1st: Messrs. J. Netherwood (Chorley), G. Warcing (Bury), and Max Jacquemin (Wolverhampton), writes Mr. T. J. Smith, the Hon. Sec.

We have engaged Mr. John Gallacher (Bellshill), to judge Norwich Canaries, and Mr. R. Davidson (Mossend) Borders at our Young Bird Show, held in the lesser Town Hall on July 6, at 5 p.m., writes Mr. G. Marlin, Secretary Hamilton (C.O.) O.S. Fanciers wishing to become members and show can join on or before July 6; membership fee 2s. 6d. We have some very handsome specials.

I have been elected Hon. Secretary of the Harrogate Cage Bird Society, writes Mr. G. H. Barnwell, 20, College Road. The late Secretary, Mr. W. E. Fergusson, is acting as Hon. Treasurer. I trust fanciers will come up in good numbers at our open show on November 30. We have one of the best rooms in Yorkshire for a cage bird show, and have engaged the well-known judge, "Pa Mundell."

Owing to the death of Mr. Smith, I have been appointed Secretary pro. tem. of the Scotch Fancy National Derby S.A., writes Mr. A. M. Baird (23, Neilston Road, Paisley), and communications re membership and all other matters should be addressed to me. A special meeting will be held in the Grand National Halls, Main Street, on June 25, at 8 p.m., business very important.

We have engaged Mr. J. F. Dewar (Edinburgh) to judge Canaries, and Mr. Mason (Peebles) Mules, British and Foreign, at our annual open show on October 26, writes Mr. James Sloan, Secretary Ayr and Dist. C.B.C. We are holding our first nest feather show on 26th June, in the Academy Hall. Mr. C. C. Irvine will judge, and I trust members will give him a good entry. The exhibits are to be staged at 7.30 p.m.

We can recommend bird-keepers troubled with birds suffering from diarrhœa to give a trial to the "Diarrhœa Powder" being advertised in our columns by the Hoy Specialities Co. (Chemists), of Kelty, Fife (boxes 7d. and 1s.). Remedies for birds form a feature of this company's business, and the powder is guaranteed quite safe to use, and to effectively cure diarrhœa whatever the cause (chills, stale food, etc.). "Asthma Drops" are also sold by this firm.

We have engaged the Stranton Schools for Hartlepools C.B.S. nest feather show on June 26, write Messrs. Woodhead and Ryman, Hon. Secs. Mr. Arthur Wake, of Middlesbro, judge. Visitors welcomed. We have secured St. George's Hall for our open show on October 26th. There is no finer room for a show in the North of England. 1,000 exhibits can easily be staged. It is well lighted and free from draughts. Messrs. Battye and Maddison will adjudicate, and all our members are looking forward with confidence that last year's record will be broken.

The following societies have applied for the patronage of the Yorkshire County B.B. and M.C., writes Mr. Lane, Sec.; we have two more open dates, and should be glad of application before next meeting: Oct. 12, Leeds; Nov. 1, 2, Sheffield; 8, 9, Halifax; 16, Bradford East; 23, Horton, Good Intent; 27, Whitby; 22 and 23, Doncaster; Dec. 6, 7 and 9, Bradford National; 26, Malton. Will all intending new members kindly notify Secretary so as to have their names before next morning? We should be pleased if the few members who have not paid their subscriptions would kindly do so. Meeting at Market Tavern, 7.30, June 29, all members earnestly invited to attend.

NOTICE.—A SPECIAL MEETING of members and intending members of the **Scotch Fancy National Derby Association,** will be held in the **Grand National Halls, Main Street, Gorbals, Glasgow,** on Tuesday, **June 25th,** at 8 p.m. Business important. A large attendance requested. R. Wright (Pres.), A. M. Baird (Sec. pro tem.).—Advt.

Our young bird show will be held on July 13, at headquarters, Earl Cathcart, Munster Sq., N.W., writes Mr. G. G. Stubbs, London and Counties A.C.B.

Mr. A. Lazarus (55, Old Compton Street, London, W.), writes asking us to request Mr. A. H. Campbell (late of Harrow Hill) to kindly communicate his present address.

Barnsley and Dis. C.B.S. first feather show will be held June 29th in the large Club Room of the Clarence Hotel, writes Mr. F. C. Sims, the Secretary. Judge, Mr. W. Rapson; 11 classes provided. Birds to be staged by 3 o'clock. Local fanciers and friends invited.

The Ilford and County F. and F.S. intend making a big affair of their annual show in November, writes Mr. J. H. Priestman. They are negotiating for the hire of the Skating Rink, a well-lighted and spacious building. Will secretaries of specialist clubs desirous of holding their annual club show in the London district please communicate as early as possible with me at 56, Sunnyside Road, Ilford?

We have received a very neat booklet of rules, fixtures, etc., from the hon. sec. of the Hornsey, Wood Green and District C.B.S., Mr. P. Brooks, 3, Trinity Road, Wood Green, who will be glad to hear from any fancier who would like to join. Interesting lectures, discussions, table, and other shows will be held and everything done to assist members in the hobby, especially the young beginners.

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Quite a pleasant surprise was awaiting me last Friday dinner time when I got home, writes Mr. Fred Cooper, of Finedon. I thank you very much for the honour of placing my Hawfinch on the front page; also your artist for the splendid drawing of him. I have shown him 3 times, 2nd at Northampton, vhc Burton Latimer, and first and special (novice) Crystal Palace. The latter win was one of my ambitions, and I hope some day to win a first in open competition at the Palace. I wish your valuable paper, CAGE BIRDS, every success. I have obtained some splendid advice from it.

Crystal Palace Show Report, 1912.—These are only champion classes, where colour counts; everything in Norwich and Cinnamons. Note: I don't give Mule classes or Borders. Champion Norwich classes, clear yellow 1st, Thomas, delightful colour, etc Tick Yellows: 1st, Daives, wonderful colour, etc. Tick Buffs: 1st, Smeaton, rich colour, etc. Yellow Unflighted: 1st, 4th, Davies, lovely colour, etc. Unflighted Buffs: 1st, championship diploma, also special best in show, ideal specimen; took premier honours at all leading shows: Davies, also won N.P.C. challenge cup three years in succession. Yellow Hens: 1st, 3rd, Smeaton. Unflighted Yellow Hens: 1st, Smeaton, exquisite colour. Unflighted Buff Hens: 1st, Thomas, capital colour. These are out of the ten open champion classes. All the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd prizes in Cinnamons were won by W. Dormer, E. Godley, and Mrs. Deacon. Every one of the above birds never saw nor ate any colour food only Sandiford's Royal Red. Can I give any more proof that it is the best in the world? See advertisement.—(Advt.)

Amidst the Roses.

A pair of Chaffinches have made their nest in a rambler rose trained over the ribs of an umbrella in a garden at Orpington, and the young birds are nearly ready to fly.

Holiday Apartments.

In sending an advertisement for insertion under this new heading, Mr. Wright, of Southport, says: "It is a splendid idea." Seaside and country readers who may have apartments to let should give this column a fair test. Rates: 18 words sixpence, and ½d. for each subsequent word. Six insertions at the price of five; 13 at price of 10 prepaid. The "Holiday Apartments" heading will be found after the 'Wanted' advertisements. We commend it to our readers. Send on an advertisement at once to the Advertisement Manager, CAGE BIRDS, 154, Fleet Street, London, E.C.

Mr. Burton (Brighton) writes: "As a regular and interested reader of CAGE BIRDS, I think your "Holiday Apartment" advertisements a good idea."

Our Front Page Photograph.

Referring to the photograph on our front page this week, Mr. E. A. Kemp (Yeovil) writes: My out-door aviary measures 15 ft. long 4ft wide and 6ft. high, with slanting roof, and house to sleep in, the latter shut off from the run by a sliding door. The situation is ideal, south-east, protected from rain and wind. The birds get the sunshine all day. Six feet of the roof is covered with glass skylights, and over the front, at night, I put up glass sliding shutters for protection. I have in it plenty of shrubs and hedge sticks, and the floor is covered with sand. The aviary is unheated, and all the birds have been out all the winter. It contains Cockatiels, Budgerigars, Bullfinches, Greenfinches, Java Sparrows, Linnets, a Pekin Robin and a Waxbill. I have had several young Budgerigars this year, and the Cockatiels are sitting on five eggs. I built this aviary myself without any help.

How Bird Breeders Are Faring in 1912.

Notes on the results of the present breeding season, or of any interesting happenings, are invited from the secretaries of societies and others. The communications must in each case be accompanied by the sender's name and address.

Results in the Pudsey district, writes Mr. Raistrick, Sec., have on the whole been very poor, some of the members having bred very few indeed.

I have been pretty successful with first and second rounds, as I have at present something like 18 birds, and have still another round to go. I am very pleased to say that I have gained all my knowledge from our good old paper, CAGE BIRDS.—James Stevenson (Glasgow).

From information gathered at our meeting on Saturday, writes Mr. E. Cowling, Hon. Sec. Morpeth C.B.S., it would seem that our members are not doing so badly. Hall Bros. head the list with 63, comprising Nor., Cinn., Bord., and Yorks.; Seely Bros. come next with 44, Nor., Cinn., Bord., and Yorks.; T. Metford has 29, Nor.; B. Clark, 20, Nor. and Cinn.; R. Richardson, 19, Nor.; W. Summers, 11, Nor.; J. Nichol, 13, Nor.; Barron, 20, Nor. and Cinn.; Baker, 8, Nor. and Cinn.; Tomlinson, 20, Nor., Cinn., and Mules; T. Rigg, 13, Nor., Bord. and Yorks.; J. Dixon, Stationmaster, 40, Nor. and Bord. myself, 33, all Norwich.

In the Courts.

Boys Torture a Young Thrush.

Four Leek boys named Fred Dale, Harold Dale, Harry Knott, and Harry Johnson, were all charged under the Act for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (1911), with cruelty to a Thrush at the Waste, Buxton Road, on June 7.—H. Dale, the youngest boy, pleaded not guilty, but the others admitted the offence. It appeared from the statement of P.C. Sources that the boys were behaving in a suspicious manner, on account of which he hid among the shrubs, and shortly after saw them throwing stones at a Thrush which was on the ground. On coming out witness found that the bird, a young one, was tied by the leg to a tree, and its leg had been broken, and it had other injuries. He caught Fred Dale and Johnson, and they admitted taking several young birds from a nest. He saw Knott later, and he admitted tying the bird to the tree.—Chief Superintendent Hicklin said it was an offence to take the birds from the nest apart from the cruelty alleged.—The Bench decided to give H. Dale the benefit of the doubt, and the three others were ordered to pay between them the costs, 21s.—The Chairman explained that they had made themselves liable to a penalty of £25, as well as a period of six months' hard labour, and the Bench hoped this case would be taken as a warning to others, and that the present defendants would remember it for the rest of their lives.

The Thrush a "Noisy Animal."

Three Upper Holloway residents complained that J. W. Smith, of Miranda Road, kept noisy animals, "to wit, a Thrush and fowls," and the case was heard at North London Police Court on June 14. One of the Smith's neighbours said the Thrush was in a cage in the back garden, and commenced singing at 3.30 a.m. It disturbed her, and lodgers in the house complained bitterly. Another said the bird's singing prevented him getting "a wink of sleep." He said it was not exactly singing, but a kind of shrill whistle.—The owner of the Thrush said it was a lovely songster. It commenced singing at 5 a.m., and other Thrushes came and sang in the trees. He undertook to remove the bird to another part of the house, and the case was adjourned for three months.

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Tiny Birds for Tiny Gardens.

By
Miss E. G. Watts
(Hendon).

A charming article which came near winning first prize in our recent essay competition.

SMALL foreign Finches, in a home-made aviary, in a tiny, very tiny, back garden, have given me more pleasure in the last three years than I can well express. Cage-bird keeping has been my hobby for twenty-three years, but it was only three years ago that an opportunity presented itself of attaining my ideal, viz., an outdoor aviary in which to start bird breeding.

Now, Canaries, somehow, never took my fancy, chiefly, I think, on account of their colour! I am not fond of yellow; it may be silly, but the fact remains—yellow birds yellow flowers, yellow garments, yellow anythings, I cannot abide, but I do like other gay colours—the brighter the better; there is much that is dull in many of our lives, so that the brighter we deck our hobbies, why! the brighter their reflexions in us, for I am convinced that hobbies do tend to reflect themselves in ourselves, and if we indulge in a hobby that takes time, patience, perseverance, hopefulness, and sometimes even real unselfishness, then we are bound ourselves to grow in patience, perseverance, unselfishness. In my opinion, there is no hobby that requires a larger share of patience, perseverance, or the "hope that springs eternal" than foreign bird keeping. However "least said, soonest mended," and if the disappointments are many, so much the greater and sweeter are the triumphs when they come, and I always feel my birds are the "children of many prayers."

When I first started bird-keeping, I could obtain no books to help me, and when after some time I lighted on the 2nd vol. of "Gedney's Foreign Birds" in a second-hand shop in Booksellers' Row, I thought I was wonderfully lucky to secure the prize at the modest sum of 5s. Now, of course, all that is altered. We have a weekly penny-worth, worth a "King's ransom."

The Birds' Home Described.

My little aviary, which is a "lean-to," built against two sides of the house, one side facing S.W., the other W., boasts of a shelter shed, and two flights, and a lobby or safety door at entrance. In the shed, which has a cement floor, over which is strewn gritty sand, I keep all food vessels and the drinking fountain. The flights are half gravel and half grass, studded with small bushes and plants, and against the wall climbs a small-flowered white clematis. The first flight is covered with a glass roof. The bath, a large round shallow dish, is in the middle of grass plot. Just a word as to this same grass plot. It is best composed of the seedy, flowering description, as the seeds of these grasses are a helpful item in the dietary of the inmates. Mine is kept replenished by tufts from the sides of the field paths and roads in my locality, in the gathering of which, I think, I am sometimes taken for a lunatic at large. I have repeatedly seen people pass by and then look back, and I know they are thinking, "Poor soul!" But then, no enthusiast minds occasionally being looked upon as a "tame one" in the successful attainment of the object in hand.

"Edward" and "Alexandra."

In my aviary I keep Weavers, Whydahs, Combassous, Pintail Nonpareils, Aurora, Ruficauda, Masked and Long-tail Grass Finches, Gouldian Finches, and Cordon Bleus. The Cutthroats had to be banished for their murderous assaults on the nestlings of other and more valuable species. Of all these, my special fancy leans towards the Gouldians, with their lovely green backs, mauve chests and beautiful turquoise narrow band round their black or red faces. The Australians are all lovely, even the Grassfinches, of subdued colouring, with their soft quaker fawn and dove shades, so beautifully blended and yet so distinctly separated from the pure white and deep black. The Ruficaudas also with their delicate greens and reds, and fairy spots, which lead to the name "Starfinch." With the breeding of Gouldians, I have not yet met with success, chiefly owing to the fact that they do not commence nesting operations till September or October, when we often experience very cold spells, especially at night, and consequently egg-binding ensues, to which these birds are very liable. But with the breeding of Grass-finches I have been very successful, rearing many, although from my own experience I find these birds a little delicate to acclimatise, and at one time I lost one after another from congestion of the lungs and pneumonia, so I then determined to be wise and not try them again.

A Happy Restoration.

But one never is wise for long in one's hobby, and meeting one day with a pair at rather a low price in a certain dealer's shop, I bought them. It was just after our late King had been taken from our midst, and they were, of course, christened Edward and Alexandra. Edward died, and almost immediately afterwards Alexandra developed rapid pneumonia. Well! I "steamed" that bird for two days and a night, with little interval, and she recovered (and so did my spirits) but in a fortnight she was again laid low, and I gave her up that time, but once more that true friend, the "steam kettle" pulled her through. I then looked upon it as my bounden duty to procure her another husband, to complete her restoration to health and happiness, for the latter goes a long way sometimes to hasten the former. I was rewarded. "Albert," as the new-comer was named, turned up trumps, and these two reared brood after brood, until Alexandra succumbed to pneumonia once for all in the middle of the summer. Oh! the "cussedness" of the foreigners! I have a pair of Cordon Bleus, and they nested five times and hatched each time, this last summer, but failed to rear, owing to the cock bird's impatience; he was always wanting to commence a new nest. The cocks are very tiresome sometimes in this respect, and when it occurs it is best to put them aside and try others. I don't like separating the pair and leaving the hen to feed, as with foreigners I always find the cock bird the principal feeder. I have also reared Zebra Finches and Masked Grass Finches.

Most of these birds will stand cold well. I have before now registered 13 degrees of frost in my aviary. It is the damp which worries them (and their owner) but with reasonable care and watchfulness, if you be willing to catch and nurse up those with colds (the beginning of many evils) an ordinary amount of common sense will carry you through most of your troubles.

Not Fastidious over the Food.

In the matter of food, these little foreigners are not much trouble; fed once a day (with the addition in the breeding season of a mid-day meal of extra mealworms, ants' eggs, spiders, caterpillars, etc.) they require no further attention. The food I give is white and Indian millet, canary, and spray millet, with paddy rice for the Nonpariels. Osborne biscuits, made soft by scalding, mealworms and ants' eggs (live when obtainable). Cuttlefish bone is always kept hanging up, and daily I put a heap of the same scraped up with scraped chalk and crushed egg-shell on the floor, or crushed mortar.

Strict cleanliness is absolutely essential to the well-being of birds, as of humans, and birds are clean naturally. I have noticed with my Finches, that as soon as ever the young are able to leave the nest the whole family move their quarters to a clean husk. Plenty of roosting and nesting receptacles are necessary, as birds like a choice. Finally, there is an old, but true, saying, which applies well to "birdie" matters: "If you want a thing done, do it yourself." It sounds conceited, but it is one of my favourite proverbs, and generally works out well. Absolutely, finally, there is a piece of most excellent advice, which I should like to give my readers (if there be any), and it runs as follows:

"Read CAGE BIRDS, and inwardly digest it."

Photo by [*M. E. Wilson.*

THE ANFIELD, EVERTON AND DIS. C.B.S. OUT IN THE COUNTRY.

Those present were:—Back Row: Messrs. Barker, Wade, Rice, Cole, Parsons, Rogers, Malone, Leatherbarrow, Wright, Hon. Sec.; Middle Row: Messrs. Ritchie, Bell (chairman), Carney, Taylor, Bretherton, Harrison, Whiteside; Front Row: Messrs. Kelly, Taylor, Bell, Weston, Cross, and Metcalfe.

From Field to Show Bench.

Expert Information on British Birds.

By
J. STEEL
(Dalkeith).

Continued from page 521.

The Bullfinch's Proper Food in Confinement.

In confinement a mixture of about equal parts of canary, German rape, and teazle may be taken as the basis, and the addition thereto of any of the more oily seeds, such as sunflower, hemp or inga, must be both occasional and moderate, as, with the exception of the Siskin, I know of no bird more liable to accumulate fat than the Bullie. Fatty degeneration of the heart or liver, and apoplexy is the post-mortem verdict on the vast majority of pet Bullfinches, if served with a continuous supply of these oleaginous seeds. Of course, if he is allowed the range of a large aviary, the danger is largely minimised by the exercise, and a slightly more generous diet is quite safe, and, in winter especially, advisable under such condtions. In spring he should have tender dandelion leaves, and the buds of hawthorn. Later, the whitehead is much appreciated, and as the season advances his insectivorous tastes may be indulged by giving him an abundance of blight-infested branches or plants, and, in addition, all the wild seeds procurable—chickweed, sorrell, meadow-sweet, dock, etc. These impart a robustness which is necessary at that period, when he is to be made or marred, viz., the moulting season (and after). My reason for inserting "and after" is that a careful study of the Bullfinch has convinced me that he can, and does, derive colourative benefits by partaking of certain fruits, *even after the completion of the moult*, this being heterodox to the accepted idea that colour can only be affected by administration during the formation of feather, which idea has been deduced from the fact that capsicum has absolutely no effect after feathers have been developed.

An Object Lesson from Nature.

While watching a flock of Bullfinches, I noticed that the majority were immature, and in a partially moulted state, and the paleness of the young as compared with the adult cocks was very obvious. Knowing that those fruits which are colour-giving were not ripe, privet, bramble, mountain ash, elder, and dog rose, being very late in ripening in that high northern latitude (the corn harvest there was in October), I of course thought that these pale immature specimens would be of little use for exibition, even if caught later, and explained my reason for the supposition to a keeper who had never heard of colour feeding, but whose knowledge of wild birds, and of how the seasonable changes of colour (without a change of feather) occurred, showed his powers of observation. Strangely as it then seemed to me, he combated the idea that colour was impaired by the temporary deprivation. "Wait till they get the privets, brambles, and elders," he said, "and you will almost see the colour coming on them, and I defy you to get a pale breasted bird in the whole flock after November." I happened to be up on various occasions, and at various seasons, and saw the birds, and the result is that I am convinced that the Bullfinch can improve in colour after the feather has formed, and that the poet of old who wrote of the seasons, saying:

"Septembre bryngs ye fruitie feaste,
Whilk dyeth rede ye Bullspink's breeste."

was not so far wrong as the modern ornithologist imagines. Understand I don't deprecate the giving of fruit during the moult, far from it. I only mean that the tone of colour in this species, can, like the bill and cere of a Blackbird, be improved by its assimilation even after that period.

The difficulty in getting fruit at the moulting season is often lamented by fanciers. I have seen a prominent exhibitor purchase black-currant jam, and extract the fruit, washing the surplus syrup off with warm water, and he was very grateful when I showed him how to preserve the currants in a manner which gave him a maximum of currants with the minimum of sugar and juice. Another fruit, obtainable at all seasons, and very acceptable to all frugivorous birds, is the cranberry. These berries are largely imported preserved in a liquor; they are obtainable from most bakers, and any doubts as to their colouring properties may be allayed by giving a cranberry tart to a child, the effect is at once convincing and ghastly.

The raspberry is valuable for the grubs with which many are infested; these are greedily devoured, but, judging by the excreta, the colour is not sufficiently concentrated in this fruit, something much darker being necessary as a colour-producing medium.

To Fix the Colour.

The addition of sulphate of iron to the drinking-water is said to fix these vegetable colours, which are very fugitive or evanescent, and the astringent nature of that valuable tonic should correct any undue looseness of the bowels which sometimes follows the fruity menu. Many fanciers overdo this, under the mistaken and stupid idea that if a little is good a double quantity must be twice as good, and I have seen water as heavy charged as Hartfell Spa given to the poor birds to quench their thirst. A piece the size of a split pea is quite sufficient for an ordinary two-ounce drinker, which, as in all cases where drugs are given, must be of glass.

An outside aviary with continual facility for bathing is the best in which to moult a Bullie, as, unlike the majority of Finches, he is easy to steady when required. Many fanciers lament this tractability, as it frequently results in the prizes being annexed by field-moulted specimens. I have see a Bullie entered on a schedule while it was enjoying its liberty on the banks of Jarrow, and only four hours elapsed between its capture and being awarded first. Therefore, I need not give any advice on steadying, rather, would I say, don't pet an exhibition specimen, as quite a few go down because of their being too tame. They were sluggish, and lacked that vivacity which adds to the beauty of, and is essential in an exhibition Britisher.

"The gem, however rare it be, requires
An added motion to reveal its fires."

The extreme of this tameness is shown in the "finger fighter," which assumes a position, griffon like, and preclusive of any attempt to judge its better qualities.

(To be continued.)

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Canaries.—**Claude St. John.** British Birds, Mule and Hybrids—**G. E. Weston.** Foreign Birds—**Wesley T. Page,** F.Z.S., M.B.N.H.S., &c., Wild Bird Life—**H. Norman.**

NOTE.—If an answer is required concerning the proper mating, etc., of Norwich, Yorkshires, Crests, Cinnamons, Greens, Borders, Lizards, Scotch or any other variety of the Canary family, we shall, should the querist desire us to do so, be pleased to submit his questions for answer to some leading specialist of the day on the variety concerned.

CANARY QUERIES.

Answered by CLAUDE ST. JOHN.

INJURED FOOT (Beginner).—Bathe the foot for a few minutes daily in a warm solution of extract of wych hazel—a small teaspoonful of the extract in a saucerful of warm water. After bathing, dry carefully, and paint on foot with a feather a little of the pure undiluted extract, and allow it to dry on. If swelling does not disappear, or materially decrease, in a week, paint it once with tincture of iodine. Use perches of very varied thicknesses, or the foot may become much cramped when recovering from this injury. To get the greatest possible variety, shape each perch like a tapered penholder, ranging from rather thinner than a lead pencil at one end to treble this thickness at the other.

QUESTION OF NAME (Mrs. E. Cooper).—In giving the breed of these birds you should describe them as "first cross Roller-Yorkshire songsters." The colour would be properly described as variegated in all case where there is a fair amount of dark plumage. But colour is of little importance in these birds; it is vocal abilities that count. If trained solely under the Roller cock, assuming of course that he is a good free and pure singer, these youngsters should certainly make very good singers. Glad you have found "Canary Breeding for Beginners" so helpful.

A SPITEFUL BIRD (Won't Sing).—Your query is not very clear. I am not sure whether you mean that the bird is mated with a hen, or has been removed from one. If the former, its silence is nothing very uncommon. What makes you think it is spiteful when you go near its cage? Does it flutter wildly about, or merely try to peck at you? If the latter, it is simply the early symptoms of tameness, and the bird wants to make friends with you. Try two or three weeks of the treatment advised to "Graham, Norwich," and if bird is not then better, write again and give more explicit details.

SWOLLEN LEG (G. J. F.).—Feed the bird for a month as advised to "G. Jenkins," and after the initial aperient, which you only need give for two consecutive days, dissolve half a small citrate of lithia tablet, and as much sulphate of soda as will cover a threepennypiece in the water each day for a week. Catch the bird and bathe the leg for a few minutes night and morning for a few days in a warm solution of extract of wych hazel—say a teaspoonful of the extract in a saucerful of warm water. Then dry gently and paint on a little of the undiluted extract with a feather. Report progress in a fortnight.

A LAZY NORWICH (G. Jenkins).—The bird which is continually sitting on perch is probably in an overfed condition. Limit its diet in quantity and quality for a month by giving a teaspoonful only of canary seed each day for three consecutive days, and each fourth day give half-a-teaspoonful of summer rape and the same quantity of crushed biscuit or sponge cake sprinkled with maw seed, withholding the canary seed on these days. Each day give a fairly liberal supply of green food, such as watercress, lettuce, plantain and shepherd's purse seed heads, groundsel heads, and dandelion. In the drinking water add ten drops of syrup of buckthorn every second day for a week, and in the next week add four drops each of tincture of gentian, tincture of calumba, and aromatic sulphuric acid every second day. Then repeat the two weeks' dosage in the same order.

COLOUR FEEDING IN OUTSIDE AVIARY (G. Heath).—It is not correct to tell you the birds will not live if colour fed in any outdoor aviary. If the birds have been bred outside and are a healthy robust stock, being outside will be all in their favour, as they will have the benefit of unlimited fresh air, and more natural treatment, which in itself is a good aid to good colour and condition of plumage. There should, however, be shelter from the sun available. Of course, you must not expect to get as high colour as when birds are dealt with separately or in couples. Supply a saucer of soft food with colour added daily during the moult, allowing a teaspoonful per bird each day. You will have to make some allowance also for the foreign birds, which will probably indulge sometimes in this addition to the bill of fare. If they do they will take no harm. You probably want a little more green blood in your stock to improve colour.

YOUNG BIRDS THICK (Nimho).—You should have said whether any diarrhœa is present. It is quite possible the birds may be about starting to moult, but I am inclined to think your feeding is at the root of the mischief. You should get a copy of Part V. of "Our Canaries," which would help you through any feeding difficulty. Keep the cage and perches as clean as possible, and strew the cage floor with clean gritty sand. See that all foods, water, and the vessels containing such are thoroughly sound, pure and fresh. Give a staple diet of plain canary with a sprinkling of summer rape on top each day. Every second day give a heaped teaspoonful of egg food, bread and milk or crushed biscuit among each four youngsters, and add a sprinkling of maw to this. On the alternate days give a rather smaller quantity of hemp, millet, crushed groats, in about equal parts to which has been added a sprinkling of teazle, inga, black rape, linseed, and chopped sunflower. Give a small quantity of green food about every second day until the moult commences, using only such non-succulent things as half-ripe plantain and shepherd's purse seed heads, dandelion seed heads, mouse-ear, and seedy common chickweed. Add ten drops of syrup of buckthorn to the water for one day, and afterwards three drops each of tincture of gentian, tincture of calumba, and two of dilute sulphuric acid for one half of each day for a week. Continue giving birds that are ill a morsel of bread and milk with two drops of cod liver oil emulsion on it, and sprinkled with maw each day for a week or so. Always give the soft food in the morning—not at night.

GERMAN BARE (P. P. B.).—The bareness will not be remedied now until the moult, which should take place in a few weeks hence. To enable the bird to get through the moult in good plumage you must make your dietary a little more generous during the next few weeks. Feed as advised to "Graham, Norwich," for a month at least, and as soon as the bird commences to moult give a half-teaspoonful of soft food every second day for a month, and three times each week slightly dust it with flowers of sulphur, and sprinkle with soft sugar, and on the alternating days give a pinch of maw seed. Allow bird to bathe freely; see that it is not troubled with insect pests; and slightly anoint any quite bare patches with lanocyllin once a week until the moult begins.

CAUSE OF CLEAR EGGS (G. Hughes).—It is quite useless speculating as to the cause of clear eggs without some knowledge of the food and general treatment, age, and breed of the birds in question, and you give not the slightest information on any of these points. You might have seen a number of replies dealing with the matter during the last few weeks. If copy is available refer to replies to "No Luck," and "J. D. Brown," on May 25th, concerning some of the causes, and treat the birds for two or three weeks, the same as advised to "Graham, Norwich," in this issue.

TROUBLE WITH EYE (Amateur).—Assuming the bird is not likely to have hurt the eye with a jagged end of wire, or got some irritable substance in it from the cage or perches—such as some insecticide which you may have been applying a little too liberally—it is probably suffering with an inflamed eye. Pour ½ a pint of boiling water over a poppy head and let it infuse for ½ an hour, then strain the liquor and dissolve in it as much boracic acid as will cover a shilling. Bathe the eye for a few minutes morning and evening for a few days with a little of this decoction. Use fresh liquor each time and throw it away after use.

PARTICULARS OF FOOD (Miss F. Bird).—Thanks for further particulars about foods. You might certainly be more liberal with green food with every advantage. Use either chickweed, flower-buds of groundsel, or lettuce giving preference to them in the order named, and avoid dandelion altogether. As regards quantity give a spray about equivalent to a moderate sized dandelion leaf each day at the beginning, and increase the quantity gradually according to age, and number of brood up to say, the equivalent of four good sized dandelion leaves given each morning and half the quantity given again in the afternoon for a full brood of four or five chicks at a fortnight old. For the rest vary the soft food as suggested last week, and omit the sugar, or better still, use a home-made food consisting of equal parts egg, stale household bread crumbs and crushed sponge cake, sprinkled slightly with maw, and I think you will find most of your losses cease. You should get "Our Canaries" for the fullest possible information on the subject of feeding.

ANÆMIC and DROPSICAL (E. O. A.).—It is not so much the food that is eaten as that which is assimilated by the system that matters when the nourishment of the body is in question, so that, in a manner of speaking, it is quite possible for a bird to starve "in the midst of plenty." The hen was undoubtedly a weakling, physically and constitutionally, with no reserve of vitality, and therefore

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should consult St. John's "Canary Breeding for Beginners" (7d.); House's "Canary Manual" (1/2); Battye's "Yorkshire Canaries" (1/1½); House's "Norwich Canaries" (1/1); Weston's "Stock Book" (7d.); Dr. Clarke's "Septic or Bird Fever" (7d.); Dr. Creswell's "Hygiene of Bird-keeping (1/1); Narman's "Aviaries, Bird-rooms, and Cages" (2/3); Ramsden's "Colour-feeding" (3½d.); "Seeds and Foods for Cage Birds" (1/2); or the "Nutshell" booklets (2½d. each): No. 5 "The Pet Canary," No. 6 "Ailing Birds and How to Cure them," No. 9 "The Disinfection of Cages, Bird-rooms, etc.," No. 10 "The Roller," No. 23 "The Border Fancy," No. 24 "Green Canaries." All thoroughly practical and instructive. Prices quoted are post free, from "Cage Birds," 154, Fleet Street, London, E.C.

the little extra strain of breeding was sufficient to break down her resistance and enable disease to step in and get the upper hand. Being late bred, there is a probability that the parents were also at a low ebb, and this would tend to endow the offspring with delicate constitutions, though neither anæmia nor dropsy are necessarily inherited from the parents. Still, weakness and lack of vitality lay the subject open to attack by all the ills bird flesh is heir to. Your system of management seems to be very good, and given a more robust hen you should be quite successful in other attempts. But do not attempt to breed with weaklings—it is a huge mistake. Good food, provided the digestive system could assimilate it, exercise, and pure, fresh air constantly under hygienic surroundings, would have been the best treatment for such a case.

MOPING HEN (John Smith).—It is utterly useless trying to breed with a bird in the condition you describe. You should separate her at once, and keep her separate until she is ready for mating, which will probably not be this season. Examine the cage well for red mites, and if these are discovered exterminate them. Also see whether the claws are considerably overgrown, and if so trim them back to a proper length. For the rest treat her the same as advised to "Graham, Norwich," for two or three weeks, but instead of the egg food, give a piece of bread and milk with three drops of cod liver oil emulsion on it, and lightly sprinkled with soft sugar, and give a pinch of the mixed maw, gold of pleasure and sesame seeds separately. You may place them in a little heap on the floor of the cage in a spot that does not get much soiled. Shall be glad to hear, in say, three week's hence what progress she has made.

SEEDS AND DIARRHŒA.—(M. H.).—The sample of canary seed is very small, and of poor quality. No. 1 summer rape is a good quality of seed, but is of a rather soft substance, which suggests it might have been stored in a damp place; or has this sample been soaked and allowed to get fairly dry again? No. 2 is practically the same as No. 1 except that it is dry, and consequently in better condition. I cannot say whether the two first-named seeds are the cause of the diarrhœa—there is nothing about them to positively suggest this—though it is quite possible they may be. Try to get a better sample of canary to use in conjunction with the No. 2 sample of rape, and reject No. 1 sample. The unusual thirst is due to the diarrhœa. Your feeding generally seems at fault. Give a staple of plain canary. Every second day give half a teaspoonful of rape and a few grains of hemp. On the alternate days give a similar quantity of crushed sponge cake, with two drops of cod liver oil emulsion mixed in it, and sprinkled with maw. Give no succulent green food for the present. In the drinking water add a pinch of sulphate of soda and six drops of syrup of rhubarb for one day, and afterwards dissolve in it a crystal of sulphate of soda the size of a small pea, ditto of sulphate of iron half as big, and add six drops of dilute sulphuric acid. Give this every second day for a week. Stick a piece of cuttlefish in wires. See that all foods, vessels, and water are perfectly clean, sound and fresh. You would do well to get a copy of "Canary Breeding for Beginners." These birds are probably useless for breeding.

BIRDS DYING (Miss Hewett).—Sorry your letter was much too late for reply in last issue. If another death occurs, I strongly advise you to send the body as per post-mortem rules to Mr. Yates for examination, and meantime introduce no fresh birds among your present stock until you are satisfied the trouble is not of septic origin. Treat the young as advised to "Anxious Cwm," in this issue, and the parents when not rearing young as suggested in the latter part of the same reply. Do not make the egg food moist at all, and see that neither this nor green food is supplied in sufficient quantity for stale scraps to accumulate on the cage floor. Under this treatment diarrhœa should not trouble them. If it appears add six drops of syrup of rhubarb and as much sulphate of soda as will cover a sixpence to the water for one day, and afterwards six drops of tincture of gentian, and four each of tincture of calumba, landanum, and dilute sulphuric acid for two or three days, if necessary, to check the looseness. Keep a piece of cuttlefish in the wires and strew cage floor with clean gritty sand.

WAS IT THE SAFFRON? (W. H. B.).—The chief value of saffron is to assist birds to break away freely with the moult, but if it was properly used and not given in excessive quantity there is certainly no reason for supposing it had anything whatever to do with the birds not breeding yet, and keeping out of condition. As a cure for colds or asthma, however, the saffron would be quite useless. I cannot tell without more particulars about the birds and their treatment hitherto what is wrong with them. Try the treatment advised to "Graham, Norwich," in this issue for two or three weeks, and if this does not bring them into condition write again and give the full particulars asked for referring also to this reply. I cannot hold out much hope of your getting anything from them this season.

YOUNG DYING (Anxious' Cwm).—Your feeding seems to be decidedly faulty, and is probably the cause of the young dying, by setting up severe diarrhœa. See that your hemp is round and good, and has a nice milky-white kernel when broken open, otherwise reject it and get another sample that answers this description, failing which, it is best to use none at all. When the young are separated from their parents, continue to give a little crumbly moist egg food daily, but keep it rather on the dry side, and sprinkle it with a little maw. Give also a supply of canary seed and separately, and strew in a little summer rape on the top, and each day give a teaspoonful of cracked, not smashed, hemp to each full brood, of say, four youngsters. Give a few seed-heads of shepherd's purse, half ripe stalks of plantain, or dandelion seed heads, now and again, but stop all other succulent greenstuff until the birds are well on dry seed. As soon as you see by the husks that the young are cracking canary freely gradually reduce the egg food in quantity and frequency, down to about half a teaspoonful per bird three times a week, and hemp to the same quantity twice a week and add a little mixed seed once or twice a week. Keep cages and food, and water vessels scrupulously clean. Strew cage with clean, gritty sand regularly. Stick a piece of cuttlefish in wires.

NORWICH HEN NOT BREEDING (Graham, Norwich).—Do you mean that the hen is still losing feather? If so, you must first of all look well into the bird's surroundings, and satisfy yourself that it is not exposed to cold draughts, rapid fluctuations, or damp. Your feeding also does not appear correct. Give a staple of plain canary, which must be always accessible. Every second day give separately, in addition, half a teaspoonful of egg food, well sprinkled with equal parts maw, gold of pleasure and sesame, and on the alternating days a similar quantity of a mixture of two parts each hemp, millet, and rape, one part each inga, teazle, and charlock, and a quarter part each of linseed and mustard. For green food give a liberal supply of dandelion—slightly under-ripe seed heads gathered fresh for preference—and seedy chickweed daily. In the drinking water add six drops of syrup of buckthorn, and as much sulphate of soda as will cover a sixpence, every second day for the week, and in the following week six drops of tincture of gentian and three of tincture of steel every second day. If anxious to mate you might try her again a fortnight or so hence, but I doubt her doing anything in that line this season. Query came to hand too late for reply in last issue.

FOREIGN BIRDS.

Answered by WESLEY T. PAGE, F.Z.S., Etc.

WHAT BIRD (South Parade, Belfast).—If they are a true pair there is every chance of them breeding as soon as they have settled down. Before I commit myself to name, can you give me any idea as to age? Are they in immature or adult plumage? Is the tail short or long? As regard size, are they stouter or longer than Budgerigars, or is the increase general? For another comparison, are they nearly as large as Cockatiels.

AN AILING PARROT (W.B.).—If there is severe diarrhœa, continue the opium and morphia at intervals, but it is better not to give this for lengthy periods. Of course, you must not give laxatives to scour the bird, but an occasional dose—one teaspoonful in two tablespoonsfuls of water—of Dinneford's magnesia, in lieu of the plain drinking water, will be of great assistance in pulling it round; as will also a regular course of chemical food in the drinking water, say half a teaspoonful daily. Cleanse or spray the nostrils with diluted glyco-thymoline, once or twice daily, till the running ceases; it will do not harm it a little is swallowed. Examine its tongue and if this is badly furred put a little honey and borax (ready mixed, from any chemist) on the tongue, or in its mouth, by the aid of a piece of stick, feather, or camel hair brush, whichever utensil is used it must be well cleansed each time before putting it into the bulk of the mixture. You can give a little boiled maize alternately with the sopped biscuit—the maize to be boiled till soft, all water drained away, and then lightly dusted with flowers of sulphur; it only keeps fresh one day. Moisten the biscuit with a syrup made with hot water, two tablespoonfuls, chemical food half teaspoonful, and sugar one teaspoonful. Keep a tin of canary and white millet seed (equal parts) and other of hemp, oats, and sunflower (equal parts) in the cage, and sprinkle a little grit over sand on cage tray. Keep cuttlebone in the cage, and keep it where it can get all the light and air possible, not being subjected to draughts or cold winds. On hot days put it out of doors in some sheltered position. Offer it a variety of fruit till you ascertain its taste; also shelled nuts. It will be a wise precaution to promptly remove the droppings and destroy them. You must not use a metal drinker when giving drugs. Newly imported Parrots are a more or less precarious purchase owing to the insanitary conditions of importation.

QUAIL FINCH (X.).—In "Foreign Birds for Beginners" I supplied the text, the publisher inserted the illustrations. This quaint little Finch is black, white, and brown, and the illustration indicates its general appearance fairly. In captivity it spends most of its time upon the ground, and it is a good practice to put a small patch of grass (similar to what is given to Larks) in the cage, renewing as necessary—also to grow canary seed, rape, millet, etc., in shallow saucers or small pots, and stand one of these in the cage—half a dozen pots last a long time if each only stops in the cage one day, and this enables them to be watered outside the cage. The grass can be supplied by the same method. Also supply canary, millet, spray millet, and occasionally a little crushed oats. If you have a garden any small spider, beetle, or any kind of maggot procurable will be appreciated; grit, cuttlebone, and water are, of course, essentials.

A SINGING FINCH (Novice).—Personally I should not consider the song of a Pekin Robin too loud for a room; to my mind the song is nearer that of the Blackcap than the Thrush; the talent of individual birds is very variable; this qualification applies to a greater or lesser degree to all the birds named in this reply. A Grey Singing Finch (cock) will please you, if you can get a good one; wait either till you can hear one sing, or only buy a guaranteed songster. The Green Singing Finch has a nice little song, and is a prettily coloured bird, but the same conditions apply as to the Grey; the latter has the superior song (though some males of

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should consult Page's "Foreign Birds for Beginners" (1/1); Arthur's "Budgerigars and Cockatiels" (6d.); Arthur's "Parrots for Pleasure and Profit" (7d.); "Aviaries, Bird-rooms, and Cages" (2/3); "Seeds, Foods, and Wild Plants" (1/2); Dr. Clarke's "Septic or Bird Fever" (7d.); Dr. Creswell's "Hygiene of Bird-keeping" (1/1); "Colour-feeding" (3½d.); or the "Nutshell" booklets (2½d. each): No. 6 "Ailing Birds and How to Cure them," No. 9 "The Disinfection of Cages, Bird-rooms, etc.," No. 14 "Gouldian Finches," No. 16 "Avadavats," No. 17 "The Grey Parrot," No. 18 "Budgerigars," No. 19 "The Pekin Robin," No. 20 "Waxbills." All thoroughly practical and instructive. Prices quoted are post free from "Cage Birds," 154,

both species scarcely utter a note). The St. Helena Seed-eater closely resembles the Green Singing Finch, but is a little larger and brighter in colour, and is the better songster. This is not often obtainable, but is not costly, say about 15/-, and you would have to watch advertisements and seize first opportunity. All the above are hardy, and with the exception of the Pekin, all have songs more or less resembling the Canary, but softer and more pleasing to me, for they have the plaint, pathos, and abandon of wild unadulterated nature to give character to them.

WAXBILLS AND FINCHES (H.J.F.).—The birds will agree all right, but the eight pairs ought to have a cage with a floor area of 16 square feet, and a height of not less than two feet. 2.—Yes, but to do this the three pairs ought to share a cage not larger than named above, containing half a dozen nest receptacles—Hartz travelling cages, husks, and boxes—and well furnished with twiggy branches. 3.—Of course, the environment of a garden aviary, with growing trees and shrubs, is the best, but much can be done indoor by having a dozen pots or saucers containing growing grass, canary, millet, and rape seedlings, etc.; by changing them daily, all necessity of watering them in the cage would be avoided, and they would keep fresh a good while, as two or three would be sufficient in at a time. The back and ends of cage to be well lined with twiggy branches, heather sprays, etc., and the nest receptacles fixed behind these. "Foreign Birds for Beginners," 1/1½ post free from our Manager, describes these birds rather fully, and you should get it.

A FEATHER PULLER (J. Murphy).—Stop giving tea sop at once, and do not give any sops, table scraps, or any kind of animal food whatever. Give one teaspoonful of Dinneford's Magnesia every fourth day, in lieu of the drinking water, so long as the voidings are not watery loose, when the latter occurs cease giving the magnesia, save for an occasional dose to keep the bowels moving freely. When not giving the magnesia put half a teaspoonful of bynophosphates in the daily supply of drinking water. Spray with quassia solution daily during genial weather, and give the bird all the light and air possible without draughts; on hot days put it outdoors in some sheltered position. Diet: Seed mixture, ripe fruit, nuts, crust of bread or plain biscuit, grit and cuttlebone. Steep the crust or biscuit in water and byno-phosphates. Seed mixture: One quart each canary and white millet seed, one pint oats, half a pint each shelled nuts, paddy rice, hemp, maize, dari, and sunflower seeds, one gill each chillies and grit (not sand); well mix and keep a supply in the cage. Report progress a month hence.

SMALL FOREIGN SONGSTERS (Songster).—The Editor could not give me the space to describe the songs of all the birds you name. (1) All the Waxbills are better songsters than the Avadavat; by the way, the Avadavat is a Waxbill; perhaps the Grey (pink-cheek) and Gold-breasted are just about equal to it. (2) Barely, being little more than an occasional chirp. (3) Very similar to Cordon Bleu; my birds have only uttered stray notes—not any attempt at connected song. (4) Space will not permit me to describe songs separately, but they are a little stronger than Avadavats, and fully as sweet. I place them in order of merit: St. Helena, Orange-cheek, Pink-cheek, and Golden-breasted. (5) Very few, at this period only the call note is used as a rule. (6) Quite similar. (7) Scrappy and noisy, like a Weaver's. (8) Green Avadavat, any Foreign Siskin (but these I expect will cost 12/6 to 20/-, or more for cocks), Jacarini, Reddish, Bluish, Lined, and White-throated Finches, but cocks of these are not always on offer; you would have to wait your opportunity, and they would cost from 12s. 6d. upwards. Moreover, they are not showy, but they are handsome small birds. You might pick up a cock Alario Finch by watching adverts. from 7/6 to 10/6; this is a pretty bird, with a really good song.

SUPERB TANAGERS AND SNOW BUNTINGS (Old Subscriber).—Give the Tanager a varied supply of ripe fruit, as much as it will eat, also some good soft food mixture, and one or two mealworms or other insects per diem. If at any time there appears any signs of internal inflammation, give a little milksop. As regard the Snow Bunting repeat this query to our British bird expert next week; it is out of my province; in the meantime give a little soft food, a mixture of canary, hemp, oats, rape, and a little wild seed mixture, with two or three insects per diem.

BUDGERIGARS (C.E.J.).—I am afraid the Budgerigars could easily get through the wire netting, the mesh should not be larger than three-quarter inch, though it is probable for some time they would make no attempt to do so, and if yours was a country place I should say put them in, they would spend as much of their time at large as in the aviary, but in a town the cats would soon exterminate them. The specimen of seeding grass is the best kind to offer them, both in its present stage and when in a more advanced stage of ripeness, at the same time any kind of flowering grass may be offered that they will eat, also green cereals of all kinds with the seeds half ripe. There is no settled nesting time in this country, they usually cease nesting operations during the moult, nesting should be discouraged during this period—they will soon come on as soon as the moult is over; they should nest about late July.

AILING BUDGERIGARS (Musgrave).—The condition of your bird is largely due to insufficient wing exercise. It is a very tame bird, and if you can induce it to take a fly round the room occasionally it will benefit greatly therefrom; of course, you must see that windows are closed and the fire screened; it will return to its cage when in need of food. Bathe its joints with hot water (not hot enough to cause discomfort), partly dry with a cloth, and anoint with neat whisky. Give the chemical food also on rusk, and every fourth day put one third of a teaspoonful of Dinneford's magnesia in one ounce of water, and give this in lieu of the drinking water; give also once a week a few crushed oats; your diet is satisfactory. It should have clean cuttlebone continually in the cage. Report progress in two or three weeks; it will take time though for any radical change to take place; the trouble has become almost chronic through letting it run on for two years.

BUDGERIGARS NOT BREEDING (P.P.B.).—I should stand their cage out of doors for the summer, in some sheltered position, fixing something temporarily over the top, to make it waterproof, and fasten a canvas curtain before the front of cage at right angles. Give them the varied diet advised in our previous reply, and as much green food and flowering grass as they will eat; do not quiz into their nesting arrangements, and the birds should soon become thoroughly fit, and come into breeding condition. This you will readily know, for the cere of the cock will become brilliant blue, and that of the hen ruddy brown. Get our Nutshell, "Budgerigars," 2½d., post free, from our Manager; it will tell you all about them.

AFRICAN BIRDS (G. H. Hunt).—Your description is none too clear, and I can only give a tentative reply. (1) Will reply next week. (2) This is apparently the Yellow-rumped Serin, but as it is probably a young bird a further development of plumage may yet take place. (3) Altogether too vague. I am inclined to put it down as the Grey-necked Serin, or some near species. You must give me more minute descriptions if I am to give you a definite reply; there are fifty or more species that would fit your description as it stands. Will keep your query by me and await fuller details. Add millet and spray millet to your dietary.

HYBRID SILVERBILL AND BENGALESE (Thorne).—The Bengalese has crossed with most of the other Mannikins, and hybrids have been fairly freely produced; though at the moment I cannot call to mind an instance of this particular cross. I think it has occurred. The Silverbill is also very ready to cross with a near species when a mate of its own kind is not to hand; in the aviary Silverbills are quite free breeders. I should not be too curious, the old birds usually keep the crops well filled, and the young need plenty of nourishment too, for their development is so rapid. It will be interesting if you describe them when in mature plumage, and I trust both will live to reach that stage. Give plenty of green food, flowering grass, chickweed, groundsel etc.

THE COMMON QUAIL (H.S.).—(1) Briefly, the chin and throat of the male are white, with a black anchor shaped mark down the middle; his breast is rufous-buff with pale shaft streaks. The female has no black down the middle of the throat, and her chest is much spotted with brownish black. (2) Yes, and the present time is the season, at least many kinds of Quail have already one brood fending for themselves. The Californian Quail in my aviary have twelve chicks, which are now quite independent of their parents. The incubation period is 21 to 25 days, and the clutch usually numbers 8 to 12. (3) Yes, providing they have a covered shelter to retreat to when they desire, on the floor of which there should be plenty of dry sand, or a corner arranged containing a good depth of sand, say 4 inches. They should do well enough in the quarters provided; make a good sand bath at one corner, and at another put in some turfs and keep them watered to keep the grass fresh.

GOULDIAN FINCH IN BAD PLUMAGE (Gould). Very pleased to note there is an improvement; continue the treatment, which, coupled with some fine warm weather, enabling you to give them plenty of light and air, should soon make them quite well. The trouble arose, I should say, from a surfeit, combined with possible weakness, or some latent infection contracted during importation, but it should not trouble you again; once the trouble is past it would be a wise precaution to well cleanse your cages. Use a ten per cent. carbolic solution (chemist will supply), and then well swill with cold water, and leave to dry in open air. You had better take a mop camel-hair brush and paint the cages with the carbolic solution, taking care that no small holes, joints, or crevices, are missed. Treat your large cage thus at once, and as soon as it is well dry again (two days in open air will suffice), put your finest cock and best hen in it, and they should soon breed. In outdoor aviaries, some aviculturists have already reared two broods. For breeding in cages I only advise one pair to each cage whatever its size. Use a little healing ointment in similar cures in lieu of the vaseline, of which you put too much on; very little is required.

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BRITISH BIRDS, MULES, AND HYBRIDS.

Answered by G. E. WESTON.

MULES LEAVING THE NEST (Lucky Novice).—Pleased to hear of your success, and glad to know it has been attained by following my advice. Five Linnet Mules in one nest is excellent.—The great thing is not to encourage the hen Canary to get on with her next nest until the Mules are fairly on the way to supplying their own wants. Don't give her nesting material, on any account, until the youngsters are beginning to pick over the food. The latter should be placed on a "feeding board," one of the most useful appliances out (an illustration appeared in CAGE BIRDS of March 11th last). By using this, they get on food very quickly; they see the hen feeding from it, and soon begin to follow her example. When observed to do the latter, they can be shut off with a wired slide, through which the hen will continue to give them frequent "meals" (while building her next nest) until they cease to "cry" to her for food. Put a mixture of food on the board—egg-bread, well sprinkled with Plasmon oats (obtained from the grocer) and also some crushed canary, hemp and sunflower seeds, and maw seed, together with sprays of ripe seeding shepherd's purse. Note another answer given this week. Seeding shepherd's purse is very valuable; young birds delight in it.

THE FERTILITY OF EGGS (Miss Knowles).—To test eggs for fertility is a very easy matter. After they have been sat upon for six or seven days, hold them 'twixt finger and thumb up to a strong light (a well-lighted window, or a gas jet, etc). Or cut a hole about the size of a sixpence in a piece of cardboard, hold the egg to this hole, and the cardboard up to the light. If the light shows through them, they are unfertile; if quite dark (opaque) they are fertile. If "clear," the yolk can plainly be seen floating inside the shell as the egg is turned around. If the interior is not opaque, but is of a light brownish tint, then the egg is addled (or the development of the chick has for some reason or other stopped at an early stage). Sometimes there is a dark area at one end, and a light one at the other, which means that the contents have dried up (often as the result of a fracture of the shell, or a tiny hole in it). An experienced fancier can successfully test for fertility after the egg has been incubated two or three days; but to make absolutely certain, the testing is better left until about the sixth day. If the egg is opaque, but the chicks fails to hatch on the fourteenth day, one can easily tell whether it is living by placing the egg in a cup of comfortably warm water for a few moments; it will "wobble" about if the chick is alive.

HAND-REARING JAYS, MAGPIES, ETC. (A. Wood).—The leg weakness might have been due to an insufficiently nourishing diet, or to the "bedding" being allowed to get damp. You should have no trouble in hand-rearing either a Jay, Jackdaw, or Magpie. If you mix finely-minced hard-boiled egg with an equal quantity of very stale bread crumb, and moisten it with new milk when feeding, you should get along all right. If you get several young ones, however, you will find it cheaper to use thoroughly scalded and mashed-up puppy biscuits (of best quality), with which you can mix the egg in the proportion of three parts biscuit to one of egg. You can give the youngsters mealworms, by all means, and smallish garden worms, cut into suitable pieces, should also certainly be supplied. Also you can frequently chop up a piece of lean mutton or beef (mince it up finely) and give amongst the food; or a little tender cooked meat can be given. Personally, however, I fight shy of meat as much as possible (especially so for very young birds), for I am certain it upsets the stomach of most birds (sets up diarrhœa), especially when much is used raw. I prefer boiled or stewed rabbit flesh to all other, when obtainable. Mix a good big pinch of fine grit amongst the food now and again, or about half a teaspoonful of powdered cuttlefish bone. You can give the birds a drink of plain water after each meal, if you like. If any nestling should get a touch of diarrhœa (which is unlikely if you give the cuttlefish or grit) well mix a saltspoonful of prepared chalk powder (from any good chemist) amongst a portion of the food fed to it. Repeat after an interval, if it seems necessary. Take them from the nest when about 10 days old. Keep very clean and as warm and cosy as possible.

BRITISH BIRD & HYBRID QUERISTS should consult Houlton's great work, "Cage-Bird Hybrids" (7/6); Norman's "British Bird Manual" (2/3); or Part 1 "Hardbills" (1/1), Part 2 "Softbills" (1/1); "Aviaries, Bird-rooms, and Cages" (2/3); "Seeds, Foods, and Wild Plants" (1/2); "Secrets of Hybrid Breeding" (1/2); Dr. Creswell's "Hygiene of Bird-keeping" (1/1); Dr Clarke's "Septic or Bird Fever" (7d.); "Colour-feeding" (3½d.); or the "Nutshell" booklets (2½d. each): No. 1 "Goldfinch," No. 2 "Linnet," No. 3 "Skylark," No. 4 "Song Thrush and Blackbird," No. 11 "Bullfinch," No. 13 "Chaffinch," No. 15 "Greenfinch," No. 22 "Siskin, Redpoll, and Twite," No. 25 "Small Insectivorous Birds," No. 26 "Large Insectivorous Birds," No. 6 "Ailing Birds and How to Cure Them," No. 9 "Disinfection of Cages, Birdrooms, etc.," No. 12 "How to Moult British Birds." All thoroughly practical and instructive. Prices quoted are post free from "Cage Birds," 154, Fleet Street, London, E.C.

THE BLACKCAP. (Small fancier).—I doubt whether you will get a cock Blackcap Warbler much cheaper than the price mentioned. I can only suggest that you send a few postcards to certain of the bird-dealers and enquire their lowest price. Or you might visit the shops down Bethnal Green Road and immediate neighbourhood.

TWO ITEMS. (W. J. Morgan).— 1: The Buntings eat practically only canary seed; they care very little for other seeds. They should have a little of a good insectile mixture (prepared in the usual way) frequently as a change, and this should have mixed with it a percentage of oatmeal, medium or coarse, or scrushed oats. They require also some live food—fresh ants' eggs are the ideal thing as long as they are obtainable. 2: As nesting materials for hen Finches, try hay cut into short lengths, the fibre from cheap door-mats (coker-nut fibre) treated in the same way, dried moss and grass, bents, tiny rootlets and twigs and cow-hair; some have a fondness for a few small, downy feathers, and even charpie. I have also found them partial to the cheap felt (grey) used to put under carpets; tease it out well. An old Blackbird, Linnet, or Greenfinch, etc., nest will provide useful material when pulled to pieces (bake in the oven first). Bullie hens are very keen on the coker-nut fibre; also hay and dried grasses. You have a "big family" of birds; I hope you breed something good.

A POSSIBLE MATING. (B. Henson).—I do not think it impossible to get hybrids from cock Bullfinch and hen Canary. I believe, in fact, both fertile eggs and young have been obtained from this mating. It is, of course, admittedly far more difficult this way than when the sexes are reversed.

CLUB & SOCIETY NOTICES

ONE notice of any forthcoming Society meeting inserted free. It should reach us not later than Tuesday morning's post. Specially printed Club Notice Postcards may be had free on application to our Manager. Secretaries should always use them.

Adwick-le-Street C.B.S.—June 22, Foresters' Arms, 6. Election of officers for ensuing year; secretary's yearly report; balance sheet and Inter-club and other important business.—G. H. Robinson.

Anfield Plain C.B.S.—June 22, Mr. Lumley's, 6.30. Table show young birds. Norwich buff, Yorkshire yellow, Border buff, A.O.V. Canary, and Greenfinch. Judge, W. H. Butler. Next table show business.—R. Peart.

Ayr and District C.B.S.—June 26, Academy Hall, 7.30. Nest feather show; judge, Mr. Irvine; Classes: Scotch 1, Crest 1, Norwich 3, Yorks. 3, Border 2, Mules 1, British 2; Entry fee, 3d.—James Sloan.

Anfield, Everton, and Dis. C.B.S.—Special committee meetiog, headquarters, 8. Business very important.—R. B. Wright. (Date not given.—Ed.)

Bankfoot C.B.S.—June 22, Red Lion Hotel, 3. Members' show; judge, Mr. R. Halliday; birds staged 3.—F. Gelder.

Birmingham South O.S.—June 26, Sydenham Hotel, 8. First young bird show; all exhibitors not later than 6.30; stewards 6 sharp; entries close June 24.—J. Sheppard.

Bonnyrigg C.B.S.—June 29, Forester's Arms, 7.30. Entries for first feather show, etc.—James Hamilton.

Chester C.B.S.—June 25, Nag's Head Cocoa House, 8.30. Receiving entries for nest feather show; collecting books, etc.—R. N. Williams.

Chopwell C.B.S.—June 22, Club Hall, 6. Schedule, members' classes, and other important business; all members and intending members are requested to attend.—W. Tomlinson.

Codnor Park and Eastwood C.B.S.—June 29, Three Tuns, Eastwood, 7. First feather show business; members please try and attend to save postages.—J. H. Mitchell.

Coventry O.S.—June 26, Sydenham Palace, 8.30. Entries close for nest feather show.—A. J. Barratt.

Darlington C. and B.B.F.A.—June 26, George Hotel, 7.30. First feather show; 5 classes; judge, Mr. Messenger, Bishop Auckland. Special value 10/6 given by judge for best bird in show.—Arthur Walker.

Derby C.B.S.—June 29, Derwent Hotel, 7. Arrangements for Melbourne, and important open show business.—G. H. Wharam.

Eccles C.B.S.—June 26, Diamond Inn, 8. Members' prize cards and money; new members; selecting specials for first feather show, as there is a lot to be allotted.—J. Hall.

Fife and Kinross N.P.C.—June 20, Cowdenbeath (Masonic Arms), 7. Contributions; patronage of club.—Gilbert Fisher.

Glasgow and Western Counties C.B.S.—June 22, Ramble to Waterbank Farm; train leaves Central at 2.18.—W. Connelly.

Glossop and Hadfield C.B.S.—June 25, Mr. J. H. Seolor's, High Street, West Glossop, 8. First feather show, and general business. Will members make an effort to attend; subs. now due.—E. Thompson.

Great Horton O.S.—June 22, Butchers' Arms, 3. Also members' show; birds to be staged at 3; judge, Mr. W. A. Cowgill.—J. Holroyd.

Green Canary Assn.—June 27, Oldham Hall, 8. Monthly meeting; night show (nest feather); 18 classes; specials for competition; birds staged 7.30; entry fee 6d. each.—Geo. Green, Hon. Sec.

Grimsby O.S.—June 27, Slatter's Rooms, 8. 2nd nest feather show; silver medal, most points, given by Mrs. W. Clews.—Towl and Smith.

Halifax O.S.—June 22. Inter ramble with Bingley Society, from Cullingworth, to Bingley; train leaves Halifax old station 2.15, G.N.R. Friends invited; a good turn up requested.—H. Clegg.

Haltwhistle C.B.S.—June 25, Mr. Nicholson's, 8. Arrangements for nest feather show; good attendance desired.—Nicholson and Tallantyre.

Hebden Bridge C.B.F.A.—June 25, Sells's Dining Rooms, Market Street, 7.30. Schedules for First Feather show, July 13.—A. Roberts.

Heywood O.S.—June 25, Rechabite Hall, Pine St., 7.30. To receive entries and other show business. Entries close at 9 p.m.—A. H. Meadowcroft.

Hull C B.S.—June 24, Oddfellow's Hall, 8. Classification, open show.—Ernest E. Ridley.

Laisterdyke B.F.A.—June 22, Railway Hotel, 2. Also June 21, 8 to 10, for entries. All entries to be made on Friday or postcard Saturday morning; judge Mr. F. Self, Clayton.—J. E. Hudson

Llanelly C.B.S.—June 22, Greyhound Hotel, 7. Show matters.—Daniel John.

Leicester C.B.S.—June 27, Saracen's Head Hotel, 8.15. Lecture on "Catching," by Mr. William Heath. Distribution of medals. Fanciers invited.—G. H. Groocock.

Longton C.B.S.—June 25, Castle Inn, 8. Special meeting; final arrangements for show; discussion on open show; all members are requested to attend.—Geo. Lea.

Middleton C.B.S.—June 24, Old Boar's Head, 8 p.m. Young bird show.—J. Oldham.

Midland Roller C.C.—June 27, at Swan and Peacock, at 8. Members please attend.—T. J. Smith.

National British Bird and M.C.—June 27, The Feathers, Gt. Chapel St., Westminster, 8. General business.—Plumbridge and Carr.

North Manchester C.B.S.—June 25, Balmora. Hotel, Rochdale Road, 8. Pool and other business; will members please bring all unsold tickets.—John Davey.

Old Sheldon Workmen's Club C.B.S.—June 22, Old Sheldon Workmen's Club, 8. Half yearly meeting, and other business.—J. H. Elwell.

Oxford C.B.S.—July 4, St. Peter's-le-Bailey Hall, 4 to 8.30. First feather show.—C. F. Holliday.

Pendleton and Salford O.S.—June 24, Irwell Castle, Lower Broughton, 8. Important business; allotting specials for F.F. show; distribution of colour food; please attend.—Critchley and Metcalfe.

Poplar C.B.S.—June 27, Headquarters, 8. Lecture on Foreign birds, by A. Williams, Esq.—H. W. Cook.

Rochdale Good Intent C.B.S.—June 26, Temperance Club, Toad Lane, 8. Committee; report on first feather show; also amalgamated show business.—Thos. Holt.

Rochdale O.S.—June 24, Club Rooms, 8.30. Committee meeting.—R. Bilmoe.

Shipley O.S.—June 22, Prince of Wales. Members' first feather show; birds staged 2 prompt; entries June 21. Judge, Mr. J. Broadley.—A. Tillotson.

South London C. and F.A.—June 27, Royal George, Tanner's Hill, Lewisham, 8. First feather show of cage birds; judge, Mr. Robson; exhibits staged 7.30.—Geo. F. Crawford.

Snwerby Bridge C.B.S.—June 27, Wharfe Hotel, 8. Weighing out of colour food.—Sutcliffe and Walker.

Spen Valley C.B.S.—June 24, Commercial Hotel, 8.—Arthur Lee.

Stockport B.F.A.—July 2, Boar's Head Hotel, 8. F.F. show abandoned.—W. Stafford.

Swansea C.A.—June 25, Market Tavern, 8. Classification of open show.—Henry Jenkins.

Swindon F. and F.A.—June 26, Baths, Milton Rd. Entrance, 8. Meeting; general business and a table show. Members and friends cordially invited.—W. J. Moran. Hon. Sec.

The National Green Marked Y.C.C.—June 22, Market Tavern, Godwin St., Bradford, 6.30. Committee meeting; business; competitions, specials, patronage, etc., etc.—E. Clegg, Hon. Sec.

Warrington C.B.S.—June 27, Blue Bell Sale Rooms, 8.—G. M. Nelson.

Wigan C.B.S.—June 29, Legs of Man, 8.—H. Young.

Wombwell B.F.A.—June 29, Park St. School, 7.—Thos. Eames.

Yorks. County B.B. and M.C.—June 29, Market Tavern, 7.30. Patronages and particulars for show season. Members please attend.—J. Lane.

YOUNG GOLDFINCHES. (W. O. C.).—The hen Canary will only eat and feed to the young the foods usually adopted by Canary breeders. If you can get some live ants' eggs and mix these well amongst the egg-food, however, your chances of rearing the young will be very much enhanced. Still, many hen Canaries have reared Goldfinches without the slightest trouble. Let her have plenty of seeding shepherd's purse and chickweed. I certainly do not advise you to colour-feed the youngsters.

GENERAL.

Answered by THE EDITOR.

T. Parsons.—We shall be pleased to hear from you and to advise further if necessary.

A. Duerden.—We have on several occasions published articles on this subject, but shall be pleased to try and arrange for another to appear in a week or so's time.

D. McArthur.—Size of photograph is not really material (though quarter and half plates are best) so long as it is sharp and contains plenty of contrast (i.e., is not flat). We prefer an ordinary silver print; whether from film or glass negative does not matter.

Singing Contests.

NEWTOWN (Leeds).

Weekly contest, June 16, at Prince Albert Inn, when Mrs. M. A. Saynor gave four good prizes for quality; 22 birds entered. Judges, Messrs. J. Smith and A. Jeunings. 1, Whitfield; 2, Madden; 3, Richardson; 4, Binns.—E. Wood, Hon. Sec.

CASTLEFORD.

Weekly contest held at George and Dragon, Bridge Street. 47 good birds sang for four prizes. 1, 2, W. Nelson, 70 and 60; 3, 4, shared between A. Sweeting and B. Nelson, 54. Also on June 16, 28 birds entered in a three minute sing: 1, B. Nelson, 57; 2, J. Kirk, 56; 3, W. Dobson, 43. Sunday singing is always open to all, 5 seconds a break, first pair in the window at 1 p.m. We have one of the best rooms in the district and use slide instead of moving birds. Saturday is for members' sings; our next open Saturday sing is on July 6.—W. Dobson, Hon. Sec.

FELLING-ON-TYNE.

Linnet contest held at the Turf Hotel, June 8. Mr. Jefferson gave £1 5s. extra to entry money. There were 96 entries, and some splendid singing. There were 96 entries, and some splendid singing was heard before a crowded house. We had to divide owing to darkness. This was the best contest held in the North for years, all the best birds being there. Result: Messrs. Boyed (Durham), 2 lots; Furlung (Jarrow); 3, Wetherspoon (Durham), 4; Donald (Spennymoor), 1; Wich (Washington), 2; 2; Donald (Spennymoor), 1; Wich (Washington), 2; Ludo (Hartlepool), 1; Coal (Newcastle), 1. Judge, Mr. Maddison; timer, Mr. Darkie. Mr. Almour, Sec.

PONTEFRACT.

Members' contest, June 15, at Woodman Inn, when we had some very good singing: 1, S. Scott, 54 secs.; 2, Hinchcliff, 51; 3, C. Scott, 46. Open contest, June 16, when close on 20 birds sang. Winners, Scott, Hinchcliff, and Piper. Open contest every week-end.—W. Beard, Sec.

DURHAM.

A Linnet sing, held Station Hotel, Todhills, June 15; 56 birds competed, and some very good time was done. 1, McQuirk and Franks; 2, 4, Lanburn; 3, Wilson and Adams. Judge, Mr. Joe Gardener (Spennymoor); Secretary, J. Sill. Next contest, Black Horse, Elvet, Durham City, June 22, prize valued £2. Other good prizes. Judge, Mr. Gardner, Spennymoor. Start two prompt.—Geo. Reed, Sec.

SHEFFIELD.

Linnet singing, held Royal George, Brightside Lane, June 15, when Mr. C. Hill gave three special prizes, to be sung for 3 minutes time singing. 12 birds entered. 1, Driver, 71 secs.: 2, 3, Thompson, 55 and 52 secs.; Spottiswood, 36 secs. and 30 secs. Also June 16, when Mr. C. Hill gave 3 extra special prizes, to be sung for 3 minutes time singing; 18 birds entered, and some good singing was heard. 1, Driver, 88 secs; 2, 3, Thompson, 77 secs. and 63 secs.; Thompson, 62 secs. Contest every week end. Next contest June 22. First pair of birds hung at 3.—A. Thompson, Sec.

LEEDS.

Weekly contest for quality, held King's Head, Shannon Street, Leeds, June 15, when 20 birds sung for four prizes, given by Mr. Tillotson: 1, Stead; 2, Hollingworth; 3, Chadwick; 4, Wigfield. Extra contest same day, when 14 birds sung for 3 prizes. 1, 3, Stead; 2, Chadwick. Judges: S. Hardcastle and W. Naylor. Also June 16, when 24 birds sung for four good prizes, and some good singing was heard: 1, Bland; 2, Chadwick; 3, Stead; 4, shared by Johnson and Stead. Judges, S. Hardcastle, W. Naylor, and B. Sissons.—Walter Naylor, Hon. Sec.

SALFORD.

Open contest for quality and time, June 15, at the Boathouse Hotel; 38 birds entered from the following clubs: Leigh, Blackburn, Tyldesley, Westhoughton, and Oldham. Winners: Quality: 1, Topping, Blackburn; 2, Jones; 3, Brown; 4, Statham (all of Leigh). Time: 1, Kennedy, 96, Tyldesley; 2, Fairhurst, 67, Leigh; 3, Poole, 65, Leigh; 4, Woodward, 35, Westhuughton. Judges: W. Barnes, T. Statham; referee, J. McAllister; timekeepers, J. Woodward, R. Statham, J. Green; tappers, A. Stinson and S. Woodward; bird-keeper, Ben. Jones (Salford). It is agreed to give all clubs in the affiliation our views to benefit the small club. Will members attend headquarters, June 23, to discuss further the interest of the novice? Chair taken by Mr. Cootes at 7.30 prompt.—B. W. Lawton, Hon. Sec.

Correspondence.

A Manchester Society Defunct.

Sir,—I have to inform you that owing to lack of support the South Manchester C.B.S. has had to be disbanded.

FRED WASHBOURNE, JUN.

[We trust to hear of the society's revival in the near future.—Editor]

Is Aluminium Paint Harmless?

Sir,—I think Mr. R. Tayler's a very good tip for improving the appearance of old and rusty wire fronts, but I should like to ask if this aluminum paint he recommends is quite harmless if picked off by the birds. Thanking him in anticipation of a reply.

J. HUNT.

A Recipe for Egg-cake.

Sir,—I read with great interest Mr. E. Perry's letter on the above, and should think it to be a splendid recipe. Has Mr. E. Perry tried it when colour feeding his birds? Does it do even for that? I think I shall give it a trial this season. Mr. Perry will greatly oblige me if he will say if his egg-cake is a good medium for the giving of colour food.

CHAS. HY. HILL.

The Wanderer's Home-coming!

Bullie Returns After Twelve Months.

Sir,—I do not know if you think this bird story worth publishing, but I can vouch for the truth of it—the lady lives near me, and told me the story a week ago.

This lady had kept a tame Bullfinch many years in a cage. One day he escaped, flew away, and was given up for lost. Quite a year after the Bullfinch flew in at the open window of the room he had quitted, was caught and put in the old cage with a Canary, its new occupant. Violent quarrels took place between the two, and nothing satisfied the Bullfinch till he again had his old cage to himself. The lady believes that the bird, which flew in at the window, was the same Bullfinch she lost—her old pet returned home after his wanderings.

GOULD.

A New Society for Arnold and Daybrook.

Sir,—A meeting was held in the British Schools, Arnold, June 15, and it was resolved to form a society, to be called the Arnold and Daybrook C.B.S. As most of the fanciers are novices, it was deemed advisable to confine it for the time to the parish of Arnold and Daybrook only. Of course, open classes will be provided as well for outside fanciers. Myself and the committee will do our best to help all those interested in cage birds, and try and make it a success with the great help we get from your valuable paper, CAGE BIRDS. If any fanciers are willing to become members, we shall be heartily pleased if they will apply to the sec. Next meeting June 22, at 3 p.m., British Schools.

The committee are Messrs. Extall, Dable, Teece, Hickling, Johnson, Aldridge; treasurer, Mr. Foster; sec., J. Teece.

JOHN TEECE.

Worrall Street, Arnold, Notts.

Rearing Young Birds Without Egg-food.

Sir,—I ought to treat the first part of Mr. Stanley's letter with contempt, because he is saying something that is not true. My hand is against no man; I always strive to help a man upwards if possible. I fail to discover anything to suggest prejudice in my letter. I have just as much right to write about the virtues of egg food as he has about nut food. Now, Mr. Stanley, do you call it prejudice to describe truthfully the methods that have made me a successful breeder of the German Canary? The reason I wrote that letter was because I thought (and think yet) that the new beginner might be led astray by adopting new methods which we know as yet very little about. I have no desire to blow my own trumpet, but the man that is keener to give the novice advice, according to my own experience, I don't think exists. When I said it only took me three minutes to prepare my egg food, I didn't reckon the time it takes to boil eggs; my wife boils them while I am at work. Wheezing is caused, according to Mr. Stanley, by sudden changes taking place in the air. Now my bird-room faces North, and according to the thermometer changes take place every day, yet I hardly ever hear a wheezing bird. It is more likely caused by all wire cages and badly made box cages; these cages are always draughty, and in my opinion that's the main cause. Mr. Stanley's assertion that egg food begins to go rancid an hour after it is made is quite true, but a silly thing to say. When we begin to live, of course, we begin to die, but some of us top the century. My egg food keeps nice and sweet for 24 hours and that is long enough for me. To keep it nice and sweet in very hot weather I put the mug in a pail of cold water straight from the tap, and cover with a damp cloth. But egg food can be kept much longer if put in a bladder, tied up, and placed in a cool place. As for nuts, there is more nourishment and tissue forming properties in one new-laid egg than in 1lb. of any kind of nuts. Nuts are the natural food of monkeys, squirrels, and other animals that live in trees, and are only found in the vicinity of the haunts of these interesting animals. What is the use of Mr. Stanley blaming egg-food as the cause of septic fever when he has no proof that such is the case? My father has kept birds for over 40 years, and at one time bred a large number of Dutch Frills and Lizards, yet he has never seen a case of septic fever. The reason I only boil my eggs 5 mins. is because I think that boiling them longer takes the iron from the yolk, besides diminishing the nourishing properties of the egg somewhat. I like the yolk to be reddish-yellow, and not whitish as they are when boiled 15 or 20 mins., as my birds seem to relish it better, so I differ from experts in that respect. No two men in the country feed their birds exactly alike. We all have our fads; for instance, when a nest of young are newly hatched, I place between the wires a small leaf of dandelion, and if I find it gone when I visit the room again I am happy, because I know the young are mine, and I am not at all particular about giving egg food for a few hours. I shall now let the subject drop.

JOHN CANNING.

Can Mules Breed?

Young Reported from Hen Mule and Cock Greenfinch.

Sir,—I have a ben Linnet Mule paired to a cock Greenfinch, and she has two young. This is her third nest this year, the other eggs being clear. I thought I would write to you about it, as I have only read once before of young being got from a hen Mule.

W. HILLIER.

News Wanted.

Sir,—Mr. Govier on May 11 put in a letter that he was certain he would have young from a hen Canary and cock Mule. I haven't read anything since. I expect he just saw the cock Mule in the act of pairing with the hen and jumped to the conclusion that the eggs *must* be fertile. He had far better waited a few more days before writing you and made sure about their fertility. It is well known that a cock Mule when in condition is rank as possible, and will copulate with any hen that will "call" to him. But the act of mating doesn't always mean that any eggs laid must have chicks in them. I expect this is where Mr. Govier went wrong, like many others who count their chicks before they hatch!

PETER MCINTYRE.

Accomplished Many Years Ago.

Sir,—I am glad to see the letters in CAGE BIRDS on this subject, and that fanciers have been successful in producing young from the Mule. I have been a Mule breeder for over 25 years, and many an interesting problem I have solved. It is now over 25 years ago since I proved that Mules will breed. I by chance at that time put two Mules together in a small cage. They were dark, very dark, Goldfinch and Canary Mules which I had hand-reared, as the Canary died when they were 14 days old; so they were brother and sister. The hen laid two eggs on the cage bottom, which I placed (marked) under a hen Canary, which was sitting. She hatched these two eggs, which came from the Mules, but refused to feed the young. I wrote to a paper at that time recording the facts. I quite well remember being well laughed at for my "tale." as they called it. I have since then had fertile eggs from a Mule, but have never been able to raise one. There have been instances recorded of the mule (animal) having produced young, and why should not birds? If anyone has any Mules I should advise them to put them together, and try the experiment; if the eggs were not fertile, other eggs could be placed with them, such as Linnets, Goldfinches, or even Canaries, for I have found that Mules are very good feeders. Many a nest of Canaries I have had raised by the Goldfinch Mule. I remember I wrote to the late Dr. Green and told him. He said it was impossible, and I must be mistaken. Other so-called authorities said the same. I am glad that others have got further than yours humbly,

HYBRID.

A LADY'S INTERESTING EXPERIMENTS IN CANARY BREEDING.

Sir,—When I was trying with varying success to find a reliable substitute for egg food for Yorkshire Canaries, I found that robust youngsters could be reared on crushed arrowroot biscuit, made just crumbly moist by the addition of a little honey. Most hens take kindly to this mixture, but if I intend them to feed their young with it, I give it with a sprinkle of maw when pairing, so that the old birds are used to it long before the family arrive. In trying new foods, I always experiment on a pair of common Canaries, and carefully take notes of the result for future reference. I have never tried to feed a really fine pair of birds or their young on any egg substitutes, as I have not sufficient faith in their strengthening qualities to risk the chance of losing valuable birds which thrive quite satisfactorily on home-made egg cake. The old saying: "What is one man's meat is another man's poison" applies also to birds, and their likes and dislikes should be studied just as we do our own. Scalded puppy biscuits are often highly spoken of, but I have had no success at all with these, never being able to tempt a bird to eat them—one peck seems to be quite sufficient, even when scalded with milk. Milk sop squeezed fairly dry and scalded rape I have tried without egg food, but never continued alone for the whole time of feeding, as I always notice the young begin to go thin and scraggy by the third or fourth day, as though they were not getting sufficient nutriment. I have had several hens at different times which fed their young almost solely on cracked hemp seed; and one only which would touch nothing but canary seed and green food, and, strange to say, she reared fine birds on this plain diet, although daintaies were offered to her frequently. I always supply feeding hens with cracked hemp and a small quantity of seasonable green food from the time of the first egg being hatched. With green food, it is best to study the birds individual tastes, and watch the effect on their general health, and that of the young ones. As a staple seed diet I use one part best German rape to three parts best Spanish canary, with a small portion daily of either cole, linseed, niger, or groats for a treat. All seed is given in pots on the cage floors, which are well covered with silver sand and sprinkled with sharp grit, crushed egg shells, and burnt bones, with pieces of rock salt and cuttle fish hanging on the cage fronts. These pots do away with that favourite home of the red mite—the seed box. Fresh water is, of course, given daily, and baths before noon whenever the weather is fit, so that all plumage is sure to be dry before roosting time. In winter I use three large flight cages—one for the old hens, one for the old cocks, and the other for young birds. When the young cocks are noticed singing lustily, they are removed to box cages until sold. For the breeding season, double breeders are used, lime-washed in the old-fashioned way, and porcelain nest pans, lined with thin carpet felting, while moss and doe hair form the nesting material. I use no artificial heat in the bird room, but have a curtain fixed in front of the cages, from hooks in the ceiling. This curtain I can slide away during the daytime and cover them all up at night, so that I know my pets are quite snug and free from draughts, without the danger of gas or oil fumes. With this treatment I am fairly successful with bird breeding, and enjoy an interesting and profitable hobby. In my opinion the chief duty of one who keeps pets is to study their temperament, health, and happiness. Most of them will respond by showing the greatest affection for their owner, which should more than repay him for the little extra time taken.

MRS. EDWARDS.

Now, Northowram Fanciers, Why Not Wake Up?

Sir,—Owing to the non-attendance of members at our last two meetings, I am very sorry to say that we have decided to disband the society temporarily.

S. SYKES, Sec.

Northowram and Dis. C.B.S.

Two White House Sparrows.

Sir,—Seeing in your last issue that a White Sparrow has been observed near Dublin, I thought it would interest you and your readers to know that I have in my possession a couple of young pure white House Sparrows, which have been bred in this locality, and both from the same nest. They are now well on seed, and in good condition. By their habits they remind me of a pair of foreign Finches, as they are so very tame and cheeky, following one another about the aviary in exactly the same manner. These birds are bred from a pair of ordinary House Sparrows, and are two out of a nest of five, the other three young ones being of the ordinary colour.

JAS. A. BOWDIDGE.

When Wild Birds May and May Not be Caught.

Sir,—"Birdlet," I think, has misunderstood my letter re Chaffinches. Anybody can catch birds at the proper time of year, but as the laws of different counties differ, I should advise him to get in touch with them, as he is a catcher. I speak from experience, as in my time I have had to pay more than one fine. The wild bird law for any particular district can always be seen outside of the local police station, and inside of post offices, so there is no excuse for anybody. The main question he asks can easily be answered. "Any owner or occupier of land, or any person authorised by him is exempt in respect of all birds not on schedule"; that is to say, any owner of land can catch or authorise any person to catch certain birds on his land if he likes, but let him remember that is only at certain times in the year, so let that owner or owner's employe beware, whether on his own or his master's property or not. If he is caught bird-catching, destroying nests, or taking eggs in the close season, they will make him sit up for it. So you will see the penalty applies to all cases in the close season, and in all districts there are certain birds that you must not catch at any time, so whenever you catch, be sure to be on the safe side. You also stand a chance of a summons if you catch on land without asking permission. I hope I have now put this matter plain enough for the majority of catchers.

E. TILSON.

Societies at Newcastle.

Sir,—In your correspondence columns of last week I saw it stated that the Newcastle Novice Society had changed its name. This is not true; I wish to state particularly that this is the Newcastle Novice C.B.S., and I do not want any mistake whatever made or the principle of our society will be missed. New comers should note particularly also that novices can win as well as the committee, who will retire each year for other members. We have no connection with any other society in Newcastle. Our headquarters are at Mr. Purvis's Cafe, Clayton Street, opposite Bird Market, Newcastle, and my address is 7, St. Thomas Street, Newcastle, where all special prizes can be sent for the above society.

T. W. LUMSDEN, Sec.

The Proposed New Society for Penygraig.

Trouble in the Rhondda Valley.

Sir,—Seeing a lettter in your valuable paper re the above, by Mr. Ivor M. Morgan, I should like to tell him that the Mid Rhondda and Dis. C.B.S. is not dead yet, and not likely to die. We are as strong now as ever, and seeing that Mr. Morgan is the President of the Mid Rhondda C.B.S., now that he is calling a meeting to form another society on our doorstep, I think he is throwing an insult in the faces of the members of the Mid Rhondda C.B.S., as people have been asking me what is the matter with your president and your society? I should like to ask Mr. Morgan: (1) Why have you, as President of the M.R.C.B.S., tried to form another society within half-a-mile? (2) Do you still wish to remain as president of the M.R.C.B.S.? If not, you evidently skipped rule 16 in our club rule book. Or have you never read the rules? (3) Have you any complaint to make against any member or members of our society? If so, come to the next meeting, and you will be welcome to make such. Now, Mr. Morgan, I wish you to understand I want a straightforward answer from you. You know that two societies so close together cannot prosper.

ARTHUR H. C. LEGG,
Hon. Sec. Mid Rhondda and Dis. C.B.S.

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Ring Ousel Pairs with Mistle Thrush.

A Query About "Trapping" Snails.

Sir,—I have a hen Mistle Thrush and a cock Ring Ousel in an outdoor aviary (with four other birds), who have mated, and who pair freely every day, but they make no attempt at nesting, no matter how I try to induce them, as a hybrid from the two birds would be most interesting. Can anyone give advice as to an easy way in which to catch snails out of a garden? R. V. WAGNER.

Eight Eggs in a Clutch.

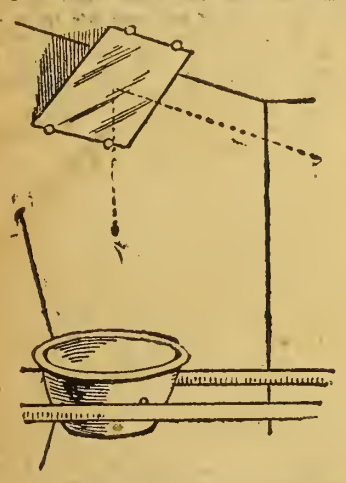
Sir,—I have a hen Canary that has laid 8 eggs, and is sitting on them very well. I would like to know if any of your readers has had birds with 8 eggs, and if they have reared any youngsters from them. To prove that this is a fact, I may say that I have only two hens, and the other one has got three young ones. I have only had one nest, and out of four eggs I got four young ones, and three are still alive. This hen was only bred last year.

JOHN J. WILSON.

[Instances of 7, 8, and 10 eggs in a clutch have been recorded in CAGE BIRDS this season.—Editor.]

A Looking Glass for the Breeding Cage.

Sir,—This notion I have proved to be most useful during the breeding season, for it enables you to see right into the nest, no matter how high up the cage is, without having to disturb



the birds. Take a piece of looking glass, not larger than three inches square, and fix it with four drawing pins, or tin tacks, at an angle in the top corner of the cage, above the nest, as shown in sketch WM. COOKE.

The Type of Present-day Norwich Plainheads.

Is the Value of the Head Exaggerated?

Sir,—I think "Sub Rosa" is going a bit too fast. He says there was a quotation in your journal from a Norwich daily paper decrying the Palace judges, which, sir, is not true. A quotation from the "Eastern Evening News" did appear in your journal some time back, which said quotation was not quite correct, and I wrote explaining same, which explanation you were kind enough to publish. I feel sure "Sub Rosa" could not have read the latter, or I think he would not have written as he has now done. As to my second-hand information, as he terms it, these fanciers were disappointed with some of the winners in the Norwich Plainhead cock classes as to type and quality. I may say they went to the Palace mostly to see a certain bird, and when they saw it (it was a first prize bird), one of them remarked that he would not have it in his bird room. But for "Sub Rosa's" information I may say it was none of those birds he mentions, and that those fanciers spoke well of some of them, more especially of the yellow hens. Therefore I think that even "Sub Rosa" will admit that Norwich fanciers know something; and I may also say that the description they gave as to the type of the winner in this class corresponded with the published report. "Sub Rosa" says Mr. Woollard seems to be the leader of this "little band of pessimists." Well, sir, if by giving my views as to the type and quality of the Norwich Plainhead to the members of a society at their request is being the leader, so it must be. "Sub Rosa" says Mr. Woollard must understand that the Norwich Plainhead has undergone a great change this last ten years. Certainly "Sub Rosa" is speaking the truth for once. It has undergone a change, but in some instances not altogether for the better. He says that in the N.P.C. standard 25 points are given for head and neck alone. Well, I suppose a society has a right to please themselves, but "Sub Rosa" can't make me believe that the N.P.C. would consent for a judge to place one of the Yorkshire type or of the pigeon pouter type in front of even a small typical Norwich. At the same time, did not fanciers know that a good head and neck are required until all these points were allowed for them by the N.P.C.? Some people seem to think all that is wanted on the show bench is head and neck, and that you might keep the other parts at home. "Sub Rosa" says some fanciers may have overlooked a few minor points in their eagerness for the head, and he admits that it is through so many points being allowed for same by the N.P.C. But what does he call minor points? Surely not type and quality. If so, what are we to distinguish one variety from another by? Neither can he mean short, compact, and well balanced wings and tail, which in my opinion are quite as hard or even harder to obtain than good head and neck. If not, then why is it so few are to be seen at even the best of the shows which "Sub Rosa" writes about? I would like to ask "Sub Rosa" which is the most unsightly, a bird with head and neck a bit small, but with wings and tail as I have just stated above, or one with good head and neck, but with bad wings and long hinge tail? Then, again, would "Sub Rosa" have us believe that the birds have all good heads that win under certain judges to-day—that is to say, good heads for Norwich Plainheads? Why, some of them are browed sufficiently (with body feather to match) that they would not disgrace themselves in the Crestbred classes. I am quite aware that we have some good judges, but I am also aware there are certain others who would place a bird first simply because it may have happened to win in moderate company under Mr. So and So, and the pity is that many fanciers who exhibit away from home don't or can't attend the shows to see for themselves. If they did, I am of opinion, they would select the judges they intended to show under, as no doubt some do that are able to visit the shows. "Sub Rosa" says he did not attend the Palace show, but that he had seen most of the winners before, and in stronger competition. Now, sir, this seems a bit funny, because if he did not see them at the Palace show, how can he say that he had seen them in stronger competition? Surely he doesn't mean to say that the competition was stronger simply because the classes might be bigger? In my opinion, it is the company the bird is in which makes the competition strong. A bird may romp home in a class of 40, but may have a hard job to get there in a very small class. In conclusion, I would like to ask "Sub Rosa" if he should have anything more to say to me personally to please find the courage to sign his name, and not hide behind a nom-de-plume, and also to bear in mind that just as he considers he has a right to his own opinion, there are several thousand breeders in Norwich who have the same right to their opinions. I am sure there is not one who would wish to see anything done which would be detrimental to the Norwich Plainhead. A. WOOLLARD.

Sir,—I could not follow Mr. Woollard's, or his fellow-clubites' remarks regarding the birds in question. I think, as "Sub Rosa" remarks, that if the Norwich breeders were to try and breed some like the birds in question, instead of censuring the judges, they would be doing more good to themselves and the Fancy at large. Are they doing much to uphold the good name that Norwich has held in the past as being the home of the champion Norwich Canary? Looking through some of the principal show catalogues, I do not see many exhibitors from Norwich or where many first and specials have gone down Norwich way. In conclusion, I venture to think they must not forget the fact that they have got to move with the times. I wish the Norwich breeders every success and a prolific season.

NOVICE.

Hand-rearing Young Magpies: A Warning.

Sir,—These birds are certainly one of the easiest to hand-rear, and they may be fed on nearly anything. A case has just come under my ken, where a nest of young were brought and shown me which had been hand-fed for seven or eight days. All of them had been fine, strong birds, and had been well fed on "lights," raw meat, and barley meal, but all of them were badly affected with cramp in their legs. They could not stand up at all, and did look a sorry lot. All went like that in a single night. I could not at first account for it, but on making further enquiries how and where they were kept, the owner at last fetched me a large pail which he had kept them in, and on examining it and its contents I found the stench strong. There was a large lump of old carpet at the bottom, with sawdust on the top. They had not been cleaned out for a week, and the contents were sodden from the excrement, and this caused a dampness which had affected them in their legs. I recommended them to be put in a large box cage and kept out of doors to see if that would revive them, but I certainty think that they are now too far gone for any treatment. I should strongly advise anyone who goes in for hand-rearing these, or any birds, to keep them scrupulously clean, and above all, dry

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ROUND THE YOUNG BIRD SHOWS.

LLANDUDNO C.B.S.

Nest feather show, Cobden Hotel, June 12. Judge, Mr. G. W. Jones. NOR.: 1, spl, Nolan; 2, Roberts; 3, Hartle. YORKS., CL., TKD.: 1, S. England; 2, D. Jones. YORKS., VARIEG.: 1, D. Jones; 2, S. England. A.V. MULE: 1, C. Roberts. GOLDFINCH: 1, J. Hughes; 2, Thompson. BULLFINCH: 1, Hartle; 2, Wood; 3, Moss. A.O.V. BRITISH: 1, Moss; 2, Hartle; 3, Nolan.—F. S. Berry, Hon. Sec.

GT. HORTON (Good Intent) O.S.

First feather show, in Church Schools, Southfield Lane, June 15, Mr. W. A. Cowgill, Bradford, judged, and gave every satisfaction. Some very fine specimens were staged. CL. OR TKD. YELL. (10): 1, Morley; 2, Walker; 3, 4, Hooson; vhc, Rushworth; hc, c, Holden. BUFF (12): 1, 2, Worsnop; 3, Brook and Oldfield; 4, Holden. EVEN, ETC., YELL (4): 1, Hoosen; 2, Bartle; 3, Brown and Ramsden; 4, Chubb. BUFF (5): 1, Brook and Oldfield; 2, Schofield; 3, Walker; 4, Pedder. A.O.V. (9): 1, 4, Jowett; 2, Bartle; 3, Schofield.—H. Gornall, Sec.

HALIFAX O.S.

First feather show at headquarters, Plummit Line Hotel, June 15, 71 birds were entered; Mr. R. Haliday, Shipley, judged. Mr. E. J. Cundall won special in champion section, and Mr. A. Mann in novice. Class 1: 1, 2, 3, Cundall. Class 2: 1, Walsh; 2, Ogden; 3, Burdekin Bros. Class 3: 1, Townsend; 2, Cundall; 3, Walsb. Class 4: 1, Townsend; 2, Speak; 3, Walsh. Class 5: 1, Mann; 2, Senior; 3, Senior. Class 6: 1, Mann; 2, Wilkinson; 3, Hartley. Class 7: 1, 2, Simpson; 3, Wilkinson. Class 8: 1, Watson. Class 9: 1, Crossley; 2, Dewbirst. Class 10: 1, Watson; 2, 3, Lord. Class 11: 1, Macpherson; 2, Wilkinson.—H. Clegg, Sec.

OLDHAM C.B.A.

First feather show held June 15, at the Textile Dining Rooms, Shaw Road. Entries were not quite up to the usual standard owing to the bad luck which some of our fanciers have been having, but taking things all round we came out fine. Mr. Barras, Rochdale, placed the awards, and I am sure they gave satisfaction all round. (From the catalogue sent it appears that the principal winners were: Lizards: Steeple; Lancs.: Fitton, Nor.: Sharples, Furness, Clough, Hall; Yorks.: Wadsworth, Addison, Brooke; A.O.V.: Whyatt; Brit.: Steeple; best bird, G. Fitton; second best, J. Sharples.).—Jas. Cope, Sec.

LIVERPOOL B.B.A.

First nest feather night show, held in Oldham Hall, June 13, when 47 birds were staged, which brought out some rare youngsters. Messrs. Hales and Lloyd judged. YORKS.: CL. OR TKD. YELL. (4): 1, 2, Maxwell; 3, Corbett. BUFF (2): 1, Jones; 2, Corbett. S. AND F. YELL. GREEN (8): 1, 2, Bell; 3, Pullman. BUFF (9): 1, c, Jones; 2, Eccleston; 3, Maxwell. NOR. CL., TKD. YELL. (4): 1, Cutmore; 2, Crowe; 3, Pullman. BUFF (4): 1, 2, Cutmore; 3, Crowe. GREEN YELL. (2): 1, 2, Brutherton. BUFF (4): 1, 3, Brutherton; 2, McMahon. BORD. (3): 1, 2, 3, Brutherton. BRITISH (AMALG.) (4): 1, Jones; 2, Pullman; 3, Brutherton. LINNET (3): 1, 3, Bell; 2, Jones. Most points: W. Bell 16, W. Jones 15, Maxwell 14.—J. Lloyd, Assist. Sec.

WOLVERHAMPTON C.B.S.

First nest feather show, held Duke of York, June 13, when over 40 birds faced the judge, Mr. J. A. Tonks, of Wednesbury, whose awards gave every satisfaction. Some very promising youngsters were staged. Mr. F. J. Weaver won sp, for best bird, with a grand head-ticked Buff Norwich.

NOR., CL.: 1, Hyde, very nice Cl. Buff; 2, Hampton; 3, Garfield; 4, Weaver. TKD., ETC.: 1, sp., 4, Weaver, head ticked Buff, good one, grand head, neck, and size; 2, Garfield; 3, Hampton. VARIEG.: 1, 4, Garfield, good pair of birds, leader grand head and neck, every appearance of a hen; 2, Weaver; 3, Harrison. YORKS., CL.: 1, 2, 3, 4, Robinson, grand team all through. TKD.: 1, Robinson. Annual nest feather show, July 27, is a cup show. Members please note.—J. Gibbons, Hon. Sec.

LEYTON C.B.A.

First feather show, held Grays Park Hall, June 8. Owing to so many members having bad luck with the breeding, there was not the usual number of exhibits. The quality was very good, especially in Yorks. Mr. Bennett won special for best bird in show, and Mr. King special for runner up. There were some grand birds in the British classes, Mr. Pettet's Twite and Mr. Oliver's Hawfinch and Starling being particularly noticeable. Mr. J. Robson judged.

CHAMPION YORKS.: 1, 2, 3, 4, Bennett. NORWICH: 1, 2, 3, 4, Taylor. NOVICE, YORKS., CL., OR TKD. YELL.: 1, 4, King; 2, Smith; 3, Farmer. BUFF: 1, Farmer; 2, Smitb; 3, King; 4, Davis. MKD. OR VARIEG.: 1, 2, 4, King; 3, Parker. NOR., CL. OR TKD. YELL.: 1, Rhodes; 2, Pettet; 3, Davies; 4, Marsh. MKD. OR VARIEG.: 1, 3, Rbodes; 2, Marsh. C. OR C.B.: 1, 2, 3, Rhodes. A.O.V.: 1, 2, 3, 4, Parker. GOLDFINCH OR BULLFINCH: 1, Pettet; 2, Perring; 3, Sadler. GREENFINCH: 1, Burbidge; 2, Pettet; 3, Hellens. LIN.: 1, Sadler; 2, Hellens; 3, Burbidge; 4, Pettet. SISKIN, ETC.: 1, Pettet; 2, Dalton; 3, Sadler; A.O.V. HARDBILL: 1, Oliver. SOFTBILL: 1, Oliver.—Forse and Son, Hon. Secs.

SHEFFIELD C.B.S.

Table show, held June 13, at Wentworth Cafe, when 86 birds were staged in eight classes. The number would have been much greater, bad not some of our members had such bad breeding results. Some exhibits were birds of great promise, and competition for the points specials promised to be very keen. Messrs. W. H. Champion, T. Ridle, and J. Milne judged Yorks., Nor. and Brit. respectively, and gave every satisfaction. CHAMPION YELL., YORKS. (2): 1, Drabble and Bennett, clear, well drawn, good legs, and length, grand quality; 2, Champion; 3, 4, Furniss. BUFF (15): 1, 2, Champion, both good length, quality and size, nice and round, two beauties; 3, 4, Furness. YELL. NOR. (7): 1, 2, Waters, 1st, grand head and neck, good size and shape, fine carriage; 3, Dunford; 4, Lawton. BUFF (14): 1, 4, Woolhouse, varieg., big, good head and neck, stands well, nice carriage; 2, Waters; 3, Lawton. NOVICE, YELL. YORKS. (14): 1, Bestwick, grand upstanding bird, fine wings, position and sbape, big; 2, W. H. Webster; 3, Simmonite; 4, J. Smith. BUFF (13): 1, Forsby and Billard, treat for equality, good size, well drawn, grand bird; 2, 4, Chadwick; 3, Simmonite. BUFF (3): 1, Sissons, clear, nice shape and quality, rather small; 2, 3, Carley. BRIT. (11): 1, 2, Walsh, 1st, Bullie, grand colour and size; 3, 4, Falding.—J. Woolhouse, Assist. Sec.

PUDSEY & STANNINGLEY C.B.S.

Held June 15, 50 birds were shown. Mr. A. Chew judged. CL. OR TKD. YELL. YORKS. (14): 1, Richmond; 2, 4, Taylor; 3, Towler and Hargreaves. BUFF (16): 1, 4, Richmond; 2, Butler; 3, Marsh; c, Taylor. MKD. YELL. (10): 1, Towler and Hargreaves; 2, 4, Richmond; 3, Marsh. BUFF (8): 1, Richmond; 2, Butler; 3, Towler and Hargreaves; 4, Oddy and Galloway. NOR. (2): 1, 2, Wainwright. Principal point winners: Richmond, Towler and Hargreaves, Butler, Taylor and Marsb.—Hugh Raistrick, Sec.

MORLEY C.B.S.

Young bird show, held June 15, at Sycamore Hotel, judge, Mr. J. Lane, Bradford. 56 birds staged. OPEN CL. OR TKD. YELL. (6): 1, 2, Birdstall; 3, Rhodes. BUFF (5): 1, Mitchell; 2, 3, Pyrah. FOUL MKD. GREEN (6): 1, c, Pyrah; 2, 3, Mitchel. CLASS 4 (4): 1, 2, Birdstall; 3, Mitchel. NOVICE, CL. OR TKD. YELL. (2): 1, Greenwood; 2, Scholes. BUFF (3): 1, Scholes; 2, Greenwood; 3, Brook. FOUL MKD. GREEN (8): 1, 2, Scholes; 2, Greenwood. FOUL MKD. CINN. (4): 1, Scholes; 2, Greenwood; 3, Brook. BRIT. LINNET (9): 1, Fisher; 2, 3, Gomerstall. GOLD OR BULLFINCH (4): 1, 2, Gomerstall; 3, Brook. REDPOLL, ETC. (5): 1, 3, Pyrah; 2, Gomerstall.—J. Rhodes, Sec.

EASTVILLE (Bristol) OPEN F.S.

Monthly table show, held at White Swan Hotel June 12. There were three nice classes of nest feather Yorkshires. Our late chairman, Mr. Jack Williams, placed the cards, and at the conclusion of business he answered questions on the awards, giving his reasons very satisfactorily. In the earlier part of the evening it was proposed and seconded and carried with great applause, that he be made the second life member of this society for his valuable past services. Awards: Cl. Yell., bred 1912: 1, Greenslade; 2, 3, York; 4, Waters. Buff 1, Greenslade; 2, Flook; 3, York; 4, Waters. Tkd., etc.: 1, Greenslade; 2, 4, Flook; 3, Pace.—J. A. Greensladc.

SOWERBY BRIDGE C.B.S.

First young bird show, June 8th, at headquarters, Wharfe Hotel. There was a splendid entry of 56 birds, some of which showed great promise of making winners for the coming season. Mr. W. Speak, Halifax, was a satisfactory judge. Awards: CL. TKD., ETC., YELL.: 1, Robertshaw; 2, 3, vhc, c, Highley; 4, Sutcliffe; hc, Stobart. BUFF: 1, 3, Robertshaw; 2, vhc, Stobart; 4, Sutcliffe; c, Graham. HEAVILY VARIEG. OR FOUL MKD.: 1, Stobart; 2, Robertshaw; 3, 4, Crossley. GREEN: 1, Highley. NOR.: 1, 2, Graham. Section 2, CL. TKD., ETC. YELL.: 1, Speak; 2, c, Wild; 3, Sutcliffe; 4, hc, Fielding; vhc, Riley. BUFF: 1, Sutcliffe; 2, Walker; 3, Fielding; 4, Lumb; vhc, hc, Turner; c, Riley. HEAVILY VARIEG. FOUL MKD.: 1, 3, Senior; 2, Jakeway; 4, c, Lumb; vhc, Riley. NOR.: 1, 2, Turner.—Sutcliffe and Walker, Secs.

GODNOR PK. & EASTWOOD C.B.S

Open first feather show, June 8, at Assembly Room, Queens Head, Riddings. Considering the bad breeding season we are experiencing in this district, the entry was very good. Mr. W. Vardy judged. Messrs. Wood and Kew staged some very promising Yorks, and Parson Bros. a grand team of Norwich buffs. YORKS., CL. YELL.: 1, 2, 3, Kew. BUFF: Wood. L.M. YELL: 1, Wood; 2, Kew. BUFF: 1, Kew. G. OR H. MKD.: 1, Wood. NOR., YELL.: 1, Taylor; 2, Parson Bros.; 3, Wagstaff. BUFF: 1, 2, 3, Parson Bros. MULE OR HYB.: 1, Bestwick. MULE OR HYB. (OLD BIRDS): 1, Watson; 2, Holt; 3, Mossenden. BRIT. GOLDFINCH: 1, Smith. BULLFINCH: 1, 3, Lees; 2, Smith. LINNET: 1, Mitchell; 2, Wood; 3, Smith. GREENFINCH: 1, Bestwick; 2, Smith; 3, Mossenden. TWITE, ETC.: 1, 2, Lees. CHAFFINCH: 1, Lees. BUNTING: 1, Lees; 2, Mitchell.

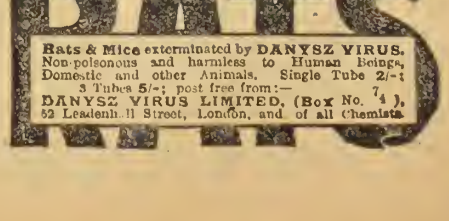
METROPOLITAN C.B.A.

Young bird show held June 15, when over 80 birds were staged practically all Canaries. Visitors turned up remarkably well, and the show can certainly be written down a success. Special prize winners: Messrs. Hall, Denham, Walker, Macmillan, and Mesdames Thynne, Denham and Lovegrove. Special for best in show, clear yellow Yorks., belonging to Mr. Hall. Mr. J. Robson judged. CHAMP., CL. NOR.: 1, 2, Lovegrove; 3, Luff. A.O.V.: 1, Luff; 2, 3, Lovegrove. CL. YORKS.: 1, Hall; 2, 3, King. A.O.V.: 1, Tebbs; 2, Hall; 3, King. CL. BORDERS: 1, 3, Macgregor; 2, Thynne. A.O.V.: 1, Thynne; 2, 3, Macgregor. NOVICE, CL. NOR.: 1, Denham; 2, 3, Macmillan. A.O.V.: 1, 2, Macmillan. CL. YORKS.: 1, Walker. A.O.V.: 1, 2, Walker. CL. BORD.: 1, 2, Denham; 3, Burgess. A.O.V.: 1, Denbam. GOLD OR BULLFINCH: 1, Walker; 2, 3, Cross. A.O.S.: 1, Macmillan; 2, Cross; 3, Hall. HENS: 1, Walker; 2, Hall.—J. Best, Hon. Sec.

CITY OF BRADFORD O.S.

First feather show at headquarters, Flying Dutchman Hotel, Leeds Road, Bradford, June 15, when a grand entry of 70 birds was recorded. Mr. Sam Wilcock, Eccleshill, judged, and gave entire satisfaction throughout. Some very promising young birds were staged, and much admired during the afternoon. This was the first show of a series of six to be held during the year for a valuable list of special prizes, and competition proved very keen. Awards:—

Open Section: CL. OR TKD. YELL. YORKS. (6): 1, bc, Hellewell; 2, Rhodes; 3, Hodgson; 4, vhc, Clark. BUFF (10): 1, 4, Bateman; 2, Hodgson; 3, Hellewell; vhc, c, Ludbrook; hc, Rhodes. EVEN, ETC., YORKS., GREEN (9): 1, Fawcett; 2, Hodgson; 3, Hellewell; 4, Rhodes; vhc, hc, Bateman; c, Ludbrook. CINN. (7): 1, 2, Birbeck; 3, Hodgson; 4, vhc, Clark; hc, c, Hellewell. Novice Yorks Section: CL. OR TKD. YELL (8): 1, McEwen; 2, vhc, Hylton; 3, Fletcher; 4, hc, Rhodes; c, Brown. BUFF (9): 1, 2, Hylton; 3, hc, Rhodes; 4, Rhodes; vhc, McEwen; c, Fletcher. EVEN, ETC., YORKS, GREEN (2): 1, Rhodes; 2, Hunter. CINN. (1): 1, BROWN. Open Norwich Section: CL. OR TKD. YELL. (3): 1, Roc; 2, Fortnam; 3, Birbeck. BUFF (4): 1, Plowright; 2, 3, Roc; 4, Birbeck. EVEN, ETC. (4): 1, 2, Rhodes; 3, Plowright; 4, Fortnam. Novice Norwich Section: CL. OR TKD. BUFF (1): G. Hunter. EVEN, ETC. (4): 1, 4, Hunter; 2, 3, Farrer. British Section: A.S. BRIT. (2): 1, 2, Farrer.—J. Horsfield, Assist. Sec.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TONBRIDGE F.A.

Members' show held Red Lion Hotel, June 12. Mr. F. Wraight placed the cards, and his awards were well received

YORKS.: 1, W. Creed; 2, 3, R. Crose. NOR.: 1, L. Richards; 2, W. Creed; 3, Greenaway. A.O.V.: 1, L. Richards. BRIT.: 1, 2, Cross, Linnet and Bullie; 3, Goldie.—H. Cross, Sec.

ECCLES C.B.S.

Show of British, held Diamond Inn, June 12. GOLDFINCH: 1, Tims; 2, Monks; 3, Jones; 4, Astley, F. M. LINNET: 1, Monks; 2, Hall; 3, Astley; 4, Walker. Y.M.: 1, Tims; 2, Walker; 3, Hall. SISKIN, ETC.: 1, Astley; 2, Monks; 3, Jones; 4, Tims. BULLFINCH: 1, 2, Jones; 3, Tims. GREENFINCH: 1, Jones; 2, Walker; 3, Astley; 4, Walker. CHAFFINCH OR BRAMBLE: 1, Monks; 2, Gaskell; 3, 4, Walker.—J. Hall, Hon. Sec.

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WARRINGTON C.B.S.

Nest feather show, held June 15. There was only a moderate entry owing to several of the members having done so badly, but a few very nice birds were staged, notably the yellow Border shown by Mr. J. Barnett, which ought to be heard of again. Mr. J. D. Leigh placed the awards to everyone's satisfaction. Yorks. Yell.: 1, sp, 2, Hardy; 3, Rice. Buff: 1, 2, Hardy; 3, Rice. Nor. Buff: 1, Pitchard; 2, Nelson. Bord. Yell.: 1, sp Barnett; 2, Nelson; 3, Pitchford. Buff: 1, 2, Nelson; 3, Pitchford. A.O.V.: 1, Titchard; 2, Nelson; 3, Barnett. Goldfinch: 1, sp, Nelson; 2, 3, Mort. Linnet: 1, Titchard; 2, Barnett.—G. W. Nelson, Hon. Sec.

TONG C.B.S.

First members' show, June 15, at Hand and Shuttle Inn, Dudley Hill. Amongst the 65 entries there were some very good birds. Mr. T. Bentley, Cleckheaton, judged. CHAMP.—CLEAR OR TKD. YELL. YORKS. (9): 1, Padgett; 2, Casey; 3, Wright; 4, Denton. BUFF (12): 1, 2, Gledhill; 3, 4, Padgett. GREEN MKD. YELL (3): 1, Padgett; 2, Hadwin; 3, Worsman. BUFF (8): 1, Worsman; 2, Atkinson and Firth; 3, Casey; 4, Gledhill. CINN. MKD. YELL.: 1, Casey; 2, Wright; 3, Clark. BUFF: 1, Clark. NOVICE.—CLEAR OR TKD. YELL. YORKS. (9): 1, Hodgson and Holdesworth; 2, 4, McLaughlin; 3, Nicholl. BUFF (12): 1, Hinton; 2, 3, Helliwell; 4, Hodgson and Holdsworth. GREEN, MKD., YELL. (3): 1, McLaughlin; 2, Hodgson and Holdsworth; 3, Wardsman. BUFF: 1, Hodgson and Holdsworth. CINN. MKD. BUFF (4): 1, McLaughlin; 2, Hinton; 3, Crabtree; 4, Wardman.—W. Walker, Sec.

WINDHILL & ECCLESHILL C.B.S.

Combined first feather show at Blue Bell Hotel, June 15, when an entry of 72 birds was recorded. Mr. John Greaves, of Manningham, judged, and gave every satisfaction. Some extra good birds were staged, and were greatly admired during the afternoon. We also had a record gate. Most points for season's specials are as follows: Champion: Taylor 16, Sutcliffe and Son 12, Long 12, Chippendale 9, Halliday 8. Novice: Shepherd 22, Bryant 12, Spencer 11, Wilman 9, Craven 8. Awards:—

CL. YELL. (14): 1, Bryant; 2, Atkinson; 3, 4, Studd; vhc, Shepherd; hc, Pearson; c, Taylor. BUFF (13): 1, Studd; 2, Wilman; 3, Shepherd; 4, Drake; vhc, Wilman; hc, Chippendale; c, Pearson. T.K.D. YELL. (11): 1, Sutcliffe and Son; 2, Pullan; 3, Bryant; 4, Barney; vhc, Elsegood; hc, Markwell; c, Drake. BUFF (12): 1, Shepherd; 2, Chippendale; 3, Halliday; 4, Rushworth; vhc, hc, Craven; c, Pearson. UNEVEN MKD. YELL.: 1, 2, Spencer, 3, Long; 4, Chippendale. BUFF (9): 1, Shepherd; 2, Pearson; 3, Sutcliffe and Son; 4, Spencer; vhc, Long; hc, Studd; c, Atkinson. NOR.: 1, 3, Airton; 2, Halliday. SELL.: 1, Long; 2, 3, 4, Taylor; vhc, Craven; hc, Gunn; c, Halliday.—J. Taylor, Sec.

NORTH MANCHESTER C.B.S.

Annual show held at the new quarters, Balmoral Hotel, June 15th, 1912. Entries numbered 76, a great improvement on last season, and quality was very good all round. The room in which the show was held for the first time is an exceptionally well lighted one of good dimensions, and eminently suited for the purpose. The offer of medals to be won for most points throughout season no doubt brought out more entries. We venture to advise the committee to put some open classes for our November show, and advertise it in "Cage Birds." We feel sure the entries would increase. Fine weather favoured the event, and the show was well patronised, and a few new members elected. The committee are expecting a balance on the right side. Specials were won by Messrs. J. Pike, J. Deakin, W. H. Tansey, in amateur section, and Messrs. F. Speakman, J. Robinson and J. T. Brown, in novice section; J. H. Woods securing special for best novice bird. Judging was in the hands of Mr. Berwick, who gave general satisfaction. (According to the catalogue sent, the principal winners were: Yorks., Pike; Bord., Coles; Novice Yorks., Speakman, Self, Brown, Robinson, Lowe, Brit., Firth, Ball, Robinson.)—W. H. Tansey.

CREWE O.S.

Nest feather show, held June 15, when some 80 to 90 exhibits turned up. There is a cup and medal competition for aggregate points during the year; there was a very close run by J. W. Lawton, T. L. Hancock, F. L. Cooper, and S. Potts, and much interest will be centred around the old show in consequence. Some of the younsters showed great promise, but we would like to have seen more of them. Let us hope the next round will be a greater success. The hybrid class was a good one, and the British birds very good specimens. Mr. E. Jaycott carried out his duties as secretary ably and had all in good order. Mr. Chas. Houlton judged and apparently gave every satisfaction.

NOR. YELL. (6): 1, 2, 3, Cooper, good trio. BUFF (6): 1, ", Cooper, former largest, fine head and well filled in from neck and shoulder; 3, Taylor, very cobby, like a good lot. TICK BUFF (6): 1, 2, Taylor, very promising pair of cobby good col. birds; 3, Cooper. YORKS., CL. (6): 1, 3, Lawton typical, fine stand and finish; 2, Chesters. T.K.D., ETC. (6): 1, 2, Lawton, leader very neat wing tkd. yell; 3, Potts. BORD., CL., YELL. (5): 1, 2, 3, Hancock, all good, in fine loom. BUFF (8): 1, Hancock, very pretty, typical bird; 2, Jaycott, nice, bit softer in condition; 3, Lawton. T.K.D., ETC. (9): 1, 2, 3, Hancock, very smart marked yell. leading. HYBRID (7): 1, Jaycott, very decent Goldie Bullie, in good form, singing well; 2, Elks, nice yell. Greenfinch-Can.; 3, Potts. GOLDFINCH (6): 1, Potts, in very smart condition; 2, Elks, grand face, shade smaller; 3, G. E. Morgan. LINNET (6): 1, Potts, well ahead, in best of form; 2, 3, Morgan. BULL (4): 1, Latham, very smooth feathered, rare cap, colour, and condition; 2, Jaycott; 3, Heaton. A.O.S. (3): 1, 2, Jaycott, 3, Elks. SELL., 10/6 (9): 1, 2, Potts; 3, Lawton.

ROYAL CORNWALL (Penzance).

The Royal Cornwall Show, held at Penzance on June 12 and 13, was a great success, both for entries and attendance, while the splendid weather helped the event to pass off in delightful fashion. The exhibits were good, comprising many really grand specimens, including some well-known winners. Seeing that the breeding season is on, the birds were all looking well, in fact, in lovely fettle. The committee did splendidly in looking after the welfare of the exhibits, especially the long distance birds, which had every attention on arrival and despatch. The cup for most points was won by Messrs. Rowe and Richards, with 86 points, and the special for best Canary in show by Mr. T. H. Boundy, with a grand yellow Yorkshire, while that for best bird other than Canary fell to Mr. F. Collins with his noted six-point Goldie Mule "Sunbeam." Special best British, Messrs. Stephens and Gaved, with a grand Chough, in lovely fettle. The stewards were all that could be desired, and did everything possible for the welfare of the birds. The Hon. Sec., Mr. Bodinnar got through his duties in a masterly manner and is a very popular official. Mr. Robson judged.

The Critique.

NOR. YELL. CL. or TKD. (11): 1 sp Ferrill, good size, fine head and neck, neat wings and tail, extra good condition; 2, hc, Kemp, very neat, good colour, well hraced wings and tail; 3, vhc, Pascoe, neat head and neck, good type; res., Stephens and Gaved, bird of fine type and colour; c, Thomas. BUFF (8): 1, sp, Houghton, good type and quality, hold head and chest, fine condition, well mealed; 2, Sherman, nice head, neck and chest, splendid quality, very cobby and neat; 3, Collins, good type, neck, quality; res, vhc, Stephens and Gaved, excellent size, neat head, nice wing carriage. YELL. MKD. (5): 1, Kemp, tick neck, very neat, good colour and condition, well built and stylish; 2, Houghton, eye and wing mkd., fine head, wings and tail, plenty of size, close up; 3, Pascoe, neck and eye mkd., good type and quality, full of colour; res, Ferrill, bird of excellent type and quality. BUFF (4): 1, sp, 2, Stephens and Gaved, 1st, tick head and wing, fair size, good one for condition and quality, excellent shape; 2nd, varieg., neat all over; 3, res, Rowe and Richards, two bonny birds, good at all points. YORKS. YELL., CL., ETC. (7): 1, sp, 2, Boundy, leader grand type stands straight as a gun, fine legs and neat tail, both well drawn and excelling in quality; 3, res, Thomas, both good legs and wings, nice colour and condition, slim and well rounded; vhc, Stephens and Gaved; hc, Sleeman; c, Rowe and Richards. BUFF (8): 1, sp, vhc, hc, Thomas, leader grand type and length, very neat wings and tail, excels in quality; 2, Fox, long, well drawn, well packed wings and tail, nice even colour; 3, Boundy, neat all over, lengthy, slim, good position, close up; res, Sleeman, nice colour and quality; c, Rowe and Richards. VARIEG. ETC. (7): 1, sp, 3, hc, Thomas, tick head yell., correct type, full of quality, very neat wings and tail; 3rd, varieg. yell., excellent colour and quality, nice legs, fine trio of birds; 2, Male, varieg. buff, very neat, nice col. and quality; r. Boundy, yell., varieg., neat wings and tail, well drawn, fine pose; vhc, Fox; c, Rowe and Richards. CREST or C.B. (4): 1, sp, res, Symonds, 1st, clear D.C., grand feather, good droop, heavy frontal, very good Crest indeed; 2, 3, Kelynack, variegated. C.B., good skull, heap of grand feather, fine big body; 3, varieg. D.C., good quality, neat crest. A.O.V. CAN. (3): 1, sp, Sherman, Cinnamon, grand type and quality, good colour; 2, 3, Kelynack, yell. Scotch, good head and shoulders, nice drive, tail well under; 3rd, buff Scotch, good action and position. LIGHT MULE, ETC. (10): 1, sp, Collins, six-point Goldie, nice markings, good colour and condition; 2, Rowe and Richards, Goldie-Greenie, fine colour, nice wing bars, good size and shape; 3, vhc, Collins, Linnet-Bullie, good breast colour, nice size; res, c, Stephens and Gaved, tick wing Goldie, nice colour and condition. DARK (8): 1, sp, res, vhc, hc, c, Collins, 1st, dark yell. Goldie, good size and colour new face nice win; 2, Davies, yell. Greenie, grand size, good colour and condition; ,3, hc, Rowe and Richards, yell. Goldie, fine colour and markings, excellent size and shape. BRIT. GOLDIE (13): 1, sp, Michael, good blaze and bars, neat buttons, nice chest, line all-round bird; 2, hc, Rowe and Richards, also good blaze and buttons, well tanned, good polish; 3, Milton, well buttoned and mooned, neat wings, nice face; res, Baker, real nice bird; No. 11, Polkinghorne, very soft or would have won, grand Finch. BEILLIE (9): 1, sp, Carrier, good cap, rich breast, fine size and shape, field plumage; 2, Rowe, deep breast colour, good cap, neat wings, cage moulted; 3, hc, Rowe and Richardson, real good breast, neat shape, some feathers missing on head, or might have won; res, Hohba, very nice Bullie, good cap and breast; vhc, Crews; c, Milton. SMALL HARDBILL (9): 1, sp, Rowe and Richards, Yellow Bunting, good V markings, neat eye marks, colour; 2, 3, Collins, Snow Bunting, nice white colour, fine size; 3rd, Yell. Bunting; res, vhc, hc, Rowe and Richards, leader, Cirl Bunting, rich colours, very steady. PARROTS, ETC. (4): 1, sp, 2, Davies, King Parrot, in lovely plumage leading, and Blue Bonnet, nicely marked; 3, Rowe and Richards, good Grey Parrot; res, Collins. SMALL FOR. (15): 1, sp, Davies, grand birds, first class condition; 2, Rowe, and Richards, Silky Cowbird, in lovely condition; 3, Michell, Siberian Finch, good blaze; res, Kemp, very pretty Lavender Finch; vhc, Roberts; hc, Liddicat; c, Setphers & Gaved. A.O.V. BRIT. (7): 1, sp, Stephens and Gaved, Cornish Chough, grand colour, fine beak and legs, lovely sheen on plumage; 2, c, Rowe and Richards, Redwing, good markings, nice colour, steady; 3, res, c, Collins, Yell. Wagtail, excellent colour very stylish; res, Hawfinch, good bib, nice colour and size. GROUP of FOUR (10): 1, sp, Pascoe, Norwich of good type and quality; 2, Thomas, Yorks, very smart lot; 3, Boundy, Yorks, all good type; res, Thomas; vhc, Williams; hc, Rowe and Richards; c, Carne. SELL. 20s.: 1, Ward; 2, Thomas; 3, Pascoe. SELL. 12s. 6d.: 1, Thomas; 2, Pascoe; 3, Rowe and Richards. LOCAL NOR. YELL. (4): 1, White and Son; 2, res, Williams; 3, Curnow. BUFF (4): 1, White and Son; 2, res, Williams; 3, Curnow. YORKS. YELL. (5): 1, 3, Batten; 2, Mitchell; vhc, Oatey; hc, Rowe and Richards. BUFF (5): 1, Fox; 2, Oatey; 3, vhc, Batten; res, Hosking. BRIT. LARGE (4): 1, Dale; 2, Pengelly; 3, res, Rowe and Richards. SMALL (6): 1, 2, 3, Rowe and Richards; vhc, Curnow; res, Phillips; hc, Mrs. Wren.

REVIEW OF SCHEDULE.

Rugby.—July 17, Town Hall Buildings. Judge, Mr. T. Gilbert. 13 open classes. Nor. 4. Yorks. 1, A.O.V., Mule, or Hyb., Brit. 4, For. 1. Prizes, 6/-, 4/-, 2/-. Fee, 1/-. Ent. close July 13, to E. W. Easton, Dale-st

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Club Reports.

STIRLING AND DIS. C.B.S.

Monthly meeting held June 1, in McDonald's Temperance Hotel, the new meeting-room. Mr. Bishop presided over a good attendance of fanciers. Prize cards were settled and a few new members added to our list. Next meeting July 6, to make arrangements for catalogue of forthcoming show.—W. Clubb, Sec.

DERWENT VALLEY C.B.S.

Meeting held June 8, Mr. G. Barker in the chair. Fair attendance of members. Decided to hold a draw in connection with annual open show, and that the prizes be drawn for a fortnight before Christmas. Will members please let us know what they intend giving towards the same at next meeting. Agreed, that we ask the ladies who placed the cards in the industrial classes last year to act in the same capacity this year.—Lindley and Marsh.

PARTICK AND DISTRICT C.B.C.

Monthly meeting, held in Trades Halls, June 7, Mr. Park, President, in the chair. A fair attendance of members present. A letter from Mr. Bowman, secretary Glasgow and District C.B.C., re holding another open show, met with the approval of all present, and we agreed to give it our support if it should be held. Classification for annual show fixed; also judges for same elected. It was decided to have a drive to Campsey Glen on June 30. Tickets may be had from members of committee.—J. Henderson, Sec.

OPEN NORWICH PLAINHEAD C.C.

Election of Committee.—Result of ballot: Fred Hammond, 34; A. Humphries, 32; H. W. Battye, 29, R. Halliday, 26; H. J. Chittenden, 25; A. H. Waters 25; Arthur Haigh 24; A. Pickles, 23; Geo. Harland, 22; H. Simonett, 21; W. T. Pepper, 18; S. Dean, 17; W. A. Wilson, 17; W. A. Cowgill, 15; T. Fortnam, 15; F. Rhodes, 15; Frank J. Sykes 15; — Wright, 15. For the remaining two places six persons tie with 14 votes each. Seventy-one papers sent; 42 returned; spoiled papers, 2.—Fred Hammond, Hon. Secretary (pro tem).

LONGTON C.B.S.

Monthly meeting Castle Inn, June 11, Mr. Lovatt in chair, before a large attendance of members. A grand list of specials is to be competed for; best Yell. Nor., Buff, Yell. Yorks., Buff, Brit., Mule or Hybrid, best young bird, most points gained by members joining since open show, 1911, most points in show, most points in Brit., etc., etc. There are 19 classes; 2 open classes for members of North Staff. societies, held at Swan Hotel. Members requested to attend special meeting July 25, when several important questions want deciding.—Geo. Lea, Corres. Sec.

GLASGOW (West End) C.B.C.

Monthly meeting held Co-operative Hall, St. George's Cross, June 14, Mr. C. Campbell presiding over a fair attendance. The Committee's recommendation of classes for the annual members' show was gone over and adopted, the total number being 69, an increase of three on last year. As this classification covers all that can be desired for a members' show, the committee trust that the members will made the show a record one. Decided to grant three specials from the club funds, at the First Feather show, viz., 5s. for most points open, 2s. 6d. for most points novice, and 2s. 6d. for best bird. Arrangements were completed for the ramble to Craigallian Estate on June 15. Members please note that the remainder of annual subscription for the year is now due.—W. Proudfoot, Sec. and Treas.

ENGLISH AND WELSH BORDER FANCY C.C.

The last two cups have been sent to the winners, Hopper Bros. and Dr. Bowes respectively. The first batch of medals will be sent out this week, and the rest as soon as possible. A large number of back subscriptions remain unpaid. I wish members would be more prompt in this matter; they would greatly assist the work of the Society. All societies wishing for our patronage should apply at once, as patronage will be allotted in July. The terms are that 7 classes be provided, to include all varieties of the Border, and that the judge be resident in England or Wales. The Border is now such a popular variety that no up-to-date show is complete without the "wee gems," and they are generally the best paying classes. Any breeder of the Border wishing to join should do so at once, and participate in the election of officers for next year. The new list of members will be compiled next month, and voting papers sent out to all who have intimated their intention of becoming members and to all old members who have paid their subscriptions. Subs. 2s. 6d. per annum. The medals for champions and novices will again be offered at each show. These medals are a special Club design and very beautiful specimens of the jewellers' art. All information from S. Hadwin, Sec., 56, Richmond Row, Liverpool.

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Special meeting held Queen Hotel on June 15, when Mr. R. J. Smith presided over a record attendance of members. Final arrangements made for our next feather show, June 22. Judging at 4; show open at 5. Specials were allotted as follows: 2s. 6d. best Nor., 2s. 6d. best Yorks., 2s. 6d. best British, and for best bird in show. This is the first nest feather show that has been held by this newly formed society, and we extend a hearty invitation to all fanciers and friends in the surrounding districts. Admission free.—W. Wilshaw, Hon. Sec.

NEWPORT C.B.S.

Monthly meeting held headquarters June 13, a large number of members turning up, presided over by Mr. C. Richards. Unanimously decided to reduce annual subscription from 6s. to 4s., and the scope of the society to embrace all Monmouthshire. Any county members wishing to join will just be in time by joining now to compete for members' specials at annual show on November 6 and 7. Decided to have a club ramble on June 30. Any member or friend wishing to join us, I shall be pleased to supply him with all particulars. Three new members were enrolled.—John Hammett, Hon. Sec.

NORTHERN YORKSHIRE C.C.

Meeting and table show, held June 11, Mr. Crawhall presided. Decided to allot patronage at the second meeting in July. Societies please note that we require five classes in championship section and 3 in novice. The question of colour food and show cages was gone into. Members to let Mr. Crawhall know what quantities they will require, as soon as possible. Mr. Lane, Anfield Plain, was elected a member. Next table show fixed for July 3. Judge, Mr. R. Tindale. The table show was fairly well supported, and the quality was above the average. Mr. Crawhall judged novice and Messrs. Cattell and Scott the champion classes. CHAMPION, CLS.: 1, Dix; 2, 3, Crawhall; 4, Hutler. TKD. OR VARIEG.: 1, Crawhall; 2, Hutler; 3, Mather; 4, Dix. NOVICE, CLS.: 1, Smith; 2, Gracie; 3, Cattell; 4, Scott. TKD. OR VARIEG.: 1, Cattell; 2, Witherley; 3, Gracie; 4, Smith.—R. Tindale, Hon. Sec.

LANCASHIRE AND LIZARD F.A.

Meeting held at Glossop, July 9th, at the Weavers' meeting room. We had a first rate turn up of members from Oldham, Manchester, Middleton, Rochdale, Rawtenstall, etc. Mr. Joe Hampshire was elected chairman. Chief business, show patronage. Decided we give Manchester and L.C.B.A. our full patronage. Decided we confirm Mr. Naden as judge of our sections at Sheffield O.S., to which show we have also given our patronage. It was left with secretary to arrange with a few other societies. We had great pleasure in once again welcoming as members Messrs. Barker, Clegg, and John Hamer, names recalling happy memories in the Lancashire and Lizard Fancy of the past, and hope to see them well to the front in the future. Next meeting at Rawtenstall, on July 21st, when Mrs. Rukin has promised to entertain all members attending to dinner and tea, Mr. S. R. Compston kindly promising to see we had sometime in the fowl line all being well. As this is the first meeting at Rawtenstall, I trust we shall have a good turn up. After the meeting a photograph was taken of the members and friends present by Mr. Batty, Glossop; copies can be had at 1s. each. The secretary was instructed to convey to Messrs. John Garner and W. P. Barnes a vote of sympathy in their severe illnesses.—John Rukin, Hon. Sec.

STRATFORD & E. LONDON F.A.

Meeting held June 13, the President, T. H. Harrison in the chair. Judge for June 27, Mr. J. G. Clarke; July 25, judge to be elected later. Young stock and annual show, October 24 and Jan. 8; Mr. G. Gardner. Decided to charge 2d. admission to young stock show. The June and July shows admission free. New members elected: Miss M. Heavens, Messrs. G. Corfe, W. C. Branch, L. C. Shergold, J. A. Cobb, J. Rudge, W. J. Watson, and A. Rogers. The conditions under which the Baron de Forest challenge cup should be competed for were voted upon. Decided that each section should compete for it once each year. The order was balloted for, the result being that the turn of cage birds will be in 1919 and 1920. The cup to be for best exhibit in the section. Mr. J. G. Simmonds kindly promised to present a medal to winners of the cup to commemorate the win. Re monthly shows, a resolution was carried that any entries received too late for insertion in catalogue be returned to sender, and that entries for all shows close first post Monday morning preceding the show. H. Day collection: Amount previously acknowledged, £1 5s.; since collected, Messrs. Harrison 2s. 6d., Lloyd 2s. 6d., Wellum 1s., Burton 1s. 3d., Stammers 1s. 6d. Exhibits sent in gift class by Messrs. Huggins, Collings, Checkfield, Rev. Soames, Reed, Austin, Sykes, Hawkes, Parker and Baker, were sold for £1 1s. 6d.; total £2 17s. 9d. Mr. H. Day is still unwell. Further donations will be gladly received, no matter how small, by W. Maxey, Hon. Sec, 76, James Place, Poplar, E.

SOUTH WALES AND MON. FED.

Second meeting, held at the Victoria Hotel, Pontypridd, June 15. There were 21 delegates present. Six societies were enrolled which had not been represented before, namely, Resolven, Pentrebach, Penrhiwceiber, Machen, Abertillery, and the Mid Rhondda C.B.S. There are now two Cage Bird Societies (Swansea and Mid Rhondda) and 18 other societies affiliated. This speaks well for the future career of the Federation, and the better working of societies during the show season. There are a few more societies in this area outside the Federation, at any rate, which have not yet applied for affiliation, and we make a special appeal to them to seriously consider their position. The fee which has been fixed is very small, 5s. annually, and we are sure that the little sacrifices during the year will be amply repaid at the end of the show season. It was resolved at the meeting that the affiliation fee should be sent to the Secretary, A. A. Gordon McLucas, 48, Rosser Street, Maesycoed, Pontypridd, on or before June 29th this year, that is, within 14 days. Rules were drafted, and an Executive Council elected, viz., Messrs. E. James (Treorchy), W. J. Davies (Treharris), who was also elected vice-chairman of Federation, A. Guppy (Cardiff), F. C. Williams (Swansea), Bevan (Mumbles), Brown (Pentrebach), Jones (Resolven), Davis (Penrhiwceiber), George (Swansea), Gascoyne (Llanelly), A. H. Legg (Mid Rhondda), D. Griffiths (Llanelly), and officers. After this year the officers and Executive Council will be nominated by the societies, nominations to be sent to the Secretary one month before annual meeting, on Whit Monday. The result of the ballot will be given at this annual meeting. Societies are also instructed to send in their dates in time for the annual meeting. Arrangements with judges, etc., should not be made until after that date, so that if two or more societies fix upon the same date, they can be altered with little inconvenience.—A. A. Gordon McLucas, Sec.

DARLINGTON C.B.S.

Meeting held May 20, at Labour Hall. Classification for first feather show was gone into, and it was agreed to have nine classes, as follow: 2 Yorks., 2 Nor., 1 A.O.V. Canary, Mule, or Hybrid, and four British. To be held headquarters, July 6. Birds staged at 3.—H. Todd, Hon. Sec.

CUMNOCK C.B.S.

Meeting held Co-op Hall, Auchlinleck, June 15, Mr. Hinuear in the chair. Judges appointed for show, November 30. Bord., Mr. Kirkhope, Sanquhar; remainder, Mr. Dewar, Edinburgh. Circulars read re closed rings. Decided that members please themselves. Question of ramble was discussed, but was dropped till another year.—J. Nutt, Sec.

BURSLEM C.B.S.

Meeting held June 13, at headquarters, Mr. R. Smith in chair. Business completed re nest feather show, June 29, (sixteen classes) four open to members societies in Stoke-on-Trent area. A special in each class. All members' specials are for points. Birds staged one o'clock. Mr. Theobald and S. Williams (Burslem) elected members.—L. James, Sec.

LIVERPOOL B.B.A.

Monthly meeting, held Oldham Hall, June 13, Mr. Handley in the chair. This was the first of our young night shows, and, judging from the number present, they look like being a success. The next is July 11, 20 classes, when all visitors are invited. Admission free. Birds staged 8 p.m. Five new members were nominated for membership. Will members note all points gained at these shows count for season specials. A number of remarks and questions were asked on Mr. Cutmore's lecture of the previous month, a lot of members having tried his method of feeding, etc., and they all appear to have had good results from same.—J. Lloyd, Assist. Sec.

DERBY C.B.S.

Monthly meeting, held Derwent Hotel. Arrangements for first feather show were made. Schedules ready next meeting night. Members will go by brake to Melbourne, July 13, starting from Royal Hotel at 1.45. Return fare, 1s. 6d. It is hoped that as many ladies and gentlemen friends will go as wish to obtain an enjoyable day's outing. The beauties of Melbourne are too well known to need any description. Friends in Melbourne have promised to present some baskets of strawberries for specials. Will members wishing colour food see Mr. H. Bamsey, 7, Society Place Derby? Members requested to attend next meeting, as we have some important business in connection with open show in October.—Wharam and Bamsey, Secs.

SHEFFIELD C.B.S.

Monthly meeting and table show, held June 13, at Wentworth Cafe, Pinstone Street, Mr. Jones, President, in the chair, the room being packed. Business was mostly in relation to nest feather show, Montgomery Hall, June 29. Several members promised specials for most points in each section most points in show, and most entries. Entries, headquarters, June 24, 8 to 9. Birds to be staged before 2 o'clock, instead of one o'clock, as printed in syllabus. Ramble fixed for July 13, to Edwinstowe. All those who desire to get colour food through the society should let the secretary know. Mr. J. Bestwick was elected a member. Next meeting July 4; a lecture given by Mr. W. Bingham on Colour Feeding. All fanciers are welcome.—J. Woolhouse, Assist. Sec.

CITY AND SUBURBAN A.C.B.

Meeting held June 10, at St. Marylebone Church Institute, 60, Paddington Street, Mr. W. Shepherd in the chair; Mr. H. W. Dickinson, Hon. Sec., and 25 members present. Two new members were nominated. A letter was read from the secretary of Cage Birds Federation re annual show, and after discussion it was decided to support same, suggestions being offered to the delegates to place before the committee of management. There was to have been a lecture on "Colour Feeding," but Mr. Sandiford unfortunately not being able to attend, Mr. J. Burton drew up a series of questions on the subject, and a very interesting discussion took place in answer to them. The chairman announced the presentation to the society of the very fine collection of wild seeds and berries collected by the late Mr. W. Page, which took 1st prize at L.C.B.A. show last year. A unanimous vote of thanks was passed to Mrs. Page for her kind gift. A vote of thanks to chairman concluded the meeting.—Fred Thynne, Assist. Hon. Sec.

SOUTH BIRMINGHAM O.S.

Monthly meeting, held at headquarters, Sydenham Hotel, June 12. It was very pleasing to see Chairman Willmott occupying his usual place after two months absence. Three new names were submitted to ballot, Messrs. Andrews, Johnson and Dipple, and all elected. This makes the total full members on books 56. The Secretary went very fully into the business of the winter shows, presenting an estimate of the cost of running an open show. His estimate was that with the members subscribing at least 2s. 6d. each, a loss of £3 would result, with entries totalling 400. The position of the room for the show was not good, the only main line being the G. W. Rly. The members went into the matter very carefully, and it was finally decided that the society have the usual winter members' show on December 28, if the room could be obtained. The Chairman then spoke on the result, which he said to his mind was quite a proper one. This continual loss to the funds of the various societies through having open shows not only killed the spirit of a good fancier, but in many cases smashed the society up. It was far better to hold the useful members show with a capital judge, and see a profit, even if only £2 as last show. It had been said by one member that these continual members' shows would never bring members, but perhaps drive them from the society; he strongly disagreed with such a remark. It had proved in our society that the fine progress had brought members from all parts of Birmingham and district, as far as Castle Bromwich on the one side, and Solihull on the other. We had no better proof that fanciers could see we were catering in the right way, and that we should learn to walk before we started to run. (Applause.) The society was learning to walk in the correct style; good members and over £10 balance at the bank was a nice walking pace. When we had a run in the form of an open show exhibitors would see that the South Birmingham was catering on a scale never before offered to fanciers by a Birmingham society. It was left with the Secretary to get judges for the winter show, also if possible to obtain another room for the show, so as the children could come to same. The chairman in closing the meeting asked all those present to assist the novice in the coming young bird shows by lending cages. Please send plenty of entries, and don't forget the date, June 26th.—J. Sheppard, Sec., [illegible] Road.

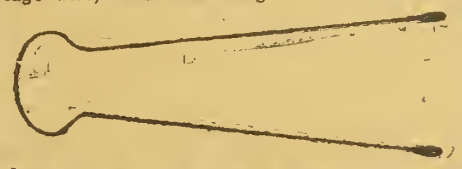
Illustrated Ideas

Every "Illustrated Idea" used in this column will entitle the sender thereof to a postal order for two shillings and sixpence.

No. 598.
Hand-feeding "Forceps."

Sent by W. H. Teat, Ancaster, near Grantham.

The accompanying sketch illustrates a useful idea for fanciers who hand-rear softbills, such as Thrushes, Larks, Blackbirds, etc. With this worms and other live food can be given through the cage wires, and thus save handling either bird or food. Obtain a stout piece of cage wire, about 10in. long. Bend this to the

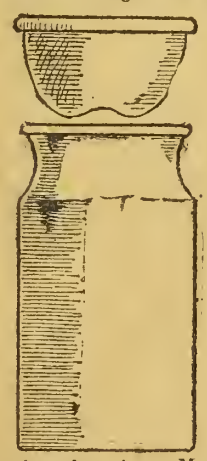


shape of the sketch. Then take a hammer and flatten out the ends, and finish off by filing the edges smooth to prevent injury to the bird when feeding. I might add I always use a Norwich show or similar cage when hand-rearing young birds, owing to the short distance from front to back, which is very desirable.—W. H. Teat.

No. 599.
A Method of Preventing Egg Smashing.

Sent by J. Stevenson, 38, McNeil Street, South Side, Glasgow.

My idea is to prevent birds breaking their eggs. Procure a glass jam or jelly jar and fill same with bran or meal. Next get a common felt nest and cut out a small hole in the bottom. Place nest-pan into nest-board in the usual manner, then place glass jar in position directly below nest-pan, so that when eggs are laid they will run right through hole in



nest-pan into the glass jar. My reason for procuring a glass jar is that one can see when eggs are laid, without disturbing birds by pulling out jar, as you would have to do with an earthenware jar. Many eggs can be saved by this means that otherwise would be broken, as I have proved this season myself. The eggs thus laid can be given to a trusted hen to hatch. I trust this idea will be useful to some of the young beginners.—James Stevenson.

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The first ramble of the season took place June 2nd, our destination being Knowsley Park and Woods. Although the weather was very threatening, a very good company assembled. After examination of our special permit, signed by the Earl of Derby, we were duly ushered into this magnificent park and grounds. Sauntering along the main drive, we heard the songs of numerous species of birds. We were fortunate in having that well-known botanist and honorary member, Mr. Geo. Barker, with us, who is also one of the best known authorities on wild birds in this part of the country. Along a by-road we heard young calling out, but were unable to find them, being completely baffled. At last Mr. Harrison espied a very small hole in a stone wall, from whence he thought the sound came, and on moving a large stone, low and behold a nest of nine young Blue Tits, about 10 days old. It was a big surprise to most of us, not having seen so many in a nest before; not a few would like to experience the same luck in the bird room. In the woods Mr. Baker was in great demand. First one and then another wanted to know what this and that song was; Chaffinch, Lesser Redpoll, Greenfinch, Linnet, Thrnsh, Twite, etc. We now encounter numerous species of birds, amongst them the Willow Warbler, Chiff-Chaff, Spotted Flycatcher, Blackbird, Starling, Wren, and Reed Bunting. A halt was made, when our photographic artist espied a beautiful spot in which to "take" the merry party. This being accomplished, we are off again. Passing through the gardens, we had an "eye-opener." What a grand place! As we enter the woods again we come across nests of eggs aud young galore, a privilege not granted to many. Our friends, Barker and Wade named the various eggs, which included the Lapwing, Missel Thrush, Yellow Bunting, Hedge Sparrow, Blue Tit, Lesser Whitethroat, and other kinds too numerous to mention (we must not forget the pheasant and partridge eggs). The song on the trees above, as we moved quietly along, was almost deafening, but melodious withal. Then we enter a very large area of bushes and tall grasses, amongst which we notice plantain, shepherd's purse, sheeps sorrel, dock, knap weed, and lots of other kinds that British bird men are so fond of. It now commenced a drizzling rain, so we decided to quit this lovely place. Mr. Leatherbarrow invited us to the hotel in the beautiful little village of Knowsley, four miles away, but to the chagrin of all, we found when we arrived that it had only a six days' license. However, we received the comforting remark from our friend Leatherbarrow that it was only seven miles to the "Farmers Arms," Huyton! Well, there was nothing to do but to reel it off as quickly as possible. Ultimately we arrived, and were entertained to one of the most welcome lunches we have ever enjoyed. The party very soon cleared the tables of roast beef and dainties generously provided by Mr. Wright. Getting into the conveyances again, we arrived at headquarters at 8.30 p.m. Everyone had so thoroughly enjoyed themselves that they would not miss the next ramble, rain or no rain. We thank those members who made the journey from Wallasey (six miles) to join us.—R. B. Wright, Hon. Sec.

TORBAY O.S. SPEND A GREAT DAY AT NEWTON ABBOT.

Annual ramble, Juue 5, to Newton Abbot. We were met at Newton by Mr. F. Redwood and Mr. R. W. Webber, and started right away for Bradley Woods, famous for beauty, birds, etc. We entered the woods by Baker's Park, where Mr. Webber, who kindly consented to act as guide, knowiug almost every inch of ground for miles around, pointed out the Sand Martins flying low among the Swallows. It turned out the loveliest weather we have enjoyed for years past. Our first discovery was a Blackcap's nest containing four young. The next brood found were also Blackcaps, five young fledged. Many nests were easily found. Two broods of Greenfinches were seen feeding together in a field near Bradley Manor. Near here we entered a lane that leads to Ogwell Mill, and were joined by the keeper of Bradley Woods, Mr. T. H. Webber, a brother of R. W., and, unlike most keepers, our friend carried a camera. This was another of R. W.'s surprises, as this meant we were to have a free range. After making a call at the Mill House we crossed a meadow, and again entered the woods, where the keenness of the brothers Webber was a treat to observe, as they could imitate the call of so many birds and call them, so that we could see them. We heard the Wood Wren and Green Woodpecker, while the song of the Jenny Wren and Blackcaps was frequently heard. Broods of many kinds were seen, including Hawfinches, Bullfinches, Chaffinches, Greenfinches, Nuthatches, Robins, Hedge Sparrows, Tits, and Chiffchaffs. A row of four of the latter were huddled close together on a branch above our heads, and made a charming picture. These we should have missed had it not been for the distressing noise made by one of the parents. We traversed the whole length of the woods to Waybridge. Just near here the woods rose to a great height, and Mr. R. W. suggested a climb to the top, where the old ivy-covered stump was to be seen that last year contained three nests—a Bullfinch's, a Robin's, and an Owl's. Only R. W., Mr. J. Bastard, and myself undertook it, and I must confess that if there had been prizes for reaching the top, I should have secured third. We got to the old stump, but there was not a single nest this year. We came to the top of a limestone quarry, where R. W. pointed out where T. H. was lowered over to secure Kestrel's eggs a week earlier. We came across a few dead young birds, a very young cock Hawfinch, two Jackdaws, and a Blackbird, also the feathers of a young Blackbird, which reminded us of the Kestrel Hawk. We soon reached the bottom by the quarry, and noticed a large quantity of young teazle plants on our way down. This, R. W. reminded us, was splendid feed later on for Goldfinches, a brood of which had been successfully reared and flown in the kitchen garden of Monwell, where R. W. is employed as gardener. We now made tracks for the Mill House, as we were beginning to feel peckish. Our hostess, Mrs. Kennard, provided a splendid repast, Devonshire clotted cream being much in evidence; 15 sat down, including our genial chairman, Mr. A. N. Innes, and Mr. W. Hodge. After tea a couple of humorous songs were sung by Mr. Fred Gidley, one a most appropriate one, "We must go home to-night." This reminded us that it was time to be moving, so we quickly faced the camera; Mr. R. T. Webber exposed a couple of plates, and hopes to have a photo worthy of reproduction. The party now broke up, the younger members heading for the town of Newton Abbot, while the older ones accepted the keeper's invitation to visit Bradley House and grounds. Having passed the lodge, we turned in a side path to the kitchen garden, where we saw a Spotted Flycatcher sitting in her nest in the first wall tree (pear) inside the garden. We thought this exceptional for so shy a bird, as every time Mr. Webber goes from the lodge to the garden he passes quite close to this nest. We next went to the Hill field adjoining these grounds, where a most magnificent view of the woods and Dartmoor Hills is to be had. Time now compelled us to think of returning, and after one of the most enjoyable rambles we have ever had we reached Paignton about 9.30.—J. N. Jeffery, sec.

OBITUARY.

Mr. Wm. Plumbridge.

It is with sincere regret that we hear of the death of Mr. W. Plumbridge, the brother of the esteemed hon. sec. of the National B.B. and M.C. Mr. Wm. Plumbridge was not a very frequent exhibitor, being principally known as the owner of the celebrated Chough, once the property of Mr. Fulljames, and which afterwards belonged, we believe, to Mr. McQuiston, in whose ownership it continued its winning career. Certainly one of the best Choughs ever exhibited. Our friend who has passed away, and his brother, were inseparable chums as well as brothers, and we tender Mr. A. Plumbridge our heartfelt sympathy in his irreparable loss. Mr. Plumbridge's death followed a very serious operation.

Mr. S. Hamblyn (Southampton).

Southampton is the poorer to-day of a fancier whose knowledge of Canaries and Finches was almost unequalled, writes Mr. C. Parmiter. His heart suddenly collapsed, and thus ended the career of a man whose whole life had been given to the Fancy. Mr. S. Hamblyn's age was 71. Being the late secretary of the Ornithological Society, and having intimately known him for years, I speak with no little pride of his many achievements. His end came with terrible suddenness. I and my son-in-law went round about 3 o'clock on June 16 to have a look at the birds of another good fancier, Dr. Weeks. We had not been long there before our friend Mr. Hamblyn appeared, and up to 5 o'clock we inspected the birds and dogs, chatted merrily, and spent a jolly afternoon. We all left with a hearty good-bye; Mr. Hamblyn to all appeared in the best of health. He then went to a friend's house, where about 8 p.m. he suddenly sank from his chair to the floor. Medical aid was summoned, but the doctor's skill was of no avail. I mourn his loss, and sympathise with his wife and relatives; his memory is dear to me, having known him for nearly 30 years. [illegible] was very successful at Bournemouth and [illegible] mouth, also at the Palace, with a light variegated mule he bred himself, and which he gave to his wife some while since. Muling was his pet hobby, and I say it would be a difficult matter to find a man with such a knowledge of Finches as he possessed. He was always ready to help any show with entries, and was generous to a degree in his subscription to any bird society in the town requiring it. He also worked well for the success of them all. He leaves behind him a name that will live for many generations amongst the fanciers of Southampton, and elsewhere. Mr. Hamblyn was highly respected by all who knew him and particularly by the fanciers in the town. Our sympathies go out to his relatives in this their hour of mourning. He leaves behind him a wife, two sons, and a daughter (married), and I trust the sympathy here given may be some slight solace to them in this his sudden departure from amongst us.

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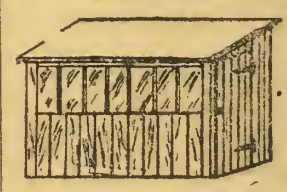

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See Norwich: Brown, Crook.

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Wild-Bird Life.

Notes on the Nuthatch.

Many of our wild birds are to us familiar eryday objects. They are plentiful and unt the precincts of man's dwelling, so at our gardens are the homes of many ndsome and tuneful songsters. But to get closer acquaintance with what we may rm our rarest species, we have to wander er field or downland, to linger by hedge- w and quiet woodland, or spend an hour the water-side. Many birds we are accus- med to call rare simply because we so ldom see them; the species may be fairly mmon.

The Nuthatch is one of these, and while e writer was recently enjoying an hour or o in the woods, the sight of one induced m to watch it carefully. The Nuthatch an active little bird, and in many of its tions closely resembles the Tits; like the ttle wanderers, it is seldom to be und in the same place in consecutive sea- ns. It is a tree loving subject, for on them seeks most of its food. It explores every ack and crevice of the bark, sometimes rking from side to side, then perhaps in spiral course, occasionally head downwards, which position it appears quite as much at me as in any other. By careful manage- nt one can get quite close to this busy tle forager; he is not by any means shy, t at the same time sufficiently wary to ow when danger threatens.

Although in a sense a creeper, the Nut- tch seldom or never makes use of his tail a support in the same manner as do the eepers and Woodpeckers. Occasionally he aves the big branches and trunks and ex- ores the leaves and smaller twigs in search insects. In its nesting arrangements the uthatch differs from all other birds. The uple first select a suitable hole in a tree, d then proceed to plaster up the entrance til there is left only just sufficient room pass in. A nest recently located by the ater had had quite a large quantity of ay fixed at the entrance, as the original le was evidently much too large. In some ses the quantity of clay used is very small, d although used to lessen the entrance le, could apparently easily have been dis nsed with, but as generations of Nut- tches have been "plasterers," their scendants are naturally gifted in the same and are therefore unable to resist the mptation of dabbling with clay.

How Bird Breeders Are Faring in 1912.

Notes on the results of the present breeding season, or of any interesting happenings, are invited from the secretaries of societies and others. The communications must in each case be accompanied by the sender's name and address.

Liverpool and Dist. Results.

Very fair—in fact, in several cases very good—results have been obtained, notably Mr. R. Algie (Bootle), who has reared over 150 young, about equal numbers of Greens and clear Yorks, a really good result, and yet another round to come. Mr. S. McNulty has also had a fair season, breeding some very promising green and clear Yorkies. Mr. Potter has bred forty odd young, and is well satisfied. Mr. J. Knight has had a rather bad season, having lost over sixty young. Mr. L. Hamilton is having a fair season, and has bred some very nice youngsters both in Greens and Clears. Mr. Lobb, one of the oldest of Bootle fanciers, is also doing very well in clear Yorkshires. Mr. Leatherbarrow has bred a nice lot of greens, also Mr. Rawstherne has done well. Mr. Holden has bred thirty young; Messrs. Jackson, 48; McLoughlin, 36; Eaton, 28; Hawkes, 40 (chiefly Norwich and Mules). Mr. T. Rowlands, of Green Yorkshire fame, has done well; a grand lot of youngsters this time. Mr. Benson has also had a good season; so has Mr. Alston, who has bred some spanking young Yorkies. Mr. Barker has done well, also Mr. Mallinson, and Mr. T. Edwards. Mr. Young has not done so well so far. Mr. Corbet has bred some really fine youngsters both in greens and clears. Mr. Jones is well pleased with his results. On the whole, the Birkenhead men have done well, so have the Garston fanciers. Some very fine Yorkshire greens have gone into the Garston district lately, so look out, you green men, for the right man has got them to put them out. The Warrington men report very good results; those that I have seen are very promising. Runcorn fanciers have done fairly well on the whole. Chester men have had a rattling good time to date. Ormskirk breeders are well satisfied, especially our friend Johnston, who seems to come up smiling every season. There are several fanciers in St. Helens and Widnes of my acquaintance who have bred some good young Yorkshires and Norwich. Prescott, another suburb, has had good luck amongst the Norwich. Southport fanciers—those that I have visited—have had satisfactory results. Mr C. Rumsby has done well—about thirty young, chiefly Norwich; and Mr. J. Southward, the lucky man again, comes up smiling. Mr. Malone, one of the Anfield and Everton champions, has bred some really good Yorks greens, close on forty youngsters. Mr. Folland has not done so well. Mr. Crow is satisfied in Nor. and Yorks, a nice lot. Mr. W. Bell has done well; he says he took my advice, as he lost several in the first round. Mr. Parsons has bred a nice lot of Yorks clears. Mr. Harrison has had a good season. Mr. T. Cutts is breeding some good ones, and plenty of them. Mr. W. Walker, of Norwich fame, is having a good season; he has his eye on the Anfield cup, it is said. Mr. McLoughlin is breeding some good ones—thirty youngsters here. Mr. Ritchie has 37 young; Mr. Whiteside cleared 40 first round, total to date 78. Mr. Kelly is best represented in British, and has bred a clear Mule; Mr. T. Plunkett about 40; Mr. Bright, 47; Mr. Thornley, 23; Mr. J. Cooper, 39; Mr. Leonard, 54; Mr. Foulkes, 35; Mr. Owens, 19; Mr. Taylor, 34; Mr. Wilkins, some fine British and Mules. Mr. Metcalf has done badly, feeding wrong, I should say. Mr. Bretherton is doing well; so is Mr. Steinhart; Mr. Cutmore is well satisfied, and Messrs. Hales, McDermott, Richardson, Handley, Walker, Eventry, and Draper have all done well. There are some fanciers who have done badly, but fortunately these are exceptions to the general rule.—R. B. Wright.

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"Billy" the Budgerigar: and his charming companions.

By MISS K. WEBB (Cambridge).

SINCE I wrote my article entitled "Budgerigars and Cockatiels," which appeared in CAGE BIRDS during 1910, I have given up keeping Cockatiels, partly because they were so wild, but chiefly because I found that though the hen laid a great many eggs she never succeeded in hatching out more than two young ones, owing I believe, to mice, which got into the aviary and frightened the birds, though I am thankful to say I have now got rid of these pests. My Budgerigars are still very flourishing and being told they were very easy to bring up by hand and tame, I took one from a family of seven, thinking that the parents would be glad of one less to feed. Oh! what a trouble it was! I had to take the husk from every seed, which I then crushed very small and mixed with biscuits. I fed "Billy," as I called him, about every two hours from the end of a quill and after the second time he took his food beautifully.

Billy Enjoys Cycle Rides.

"Billy" soon grew to be very tame, but nothing would induce him to stay in a cage and he spent most of his time walking about the room or climbing all over me, playing with my eyeglass cord or trying to pull the buttons off my dress. On fine days when we sat in the garden he walked about and nibbled at the flowering grass. I frequently took him out in the country on my shoulder, even when I cycled. He would sit or go to sleep very happily on my wrist or arm. When I left him alone I used to put him in a wicker waste-paper basket with a perch across and a piece of card-board over the top to keep him in; he also spent the night in this in the bath-room which was just opposite my bed-room door. Waking one morning very early I heard a Thrush carolling in a tree quite close to the house and as I lay enjoying this feast of music, I heard what sounded like a young Thrush with a cold being taught to sing, as the new songster tried each note over once or twice in a very low tone almost to himself. As I listened I discovered it was "Billy" trying his powers of imitation and I am sure that after this if I had taken the trouble I could have taught him to talk.

Company Influences His Manners.

Unfortunately the aviary was very close to the house and "Billy" heard the other birds and was crazy to join them. One day we lost him; we left him alone in the garden for a short time and he disappeared. After searching and calling for a long time my mother and I were standing close to the aviary talking about him, when we heard a sound of fluttering wings and "Billy" alighted at our feet from the roof of the aviary. After this, as he always made for the aviary at every opportunity, we put him back with the others, as we thought it was unkind to keep him by himself and he soon got as wild as the rest. I am sure, however, that one Budgerigar kept alone would make a delightful pet.

The Cheekiest Birds Imaginable.

I then thought I would try some of the small Finches, so I set off to a bird-shop to make my selection, and at once fell in love with a pair of tiny Zebra Finches. They are the cheekiest little birds you can imagine and in that respect very like our own English Sparrow, but much prettier to look at. Finding also that Ribbon Finches or Cutthroats as they are frequently called (owing to a bright red mark across the throat of the cock which rather suggests that he has just committed suicide) were cheap and as hardy as the Zebra and that they could both be kept out of doors all the year round, I purchased a pair. The food for both kinds consists of canary seed, millet seed, both Indian and spray, green food and flowering grasses. Green food which is frosted, or which is soaked with rain, should not be given. The birds also require a lot of grit and cuttle-fish, and if a little black treacle is given in the drinking water when the birds show signs of mating it is said to be a preventative of egg-binding. I have not had so many cases amongst my Budgerigars since using it; about one table-spoonful to a quart of water. I also give plenty of old mortar rubbish to help to make the shell, and, of course, plenty of fresh water to drink and also to bathe in, which most birds much enjoy.

A Series of Evictions.

On arriving home with my newly acquired pets, I put them all into a cage in the garden, the cage being 2ft. 6in. x 2ft. 6in. x 1ft. 6ins., having before-hand put in two domed rusk nests fastened up at each top corner for them to nest or sleep in, one of which each pair took possession at once. For some days all went well. I put some building material into the cage and the Zebra Finches at once commenced operations. Mrs. Zebra sat in the nest, and her husband flew up with bits of wool, hay and horse hair which she soon reduced to order. To my surprise as soon as the Zebras had made themselves a snug little nest, their neighbours the Ribbon Finches took possession of it. Immediately these patient and kind little birds left the intruders in the finished nest and made themselves another in the basket at the other end of the cage. But no; the Cutthroats were not satisfied. Whichever nest the Zebras appropriated they were turned out of, and the poor little builders were so harried from pillar to post that at last I separated the birds and put the Ribbons into another cage by themselves where they did not attempt to build, though I gave them all the encouragement I could by means of tempting nesting material. They both spent most of their time sitting in the nest and, what was most disappointing, Mrs. Ribbon laid quite a number of eggs which were dropped on the floor of the cage, so, of course, broken. She finally laid an enormous double-yolked egg and I think must have ruptured a blood vessel in doing so, as there was a good deal of blood about the cage and she died a few hours afterwards.

Humpty Dumpties Have a Great Fall.

The Zebra Finches, as soon as they were left to their own devices, started housekeeping in earnest. Mrs. Zebra was frequently in the nest whilst her little husband sat below on the perch singing his little "penny tin whistle" sort of song. To my delight for several days she did not come off the nest at all except for a few minutes to feed, so I concluded she had started to sit, though as I could not see the bottom of the nest I was not able to make sure. For ten days all went well, but just when my hopes were at their highest, one morning to my disgust I found four little white eggs on the floor of the cage, each one with a bird in it almost ready to hatch out. When Zebra Finches are rearing young ones they should have a little soft-food given to them, but I gave egg and biscuit I am afraid before I should have done so, which I have since been told was very probably the reason that the eggs were turned out of the nest, as it was too stimulating for the hen. After this the little hen began to droop very much and to make a wheezy sort of noise, so I thought it was too damp to leave her outside any longer (it was then November). I brought them into the house, where they seemed to be exceedingly happy in their warmer quarters.

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A FORTUNATE SELECTION AT SOUTH SHIELDS.

A few of the committee on June 16 had their usual country drive to Ponteland, and were fortunate in their selection of the day. The weather was of the very best. Going by Benton and Killingworth into Gosforth Park, we fell across Mr. Permain with a camera to take the group, but I am afraid it was not so soft a job as he expected. The first time he had us ready a few in the back row complained about the smell of the "cigars" in front. The second time a great contest took place overhead in the tree between two Blackbirds. They poured forth their notes in such fierce stylo that you can almost see their voices in the background of the photo. Our destination was reached at two o'clock, and after doing full justice to the many good things provided at the "Blackbird Hotel," we took our way back through the fields. Bird life was at its best. We saw Larks in good numbers, and "Runners" by the score. After many wanderings through places of difficult access, we made tracks again for the hotel, and after having another good time we started on our return journey.—Wm. L. Smith, hon. sec.

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Amongst Picturesque Scenery.

On Sunday, June 9th, the members of this Society had a most enjoyable outing in and around Styal. An hour before starting time thunder showers threatened the entire postponement and doubtless accounted for the poor muster. By car through Denton, Reddish, Stockport to Gatley occupied an hour, during which time we were lucky to be under cover from a very severe thunder-storm. Arrived at Gatley, however, everything looked like midsummer should do, and after refreshing we started on our walk to Styal. Lovely scenery, birds and nests galore fully took up our attention, and we reached the Old Ship Inn ready to do full justice to anything in the way of eatables put before us. A good substantial tea followed, when we evidently surprised the waitress by our repeated requests for "more." A good cigar provided by our chairman and a lounge about filled up an hour; then Mr. Foxall, acting as guide, we rambled through some of the most picturesque scenery I have ever been amongst. The sight of that ivy-covered mill lying down in the hollow was worth going a long way to see. All around the De Trafford estate we wandered. Blackbirds, Chaffinches, Greenfinches, Swallows, Hedge-sparrows, Plovers, Warblers and Linnets were all noticed. Our chairman earned our thanks by providing us with a most enjoyable trip. Next ramble to Glossop and Hadfield.—J. R. Colville, Secretary.

CLAPHAM C.B.A. MEMBERS IN AN IDEAL SPOT.

The annual ramble of the Clapham C.B.A. took place on Saturday last, June 8, to Ranmore Common. A small party of enthusiasts met on the train to Box Hill, and, arriving at that station, adjourned to the Railway Hotel, the official starting place, in the hope of meeting more of their friends who might have braved the dampness of the morning, but no others turned up, so we started off along the lane towards the Common. Just a few yards along, under the gutter of a cottage, a Martin's nest was noted, and scarcely a couple of yards away a splendid cock Chaffinch was busily hunting under the hedgerow. Although we kept very quiet in the hope of seeing him go back to his nest, he spotted us, and with a defiant "pink" he darted through the thick hedgerow and was lost to sight. A little farther along the party guide was just in time to spot three lovely young Thrushes hop out of their nest, and, calling the attention of the party to the fact, they were able to watch them fly from bush to bush into an adjoining meadow and safety. Turning to our left, and going up a rather stiff hill, we next heard the Cuckoo, and a little later on the Yellowhammer. Still climbing towards the top of the hill, an old Chaffinch's nest was discovered, and while examining this another young Thrush flew out of an adjoining bush. A little higher up we thought we heard the cry of young Greypates, but after keeping quiet for a short time and not being able to penetrate far into the undergrowth, owing to the sodden condition of same, we went on and were rewarded by hearing the Sedge Warbler, and a little later the Chiff Chaff. Our next find was a Linnet's nest containing four eggs just on the point of chipping out. Nearing the top of the hill, an exclamation came from one, "What's that?" And a Nightjar flew out and across the Common. Our next find was a Hedge Sparrow's nest containing two shells, which had evidently just been sucked by a Cuckoo. The view here of the surrounding hills and villages was greatly admired by all, and gathering some sweet-smelling honeysuckle, wild roses, and foxgloves, and chaffing our friend who was busily scraping some lichen and moss in the hope of coaxing a Chaffinch of his own to line her nest with it, and so making an enticing home for her expected family of Bramble-Chaffinch Hybrids, we passed on to the house, where a hot luncheon had been prepared, noting in the garden hedge a nest of the Robin, and a few yards away a Thrush's nest.

Like the old trombone player, we found that "When you're hungry there's nothing like a good blow out," and did ourselves right grandly with one of the best lunches we have ever partaken of. Now, after having a wash and brush up, "Old Sol" began to beam on us as we started off once more across the Common, which must be one of the finest haunts of the feathered tribe in the South of England. The warmth of the sun now began to cheer our feathered friends as well as ourselves, and we were rewarded for the dampness of the morning by hearing the Nightingale burst forth into full song, and although we tried to locate his nest, we were not successful as he flew from tree to tree further away. Throstles and Blackbirds now vied with each other in pouring forth their melody, with Chaffinches and Yellowhammers accompanying them, just half an hour's sunshine making the difference between the quietness of a desert and the melody of Nature's orchestra. Ah! what is that on the top of that tree piping out his song? A Whitethroat? No. There he goes further off to the next tree, and starts again, and does the same thing several times on our approach. We came to the conclusion he must be a Tree Pipit. Beating the bushes on our right, we saw half a dozen Blackbirds and Thrushes fly out, and in a little pool in a hollow we saw a Thrush bathing, flying afterwards into a bush to preen himself. Now turning into the woods, we heard a cock Pheasant, and a little farther along saw a partly built Wren's nest on the side of a root of an overturned tree. Next we saw several nests of the Jay and Magpie. Seeing one of the party busily prodding into the side of a ditch, we found he was looking for the nest of a Willow Warbler. We all got back under a tree for some minutes, and were rewarded by seeing the pair of old ones come on to the rail of the hedge, and the hen darted down and up again. Noting the spot, we found a nest of five strong youngsters just ready for ringing. All were rung and carefully put back into the nest, and the overhanging bramble bush put into its natural position as nearly as possible. Further along this hedge we saw a young Greenfinch and one of us getting near and disturbing him, several others flew off, Making our way across the Common again, we had tea, and afterwards strolled through the lanes to Dorking Station for home, all agreeing that, despite the wet morning, we had spent one of the most enjoyable days of our lives.—T. J. Hose.

THE ANNUAL "LANDMARK" OF THE DUNFERMLINE AND DISTRICT C.E.S.

The annual landmark of our society is surely the ramble; then for a few hours we enjoy open-air exercise and natural history instruction. Through the kindness of Henry Beveridge, Esq., of Pitreavie, we again made his estate our field of labour, and his kindness, I am sure, was again fully appreciated. Towards midday the atmosphere cleared, and by starting time it had broken out an ideal day. We numbered twenty when the roll was called. Mr. Osborne, head forester to Mr. Beveridge, acted as official guide to the following party:—Mr. J. and Master Rankine, D. Allister and sons, D. McCaven, B. Rice, J. Anderson, J. Warwick, A. Bowman, J. Alexander, H. Kemp, G. Rae, J. McLean, J. Lister, J. Duncan, and R. T. Campbell. The extreme right of the party were early fortunate in locating several grand nesters. The first nest reported was of the Lesser Redpoll, with a family of four, the excited little mother making quite a din while her home was under inspection. We have heard it said that the Yellowhammer does not nest off the ground, but friend Kemp proves this to be false, finding one in a bush; and afterwards several were found in like positions. The familiar "pink-pink" of the Chaffinch at this time of the year has a particular sharpness, no doubt warning his lady love of our approach. Still, his model nest catches the eye of the assistant secretary, the hen being busy incubating. Blackbirds and Thrushes were well forward, a nice nest of the latter containing three fully-fledged youngsters. "Did your hair stand on end?" I heard someone ask John McLean as a Pheasant rose with a scream and a whirr, leaving exposed to our view her clutch of twelve eggs. Just after we had been photographed Davie Allister was called upon to give details of a fallen giant—a mighty beech, chronicled to be the gallows used by Oliver Cromwell after the battle of Pitreavie (1645). The Masters Rankine were quite delighted to locate the nest of the Willow Wren with five eggs, the only one found. When the "Burgh Arms" was reached ample justice was done to a good tea served by Mr. Carr in a manner which left all satisfied. Until train time the company filled in the remainder of the evening in a social way under the chairmanship of Mr. J Rankine, songs being rendered by the majority of those present. Arriving back in Dunfermline at nine o'clock, all were satisfied that the day had been a great success.—R. T. Campbell, sec.

Nests of Birds, Poultry, etc., should be regularly sprinkled with KEATING'S POWDER, especially when hens are sitting. Don't forget to do this just previous to the eggs hatching, to destroy the Red Mite. Kills all insects. Harmless to everything else.

CAGE BIRDS LEAGUE

WHAT THE NEW ASSOCIATE SCHEME MEANS.

A Word with Show Secretaries.

NOTES BY THE SECRETARY.

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Our Associate Scheme and Its Effects.

One of the most gratifying aspects of our newest idea of enrolling as Associate members of CAGE BIRDS LEAGUE those fanciers who are so circumstanced that even the annual subscription would be a tax on their limited resources is the appreciation with which it has been received by bird-lovers who are in humble circumstances, and for the benefit of whom the scheme was evolved. I am receiving by every post applications from readers who have conformed to the simple conditions of sending six signed coupons and a penny stamp, and practically every letter expresses the pleasure of the sender at having been afforded the opportunity of joining our League without being put to an annual expense, which, small as is it, is beyond the means of thousands of bird-lovers throughout our islands.

An Associate Member of CAGE BIRDS LEAGUE is a member of our LEAGUE *for life*. His badge is a permanent token that he belongs to a body of bird-lovers who are pledged not only to do everything in their power to administer to the comfort and happiness of their pets, but to induce others to do the same, and in becoming an Associate he gives not only his own written promise, but those of five of his friends.

Let us see what this means. It means that for every hundred Association names entered on the books of the LEAGUE there are six hundred bird-lovers who are keeping their birds properly, and who are pledged to spread the knowledge of the methods of humanitarian bird-keeping. Six hundred people, the great majority of whom have Parliamentary votes, and who will know how to use them in opposition to the oppressive legislation which the professional "humanitarians" have confessedly in view. Members of Parliament, and candidates at any Parliamentary election, will not be able to ignore the views of bird-lovers in obedience to the wishes of the moneyed faddists who would wipe the hobby of bird-keeping off from the face of the earth. And, better than all, for every hundred associate names there will be six hundred bird-keepers who are a living refutation of the hysterical claim of our opponents that bird-keeping is "an acted blasphemy."

Well may it be that for some months past the official organs of the so-called Humanitarians have ceased to publish their accustomed diatribes. This may be but before the storm, for there are powerful influences at work, although, for a time, they seem to be quiescent, but if and when the storm comes it will be found that there is a powerful organisation where a year ago was only helplessness, and this has been brought into being by CAGE BIRDS LEAGUE and CAGE BIRDS LEAGUE only. Following is an example of the many letters received, and I am sorry that I may not be afforded the space to quote from many others to the same effect.

Sir,—I am forwarding six coupons and a penny stamp so that I may become an Associate of CAGE BIRDS LEAGUE, which is doing so much good. I am pleased to think that our valuable paper, CAGE BIRDS, has brought out a scheme for those who can't afford to pay the subscription, and who will be proud to belong to such a League. I am sure I wish CAGE BIRDS LEAGUE and CAGE BIRDS every success, also the ANNUAL, which is so valuable for 2d. to those who can't afford expensive books.—J. Rose, Whitwick.

How the Membership Certificates are being Appreciated.

A very large number of these coloured certificates have been sent out, and I am pleased to hear that they have given very great satisfaction. In acknowledging the receipt of three of the certificates, our esteemed Vice-President, Mrs. M. B. Partridge, writes as follows:—

Dear Sir,—Miss Goodman and Bobby and I are very delighted with our membership cards of the CAGE BIRDS LEAGUE. It is impossible to tell you how much we admire them, and I must congratulate Mr. Norman very heartily on his very artistic work.—I am, yours faithfully,

M. B. PARTRIDGE.

Every member should possess one of these artistic cards of membership. They are printed in seven colours, and should form part of the decoration of the room of every member of CAGE BIRDS LEAGUE. The price is one shilling only, post free. Members who are shop-keepers should especially make a point of framing one for hanging in their shop.

A Use for Spare Coupons.

I am pleased to be able to record that many members are responding to the appeal of Mr. Stevenson in our last issue, that they should aid him in his generous offer of finding three signed coupons for every Glasgow reader who will send him three out of the six necessary to qualify as an Associate member of CAGE BIRDS LEAGUE. I have heard from a number of members that they are sending coupons to Mr. Stevenson, and doubtless many others have sent without writing to me. Mr. Stevenson's address is 38, McNeil St., South Side, Glasgow, as stated last week, and I hope readers who have spare coupons will send them to him direct.

Important to Show Secretaries.

In our issue of the 15th inst., I gave some details of our Medal Scheme, and the steps which should be taken by secretaries to ensure that full advantage accrued to their societies. The necessary procedure will be made clear beyond the possibility of a mistake if secretaries will please take for their guidance the following example: Mr. Notley, sec. of Hetton-le-Hole, C.B.S., writes "I have great pleasure in forwarding the following renewal subs. to CAGE BIRDS LEAGUE, the best organisation that has ever come to the bird-fancier in general. (Here follow the names of nine members of the Society who are members of the LEAGUE). These, along with one new member sent recently, will entitle us to two medals for our show." Hetton-le-Hole will consequently have two Silver Medals, or two Bronze, or one of each, to be allotted by the Committee in any way they may wish for competition among members of CAGE BIRDS LEAGUE, whether or not they be members of the society itself. Later in the season a list will be published of all societies whose secretaries have claimed the medals to which they may be entitled, and the publication of this list should materially add to the entries of any of the shows concerned. Secretaries should cut out from our issue of June 15 the particulars of the Modal Scheme, and should especially note that they must *claim* the medals, for I have no other means of getting to know how many of the members of any society may be members of CAGE BIRDS LEAGUE.

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Neat and unobtrusive badges are supplied to members, without any charge beyond their subscriptions as above. The badges may be had either in button form, or mounted in rolled gold in two forms, one as a brooch for ladies or for cycling caps or coat lapel, and the other as a pendant for bracelet or watch-chain. The kind required should be specified clearly.

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HENRY J. TULLIAMS,
Secretary, CAGE BIRDS LEAGUE
154, FLEET STREET, LONDON, E.C.

JUDGES OF CAGE BIRDS

The attention of Show Secretaries is directed to the following list of gentlemen willing to act as Judges. Terms for insertion on application.

J. C. BARNES, 113, Northfield Road, Walkley, Sheffield. Judge of all varieties of cage birds. Long, practical experience. Terms moderate.

T. BENNETT, 14, Cumberland Rd., Lidget Green, Bradford. Judge of Cage Birds. Long and practical experience.

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F. COLLINS, 60, Union-st., Camborne. Judge of all varieties of cage birds. Life experience.

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GEO. GARDNER, 11, Haverstock Road, London, N.W. Judge of all kinds of Cage Birds.

S. HADWIN, 56, Richmond-row, Liverpool, judge of cage bird, all varieties; 25 years' practical experience.

C. A. HOUSE, Briardene, Idle, Bradford. Judge of Canaries and other Cage Birds.

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J. W. METCALFE, The Yorkshire Aviaries, 68, Brunswick-rd., Liverpool. Judge of Cage Birds; specialist, Yorkshire and Norwich.

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W. VARDY, The Aviaries, Hucknall Huthwaite, Notts. Judge of all varieties; specialist in Norwich Plainheads. Life experience. Terms moderate.

G. WILSON, 14, Frizington Road, Frizington, specialist judge, Mules, British, Foreign; 25 years' practical experience; terms moderate.

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Twitterings.

We hear that Mr. J. W. Metcalfe (Liverpool) is judging the first feather show of the Chester C.B.S. on July 3rd.

Mr. J. Hall, Hon. Sec. Eccles C.B.S., writes that the first feather show will be held July 6 instead of July 13.

We hear from Mr A. W. Bacon, hon. sec., that Mr. Martin Crust will judge Redhill C.B.S. Young Bird Show July 10.

We have secured Mr. Longden, Swansea, to judge our young bird show on July 10, writes Mr. E. Thomas, Sec., Cardiff and Dis. C.B.S.

Messrs. Opie and Kemp write that entries for Redruth do not at present average three per class. Entries will be accepted up to July 1.

Mr. J. Tristem, late of 82, Winchester Road, Brislington, Bristol, asks us to notify his change of address to 24, Meridian Place, Clifton, Bristol.

Secretaries please note, writes Mr. John Greaves, Secretary Yorks. C.C., the latest date for applications for the club's patronage is July 6th, when the committee meet to distribute same.

Shows wishing to have our patronage, and not yet having applied, should do so at once, writes Mr. M. C. Potts, Sec., Northern Border and S.F.C.C., 52, Falmouth Road, Heaton, Newcastle-on-Tyne.

The Bedford and Bedfordshire O.S. second nest feather show will be held July 12th, writes Mr. J. C. Wilmot, the Hon. Sec. There will be an extra class and special for novices. Judging at 6 p.m. sharp.

Newport Pagnell and Dis. H.S. Show will this year include cage birds, and particulars of the fixture, which is to be held on Wednesday, Aug. 7, will be found in our advertisement columns next week.

The Sheffield O.S. Nest Feather Show will be held in the Foresters' Hall, Trippet Lane, July 6. There are eight Canary classes, eight British, and four foreign, besides eight novice classes. Mr. J. C. Barnes judges.

The following have been elected as judges at our annual show on Nov. 16, writes Mr. Peter Gentleman, sec., Avonbridge O.S.:—Norwich and Borders, Mr. P. McKenzie (Kelso); British and Mules, Mr. A. D. Duncan (Kilsyth).

I must congratulate your artist on the splendid picture of my Lesser Redpoll ("Bob"), whose wins last season were 1st Pentre, 2nd Swansea, 1st Cardiff, 2nd L.C.B.A., 1st Felinfoel, writes Mr. J. E. Jeffreys, of Swansea.

We hear from Mr. J. Davison, Sec. Gateshead C.B.S. that the judges for the annual show, Dec. 13-14, are Messrs. Harland, Norwich; Barnes, Yorks; Robson, Crests; Maddison, Brit. and For.; and Duncan, Borders.

Fanciers are cordially invited to Liverpool O.S. ramble to Hesweli, June 30, write Messrs. Metcalfe and Deacon, Hon Secs. Meet 1.45 p.m. Central Station. Tea at Mr. Handley's Bungalow, 5 p.m. Those wishing to come kindly notify us on Saturday, so that we may be prepared for tea.

On the 4th July, at the Fairhaven Institute, Seaview Road, Liscard, at 8 p.m., we are to have a lecture by that able fancier, Mr. W. Young, on "Colour Feeding," writes Mr. T. Edwards, the sec. The nest feather show is at the same place on 6th July, open 3 p.m., Mr. C. Houlton judge. I shall be pleased to receive overdue subs. at the next meeting.

All arrangements for young bird show, held in the Public Halls, Uddingston, on July 6, are now complete, writes Mr. J. Cosgrove, hon sec., Uddingston O.S., and the prospects are bright for a good entry. Mr. T. Cant (Hamilton) will judge the Canaries, and Mr. R. V. Raino (Cathcart) British. Subscriptions (2s. 6d.) will be accepted up to and including date of show.

Palace Show, 1912. Championship in Yorkshires won by Mr. Towers; championship for Cinnamon Marks won by Mr. Bailey; championship for Green Marks won by Mr. Dykes; championship for Lizards won by Mr. Dewsnap; championship for Mules won by Messrs. Martin and Archer; five guinea cup for best L. and P.O.S. Norwich won by Mr. Sheldon. All and every one of the above winners fed on Ramsden's Pure Peppers only. At the Horticultural Hall, 58 leading prize winners. At the Bradford National 83 leading prize-winners. At the Crystal Palace, 115 leading prize-winners, all and every one of which were colour-fed on Ramsden's Pure Peppers only. For proof of the above, see the show catalogues. Birmingham Cage Bird Society writes: "Several of our members assert that 'Ramsden's' is by far the best food for good rich level colour, and have backed their opinion by ordering large quantities. Ramsden's are the finest and purest peppers possible to procure. Buy no others.—(Advt.)

The Newcastle C.B.S. give a hearty invitation to all North Country fanciers to their meeting at 7.30, July 4th, at Lockhart's Cafe, 65, Grainger Street, when Mr. Ramsden, of London, will give a lecture upon Colour Feeding.

Will members, fanciers, and friends, writes Mr. H. Gornall, Sec. the Horton Good Intent O.S., please notice that we have changed our headquarters? The meetings and members' shows will be held in the Congregational Schools, High Street, Gt. Horton.

Amongst Sandiford's noted customers for colour feed last week are:—Mr. J. E. Davies, Crystal Palace deck-sweeper; Mr. W. Vardy, Mr. E. Baker, Mr. Sam Cook, Mr. T. Irons, Mr. J. E. Eckersley, Mr. W. Booth, Mr. Gill (Plymouth), Mr. J. Howard, and hundreds more.—(Advt.)

The City and Suburban A.C.B. Young Bird Show will be held at the Church Institute, Paddington Street, Marylebone, on July 6. There are twenty-seven classes for Canaries, two Hybrid, sixteen British, and six foreign. The prizes are on the sliding scale, and there is a liberal list of specials. Mr. R. L. Crisp judges Canaries, and Mr. C. Prior the remainder. We understand there is every prospect of an excellent display.

OBITUARY.

Mrs. G. Thurling.

We are sorry indeed to receive from Mr. C. W. Law, hon. sec, of the London and Provincial O.S. the note as follows: "I very much regret having to announce the death of one of our lady members, Mrs. Thurling, the wife of Mr. G. Thurling. A letter of condolence has been sent to Mr. Thurling on behalf of the committee and members of the L.P.O.S. who I am sure will sympathise with him in his loss."

Mr. Stubbs (Grimsby).

Just as we go to press, news reaches us of the demise of Mr. Stubbs, of Grimsby, a splendid fancier of the old school, and a great lover of the Norwich Plainhead. This stalwart of the Fancy will be much missed by the local bird lovers, for Mr. Stubbs was always ready to help those younger in the hobby and its way than himself. It is with sincere regret that we perform the sad duty of recording his death.

Crystal Palace Show Report, 1912.—These are only champion classes, where colour counts; everything in Norwich and Cinnamons. Note: I don't give Mule classes or Borders. Champion Norwich classes, clear yellow: 1st, Thomas, delightful colour, etc Tick Yellows: 1st, Daives, wonderful colour, etc. Tick Buffs: 1st, Smeaton, rich colour, etc. Yellow Unflighted: 1st, 4th, Davies, lovely colour, etc. Unflighted Buffs: 1st, championship diploma, also special best in show, ideal specimen; took premier honours at all leading shows: Davies, also won N.P.C. challenge cup three years in succession. Yellow Hens: 1st, 3rd, Smeaton. Unflighted Yellow Hens: 1st, Smeaton, exquisite colour. Unflighted Buff Hens: 1st, Thomas, capital colour. These are out of the ten open champion classes. All the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd prizes in Cinnamons were won by W. Dorner, E. Godley, and Mrs. Deacon. Every one of the above birds never saw nor ate any colour food only Sandiford's Royal Red. Can I give any more proof that it is the best in the world? See advertisement.—(Advt.)

Considerable interest is being taken in a new advertising record in this week's issue of "Answers" (June 29). For the first time in the history of the British Press, the whole of the advertising pages of the entire issue of a weekly journal are filled with the advertisements of a single great firm. Messrs. Graves, of Sheffield, who are responsible for the venture, are once more demonstrating their faith in large scale advertising, and there is no doubt the novel experiment will attract great attention.

The Rev. H. A. Soames, of Bromley, who recently joined our society, writes Mr. H. Smith, 115, Merton Road, Wimbledon, S.W., hon. sec. of Wimbledon C.B.S., has kindly intimated his intention of presenting a silver challenge cup for most points gained by a member in Green Borders at young bird and annual shows. Cup to be won any three times. We are giving a class for this variety at our coming young bird show, July 8, and should any fancier wish to compete they may do so if they let me have nomination for membership on or before Monday next, July 1.

The June number of "Bird Notes," the organ of the Foreign Bird Club, opens with an article by Mr. Philip Gosse on his aviaries at Beaulieu. Dr. Hopkinson continues his account of "Birds of Gambia." Dr. J. Easton Scott contributes "Further Notes on the Breeding of Tanagers," Lady Pennant gives her experiences in the breeding of the Pope Cardinal, Mr. Wesley Page continues "Some Colony Birds," and begins a list of birds which have reared young in captivity in this country, Mr. H. D. Astley records his success in breeding for the first time in Great Britain the Queen Alexandra Parrakeet. Some interesting Nesting Notes, compiled by the Editor, complete a good issue.

To the last advertisement you put for me in "Cage Birds" I had 37 applications for Green Roller cock, and found some good people through the advert., real, true fanciers.—R. Haigh (Leeds).

Writing in reference to the Hirst Universal First Feather Show Mr. Dippie, the judge comments as follows:—The entries came up very well, considering the poor breeding results fanciers have had in the district. Norwich were not up to last year in merit, but the Yorks and Border classes contained some stylish youngsters which should be heard of in the near future. It seems a pity the committee does not see its way clear to add a Linnet class. The show arrangements were well looked after by the sec., Mr. Edwards, the treasurer, Mr. Floyd, and a good working committee.

The Sparrow's Revenge.

A painter who was destroying the nests of Sparrows in the cornice of a building in Lawrence, Ind., U.S.A., was it is said, attacked by a bird with such violence that he fell from the scaffolding and broke a leg.

Nightingale Comes to Town.

On May 18 I heard a Nightingale singing (from dawn till about four a.m.) within a stone's throw of the busy corner of the "Swan," Stockwell, writes Mr. M. A. Todhunter, to a contemporary. This is the third year I have heard him.

The Soldier's Pet Rook.

Private Haysom, of the Royal Naval College, Osborne, has made friends with a Rook which inhabits the grounds. At night the Rook sleeps in the trees which surround the college and has never been in captivity. It will not let anyone else touch it except Private Haysom, who has only to go to the trees and call when the bird comes down and perches on his shoulder. The Rook can pick his owner from out of a number of soldiers. Visitors to the State apartments may see this tame bird strutting about on the grass.

To Readers with Holiday Accommodation.

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Canaries for Our Woodlands.

With letters from correspondents bewailing the absence of Swallows (writes Mr. M. Woodward, in the "Daily Express") comes one suggesting a way to increase the numbers of our song-birds:—"Would it not be possible," he writes, "to introduce another charming songster to our country lanes by putting the eggs of the Lizard or some other dark-feathered Canary into the nest of the Linnet—these birds having much in common, as their food, their feathers, size, and habits? No doubt in the nest the young ones would get along together, and the young Canaries would be taught to fend for themselves by their foster-parents. The persecution so promptly meted out by other birds to any brightly-hued Canaries which escape from their prisons makes the suggestion of introducing a dark-hued sort a doubly sound one. Wild-bred, dark-feathered Canaries should escape undue notice, and be able to feed themselves; and we know that the Canary will thrive when exposed to all types of our climate. If the suggested experiment succeeded, birds of brighter hue might be introduced by degrees. There seems no reason why we should not add Canaries to our woodlands."

REVIEW OF SCHEDULES.

Kenfig Hill and Dis. Poultry, Etc., Soc.—July 10, Talbot Institute. Judge, Mr. H. V. Prior, Maesteg. 4 open classes: 1 Yorks., 1 A.V. Can., 1 British, 1 Mule. Prizes, 8s., 4s., 2s. Fee, 1s. 6d. Ent. close July 3, to W. Price, Talgarth House.

Laxfield and Dist. Horticultural, Etc., Soc.—July 20. Judge, Mr. T. Abbott, Wymondham. 2 open classes. 1 Canary, 1 A.O. cage bird. Prizes, 2s. 6d., 1s. 6d., 1s., 1s. 6d. Fee, 6d. Ent. close July 13, to W. P. Hugman.

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New Light on Colour-feeding:

By T. Johnson (Stockport).

Our contributor holds that fanciers use pepper extravagantly, unnecessarily, and to the detriment rather than the benefit of the birds.

Forty Canaries Moult Red-hot on 1½ lbs. of Pepper.

SOME time ago, in a controversy on the colour feeding of British birds, I mentioned that I had colour-fed forty Canaries on two pounds of colour food. The following week a gentleman who might, or might not, be sceptically inclined, asked me to give my methods. As it was not the colour-feeding season, and being a bit pushed for time just then, I thought I would wait until a more opportune moment. At the outset, I would remind your readers that what is written hereafter must be taken as purely and simply my own experiences. It is not my wish to pose as an authority, nor is it my wish to try and ram my own opinions down other, and older, fanciers' throats.

By way of prelude, I will state my reasons for trying the experiments that have convinced me that fanciers generally cram too much pepper into their birds, a practice which, to my mind, is the cause of more trouble than is usually attributed to it. When we give our birds pepper, especially the hot pepper, we must understand that it is in the nature of a condiment, and any medical authority will tell us that condiments clog the liver, so that that necessary organ of the bird's body doesn't, and can't, do the work for which it was intended by nature.

Do you find them at the Shows?

A casual observer might not notice some birds when scrutinising the exhibits at a show, but let a fancier who is a close observer select one of those that are sitting aimlessly on the perch. If he will take particular notice, he will see that it is breathing slightly quicker than the normal, and most probably has a pendulum-like action of the tail. Let him take hold of the cage, and the bird becomes alert on the instant, and is as active as any in the class for a few seconds; but retire to a distance, and you notice the bird again sidle towards the back of the cage, and sit resting on the perch. Usually, such a bird as that I am describing is never really tight in feather, except for a second or two when moved. Contrast such a bird with one that is hopping about its cage and singing fit to "burst itself," as if with the joy of living. Some may argue that it is a matter of temperament. In odd cases you do find a lazy bird, but I have never yet seen a really healthy cock Canary that didn't sing, or that sat quietly on the perch from morning till night.

But, you say, even allowing that it is not temperament and that the bird is liverish, how is it that this other bird is thoroughly healthy and not affected in the same way, though both have had the same amount of colour food? That is easily disposed of. Constitutions are not alike in Canaries any more than in human beings, and what one Canary could take and thrive on might kill another. I believe, further, that though this liver disease may not be hereditary, yet the young bred from birds affected with it would be pre-disposed to the disease; that is, the young from those parents are more likely to become affected than those from really healthy stock.

I visited a fancier friend of mine last August, just when colour feeding was in full swing. He had less birds to feed than I had, yet he had got to the bottom of a 7-lb. tin of colour food; and when I tell you that he was using a quarter-lb. of hot Natal to each lb. of cool pepper, you may imagine the livers of some of the birds. He made each bird eat two teaspoonfuls a day. Of course, if he hadn't taken the seed away they wouldn't have eaten it. Are there any birds that would eat it in such quantity without being starved to it? I asked him if he didn't think he was giving too much pepper, and told him that I had only used just over a pound to my lot. He replied, "No! so and so" (mentioning a well-known exhibitor) "feeds his birds in just the same way, and what is good enough for him is good enough for me." I told him that I didn't care if they were Queen Anne's methods, they wouldn't convince me that it required all that pepper to properly colour a Canary, much less keep it in health. But so-and-so had said so, and my friend considered that it must be right. When he visited my rooms later on, however, he admitted that I had a better colour than he had. So, I ask, is there reason in cramming our birds?

The Economical Method Explained.

I will give you the methods that I have adopted and found to answer. To those who are sceptical, I can only say that out of 2½lbs. of cool pepper, I had upwards of a lb. left after feeding 40 birds. Those fanciers who use their tins of pounds may smile cynically; but I am quite content, for I hold that while I use less colour food, I have a healthier stock, and get quite as good a colour. Whether I am successful or not, I will leave those who saw my birds to judge.

I know it is not allowable to recommend any particular vendor's colour food; but I may say that I used only the best quality. I didn't use any hot pepper, nor did I add oil of any description. I simply used the cool pepper as it came from the vendor, except that I turned it on to a big dish and crushed all the hard lumps, afterwards packing it into an air-tight tin. Towards the end of June it is time to start the first round of youngsters on colour food. Commence by giving it to them in their soft food very weak; in fact, just coloured. When using egg-food for colour-feeding, always make it weak, say, about three parts bread to one of egg. Bear in mind that the birds at this stage don't really require the egg; it is only given to them as a medium to convey the pepper into their system, and the poorer it is, in reason, the better.

Gradually increase the quantity of the colour food till you get to the full strength, which is one teaspoonful of pepper to four of egg food, and a half-teaspoonful of sugar. When you get to full strength, limit the colour food to a good teaspoonful between three birds twice a week, until you see the colour showing on the wing butts, or when you see them dropping feathers, when they should have a good teaspoonful between three birds on two successive days. On the third day give a teaspoonful of rape seed. Repeat the process each three days right through the moult. There is no necessity to take away the seed. If the food is made palatable, and if the birds have been brought on to it gradually, I guarantee that they will not touch seed until the colour food is all eaten, and especially so if moulted in flights, or three birds in a cage.

As the season advances, the later hatched youngsters must be started on food in just the same way, and about the end of July the old birds will be one by one dropping into moult. They should be started before they begin to moult, that is, if they are not feeding young. I generally moult my old hens and youngsters in flights, but any promising birds I separate, and put them three in a double breeding cage. Put all the old cocks also in a separate flight, the larger the better, and any show specimens may be singled out when they have moulted all their body feathers. Let your birds have the bath every day while moulting. Don't be led away with the idea prevalent with some fanciers that bathing it not good for them when moulting. On the contrary, it helps them to shed their plumage, puts a gloss on, makes them stronger, and keeps their feet clean. And don't coddle them; give them plenty of fresh air while moulting. Remember that July, August and September are three of the hottest months in the year, and plenty of fresh air and exercise during that time will ensure them strength to battle with the colder months to follow.

I believe in letting nature take its course as a rule, but should you have one or two stuck in the moult, procure some marigold flowers from the chemist or herbalist, scald them, and put a little in their drinking water every day until you see the feathers tumble off almost all at once, which is the happiest state possible in a moult. As regards shading the birds while moulting, I think it is essential in a show bird; but why cover those you are keeping for stock, or those that are for sale? My experience is that those birds which are uncovered are more lively, and I like any that I am keeping for stock to have as much exercise as possible. My mode of procedure is to locate any intended for show, or any possible show birds, in one corner of the room, where they can be covered, and the others I leave quite bare.

When Nearing the End,

Some fanciers advise a reduction in the strength of the colour-food when the birds have finished the moult, with the exception of the head, giving as their reason that if the same strength is kept up, the birds moult a deeper colour on the head. My opinion is that the difference in colour really exists only in the imagination of those fanciers. Certainly I have never noticed any; and, even if there were a slight difference, I fail to see where it would detract from the beauty of the bird. Indeed, if anything, I think it would enhance its beauty. I never reduce the strength of my colour food. If a bird is just on the point of finishing, I may reduce the quantity, not for the reasons given above, but as a gradual "weaning off" process.

Most fanciers give a crystal of sulphate of iron in the drinking water towards the end of the moult, to fix the colour. Whether iron has that power or not may be controversial, but in any case it certainly tones up the system after the trying time of the moult. Therefore the iron should be given, either crystals, or in the form of the tincture, two or three drops in a two ounce glass. What I think is of more importance than iron is sulphate, or carbonate, of soda, right through the moult—in fact the year round. A small crystal the size of a grain of Indian corn, or, if used in the powdered form, as much as will lie on a threepenny piece, two or three times a week, will keep the birds' livers in working condition, thereby obviating the necessity for much toning up.

Should you notice any bird down in condition, or ill, during the moult isolate it at once and give a dose of salts for one day, and afterwards, until well, 10 drops of tincture of steel and 6 drops of sulphuric acid; and feed on milk sop for a few days. Don't give any colour food while it is ill. You need have no fear that because the bird is taken off food for a week or so it will come patchy, because it will probably stop casting feathers while it is ailing. And even were one to come a bit patchy, a live bird, even a patchy one, is better than a dead one. Give green food every day during the moult. It is just as necessary to a bird's health while moulting as at any other time of the year. Mine rarely miss a day, having either shepherd's purse, groundsel, or chickweed, and I have never seen any ill effects from its use, in fact, the contrary is my experience.

SCOTTISH FANCIERS SEEING WILD BIRD LIFE.

The members of the Dunfermline and Dis. C.B.S. seen in the photograph are: Back row (left to right) Messrs. J. Duncan, B. Rice, J. Warwick, J. Alexander, D. Allister, H. Kemp, J. Lister, and G. Rae. Middle row: W. Rolland, J. McLean, R. T. Campbell, Secy., J. Rankine, Pres., D. McLaren, Treas., A. Bowman and J. Osborne. Front row: Masters Allister (2) and Rankine, and J. Anderson, Assistant Secy.

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A Delightful Account of the Golden Crested Wren.

By MATTHEW BARR.

(Continued from page 502).

Tiny commenced to sit on the eggs day after day. Gold Crest was so attentive, and brought her the choicest insects and the juiciest caterpillars that he could find. In the middle of May the little chicks made their appearance, and both the parents were busy all day long finding food for eleven hungry mouths. But still Gold Crest sang his song as he carried food to his young family, which had grown day by day, and were now nearly covered with feathers, rewarding the parents for all their care and toil. One day Strong Bill, the Carrion Crow from the rocky hill-side, was foraging for his own family, and he happened to alight by chance on the very tree in which Gold Crest and Tiny had their home. His roving and cruel eyes discovered the nest, although it was well concealed. He was an old robber, and knew where to search and find. Soon he dropped down beside it, and, in spite of all the pleadings and protestings of the little birds, he picked their family up one by one and carried them off to feed his own ungainly brood.

Profiting by Past Mistakes.

A few journeys and the tragedy was over, the Crow in the most heartless and cruel manner even tearing out the lining of the nest and leaving it hanging over the outside, making a total wreck of their tidy little home. It was a sad blow to all their fond hopes. Many days passed before they left the spot, often visiting their nest and mourning over their loss. But time even makes the birds, like humans, forget their troubles, and their thoughts turned again to nest building. They were very careful this time, and after much anxious research they fixed their choice on a very low branch of another spruce tree about five feet from the ground. They commenced to build their new home very near to the point; a very cosy spot, tho new growth on the tree making the branch still more feathery and giving better protection. They did not take half the time to build the second one that they did the first; they were in a bigger hurry. They did not embellish it in the same manner, and Gold Crest gave more assistance.

Tiny only managed to lay seven eggs this time; the extra strain on her body had exhausted her energies a good deal. Perhaps this was just as well; they would find plenty of trouble to rear their second family, as the season was advancing. When the little birds burst their frail prison they were fed assiduously by their parents, and nothing disturbed their home this time. They grew amazingly. One bright, sunny day, when their family was nearly fledged, Gold Crest and Tiny tempted them to try and use their wings in flight, going near to the nest and displaying titbits of the nicest food and encouraging them with the most loving and confiding chirps, till one, more courageous than the rest, ventured on to the side of the nest, then to the neighbouring branch, the rest of the nestlings following. They kept returning at nightfall to the shelter of their nursery for a few nights, till they got stronger on the wing, and were able to range after their parents all over the wood. Late in autumn, when the ground was carpeted with fallen leaves, Gold Crest and his family began to wander over the country, going farther and farther to the South. But, on the bidding of Spring, they turned themselves homewards, for they were children of the North country.

Questions and Answers.

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CANARY QUERIES.

Answered by CLAUDE ST. JOHN.

TRANSFERRING EGGS (E. D. Legget).—You do not say whether the good feeding hen has shown any desire to go to nest again, or, if she still solicits the attentions of her mate. If she does, there is, of course, a great chance that she will herself lay another clutch of eggs, but if she does not do as suggested, you have certainly done right to give her a dummy egg. This will keep her broody, and you may then, with every confidence, give her the clutch of eggs laid by the other hen to hatch and rear. When you transfer the eggs I would advise you to give the St. Andreasburg hen a dummy egg or two to keep her broody also, and thereby have an additional chance of getting the young reared. Should the common hen lay another clutch, I would still advise you to transfer the two clutches, giving the St. Andreasburg eggs to the common hen, and vice versa.

SLOW NESTERS (Puzzled).—I hardly think your birds are likely to be overfat, but you should easily be able to ascertain this by catching them and seeing whether they are plump and firm in the hand, or more flabby and emaciated. Your feeding seems to have erred more on the side of spareness than generosity, and their position "right side by side of the window" seems rather ominous. Are they exposed to draught from the window? Clearly, they are thoroughly out of condition, and not likely to breed until a decided improvement occurs. See detailed reply to "Graham, Norwich," last week, and treat both pairs as advised therein for a few weeks. Also give the gentian and steel tonic for a fortnight instead of a week. The length of time a hen takes to build her nest depends upon the urgency of her need for it. A healthy active hen in a nice forward condition will complete her nest and produce the first egg within a week of being introduced to the cock; others may hold you in suspense for a month or even more; whilst such examples as yours will spin out the agony for months at a stretch, and often fail to do anything at the end.

CANARY ILL (L.N.).—Limit the diet to the following for a month: Staple food, plain canary only; every second day give half a teaspoonful of summer rape, separately, and on the alternate days a pinch of a mixture of equal parts maw, gold of pleasure, and sesame. Every day for a fortnight, and every second day for another fortnight after, give a piece of stale bread the size of a hazel nut soaked in cold milk, drained, two drops of cod liver oil emulsion on it, and dusted over with fine soft sugar. Keep cage strewn with clean gritty sand, and give a plantain stalk about every second day, but give no other green food until bowels are quite normal again. In the drinking water give six drops of dandelion juice, and as much Epsom salts as will cover a sixpence for one day, and afterwards dissolve in it a crystal of sulphate of soda the size of a small pea, ditto of sulphate of iron half as big, and add six drops of dilute sulphuric acid. Give this every second day for a fortnight.

DIARRHŒA IN YOUNG (W.H.).—There is something wrong in your feeding, or in the quality of the food. Do you give any green food to the young when they are on their own? Examine your hemp seed and see if the kernel is sound and good, and reject it if it is not. At six weeks old you should not be giving "a little canary seed," but the birds should have access to an unlimited supply as the staple item of their diet. Begin now to give a staple of good sound canary. Each day place a small quantity of summer rape on top of the canary, allowing, say, a teaspoonful for every three birds. In a separate pan give a heaped teaspoonful of egg-food sprinkled with maw seed to every three birds. In making the egg-food for the young add to same quantity of Osborne biscuit you now use, two arrowroot biscuits to each egg used. Twice a week give a small teaspoonful of scalded rape per bird, and on two other days a similar quantity of a mixture of equal parts hemp, inga, millet, teazle, and broken groats. Give no green food for the next two or three weeks unless it be a half ripe dandelion head or plantain stalk occasionally. Keep cage, perches, and seed and water vessels (especially the latter) scrupulously clean, and strew cage with clean gritty sand. For those that are ill, in addition to above give a morsel of bread and milk dusted with carbonate of bismuth daily for a few days, and a quarter teaspoonful of maw seed for each bird.

CANARY WITH ASTHMA (Taburnum).—You should see that the bird is kept under strictly hygienic conditions, and free from draughts or serious fluctuations of temperature, and try the treatment advised to "C. J. Munday" for a few weeks. A 1911 bird ought not to be troubled with such a complaint, much less beyond cure. As regards your chief question, the bird is absolutely harmless both to other birds and humans.

YOUNG GOING BLIND (C. S. G.).—The bird is unfortunately afflicted with cataract and nothing you can do will prove of the slightest use in preventing the progress of blindness. There is no practicable cure for the trouble in birds. The bird will probably continue to find its way about, and its food and water, and to live a fairly comfortable life, though I expect this depends to some extent upon the size, arrangements, and other inmates of the "large aviary." If he seems to get in difficulties, cage him alone, and give food and water inside cage until he has learnt its geography. You give no particulars about your feeding, so I cannot say whether this is in any fault, but probably it is not.

UNSATISFACTORY (Novice F. W. C.).—(1).—I cannot possibly tell what is the cause of the hen always "keeping its mouth open" without some data to go upon. It might only occur when you go near the cage, and be due to nervousness, or stage fright. Please write again and give some particulars about her, where and how kept, and how fed. (2) Assuming these are a true pair, they have not yet been in proper breeding condition. Possibly your feeding and treatment generally is at fault. Treat them as advised to "Graham, Norwich," last week. If this does not induce them to settle down quickly you can do no more with them this season. Does the cock sing at all?

ABNORMAL LAYING (Disappointed).—It is extremely unlikely that this hen will do anything at breeding this season, and you can do little or nothing to alter the outlook. The ovary and oviduct are both clearly in an unhealthy and abnormal condition, which is the cause of the very small clutches, and the large abnormally shaped egg. Allow her to sit her full time on the one egg, and if nothing comes of it, separate her, feed for a fortnight on plain canary, and a liberal supply of green food only, and in the first week add six drops of dandelion juice and as much sulphate of soda as will cover a sixpence to the water every second day, and in the next week give four drops each of tincture of gentian, tincture of calumba, and aromatic sulphuric acid every second day. Then turn her into a good-sized flight and give her plenty of exercise between now and next spring. Candidly you must not expect much of her, and you would do well to get another healthy young hen. It is useless treating her for egg-binding, which is not really the trouble.

COCK CEASED SINGING (Miss L. Nicholls).—Examine the cage well for the presence of red mites, also the bird itself to see if it is troubled with grey lice. In either case clear out these pests, and allow the bird to bathe freely in settled weather. Keep cage floor strewn with clean gritty sand. For a fortnight limit its diet to plain canary only, supplemented with a liberal and varied supply of green food—chickweed, groundsel, flower buds, lettuce, watercress, and dandelion, either leaves or seed heads. In the drinking water add six drops of dandelion juice and as much sulphate of soda as will cover a sixpence every second day for a week, and in the next week give four drops each of tincture of gentian, tincture of calumba, and aromatic sulphuric acid every second day. The bird may probably begin to moult by the end of this treatment, when you should put it on ordinary moulting diet. In any case, it would doubtless moult before it resumes singing.

A CHOKING NOISE (J. H. B.).—I suspect it is troubled with chronic bronchitis, most likely due to exposure to cold draughts, or extremes of heat and cold. It is never a wise policy to breed with such birds. The first step towards cure is to remove causes. See that bird is kept in a fairly equable temperature, quite free from draughts, damp, and impure air. Give half-a-teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake with four drops of sherry, and two of cod liver oil emulsion mixed in it and sprinkled with maw seed three times a week for a month. Add six drops of syrup of rhubarb and a pinch of Epsom salts to the water for two days, and afterwards give 20 drops of the following mixture, which any chemist will supply, two days in every three for a fortnight. Mixture: Two drams each of glycerine and oxymel of squills, one dram each of ipecac. wine and chlorodyne, and eight grains of iodide of potassium.

MOULTING (Rex).—I'm afraid you have lost your chance of colour feeding the bird this season. It is probable the bird has gone through a complete moult, and will not now moult again this year. You ought to have put him on colour at once and encouraged the moult to go through quickly as soon as he commenced, as you might have seen advised in CAGE BIRDS ANNUAL. Keep him now in a nice cosy position free from draughts and fluctuations. Give a little soft food, with colour, and a quarter teaspoonful of maw seed daily. Twice a week give a pinch of linseed, and on two other days half a teaspoonful of a mixture of inga, teazle, millet, and black rape. Staple, plain canary seed. In the water add 20 drops of whisky and six of syrup of saffron every second day for a fortnight. You may give a piece of cuttlefish to peck at, and a few marigold or nasturtium blooms, or an occasional plantain stalk. Allow it a bath daily if it wants one. Treatment is not designed to stop the moult, but to attempt to get it through completely from now, as unless this is done you will stand little chance of getting it colour fed this year.

CRESTS AND FEEDERS (C. Hunt).—(1) Compared with such breeds as Border or Norwich the Crest, as a whole, can scarcely be termed a very hardy breed. This is a question, however, which depends upon the strain and the birds' upbringing more than anything else. Different strains vary considerably in this respect, and some are quite as hardy as any highly cultivated strain of Norwich or Yorkshire. (2 and 3) This again is wholly a matter of strain. I have had Crests and Crestbreds which made as good parents and reared their own young as well as the commonest of Canaries could manage the business, and you may find a fair number of such Crests and Crestbreds. On the other hand it must be admitted that a very large number of this breed make indifferent parents, and cannot always be trusted to rear their own young. In breeding Crests it is most important to run also a few pairs of feeders in order to be provided for emergencies. (4) "Feeders" is a term applied to hens, or "pairs," which are kept and bred principally with the object of acting as foster parents to the young of more highly bred and valuable birds. Any robust breed of known good feeding qualities may be used in this way, but Borders, Rollers, and common Norwich are most frequently so used.

FAT AS GEESE (W. T. B.).—Most likely the condition you describe is due to excessive fatness. The fact that only these two birds are so affected though fed the same as the rest means nothing more than birds, as other creatures, vary greatly in their appetites and disposition. One may grow excessively fat upon what would almost starve another. Put the birds in a fair sized cage where they can get good exercise, and limit the quantity as well as the quality of their food. Allow the Canary a small teaspoonful only of canary seed each day, every third day reduce this amount by one-half, and make up the same quantity with black rape. Give a liberal allowance of green food daily, chiefly lettuce, flower buds of groundsel and dandelion. Allow the mule the same quantity of his usual seed mixture minus the hemp, and three times a week drop out the summer rape also. Give him the same varied supply of green food. In the drinking water add six drops of syrup of buckthorn, and as much sulphate of soda as will cover a sixpence every second day for a week, and in the following week 20 drops of chemical food every second day. Then miss a week and repeat the two weeks' treatment in the same order. You will have to persevere with the above treatment for a lengthened period.

YOUNG DYING (R. Rennie).—You omit to say when you removed the cock for the second brood, or whether you have removed him at all this time. When removed it should be at the commencement of incubation—not the end. Another thing you do say that you gave no green food with previous broods, so it is quite "on the cards" that this alone will make all the difference between success and failure for you. Follow the general instructions given in "Canary Breeding for Beginners," and include the following variations. The day before young are due to hatch add as much sulphate of soda to the drinking water as will cover a sixpence, and leave this on all day, and for the following two or three days repeat this dose, but leave it on only half of each day, then replace with fresh water. If the hen later on flags in feeding, repeat the dose at once for a day or two. If you use home-made egg-food, you should not add any moisture at all to it; there is quite sufficient moisture in the egg. When young are hatched give a small teaspoonful of egg food in the morning and afternoon of first day. Continue this supply fresh twice or thrice daily, and in gradually increasing quantities as the young grow. On the second day give one small spray of chickweed, groundsel, or other available greenstuff; next day double the quantity, and afterwards give a little fresh each morning and afternoon. On the fifth or sixth day add a small teaspoonful of scalded or soaked rape each day, and if hen is not quite so keen on the egg food, add a little crushed sponge cake and maw seed to it. On the eight or tenth day—not earlier—begin to give a teaspoonful of hemp morning and afternoon. In this way you may keep the hen's interest keen and then get the young reared.

TWO HENS (Beginners).—Are you quite satisfied that the young of the first hen did not "gape" for food, or did the hen feed them for a day or two and then cease? In any case if she goes to nest again (which I do not advise you to encourage, seeing that she has already hatched out three broods), give a morsel of bread and milk when next young are hatched, in addition to the usual egg food, and start from the beginning to add equal parts of bread crumbs to the egg and sprinkle it with maw, and give half-a-teaspoonful of soaked rape daily; also give a scrap of green food from the beginning. For hand rearing moisten the usual egg food to a soft paste, and give as much as the birds will readily gape for every hour from dawn to dusk. When they get about a fortnight or so old the intervals may be lengthened to nearly two hours. At about four "feeds" at different times of the day add a little finely minced fresh green food to the egg food and well mix. Whilst birds are very young it is best to moisten the food in the mouth, so that it may not be given to birds quite cold, or you might moisten just enough for one feeding time and use a drop or two of warm water for the job. I am afraid the second hen will do nothing this season. You can only continue the feeding up for a little longer, adding two finely minced mealworms to the egg food each time, and add four drops each of tinctures of gentian, calumba, and steel every second day for a fortnight or so.

CANARY QUERISTS

should consult St. John's "Canary Breeding for Beginners" (7d.); House's "Canary Manual" (1/2); Battye's "Yorkshire Canaries" (1/1½); House's "Norwich Canaries" (1/1); Weston's "Stock Book" (7d.); Dr. Clarke's "Septic or Bird Fever" (7d.); Dr. Cresswell's "Hygiene of Bird-keeping (1/1); Norman's "Aviaries, Bird-rooms, and Cages" (2/3); Ramsden's "Colour-feeding" (3½d.); "Seeds and Foods for Cage Birds" (1/2); or the "Nutshell" booklets (2½d. each); No. 1 "The Pet Canary," No. 6 "Ailing Birds and How to Cure them," No. 9 "The Disinfection of Cages, Bird-rooms, etc.," No. 10 "The Roller," No. 23 "The Border Fancy," No. 24 "Green Canaries." All thoroughly practical and instructive. Prices quoted are post free, from "Cage Birds," 154, Fleet Street, London, E.C.

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SEVEN IN ONE (Yorkshire Greens).—(1) This query alone is really too large a subject to treat properly here. What you really want is Part V. of "Our Canaries" or "Canary Breeding for Beginners." (2) The food you name is very good, but as a complete substitute for egg food I should not personally wholly rely upon it. If you do so it must, therefore, be at your own risk. The condition food you name I have never used. (3) Have not seen any of this so cannot pass any opinion. (4) If you want cocks to sing, cage separately, otherwise groups in flights will agree if not overcrowded. Moult stock birds in flights; show birds in couples in single cages. Ten birds might be kept in 5ft. flights with good attention to cleanliness. (5) Offer a bath daily when moulting if weather is good, and twice a week during the winter. (6) It does not matter a rap where canary seed is grown as long as it is plump, sound and sweet. Tons of so-called Spanish seed never was at sunny Spain. (7) Just please your own fancy about these novel perches and brackets. Simply plain ordinary articles serve my purpose well enough. Next please!

AN OCCASIONAL COUGH (C. J. Munday).—I imagine the few birds affected, as you describe, which are merely symptoms of a slight cold, are just those that are naturally somewhat susceptible to colds or chills, and it is most likely that if it was not really the result of occasional draughts caused by suddenly bringing into use all the available means of ventilation during the mild weather that would occur about the time you mention it would occur from the birds bathing vigorously and saturating their plumage. Keep the place well ventilated, especially when the weather gets very warm, but manage it without causing considerable draught. Give the birds affected half-a-teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake with three drops of cod liver oil emulsion mixed in it, and sprinkled with maw seed, and add 20 drops of whiskey, five each of oxymel of squills and ipecac. wine, and two of eucalyptus oil, to the water and shake well together. Give these items daily until symptoms disappear, which should be in a very few days. As regards ventilation, you do not mention size of window nor whether there is any other means of ingress for air. If the place is well lit, try a small exit for foul air in each end at the highest part before putting in a skylight.

FOREIGN BIRDS.

Answered by WESLEY T. PAGE, F.Z.S., Etc.

WHAT PARROT (Chorister).—It is difficult to speak with absolute certainty, as the bird may be young and develop other colours later. If the colours remain about as they are, or the colour areas merely grow larger and more intense, then it is a Double-fronted or Le Vaillaint's Amazon, and I think there is little doubt upon the point. The talent of your bird is an interesting fact, as the majority of this species are not very responsive, though there is no apparent reason for this, as its first cousin, the Blue-fronted Amazon, is a good talker or mimic.

ROSEATE COCKATOO (R. Atley).—New purchasers should never be associated with established stock till all danger of infection is past. Give it five drops of tasteless castor oil direct to the beak from a quill, or on plain cake or crust of bread, whichever it will take. As soon as this has taken effect, give three or four doses of tincture of opium—two drops, with say 10 to 12 hours between each dose. Also give byno-phosphates in the drinking water. If you give fuller details—you merely state a fact and leave me to guess cause—I may be able to assist you further.

AVIARY FOR COCKATIELS (N.E.W.).—You do not state whether it is an in or outdoor aviary. If the former, it would suffice, though giving none too much exercise; but for outside it would need to be as large again, not merely to accommodate the birds, but to supply exercise to ward off the effects of cold during the winter months. I should also advise the whole front to be open wire netting, with a wood and glass (mostly glass) shutter for night and winter use; line the back of it with twiggy branches (pea sticks), and put up a couple of small barrels as nest receptacles, and you should have luck. By as large again, I mean doubling the floor area—that is, make it say 3ft. wide (deep), and a little higher if possible; you could then put in a pair of Budgerigars with them.

WAXBILLS (W. Avbill).—You should get our Nutshell "Waxbills," 2½d., post free, from our Manager, it will tell you more than I can put into this reply. Diet: Canary, white millet and millet sprays, greenfood (lettuce and seeding garden weeds according to season). During the moult put on a course of byno-phosphates (must not use a metal drinker), and occasionally a dose (half teaspoonful to one ounce of water) of Dinneford's Magnesia. The sexes are similar in most cases, but cock is usually (by comparison) the larger, slimmer, and brighter coloured bird of the two. Watch your birds and study the distinctions of proved pairs, and your eye will soon become trained, though it is almost impossible to sex an odd specimen. Yes, several pairs can be kept together, but Waxbills are active little birds, and your cage should have a foot frontage for each pair, and the perching accommodation consist of twiggy branches only. For only one pair the cage should not be less than 18 by 11 by 12 inches high. Supply bath daily, and keep cuttle-bone in cage. They are hardy little birds, once they have got over the prostration following immeriation, but while getting all the light and air possible, must not be subjected to draught. Note other replies.

GREY PARROT (Edgar L.).—Thanks for your appreciative remarks; pleased to note such a good result, as baldness is often very obstinate, not yielding readily to treatment. (1) Supply two mixtures, one canary seed (2), white millet (1); and the other to consist of oats, hemp, maize, paddy rice, and sunflower seed in equal parts, and grit (not sand) half part. Well mix the two mixtures and keep a tin of each in the cage. My starving method is as follows: to daily replenish the seed tins, not throwing leavings away, but to blow away husks and waste, and make up the balance with fresh supply, then, providing supply does not give out, the birds get no more till next day. Any one item persistently refused may be left out, but not so as to let it diet itself on hemp and sunflower alone, such being too oily and heating a diet, and leading to ultimate feather picking in the majority of cases. (2) There is no accounting for this, but it will undoubtedly do so this is obvious from the list you give, which could only have been acquired over a longish period. At present it is apparently happy and contented with its present stock of wisdom, and shows this off, but it will catch on to the new, sooner or later. (3) These values are governed by the folk one comes across; some will give double what you did for a really talented talker in good condition when they have heard it display its talents, and if you wanted to part, you should have no difficulty in getting half as much again as you gave for it, or, if you

come across the right party, more than double. I should offer fruit almost daily; the habit will be acquired. Very few Parrots perpetually refuse apple, especially the cores; also plain biscuit, stale crust. Offer green food freely, they extract much from it, though it appears mostly waste—lettuce, flowering grass, seeding groundsel, chickweed, etc. Hope the bird will continue to do well: it should do.

BREEDING IN CAGES (Finchet).—Foreign Finches need more cage room than Canaries to induce them to breed, and they take longer to settle down, but the season lasts longer, and is later, terminating only with the moult. The minimum cage for each pair should be a "double-breeder," with the partition removed. (1) The following have all reared young in cages: Zebra, Ribbon (Cutthroat), and Crimson Finches, White Java Sparrows, Bengalese, Long-tailed Grassfinches, Silverbills, Bronze Mannikins and Diamond Sparrows (Finches). (2) None of the above, while not dumb, have any song, such as we speak of with the Canary. (3) Except those named, about 3s. 6d. to 10s. 6d. pair, and are usually on the market. Long-tailed Grassfinches, 25s. pair; Crimson Finches and Diamond Sparrows not now sufficiently on offer to fix price; wait opportunity and snap up, say 30s. pair upwards. Yes, but the seeds vary a little, canary, white and spray millet forming the main dietary.

INDOOR AVIARY (F. Ash).—This is a rather common occurrence with caged birds of this group, chiefly arising from lack of exercise and occupation. Cage the two birds separately, and keep them so till they are in full feather again. See that they get all light and air possible without draught, liberal supplies of green food, daily bath, and bynophosphates, half teaspoonful to one ounce of water, daily in the drinking water. Diet the other birds (those in indoor aviary) on similar lines for a time, and take every stiff and formal perch out of the aviary, and replace with twiggy branches, placing these sufficiently far apart that they cannot hop from one to the other, but must fly. Do not neglect grit; a little should be sprinkled over sand on aviary floor, and clean cuttlebone should be continually about. Some of the latter crushed to the size of millet, and mingled with the seed, is excellent. Keep bowels moving freely my an occasional dose of Dinneford's Magnesia.

AMAZON AND GREY (O. Munday).—It is more or less natural for this calling with young birds, though it also shows a discontent with something—its food probably. As it is a young bird, in addition to seed give some boiled maize daily—it only keeps fresh one day; boil till soft, strain off water, and lightly dust with flowers of sulphur. Also give a little of the following sop: stale crust of household bread, sprinkle with sugar, and 10 to 12 drops of bynophosphates, and as much boiling water as it will absorb. Keep up the supply of seed mixture, fruit, and cuttlebone. Offer water several times daily, and ultimately leave it in cage. It will grow out of its timidity in time, if you give it quiet, kind, and caressing attention. A Grey Parrot should ultimately talk, and I am surprised yours has not done so to some extent. There is no royal road to teach them, but quiet and caressing attention counts for a great deal. Keep it where it will have company, hear conversation, etc., yet not where movements are such as to alarm it (observation will soon reveal this). It will note more than is apparent, and should soon respond. Also teach it by constant repetition of words and short phrases, not a mixture together, but one word or one short phrase till this is learned, then follow up with another. Parrot's bowels should be kept moving freely, yet not really loose. A teaspoonful of Dinneford's Magnesia in the drinking water occasionally is the best for this purpose.

COCKATOO WITH SWELLING (W.D.E.).—It rather points to the swelling arising from some internal trouble, yet while the bird keeps apparently well and cheerful you are justified in attempting to treat it yourself, though if you have a local vet. who is at all interested in birds, it would be well to let him see it. Your diet is not as wholesome as it might be—too much of a "bit of everything"; wean it from the bread and milk, and let such items as toast and butter and rice pudding be in strictly limited quantities. Still, at the present time the change must not be sudden; gradually get it on to seed mixture, ripe fruit, plain biscuit, and nuts. As it has been used to having sops with you, you can give it stale crusts moistened with either bynophosphate or Chemical Food and water. Foment the swollen parts with a decoction of Camomile flowers, using this as hot as you can, without occasioning the bird discomfort. As it is accustomed to milk-sop, you must continue it at present, and till the bowels have been well relieved, stir into it one teaspoonful of tasteless castor oil to each two tablespoonfuls of sop, daily, till full relief has been given; when this has taken place keep the bowels moving freely, not really loose, by occasional doses of Dinneford's Magnesia—one epoonful to the ounce of water in lieu of the plain drinking water, as required. When not giving the Magnesia, put half a teaspoonful of byno-phosphates into the usual supply of drinking water, but you must not use a metal drinker while giving drugs. If there should be any change in the character of the swelling, or the bird become worse, write again at once, otherwise report progress a fortnight hence. After fomenting, dab dry with a soft towel and keep strictly out of draught, though it should get light and air.

BRITISH BIRDS, MULES, AND HYBRIDS.

Answered by G. E. WESTON.

IDENTITY OF BIRDS (P. C. Hopkinson).—The bird you have is not a Blackcap Warbler, but a Great (or Ox-eye Tit), which is in some localities termed the "Blackcap." It is a very common species. If you made it clear that you wanted a Blackcap Warbler, then you have been defrauded, and the seller has brought himself within reach of the law by obtaining money under false pretences.

THE CASE OF A GREENFINCH (Greenie).—It very often happens a cock Greenfinch seems to "play about" more with the nesting material than does even the hen Canary. And it frequently happens also, unfortunately, that he pulls the nest to pieces as fast as the hen tries to build, in which case one needs to construct a nest when the hen is due to sit—a simple thing with the aid of a little cow-hair or the like. Such a cock bird should be shut off every night when the hen is laying, which she will do on the lining of the nest-pan. A Greenie that plucks the hens even when nesting material is at hand and "strews the cage with feathers," and goes so far as to break one of their legs, would get short shrift from me, and it speaks well for your patience and forbearance that you should trouble to ask me what you should do with him. Do you mean, however, that you have got him with *several* Canaries (possibly both cocks and hens) in a smallish cage? If so, I am afraid you are trying his temper too highly. He should be by himself; or he and his mate have a cage to themselves. There should be no difficulty in sexing a Greenfinch.

A LARK FOOD (Fred Shore).—This would be a good food of its class if the husks were sifted out of the meal. You can't expect a bird to digest what is practically straw.

ABOUT THE LINNET (Catcher and Net-maker, Warrington).—I am somewhat at a loss to understand your phrase "neat information," but I think you will find the two points you mention dealt with fully in the "Nutshell booklet upon the Linnet (2½d. post free from CAGE BIRDS office).

A SORRY EXPERIENCE (Sheer).—I regret to hear of your unfortunate experience. I presume you hardly need me to tell you that hybrids cannot be expected while you have cocks and hens of the same species together. After considering the facts disclosed in your letter, I feel sure that your best course would be to remove all hens, except the Bullies and the Greenies, and leave in the cock Linnet and two cock Goldies. If you could add another cock Linnet it would be best to do so. There is still good time for hybrids to be produced. You do not state size of aviary; I am assuming it to be of fair proportions.

HARD LINES ON THE ROOK (Elm.).—I think it hard lines for any Rook to have to grow up on moistened barley meal, and in my opinion this is the cause of your bird's weakness. He should also have the opportunity of getting about a bit and "stretching his legs." Far better substitute a good brand of dog meal; this should be thoroughly scalded. The beetles would be good and can be supplemented by garden worms (cut up if necessary), small snails and slugs, small cubes of lightly cooked meat, etc. I think the bird would soon improve if well fed, especially if a small teaspoonful of emulsion of cod liver oil and hypophosphates (combined) were well stirred amongst the soft food daily for 10 to 14 days.

DISPENSING WITH CLOTHING (Bald).—It may be due to insects, which flourish amazingly in the hot weather, unless kept rigorously under; and unfortunately many bird-keepers never seem to suspect the presence of either the red-mite or the grey bird-louse. Should many of the latter be present, they will be found running over the hand if the bird is held for a minute or so; the presence of redmite can be detected by examination of the cage. For full details of treatment, consult either the "Nutshell" booklet on the "Diseases of Birds", or the pages of CAGE BIRDS ANNUAL. It would seem to be the work of insects, seeing that both birds are affected in like manner. Have they opportunity of bathing freely?

TWO "SNEEZERS" (Novice).—It is not a good plan, by any means, to keep birds in a room which is very hot by day and cold by night. One invites bronchial troubles by so doing. I strongly recommend you to turn both affected birds into the outdoor aviary at once. A spell in such a place is usually the very thing to cut short an attack of "wheezing;" and this applies equally to "wheezing" due to over-fatness, as to that symptomatic of bronchial disorder. Your menu seems much too generous for a Bullfinch kept in a cage; "plenty of crushed hemp and sunflower" ought to give him a figure as comely as that of any fat lady we ever planked down our pennies to admire.

A REAL TERROR (J. Holland).—"Done in" two cocks, has she! A sort of feathered suffragette, I imagine. I should think the best male partner of this lady would be a vigorous cock Greenfinch; he might knock a little sense into her. She would surely just suit the bird mentioned by my correspondent, "Greenie." Many birds will peck at one's fingers, or "go for" one with outspread wings—generally birds that have been petted, though Mules are very prone to fall into the habit. You must not keep two cock Mules in the same small cage. There will be a fight to a finish if you do. A Mule kept as a songster generally does very well in the usual oblong type of drawing-room cage. Try the following seed-mixture: Canary and teazle 3 parts each, hemp and summer rape 1 part each, by measure.

YOUNG GOLDIE MULES (Disappointed).—I cannot say, of course, whether alteration of the diet would have induced the hen to rear the young; but to my way of thinking the menu put before her was not good, but lacking in variety. I give all my hens, from the first day of hatching, canary seed in one vessel and summer rape in another vessel, with about a teaspoonful (according to number of young) of cracked hemp. I increase the latter as the youngsters grow, and add cracked sunflower or Plasmon oats or coarse oatmeal. Some hens like one thing, some another, and they should be "humoured" in this respect, if it is necessary. I don't think it essential to give plain yolk of egg: in fact I find hens eat it better if a little crushed sweet biscuit is added. With regard to the giving of greenfood, this depends upon the kind available; if I am using stalks of ripe seeding shepherds purse I give a little practically from the first, quickly increasing the quantity. I am very fond of this, and very successful with it, while the hens consume it greedily. Chickweed comes next in my estimation. If a hen "goes off" egg-food, I mix equal parts sweet biscuit and Plasmon oats and thoroughly moisten it with milk that has been boiled—this will rear as fine, lusty birds as ever were reared by egg.

POST MORTEMS.

Mr. G. Yates, M.R.C.V.S., 1, College Road, Harrow, Middlesex, will examine and report upon dead cage birds for a fee of 1s. 6d. each bird; for reply direct, 2s. 6d.; analysis, 21s. Subjects for post mortem examination must be sent packed in a box direct to Mr. Yates, with the fee, this and any accompanying letter being kept from contact with the dead bird. Send by letter-post; it is cheaper and quicker than parcel post. Any bodies sent to the office of this paper will be thrown away, and if a fee is enclosed the loss will be the sender's.

A Novice.—Septic Fever.

E. Hattersley.—Death occurred from Impaction of the bowels, with a mass of undigested food. Unfortunately you had no warning, or a simple aperient would have remedied matters.

R. J. E. Fountain.—Post mortem examination was rendered impossible owing to putrefactive changes. Send me another bird, should you lose one, and as soon after death as possible.

John Hill.—You must seek the cause in the food; it is evident this is somewhere at fault, for you to have lost four, showing similar symptoms. Looseness of the bowels is indicative of irritation of the mucous lining. Give Infusion Caryoph Co., 3 drops in the drinking water night and morning, and every alternate day a few drops of aromatic sulphuric acid.

J. H. Wells.—Inflammation of the bowels, probably arising from some irritant or ptomaine substance, taken in with the food. Parrishes' Chemical Food is contra-indicated in a case of this kind. A few drops of laudanum would have been better, as it was evident from your description that the bird suffered uneasiness from bowel irritation, latterly leading to inflammation.

CLUB & SOCIETY NOTICES

Aintree, Fazakerley F.S.—July 8, Headquarters, 8. Members' Nest Feather Show. Judge, Mr. W. Hales. Four classes for Yorks., two Bord., four Nor. Sps.: best in show, best Nor., most entries.—J. A. Anderson.

Anfield, Everton, C.B.S.—July 8, Headquarters, 8. Special general meeting. Mr. L. Hamilton will lecture on colour feeding; all attend.—R. B. Wright, Hon. Sec.

Ardwick and Manchester C.B.A.—July 2, Onward Hall, 8. First Feather business. Entries taken.—J. Spencer.

Ashington and Hirst C.B.S.—June 29, Harmonic Hall, 7.30. Business, First Feather show. Subscriptions.—Wm. Hall.

Ashton-under-Lyne O.S.—July 2, P.S.A. Rooms. Table show. Nest Feather staged 7.30 p.m. Nor. and Yorks. 2 classes each, yellows and buffs. Judge, Mr. Bladon, Manchester. Counts for points specials.—J. R. Colville.

Barrow and Dis. C.B.A.—July 1, Headquarters, 7.30. Close of entries and final arrangements for Nest Feather Show. Judge, W. J. Douglas, Esq., Whitehaven.—Jas. S. Fleming, Hon. Sec.

Blaydon C.B.S.—July 6, Co-op. Library, 7.30. Final arrangements for First Feather Show, and to further consider annual schedule and other important business.—Geo. Havver.

Bolton Woods C.B.S.—June 29, Victoria Hotel. Members' Show. Birds staged 2.30; judge, Mr. C. Stebbings. Entries Friday, 8.30 to 10.—M. Skirrow.

Bradford East O.S.—July 2, Park Chapel Schools, 8. Balance sheet for June F.F. Show. Arrangements for July show and other important business.—H. Hill.

Brighouse C.B.S.—July 4, Round House Inn, 8.—F. Mitchell.

Brighton and Hove C.B.A.—July 3, Headquarters. Members' First Feather Show and British birds. Judge, Mr. W. Swaysland. Judging at 3.30. Committee meeting at 8.30.—Will H. Gibb.

Bristol C.B.S.—July 3, Headquarters, 8. Election of judges for annual show, November 6. Yearly subscription due from cup competitors, and election of hon. sec.—W. H. Manley.

Beamish C.B.S.—June 29, Bird Inn, High Hold, 7. Stewards for Nest Feather Show, and other business.—Wm. Knowles.

Bromley and West Kent F.A.—July 2, Co-operative Hall, East Street, Bromley, 8. Young Stock Show. All are welcome; admission free.—A. T. Bellenger, Hon. Sec.

Burton-on-Trent C.B.S.—July 2, Staffordshire Knot, 8. Nest Feather Show schedules.—A. Wood.

Chester-le-Street C.B.S.—June 29, 7. N.F. Show stewards, etc.—J. Hedley.

Cinnamon Marked Y.C.C.—June 29, Market Tavern, 6.30. Competition prizes, etc.—Brown and Garnett.

City of Bradford O.S.—June 29, Flying Dutchman Hotel, 8. Business important.—F. Rhodes.

City of Birmingham C.B.S.—July 3, Crown Hotel, 8.30. Nest Feather Show; entries received the night of the show. Birds staged 6.30. Show open 8.30. Judge, Mr. Weaver, Wolverhampton.—J. H. Jones.

Clapham and Dis. C.B.A.—July 1, Landor Hotel, 8.30. Lecture on colour-feeding, by Mr. J. Robson. Schedule for young bird show.—A. R. Coe.

Coventry Godiva C.B.S.—July 1, Chequers' Hotel, 8.30. Club cards ready; colour food; arrange time for annual outing to Pailton.—H. Saunders.

Dalton C.B.S.—June 29, Y.M.C.A. Rooms, 7.30. Show business, and CAGE BIRDS LEAGUE subs.—F. Houldsmorth.

Dubmire Workmen's Club C.B.S.—June 30, Dubmire Workmen's Club, 10.30.—B. Robinson.

Dulwich and Peckham C.B.S.—July 2, Reindeer Hotel, Rye Lane, Peckham, S.E., 7.30. Ninth annual show of Canaries, Mules, bred 1912, and Brit. and foreign. Judge, Mr. G. Gardner.—W. Hodson.

East Ham C.B.S.—July 4, Hartley Avenue Schools, 8. Distribution of prizes. Amateur cup, etc. Please send in all specials due.—Frederick Fox.

Glasgow and Western Counties C.B.S.—June 29, 122, Ingram Street, 6.30. Table show. Dark Mule, A.V. Light Mule, or Hybrid, Large and Small British bird, and Finch, A.V. Election of judges. First Feather Show arrangements.—W. Connelly.

Grangemouth O.S.—July 3, Rechabite Hall, 8. Important, arrangements for First Feather Show.—Jno. Woolhouse.

Grimsby and Cleethorpes C.S.—June 30, Clubroom, 7. General business.—H. Mason.

Hemsworth C.B.S.—July 2, King's Head Hotel, 7.30. Members' show, suggested inter-club shows, First Feather by Doncaster Society, proffered, exhibition of washing and staging, special subs., etc., etc.—James W. Gillings.

Hetton-le-Hole C.B.S.—June 29, Crown Inn, 7. Special business.—A. J. Notley.

Holmfirth C.B.S.—July 5, Rose and Crown Inn, 7.30 p.m. First Feather Show; lecture by Mr. H. W. Battye on Breeding and Rearing.—Tom Smith.

Huddersfield O.S.—July 1, Old Hat Hotel, 8. Table shows.—F. Sykes.

Hyson Green Nottingham C.B.S.—July 2, Cricket Players Hotel, 8. Schedule and judges for October show and other important business.—Wm. Cottingham.

Ilkeston C.B.S.—June 29, Flower Pot, 7. Paying out on young bird show, and making classes for open show.—T. Smith.

Lancaster C.B.S.—July 6, Market Hall, Coffee Tavern, 6. Table show. Selecting room for annual show.—J. Bostock.

Leeds Roller C.C.—June 29, 55, Briggate, 7.30. Special meeting.—H. L. Davis.

Leicester C.B.S.—July 6, Saracen's Head Hotel, 4. Nest Feather Show. Open to public. Admission 2d.—G. H. Groocock.

Leicester Hand-in-Hand C.B.S.—July 2, White Swan, 8.30. Receive entries for Nest Feather Show.—A. Freestone.

Leigh C.B.S.—July 3, Railway Hotel, 7.45. Fixing prize-money for N.F. Show.—R. Charleson.

London and Provincial O.S.—July 4, The Raglan, St. Martins-le-Grand, 7.30. Young bird show. Mr. G. Gardner judge. All welcome.—C. W. Law

Long Eaton C.B.S.—July 6, Council Schools, Sawley Road, 7, committee; 7.30 members. To decide on ramble.—G. T. Wall.

Manchester and N.C.O.S.—July 1, Deansgate Hotel, 7.45. Election of show managers. F.F. show business, etc.—H. Boothman.

Middlesex O.S.—July 4, St. Johns's School, Southall, 8. Arrange schedule for August young stock show, etc.—Jeffery Jefferis.

Mid-Rhondda C.B.S.—July 4, White Hart Hotel, 7. Important business. A special invitation is extended to our president to explain his recent action re forming new club.—J. T. Lloyd.

Morley C.B.S.—June 29, Sycamore Hotel, 7.30. Second Nest Feather Show. Half-yearly meeting.—J. Rhodes.

Newcastle Novice Soc.—July 4, Mr. Purvis's Cafe, Clayton Street, opposite Bird Market, 7.30. Important business.—T. W. Lumsden.

Newcastle-upon-Tyne C.B.S.—July 4, 65, Grainger Street, 7.30. Lecture on colour feeding, by Mr. Ramsden.—J. W. Reed.

New Cross C.B.S.—July 4, the People's Hall Tanners Hill, Deptford, 7. Young Stock Show. Points cup, Yorkshire cup, and 8 silver spoons up for competition. Mr. J. Robson, judge.—Barton and Barton.

Northern Border and S.P.C.C.—July 1, Pillar Cafe, Pink Lane, Newcastle-on-Tyne, 8. Table show; 3 classes for each section, yellow, buff, green or cinnamon. Judge, Mr. J. Johnstone.—M. C. Potts.

Northern Crest Club.—July 3, Lockhart's Cafe, 65, Grainger Street, Newcastle, 7.30. Business important. Subscriptions overdue.—J. G. Hutchinson.

Northern Yorks. C.C.—July 3, 65, Grainger Street, 8. Nest Feather Table Show. 2 champion classes, 2 for novice. Judge, Mr. R. Tindale.—R. Tindale.

North Shields C.B.O.—July 3, 37, Howdon Road, N.S., 7.30. To consider Nest Feather Show; arrange schedule, etc.—R. P. Fox.

Old Sheldon Workmen's Club C.B.S.—July 5, Old Sheldon Workmen's Club, 8. Contributions taken and arrangements for First Feather Show.—J. H. Elwell.

Ormskirk C.B.S.—July 1, Church House, 8. Table show coupons, and cup business.—T. H. Tiffen.

Provincial R.C.C.—June 29, the Old Boar's Head, Corporation Street, Manchester, 6. Annual show business.—Andrew Percival.

Pudsey Stanningley C.B.S.—July 1, Fleece Hotel, 8. General business.—Hugh Raistrick.

Redhill C.B.S.—July 2, Lindsey's Hotel, 8. Entries close for young bird show, and allotting specials for same.—A. W. Bacon.

Rotherham C.B.S.—June 29, College Inn, 8. Monthly meeting. Also lecture by Mr. Geo. Browning all fanciers invited.—B. Bailey.

Rossendale C.B.F.—July 2, Commercial Hotel, Stacksteads. General meeting. Lecture on the Roller by Mr. J. T. Johnson. Public invited to hear this, and the singing of the birds.—Ingham Taylor.

Runcorn B.B.A.—July 5, Headquarters, Mariners' Arms Hotel, Percival Lane, 7.30. Entries for Nest Feather Show, Headquarters, 2.30 p.m. Judge, Mr. R. Barker, of Widnes.—J. Fearnett.

Salford.—July 7, Boat House Hotel, 7.30. General meeting. Business appertaining to the affiliation. Election of officers, also special matters concerning all.—B. Wharton.

Sheffield O.S.—July 2, Rose and Crown Hotel, Waingate, 8. Lecture on Moulting, Colour-feeding, etc., by J. Woodall, Esq. Entries for Nest Feather Show close July 1, fixed prize money.—T. Bishop.

Shipley O.S.—July 2, Prince of Wales, 8.—A. Tillotson.

Skelmanthorpe C.B.A.—July 2, Liberal Club, 8. Important.—James Hird.

Smallbridge.—July 1, I.O.G.T. Room, 7.30. Business important.—W. Lauyon.

Southall F.S.—June 29, St. John's Schools, 8. Report and balance sheet. Election of officers, etc.—A. E. Argyle.

South-West London C.B.S. June 29, New Guild Hall, Wandsworth Road. Young bird show We shall be pleased to see any fanciers who are in the neighbourhood; admission free.—Hy. A. Freeman.

Springburn Possil Park and Dis. C.B.C.—July 6, Reid Hall. First Feather Show. Birds staged 3 Judges, Messrs. A. Muir and R. Jeffrey.—J. Waugh.

Spen Valley C.B.S.—July 1, Commercial Hotel, 8 Business important.—Arthur Lee.

Stockton-on-Tees C.B.S.—July 4, Leeds Hotel, 7 Members First Feather Show.—J. W. Lowes.

Stoke-on-Trent C.B.A.—July 1, Red Lion Hotel, 8 Pay out prize money and specials for young bird

Stoke-on-Trent C.B.A.—July 1, Red Lion Hotel, 8. Pay out prize-money and specials for young bird show; decide place for annual open show; arrange ramble.—J. Pitchford.

Sunderland C.B.A.—July 6, Fawcett St. Cafe, 6. Nest Feather Show; birds staged 6. Fee 3d.—J. Jeffery.

Thatto Heath O.S.—July 1, The Railway Hotel, 8 Entries for Nest Feather Show, and show business —H. R. Macdonald.

Vale of Leven C.B.C.—July 4, Village Schoolroom Alexandria, 8. General business.—A. H. McLean.

Wakefield O.S.—June 29, Crown and Anchor Hotel 8. Important business.—I. Isherwood.

Walkden C.B.S.—July 2, Bull's Head Hotel, 8 Important business. Have we to sink or swim?—H. Howard.

Wallasey C.B.S.—July 4, Headquarters, Fairhaven Institute, Scaview Road, Liscard. Lecture by Mr. Wm. Young on "Colour Feeding." All interested are invited. New members may be enrolled. T. Edwards.

Wallsend and Mid-Tyne C.B.A.—July 3, Station Hotel, 7.30. Arrangements for N.F. Show and specials.—John M. Macdonald.

West Bromwich C.B.S.—July 2, headquarters, 8 Receive sp. from Nest Feather Show, and balance sheet.—W. J. Andrews.

Wimbledon C.B.S.—July 1, 6, The Broadway, 8 General business. Questions and answers on colour feeding and moulting.—H. Smith.

Yorkshire Union of C.B.S.—June 29, Market Tavern, Godwin Street, Bradford, 6. Meeting of the Council. Tenders for printing and other important business.—Horatio Hill.

Yorks. C.C. of Scotland.—June 29, "Crown Halls," Sauchiehall Street, Glasgow. First Feather show. Judging commences at 3. Visitors cordially welcomed.—R. B. Gibb.

GENERAL.

Answered by THE EDITOR.

R. Hillier.—Your communication hardly strikes us as coming within the scope of our "Timely Hints" competition.

Carrick.—Nets vary in size and shape according to the birds one wishes to catch, and the conditions under which they are to be used. Your best plan would be to consult the illustrated price list of one or other of the net-makers advertising in our columns, from whom either materials or complete nets can be obtained.

Miss D. Alston.—We presume that the enamel has had time to set hard, in which case it will not harm the birds. A great number of bird-keepers use enamelled cages. No "special kind" of enamel is used; any good brand will do.

Correspondence.

Eighteen Eggs in Three Nests.

Sir,—In answer to John J. Wilson, I have a hen Canary which has been sitting on eight eggs. This was her first nest this season, and she brought up seven young out of the eight eggs. Her second nest, which was of six eggs, resulted in six young. Her third nest is of four eggs, which she is sitting on at the present time. A. F. WAGSTAFF.

Coventry.

The Rolling Notes of a Bird Organ.

Sir,—I should be very pleased if one of my brother fanciers would let me know how the rolling notes are produced in a bird organ, such a one as is illustrated in that grand book, "Our Canaries." I quite understand how the wind is produced for the playing of the organ, but I want to know how the notes are produced. I may say that I find "Our Canaries" and "Cage Bird Hybrids" the very best books published on their particular subjects.

J. W. COOPER.

Aluminium Paint for Cage Fronts.

Reader Says it is Quite Harmless.

Sir,—In reply to J. Hunt, in last week's CAGE BIRDS, I have used aluminium paint for my wire fronts for about two years, and my birds have never taken any harm with it. I am at present breeding Canaries in cages, the fronts of which are done over with it. I used the same breeding cages last year, and I have never had a bird die in them. I am at present doing my flight fronts over with it. I have always used the Falcon brand; it dries with a nice hard surface, and does not come off very easily when once on.

R. TAYLER.

"Trapping" Snails.

Sir,—In reply to R. V. Wagner; an easy way to catch snails is to cut up a raw potato in slices and place in garden. You will soon have plenty. Examine night and morning. I may say I have caught hundreds in this way.

"KINMORE."

Sir,—Your correspondent, Mr. Wagner, wants advice as to an easy way of catching snails. Having a large garden, and being troubled with snails, my method is to water the garden fifteen minutes before it goes dark, and as soon as it has gone dark search the ground with a light (cycle lamp preferred). My results have been: 100 three nights in succession; 50 the fourth night.

A. COOPER.

Rearing Young Birds Without Egg-food.

Sir,—Replying to Mr. Canning's letter, I would point out that nut food is being adopted by fanciers who have had long experience in breeding high-class Canaries, such as Crests and Yorkshires. As to Mr. Canning's remarks about the new beginner these are superfluous. What I complain about is that he should arrogate to himself the ability to assume the role of judge and jury and pass judgment, when, according to his own admission, he has not tried my method. His attitude is preposterous. I claim that nut food is a much more natural food for rearing birds than egg-food, and that it has one great advantage that it will not turn bad in the breeding cage if supplied in sufficient quantity to last the birds the whole day. Mr. Canning forgets that many young fanciers who are not married are precluded from trying their hand at bird breeding through having no one to attend to the birds' wants during their absence at business, because to leave them a day's supply of egg-food would be fatal. I quote below from "Cage Bird Hybrids," by that far-sighted expert, Mr. Chas. Houlton. On page 13 he say: "I am not an advocate for ordinary bread and egg-food, as it ferments and goes sour too soon in hot weather, besides continually causing fatalities through diarrhœa. I am of opinion that eggs can be displaced by various meals and biscuit mixtures with advantage that would certainly make more natural foods." For my part I am content with the good counsel contained in the above words, written by one who is acknowledged to be one of the greatest authorities living on the subject. Finally Mr. Canning makes one very great mistake (I think through ignorance). He says one egg is the equivalent of 1lb. of nuts in nourishing and tissue forming properties. Mr. Canning would see his mistake if he tried to do a hard day's work with nothing more to sustain him than one egg, and then tried the same test with one pound of nut food. I do not want to prolong this correspondence, as Mr. Canning is satisfied, but I do say this, that it will take a cleverer man than Mr. Canning to get me back to 'egg-feeding, and I have the consolation of knowing there are many others of the same opinion T. STANLEY.

SIR,—I AM in agreement with Mr. John Canning's method of feeding, but am going to give Mr. Stanley's method a trial also. I use very little egg-food in feeding my young, and give green-food night and morning, wet or fine, from the day young are hatched. One egg does my birds two or three days for five pair, with an average of two in each nest. The young I find are more robust and healthy. I never had a hen neglect her young through this method. I notice when giving green food to a pair of birds how the cock will feed; also how often a hen Canary will feed her young in half-an-hour, after giving a leaf of dandelion or a sprig of groundsel. Surely there are various methods of feeding birds, but none to come up to nature, and whatever nature provides I give, as I have an abundant supply hereabouts, and want for nothing. But I am still at "school," and I will give Mr. Stanley's method a thorough trial.

F. G. BALL.

A Novice's Good Fortune.

Sir,—I have been to see a fancier's pair of birds here which have seven young ten days old. The hen laid eight eggs, but one got broken. He is just a beginner, so I think he is making rapid progress. Is this a record for a novice? It was a pretty sight to see the young, I can assure you. I wish CAGE BIRDS the success it so well deserves.

ROBERT IRVINE.

Sec., East Perthshire O.A.

Edinburgh Breeder's Second Greenfinch-Chaffinch Hybrid.

Foster-mother Lets it Die.

Sir,—Six years ago I intimated to you my first success in producing the Greenfinch-Chaffinch Hybrid, which did not survive. On Wednesday of last week I again had a nice healthy bird hatch, but unfortunately the foster-mother turned out to be a sweater and non-feeder, so it died yesterday (June 23).

WM. JEFFREY.

Edinburgh.

The Cause of Eggs "Drying Up."

Is This True?

Sir,—After reading the article by Mr. Claude St. John in CAGE BIRDS ANNUAL, entiled "The Difficulties of Bird Breeding," I showed that part of it which deals with eggs drying up to an old fancier, at the same time telling him of my experience with such eggs this year. He told me that the cause is turning of of the eggs by hand, and keeping the eggs in bran, which he said not only assisted evaporation, but also hardened the inner lining of the eggs, which caused the dying of the young in shell. He also stated that the nest-pans absorbed an enormous quantity of moisture, and he advocated the use of nest linings until young were hatched. He also told me to place my eggs, when taken from the hen, in a slightly moist atmosphere in dry weather, to retard evaporation, as the air of a bird-room is very dry. I would like to ask Mr. Claude St. John or any other fancier if this is true.

F. G. BALL.

Some Rare Hybrids in Store.

Clear Linnet Mule 14 Days Old.

Sir,—I am pleased to tell you that I have one clear Linnet Mule, and one almost clear, a fortnight old. I believe also that I have three full eggs from Chaffinch cock and Bullfinch hen, and 2 eggs from a Chaffinch cock and Greenfinch hen, while a Bramblefinch cock and Greenfinch hen are pairing up together. My friend, Mr. Gibbons, secretary of Wolverhampton C.B.S., has put 2 of the Bullfinch eggs under one of his Canaries, as my hens are not very reliable feeders, and he has got some good hens. I may say I have been trying for these Hybrids for five seasons, but this is the greatest success so far. I have also a Chaffinch cock paired to a Canary that is just laying, and their actions look like bringing success. I hope expectations will be realised, but if not this year, shall try again next.

W. J. SINGLETON.

[We hope Mr. Singleton will let readers know the results of his uncommon matings.—Editor.]

The Type of the Present-day Norwich Plainhead

Action of Fanciers of Norwich Opens Interesting Discussion.

Sir,—In your issue of June 22nd, under the above heading, "Novice" seems to run away with the idea that there are no good birds bred in Norwich to-day. He says, upon looking through some of the principal show catalogues he doesn't see many exhibitors from Norwich. Well, sir, I suppose Norwich fanciers have their reasons for not exhibiting away. And I would like to tell "Novice" that the Fancy in Norwich is composed of working men who breed to sell, and that many good birds year by year are bred and pass away from Norwich into the hands of others. I hardly care to answer people who are ashamed to sign their name, as in my opinion in most instances of this kind they are only prejudiced people who would not like their names to be known if they were beaten in a fair argument.

A. WOOLLARD.

Sir,—The writer who signs himself "J. E. N." in the "Eastern Evening News" seems to have been "going it" as fast as your humble, when he has to be corrected by Mr. Woollard. Here are a handful of fanciers who go to the Palace, and, on Mr. Woollard's admission, mostly to see one bird, and when that bird doesn't suit them they are not content with saying that they wouldn't have it in their room (sour grapes!), but they must hold a meeting with Mr. Woollard as adviser in chief, protesting and suggesting the incompetency of the whole of our judges. As for that one bird, couldn't Mr. Woollard tell us which it is? Mr. Woollard needn't have informed me that it isn't one of the birds I mentioned in my last letter, became all excepting one were absent, which perhaps accounts for my saying that I had seen them in stronger competition. I agree with him that it is the company a bird is in and not the numbers which make the competition strong. I could have mentioned several other absent birds in my last that are almost perfect, but I didn't want to give too many free advertisements. Mr. Woollard admits that I am speaking the truth for once when I say there has been a change in the Norwich Plainhead this last ten years. When, however, he likens the winners in the Norwich Plainhead classes to Yorkshires, and the "pigeon pouter" type (he might have been patriotic and instanced the Norwich Cropper), he knows he is guilty of gross exaggeration, and I always think that when a man exaggerates so much he has a very poor case. He says that well balanced wings and tail are much harder to get than good head and neck. We shall have to agree to differ about that, because in good bird rooms bad wing and tail carriage are very scarce; and when he talks of bad wings and long hinge tails winning, I fear he has not visited many real good shows. What on earth has a man's name to do with his opinions? Mr. Woollard would be no wiser were I to sign my name. My individuality would still be a blank to him; so where's the use? It is not a question of courage, sir, but of modesty. There are some fanciers who object to be always in the limelight; or perhaps it is that I am like some authors who write over pen names because they know that if the public knew their identity they would never be read, and as I do want a few besides Mr. W. and myself to follow this controversy, I will still sign myself

SUB ROSA.

Big Money at Norwich.

Sir,—As one interested in the above, I was somewhat surprised at the criticism of your correspondent, "Sub Rosa," on the action taken by the breeders in Norwich, especially as he himself was one of the first to complain. In his letter to your paper of April 6 he opens by saying. "I have visited a good many shows this and last season, and it is surprising to see the difference in type of the birds that our judges select to award the special for best Norwich." Now, he is not keeping to his argument, but seems to be only trying to show that the breeders in Norwich have not got any good birds, and trying to give them plenty of advice. Now, sir, as yet there is no Stud Book for Norwich Canaries, so although "Sub Rosa" quotes many names of winners, he seems at a loss to know who bred them, and asks if we have seen them in the flesh. Well, perhaps the Norwich breeders have, as the chances are 99 to 100 that some of the winners at the Palace were bred by some of the working-men breeders in Norwich. Now, sir, "Sub Rosa," in your journal of June 15, says that he only complained of two birds that had been winning all over the country, which in his opinion should be kept in the stock room. Is "Sub Rosa" a pessimist? Not he, but only like the breeders in Norwich trying to learn what they are to breed for. I might say that perhaps the breeders in Norwich do not send their birds to different shows for the above reasons, and we pessimists find it better to sell our birds at home. Just a word to "Novice." The club in Norwich, whose membership is nearly seven hundred, are holding a meeting this week (Friday) to discuss this question. He might pick up a wrinkle or two if he was there. Amongst the members are men who have sold plenty of Norwich birds up to £20 each. They include such as Mr. Mackley (sold one for £70), Drake, refused £20; Revell, £15; Sadd, Stark, Woollard, etc., and a working man, Mr. Scott, who had a yellow Norwich Plainhead claimed at a local show for ten pounds. I would advise "Novice" to go and do likewise. I would also recommend "Novice" to visit our local shows (like several of the leading winners in England), which start in October, as it would be a good lesson for him, and if he has the ambition, which I think he has, he might be able to secure some winners.

F. CULLINGTON.

Sir,—It is to be hoped that "Sub Rosa" is a gentleman who will be able to teach us breeders of the Norwich Plainhead something to our advantage. I am sorry to say I cannot see anything in his letter which is of much advantage to me at present. I should like to inform this gentleman that included in Mr. Woollard's little "band of pessimists" are such breeders as Mr. Jacob Mackley (that well-known judge and breeder of the Norwich Plainhead), Mr. W. Freestone (chairman of the Norwich All-England C.B.A.), Mr. F. Cullington, and other well-known Norwich fanciers When such excellent judges as these begin to find fault, I really do not know how our unknown correspondent "Sub Rosa" can possibly say that "the judges are moving with the times and the breeders are standing still." I will admit that during the last fifteen, or even ten, years, the Norwich Plainheads have undergone a tremendous change, but I see no reason why this change should be detrimental to the beauty and type of the bird. Admitting that head and neck are two of the most difficult points to obtain, generally speaking this matter can be and is made easy by the introduction of the Crest-bred. Once this cross has been introduced (and it has been), you will immediately get the long, coarse-feathered, beetle-browed, and long-tailed bird, which is the chief cause of our complaint. If my friend "Sub Rosa" wants corroboration of what I say, I recommend to his notice a lecture given by Mr. W. Robinson to the members of the Ardwick and Manchester C.B.A., in which he (Mr. Robinson) stated: "Take the majority of exhibits, they are far away from the standard; they are more like Lancashires or Crest-breds. The type of the Norwich is going fast. They are too long, no depth or width, or show faulty wing carriage, etc." This does not appear to me as if the judges are moving with the times when judging for Norwich properties, because if they were to absolutely stick to that for which they are asked to judge, breeders who own such birds as these would know that it would be useless to exhibit such apologies for a Norwich. At the meeting held at the United Bird Breeding Society's headquarters, one of our best judges and breeders in Norwich mentioned that two birds which he should say were judged by the same judge, and both for Norwich properties, were as opposite to one another, as far as points were concerned, as it was possible to be. One, he said, was as good a specimen as one could wish to see, but the other, which also obtained a first in another class, was admittedly big, with a good broad head, but when he had said that he could say no more for its good points. In his opinion this bird had sufficient feathers for two birds (and showed them), was beetle-browed, and long. I guess by the trend of our friend's letter that he thinks we grumblers of Norwich are grumbling because of not being able to win; but such is not the case. We do not mind losing when whacked. I can assure "Sub Rosa" there are as good a lot of sportsmen in Norwich in the bird breeding fancy as anywhere I know, but our ambition is not to make a new standard, but to stick to that standard laid down a few years ago, and which is still in existence. In conclusion, I do hope our friend will not give all the credit to Norwich breeders for "grumbling" abilities. I should like to recommend "Sub Rosa's" letter in CAGE BIRDS of April 6.

F. C. MALLETT.

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An Appeal to Help a Fancier.

Sir,—A fancier well known amongst us and in the Fancy has just had the misfortune to have his bicycle stolen whilst looking at advertisements in the library. He is out of employment, and as he at times has many miles to go for the sake of getting a shilling or so, and not having the means to pay train or tram fares, the bicycle will be greatly missed. I wonder if any brother fanciers would like to help him to get another cycle? Any donations sent to me will be greatly appreciated and be acknowledged through CAGE BIRDS. This is a genuine and deserving case, so I hope fanciers will join in and help.

H. SMITH.

Hon. Sec., Wimbledon and Dis C.B.S., 115, Merton Road, Wimbledon.

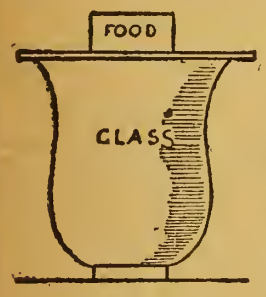
A Well-known Dulwich Fancier's Misfortune.

Sir,—I feel sure that many of your readers, and fanciers generally, will be sorry to hear that Mr. J. B. Waterman, of Dulwich, whose health has been failing him for some time, has been ordered by his doctor to undergo an operation for the throat and ear, and has gone into Guy's Hospital for that purpose. Everyone, I am sure, will hope that the operation will be entirely successful, and that he will soon be restored to health and strength again. Mr. Waterman, whose enthusiasm in the birdy world is well known, has of late been unable to give any attention to them, but there is no doubt that when his health is restored he will go on with them again with his old-time enthusiasm. Yorkshires are his favourites. He has always been a staunch supporter of the Dulwich and Peckham from the first night of its formation, and is very much respected by all our members. He has a smile and a pleasant word for everyone. W. HODSON.

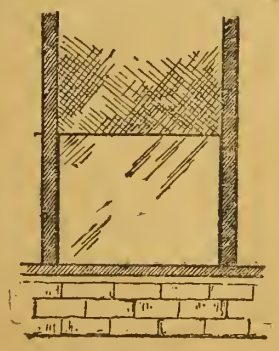
A Happy Family.

Canaries Thriving and Breeding in an Outdoor Aviary at Wimbledon.

Sir,—Canary breeding in cages is now quite the accepted method among fanciers, so much so that one seldom has an opportunity of seeing it carried on to any extent in any other way. Mr. Wetenhall, of Wimbledon, has other views, and in his splendid aviaries has some fifty or sixty birds flying loose, nesting and breeding in their own sweet way. They are built in quite an artistic manner, and are so arranged that one portion can be shut off from the others if found necessary, although the owner prefers to let his pets have the free range of the whole building, two-thirds of which is covered in, and the remainder left open to the air, sunshine and rain. The birds thrive amazingly, and many young ones were flying about, and old birds sitting and rearing second broods when I paid him a visit. Huge branches of furze are fastened to the walls, and in these the birds nest readily, and make quite artistic homes. One of the great troubles in these outdoor aviaries is the difficulty of keeping out mice, but Mr. Wetenhall has solved the problem by continuing the exterior walls some distance from the ground before the commencement of the wire netting, and then huge sheets of glass are placed outside the wire to a height of about 30 inches. Should any persevering rodent manage to effect an entrance, however, he would find nothing to eat, for the food boxes are placed upon large glass vessels, which he would be unable to climb. Mr. Wetenhall is a true lover of birds, and although he visits the shows in the winter, has no ambition to become an exhibitor. He is quite content to attend to his flock of Canary pets, and in watching their actions and nesting habits. The pleasure he derives from them more than compensates him for any trouble. H. NORMAN.



Keeping the mice from the seed etc.


Section of front of Mr. Wetenhall's mouse-proof aviaries.

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Colour-food as an Aid to Mule Breeding.

Sir,—I have tried the following method in muling with phenomenal success. I paired up a house-moulted cock Goldfinch and hen Canary early in March, and gave the pair colour food daily. Result: 5 young ones hatched by the end of April, all variegated and very rich in colour. I consider I have proved that by pairing early and giving colour-feed moderately all through the breeding season, the young Mules were born with the red colour in their blood, and were far superior in colour accordingly, and also that the parents are more prolific.

R. MILLIER.

The Cuckoo's Fondness for the Tit-lark.

Sir,—Being a constant reader of your valuable paper, and interested in wild bird life, I should like to record that on June 2nd I found a Tit Lark's nest with three ordinary eggs and one I at first thought abnormal. It was twice the size, and the same colour, with one exception, not so dark. I then guessed it was the egg of a Cuckoo, so I paid a visit on the 5th, and sure enough there was Mister Cuckoo, with his wide mouth. The mystery of it was the fate of the other youngsters, who were missing, and the Cuckoo was not old enough to push them out. I paid another visit on the 16th. He was there still, feathered nicely. Coming away from the nest about forty yards, strange to say I discovered still another Tit-lark's nest, with three eggs and a Cuckoo's egg in it.

STANLEY LASPER.

The Fancy in Manchester.

Sir,—I see last week's issue contains the announcement of a Manchester Society being defunct. Why, Mr. late Secretary, whitewash the reason and say through lack of support? There were some good fanciers in South Manchester, but the pity of it is they were generally insulted by the other kind when they did attend a meeting, so naturally they stayed away. The others could not agree, and carry the society on, so of course the "light went out." Like you, Mr. Editor, I hope in the future to hear of its revival (on, however, a new basis, viz., be fanciers and help one another). Now about another society, the North Manchester C.B.S. Where is our genial Mr. Jack Davey? I always understood he was secretary; at least, he has not resigned. Who, then, is the new secretary? However, Jack, do not let beginners trample on you—your members do not wish it, and we don't want another society going "defunct" through lack of support. I must compliment Mr. Davey on the success of his first feather show. He managed it perfectly with the help of his assistant, Mr. Colley, and staff.

FANCIER.

[We have had to delete certain sentences of a purely personal nature from the above letter. —Editor.]

The Problem of Non-feeding and Sweating Hens.

Well-known Liverpool Fancier Offers a Solution,

Sir,—Recent visits paid to bird breeders in my neighbourhood who have done badly in rearing the young have shown me that evidently there is something wrong with the feeding. I should like to point out that those who are feeding on puppy biscuits and egg only are making a big mistake, as the biscuits by themselves and egg set up various disorders. Biscuits only will scour the young birds, especially so in weaning them off. Adopt this plan, namely, half biscuit, crushed and scalded, half cod liver oil food, to an egg. Also give a very small quantity of crushed hemp and rolled or crushed oats each day; for a change a little soaked rape. I venture to say that then breeders will seldom, if ever, lose a young bird. Throw some crushed oats on the bottom of the cages; this prevents the young from picking up too much sand, and too much sand sets up inflammation, and they are soon "off home." Follow this little advice, and you will have better results for your labour. Sweating and non-feeding hens are to be found in almost every room. Sweating hens, I believe, can be cured; at least, that is my experience. Give fresh water every day, and put a piece (the size of a good big pea) of sulphate of soda in every day. By this means you will keep the hen very cool, and it will compel her to frequently come off the nest and prevent her also from wanting to pair again too soon—that is, before she has fully reared the young. It will also stimulate the liver, which in sweating hens is always very sluggish. Sluggishness is nearly always the cause of a hen not feeding, also I find that if you give the hen something she likes she will feed much better. Try this: Egg food mixed as previously described, whole hemp (take care this is sweet and sound; taste it yourself), soaked rape, a little green food. Vary the latter also—say, young dandelion, lettuce, and watercress. You will find that the hen will feed on one or more of these. A fancier friend of mine has taken and acted on this advice; result, reared 62 out of 63 young. I am trying to advise the novice in these little things. I have had good results myself; in fact, I very seldom lose a young one. I bought a rattling fine yellow green hen this last back-end, and was told by the seller she would not feed, and he would prefer I did not buy her. However, I bought her, and have bred with her this season fifteen young ones in three nests—and well fed, too. Where a good many fanciers fail is that they either know nothing and give the hen almost anything and succeed, or they know too much and try to make her feed on whatever they themselves fancy, which is a mistake. A variety is best, and you will soon see which she feeds on. Egg food alone is too fattening, and makes the liver sluggish. I am afraid, Mr. Editor, I trespass too much on your valuable space, but should any novice get "tied up," I should only be too pleased to help him out.

R. B. WRIGHT.

A Curious Mating and a Disappointment.

Sir,—I think the following will perhaps interest the readers of CAGE BIRDS. Some time ago I bought, whilst on my holiday at Hastings, a Zebra Finch (cock) and a Canary (hen), together with several other birds, but these two were put in the same compartment of the box in which I brought them home, and after being turned into the aviary they were constant companions. Seeing they were so attached to one another I caught them and put them in a breeding cage indoors, and after a few days the Canary went to nest, laying 4 eggs (May 22 to 25), and on June 6, 2 days before ordinary time of hatching, one egg hatched out. The young bird had the head and feet exactly the shape of the Zebra Finch. Unfortunately it lived only two days, and I found it dead in the nest on June 8, but I have still got the bird, and I intend to let the parents go to nest again, and hope for better luck.

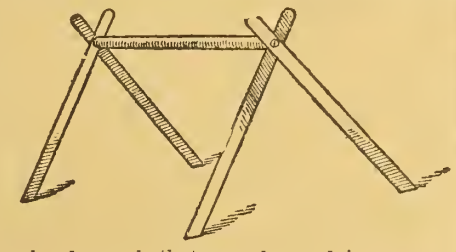
W. O. MARCH.

Illustrated Ideas

Every "Illustrated Idea" used in this column will entitle the sender thereof to a postal order for two shillings and sixpence.

No. 600.
A Handy Occasional Perch for Flight Cages.
Sent by A. Widdowfield, 95, Charles Street, Boldon Colliery.

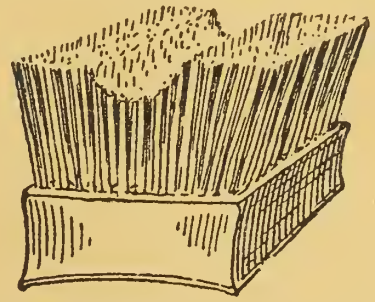
Take four pieces of plastering lath, cut as in sketch. Bore a hole in each. Then take a length of perch wood, and screw up to make



a handy perch that may be used in any part of the cage. The screws will hold the parts fast together.—A. Widdowfield.

No. 601.
Nail Brush as Perch Cleaner.
Sent by A. A. Kirkland, 8, Sandyford Place, Glasgow.

To clean the spars of cages, especially long spars, I have found it useful to take a nail



brush, and cut the hairs in the centre short, as illustrated. This will clean the spars very quickly.—A. A. Kirkland.

TIMELY HINTS.

Four prizes of 2s. 6d. each (cash, or our books to value, at option of winners) given weekly to the senders of the four best Hints. All hints must be WRITTEN ON POST CARDS, *with sender's name and address at foot, and reach us by Monday's post.*

Extracting Seed from Thistle Heads
[Winner of Half-crown Prize.]

Gather all heads when white, almost ready to burst. Put them into kitchen oven, and shut the door for twenty minutes. Then you will find the heads have turned "out side in," and the oven will be full up with seed and down. If you apply a lighted match, the down will go off like powder, so quick as to do the seed no harm. Take out the remains and put into a basin of water. The seed will sink and leave the rubbish on top. Then empty off water and rubbish and put seed into the oven, or in the sun, to dry. If you have no oven, put the heads on the fire shovel and set shovel on red fire. Same result: "out side in." The seed keeps one year to my knowledge. Lots of other wild seeds can be extracted in likewise manner.—Thos. Haston (Nethorburn, Lanarkshire).

Inducing Birds to Sing.
[Winner of Half-crown Prize.]

Many young fanciers are unaware of this little idea for encouraging their birds to sing. Procure a dinner plate or looking glass; damp the surface with wet sponge; then procure a ginger-beer cork and rub the bottom edge of cork sideways to and fro about the glass or plate. For trills of Canaries, rub cork smartly, gradually easing it out for slower trills. Rub to and fro the length of the glass for the "peaing" notes of the Lark (don't lift cork from glass). With various manipulations of the cork, I have obtained all the birds' songs (a ribbed plate would help for Lark notes, and press cork harder for louder notes).—F. J. Harland (70, Buckingham Road, Kingsland Road, N.).

Circumventing the Sweating Hen.
[Winner of Half-crown Prize.]

One of the best and simplest methods of preventing hens sweating young is to get a child's "dummy" and push it, rubber end upwards, through a hole in bottom of nest pan. This prevents the hen sitting so close, and allows the young to get air. It is one of the best remedies I have tried.—Geo. Morris (56, Breckfield Road, Everton).

Something for Nothing.
[Winner of Half-crown Prize.]

A very old white tablecloth, quite worn out, may be turned to good account for the bird-room. Cut the cloth in inch strips on the cross—from corner to corner—and then set the children to pull it into loose fibre. A mass of cool, feathery nesting material will be the result, similar to what is known as "German Charpie." This can be used with excellent results to prevent hens from sweating their young, and the children will be delighted with their new pastime.—Mrs. Edwards, 433, Grafton Street, Dingle, Liverpool).

To Prevent Young Over drinking.

Toast a slice of stale bread until nearly black and cover with boiling water, and when cold give in drinking glasses, using at the colour of strong tea. Give in place of ordinary water every other day. This will be found to regulate the bowels, and at the same time give tone to the system, besides acting as a deterrent to young birds that are inclined to drink too much. This is safer than using chemicals. —R. Stanley (Handsworth).

The Use of Suet.

I have found that a small piece of beef or mutton suet placed between the wires of the cage for the birds to peck at will benefit the birds very much at any time, especially during the breeding and moulting turns. It prevents the hens from getting egg-bound, and if a little is chopped up and mixed with the egg food during the moult, will add the necessary gloss to the birds' plumage.—C. Oates (Sheffield).

CAGE BIRDS LEAGUE.

How to become an Associate.

Many readers of CAGE BIRDS have written to say that they would like to join CAGE BIRDS' LEAGUE, but cannot afford the subscription. To meet their wishes we have decided to form, in connection with the LEAGUE, a body of Associates. All we ask of these Associates is that *they will promise to give every possible attention to the wants of their birds.* And they must induce others to see that their birds are kept happy and contented.

All that the intending Associate has to do is to sign the coupon herewith, get five of his or her friends to sign each a similar coupon, and send the six, together with a penny stamp, to the Secretary, of CAGE BIRDS' LEAGUE, who will forward by return an enamelled Button Badge of the LEAGUE. There will be no other charge. **NOW, THEN, BIRD LOVERS!—USE YOUR BEST EFFORTS IN THIS SPLENDID CAUSE.**

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Club Reports.

GATESHEAD C.B.S.

Meeting held June 12. Decided to have Nest Feather Show July 20, in Congregational School, Rochester Street, Gateshead. Will members do their best to make it a success. Egg food competition won by Mr. J. Scott, time 1 minute.—J. Davison, Sec.

EDINBURGH NORWICH C. AND MULE B.S.

Meeting in Buccleuch Parish Church Halls, July 3, during time Mr. J. F. Dewar is judging young bird show. As business concerns the patronage of the Scottish Plainhead Club and the Scottish British Bird and M.C., a large attendance of members is requested.—J. Welsh, Sec.

NOTTINGHAM & NOTTS. O.S.

Meeting held June 11, at Mechanics' Institute; R. Rhodes, Esq., in the chair. Nest Feather Show fixed for July 6. Entries received at the Mechanics' Institute up to 10 p.m., July 5. Mr. J. Goode judge. Members are requested to apply for schedules if not already received. Tickets are now on sale, and may be obtained from the secretary. Will all members help by sending some entries to ensure a successful show.—J. G. Royce, Assist. Hon. Sec.

TWYNYRODYN F.S.

Meeting held June 20; Mr. W. Evans in the chair. A strong muster turned up, and a good deal of preparatory work for the open show, November 14, was gone through. The following members were elected: Messrs. Morris, Evans, Hy. Davies, D. H. Morgans, A. Jenkins, Dan Jones, W. Morgan, F. Purdy, D. Rees, W. Williams, T. Powell, Evan Howells, Rd. Jones, E. A. Doeton, W. J. Lewis, W. Morris. Meetings are held on Thursday nights at the Mountain Ash, Twynyrodyn, Merthyr, at 7. All fanciers interested in cage birds are earnestly invited to join. —J. Thomas, Hon. Sec., 30, Gilfach Cynon, Merthyr.

CARDIFF C.B.S.

Monthly meeting held Maskell's Hotel, June 20. Mr. Whetton in the chair, a good number of members being present. The secretary reported he had engaged Mr. Longden, Swansea, to judge young bird show, July 10, Naish Royal Stores, the Hayes, at 7, when we hope to see a good number present. Messrs. Morgan and Hopson were elected stewards. Mr. Whetton gave 2s. 6d. most points Nor.; Mr. E. Allsopp, 2s. 6d. most points Yorks.; Mr. Bement, 2s. 6d. for best young Mule; Mr. E. J. Davies also promised a special. After a long discussion re guarantee fund for open show, a good number of members gave their names as guarantors. It was suggested that we alter our rules at next annual meeting, as it was felt that each member ought to take a share in the financial responsibility.—T. Thomas, Sec.

GLASGOW C.B.A.

Meeting held June 18, in Mr. A. Muir's salt market, to consider the holding of another open show. To find the feeling of the Glasgow fanciers each club had been asked to appoint three of their members as delegates, and with the exception of the Glasgow West End and Springburn Clubs, who, owing to a mistake were unfortunately not invited, the whole of the clubs instructed their delegates to support the holding of another open show. This being unanimously carried, the date of show was fixed for November 15 and 16. Officers elected as follows:—President, Mr. J. F. Park; vice-presidents, Messrs. R. T. Anderson and A. Hunter. As Mr. Bowman could not see his way to act as secretary, Mr. W. Hutchison was unanimously elected. After some pressure Mr. Hutchison consented, on Mr. Bowman agreeing to give him his assistance during the show. Treasurer, Mr. T. Gunion; committee, Messrs. A. Sloan, R. Thomson, D. F. Webster, Mr. Fraser, Mr. G. Smart, and Mr. Priest, same to be added to at next meeting; auditors, Messrs. A. Maxwell, and R. Heggie. The secretary was instructed to write Glasgow West End and Springburn Clubs, expressing regret at the mistake made, and inviting them to appoint two of their members to act on the committee.—F. Bowman.

ARDWICK & MANCHESTER C.B.A

Is the Norwich Plainhead Losing Type?

Meeting held June 4th, at the Onward Hall, Ardwick. Mr. W. Robinson presided over a large attendance of members and friends, and delivered a lecture on the Norwich Canary. First of all, said Mr. Robinson, I will speak of the present-day show bird. The majority of exhibits are far away from the standard; they are more like the Lancashire or Crest birds; the type of Norwich is going fast; they are too long, no depth, no width, and show a faulty wing carriage. When we visit the shows what do we hear? Nothing but grumbling about the judging. I contend this is your own fault. Give the judge a class of Norwich birds of type; he will then know it is Norwich you want him to judge, not cross breds. You will find he will then give satisfaction, and there will be less grumbling. I would like to impress on the Norwich fanciers to get a good picture of a Norwich, take it in the birdroom, study it, then your birds; this will assist to show him where he is at fault in his own stock. What I like for a show bird is one that is of standard size, say, 6½ inches, good head, wide at entrance, a nice rise showing width at the back, bold eye in centre of head, and free from browling, depth in chest, carrying well under, clean cut, short tail, well filled in back, good wing carriage, and short legs, small beak, silky feather lying close to body. Now if you are out buying stock, don't buy the pedigree, buy the bird. You know what is wanted. In the cock get one as big in every way as possible, with good head properties. I do not mind if it shows a wee bit of brow, if it is of good type, and nice quality of feather. Hens I am very particular about, buy typical birds, and mind the type; nice mould, not too big, or too much feather good heads, short pipy tail; then you have the stock birds. Pairing up: Much can be said on this. Correct matching is an essential point. If you find one failing in any points, pair up with one that is strong on that particular point. Double buffing? Well, I do a lot of this. In fact, I can attribute my success to the careful study I make in judicious pairing. You might ask the method I adopt. I select ticked buff cock and ticked hen, good heads, both to be birds of type, neat and clean cut, short silky feather; if you match them up like that you will breed type.

Double yellowing: I do very little, although you get the feather longer, yet it is scantier. I don't mind keeping a young hen that is bred that way. In-breeding: I would not advise any novice to start this until he gets a little advanced in the hobby. I am this year breeding from half-brother and half-sister, and I can assure you type reigns supreme. One fault I notice, you lose head properties, but I don't mind this, it will come back again next season. I will pair up for it, and bring back what I have lost this year. After the lecture quite a host of questions were fired at Mr. Robinson, taking him further into the management of the Norwich Canary, and many of the answers have appeared in a previous issue of CAGE BIRDS. A vote of thanks was proposed by Dr. Twigg for the very interesting and instructive lecture, and seconded by Mr. Boothman. Mr. Vint also spoke in favour of the methods adopted by Mr. Robinson. Mr. Robinson, in replying, said if any members through this lecture or any previous conversation they had had with him adopted his methods and found they had also been successful, he would be amply rewarded for his little trouble.—J. Spencer, Hon. Sec.

CHOPWELL C.B.S.

Meeting held June 22, Club Hall, Chopwell, eight members being present. Decided that we have a gift class at open show, the entries to be drawn for as prizes in connection with admission tickets. Mr. W. Robson elected a member. Hoping to see a few more members present at next meeting, Club Hall, July 20, at 6.—W. Tomlinson, Hon. Sec.

KELTY AND BLAIRADAM C.B.A.

A meeting held June 18; Mr. J. Stenhouse (president) in the chair. Collectors were appointed for the ensuing year. Agreed that lifting tickets and gummed labels for show cases be got. Also an estimate for model cards. Agreed to get photos of the members taken. Members please meet for this purpose at Mr. Stenhouse's on Sunday, June 30, at 10 sharp. The secretary got a list of those requiring colour food, and also reported £4 12s. 6d. donations. Next meeting July 23.—A. Dickson, Sec.

NORTH LONDON C.B.A.

Meeting held June 19, at headquarters. Mr. G. Mortlock in chair, and a fair attendance. Mr. A. J. A. Marley read his paper on British Birds. It proved highly interesting, and instructive, and gave ample proof of the time he has expended in the study of this branch of the Fancy. Time would not permit of any questions being put, but Mr. Marley has kindly consented to continue at next meeting, July 17. Full advantage should be taken by members and friends of this opportunity to show their appreciation of his efforts on their behalf.—P. W. Jeffries, Hon. Sec.

NATIONAL GREEN-MARKED YCC

Committee meeting held Market Tavern, Bradford. Mr. W. A. Cowgill presided over a moderate attendance. Decided to run three competitions in season 1912-13—champion, amateur competition, junior novice. The amateur competition is in place of the open novice for members who have not won a first prize in open. This year the amateur competition is for members who have not won more than three first prizes in open competition, and this should meet with the approval of all our amateur members. The junior novice competition is on the same lines as last year, to be competed for in the novice classes at Yorkshire Union shows where green-marked classes are provided. We are offering a grand list of prizes for the coming season, about six in each section, which includes the Shackleton Trophy, value ten guineas, presented by our late president, Mr. W. H. Shackleton. Other valuable prizes have been kindly promised by the following gentlemen: Messrs. W. A. Cowgill, L. Dykes, R. Sutcliffe and Son, C. E. Morrison, J. Chippendale, J. Bailey, J. E. Pickup and Son, J. W. Ramsden, A. Brown and Son, T. Sandiford, and H. Hill. The patronage of the club was granted to the following nine societies, providing they make the necessary classification (four classes for green-marked Yorkshires only): Oct. 19, Gt. Horton O.S. (judge, H. Sutcliffe); Oct. 26, Windhill Shipley O.S. (Judge, J. C. Barnes); Nov. 8 and 9, Halifax (Judge, W. A. Cowgill); Nov. 16, Bradford East (judge, H. W. Battye); Nov. 23, Gt. Horton G.I. (judge, C. A. Horne); Dec. 6, 7, 9, Bradford National (judges, Messrs. W. Mundell and R. L. Crisp); Jan. 4, Shipley (Judge, J. Robson); Jan. 18, Bradford West (Judge, J. Bailey); and Crystal Palace. We can still grant patronage to one more show, and shall be pleased to receive application from any society whose show does not clash with any of the above dates. Mr. E. Stobart (Sowerby Bridge) was elected on the committee, and the following gentlemen were elected members: Messrs. S. Wood, J. E. Hirst, W. Long, H. Pearson, and T. W. Mountain.—E. Clegg, Hon. Sec. and Treas.

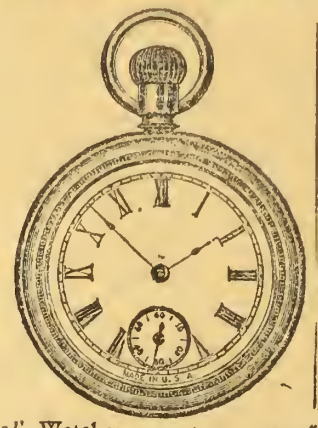
MOULTING AND PREPARING BIRDS FOR SHOW.

A lecture by Mr. W. Shakespeare before the London and Counties A.C.B.

Meeting June 15, at "Earl Cathcart," Munster Sq., N.W., when a very interesting lecture was given by Mr. W. Shakespeare to a very good attendance of members. Mr. Shakespeare said: Supposing you have had a successful breeding season, which I hope most of you will experience. The first thing is to select the best birds, and put them in couples in separate cages, the remainder going into flights. If you intend moulting on pepper, it should be given regularly, otherwise you will get your birds patchy in colour. Never attempt moulting old and sickly birds on cayenne, as they very often stick in the moult and die. But such is not the case with young birds. The cages must be covered, as strong light destroys colour. Paper or unbleached calico will answer the purpose, or you may draw the blinds, which should be red for preference. I will give you all a tip. For non-fed birds, or what are commonly termed "natural colour." Get 3 pennyworth of saffron, ½ gill of rum, 3 pennyworth of annatto, and 1 tablespoonful of sugar. Pour on a pint of boiling water and let stand until cold. Then bottle up and give 1 teaspoonful in water. Also give a little turmeric at the same time in the egg food each day right through moult and you will be surprised at the colour you get. I might say that the last week or so leave off the mixture and give in the water for a change a little sulphate of iron about 3 times a week; it sets the colour and acts as a tonic. Birds of position, such as Belgians, Lancashires, Scotch, Yorkshires, Dutch Frills, or Border Fancies must be taught to run in and out of show cages. Care should be taken that you get proper cages for each breed. Flurry them as little as you can; practice is a virtue. If you intend exhibiting, your birds will have to be washed, and if you are unable to do same, you must attend some washing demonstration. Notice the little ins and outs, learn to handle birds carefully, and you will soon be able to accomplish the job. Washing 3 days previous to show will give birds time to plume and tighten themselves up. The show cages must be well looked over and cleaned inside and out, and the proper tint and cage for type of bird selected. There are different opinions on what should be put at the bottom of the cage; some use sawdust or crushed oats, others chaff or white paper, but I think it matters little, for the judges as a rule judge the birds, not the cages. If something was recognised in the Fancy it might save a lot of comment. The lecture was listened to very attentively, and several questions were asked, which were answered very satisfactorily. A hearty vote of thanks to Mr. Shakespeare closed a very instructive evening.—G. G. Stubbs, Official Reporter.

'Cage Birds' Watch—An Ideal Present.

Sketch of the Watch.



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WINSFORD C.B.S.

Meeting held at A. Weedall's, High-st. Mr. Ollier's special of gold centred medals for most points at Nest Feather show was accepted with thanks. The society guaranteed 25s. for advertising open show in "C.B." Mr. W. E. Tomkinson was appointed assist. sec. Intending members should join at once, and so compete at nest feather show, July 20. Next meeting June 28, at 8.—W. E. Tomkinson, Assist. Sec.

SUNDERLAND C.B.A.

Fortnightly meeting held June 22, Mr. Farrer presiding. Decided to have Nest Feather Show at Fawcett St. Cafe, July 6, instead of July 13. Members please note. Birds staged 6 p.m.; fee, 3d. per cage. Mr. J. G. Hutchinson (Newcastle) is expected to judge. Messrs. Nicholson and E. Hutchinson were elected members. Members' subscriptions must be paid up by July 27.—J. Jeffrey, Hon. Sec.

NORTHERN YORKS. C.C.

Colour food has arrived. I have ordered a little more than was spoken for, so that if any member wishes some he may have it as far as it goes. I have about 2 dozen show cages ordered, but require 3 dozen before we can get them at wholesale price. Any other members requiring them please let me know as soon as possible. They are strictly to Yorkshire Union pattern.—T. C. Crawhall (chairman).

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COWDENBEATH C.B.S.

Monthly meeting, held Commercial Hotel, June 19 Mr. J. C. Murray, President, in the chair. Mr. Wm. Rogers, Colinton, was appointed to judge Scotch Fancies, and Mr. L. J. Arright, Edinburgh, British. For the printing of schedules and catalogues the offer of Mr. W. Fraser-Simpson was accepted. Orders for colour feeds were booked, when it was agreed to order 45lbs. The secretary was instructed to try and arrange a lecture on Colour Feeding, to be held as soon as possible on a Wednesday or Saturday, whichever was most suitable to the lecturer. Next meeting postponed till July 27, in the Masonic Arms. A report of club smoker showed a balance in hand of 6s.—Joseph R. Reid, Sec.

ANNFIELD PLAIN F. & F.C.B.S.

Monthly meeting, held June 15. Proposed that we advertise winners re our lottery tickets, in North Mail and Cowsett papers, also in Fancy Press, last week in August. Members, push the sales of these books. I have only about twelve left, and as I have stated before, they mean £20 to us, which is a tidy sum for our show. We have decided to pay 8s., 4s., 2s., 1s. prize money at open show, January 4; entry fee, 1s. Enrolled five new members, Messrs. R. Goodchild, T. Chrisp, T. Taylor, G. Chaytor, and Wm. Dodds; subs., 2s. 6d. Table show for young Canaries, viz., Yorks., Nor., Bord. (cock or hen); also class for Brit., held at Mr. Lumley's July 6, 7 o'clock, 3d. per cage. Mr. W. Brown judge. Prize-money divided between 1st and 2nd.—J. W. Christon, Sec.

NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE C.B.S.

Committee meeting held June 20. Mr. T. C. Crawhall in the chair. Letter read from Mr. J. Bertram resigning membership of the society, and also saying he could not judge at Nest Feather Show; resignation was accepted, and Mr. J. Maddison was appointed to judge the Brit. and foreign section. Mr. Jos. Carr, Blaydon, was elected a member. Secretary was instructed to write to Cinnamon C.C. saying that owing to their altered conditions we could not accept their patronage. A discussion took place as to how we could make an open show a financial success. Several opinions were expressed, which we hope will take a definite form later on. Letter was read from Mr. Irwin thanking the members for their presence. Will members let me know as soon as possible how many tickets they have sold for Nest Feather Show, as I wish to get all accounts cleared up. Next meeting July 4, lecture on colour feeding by Mr. Ramsden.—J. W. Reed, Sec.

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CHOPPINGTON.

Sixth annual first feather. Mr. Rowell, Bebside, judge. Special for best bird in show was won by Messrs. Seely Brothers, Choppington. Other awards were:—NOR. YELL.: 1, 3, Seely Bros.; 2, Fairbairn. BUFF: 1, Seely Bros.; 2, Clark; 3, Rigg. BORDERS: 1, Seely Bros.; 2, Fairbairn. A.O.V.: 1, Edwards; 2, Thompson; 3, Archibald.

BURNLEY C.B.S.

Young bird show held June 15, in the club room. Mr. J. Trimgrove judged, and he gave every satisfaction. CL. YELL. NOR.: 1, Hardman; 2, 3, sp., Cunliffe. BUFF: 1, sp., Cunliffe; 2, Lingard; 3, Hardman. TKD. OR VARIEG. BUFF: 1, Lingard; 2, Cunliffe; 3, sp., Moorhouse. YORKS.: 1, 2, 3, sp, Bell. BRIT.: 1, 2, 3, sp., Holden.—Mr. F. Cunliffe.

HIRST.

First Universal C.B.S. had a big entry for its first show of the season, on June 22, a first feather show. The results were:—NORWICH: 1, J. Stephenson; 2, J. Smith; 3, J. Armstrong. YORKS. 1, E. Edwards; 2, J. Anderson; 3, T. Hancock. BORDERS: 1, J. Anderson; 2, 3, T. Floyd. A.O.V.: 1, 2, J. Smith. BRIT. HARDBILL: 1, T. Floyd; 2, J. Stephenson; 3, T. Herron. NOVICE: 1, Stephenson; 2, J. Smith.

KETTERING C.B.S.

Table show held June 24, when several good birds were staged. Mr. L. Usher was the chief winner in Norwich. Mr. A. Barlow was 1st in Yorks., Mr. A. Garson being a good second. In the A.V., Messrs. Jarvis and Lewis were 1st with a splendid Yellow Bunting, and Mr. W. Martin second with a good Goldie. In foreign, Messrs. Martin and Haddon were 1st and special for best in show, with a pair of Black-cheek Lovebirds. Messrs. Jarvis and Lewis second with their Yellow Bunting. A very interesting class was also that for green food for cage birds, Mr. W. Cox being an easy winner.—A. Martin, Sec.

KEIGHLEY C.B.S.

First of a series of five shows at Hare and Hounds Hotel, June 22. 74 birds faced the judge, and the principal winners were: E. Middleton 12 points, G. Crowther 11, S. Smith 9. Mr. G. Crowther won sp. for best bird in open, and Mr. G. Nelmes in novice class. Mr. T. Benuett, Bradford, judged, and gave every satisfaction. CL. OR TKD. YELL.: 1, Bower; 2, Judson; 3, Middleton. BUFF: 1, Crowther; 2, Smith; 3, Middleton. UNEVEN, ETC., YELL.: 1, Sawley; 2, Mitchell; 3, Judson. BUFF: 1, Middleton; 2, Judson; 3, Jeffrey. SELLING, 12s. 6d.: 1, Seaife; 2, Crowther; 3, Smith. NOVICE: CL. OR TKD. YELL.: 1, 3, Nelmes; 2, Burnett. BUFF: 1, Myers; 2, Williams; 3, Ascough. A.V. YELL.: 1, Town; 2, Burrows; 3, Myers. BUFF: 1, Myers; 2, Burrows; 3, Patefield.—J. Binns, Sec.

CRAMLINGTON C.B.S.

First feather show, held Co-operative Hall, June 22. Entries came up well, 55 birds in the 7 classes. The show arrangements were in the able hands of Mr. S. Wilson, chairman, supported by an excellent committee, composed of Messrs. Allan, Wilson, Hutchings, Ducker, Thurston, Mackie, Hillings, Scott, and Salkeld. Mr. Chestney is an able secretary, and is well supported by the assistant secretary, T. D. Wilson. The show was well patronised by visitors. Mr. Clark won special for best Nor.; best Bord., T. D. Wilson; best Yorks., Warren; best A.O.V., Clark. Mr. H. Seely, Choppington, judged, and his awards gave satisfaction to all.

BORD. YELL.: 1, T. D. Wilson; 2, 3, Forster. BUFF: 1, Pringle; 2, S. Wilson; 3, Salkeld. NOR. YELL.: 1, Dodds; 2, Warren; 3, Douglas. BUFF: 1, Clark; 2, Warren; 3, Dodds. YORKS. YELL.: 1, 3, Warren; 2, Moore. BUFF: 1, 3, Moore; 2, Warren. A.O.V.: 1, Clark; 2, T. D. Wilson; 3, Harbottle.

EAST HAM.

Held June 20, in the spacious Hartley Street Schools. There was a fine gathering, over 100 birds being staged, the majority Yorks. of good type and quality. Norwich were not so numerous, but very level in type, and of good size. Special for best bird was won by Mr. Bennet, with a very typical yellow Yorkie, hardly pressed by Mr. Taylor with a real good chubby Norwich. Other special winners were Miss Farmer (3), Parker (2), Onslow, Lawrence, Oliver (2). A good attendance of members and friends helped towards the success of the show, which, under the careful management of Mr. Fred Fox, was nicely arranged and well carried out. Mr. H. Norman placed the awards.

CHAMP. YORKS.: 1, 2, 3, Bennet. CHAMP. NOR.: 1, 2, 3, Taylor. CL. OR TKD. YELL. YORKS.: 1, Farmer; 2, King; 3, Thomas; 3, Parker. BUFF: 1, 2, King; 3, Parker. VAR.: 1, Fox; 2, Parker; 3, King. NOR.: 1, Dalton; 2, 3, Lawrence. VAR.: 1, 2, Parker. BORDER: 1, Onslow; 2, 3, Hammond. GOLDFINCH: 1, Oliver; 2, 3, Walker. GREEN. OR BULL.: 1, Walker; 2, Curd; 3, Oliver. LINNET: 1, Cooper; 2, 3, Walker. SISKIN, ETC.: 1, Dalton; 2, Oliver; 3, Cooper. A.O.V.: 1, Oliver; 2, Walker; 3, Cooper. SOFTBILL: 1, Oliver. FOREIGN: 1, Cooper.

WEST BROMWICH C.B.S.

First nest feather show, at Dartmouth Hotel, June 22nd, a very moderate number being put down—only 39 birds in all, the reason probably being that most of the members have had moderate luck in the bird room, which made it difficult to find suitable birds of the right age. What was lacking in number was fully made up in quality. Some very promising birds indeed were put down, both in Norwich and Yorkshires, and we trust to see a greater majority showing at our next nest feather show, July 16th, 7 p.m. Mr. J. H. Roe, Birmingham, judge. Mr. Taylor won special best Norwich; Mr. Hernshaw, best Yorks.; Mr. Butler, best novice Nor.; Mr. Greenhouse, special best novice Yorks. Mr. Geo. Baker, Birmingham, judged, and gave every satisfaction.

CL OR TKD. YELL. NOR. (6): 1, 2, 3, Taylor. BUFF (6): All prizes to Taylor. MKD. YELL. (1): Taylor. BUFF (1): Vlies. CL. OR TKD. YELL. YORKS. (5): 1, Andrews; 2, Beck; 3, Hernshaw. BUFF (4): 1, Andrews; 2, 3, Hernshaw. MKD. YELL. (2): 1, 2, Hernshaw. BUFF (2): 1, Andrews; 2, Beck. BRIT. HARDBILL (1): Johnson, Goldfinch. A.O.S. (1): Johnson, nearly White Linnet. NOVICE NOR., CL. OR TKD. BUFF (3): All prizes to Butler. MKD. YELL. (1): Butler. YORKS. CL. OR TKD. YEL. (1): Greenhouse. BUFF (2): Greenhouse. MKD. YELL. (2): Greenhouse. BUFF (1): Greenhouse.—W. G. Andrews.

SHIPLEY O.S.

First Feather Show held June 22, at Headquarters. Mr. J. Broadley judged, and gave every satisfaction. Mr. J. Excell won special for best yellow, and Mr. J. B. Martin best buff. CL. YELL.: 1, Excell; 2, Taylor; 3, Bloomfield. BUFF: 1, 2, Martin. TKD. YELL.: 1, 2, Taylor; 2, Martin; 3, Crossland. TKD. BUFF: 1, 2, Martin; 3, Long. MKD. YELL.: 1, Armstead; 2, Long. BUFF: 1, Murgatroyd; 2, Bloomfield; 3, Long. CINN. MKD. YELL.: 1, Crossland; 2, 3, Harrison. CINN. MKD. BUFF: 1, Hudson; 2, E. Grange; 3, Craven. FOUL MKD.: 1, Grange; 2, Harrison; 3, Cooper. SELLING: 1, 2, Bradshaw; 3, Murgatroyd.—E. Grange, Assist. Sec.

ILKESTON C.B.S.

First young bird show, June 22, at the Flower Pot. There was a splendid entry of 69 birds, some which looked very promising, and should be heard of again in the coming season. Mr. E. Fox, Long Eaton, judged, and gave every satisfaction. NOR. CL. YELL.: 1, 3, Briggs and Walker; 2, 4, Prince. BUFF: 1, 3, 4, Parsons Bros.; 2, White. L.M. BUFF: 1, Prince; 2, Hickling; 3, Beardsley; 4, Gregory. G. OR H.M. YELL.: 1, Martin and Faux; 2, Earnshaw. BUFF: 1, Briggs and Walker. YORKS. CL. YELL.: 1, 2, Kew; 3, Eaton. BUFF: 1, Wood. L.M. YELL.: 1, Kew; 2, Eaton. BUFF: 1, Wood; 2, Eaton. YORKS. G. OR H.M.: 1, Wood; 2, Bigley. A.V. MULE OR HYB. (young birds): 1, Bestwick; 2, Martin; 3, 4, Beardsley. MULE OR HYB. (old birds): 1, Martin and Faux; 2, Wilson; 3, Beard. GOLDFINCH: 1, 2, Smith; 3, Martin. BULLFINCH: 1, Smith; 2, Martin. LINNET: 1, 2, Smith; 3, Lucas; 4, Gregory. GREENFINCH: 1, Keightley; 2, Bestwick. SISKIN, ETC.: 1, Smith; 2, Argyle; 3, Martin; 4, Watson. CHAFFINCH: 1, Smith; 2, Martin and Faux. BUNTING: 1, Smith.—T. Smith, Hon. Sec.

BOURNEMOUTH.

A very successful first feather show was held at the Quadrant Restaurant on June 19. About 70 exhibits were staged, many of the birds showing great promise. The judging was very ably carried out by Mr. W. R. Wyatt, of Winton, who gave entire satisfaction. Special prizes were very kindly given by Messrs. A. Tuck, L. Bousfield, and G. W. Jones. Principal winners:—Norwich Plainhead: Messrs. Howard and Allen; Yorkshires: Messrs. Bonefield, Maidment, and Fulford; Crests, Miss Onslow, and Mr. Goodland. A special general meeting was held after the show to consider the advisability of raising the annual subscription, also to increase the radius for membership. It was decided to raise the annual subs to 5s., and also to increase the radius to include Hampshire (with Isle of Wight) and Dorset. The committee will be pleased to hear from any fanciers residing witbin this radius who wish to become members. The Society has been very fortunate in securing the services of Mr. J. A. Crawshaw as hon. secretary, who very successfully held this office some few years ago. The 21st annual open show has been fixed for November 19 and 20. Several valuable challenge cups, also numerous medals, etc., will be offered for competition.—G. W. Jones, Chairman.

WALKLEY C.B.S.

Nest Feather Show held June 22, St. Philip's Mission Room. Total entry in 17 classes was 112, which, considering the indifferent breeding season, was very good. Competition was very keen in all sections. The members' Yorkshires were filled with birds of excellent quality, some of which will be heard of again. Mr. W. T. Furniss had an excellent team, taking special for best bird in show, also best member's Yorkshire with a buff of grand length and fine quality, also special for most points in show, in all securing five specials. Mr. Woolhouse had a grand team of Norwich. Mr. Lawton took special for best Norwich. Mr. D. Chadwick had some good Yorks. staged. Mr. J. Smith, sp. best Yorks. noviee; Mr. R. Smith, sp. best novice Norwich; Messrs. J. and C. Scott, best British. Mr. Champion judged.

MEMBERS' CLASS: CL. OR TKD. YELL. YORKS. (8): 1, 2, sp, Furniss, 1st tkd. yell., nice length, well up on leg, good quality; 3, Ridal. BUFF (9): 1, 2, 3, sps, Furniss, 1st tkd. buff, grand size, good legs, nice quality and position; 3, Marshall. MKD. YELL. (7): 1, Furniss, good length, well on leg, stands well; 2, Marshall; 3, c, Ridal. BUFF MKD. (6): 1, 2, Ridal, 1st good size, bit loose in feather; 3, Marshall. NOR. MEMBERS: CL. OR TKD. YELL.: 1, sp, Lawton, well up in size, good back and wings; 2, Scott; 3, Cowley. BUFF (7): 1, sp, Woolhouse, good quality, nice shape, good substance; 2, Cowley; 3, Lawton. MKD. YELL.: 1, Woolhouse, good quality. BUFF: 1, Woolhouse, big and chubby, good head and neck, looks young; 2, Cowley. NOV. CLASSES: YORKS., CL. OR TKD. YELL. (15): 1, sp, Smith, nice cl., grand shape, good length; 2, Carr; 3, Simpson. BUFF YORKS. (11): 1, Chadwick, good wings and tail; 2, Carr; 3, Shimmelds. MKD. YELL.: 1, Abbott, a gem, heavy variegated, superb quality, stands well, good all round; 2, Thompson; 3, Wardley. VARIEG., ETC.: 1, Chadwick, good quality; 2, Mason; 3, Bacon. NOR. YELL. (5): 1, 3, sp, Smith, good shape, nice round head; 2, Simpson. BUFF: 1, sp, Smith, nice shape, good substance; 2, Sisson. LINNET, ETC.: 1, 3, Scott, 1st Twite, good colour, shape, and markings; 2, Bailey, Linnett; 3, Redpoll. A.O.S. HARDBILL: 1, 3, Scott, 1st Greenfinch, good, nice quality, grand colour, 3rd Bullfinch; 2, Bailey, Bramble. SELLING: 1, Sisson; 2, Thompson; 3, Tomlinson.—C. Tomlinson, Sec.

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BEDFORD AND BEDS. C.B.S.

First Nest Feather show held June 13 at Headquarters. Mr. Markham judged. About 40 grand specimens of young Norwich were shown. CL. YELL.: 1, 2, Keech; 3, Wiggins. BUFF: 1, 2, Keech; 3, T. Smith. TKD. YELL.: 1, Keech; 2, Corrie; 3, Smith. TKD. YELL.: 1, 3, Keech; 2, Osborn. NOV.: 1, 2, 3, Oliver, the winner was fit to win at any show. It was the best in this show. Second nest feather show will be held the second or third week in July.—E. T. F. Wiggins, Sec.

GREAT HORTON O.S.

Members' show, June 22, at the club-house. Mr. W. A. Cowgill placed the cards and gave every satisfaction. CL. YELL. YORKS.: 1, Gaunt; 2, Lister; 3, Fieldhouse; 4, Hainsworth and Son. BUFF: 1, Midgley; 2, Fieldhouse; 3, Hainsworth; 4, Hainsworth and Son. TKD. YELL.: 1, Hainsworth and Son; 2, Gaunt; 3, Self; 4, Midgley. BUFF: 1, Lister; 2, Ormonroyd; 3, Hainsworth and Son; 4, Shackleton. EVEN, ETC., YELL: 1, Lister; 2, Stansfield; 4, Hainsworth. BUFF: 1, Lister; 2, S. Midgley; 3, G. Midgley; 4, J. W. Hainsworth. CINN. MKD. YELL.: 1, Ormonroyd; 2, 3, Shackleton; 4, Hudson. BUFF: 1, 2, Hudson; 3, Ormonroyd; 4, Fieldhouse.—J. Holroyd, Sec.

LAISTERDYKE B.F.A.

First feather show, June 22, at headquarters, Railway Hotel, Laisterdyke, Bradford. The entry was a very good one of 74 birds. Mr. F. Self, Clayton, judged to the general satisfaction. OPEN: CL. OR TKD. YELL: 1, sp., Casey; 2, Bateman; 3, Duckworth; 4, Danby. BUFF: 1, Parker; 2, Hodgson; 3, Coates; 4, Walton. EVEN., ETC.: 1, Stubbing; 2, Parker; 3, Casey; 4, Swaine. CINN., MKD.: 1, Casey; 2, Parker; 3, Duckworth; 4, Stebbing. NOVICE: CL. OR TKD. YELL.: 1, Bland; 2, Patchett; 3, Revell; 4, Hudson Bros. BUFF: 1, Bland; 2, 4, Redshaw; 3, Revell. EVEN, ETC.: 1, Pyrah. CINN., MKD.: 1, Bland 2, 3, Illingworth; 4, Revell. Special for best bird: Casey. Most points: Casey, Parker, Stebbing and Hodgson, in open; Bland, Revell, Redshaw, noviee.—J. E. Hudson, Sec.

BANKFOOT C.B.S.

Second show of the season held June 22, at the Red Lion Hotel, Bankfoot. The entry was exceedingly poor, owing to the heavy death roll amongst the young birds; in fact, several members had no young at all. One of the visitors informed us that he had already lost over 60 young birds. 30 birds were staged. Mr. R. Halliday, Shipley, officiated, and his awards proved highly satisfactory. Several "eye openers" were on view, and no doubt in the future will bring further credit to their respective owners. The winners of most points were Messrs. S. Smith (21), G. Hudson (20), J. Lawson (14). CL. OR TKD. YELL. YORKS.: 1, 2, Smith; 3, Hudson; 4, Crowther. BUFF: 1, Crowther; 2, Hudson; 3, Lawson; 4, Smith. MKD. YELL.: 1, 4, Smith; 2, Bastow; 3, Hardaker. BUFF: 1, Hardaker; 2, 4, Hudson; 3, Lawson. FOUL MKD.: 1, Hudson; 2, Smith. A.V.C. MKD.: 1, Mitchell. The society's ramble announced for July 13 has had to be unavoidably postponed.—F. Gelder, Sec.

NEWCASTLE C.B.S.

Nest Feather Show held June 22, Crosby's Cafe. Entries were just about the same as last year, but in contrast to last year the show will be a financial success. The weather was in our favour, and during the afternoon the show was visited by a great number of the public. The quality of the exhibits was splendid. The novices had quite a day out. The judges were:—Canaries, Messrs. A. Hermeston, T. C. Crawhall, and J. Johnstone; Brit. and For., Mr. J. Maddison; and the awards appeared to give general satisfaction. The thanks of the society are also due to them as well as the following: Messrs. E. Coltman, assist. sec., F. W. Laidlow, J. Irving, R. Hope, and J. E. Atkinson, show manager. The secretary tried his best to do his duty, and hopes he succeeded. Mr. G. Greenwell took cup for best Canary in show, with a splendid Green Border, and Mr. J. McKenzie cup for best bird in Brit. and For. section.

NOR., CL. YELL. (5): 1, Laidlow; 2, 3, Cracknell. BUFF (5): 1, Cracknell; 2, Reed; 3, Forster. A.O.V. (7): 1, 2, Laidlow; 3, Cracknell. CREST (2): 1, Tate. CRESTBRED (3): 1, 2, Craig; 3, Lawson. YORKS., CL. YELL. (4): 1, Tindale; 2, Tomlinson; 3, Wigglesworth. BUFF (4): 1, Dix; 2, Tindale; 3, Wigglesworth. A.O.V. (11): 1, 3, Tindale; 2, Tomlinson. BORD. CL. YELL. (6): 1, T. Chapman; 2, 3, T. Smith. BUFF (9): 1, Atchison; 2, Espre; 3, Vallance Bros. TKD., ETC.: 1, T. Smith; 2, Affleck; 3, Vallance Bros. CINN. (6): 1, 2, Greenwell; 3, Reed. GREEN (6): 1, 2, 3, Greenwell. DARK MULE (3): 1, Winter; 2, Tindale; 3, Lathison. BULLFINCH (1): 1, Voutt. GREENFINCH (1): 1, Crawhall. LINN., H.M. (1): 1, Harrison. F.M. (4): 1, Irving; 2, Petterson. CHAFFINCH AND BRAMBLE (2): 1, Irving; 2, Watson. SISKIN, ETC .(1): 1, Petterson. FOR.: SEEDEATER, SMALL (2): 1, Petterson; 2, Irving. SOFTBILL, A.V. (1): 1, Mackenzie. BRIT. OR FOR. BIRD, BRED 1912 (1): 1, Petterson.—J. W. Reed, Sec.

STOKE-ON-TRENT C.B.A.

Second annual nest feather show, held headquarters June 22. The show had been looked forward to by local fanciers as being the best local young bird show, and there was a good attendance of visitors anxious to see what the present breeding season had produced; there was a record entry, about 100 birds being staged, the quality throughout was excellent, some smart youngsters being on view. The Norwich classes filled well, and competition was very keen, special for best in the section going to Mr. R. Smith. Yorks. came up well, both in numbers and quality, and some of these will no doubt be heard of again. Mr. G. Salt won special for best Yorks. British were a feature of the show, and attracted much attention, several birds being staged capable of winning in the keenest competition. Special for best British went to the winning Goldie, a well-known winner, looking well. Mr. Davis staged a couple of topping Linnets, which will take a lot of beating. Special for most points was won by J. Pitchford with a total of 43. In the cup and medal competition Messrs. Davis and Pitchford tied with 18 points each, Messrs. Hawley and Salt running close with 16, and Mr. Smith 15. Mr. Fred Bate officiated as judge, and gave every satisfaction. NOR. (open): 1, Smith; 2, Clay; 3, James. YORKS. (open): 1, Ratcliffe. NOR YELL.: 1, Bagshaw; 2, Bowers; 3, Clay. BUFF: 1, 2, Smith; 3, Butters. YELL. MKD.: 1, Bagshaw; 2, Georg; 3, Smith. BUFF: 1, Roberts; 2, Smith; 3, Butters. YORKS. YELL.: 1, 3, Salt; 2, Walker. BUFF: 1, Hawley; 2, Salt; 3, Pygott. YELL. MKD.: 1, Hawley; 2, Alcock; 3, Pygott. BUFF: 1, Walker; 2, McMurtrie; 3, Alcock. MULES (old birds): 1, 2, Pitchford; 3, Hawley. GOLDFINCH: 1, 2, 2 spls., Pitchford; 3, Davis. LINNET: 1, 2, Davis; 3, Pitchford. SISKIN, ETC.: 1, Pitchford, Twite; 2, Walton, Redpoll. A.O.V. HARDBILL: 1, Pitchford, Bramble; 2, Davis, Greenfinch; 3, Pitchford, Yellowhammer. NOR. (old bird): 1, Smith; 2, Pitchford; 3, Roberts. YORKS. (old bird): 1, Walton; 2, Pygott; 3, Hawley.

WESTERN COUNTIES O.S.

First nest feather show at Club Room, Plymouth, June 12; 90 birds were staged. Yorkshires were not so numerous as in previous years, but Mr. Woodbury's winners were of great promise. As usual, Norwich were a real good lot, especially the yellows, all the exhibits being of good size, whilst type was also a noticeable feature. Crests and Crest-breds were not so numerous as we should have liked, but Mr. Barage's winning Crest and Mr. Davey's Crest-bred will both be heard of during the coming show season. Cinnamons were the best lot the W.C.O.S. have ever got together, and Mr. Brown is to be congratulated on his team, the winner being a real good Jonque. The judges were: Messrs. Large, Yorks.; Lugg, Nor.; Chapple, Crests; Spilman, Cinn. and A.O.V.; Snell, Mules; and Pridham, British.

YORKS. YELL. (6): 1, 2, Woodley; 3, Reed. BUFF (3): 1, 2, Woodley; 3, Reed. NOR. YELL. (10): 1, 4, Spillman; 2, Garland; 3, Snell. BUFF (9): 1, 2, Snell; 3, Spillman; 4, Garland. CREST (6): 1, 2, Barage; 3, Hutchings; 4, Davey. C.B. (10): 1, Davey; 2, Barage; 4, Richards. CINNAMON (8): 1, 2, 3, 4, Brown. A.O.V. (4): 1, 3, Ryder; 2, 4, Dyer. MULE (Variegated) (1): 1, Wills. DARK (3): 1, 2, male; 3, Wills. GOLD OR BULLFINCH (10): 1, 3, 4, Poppleston; 2, Wills. LINNET, ETC. (9): 1, 2, 3, Wills; 4, Poppleston. A.O.S. SEEDEATER (6): 1, 4, Wills; 2, Snell. INSECTIV. (1): 1, Wills.—Thos. Pope, Hon. Sec.

Singing Contests.

BUSLINGTHORPE.

Quality singing contest, Skinners Arms, June 22. 1, Sellars; 2, 3, Sheard; bye, Clark and Stead. Judges, C. Clayton, Lorriman, Green. Also June 23. 1, 2, Sellars; 3, Granger. Judges, Lunn and Summers.—C. Clayton, Sec.

PONTEFRACT.

Weekly contest, Woodman Inn, June 22. Close on 30 birds entered, and there was some very good singing. 1, Scott; 2, Caddy; 3, Hinchcliff. Also June 23. 1, Piper; 2, Martin; 3, Nelson.—W. Beard.

NEWTOWN (Leeds).

Linnet singing contest, June 23, at Prince Albert Inn, when 22 birds sang for four good prizes given by Mrs. M. A. Saynor. Judges, Messrs. J. Smith and C. Lorriman. 1, P. Madden; 2, C. Ward; 3, A. Richardson; 4, divided between C. Ward and A. Richardson.—E. Wood, Hon. Sec.

DURHAM.

Linnet sing held Black Horse, Elvet, June 22nd. 46 birds competed, and some very good time was done. Results:—1, 2, Black and Tan; 3, Wilson. Judge, Mr. Gardener, Spennymoor; timekeeper, Mr. Ridley. Next contest on June 29, at T. Lancester's Big Jug, Durham. 1, silver cup; 2, copper kettle; 3, silver teapot; at 1 prompt.—Geo. Reed, Sec.

BLACKBURN.

Consolation singing contest, for quality, June 22, at Old Red Lion, Snig Brook. 14 birds competed. 1, G. Statham, Leigh; 2, J. Dobson; 3, J. Jones; 4, R. Hayhurst; 5, J. Dobson; 6, E. Ashton; 7, R. Howcroft; 8, R. Hayhurst, silver medal given by Mr. J. Walsh, Blackburn. Mr. D. Bentley gave six other prizes.—R. Hayhurst, Sec.

TYLDESLEY.

Contest held June 22, for time and quality, when 34 birds faced the judges. Winners for quality: 1, Poole; 2, Barnes; 3, Forshaw; 4, Page. Time: 1, Poole, 127; 2, Fairhurst, 80; 3, Forshaw, 74; 4, J. Evans, 45. Judges for quality, McAllister and Gibbons. Timers: Evans and Fearnley; birdman, W. Halliwell.

SHEFFIELD.

Royal George, Brightside Lane, Sheffield, June 22. Mr. Hill gave three special prizes to be sung for; 3, minutes' time singing. 22 birds entered; only poor singing was done. 1, 2, Driver, 68 and 60 sec.; 3, Thompson, 59; Albert, 53; Thompson, 48; Dobson, 47. Also June 23 12 birds entered. 3 minutes' time singing. 1, Albert, 60 sec.; 2, Driver, 56; 3, Thompson, 55; Driver 51; Thompson, 46, 45. Contest every Saturday and Sunday; first pair hung at 3.—A. Thompson, Sec.

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LEEDS.

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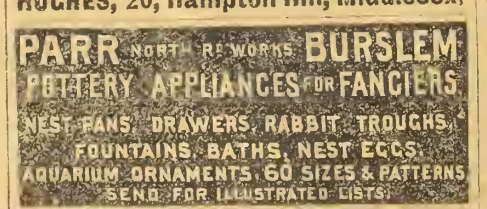
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The R.S.P.C.A. and an Owl.

Readers of these notes are not strangers to the methods adopted by the R.S.P.C.A. in its anxiety to justify its existence, but the latest example of its outrageous proceedings may be of interest. A Mr. Vogan, a dealer in birds at Earl's Court, missed from his stock a number of birds, and suspected that a rat was the culprit. Accordingly, he set a trap, and caught not a rat, but an Owl. This catching of an Owl in London was deemed to be such a strange occurrence, that it was commented upon by our delightfully interesting contemporary "Country Side," and the result of the publicity thereby given to the capture was that Mr. Vogan was charged with "having in his possession a wild bird, to wit, an Owl, recently trapped." The following report is taken from "Country Side," together with the remarks of Mr. E. Kay Robinson, the Editor. By the bye, I shall earn the gratitude of every CAGE BIRDS LEAGUE member in advising the purchase of the July number of the fascinating magazine referred to. No one who has once read a copy will miss becoming a regular subscriber. This is not an advertisement of "Country Side," but a hint to fellow-members of CAGE BIRDS LEAGUE for which they should ever be grateful.

Evidence was given by Sergeant Reed and Inspector Moxey, of the R.S.P.C.A., of finding the Owl in captivity on the defendant's premises.

Mr. Herrin submitted that the onus was upon the prosecution of proving that the bird was wild and that it was recently trapped. He contended they had not discharged this, and while admitting that an Owl was entitled to the protection of the Act, it must be proved that it was a wild Owl. He claimed that all the facts pointed to its being a bird which had escaped from captivity. It ate from defendant's hand and was quite tame and docile, and had clearly "resided" in the neighbourhood of Earl's Court for many months. He also called defendant, who proved that it was trapped in February last, which he submitted could not be considered "recent" for the purpose of the Act.

The magistrate dismissed the summons.

Mr. Robinson's Comments.

This appears to have been one of those cases—fortunately rare—in which the R.S.P.C.A. undertakes ridiculous prosecutions. We may not have much sympathy with dealers in live birds; but so long as they conduct their business lawfully they are entitled to be free from vexatious prosecution. Now, in this case, we have a man, living in London, who found that, night after night, his hardy birds in cages were being killed by some nocturnal enemy, their heads being dragged through the bars and pulled off. A trap was set; and to everyone's surprise an Owl was caught. Apart from the successful legal defence of Mr. Herrin, commonsense tells us that the defendant's course of action was the most merciful which could have been adopted. If he had set the Owl free, it would have continued its depredations and probably have been trapped again. If he had killed it well, that would scarcely have been kindness to animals, since there was reason to suppose that it was only an escaped pet. To be prosecuted for keeping the Owl and feeding it in such circumstances was, I think, very hard luck for Mr. Vogan; and I am sorry that publication of the interesting incident in this magazine should have been the means of getting him into trouble.—E.K.R.

How the Associate Snowball is Gathering Size.

In sending the six signed coupons as qualification for Associate Membership of our LEAGUE, Mr. Burns, Whiston, writes as follows: "I forward you with pleasure six coupons, which I have got my lady friends to sign. You will receive a parcel from each of them in a week or two, for they are all going in for badges." This is only what was to be expected. Bird lovers signing coupons to assist a friend to become an Associate will naturally want to become Associates themselves, and they may easily do this by following the example set them and getting five of their friends to sign. Thus we shall go on multiplying, and it will not be many weeks before we have a body of Associates outnumbering the parent LEAGUE itself. I have plenty of badges, and can get some more. All lovers of birds are welcome. They only have to sign the promise which will be found on another page, and get five of their friends to do likewise. Many associates are expressing their pleasure in having been afforded the opportunity of joining us without expense, and say they will become full-fledged members when times improve.

OBITUARY.

MR. JAMES HOOKE.

Once again I have the sad necessity of introducing in my notes this unwelcome heading. I hear with great regret of the death of another of our members, Mr. Jas. Hooke, of Longthorpe. Mr. Hooke was an ardent lover of birds, British and foreign being his especial favourites. He will be greatly missed by his many fancier friends, and on behalf of CAGE BIRDS LEAGUE members, I tender sincerest sympathy to Mrs. Hooke in her bereavement.

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Special prizes of one year's subscription to CAGE BIRDS LEAGUE promise to be very popular during the season now commencing. At Hawarden Show, June 29, Mr. Ball, one of our members, gave two of these specials. That for the second best Yorkshire in the show was won by Mr. Johnson, and the one for second best Norwich went to Mr. Redfern.

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Wild-Bird Life.

Birds at Midsummer.

It is now midsummer, when the days are long and the nights so short that wild creatures scarcely rest; they are about at dawn, and do not retire until some time after the sun has gone down in the west. The last to rest are undoubtedly the Swifts, one can hear them long after the last Skylark has sung his evening carol, when the light in the sky is but faint, and one can only occasionally catch a glimpse of the wheeling, screaming birds. The young birds have now joined their parents on the wing, and both these and the Swallows and Martins have considerably increased in numbers. They wander farther and farther from their homes, hawking under the trees, in the meadows, over the corn fields, and across the downs, for the air is now full of insects, especially where the grass grows long, and among the waving green corn. One of the most delightful ways of spending a quiet hour is to wander round the verge of a cornfield just now. The hedgerows are thick with foliage, the wild roses, and climbing clematis ramble everywhere, and the tall docks, wild parsley and other herbage fill the hedge bottom. Among all this, young birds are plentiful; one can detect them both by sight and sound, some of them are hardly yet aware of the dangers of the world they have so lately entered. With big open eyes they look at the intruder and simply scramble into the thicket or hop among the tall grasses. A brood of young Whitethroats sit on the edge of the nest, only one of them sufficiently strong to venture on to an adjoining branch. They are apparently quite helpless, and at the mercy of every prowling beast of prey or predatory bird. The mortality among young bird life must be great; the parent birds look well after the strong birds of the brood, but the weaklings receive no extra care on account of their weakness, and if they do not die in the rearing, are quickly killed by vermin. Again, during the weaning process many go

Ragged "Bobbie."

under, especially if the weather is at all wet, or colder than usual. Young Robins haunt the footpaths, hopping through the fence if one becomes too inquisitive respecting their doings. One of the old birds is close by, looking sadly discoloured and ragged. His old coat and vest have lost their bloom, and it will soon be time to replace it with one of better colour and firmer texture.

Robin's New Colour Scheme.

A Robin's nest, containing six spotless eggs, of a pale green tint, has been found in this village (Silsden), writes Mr. F. Fishburn.

Fanciers Enjoying the Country.

NORTH MANCHESTER C.B.S. ENJOY A LONG STROLL.

On June 30 some fourteen members had a ramble, led by Mr. J. Beswick, the well-known Stockport fancier and judge. We travelled to Stockport, where we met our guide, then we walked along the road to Offerton; then across fields to Rose Hill, where Mr. Dan Hartley photographed the group. Afterwards, we passed through Marple, along Marple Ridge, where a very fine view of the valleys is obtained, Strines being just below us, with Whaley Bridge in the distance. Then we walked over Jackson Head and down the hill to Disley, where we had tea. Some of the party were on egg food, which they appeared to enjoy. After tea we walked along the main road, passing Lyme Park, of which we had a fine view, to High Lane, thence to Hazel Grove and Stockport, where we parted from our guide, to whom we are deeply indebted for his kindness. Manchester was reached at ten o'clock, and a most enjoyable day was ended. We did not find many eggs, but there was plenty of young bird life.—John Davey, hon. sec.

LIVERPOOL O.S. AT LOVELY HESWELL DELL.

This Society took its second ramble on Sunday, June 30th, in admirable weather. Meeting at Liverpool Central, we crossed the "briny" and were soon on our way to lovely Heswell. Practically all the Liverpool exhibitors turned up. We were met at Heswell by Mr Handley and Mr. J. Walker, who conducted us through the park and woods, bringing us into the Dell. Here some got astray amongst the heather and grass, which is looking at its best, and among which the Linnets gave us of their best, singing lustily. One or two of the "breeding cards" men came in their cycle pants, and they were reminded of it before they left the gorse. Strolling along leisurely we came into an old lane, and here was a sight for the gods. Droves of young birds flew up in front of us, comprising all the wild birds that frequent Cheshire. It was no use looking for nests now, but one or two of us ran the 100 in even time to get a youngster or two, but it did not come off. It was now getting time to look after the inner man, so we took a short (?) cut of about two miles to Mr. Handley's bungalow. Here we were welcomed by Mrs. Handley, Mrs. John Walker and Mrs. Bratherton. After the long walk we deserved a rest, but host Handley said we must have our photos taken first. "When Pa turns we all turn," so a nice group of 30 "smashed" two plates. We will send you a few of the broken pieces when developed, Mr. Editor. Tea was now announced, aye, and what a "Lanci feed," nobody spoke for half an hour. "Rattle your spoon on your cup if you want more;" good speech, that, Mrs. Walker. After all the good things we did not feel like walking again, so the majority strolled down to the sea side, but as we had only brought our "Birthday" suits with us we could not have a dip. One or two went fishing in the "Wafers" adjacent to the bungalow; we hear there was a good size fish of half an ounce brought out. Coming back to the bungalow we found the children playing rounders, and just to remind us of our childhood days we joined in. Talk about bowling—Georgie Green takes the cake; no wonder he put his ankle out. It was now getting train time, and all good things must come to an end. Before parting, Mr. J. W. Metcalfe proposed a hearty vote of thanks to Mrs. Handley for her kindness and trouble taken for the benefit of the members and friends of the Liverpool O.S. This was seconded by Mr. J. W. Jones for the visitors. On behalf of the ladies, Mr. Handley suitably responded; saying it was a pleasure to cater for such a jolly lot of fanciers. The next time he hoped there would be 50 instead of 30. On our road home, some one asked the question "How many on the sticks"—result:—F. Handley, 75; V. H. Deacon, 43; John Walker, 41; T. Rowlands, 54, J. W. Metcalfe, 68; J. Abbot, 42; J. W. Jones, 21; R. Bratherton, 39, J. E. Wright (British only); G. Green, 33; R. Parker, 46; W. Hales, 39; Mr. Cooper, 27; Billy Woods, 17; C. Hillenen, 51; S. McNulty, not many, but good; H. A. Nimmo, 35; A. Parsons, 34; W. C. Robinson, 65; Eccleston, 21; J. Lloyd (mostly British). So competition in greens looks like being hot.

JOHN D. METCALFE.

LIVERPOOL AND WALLASEY FANCIERS JOIN IN A RAMBLE.

A ramble took place on June 23, starting from the Fairhaven Institute, Liscard, across the Wallasey Marshes, and on through Bidston Woods and Woodchurch, coming home through Moreton. The ramblers had a real good time, and came across numerous wild birds, while plenty of eggs and young were seen en route. There will be another ramble later to gather wild seeds, etc. Several items of interest took place on the road, which no doubt will lead to a better understanding amongst certain well-known fanciers in this district in future, thanks to the members of the Wallasey C.B.S.—R. B. Wright.

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Some Technical Matters.

Anyone starting with the Border should get in touch with some well-known breeder and get him to fix him up with suitable birds. Make up your mind which of the varieties you are going in for, either Clears, Marks, Greens or Cinnamons. If your fancy be Clears, let them be good in type, quality and colour, neat in head, wings and tail, with nice legs and feet, and showing no thigh. Should one bird fail in one or more points, let its partner be good in that point. Don't mate two birds together that possess the same faults; let the pair between them have all the points that go to make the ideal bird. Even Marks you will run on exactly the same lines as Clears, but here you want the markings in addition. Now these markings have been bred for many years, breeders devoting years of careful study in mating their stock to produce the marks. There are six technical points in an Even-marked bird, viz., both eyes, both wings, and both sides of tail, a bird so marked with no other mark on head or body (unless dark underflue, which is not a disqualification but counts against a bird to the extent of the foulness) would be a six pointed bird, which is the highest standard of an Even-marked bird. Next comes the four point which is generally marked on both eyes and both wings, the tail being clear. Two pointed birds are not considered now-a-days as Even-marked birds, as the B.F.C.C. passed a rule that birds marked on both eyes or both wings only, were to compete in classes for Foul (one or two) marks. Of course, where the classification reads Clear or Ticked, that is the Ticked birds competing with the Clears, the Foul or two-marked birds would then compete in the classes for Uneven or Variegated birds.

Uneven-marks may be three or five pointed birds, being marked only on three or five of the technical points. A Variegated bird may be marked on two or more of the technical points and be also marked on some other part of the head or body.

Breeding the Hardest Variety.

In breeding Even-marks I prefer one of the pair to be Even-marked, its partner to be Clear, but the Clear to be Even-marked bred. From this pair you should get Clears, Ticks, Unevens and Even-marks. These young Clears paired up next season to Even-marks should in turn throw Clears, Marks, etc. The Ticks and Unevens mated to partners marked where they fail should blend all-right, and the Evens can be mated to Clears that are Even-mark bred. Don't pair two Even-marks together, as you are almost sure to breed much too heavy markings, in fact some of the young would be Green. It is best to keep to the Clear on the one side and Even-marked on the other. Discard all capped, foul-breasted, or saddle-marked birds for Even-mark breeding, as these are bad faults in an Even-marked strain, which should they get a hold will entirely spoil your strain for Even-mark breeding. Some of you will want to know what to do with the Ticked birds. Well, suppose you have a bird ticked on one eye or wing, it can be mated to a partner that is three or five-pointed, and clear on the part where your Ticked bird is marked. But remember that eyemarks are harder to keep right than wing marks, so it is good policy for breeders to keep one or two eye-marked birds in their stock.

In breeding Cinnamon-marks you can run much on the same lines as for Green-marks, though you can work with a little more marking than with the Green-marks, the pink eyed birds having a tendency to run lighter in markings; but in breeding for marks never lose sight of type and quality, and don't let good marks make you overlook these points.

An Optical Illusion.

In breeding Greens you will run on the same lines for type and quality as Clears and Marks. Here let me say that supposing you placed a Clear and a Green alongside each other, both birds being the same size, many would say that the Green was the largest bird. Now you have colour and marking to consider in a Green, which should be a rich deep grass green, sound and level throughout, free from smuttiness, pencilling distinct, beak, legs and feet dark. Of course, in breeding Greens, it is not absolutely necessary to have both birds Selfs. In fact many Green breeders recommend putting in light blood. For myself, I would breed with a Foul bird if well bred and of good colour, though it is not advisable to put Foul blood in too often or it would result in light throats, light bellies, and light feet in your birds. You can keep your birds clear in their ground colour by careful selection, keeping the ground colour free from smut and the markings sharp.

In breeding Cinnamons you run on exactly the same lines as to type and quality as those before mentioned. The colour of a Cinnamon should be of a nice rich chocolate tint, free from washiness, or greenish tones, sound, and be level throughout. Let me here say that it is impossible to breed first class Greens and first class Cinnamons from the same birds. Should your Greens be right, then your Cinnamons will be of the washed out greenish drab colour, and should your Cinnamons be right then your Greens will be far too bronzy in colour. The Cinnamon of to-day is bred for richness of colour, whereas the Green is bred for the grass green tint, which is as the lemon tint in some Clear birds, the Cinnamon being as the orange tint in some Clear birds.

The Puzzle of the Pink-eye.

To deal fully with the pink-eyed bird would be too much for to-night (it would require a paper all to itself to do it justice, there being so many things to explain). As to exhibiting, there are few shows now-a-days that do not include Borders in their schedule, it is advisable to select your likely birds some time before the finish of the moult, cage them off separately and handle them every time you go into the bird-room to get them, steady. When the show time comes round have them "in the pink" or don't send them. If Light birds they may need a wash. Let me here impress upon you not only to be careful in the washing of your birds, but to see that the cages you put them in are straight from the wash, and cover them over with a muslin cloth to keep off the dust, as competition is so very keen now-a-days one has to leave nothing to chance. I trust you are all having a good season, and that you may be able to have the quantity also the quality of birds at your annual show as in previous years. Your Club is not known as well as it ought to be, the members preferring to "keep quiet," which is a mistake, as some members here have birds that can and do win in the hottest company. I think you ought to advertise your Club meetings in the Fancy Press so that the Fancy at large may know there is such a Club as the Burnbank and Hamilton West C.B.C. Gentlemen, I thank you for your kind attention.

Many questions were asked Mr. Hamilton by Messrs. Braidwood, Thomson, Morrison, Clark, Cairns and Williams, which Mr. Hamilton answered in a very practical and satisfactory manner. After discussing the Society's business it was decided to have our next meeting on July 27 in Burnbank Co-Operative Hall, when we hope to have a lecture on British Birds and Mule Breeding. The Chairman, Mr. Morrison, moved a very hearty vote of thanks to Mr. Hamilton, which was supported by all present. This brought a very enjoyable evening to a close.—JOHN WILLIAMSON, Sec.

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Aug. 5.—**Cambridge Mammoth.**—(W. Driver, 17, Sussex St.).
Oct. 5.—**Longton.**—(H. George, 54, Raglan Street, Fenton, Stoke-on-Trent.) J.H.R.
Oct. 9 & 10.—**Clapham.**—(A. R. Coe, 18, Caldervale Rd., Clapham, S.W.). J.R., C.A.H., H.J.F., H.N.
Oct. 10 & 11.—**Norwich Alliance.**—(R. Roll, 62, Ashby St.). W.E.G., J.R., W.V.
Oct. 11 & 12.—**Derby.**—(Wharam and Bamsey, 18, Colyear St.). J.H.R.
Oct. 12.—**Leeds** (W. A. Wilson, 75, Bayswater Mount, Roundhay.). J.H.R. and W.M.
Oct. 12.—**Morpeth.**—(E. Cowling, Market Place.) H.W.B., A.B.
Oct. 15 and 16.—**Western Counties O.S.**—(T. Pope, 98, Embankment Rd, Plymouth). J.R., T.H.
Oct. 17.—**Hanley.**—(W. G. Llewellyn, 45, Hawthorn St., Cobridge, Stoke-on-Trent). A.H.
Oct. 18 & 19.—**Burnley.**—(F. Cunliffe, 19, Lark St.). J.H.R.
Oct. 18 & 19.—**Newcastle.**—(J. W. Reed, 218, Ladykirk Rd., Benwell). J.C.B., J.C., J.S., J.P., A.S.
Oct. 19.—**Burton-on-Trent.**—(A. Wood, 10, South Oak St.). J.R.
Oct. 23 & 24.—**London and P.O.S.**—(C. W. Law, Brimley House, Woodhouse Rd., N. Finchley).
Oct 24.—**Stamford.**—(A. Harrison 7 New St.). J.R.
Oct. 25 & 26.—**Manchester and N.C.O.S.**—Belle Vue. —(H. Boothman, 10, Parker St., Levenshulme.)
Oct. 25 & 26.—**S. Shields.**—(W. L. Smith, 3, Queen-st.)
Oct. 26.—**Derwent Valley.**—(Lindsay and Marsh, Railway Cottages, Westwood, Medomsley, R.S.O.). W.R., G.W.
Oct. 26.—**Hartlepools.**—(Woodhead and Pyman, West House, Grange Rd., W. Hartlepool.
Oct. 29 & 30.—**Barnstaple.**—(J. D. Horrill, 17, King Edward Street). T.H.
Oct. 30.—**Torbay O.S. (Paignton).**—J. N. and J. Jeffery, "Sartor House," Winner Street, Paignton.) J.H.P.
Oct. 30 & 31.—**Cheltenham.**—(A. S. Treasure, Idahoe, Oakland Ave.) W.G., H.W.G., J.F.
Oct. 30 & 31.—**Grimsby.**—(Towl and Smith, 205, Welholme Rd.). J.H.R
Oct. 30 & 31.—**Ramsgate.**—(A. Afrigan, 21, Thanet Rd.). G.G.
Oct. 31.—**Grantham.**—(W. E. Allen, 119, Alexandra Road). J.C.B.
Nov. 1 & 2.—**Sheffield O.S.**—T. Bishop, 69, Alexandra Road.). W.M., C.H., W.V., J.N.
Nov. 1 & 2.—**Wolverhampton.**—(J. Gibbons, 64, Napier Rd.). J.R.
Nov. 1 & 2.—**Liverpool.**—(Metcalfe and Deacon, 68, Brunswick Rd.). H.W.B., J.W., J.W.C., E.B.
Nov. 1 & 2.—**Blaydon-on-Tyne.**—(Geo. Havver, 1, Theresa St.). W.A.C., C.A.H.
Nov. 2 & 4.—**Leicester Hand-in-Hand.**—(A. Freestone, 79, Clarendon Street). J.H.P., R.J.H.
Nov. 5 & 6.—**Portsmouth.**—(J. Lawrence, 61, Kingston Rd.). J.H.R., H.N.
Nov. 6 & 7.—**Woolston.**—(F. G. Etheridge, "Meteor, New Town Rd.).
Nov. 6 & 7.—**Newport, Mon.**—(J. Hammett, 56, Milman St.).
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Nov. 9.—**Warrington.**—(G. M. Nelson, 466, Knutsford Rd.).
Nov. 13.—**Alnwick.**—(R. Forster, 42, Bondgate Without).
Nov. 14.—**Stoke-on-Trent.**—(J. Pitchford, 218, London Rd.). H.W.B.
Nov. 14 & 15.—**Brighton and Hove C.B.A.**—(Will. H. Gibb, 19, Bond St.). C.A.H., J.R.
Nov. 15 & 16.—**Hull.**—(E. R. Ridley, 19, Lambton Street.) J.R., H.W.B.
Nov. 15 & 16.—**Preston.**—(J. P. Leeming, 40A, West Cliff.) J.H.R.
Nov. 15 & 16.—**Codnor Park and Eastwood.**—(J. H. Mitchell, South Street, Greenhill Lane, Alfreton). J.C.B.
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Nov. 22 & 23.—**Rochdale O.C.**—(R. Blincoe, 160, Drake Street). C.A.H., W.M.
Nov. 22 & 23.—**Halfwhistle.**—(Nicholson and Tallantyre, Westgate.) J.D., A.H.
Nov. 23.—**Cramlington.**—(J. R. Chestney, Quarry Cottage). A.H., H.S.
Nov. 23.—**Hinckley.**—(A. H. Ridgway, Priesthills Rd.)
Nov. 23 & 25.—**Ilkeston.**—(Thos. Smith, 5, King-st.). J.C.B., C.H.
Nov. 27-28.—**Bristol F.A.**—(G. T. H. Maggs, 9, Trinity St., Newtown, Bristol).
Nov. 27 & 28.—**Portsmouth F.S.**—(J. Tebbs Hipwell, 7, Osborne St., Southsea.).
Nov. 28, 29 & 30.—**L.C.B.A.**—(W. H. Mugford, 1, Strathearn Rd., Wimbledon, S.W.).
Nov. 29, 30.—**Sale C.B.S.**—(A. Boyle, 99, Harley Rd.)
Nov. 30.—**Darlington C. and B.B.F.A.**—(A. Walker, 47, Montrose St.). J.H.R.
Nov. 30.—**Coventry Godiva.**—(H. Saunders, 31, Vernon St.) H.W.B.
Nov. 30.—**Harrogate C.B.S.**—(W. E. Fergusson, 62, Harlow Terrace). W.M.
Dec. 6, 7, & 9.—**Bradford National.**—(H. Hill, 15, Settle Terr., Thornton Lane.)
Dec. 7.—**Rotherham.**—(B. Bailey, 47, Craven Street, Parkgate, nr. Rotherham.) J.C.B.
Dec. 11.—**Luton.**—(C. Bloomfield, 22, Hitchin Rd.) J.R., J.F.
Dec. 12.—**Frome F.A.**—(J.R.)
Dec. 13 and 14.—**Gateshead.**—(J. Davidson, 16, Weathercock Lane, Low Fell.) G.H., J.C.B., J.R., J.M., W.C.D.
Dec. 13.—**Sheffield C.B.S.**—(A. Hobson, 66, Langsett Avenue) J.R., H.W.B.
Dec. 14.—**Winsford.**—(S. S. Brooks, 157, Station Rd.)
Dec. 26.—**Anfield, Everton.**—(R. B. Wright, 15, Worcester Drive, Clubmore, Liverpool).

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Jan. 11.—**Yarm, Eagleseliffe.**—(T. W. Wilson, High-st.)
Feb. 7, 8, 10, 11.—**Great National (Crystal Palace).**—(J. W. Ramsden, 11, Josephine Av., Brixton, S.W.).

Scotland.

Oct. 5.—**Paisley O.A.**—(J. Kelly, 7, Underwood Lane). D.C., A.F., J.Hr., J.Hh.
Oct. 5.—**Broughty Ferry.**—(R. Whitton, 2, Churchill Place). W.B., T.T., J.Y., T.A., R.B.
Oct. 5.—**Dysart.**—(W. Russell. Castle "O" Guns). J.A., J.C., J.McL., L.J.A.
Oct. 12.—**Lochgelly and Dis. C.B.S.**—(W. Grewar, 7, Park View.)
Oct. 18, 19.—**City of Glasgow.**—(Scots. Fancy and Belgian, J. Young, 80, High St., Rutherglen; remainder, R. Higgie, 27, McLennan St., Mount Florida.)
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Oct. 26.—**Perth.**—(Jas. Kerr, 18, James St.).
Oct. 26.—**Kirkcaldy.**—(C. Rae, 15, Anderson St., Pathhead.)
Oct. 26.—**Ayr and Dist.**—(J. Sloan, 19, New Bridge St.). J.T.D., J.M.
Nov. 2.—**Bo'ness.**—(T. Cameron, 7, Ash Terrace, Grangepans).
Nov. 2.—**Brechin.**—(G. Mitchell, 118, Montrose St.) A.H., W.Mc., J.F.
Nov. 9.—**Forfar.**—(D. Kerr, 15, Green St.)
Nov. 9.—**Hamilton Cadzow Oak.**—(G. Marlin, 21, Glebe Street.) J.Sn., J.Hn., R.B.
Nov. 16.—**Cowdenbeath.**—(J. R. Reid, 7, Woodland-pl.) J.P., J.W.B., C.C., G.A.
Nov. 16.—**Galashiels.**—(J. Brown, 156, Croft St.). G.F., T.B., A.G., A.H.
Nov. 23.—**Blairgowrie.**—(M. Irvine, 17, Brown St.)
Nov. 23.—**Uddingston C.B., etc., S.**—(Jas. Corgrove, 2, Croftbank Terrace, Bothwell.)
Nov. 30.—**City of Dundee.**—(A. Miller, 3, Park Ave.)
Nov. 30.—**Musselburgh O.S.**—(W. Nisbet, 101, High St.).
Dec. 4.—**Forres and N.O.S.**—(W. Cumming, 28, North Rd.). J.L.
Dec. 14.—**Broxburn.**—(W. M'Laren, Church Street). J.Mc.L., A.C., G.H., R.V.R., J.Gw.
Dec. 14.—**Kilsyth.**—(A. D. Duncan, "Chronicle" Office.)
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Jan. 1 & 2.—**Paisley O.A.**—(W. Lambie, 25, Caledonia Street.)

Wales.

Nov. 13 & 14.—**Swansea.**—(S. H. George, 32, Fisher Street). J.R., J.F.D.
Nov. 20 & 21.—**Cardiff.**—(E. Thomas, 48, Craddock-st.) W.M., W.V., D.A.S.L.
Nov. 26.—**Llanelly.**—(D. John, 9, Pottery Place.) W.V., J.F.
Nov. 28.—**Pentrebach.**—(A. E. Brown, 66, Clare St., Merthyr Tydfil). G.G.
Dec. 4.—**Pontypridd.**—(A. A. Gordon McLucas, 43, Rosser-st., Maesycoed).

Ireland.

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Nov. 22 & 23.—**Lurgan.**—(S. McCollum, Drumgor).
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Twitterings.

I cannot accept any engagements for winter shows, as I sail back to New Zealand on July 18, writes Mr. W. H. Lindley (Wombwell).

A correspondent signing himself "Old Sport, Rhondda," writes enquiring whether the Pentre and Dis. C.B.S. is still in existence, as since last December he has not read anything concerning it.

In sending report of nest feather show of Birkenhead C.F.A., the sec. (Mr. G. Morton) writes: I might say that our gate was a record one, owing, I think, to the advertisement in your paper.

Will societies holding an open show, and who are desirous of having the patronage of the National Green Marked Yorkshire C.C., please apply to the sec., E. Clegg, Victoria School House, Dewsbury?

The Sheffield O.S., writes Mr. Bishop, sec., has secured Mr. J. Naden to judge Lancashires and Lizards at their all England show Nov. 1 and 2. The show is under the patronage of the Lancashire and Lizard F.A.

Mr. W. J. Douglas, hon sec. of Whitehaven C.B.S., writes that his society has fixed for its annual show the old dates Nov. 8 and 9. Mr. H. Davidson (Lockerbie) will judge Borders, and Mr. J. H. Roe the remainder.

Hornsey, Wood Green, and Dist. C.B.S. will hold a first feather show on July 10, at 6 p.m. to 10 p.m., at "The Jolly Butchers," High Road, Wood Green (judge, Mr. Geo. Gardner; admission free), writes Mr. P. Brooks, hon. sec.

I have shipped this week, per ss. Tarquah, writes Mr. Metcalfe, Liverpool, two pairs of Yorkshires for Lagos and two pairs for Faeodos, Africa. Also a quantity of accessories and seed. This order came through your valuable paper.

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We are informed by Messrs. Plumbridge and Carr, hon. secs., that the photograph taken of the members who took part in the National British Bird and Mule Club ramble is now ready. It is an excellent lifelike picture of the party, every one coming out so distinct. Any of the party desirous of obtaining a copy should write to Mr. Trower, 442, Caledonian Road, N., who will be pleased to forward one on receipt of 2s 6d

The Sheffield O.S. have a grand entry for their nest feather show, to be held Saturday, July 6, writes Mr. T. Bishop, sec. The four classes for foreign birds alone draw an entry of forty exhibits, including some of the rarest.

We hold our young bird show at the Landor Hotel, Clapham, on July 13, writes Mr. A. R. Coe, secretary, Clapham and Dist. C.B.A. Any member who has not received schedule by Monday can have one by applying.

The well-known Norwich and Yorkshire specialist, Mr. A. C. Brotherhood (Newport, Salop), will judge our nest feather show July 27, and our members show (date not yet fixed), writes Mr. J. Gibbons, hon sec., Wolverhampton C.B.S.

The balance sheet of last year's show of the Whitehaven C.B.S. is to hand from the hon. sec., Mr. Douglas. It shows total receipts of £57 1s. 3d., including 4s. 7d. brought forward, and an expenditure of £54 4s. 4½d., leaving a balance in hand of £2 16s. 10½d.; a very satisfactory result.

Applications for the patronage of the National British Bird and Mule Club, write Messrs. Plumbridge and Carr, hon. secs., 45, Overdale Road, South Ealing W., must be sent in not later than July 20, giving the names of judges and the classification of British birds and Hybrids. No application will be considered after that date.

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The Year Book of the Stratford and East London F.S. is to hand. It gives a list of members, with the section in which each is interested, fixtures (meetings and shows) for the season, present holders of cups, rules, a table of dates showing the progress of the society, and other interesting facts. The Sec. is Mr. W. Maxey, 16, James Place, North Street, Poplar.

The balance sheet of Matlock and Dist. F.S. to hand shows the very satisfactory credit balance of £5 16s. 7d. on the year 1911, which, after paying the 1908 liability of £4 4s., leaves the society with cash in hand to the amount of £1 12s. 7d.—a gratifying improvement in position. During the year the membership advanced from twenty-nine to forty-three, and the society is "still growing." A first feather show has just been held, and an open show is fixed for Oct. 31.

Fanciers are commencing to wonder what measure of success Canary and Hybrid breeders have attained this season. The answer in a nutshell is: Visit the City and Suburban Young Bird Show to-day (Saturday). There not only will your eyes feast upon beautiful birds, but you will hear the experiences of London's leading fanciers. Don't miss this opportunity. To reach the Church Institute, 60, Paddington Street, Marylebone, take any 'bus going along Baker Street or Marylebone Road, or tube to Baker Street Station.—(Advt.).

The Wimbledon C.B.S. young bird show is being held on July 8 at the Queen's Hall, Queen's Road; open at six o'clock. We have received the annual report and book of rules, etc., from the secretary, Mr. H. Smith (115, Merton Road, Wimbledon), who will be pleased to welcome fanciers into the ranks of the society, which is in a very flourishing condition, with a cash balance of close on £30 and a lengthy list of members. The go-ahead policy of the officials evidently meets with deserved appreciation.

The following societies have already applied for patronage of the Cinnamon Marked Yorkshire Canary Club, writes Mr. Grayshon: Great Horton O.S., Manchester and Northern Counties, Sheffield O.S., Bradford National, Shipley O.S. Will secretaries of societies desiring the patronage please apply as soon as possible, as the allocation will take place on July 20? Owing to alteration of rules, competition will be much keener during coming show season than for several years. Applications to be made to Mr. R. Garnett, 117, Woodville Terr., Windhill, Shipley, sec. pro. tem.

Palace Show, 1912. Championship in Yorkshires won by Mr. Towers: championship for Cinnamon Marks won by Mr. Bailey; championship for Green Marks won by Mr. Dykes; championship for Lizards won by Mr. Dewsnap; championship for Mules won by Messrs. Martin and Archer; five guinea cup for best L. and P.O.S. Norwich won by Mr. Sheldon. All and every one of the above winners fed on Ramsden's Pure Peppers only. At the Horticultural Hall, 58 leading prize winners. At the Bradford National 83 leading prize-winners. At the Crystal Palace, 115 leading prize-winners, all and every one of which were colour-fed on Ramsden's Pure Peppers only. For proof of the above, see the show catalogues. Birmingham Cage Bird Society writes: "Several of our members assert that 'Ramsden's' is by far the best food for good rich level colour, and have backed their opinion by ordering large quantities. Ramsden's are the finest and purest peppers possible to procure. Buy no others.—(Advt.)

I have had so many replies (writes Mr. Platt, of Hadfield) through my advert. in your paper that I could not answer all the letters I received. I have had letters from all over the country.

What a splendid medium "Cage Birds" is for advertisements. I inserted a small advt. in the last issue but one, and could have sold my birds (only 1 pair) over and over again; I had to return money. —A. Munday (Axminster).

The Wren's Mistake.

Mr. A. R. Woolaway, of Wiveliscombe, was casting an artificial fly for trout in the river Barle, at Dulverton, a few days ago, when a Wren darted out and seized the bait. In doing so it hooked itself through the wing and breast, and struggled in vain to free itself from the hooks until liberated by the angler.

An Enviable Record.

We hear that Mr. R. G. Jolliffe, the well-known Glasgow fancier, recently had the misfortune to have to put in seven days in bed and take a short respite from business, thus breaking a record of never having been absent from business for over forty years. We are glad to be able to say that Mr. Jolliffe is now feeling quite fit again.

The Holiday Season.

Those of our readers with holiday accommodation should be bringing the fact to the notice of our other readers on holiday bent; and those who require apartments, etc., if they cannot see what they want advertised, should enquire for it through our holiday apartments column. Rates: 18 words 6d., and ½d. for each subsequent word; six insertions price of five, thirteen price of ten. Give the column a fair test. It will pay you. Write the Advertisement Manager, CAGE BIRDS, 154, Fleet Street, London, E.C.

A Lady's Good Start.

I am a novice at bird breeding, this being my first year. I put up six hens, and have so far reared twenty-five young, with still four nests to go. This seems pretty good for a beginner. CAGE BIRDS has helped me enormously. I keep any helpful article and all useful "tips," and have a book in which to paste them. It is then very easy, if anything goes wrong, to just refer to my album. I have hand-reared one cock Thrush, and he is perfectly tame, coming out on my hand at any time and getting quite excited if I leave him too long.—(Mrs.) L. Thompson (West Norwood).

Fanciers at Bowls.

A most interesting challenge bowling match took place on Yoker B.C. Green on June 25, we hear, between a few of the Paisley and Renfrew members of the Paisley, Tannahill O.S., which ended in a win for the Renfrew fanciers by three points, the score being 22—19, which was very creditable to the Paisley members, who had two novices playing. Great credit must be given to Renfrew's coming "novice champion" for winning the game. The rest of the evening was spent under the hospitality of Mr. Robert Simpson, whose kindness was appreciated by the members present. A return match is likely to follow.

Notes from Glasgow and District.

The well-known hall in the Glasgow Bird Market, I understand, has been secured by the City and District Association for their annual show in November. This is a new departure, and after the extensive alterations internally, and the repainting, it should prove an admirable hall for show purposes, and a boon to the bird clubs of Glasgow and neighbourhood by reason of its central position. The breeding season has been very disappointing in point of numbers, owing to the cold weather at the start of the season. As usual, some breeders have been more successful than others. Unfertile eggs and young dying in the shell are responsible for this disappointment. Nevertheless, a few rare Hybrids and Mules have been reared. Mr. W. Cunningham (Kilmarnock) has got three extra good ones, and Mr. Frazer (Blantyre) a very fine clear Goldie Mule. Mr. Cougan (Carnmylie) has also been successful in rearing a Mule or two, and Mr. A. Buchanan (Paisley) some very good Linnet Mules. Norwich have done better than the other varieties, some real champions being spoken of amongst the "knowing ones." Taking the season as a whole, the first and second round results have been poor, and as there seems no immediate prospect of more genial weather for breeders, the season is likely to prove a very poor one all round.—"Scotch Fancy."

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A Home-Bred Strain of Bullfinches:

By A. Green (Arnold, Notts.).

The writer details interesting experiments and draws some novel deductions therefrom . . .

THE Bullfinch is a great favourite of mine, and I had, like many other lovers of this charming bird, a strong desire to breed it in a state of captivity, but, not knowing of an instance where success had rewarded the efforts of others, I decided in my own case to give the birds the advantage of very favourable conditions, and to do this I gave my Bullfinches an outdoor aviary to themselves, the dimensions being as follows:—Length 36 feet, width 10 feet, height 10 feet.

How I Furnished My Aviary.

The aviary had a span roof, and consisted of a shelter at one end, 10 ft. long, and a flight of wirework, both sides and top, twenty six feet in length. Up the centre of the flight I imitated natural conditions by making a fence as follows: with wood, 2 in. by 1 in., I formed a skeleton frame 12 ft. long by 2 ft. wide and 5 ft. high, and into this I dropped old currant bushes, branches of fruit trees, ivy, etc., and finished by putting on the top litter, long grass and pea sticks, so that when it rained the greater part of water was carried down the sides of the fence. In February, I turned in three Bullfinches, a cock and two hens, and, although fresh caught, they made no attempt to get out, but seemed delighted with their new abode. The very next day one of the hens began to sing merrily, and here let me say that as a musician the hen Bullie is not far behind her male partner. As the spring advanced they seemed to go mad with delight, and often all three were singing together.

One morning when going to feed them, I saw a hen with a bit of stick in her beak. The moment she saw me she dropped it, but I had seen enough to satisfy me which way the wind was blowing, and, although it was sooner than Bullfinches are usually found breeding in a wild state, I lost no time in giving an abundance of nesting material, consisting of thin dry roots, chiefly of twitch grass, hay, moss, and brown cow-hair.

For about a fortnight there seemed nothing to indicate that nesting operations were in progress, until one day I could see only two birds instead of three, which made me feel both sad and serious.

How Patience was Rewarded.

Fortune comes to him who waits, and soon the missing bird came from an opening in the imitation fence to which I have already referred. While her ladyship was feeding vigorously I went with fear and with trembling, as the Rev. C. D. Farrar might say, just to have a look for the cause of the lady's absence from the breakfast table. Soon I discovered one of the best formed and most symmetrical nests I ever saw, beautifully lined with cow-hair right to the top of the nest. In the wild state Bullfinches do not excel as nest-builders, their nests generally conveying the idea that the birds were short of material. In my case they had plenty, and used it freely.

The nest contained three eggs, two of normal size, the other a miniature. No bird ever sat better than that hen and her reward was two plump youngsters. However, I was careful not to go near the nest during the period of incubation, and this is very important, as the Bullfinch is a shy bird during the breeding season. This had been my chief reason for putting up the thicket or fence.

An Inconstant Father.

The youngsters grew rapidly, and were evidently well fed right up to the time of leaving the nest, and up to this point there was not a single difficulty of any kind. Canary breeders often find that their hens are too eager to build a second nest before the first young ones are able to do anything for themselves, and I found the hen Bullie quite as bad in this respect. She seemed to think it about time her husband did a little more feeding, and herself a little less.

However, his ruddy breasted lordship was too busy flirting with the other lady to do his duty to his own offspring, and their piteous cries to be fed were often uttered in vain (the appeal note of a young Bullfinch is a pitifully sounding one.)

Young Bullfinches are very shy, and hide away in secluded places, so for about a fortnight I had to be content with hearing without seeing them. A nest of young Canaries,

WAGTAIL'S NEST UNDER RAILWAY METALS.

A remarkable situation for its nest was chosen by a Wagtail on the Midland line between Evesham and Cheltenham—under the rails, close to points which were constantly in use. A number of trains passed over the spot daily, but the birds went on with their domestic arrangements undisturbed by the noise.

hatched about a week after the Bullies in another aviary, were feeding themselves while the Bullfinches still relied upon pater chiefly for food, and I began to wonder whether they would never attempt to feed themselves. Thinking some new kind of food was wanting I scattered dry privet berries on the grass in the aviary and sprinkled them with water. They swelled out, and I believe those two young birds fed themselves for the first time upon those berries, for their pitiful appeals ceased as soon as the privet-berries were available.

Hemp-seed Preferred to Egg Food.

As a Canary breeder, I put my faith in egg food for young birds, and I gave it daily to the Bullfinches, but only once saw the hen in the act of eating it, the cock bird not even once, and very little seemed to be used. What then were they fed on in the nest? Hemp seed, evidently, was the bread of life, although the parents had access to all the ordinary seeds, rape, canary, and wild seeds, including dock which seemed to be second favourite.

When the young left the nest they were darker than those reared in a wild state, which seems to prove that hemp tends to darken the plumage of these birds. For green food dandelion was growing in the aviary, but I gave also fresh cut branches of fruit trees. However, I found that the appetite for buds of trees only existed in early spring and soon abated.

In the second nest the hen laid four eggs, and hatched three, but one of the young disappeared, and only two were reared. The other hen did not nest until rather late in season, and having to play second fiddle to hen No. 1, she was driven from the fence, and built her nest in a bunch of gorse reared up in a corner. She laid four nice eggs, all of which mysteriously disappeared. Mice of course.

Might a Cage-bred Strain be Established?

I felt well satisfied, however, as I had learned something about breeding Bullfinches in captivity, and had proved the possibility of such a thing. But to make it a complete success I consider it important to find out what young Bullfinches feed upon when first starting to feed themselves; insects may be eaten; there are no berries about at such a time of the year. When my birds left the nest they were as large as field-reared birds, but from this point they did not mature at the same rate, and never did get quite the full size, although active and well-feathered, but a trifle dark, as stated above.

The deductions to be drawn are that in the first place the aviary should be large and some allowance made for the birds natural shyness when breeding, and then, with proper care, there is nothing to prevent Bullfinches being bred in captivity. Birds so bred would be valuable for hybrid breeding, and if birds bred in aviaries were fed as much as possible on a seed diet I think in a few years the craving for berries and insects would be mitigated, and soon they would be reared as easily as Canaries, because the Bullfinch is a true Finch in every sense, and by breeding a few Canaries in the same aviary (to show the Bullies the way, as it were) egg food might become a dish fit to set before a king from a Bullfinch's point of view. This would be a great advantage, as something appears to be wanting to complete the young Bullfinch's bill of fare.

It must be remembered that the Bullfinch feeds from the crop, and if once an aviary bred strain of Bullies could be established which would feed as Canaries do, the problem of Bullfinch breeding in captivity would, I think, be solved. The desire for stripping trees of their buds in early spring would diminish; if not quickly, slowly and surely. I am convinced that the diet upon which birds are reared plays an important part in framing the appetite for the future, and increases or modifies the longing for various kinds of food, consistent, that is, with the species to which the birds belong.

SOME THINGS YOU MAY NOT KNOW.

By J. GRIMSHAW (Hale).

A varied assortment of ingenious "tips" likely to provide bird-keepers with a new idea or two.

IT is not everyone who knows that an indoor flight (or aviary) can be most cheaply constructed with builder's or slater's laths (say two inches by half an inch) and small mesh wire netting. The laths need not be perfect; if irregular or broken, you can get them at firewood price and just cut out the lengths you want.

If you are troubled with mice, put the seed hopper on a pole, and at the top of this pole fix one of those long narrow glass chimneys which were first used with incandescent lights; no mouse can climb over the latter.

If you require a rack for your cages, the builder's laths mentioned before are just the thing. It may be best, however, to have them double thickness for strength, so screw two together all through, and put castors on the bottom so that the rack can be turned any way to face the light.

The long narrow fig boxes you see in grocer's shops make, when empty and washed and painted to match the cages, excellent seed boxes. They hold four of the small round glasses (like night-light glasses) enabling you to give birds a variety of seeds in separate vessels. The half-shell of a walnut, seccotined or glued to a small square of wood (an inch and a half of cigar-box lid does nicely) makes a "finger drawer" for tit-bits, egg food, etc., and it does not smash when dropped.

When the spring roller blind in your kitchen won't work, and you have to get a new one, don't throw the old rod away before you have cut one end off and taken out the long coiled wire spring. Fasten one end of the latter to the top of your aviary, and fix a few twigs at the other end, when you will have a perch like the top branches of a tree, swaying with the lightest touch—you can almost feel the breezes blowing!

To hold cuttle fish bone, or a piece of apple, simply drive a nail through a cigar-box lid and jab the apple, etc., on it.

Empty bottled-fruit bottles are handy to keep your seeds in; you can get labels for all kinds of seeds from CAGE BIRDS offices, ready gummed to fix on the bottles.

There are lots of other little devices which individual ingenuity will suggest, and that need cost you very little but the trouble of making, and to a bird lover the trouble of working at his hobby is just the kind of "trouble" he is looking for.

Be sure to read the "Illustrated Ideas" column in each week's CAGE BIRDS. Some of the ideas and devices will be new to you; others you may have been using for years, but not for just the same purpose as the contributor and his remarks may lead to further improvements on your own.

An Expert's Views on the Yorkshire Green Canary.

A Lecture by Mr. Geo. Bell

(Concluded from page 517.)

Many breeders advocate the matching of buff and buff together, in order to produce increased size, also length of feather; but personal observation and practical experience have taught me that the gain thereby is a very doubtful one in this variety. It may be very well with other varieties to put buff to buff, but when breeding Greens you must never do it, as I call it only "hit or miss" breeding. Birds of a very dark, dull shade, without any of the true Green colour, will be bred, and these are what I call "bastard greens." Strange to say, more of this colour will be found amongst the buffs. Birds of this sort are bad to breed from. If fanciers would only try a cross with the variegated, they would have better results, both for colour and feather.

It is Important to Keep the Young.

I advise the amateur to start with about six pairs, as by so doing he will understand and know more about his birds, and be able to remember each so well, that to repeat their family history will be like saying his A.B.C. If it can be managed, it is a good thing to keep two or three spare cages, to put the young birds from each pair in by themselves. Young fanciers should keep all their young birds, and moult them before any are sold, as young birds are very deceiving, and especially so are the Greens. You cannot always be sure as to the colour. You may have some young ones that you think will moult good coloured bulls, but you will be surprised to find that they moult good yellows. This is one reason why young birds should be kept till after they have moulted. Further, some youngsters do not look very promising, but after moulting they turn out gems.

During the moult, birds require great care; look well after them during that time, always giving them a little egg and biscuit every morning, not forgetting a pinch of salt. The seed hoppers should be always kept full of the best Spanish canary seed. Have the best seed that money can buy. It is impossible to be successful if you feed with cheap, dirty, and badly dried seed; in fact, if you want to foster disease amongst your birds, this is one of the surest methods of doing so, for bad seed will very soon make the inmates of the bird-room victims of diarrhœa and diseases of the digestive organs. I give a bath about three times a week during the moult; it makes a great improvement in the feather, and the birds are much stronger and closer in feather. Pay attention to the water fountains. Keep them clean, and let there be plenty of clean sand at the bottom of the cages.

Preserving the Plumage.

At the end of the moulting season the birds that are intended for the show bench must be accommodated in separate cages. If two show specimens are kept together, they are almost certain to damage each other's plumage, and this will, of course, never do, as the plumage plays such an important part under the judicial eye that it must be preserved unblemished. There are several important items which should be noted in preparing for exhibition. The birds should only be handled when you are compelled. I put a show cage in front of an ordinary one, and train the birds to run from one cage to another. This helps to get the birds as steady as possible. They need a little handling when in the show cage to get them to stand well up. I have seen some good birds at shows without a card through being a bit wild, so it will be seen that the steadier the birds are the better. How often we read in reports: "Badly shown, needs a little tubbing," and other similar remarks which betoken that the exhibitor who is the owner of the object of these criticisms has not yet passed out of that state of existence known as the "novitiate." With a view to help and encourage those young fanciers who are yet in that state this lecture is intended.

A hearty vote of thanks to Mr. Bell was proposed by Mr. Rossthorne and seconded by Mr. Malone, who expressed the opinion that the members had listened to one of the most able and instructive lectures on the Green Canary from the most experienced fancier this [illegible] ever known. This was enthusiastically carried.

Questions and Answers.

DOUBTS AND DIFFICULTIES SOLVED BY SPECIALISTS

(For rules see last week's "Cage Birds.")

THE following gentlemen represent CAGE BIRDS staff of **ADVISORY EXPERTS.** Queries must in no case be addressed to any of them individually, but to the Editor.

Canaries.—**Claude St. John.** British Birds, Mule and Hybrids—**G. E. Weston.** Foreign Birds—**Wesley T. Page,** F.Z.S., M.B.N.H.S., &c., Wild Bird Line—**H. Norman.**

NOTE.—If an answer is required concerning the proper mating, etc., of Norwich, Yorkshires, Crests, Cinnamons, Greens, Borders, Lizards, Scotch or any other variety of the Canary family, we shall, should the querist desire us to do so, be pleased to submit his questions for answer to some leading specialist of the day on the variety concerned.

CANARY QUERIES.

Answered by CLAUDE ST. JOHN.

SWELLING ON BREAST (A. N. E.).—I have no doubt whatever the swelling you describe is merely a mass of fat, and the bird is probably in a very much overfed condition, which would also quite account for her failure to breed successfully. Take her in hand at once and control both quantity and quality of her diet for a few weeks, as advised to "W. T. B." last week.

HIND TOES TURNED FORWARD (Morall).—Cut an eighth of an inch off the end of a rubber tube, similar to that used on a baby's feeding bottle, which will give you a small rubber ring. Make two—one for each foot. Catch the bird, and, holding the three front toes close together, put them through the ring, and then, holding the hind toe backward against leg, pass on ring past centre of foot and up the leg until it is nearly as far as the end of the hind toe, which will, of course, be included with leg in the ring. Leave ring there and treat the other foot similarly. When bird is released, the hind toes will be held back, more or less closely, against leg. Leave them on for two or three weeks, then give the bird small and almost round perches, just a little thicker than a lead pencil, and remove rings, when the perches will doubtless complete the cure. Leave the ordinary perches in whilst rings are on.

ANTI-BREEDERS AND NON-FEEDERS (Non-Feeder).—Your feeding seems fairly good, so if the stimulus of several good, vigorous courting males in succession cannot induce the hen to think of breeding, I'm afraid she is a forlorn hope. Is she much overfed? If not, you might try the effect of a little egg food, in which you have mixed two good fat mealworms finely chopped up every second day. Sprinkle with maw to tempt her to eat it readily. On the alternate days give a pinch of a mixture of equal parts inga, gold of pleasure, sesame, and millet. In the water give six drops of tincture of gentian, and three of tincture of steel, three times a week for a fortnight. For non-feeders, treat as advised to "R. Rennie" in last issue. The sulphate of soda is preferable to Epsom salts in this case.

CLEAR EGGS (J. N. O.).—It is quite impossible to discover the cause of unfertile eggs in all cases. In many cases it appears to be nothing else but lack of affinity between the birds, in which case one can do nothing else but provide fresh mates. It is a pity you did not write a little sooner, before these last two hens went to nest again, as I should certainly have advised you to do this, i.e., mate the 1911 cock with one or both of the two-year-old hens, and one of the two-year-old cocks with the 1911 hen. If the other hen looks like going to nest again, adopt these tactics with her. Does pairing take place in the nest. If so, try to prevent it by placing something in to compel birds to remain on the side when pairing, until hen is expected to lay. You might also try a week or two of the treatment advised to "Non-Feeder," in this issue.

BALD HEAD AND NECK (M. T.).—In addition to the usual seed diet give a small teaspoonful of egg food or crushed biscuit with two drops of cod liver oil emulsion well mixed in it twice each week. Twice a week give a quarter teaspoonful of maw, and four times a week a good sized spray of seedy chickweed or shepherd's purse and a few dandelion seed heads. Once a week from now until bird commences to moult, slightly moisten the bare skin with lanocyllin. As soon as the moult begins, keep bird fairly warm in an equable temperature, give a staple diet of plain canary. Every second day give half-a-teaspoonful of summer rape, twice a week on the alternate days a similar quantity of a mixture of millet, blark rape, teazle, and linseed, and on the two remaining days a morsel of bread and milk lightly dusted with flowers of sulphur, and then sprinkled with soft sugar. On these days give also a pinch of maw separately. In the drinking water add 20 drops of whisky, a few shreds of saffron, and as much chlorate of potash as will cover a threepennypiece, three times a week. Continue this for the first four or five weeks of moulting, then you may discontinue the sulphur, and the things in water, and bird should finish up well and reproduce its lost plumage.

NERVOUS HEN AND LAZY PAIR (F. W. C.).—(1). It is quite likely the nervous condition is the only trouble. Unless you have only purchased her quite recently it is hardly likely that a youngster of this season would be sold you as a last year's bird. Give a staple diet of plain canary, and add separately a pinch of summer rape every second day, and on the alternate days for a fortnight a little egg or bread food prepared as advised to "Non-Feeder." Give a spray of green food daily, a pinch of Epsom salts in water for two days, and afterwards the gentian and steel advised to "Non-Feeder" for a week. Stop giving linseed. You must not put her in same cage as other pair unless you wish to destroy your last chance of getting a nest from them. (2) I am a trifle doubtful about the sex of the cock in this case. Treat them for fortnight or so the same as advised to 'Non-Feeder."

THESE THREE (Smo-bo).—(1) Feed same as advised to "Non Feeder," and keep a good lusty singing cock on hand, or even mate such a one with this hen if you do not particularly wish to adhere to the present mating. Give a few dandelion seed heads in addition to the green food. (2) It is only really necessary to withhold very succulent and relaxing green food, but few manage to discriminate properly. You may give a little of such things as half ripe plantain stalks, or seed heads of shepherd's purse in about a week after removal, and when young are feeding themselves freely on whole canary seed you may give them green food in limited quantities about three times a week, the same as the old birds, avoiding only very succulent things, and allowing none to remain to become stale. As you are not colour-feeding you may continue giving green food on this scale right through the moult. (3) I would not completely wean young of egg food. At about six weeks old gradually reduce it to a little twice a week. When moulting increase this again to four times a week.

YOUNG YORKSHIRES AILING (A Beginner).—Feed the birds the same as advised to "G. A. Thomas," except that you omit the groats from the evening mixture. Do not exceed the quantities named, and give a plantain stalk now and again, or in lieu of this a few dandelion seed heads or sprays of half-ripened seeds of shepherd's purse. In the drinking water give six drops of dandelion juice, and as much sulphate of soda as will cover a threepenny piece, for one-half of each day for three consecutive days. Afterwards add 20 drops of Chemical Food to the water for a few days. This will doubtless set things right. You probably stopped the egg food a little too suddenly.

INJURED LEG (Crest).—All appearances point to a fracture in the upper part of leg—the so-called thigh—and I cannot advise you to interfere at all. I have seen some remarkable recoveries from such hurts by keeping the birds quite quiet and leaving the rest to nature. Keep the bird in a moderately small cage, and arrange perches low down, and quite convenient for the bird, and see that the food and water vessels are very easily accessible. In short, aim at making it convenient for the bird to get about on one leg with the least possible effort. Allow it to rest as much as it desires; don't flutter or disturb it at all until it begins to go about freely and use its damaged leg again voluntarily.

A DAMAGED "MAULER."—(G. T. W.).—I surmise this is a "technical" term for its beak. If the bird is very young an eighth of an inch would be a very large proportion of the whole. It depends solely upon the extent of the loss whether the bird will be able to feed itself, or whether the lost portion of the mandible will be reproduced. If less than half the length of the mandible is lost, the bird should feed itself tolerably well if you give it a regular supply of soft food daily for a time, and place it in a deep egg drawer, so that the bird may have a sufficient depth of food to thrust its lower mandible deep enough to get grip on the food with the upper portion. Make food crumbly, not sticky or sodden. The lost tip may be reproduced in the course of a few months if the bird can be kept going so long, but only time can prove this.

A DEADLOCK (F. T. C.).—It will be utterly useless putting the cock with the hen to help to rear the young whilst he is moulting, as he will render no assistance under such circumstances. Therefore, if the hen again goes off feeding with this brood, I'm afraid your only hope is to handrear the young as advised to "Beginner" in last issue. You might try the effect of feeding the hen, if not too late, the same as advised to "R. Rennie" in last issue, as this may keep her "on the feed." Whether or not she rears this brood, I would not advise you to attempt another nest this season. Do not check the moult.

CLAWS DRAWN UP (T. C. F.).—After some months standing I fear you will not be able to do much for the bird's relief. I cannot dogmatise about the cause without knowing something of the time or manner of its occurrence. I have seen such cases occur in a moment simply by the bird making a stumble in "taking" the perches when rushing excitedly about in play, when they are doubtless analogous to sprains. It would have been helpful had you sent a rough sketch showing the condition of the toes. Try the following for a fortnight, and report result; also give above-named particulars. Give at least two perches in cage; one flattened oval just large enough for toes to nearly completely encircle, and the other nearly round and tapering, like a penholder, ranging from the size of a lead pencil at one end to about twice this thickness at the other. Paint the foot once with tincture of iodine, and about twice each week afterwards paint it with extract of wych hazel.

SWELLING ON ABDOMEN (Puzzled).—This is most likely some displacement of the internal organs, and in the absence of very definite knowledge of its position and appearance, and also some idea of its origin or how long it has been coming, I cannot advise you to interfere with it in any way. If the bird is very valuable, your best course is to show it to a vet. or your medical man, and ask for an opinion. See that it does not become constipated. If this occurs, give a fair supply of groundsel or watercress, or add six drops of syrup of buckthorn to the water for a day or two. The bareness on swelling means nothing. No feathers really grow on the abdomen.

PERSISTENT EGG-BINDING (F. Nelsdoun).—There must be something radically wrong with your treatment, but you give no information at all on this point. Get "Canary Breeding for Beginners," or Part VIII. of "Our Canaries," and compare your treatment with what is there advised. The proper method of treating the trouble depends upon the contributing causes. To prevent it aim at keeping the hens in good hardy and active condition; not too fat, nor yet emaciated, and see they are well supplied with cuttlefish or crushed mortar. It is too late now to do anything with such hens, so turn your attention to getting them in good condition for next season. Turn them into flights and treat as advised to "G.T.G." in this issue.

DEATHS AND SEED (Tomato).—The seed sent is rather small, but plump, sweet, and very fair average quality. I do not think it can be the cause of your losses unless it is soiled by mice, and as the sample contained a "dropping" of mice, this is quite possible. The death of the Bengalese certainly makes things look suspicious, but I think the losses and illness must have been more general had it been the fault of the seed. You do not say how you have been treating the birds, so I will only refer you to the reply to "G. A. Thomas" in this issue. If you have any more deaths you would be well advised to send a body as early as possible to Mr. Yates for post-mortem.

YOUNG CRESTS THICK (G. H. Thomas). Your letter arrived much too late for a reply in last issue. Queries must reach the office early on Monday for a reply the same week. There must be something wrong with the way you prepare the bread and milk for the birds to reject it so completely. Try the following mode. Cut some small cubes of quite stale bread, drop them in a cup of cold milk, and allow to remain until saturated all through. Then take out on to a plate, drain of superfluous moisture, dust over with soft sugar, and finally sprinkle with maw seed, and serve out to birds. Give an unlimited supply of Canary seed in the hoppers, and place on top a little summer rape. Every morning give a little of the above bread and milk, about half-a-teaspoonful per bird. At mid-day give the same quantity of soaked or scalded rape, and towards evening a similar quantity of a mixture of equal parts cracked hemp, broken groats, and teazle. Allow no stale scraps of food to accumulate in cage. Remove at each feeding time what is left from the previous meal. Keep cages strewn with clean gritty sand. Give a few plantain stalks or seed heads of dandelion occasionally, but no other green food just yet. Add six drops of soda to water for one day, and afterwards three drops each of tincture of gentian, and tincture of calumba for a day or two.

ROLLER ILL AND DYING (A.C.).—There is probably something wrong with the feeding, but you do not give sufficient particulars on this point. When young are taken away, feed and treat them as advised to "G. A. Thomas" in this issue, and you may add a slight sprinkling of linseed and black rape to the afternoon mixture. Add six drops of dandelion juice and as much sulphate of soda as will cover a threepenny-piece to the water for one day, and afterwards three drops each of tincture of gentian and tincture of calumba for three or four days.

FITFUL MOULTING (G. T. G.).—The bird might have got a chill whilst sitting. See if it is subject to cold draughts occasionally—perhaps when a window or door is left open. It will be little, if any, use expecting anything further this season, so I advise you to turn her into a flight where she can get plenty of exercise. Feed on a staple of plain canary. Every second day give a small pinch of rape in the egg drawer, and on the alternating days give twice a week half a teaspoonful of mixed seed, and once a week a similar quantity of egg food, or crushed biscuit. Give a fairly liberal supply of green food daily. Continue the dietary until the moulting season begins, then when she goes into a proper moult put her on the usual moulting diet and treatment.

CANARY QUERISTS

should consult St. John's "Canary Breeding for Beginners" (7d.); House's "Canary Manual" (1/2); Battye's "Yorkshire Canaries" (1 1/2); House's "Norwich Canaries" (1/1); Weston's "Stock Book" (7d.); Dr. Clarke's "Septic or Bird Fever" (7d.); Dr. Creswell's "Hygiene of Bird-keeping" (1 1); Norman's "Aviaries, Bird-rooms, and Cages" (2/3); Ramsden's "Colour-feeding" (3½d.); "Seeds and Foods for Cage Birds" (1/2); or the "Nutshell" booklets (2½d. each); No. 5 "The Pet Canary," No. 6 "Ailing Birds and How to Cure them," No. 9 "The Disinfection of Cages, Bird-rooms, etc.," No. 10 "The Roller," No. 23 "The Border Fancy," No. 24 "Green Canaries." All thoroughly practical and instructive. Prices quoted are post free, from "Cage Birds," 154, Fleet Street, London, E.C.

AN UNCOMMON COMPLAINT (R. Hayes).—Yes, the trouble is quite uncommon. It is the best recognised form of the complaint formerly known as the "pip," which so old an authority as Bechstein ascribes to a catarrh setting up an inflammatory condition of the membranes of the tongue, and consequent hardening. The cause undoubtedly lies in the general health and treatment of the bird. This you should look well into, and compare your treatment with one or other of the handbooks issued from this office, and see if you can discover where you go wrong. See that they are not exposed to cold chills, and treat the young generally as advised to "G. A. Thomas" in this issue. If any show signs of cold give first half a teaspoonful of fluid magnesia in the water for one day, and afterwards six drops of dandelion juice, and four drops each of acetate of ammonia and tincture of nux vomica, two days in every three for a week. Also well mix as much chlorate of potash as will cover a sixpence in a teaspoonful of honey, and give a little of this on a bit of bread stuck in the wires for them to peck at.

NOT SINGING (M. Biyth).—If you really want a bird to sing you are making a mistake not to take the dealer's offer to exchange it, which is certainly a generous one, considering the time you have had the bird. The prospects of it making a good singer I consider not very bright. Keep it in a fairly equable temperature, quite free from draughts and impure air. In addition to ordinary seed, give half a teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake, with two drops of cod liver oil emulsion mixed in it, and sprinkled with maw seed, every second day, and on the alternate days a pinch of equal part inga, teazle, and gold of pleasure. Give a little green food daily. Continue this feeding two or three weeks. Add to the water every second day for a week 20 drops of whisky, ten of lemon juice, as much Epsom salts and chlorate of potash of each as will cover a threepenny-piece. If this does not make a considerable improvement write again in the course of three or four weeks.

FOREIGN BIRDS.

Answered by WESLEY T. PAGE, F.Z.S., Etc.

GREEN INDIAN PARROT (M. Rowland).—It is the meat and all sorts of oddments that is doing the mischief; stop these at once and diet the bird as under: Ripe fruit, plain biscuit, nuts, cuttlebone, grit and water, and a seed mixture of one quart canary, one pint each white millet and best oats; half a pint each hemp, dari, paddy rice, shelled nuts and sunflower seeds, and a gill each of grit (not sand) and chillies—well mix and keep a supply in cage. Give Dinneford's Magnesia and Byno-phosphates as advised to "Punlico" in this issue. Spray the bird twice weekly with quassia solution and rub a little Spratt's "Pennakura" over the bare parts occasionally. While keeping it out of draught give all the light and air possible, and give it outdoor treatment on all suitable days, choosing some unexposed position for it. Also give it some green food, lettuce, seeding grass, etc., and report progress in two or three weeks.

YOUNG GREY PARROT ILL (Baddesley).—Give a little milk sop as a medicine; it must not be continued indefinitely, but at any rate for a week, if it is still living when you receive this, break up a little bread, sprinkle with sugar and then with Mellin's Food, add a teaspoonful of Nestle's Milk and sufficient boiling water to properly mix it—as soon as the bird commences to eat again freely, renew the supplies of boiled maize, which for the present should be dusted with flowers of sulphur after water has been drained away (boiled maize only keeps fresh one day) also a tin of seed. You had better send for our Nutshell "The Grey Parrot," 2½d. post free from our manager; this will tell you how to feed as soon as it is eating again freely. You give me no idea of the state of its bowels, these must move freely, yet not be watery-loose; give three drops of Dunneford's Magnesia direct to the beak every two hours till full relief has been given. As a stimulant, offer the bird a little very weak brandy and water (chilled) two or three times a day. Keep it warm, but yet not out of reach of air and light. The voidings should be removed as made. If it is alive when this reaches you give the milk sop at once, and then follow on with the other remedies if you can get it to eat a little and the bowels moving regularly, it may be saved. It is undoubtedly suffering from some septic infection received during, and protection following, importation. Report progress a week hence, with full details.

INDIAN PARROT (Pimlico).—I fear you are applying to me too late, as after two years the bird is more or less confirmed in its habit. Spray twice weekly with quassia solution and while you must rigidly keep the bird out of draught, give it all the light and air possible, standing it out of doors in some unexposed position on all suitable days. Stop the tea-sop, but not suddenly, so use chemical food and hot water to make the sop, in lieu of the tea. Give the following seed mixture: one quart canary seed, one pint each white millet and oats; half a pint each paddy rice, hemp, sunflower, dari, shelled nuts; a gill each of grit (not sand) and chillies—well mix, and keep a supply in cage. Keep the bowels moving freely by giving Dinneford's Magnesia as often as possible—one teaspoonful to the ordinary supply of drinking water—but the bird must not be secured; on other days put the same quantity of Byno-phosphates in the water—you must not use a metal drinker. Keep cuttlebone in the cage, also rotten wood and cotton reels to help keep it occupied, and rub a little of Spratt's "Pennakura" over the bare areas. You will have to persevere, as progress will be slow. The bird can have fruit and plain biscuits ad lib.

DOVES, ETC., (R.H.W.). The White-winged Zenaida Dove (*Melopelia leucoptera*) is about 11 inches in length, of a soft drab colour above, whitish below, with white wing bars and a beautiful golden-purple sheen on the neck. West Indies, etc. The Harlequin Dove (*Æna capensis*) rejoices in a plentitude of names the Cape, Masked and Naquama Dove, are all names which refer to *Æ. capensis*. They hail from Tropical and Southern Africa. The cock is brownish-grey, with a black mark over the face, a black band crosses the throat and two others cross the rump; the long tail is black and white, and the breast and abdomen white. A patch of metallic steel blue adorns each wing. The hen is browner and has no black mask. The Talpocoti is a small and pretty dove, various lines of cinnamon, with wing spots of metallic steel-blue. The hen is duller and greyer than her mate (S. America). The Passerine is another very pretty and minute dove (N. Cent. and S. America). Colour pinkish vinous, crown and nape bluish, quills cinnamon; on the wings are several metallic steel-blue blotches; length 6 inches. If you can procure a pair (advertise in "C.B." for them) the Diamond Dove is one of the most beautiful species I know its plumage is soft pearl and cinnamon-grey, the wings thickly spotted with pure white spots (Australia). Your aviary when complete should look very nice and prove of great interest.

JAVA SPARROWS (Pom).—Canary, white and spray millet, crushed oats and paddy rice, the two latter in limited quantity; green-food.—lettuce, chickweed, groundsel, seeding grass, etc.; when they are feeding young supply dry ants' eggs and a little of some good soft food mixture. Of course you cannot meddle now till they have finished with this nest, but if you have ordinary straight perches in take these out and put a twiggy branch at each end, and so force them to take exercise by flying from one to the other. Green-food should be given fresh twice daily while young are being fed. I presume they are Greys, if they do not breed, mate a White hen with your Grey cock and you will soon get a breeding strain and the bulk of the young will be pure Greys.

AILING GREY PARROT (D.M.L.).—Give the Parrot some Dinneford's Magnesia and water in equal parts—offer this instead of the ordinary drinking water, till she has had one or two good drinks of it in the course of the day, and continue to offer it till the bowels have been well relieved; then give byno-phosphates—one teaspoonful to two tablespoonfuls of water—and continue this till the indisposition has passed. You should always keep the bowels moving freely, not loose, by an occasional dose of Dinneford's Magnesia. As the bird is sulking at its food, offer the following: take a stale crust of household bread, break it into several pieces about one inch long, put over it half-a-teaspoonful of byno-phosphates, sprinkle with sugar, and pour over as much boiling water as the bread will absorb; supply to the bird when cool—it must be prepared fresh daily. You must not use a metal drinker while giving drugs. You give me very little to go upon—what is the character of the voidings? Are the bowels loose or constipated? Does the bird show any signs of distress? Describe fully any symptoms there may be and I will try and help you further. You must give the magnesia to relieve the bowels, then if the bird appears to need a stimulant, offer a little very weak brandy and water (chilled), alternately with the phosphate mixture.

BUDGERIGARS (G.M.W.).—Re the slaughtered young birds, you can only solve the mystery by observation, either there is an unnatural parent among the Budgerigars, or some other bird is doing the mischief—the Conure is a likely culprit; I have never found Rosellas or Cockatiels to meddle with Budgerigars, young or old; but Conures are not always safe. Re the hen Budgerigar you found covered with blood, if it was not injured in any way it looks as if she were the culprit, and I advise catching her and turning her loose in the garden, she will find plenty of seeding grass to live upon if other deaths occur you can only watch till you catch the culprit. Re the ailing cocks, catch this bird and put it in a roomy cage till fit again—give it two drops of tasteless castor oil direct to the beak, every three hours till full relief has been given, then put it on a course of byno-phosphates, a little in the drinking water daily; give the bird seeding grass, as much as it will eat and the usual seeds—keep it isolated till it is quite fit again. It would be well to let your local vet. see it, as if the swelling arises from some internal, malignant growth, it would be kindest to painlessly destroy it. You could try fomenting it with a warm decoction of camomile flowers, but the bird must be well dried afterwards, and kept strictly out of draught till dry. Are your birds at all crowded? What is the area of the floor space and the height of your aviary?

PULLING OUT ITS FEATHERS (Amy D.).—Budgerigars under the conditions of cage life seldom get the opportunity of taking a bath, and a soft spraying with chilled water is advisable twice weekly. Again, Budgerigars in a cage seldom use their wings, and this tells against them greatly. Strip your cage of formal perches and put a twiggy spray at each end of cage, and if you can arrange the sprays so that the bird must fly from one to the other, so much the better for the bird. Your diet is about right, but maw-seed should be given in very limited quantity, and but seldom; a few crushed oats would be better, and supply as much seeding grass as they will eat. Budgerigars drink but little, so till full relief has been given let their drinking water consist of Dinneford's Magnesia and

water in equal parts, once it has taken full effect, only give it once a week, and on other days put one teaspoonful of Byno-phosphates into the daily supply of drinking water; continue the above for a month. It will doubtless help if on all suitable days they were stood outside in some unexposed position. Give them a piece or two of dry plain biscuit to nibble at, and do not omit to keep cuttlebone and girt (not sand) in the cage—sand can be used for cage tray, but grit should be either sprinkled on top, or a small tin of it be kept continually in the cage. Treat as above for two or three weeks and then report progress; the bird is evidently in a heated condition, keep its bowels moving freely by the use of magnesia, but at the same time the voidings must not be allowed to remain watery loose.

BUDGERIGARS' BATH (S. R.).—(1) Budgerigars in a state of nature bathe by rolling about in wet grass and herbage, and in the aviary they will do the same, when their acrobatic abandon is most interesting. In your aviary you should keep several shallow pans of growing grass available; well water these through the rose of a water can, and then place them in the cage, and you will soon be much interested in seeing your Budgies take a natural tub. The only alternative is a soft spraying. (2) A shallow, whole plate photographic developing dish (porcelain) makes an excellent bath for all classes of birds, and is easily kept clean. (3) Providing the room get an average amount of sun during the winter, no artificial heat will be required; if you give artificial heat at all, aim at keeping a minimum of 45 degrees F., and you must arrange good ventilation without draught.

YOUNG AMAZON (Green Amazon).—I think you will be all right with this bird, but do not give tea and milk. Let it have what boiled maize it requires (this only keeps fresh one day); boil till soft, drain off all water lightly, dust with flowers of sulphur, and when cool supply to the bird. Get some glyco-thymoline, and wash the nostrils twice daily with a dilute solution. It will not hurt the bird if a little should be swallowed, a mop camel hair brush is a good utensil to use. Examine its mouth, and if this is at all furred, put a little honey and borax inside with a small blunt stick; it will help to keep the mouth clean. Keep the bowels moving freely by an occasional dose of Dinneford's Magnesia as required (see other replies),

FOREIGN BIRD QUERISTS

should consult Page's "Foreign Birds for Beginners" (1/1½); *Arthur's "Budgerigars and Cockatiels"* (6d.); *Arthur's "Parrots for Pleasure and Profit"* (7d.); *"Aviaries, Bird-rooms, and Cages"* (2/3); *"Seeds, Foods, and Wild Plants"* (1/2); *Dr. Clarke's "Septic or Bird Fever"* (7d.); *Dr. Creswell's "Hygiene of Bird-keeping"* (1/1); *"Colour-feeding"* (3½d.); *or the "Nutshell" booklets* (2½d. *each*): *No. 6 "Ailing Birds and How to Cure them," No. 9 "The Disinfection af Cages, Bird-rooms, etc.," No. 14 "Gouldian Finches," No. 16 "Avadavats," No. 17 "The Grey Parrot," No. 18 "Budgerigars," No. 19 "The Pekin Robin," No. 20 "Waxbills." All thoroughly practical and instructive. Prices quoted are post free from "Cage Birds,"* 154,

and also put half a teaspoonful of byno-phosphates in two teaspoonfulls of water (prepare fresh daily), and offer this to the bird to drink three or four times a day; unless the thirst is very inordinate, let it take what it wants. Seed mixture: one quart canary seed; one pint each white millet and best oats; half-pint each hemp, paddy rice, dari, shelled nuts, maize, and sunflower seeds; one gill each grit (not sand), and chillies. Well mix and keep a supply in the cage. Also supply cuttlebone, plain biscuit, and as much ripe fruit as it cares to take. Do not give any tea, coffee, or milk sops, table scraps or animal food of any kind whatever. Shall be pleased to hear how the bird progresses.

YOUNG BUDGERIGARS AND MOULT (Parrakeet).—(1) Give seeding grass, chickweed, groundsel, etc., liberally, as much as they will eat. Also supply every other day a few kibbled oats in addition to what you are now giving. During the period of the moult a tonic never comes amiss—a little byno-phosphates in the drinking water is as good as any. At this period the bowels should be kept moving freely, not loose, a little Dinneford's Magnesia in the drinking water as required is about the best to keep them well regulated. (2) Sand is the best, but if this is inconvenient, then the next best is peat moss litter broken small. (3) If they will take a little raw carrot, it will vary the diet and it is quite wholesome for them. (4) Yes, but they should not be subjected to strong sunlight, neither should they be placed entirely in the shade, nor yet be subjected to strong or cold winds, at the same time outdoor life, as much as you can give on above lines will greatly assist to keep them fit and strong. Do not have formal, stiff perches in your cage, a twiggy branch at each end, so placed that they must fly to get from one to the other will tend greatly to their well being. The period of the first moult is a very variable one, about a month in fairly favourable weather.

AMAZONS COMBATIVE (D. E. Pithie).—Providing they are not tearing each other leave them as they are to get over their present mood, but of course, irrespective of the conditions of purchase you must not leave them together to mutilate themselves. It is quite obvious that till the mood passes they must not be out while the maid is in the room—it is quite impossible to account for these moods, as a rule save for some good cause they do not turn against friends, though I must admit a Hawk-headed Parrakeet I had did indulge in short periods of unfriendliness with those it was usually on good terms with; I should imagine the mood would pass. Has the maid materially changed her attire? If so, this might account for it Parrot nature is fathomless. If you could give your birds a large cage and a barrel this would be a good change for them and add to your amusement and interest in them. The only thing for you to do is, watch them and if they begin to tear each other part them, keeping them in cages side by side for a time, and while the mood lasts do not let the maid come into too close proximity to them, but let them gradually become accustomed to her again.

BRITISH BIRDS, MULES, AND HYBRIDS.

Answered by G. E. WESTON.

FOUR SEEDS (G. Dent). The canary and hemp seeds are very good indeed. The rape is also good, but I have seen maw seed that I liked better, though the sample you send is certainly by no means a bad one.

A GREENFINCH (Greenie). Whether cock or hen, the bird will be all right caged by itself. The cock is much greener than the hen, and carries much more yellow in wings and tail. The hen is quite brownish (or mouse-coloured) by comparison, and has practically no yellow edges to the tail feathers. The general colour varies, however, with age.

IN A LARGE CAGE (No nom de plume).—Your name or nom de plume has apparently gone with another part of your letter to another specialist. You might keep the Greenfinch, two Linnets, and Canary together, but the other cock Canary and the hen should certainly be by themselves. Curiously enough, however, you do not state the size of the cage, and everything depends on this. If a really large cage (as it needs to be), then they would sing. You ought to have given fuller particulars, such as how the birds are kept at present, whether they are house-moulted, etc. All these things affect the position.

FEATHERLESS PATCHES (L. H.).—It often happens, as in your case, that this loss of feathers occurs in birds which are in full song and in vigorous health. Anoint the places three or four times (once daily) with a very small quantity of sulphur ointment. No need to do anything else, or to worry, for the plumage will be replaced at the moult, now near at hand. I have often thought that "high-feeding," consequent upon the breeding season, has something to do with the tendency of muling Britishers to develop bare patches about the head and neck. It is not always red-mite or grey lice.

A JAY (Clarence).—I dealt fully with the feeding of young Jays a week or so ago; substitute thoroughly soaked (boiling water) puppy biscuits, mashed up, for the bread. For adult food, note another reply given this week. The cage should be as large as you can manage; there is no limit to the size. A Jay certainly needs plenty of exercise. The best floor covering is a thick layer of peat moss litter, sold at most corn and seed stores. Jays are fond of eggs, but don't trouble to boil them. I need hardly mentioned that they don't find them boiled when they are pilfering nests out in the woods.

A GOLDFINCH'S EYES (H.D.).—Get a chemist to put up the following lotion: sulphate of zinc 5 grains, laudauum 10 drops, rose water 1 ounce. First wash the eyes in comfortably warm water, then dry carefully with a soft cloth, afterwards letting one drop of the lotion fall on each eye, and be kind of lightly painted over it by the aid of a tiny camel-hair pencil-brush, previously moistened. Do this at least twice daily. This should quickly improve matters.

A YOUNG CUCKOO (T. Tong).—If you take my advice, you will give up the idea of trying to keep the young Cuckoo. Cuckoos are the most unsatisfactory "pets" I know of. They are troublesome to cater for, seldom live more than a few months, are very dirty in a cage, generally broken and bedraggled looking in plumage, and inactive (or lazy) in disposition: they have hardly one redeeming feature to set off against this string of failings. Even the task of getting a young Cuckoo to feed itself is no light one: it will squawk all day for someone to go and pop the food into its mouth, although quite able to fend for itself and with food put an inch from its nose. To sum up, I consider a Cuckoo thoroughly unsuitable to cage life. If you want a real pet, try a young cock Blackbird.

MAGPIES AND JAYS (Novice).—It would not be correct to say that Magpies and Jays become as good (fluent) talkers and mimics as Grey Parrots, but a bird of either species taken young and well trained, in course of time will speak very plainly and well, mimic many sounds, and be a source of much pleasure and amusement to its owner and friends. The Jay is not quite so large as the Magpie, and has not so long a tail. It is a handsome bird; its coloration is, broadly speaking: body, warm cinnamon; crown of head, streaked with black; tail, black; wings, mainly black, but most beautifully chequered with blue and black towards the butts; at each side of the throat is a black "moustachial" streak. As regards the food of the Jay, note another reply given by me this week.

IN AN AVIARY (J. H. Tongue).—I am not favourably impressed with anyone's chances of breeding hybrids under the conditions you name, viz., many different species of birds kept in the same aviary. The aviary would need to be exceptionally large; and yours hardly answers to this description. However, you are not over-crowding, though the Chaffinch and Bramblefinch are more or less "passengers," as the chances of their breeding with the hens you possess are very slender. You might with advantage take out the cock Canary and turn in cock Linnet and cock Redpoll (a mealy for preference). You can only steady the birds in question by keeping them for a period in smallish box cages (Finch stock cages, about 16 x 10 x 8 or 9), in a room wherein people are constantly moving about.

A BACKYARD AVIARY (Beginner).—In the absence of rough sketch or plan, I find it somewhat difficult to gather an idea of the style of your aviary. I can say at once, however, that it won't answer at all without a considerable part of the top being covered (made weather-proof), and at least one end should be entirely boarded up, with the same object in view; it would be better, too, to have a portion of the front protected. Birds must be protected from rain, cold winds, etc., in captivity, or they will not thrive properly. The area mentioned is very spacious, and the place would comfortably hold 60 to 70 small birds, and even more. If you can make it snug and provide against rain and draughts, I think you would do well to mix hardy foreign seedeaters with the Britishers (our Mr. Page would give you a list of such); they will lend colour and variety to the collection. I do not mean to convey by this, however, that our British seedeaters will thrive under more open conditions; quite the contrary is the actual fact. As regards British, you could gradually get together the following species: Gold, Green, Bull, Chaff, Haw, and Bramblefinches, Lesser and Mealy Redpolls, Twite, Linnet, Siskin, Tree and House Sparrows, Pine Grosbeak, Corn, Yellow, Cirl, Reed, Ortolan, Black-headed, Snow, and Lapland Buntings. Both English and Siberian Goldies and Bullies should be included.

POST MORTEMS.

Mr. G. Yates, M.R.C.V.S., 1, College Road, Harrow, Middlesex, will examine and report upon dead cage birds for a fee of 1s. 6d. each bird; for reply direct, 2s. 6d.; analysis, 21s. Subjects for post mortem examination must be sent packed in a box direct to Mr. Yates, with the fee, this and any accompanying letter being kept from contact with the dead bird. Send by letter-post; it is cheaper and quicker than parcel post. Any bodies sent to the office of this paper will be thrown away, and if a fee is enclosed the loss will be the sender's.

H. W. C.—Enteritis due to digestive disturbances, was responsible for your loss. Bird had possibly been doing itself too well.

"SADDENED."—Pulmonary hemorrhage from rupture of one of the blood vessels given off from the lungs was the immediate cause of death of Bullfinch, originating primarily in congestion of the vessels.

J. T. A.—I suspect septic fever, but cannot be absolutely positive, owing to putrefactive changes which had occurred during transit. There were some marked symptoms of this disease, but absent features that would render diagnosis certain. Some of the organs where symptoms generally occur were so destroyed as to be useless for examination. Shall be pleased to examine further if you will send a bird freshly dead and securely packed.

"PARAGON."—There was no trace whatever of infection, beyond inflammation of the oviduct, and the remains were quite normal. The body was certainly emaciated, indicative of high fever, but all other features pointing to infection were absent.

A. J. NICHOLSON.—Your treatment was correct, but probably the case was too far advanced or treatment too long delayed. Ptomaine poisoning was the cause, pointing to impurities in the food. You must observe thorough cleanliness, regular and systematic attention to feeding, watering utensils, together with attention to the cage bottoms as food lying here, particularly egg food, rapidly undergoes ptomaine changes. By observing the above precautions and by the use of a little permanganate of potash daily in the drinking water I have little doubt that your difficulty will soon be overcome.

C. PARSONS.—Although your bird displayed signs of illness a few hours prior to death, there was existing disease of the liver. It had undergone fatty degenerative changes, and as a result from loss or alteration of its secretions the bowels had suffered, and well marked enteritis set in. It was this inflamed condition of the bowels that caused the immediate symptoms and induced death. Probably your diet is a little too lavish, or too rich in fats, and I would advise the elimination from it of linseed, together with the occasional administration in the drinking water of a few grains of Glauber salts.

GENERAL.

Answered by THE EDITOR.

M. Fish, W. Stone, Miss Fox, and Others.—We are much obliged to you for the newspaper cuttings sent us.

A. E. Long. Many thanks; will utilise in due course. Shall be glad to receive the matter respecting egg-binding whenever convenient to yourself.

John Stewart. We are in receipt of your postcard, but are sorry to say we cannot make out to what matter you are referring. Will you please explain, and we will make any necessary correction.

CLUB & SOCIETY NOTICES

ONE notice of any forthcoming Society meeting inserted free. It should reach us not later than Tuesday morning's post. Specially printed Club Notice Postcards may be had free on application to our Manager. Secretaries should always use them.

Annfield Plain C.B.S.—July 6, Mr. Lumley's, 7. Table show; also making up of schedule for Open Show.—G. W. Christon.

Anfield, Everton C.B.S.—July 13, Mission Hall, Burleigh Road, South, Anfield, Liverpool. Nest Feather Show.—R. B. Wright.

Ashton-under-Lyne O.S.—July 7, Guidebridge Station, 1.45. Ramble to Glossop and Hadfield; train, 1.55; friends and fanciers invited.—J. R. Colville.

British Roller C.C.—July 9, The Royal Mail, Noble Street, St. Martin-le-Grand, 8. Monthly meeting.—J. W. Norris.

Bolton Colliery C.B.S.—July 6, Co-operative Hall. First Feather Show. Judge, Mr. W. L. Smith, South Shields.—Antbony Widdowfield.

Bramley O.S.—July 8, Old Unicorn Inn, 8. Arrangements for Members' First Feather Show.—W. H. Steel.

Barnsley C.B.S.—July 6, Clarence Hotel, 7.45.—F. C. Sims.

Birmingham South O.S.—July 10, Sydenham Hotel, 8.30. Pay out prize money, also specials; also 2nd show business.—J. Sheppard.

Bolton Woods C.B.S.—July 13, Victoria Hotel, 8.30. Judges for Winter Members' Show:—M. Skirrow.

Bolton Roller C.S.—July 9, Joiner's Arms Hotel, Deansgate, Bolton, 8. Date of Open Show, and judges.—William Massey.

Border City (Carlisle) O.S.—July 3, Headquarters, 8.15. Agenda, classification for open show, etc.—John C. Bell.

Crewe O.S.—July 9, Brotherhood Institute, 8. Receipt of Ticket money for Nest Feather Show.—E. Jaycott.

City and Suburban A.C.B.—July 8, 8.15. "Home-Made Cage Competition; interested visitors warmly welcomed.—H. W. Dickinson.

Derwent Valley.—July 6, Headquarters, 7. Prize draw, etc.—Lindsay and Marsh.

Darlington C.B.S.—July 6, Labour Hall, 3. First Feather Show; classes for Canaries, Mules, and British; cash special for each class; judge, Mr. A. Wake.—H. Todd.

Denton C.B.S.—July 8, Headquarters, 8. Entry forms, First Feather Show to be held July 13; judge, Mr. W. Robinson; half-year subscriptions now due.—W. Hopwood.

Dewsbury C.B.S.—July 6, Little Saddle, 7.30 General business.—S. Shaw.

Doncaster C.B.S.—July 13, The Black Bull, 5. Second Nest Feather Show. Classes: 2 Yorkshires, 1 Nor., 1 A.O.V. Can., 1 Mule or Hyb. N.F. Brit. H.M., ditto F.M.; Mr. Barker, judge; cash specials in each section; fanciers welcome.—G. Bescoby.

Eccleshill C.B.A.—July 6, Fountain Inn, 8. General business.—W. Nettleton.

Eccles C.B.S.—July 10, Headquarters, Diamond Inn, 8. First Feather Show July 6; birds staged 2; new members.—J. Hall.

Edinburgh C.B.S.—July 13, Cairns Memorial Hall, Gorgie Road, 3. First Feather Show; judge, Mr. J. F. Dewar.—Jas. J. Mackie.

Great Eastern Rly. F. and F.S.—July 12, Mechanics' Institute, Stratford, E., 8. Cage Bird Show, and judging competition; final arrangements for young stock show, Sept. 17.—W. G. Rogers.

Glossop, Hadfield C.B.S.—July 9, Mr. J. Senior's, High Street, W. Glossop, 8. Annual First Feather Show business; entries close definitely at this meeting.—E. Thompson.

Garston B.B.A.—July 11, Club Room, 7. A. T. Mullock.

Gateshead C.B.S.—July 10, Lockhart's Cafe, High Street, 8. Members please remember our Nest Feather Show on July 20; also subscriptions due.—J. Davison.

Headen Bridge C.B.F.A.—July 9, Lello's Dining Rooms, Market Street, 7.30. Entries for First Feather Show.—A. Roberts.

Hackney and Stoke Newington F.A.—July 9, Headquarters, 8. Young Stock Show of Pigeons.—C. L. Hatchett.

Houghton-le-Spring C.B.S.—July 6, White Lion Hotel, 7.30. Nest Feather Show arrangements.—R. H. Dixon.

Halifax O.S.—July 6, Plummet Line Hotel, 8. Colour-feeding discussion.—Harry Clegg.

Hebden Bridge and Calder Valley O.S.—July 11, White Horse, 7.30. Table Show, 2 Yorks., 2 Nor., 1 Brit. Judge, Mr. F. Townsend.—A. Pickles.

Ilford and County F. and F.A.—July 9, White Horse Hotel, 8. Hire of Skating Rink for annual show, and other important business. J. H. Priestman.

Jarrow Hebburn C.B.S.—July 9, Lockhart's Cafe, 7.30. Fix date of Open Show, and revision of rules.—W. Ayers.

Keighley C.B.S.—July 9, Hare and Hounds Hotel, 7.30. Selecting stewards for show.—J. Binns.

London C.B.A.—July 10, The Feathers, Great Chapel Street, Westminster, S.W., 8. General business.—W. H. Mugford and F. Knight.

London and Counties A.C.B.—July 6, Earl Cathcart, Osnaburgh Street, N.W., 8. Mr. E. Pretty on "A New Egg Food for Young Birds, from the First Day."—Alfred Mowl.

Leeds C.B.S.—St. George's Schools (near Infirmary). Young Bird Show; birds staged 2.30, open 4.30 to 7; judge, Mr. H. J. Chittenden (Bradford).—W. A. Wilson. (No date given, probably July 6.—(Ed.)

Liverpool B.B.A.—July 11, Oldham Hall, 8. Nest Feather Night Show, all points count for season's specials; judges, Messrs. J. Bretherton and J. W. Metcalfe.—F. Eccleston.

Leicester Hand-in-Hand C.B.S.—July 7. Annual outing to Pailton; meet G. C. Station 9.45.—A. Freestone.

Leicester Hand-in-Hand C.B.S.—July 6, White Swan Hotel, Market Place, 4. Nest Feather Show; admission free.—A. Freestone.

Littleborough C.B.S.—July 10, Coffee House, 8. Report of F.F. Show; payment of prize money and specials.—H. Woodhead.

Longton C.B.S.—July 9, Castle Inn, 8. Paying prize-money, specials, etc.—Geo. Lea.

Morpeth C.B.S.—July 6, Earl Grey Hotel, 7.30. General business.—E. Cowling.

Manningham C.B.A.—July 6, Headquarters, 2. Members' show, Judge, W. Mundell.—H. Grange.

Norwich P.H. Club.—July 13, St. Wilfred's Rooms, Corporation Street, Preston, 4.—F. Cunliffe.

North Manchester C.B.S.—July 9, Balmoral Hotel, Harpurhey, 8. Report of Nest Feather Show.—John Davey.

Nelson C. and C.B.S.—July 9, Fulton's, Railway Street, 7.30. Young Bird Show and specials.—J. Speak.

Oldham C.B.S.—July 9, Textile Dining Rooms, 8. Schedules for amalgamated show, also First Feather report.—Jas. Cope.

Open Norwich Plainhead Club.—July 6, Market Tavern, Godwin Street, Bradford, 6 p.m. Resignation of the secretary, appointment of new secretary, allotting of patronage to winter shows, election of sub-committee.—Fred Hammond.

Plumstead and Woolwich C.B.S.—July 6. Holy Trinity Schools, Beresford Street, Woolwich, 5. Young Stock Show. Members are asked to make as many entries as possible. Birds staged 2.30, judging 3.—E. Meades.

Pendleton and Salford O.S.—July 8, Irwell Castle, Lr. Broughton, 8. Very important business. Anyone wishing to join will be in time for F.F. Show. Subs. now due.—Critchley and Metcalfe.

Partick C.B.S.—July 5, Trades Halls, Anderson street, 8. General business: First feather show, July 6, judging 3. Friends cordially invited.—J. Henderson.

Queen's Park C.B.A.—July 11, Emmanuel Hall, 8. Prize distribution and arrangements for young bird table show.—W. J. Lethbridge, jun.

Rycroft and Rawmarsh.—July 6, Queen's Hotel, 8. Special business.—W. Wilshaw.

Reading C.B.S.—July 10, Palmer Hall. First Feather Show; admission free, 7.—W. H. Pyke.

Rochdale O.S.—July 8, Club Room, 8.30. Quarterly meeting.—R. Blincoe.

Sale and Dis. C.B.S.—July 8, Volunteer Hotel, 8.—Royle and Wood.

Spen Valley C.B.S. July 8, Commercial Hotel, 8. Special general meeting. Business important.—Arthur Lee.

S. Wales and Mon. Federation.—July 13, Mr. Love's, Market Vaults, Neath, 4. All representatives earnestly invited to attend.—A. A. G. McInnes.

Sutton-in-Ashfield C.B.S.—July 6, Masons' Arms, 7. First Feather Show business, and other important items.—R. Nuttall.

Sheriffhill F. and F.S.—July 6, St. John's Mission Rooms, 6.30. General monthly meeting.—W. Stockton.

South London Col. and F.A.—July 11, headquarters, 8. Show of pigeons, any age. Judge, A. Leach; and general meeting.—Geo. F. Crawford.

Stockbridge C.B.S.—July 13, headquarters, 3. Young bird show. Judge, Mr. F. Bishop, Sheffield. Birds staged 3; entries close July 12.—G. L. Sampson.

Sandy Lane C.B.A. July 9, Victoria Hotel, 8.—Ratcliffe and Shaw.

Tong and Dis. C.B.S.—July 9, Hand and Shuttle Inn, 7.45.—W. Walker.

Ushaw Moor Workmen's Club.—July 7, 11 a.m. Business: drawing up of rules.—H. Briggs.

Vale of Leven.—July 6, Public Hall, Alexandria, 2 till 6. First Feather Show.—A. H. McLean.

Walsall C.B.S.—July 10, White Hart Hotel, 7. Nest Feather and British Bird Show. 10 classes. Birds to be in 7 sharp.—F. Price.

Wimbledon C.B.S.—July 8, Queen's Hall, 6. H. Snell.

Wandsworth F.S.—July 11, the "Red Lion," 8. Important business.—W. Lightfoot.

Wibsey and Dis. C.B.S.—July 6, Horse and Groom Inn, 8. Arrangements for First Feather Show and ramble.—H. C. Crossley.

Wakefield Roller C.C. July 8, Elephant and Castle, 8.—H. Roebuck, Hon. Sec.

West of Scotland O.S. July 6, Nelson's Temperance Hotel, 4. Monthly meeting and First Feather Show, 15 classes. New members cordially invited. Wm. Hutchison.

Windsor C.B.A.—July 11, Headquarters, 8. First Feather Show.—E. A. Stickland.

Walkley C.B.S.—July 11, Mission Rooms, Westmoreland Street, 8. Lecture on Moulting and Colour Feeding. All welcome. A. Lawton.

Wood Green F.F.A. July 9, Adult School Hall, Brook Road. Table show and lecture, cage birds. Judge, Mr. G. Gardner. Will any member not having schedule for First Feather Show kindly notify A. Wilson, Assist. Sec., 80, Springfield Road, New Southgate.

Windhill C.B.S.—July 6, Blue Bell Hotel, 8. Arrangements for open winter show, and other important business.—Taylor and Gunn.

Yorkshire County B.B. and M.C.—July 6, Market Tavern, 7.30. Patronages, club specials, etc.—J. Lane.

York C.B.S.—July 10, All Saints' School, 7. Nest Feather Show. Birds staged 7. Three good specials (12 classes).—H. Sayles.

Correspondence.

A Greenfinch-Bullfinch Hybrid Successfully Reared.

Sir,—I should like to inform you that Mr. A. Butler, of Dawley, Salop, has had the good fortune to rear a Greenfinch-Bullfinch Hybrid. It is a cock bird, seven weeks old, and bred of British stock birds. It is a splendid shape, with Bullie's cap and wings and Greenie's breast and back; and it stands as bold as any Yorkshire Canary. H. Hornblower.

The 54th National Crystal Palace Cage Bird Show.

Sir,—The next (1913) Crystal Palace Show will be held on Friday, Feb. 7, to Tuesday, Feb. 11. I shall be pleased to hear from Specialist Club secretaries, or any others who may have suggestions to make, or who may wish to guarantee classes. The L. and P.O.S. committee will meet to consider communications during the third week in July.

J. W. Ramsden, Show Manager.
11, Josephine Avenue, Brixton.

A Recipe for Egg Cake.

Is it Useful in Colour Feeding?

Sir,—Mr. Hill inquires in Cage Birds of 22nd ult. if the egg cake which I recommended for the rearing and feeding of Canaries is a good medium for the giving of colour food. I regret I am unable to say if it is so, never having used colour food. I should think, however, that it would prove an excellent medium, as the colour food would be distributed so completely with the other ingredients, and it should, moreover, prove extremely palatable to the birds. I think it would be well worth while Mr. Hill giving it a trial.

E. Perry.

Chaffinch Rears Young in a Crystal Palace Aviary.

The Interesting Procedure Described.

Sir,—About five weeks ago I wrote you of an experiment I was trying with my hen Chaffio paired to a Goldie, and who had built her nest in an ordinary nest box in the smaller division of a Crystal Palace aviary. I wanted to see if she would rear a young Chaffie which I took, first day of hatching, from a nest in our garden, and placed in my Chaffie's nest. She proved a splendid mother, feeding and tending the young one until last Friday, over a month, when for the first time I noticed she had ceased to feed, but as she had been busy building another nest in the same box as before, I suppose she thought it was time the baby managed for itself. The Chaffie laid her third egg this morning, and has commenced to sit again. The young one is, I think, a hen, for which I am thankful, hoping to use it next year for Hybrid breeding, if all goes well. It is a promising child, having thriven well from the first. The first five days Chaffie fed it on egg-food, "Cecto," and any amount of wild seeds. On the fifth day, to compare the babies, I took a peep at the wild ones being reared in their natural state in the garden. I did not then feel quite so pleased with my Chaffie's foster baby; though it seemed well and healthy, it was not so big as "Nature's children." Forthwith I altered Chaffie's menu-ard, adding gentles and mealworms to the diet; this greatly pleased both mother and youngster, and the baby was fledged out of the nest on the 16th day. (The brothers and sisters outside left their home when 12 days old). Chaffie kept the nest spotless, and I think she intended using it again for her second lot of eggs, but master Goldie thought otherwise, for I saw him one morning turn it completely out on the floor. However, being a sensible female, she said nothing, but started building again, and has constructed a sweet little nest composed of bits of cotton wool, green moss, and a few hairs. I was most interested watching her feeding the young with the mealworms. The hen would take one from my hand, rub it on the grit of the cage floor, bite off both ends of the mealworm, and then pass it backwards and forwards through her beak several times. Then up to the nest she would go with it crosswiso in her beak, and so soon as the baby gaped she put the mealworm in its mouth and then pulled it out again as though giving it a taste. This she used to do about three times, finally leaving it in the baby's throat, who thereupon gave a gulp, and I saw no more of the mealworm. As the baby grew older the mother passed the mealworms through her own beak less frequently, until, at last, Miss Baby used to take one herself from my fingers and try to swallow it whole, when downstairs flew Mama and hastily drew the mealworm out of baby's mouth, and after nibbling it herself, and cracking the skin she then gave it to the baby again. It was amusing to watch them, especially as the baby used to wag its little head vigorously from side to side when being fed, instead of fluttering its wings as young Canaries do. It is five weeks old to-day and as lively as a cricket, though it is already moulting in nest feathers. It is gradually being weaned off its insect diet, feeding again on "Cecto," Finch mixture, and a little of egg-food, with occasionally a few flies or large moths if we can catch any. I wonder if Mr. Andrews, who wrote in Cage Birds, has succeeded in rearing any young Chaffies in his aviary cage? K. Tipper.

"Trapping" Snails.

Sir,—In your correspondence column, Mr. A. Cooper writes that he watered a large garden fifteen minutes before it went dark, and then searched the ground, and the results were 100 three nights in succession. My garden is about thirty yards by eight yards, and the first night I tried the following plan I caught 1,200, the next night about 800, etc., etc. My plan is to cut strips of brown paper about six inches square, and put a little bran in the centre of each, and place these about the garden, just before dark after rain. After an hour or two, if there are snails in the garden, the papers will soon be covered with the snails. I caught them because they were eating all my pansies, etc.

J. H. Tongue.

Does Thunder Kill Unhatched Young?

Sir.—It would be interesting to hear the experiences of fanciers as to whether thunder and other noises really affect eggs. In Sunderland early last Sunday morning (June 23) we had a very severe thunderstorm, which fairly rattled the window panes, and on the following Tuesday afternoon we got another dose. The room which I use for breeding looks out on a busy road, and a little further on there is a railway, and yet, in spite of all this noise, I find that yesterday and to-day (27th and 28th) my eggs are hatching out quite all right. I have seen it stated in some books that thunder causes the young to die in the shell. What can other fanciers relate?

Douglas E. Sayce.

Starling Abandons the Old Life.

Sir,—I thought the little incident related below would be interesting to lovers of birds. About four months ago a Starling fell down a ventilator which was let into the wall of the sitting room. It was there all day and night, and did not seem able to get out, so we had the ventilator removed to release it. As the bird had given us so much trouble, we thought we would keep it as a pet. It has thrived exceedingly well, though very wild for a time. The other day, as I was cleaning the cage in the garden it got out and flew away into the fields. I thought that was the end of "Rachel," as we called her. I left the cage in the garden and went indoors in disgust. An hour later I had occasion to go into the garden, and to my astonishment "Rachel" was sitting in her cage as if she had never been out of it. Does this seem as if birds were unhappy in cages?

(Miss) A. C. Townend.

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DON'T WORRY!

From a drawing] [*by C. T. Humphrey.*

1: Should a husk of canary seed blow into your eye don't get excited; you are sure to be able to see again in a day or two. 2: If your champion Crest contrives to ruin his headpiece on the eve of the cup show, don't be annoyed; it is sure to grow again by the next season.

The Type of the Present-day Norwich Plainhead.

Action of Fanciers of Norwich Opens Interesting Discussion.

Sir,—How refreshing! Once again they are telling us we can "make things easy" by hammering in the Crest-bred infusion with a view to improving the head and neck of the Norwich Plainhead. And then the writer who speaks of this "easy" method, in the next breath tells us we shall immediately get "the long, coarse feathered, beetle browed and long-tailed bird." We knew it, some of us, years ago, when it paid some people well to preach it but never practice it. I am truly surprised at some of these gentlemen. They talk of £70, £20, £15, and £10 Plainheads as glibly as if they were every day occurences. My word! It is enough to make anybody laugh, to hear about the 99 to 100 chances that some of the winners at the Palace were bred by some of the breeders of Norwich. The chances are 100 to 99 they were not. And now we are asked to take our lessons on the type of the Norwich from the breeders of the Norfolk city. Why they have been out of the hunt for years, practically. Even the Scotch breeders can lick them hollow. Are they out for an advertisement?

Amused.

Sir,—In reply to Mr. F. Cullington, I still maintain that in my former letter I only found fault with two birds which had done a lot of winning; but he is wrong when he affirms that I am at a loss to know who bred the birds I mentioned. I think I am right in saying that they were bred by the owners. As for the winners at the Palace, he claims that the majority of them were bred by the working men of Norwich. Does that account for them being of the wrong type for Mr. Woollard and his friends? I don't in the least wish to controvert his statement that Mr. Mackley sold a bird for £70, but do let us keep to the present day, and not to what happened in the far, far past, when money seemed to have been much more plentiful than it is to-day. When Mr. Mallet mentions Mr. Mackley, Mr. Freestone and Mr. Cullington as well-known judges, does he mean that they are well-known as judges in Norwich? When I said "well-known judges," I meant what I said, not judges of local shows. He says that although the N.P. has undergone a tremendous change this last ten years, he sees no reason why the change is detrimental to the bird. Nor do I. That is what I have been trying to show Mr. Woollard and his friends, that, taken as a whole, the change has not been detrimental to the Norwich Plainhead; and if he has written that sentence with the idea of bearing out the statements of the pessimists from Norwich, I fear they will think that he would have helped them better if he had had the wisdom to observe that silence which is golden. He mentions a lecture delivered by a Mr. Robinson, in which the lecturer is stated to have said that the majority of exhibits are more like Lancashires and Crestbreds. My argument is not on the exhibits, but on the winners, and it doesn't follow that because the majority of exhibits at a show (although I don't admit that) are like Crestbreds that the winners are. Those sort the feathery ones—are usually at the bottom of the class in shows that I have visited. Anyhow, before a man can, with any effect, pose as an authority on any given variety, he must show that he can and does breed and exhibit winners. I take it that as he lectured before the Ardwick Society, he lives somewhere in the vicinity, and although I have looked up the show reports from that district, I have failed to find the name Robinson among the winners. If Mr. House, Mr. Gardner, or Mr. Robson, who are experts, or say either Mr. Spillman, Mr. J. Trengove, or Mr. W. Booth, who are big winners and breeders, were to have said the same in a lecture, then we, the Fancy at large, would have paid more attention, and their words would have had more effect. Mr. Robinson's ideas of the type of the Norwich seems to be old-fashioned, and out-of-date. I really think that before introducing his opinions into controversy, Mr. Mallett would have been wiser to have studied the axiom mentioned previously.

Sub Rosa.

[Correspondents must please keep to the point. Further we have re-read Mr. Cullington's letter and find that he did not claim that the majority of the winners at the Palace were bred in Norwich. His words were "the chances are 99 to 100 that some of the winners at the Palace were bred by some of the working-men breeders in Norwich."—Editor.].

Sir,—I notice Mr. F. Cullington advising "Novice" to visit a few shows in Norwich to pick up a wrinkle or two. I should like to inform friend Cullington that being in Norwich last October with a few hours to spare, a friend and I made up our minds to visit the bird show then being held in, I believe, the Corn Exchange. What did we see? The highest honours leaving Norwich, both in the Canary, British and Foreign bird classes. I also notice he says some have sold birds up to £70, and some have refused other big prices, also that one belonging to a working-man was claimed at £10. Now, Mr. Cullington, were these birds bred in Norwich? I venture to say they were not. Mr. Woollard says that Norwich fanciers have their reason's for not exhibiting away; well, I will leave that to readers themselves to sum up.

Novice.

[We have deleted several passages from the above letter which in no wise bear on the points under discussion. Correspondents must deal with birds and not with persons.—Editor.]

A New Society for Tredegar, Mon.

Sir,—At a meeting of the Tredegar fanciers, held at the Silver Grill on June 28, it was decided to form a cage bird society. It will be known as the Tredegar and Dist. C.B.S. All fanciers of the district are heartily invited to become members. Subscription, 2s. 6d. per annum. Next meeting is July 5, 7 p.m., at the Silver Grill, Tredegar.

W. B. Watkins,
Sec., pro tem.
56, High Street.

An Egg Within an Egg.

Curious Laying Freak.

Sir,—I am sending you particulars of a curiosity in egg laying by a Canary. A yellow Norwich hen, bred by me, and now in the possession of Mr. W. Hodgkinson in this town (Derby), laid an exceptionally large egg, over one-and-a-quarter inches in length. This egg was accidentally broken by the owner of the bird, when, lo, and behold, inside this was another egg, of a normal size. I enclose the egg and the broken shell of the large one, and if not damaged in transit they will, I think, be of interest.

Wm. Reader.

[The larger egg, sent by Mr. Reader, which enclosed the one of normal type, is of huge size. Cases of "an egg within an egg" have been notified several times before, and of one we published a photograph.—Editor.].

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A Herb Called Wormwood.

Sir,—Will Mr. J. Drewett, of Claygate, who sent in for "Timely Hints" for week ending June 8th, how to use a herb called Wormwood, please give an address where I can procure some, as I cannot get any in my town (Hereford).

WINIFRED TURNER.

A Hybrid Breeder's Good Fortune.

Sir,—I have a fine Goldfinch-Bullfinch Hybrid, a fortnight old, also two more fertile eggs, due to hatch the end of this week. I also sat a reliable hen Canary on five more eggs yesterday, June 30th. I have also ten very fine Greenfinch—Canary Mules well on colour food, and I expect to get some Siskin-Greenfinch Hybrids. This Greenfinch is rear the Goldfinch-Bullfinch Hybrid.

W. NICHOLS.

The Fancy in Manchester.

Sir,—I was surprised to see "Fancier's" letter regarding the secretaryship of the North Manchester C.B.S. I beg to inform him that there has been no change. When there is we shall announce the same in CAGE BIRDS for the benefit of "Fancier" and others. What we have done is to appoint Mr. W. H. Tansey our club correspondent, to deal with shows, lectures, etc., so that is why his name has been seen so often. I think some of the credit for the success of our late show is due to Mr. Tansey and the stewards.

JOHN DAVEY, hon. sec.

The Cause of Eggs "Drying Up."

Sir,—Re the letter by Mr. Ball, on the turning of eggs when taken out of the nest, it is not necessary, in my opinion, to turn them (every one, of course, is entitled to their own opinion, and to do the best for themselves), for however much one turns an egg, providing it is on its side, the germ always comes to the top. A bird "turning" its eggs is in my opinion only getting them into a position so that it can rest comfortably on them. I never take the eggs out, but let them remain, for the birds never sit close for the first two days. I never use linings, for last year I lost several nests through hens sweating. This year I have given cow hair, and both hens that sweated last year have not "turned a hair," and have been excellent mothers. Linings in my estimation are too close and prevent air getting through, but with hair, air can get through. One must be careful with the hair, for the hen will lay an egg, then cover it over to finish the nest. If nest is not made to one's satisfaction, on the evening of second day pull some hair to pieces, put it in a nest pan and turn it round on top of the knob of the bedstead, and I warrant you will get a nest to suit the most fastidious hen going.

A. E. LONG.

Sir,—I am afraid the theory of F. G. Ball's old fancier friend upon this subject will not bear investigation, for the following reasons, viz.: Eggs which are removed and kept in meal, or sawdust, or oat-husk, or even upon a layer of cotton wool, are just as apt to "dry up" as those which are kept in bran; moreover, eggs which are not removed at all are also just as apt to "dry up"; so also are eggs laid in good nests in wooden boxes, in lined nest pans, or any other form of nest. Most important of all, this "drying-up" also occurs with wild birds' eggs in a perfectly natural state, as I have personally had ocular proof. In my young bird-nesting days I well remember one occasion in particular when I flushed a Hedge Accentor off her nest, which contained four eggs apparently "sitting hard." Upon breaking one to ascertain stage of incubation, with an eye to timing a future visit, I found the contents dried up and thoroughly hard. Further investigation proved all four eggs to be in the same condition, and the appearances suggested that they had been sat upon well beyond the normal time of fourteen days. I cannot therefore support the theory of this old fancier. By the way, how would he account for one or two eggs in a clutch "drying up," and the others remaining quite fluid and clear or hatching? This is a fairly common occurrence. When eggs are removed there is certainly no better way of keeping them than in bran. Of the other theories mentioned in F. G. Ball's letter I will only say—do not put too much confidence in them.

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HOW TO MAKE OPEN SHOWS PAY.

Do Societies Indulge in Needless Expenditure?

Sir,—I was very much interested in reading the report of the last meeting of the Newcastle C.B.S. in your issue of June 29 re "How to make an open show a financial success." Might I be allowed in a friendly way to give my views on the matter? The most important point in running an open show is in keeping the expenses down, and, apart from expensive judges, I think this could be done to a large extent by reducing the printer's bill. But how? Take the Newcastle catalogue of last year; you will find over six pages of closely printed matter devoted to specialist clubs' conditions of competition. I submit that this expense should be borne by the clubs and not by the show. It is an open question whether a show benefits by having the patronage of specialist clubs, but in any case their members could be notified by the club secretary where, and under what conditions, their patronage is given; they only being interested, a simple announcement could be made in show schedule that the show was under the patronage of the Y.C.C., B.F.C.C., etc., etc. The question of printing catalogues will have to be seriously considered by show committees in the near future; they are a curse to most open shows. I have known a society have 400 printed and not sell 100. I should imagine that the Newcastle society would be glad to reduce their printing account by one-half. I believe that last year it was nearly £30, and if the Newcastle show, with 1,800 entries, does not pay, what chance have others? I think a scheme could be devised to take the place of catalogues to a certain extent (I have my own idea of the matter), and I would like, with your permission, to have the views of show secretaries and officials on the matter. It is a serious concern for a society to drop money year after year, even after absorbing members' subscriptions. This is a sure way to reduce its membership.

SECRETARY.

Eleven Eggs in one Clutch!

Sir,—I have noticed in your columns lately fanciers who have had hens laying seven and eight eggs a clutch. I have one with eleven. This surely is a rare thing. I may say there are other hens in the aviary, but all are either sitting on eggs or feeding young ones. I should like to say that this is my first season trying to breed, and I have met with great success, undoubtedly attributed to the hints and information gathered from the columns of CAGE BIRDS and House's "Canary Manual."

A. HANCOX.

Malvern Link.

Who Stole the Flute?

How a Bullfinch Answered the Question.

Sir,—The following is an interesting story of a piping Bullfinch taken from an old work. A musician at one of the London theatres possessed an ebony flute with silver keys. He seldom used it, however, in consequence of one of the upper notes being defective. The musician had for a lodger a young man, a theatrical tailor, and between the two there existed considerable friendship. Well, one night, while the musician was away at his business, someone stole the flute, and suspicion fell on an old charwoman, who used to come to do the housework. However, nothing tended to show that the old lady really was guilty, and the affair was forgotten. In a few months the tailor left the house of the musician, and went to live in a town a few miles off, but as the friendship between the two men still existed, they occasionally visited each other. Nearly a year afterwards the musician paid the tailor a visit, and was pleased to find him in possession of a splendid Bullfinch, who could distinctly whistle three tunes. The performance was perfect with the exception that whenever he came to a certain high note he invariably skipped it, and went on to the next. A very little reflection convinced the musician that the note in which the Bullfinch was imperfect was the very one that was deficient on the ebony flute. So convinced was he that he at once sharply questioned his ex-lodger on the subject, who admitted his guilt and that all the bird knew had been taught him on the stolen flute.

JOHN WATSON.

Catching the "Bird Fever."

The "Dose" for a True Fancier.

Sir,—When bird fever attacks your birds, it is very serious—sharp, short, and soon over—but when persons are smitten with bird fever the results, though not so serious, are far more lasting. Some persons take it suddenly. They visit a friend and see his birds, cages, and aviaries. Perhaps it is in the breeding season, with birds on the nests sitting closely, or the nests may contain young birds clamouring to their parents to be fed—whatever it be that takes their fancy, when they leave that room they feel they must go in for bird keeping at once. They have caught the fever. Others contract the fever more slowly. They have probably kept a cock Canary for years as a pet and for its song, and one day some friend gives them a hen Canary, and just for the fun of the thing they decide to have a try at breeding. Though knowing little or nothing of what is required, they blunder through and successfully rear two or three nests, helped by the good fortune which is well known to follow novices. This success so pleases them that they go in for it on a larger scale the next year. They also have caught the fever. When a person drops bird-keeping after a very short time as being "too much trouble," or cloaks this reason under the more popular "I really haven't the time to look after my birds," he has had only a mild attack of the fever. But when he lets all other recreations and amusements take second place to his birds, when he gets up early in the morning to feed his birds before going to his work, when he will do messy cleaning, lime-washing, or painting, and think it a pleasure, when he loves to sit watching his birds, and scheming improvements, then we know the fever is in the system, and a cure is hopeless. Of such are true fanciers made.

J. GOLDSHAW.

Back to the Right Path.

Sir,—I am sorry to say I had the misfortune to have a mopy hen this year, and at an unfortunate time. One of my young Norwich hens had just got her first nest of four young. Everything seemed to go on well for five days, when I noticed one evening she had not eaten much of the egg food. Knowing she was a good feeder, I took the young out and gave them their evening feed with the aid of the "fillup." The next morning I saw that she was not much better, so I gave her a few drops of gentian, and took the young away, and gave them to another hen that had two about the same age. I lost one of them, but the other three are doing well, and are on the perch with the other too. I have treated this hen according to directions I saw a few weeks back in the columns of your paper, and now she is quite herself again, and looks like doing another round, thanks to CAGE BIRDS.

J. TAYLOR.

REVIEW OF SCHEDULES.

Royston.—Aug. 5.—Judge, Mr. G. Gardner, London. 8 open classes; Nor., Yorks., A.O.V., Can. or Mule, Self. Can., For., 3 Brit. Prizes, 5s., 3s., 2s. Fee, 1s. Entries close July 29, to F. Humphries, York Villa, Mill-road.

Kingswood, Bristol.—July 24, at Two Mile Hill. Judge, Mr. J. H. Payne. 15 open classes: Yorks., 2; Nor., 2; A.O.V. Can., Novice, Mule, Hybrid, Brit., 6; For., 1. Prizes, 10s., 5s., 2s. 6d. Fee, 1s. 6d. Entries close July 18, to O. E. Hodge, 272, Two Mile Hill, Kingswood.

LEICESTER C.B.S.

A Lecture on Bird Catching.

At meeting at headquarters on June 27, with Mr. Hawthorn in the chair, Mr. Wm. Heath gave us a most interesting lecture on "Catching." On the catching of the Linnet, he said that a catcher ought to take note of the country and turn his attention to the parts where charlock and chickweed grow plentifully, for one usually found that the flocks of Linnets will follow the fields of grain as they are cut. Limed twigs were of no use in Linnet catching, except when the leaves had fallen and left the hedges bare. When corn had been cut or the grass mown the net was the thing to use. The lecturer here described the use of the clap net. He pointed out that it was no use waiting for birds to settle between the nets, but they must be pulled immediately the birds flew in. The Goldfinch was next dealt with, the best place to find which, we were told, was a thistle field, especially those fields in which grew "red knots," the earliest thistle of the year. It was a very easy bird to catch both on twigs and with nets. With nets it was best to have a call bird and fix up bunches of thistles in the net, so that they would come and sit on these to feed. The Chaffinch was generally caught around stacks. Near the breeding season they were frequently caught by pegging, i.e., by using a hidden call bird and a dummy. Another way was by using the half-over net. The Redpoll or "Pea-Joey" was very easy to catch, Mr. Heath mentioning that he once caught one, put it in a cage, and after it had escaped from this, it allowed itself to be caught again. Siskins also were easy to catch, if they could be got off the alder tree, but this last year they had been very scarce. The Skylark was best caught with the net, especially the ground net. Young Linnets were fed on canary and scalded rape. Goldfinches should be fed on ingn, crushed hemp, and teazle, and their wings should be tied for two or three days. Questions were freely asked, and Mr. Heath gave most satisfactory answers. At the close of the lecture Mr. Hawthorn presented the medals to the winners of most points in the open Canary, novice Canary, and British classes this past season, the winners being Mr. Adams, Mr. Smith, and Mr. Ride.—G. H. Groocock, hon. sec.

TIMELY HINTS.

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The Bird-room Atmosphere.

[Winner of Half-crown Prize.]

Fanciers who keep a large number of birds should use sawdust (pitch pine, if possible) upon the cage floors and give the sand in separate vessels. Before putting in the sawdust, however, sprinkle the tray over with "Sanitas" powder, which is obtainable in tins, one of which will last a very long time. Now place a layer of sawdust on top of this. The bird-room will now always smell sweet, and any stuffy kind of atmosphere will be unknown. Besides, sawdust will soak up all moisture far better than sand.—Douglas E. Sayce (5, Toward Terrace, Sunderland).

A Good Eggs Cake.

[Winner of Half-crown Prize.]

Should any readers require a substitute for egg and biscuit whilst colour feeding, I have found the following recipe for egg cake very suitable, and it will keep sweet for any length of time, and is both nourishing and enjoyed by the birds:—1lb. of flour, one teacupful of sugar, piece of lard size of an egg, two tablespoons baking powder, and six new laid eggs. To be mixed together and baked in a slow oven. Ready for use the following day by crumbling through the hands, or, better still, by passing through an egg mill and adding the necessary amount of tasteless pepper.—J. Gibson (60, Vernon Avenue, Basford, Notts.).

Economy in the Use of Sand.

[Winner of Half-crown Prize.]

Here is an idea that will make your sand run cheap. Get two pennyworth of Trent sand from any builders' merchants, then thoroughly dry this in the oven. When dry, riddle it through a zinc sieve. You can improve it by adding grit made in the following way:—Save all your egg shells, wash well with water, then put them in the oven to dry; when dry roll them (about as fine as canary seed) on the paste board with the rolling pin. Add this to your sand, and you will then have about half a hundredweight of good sand.—C. Oates (241, Pitsmoor Road Sheffield).

When Hand-rearing.

To keep young birds warm through the night, I fill a tin with sand, place the nest pan in the centre, and arrange them in a box, about eight inches from the bottom, on the floor of which I put a small lamp. Arrange air-holes at top of box. If by chance the light should go out, you will find the sand will hold the heat for a long time, and you will have more chance of your young birds living.—F. Harley (Paddington, W.).

Useful with Budgerigars.

An excellent method with Budgerigars is to get an old Thrush's or Blackbird's nest, and put it inside the nest box. This stops the eggs from rolling about into the corners. It is easy to put the nest in if the top of the box is hinged like a lid. When the nest is dirty, it can be taken out and another put in. This saves sending away for new husks. Another way is to put in spare Canary nest pans with linings.—R. Blake (Over-ross Road, Ross, Herefordshire).

To Keep Egg-food Fresh.

After boiling the egg ten minutes, let it cool in the shell for an hour, then take some biscuits and crush them fine, and mix in the usual way. Place it in a cup with a piece of gauze on the top, and stand in cold water. The reason for cooling the egg in the shell is because when mixed warm it is apt to go sour. I have tried this method successfully, and find it keep the egg food up to about two days quite nice and fresh.—W. Cain (Spennymoor).

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[Winner of Half-crown Prize.]

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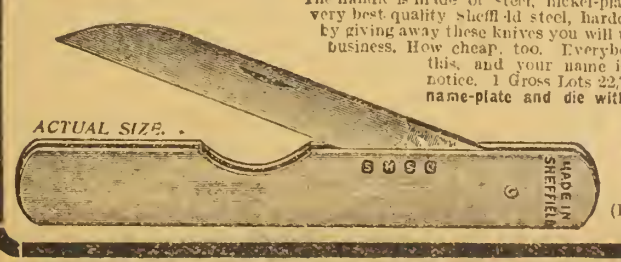

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Club Reports.

HARTLEPOOLS C.B.S.

Prize Drawing.—904, 378, 1016, 396, 1220, 857, 187, 1198, 661, 1126, 125, 1237, 436, 1159, 1074.—Woodhead and Pyman, Hon. Secs.

OLDHAM C.B.S.

Meeting held June 18. Decided to postpone ordinary meeting until July 9, at 8. It was also carried that all entries for amalgamation show be given in at special meeting to be held July 15. I hope all fanciers will notice this, and rally up with their entries, and let us help to the best of our ability to make the first show a gigantic success. Schedules for this show ready at meeting, July 9, also report of First Feather Show.—Jas. Cope, Sec.

SWINDON AND DIS. F. AND F.A.

Monthly meeting held at the Baths, June 26; Mr. H. R. Halliday in the chair. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded Mr. H. Smith for the very able way in which he judged the rabbit table show. Next meeting July 31, at 8 p.m., at the Baths, when a table show of cage birds will be held. Mr. J. Smith has kindly promised a medal for the best bird shown. Mr. Poole will judge. Members and friends heartily invited.—W. J. Moran, Hon. Sec.

ROMFORD F.S.

Next meeting White Hart Hotel, July 8, 8 p.m. The recent judging competition was a great success, 17 entering. G. Hares obtained 1 and 2, A. Hayman 3rd. The winners of awards placed nearest the judge were: W. Legge, G. Hares, A. Garling, equal number of points. Mr. Talbot judged. Mr. W. L. Rae has kindly consented to judge cage birds at the September young stock show, and Mr. Alfred Skinner's services have been retained for the December show.—A. Ives, Hon. Sec.

NORTH MANCHESTER C.B.S.

Meeting held June 25, Balmoral Hotel, Mr. Robinson presiding over a fair attendance. Proposed and seconded that we accept Mr. G. Pike as treasurer, having received our late treasurer's resignation owing to other business. It was decided to add to our annual N.F. Show and our November show, an additional show, to be held in January. The open classes mentioned in our last show report brought forward some very interesting points to be considered at our next meeting, July 9th. Winner of bird and cage was Mr. D. Hartley, No. 59.—W. H. Tansey.

SCOTCH FANCY NATIONAL DERBY O.A.

Meeting held in the Graud National Halls, Main Street, Gorbals, June 25th. There was a large attendance of members present. The chair was occupied by Mr. D. Black. Through the death of the late Mr. Smith, late secretary and treasurer, Mr. A. M. Baird was appointed to the position The association are to be congratulated in securing the services of Secretary Baird, a gentleman amply qualified to undertake the duties of secretary and treasurer. Judges were appointed for the coming show, and will be announced in due course. Show will be held as usual on September 21, in the Grand National Halls, Main Street, Gorbals. Members will now please note that all correspondence may now be addressed to the new secretary, Mr. A. M. Baird, 23, Neilston Road, Paisley. Any members who have not yet sent in their returns might kindly do so as soon as possible.

YORKSHIRE UNION OF C.B.S.

Council meeting, June 29, at Market Tavern, Bradford, when Mr. H. W. Walsh, vice-president, occupied the chair. Mr. O. Mitchell sent in his resignation as trustee to the Union on account of ill-health, and his inability to attend the Council meetings until he regained his normal health and strength. This was accepted with regret, the Council passing a vote of sympathy with him in his continued illness, coupled with the wish that he may soon be well enough to again devote his spare time and energies to the Fancy. Mr. A. Brown, of Yeadon, was elected by the Council to fill the office of trustee. Tenders for the printing of Union handbooks were laid before the Council, and order was placed. A long discussion took place in regard to a resolution passed previously by the Council that rung birds should not be allowed to compete at Union shows, many Union members having an impression that this resolution only applied to Yorkshires. The Council took a firm stand in declaring that the resolution as previously passed should apply to all varieties at Union shows. It was suggested by one of the delegates, that a special meeting be convened at some future date to deal exclusively with this important subject, and no doubt this idea will be acted upon. Societies who are intending to print their schedules for the annual shows in the Union Handbook should arrange their classification, etc., as soon as possible now, as all matter for the handbook must be sent in before July 20. This also applies to advertisements and any alteration of names and addresses.—H. Hill, Sec.

SCOTTISH CRESTED C.C.

Committee meeting held Nelson's Temperance Hotel, Ingram Street, Glasgow, June 22, Mr John Neale, Kilmarnock, presiding over a representative attendance. Officers elected—President, Mr. C. Campbell; Vice-presidents, Messrs. Moreland, Adamson, Chalmers, McKay, and McNaughton. Correspondence was read from Messrs. Whitton (Broughty Ferry), Dewar (Edinburgh), and McNaughton (Larbert). Agreed to appoint Mr. Whitton corresponding secretary for Northern and Central Counties, with power to convene meetings at such time and place as may suit requirements of members Samples and prices for proposed new club drinker tin were considered. Agreed to adopt a wire top zinc tin, sent in by Mr. Dewar, Edinburgh, price 2s. per doz., distribution and sale to be left in hand of secretary, who hopes to be able to supply the drinkers to members before the show season begins. A large number of applications were to hand, soliciting patronage, and the following associations were successful:—Broughty Ferry, Lochgelly, City of Glasgow, Broxburn, and Dunfermline Further arrangements to be left over till September meeting. Owing to repeated financial losses, it was agreed to abandon the idea of holding a club show, for this year, at least, but secretary was instructed to approach Scottish National Executive with a view to granting facilities in young bird classes at their New Year fixture, when club would consider the provision of gold medals and special prizes for competition amongst members of S.C.C.C. The following were elected members:—Mr. John Thomeon (Broxburn), and Mrs. C. Mutton (Uphall). John Young, Hon. Sec.

BONNYRIGG C.B.S.

Meeting held Foresters' Arms; Mr. Weigley, vice-president, took the chair. Young bird show arranged for July 6. Entries were taken, and proved very satisfactory. Entries will be taken up till day of show. James Hamilton, Sec.

WIMBLEDON C.B.S.

Monthly meeting held Mr. Johnston's Rooms, 6, The Broadway, July 1, Mr. W. H. Stoakley presiding. Eight new members were elected; the secretary announced that the Rev. H. A. Soames had offered a silver cup for green Borders, and this offer was gratefully accepted. The evening was mainly devoted to "Questions and Answers." This proved very interesting, and sometimes caused considerable amusement.—H. Smith, hon. sec.

YORKSHIRE C.B.S. OF IRELAND.

Meeting of Council held June 10. Society's patronage granted to Banbridge show in November. Mr Payne's resignation as treasurer was accepted, and Mr. Lattimore unanimously elected to the position. A vacancy occurring in the Council, Mr. Cloke was co-opted to serve. Several new members were elected. Arrangements were completed for young bird show July 3, special award cards being secured for the occasion. Letters were read in reference to storage of staging and rent. The Council deemed it advisable to take legal proceedings for recovery of staging. Mr. Shuledice notified his intention of judging young bird show. Mr. Hyland sent in his resignation from Council. Other routine business was arranged, also printing of schedule for young bird show. Mr. Hawkins's refusal to act as President was considered and held over. The hon. sec. was instructed to secure duplicate letter book for correspondence.—C. Holley (hon sec.).

CROYDON F.A.

General meeting held June 27, at the "Sunflower," George Street. Mr. D. R. Harnest in the chair. Committee's schedule for young stock show, August 14, was adopted. One or two additioned classes were added. 50 members have joined during the present year. The chairman, on behalf of the association, made a presentation to a member of the committee, Mr. T. B. Mason, who is leaving Croydon for the North of England. Mr. Harnest, in asking Mr. Mason's acceptance of a silk umbrella, said that his advice and assistance to the committee had been invaluable. Mr. Mason, in his reply, predicted a great future for the Association. Not many societies in their third year could boast a membership roll of 150. He heartily wished the association continued success. The hon. sec. will be pleased to forward particulars to any fancier residing within a radius of 12 miles of Croydon. Subs. only 2s. 6d.—F. W. Capell, 121, Brighton Road, Croydon.

ROUND THE YOUNG BIRD SHOWS.

ILFORD AND COUNTY F. & F.A.

Second monthly show held Santa Claus Hall, Seven Kings, June 18. Mr. W. L. Rae judged. NOR.: 1, sp, 2, Lawrence; 3, third. BRIT.: 1, Oliver; 2, Brown; 3, Curd. FOR.: 1, sp best bird; 2, 3, Reed.—J. H. Priestman, Hon. Sec.

BOLTON WOODS.

Second members' show held at Victoria Hotel, June 29. Mr. C. Stebbings judged. CL. YELL.: 1, Dykes; 2, Taylor; 3, Bryant; 4, S. Hall. BUFF: 1, Boocock; 2, Dykes; 3, Shepherd; 4, Fretwell. TKD. YELL.: 1, Dykes; 2, Taylor; 3, Bryant; 4, Shepherd. BUFF: 1, 3, Shepherd; 2, Dykes; 4, Boocock. EVEN MKD. YELL.: 1, Dykes; 2, 4, Atkinson; 3, Shepherd. BUFF: 1, Shepherd; 2, 3, Goodwin; 4, Dykes. FOUL MARKED: 1, 2, Boocock; 2, 4, J. Smith. Specials: Best bird, L. Dykes; best Buff, T. Boocock; best mkd. Buff, E. Shepherd; Yell., L. Dykes. Fifty-one birds were entered.—M. Skirrow, Hon. Sec.

BERMONDSEY AND ROTHERHITHE F.A.

Evening show of cage birds held at Jolly Gardeners. The entry was not too numerous, but quality was in evidence. Mr. Matthes, Rotherhithe, judged with satisfaction to all concerned. Mr. Geo. Crawford won medal for best bird, with a yoong Norwich, and 2nd and 3rd in same class. In adult Nor. Mr. Coombes walked away with all prizes. In British, Mr. Rees took a special with a really nice Linnet, and 2nd same class, and Mr. Crawford 3rd. The show was a success, and members and friends attended in strong force.—John Clark, Sec. and Treas.

ANNFIELD PLAIN C.B.S.

Meeting held June 22, at Mr. Lumley's; Mr. S. Foster in the chair, when we had a good turn up of members, Mr. J. Robson, South Moor, and Mr. W. Knowles, Grange Villa, were elected members. Decided to hold a young bird show next monthly meeting, July 20, with the following classes; Nor. yell., Yorks., buff, Bord. yell., A.O.V. Can., and A.V. Brit. Mr. J. Emmerson (Stanley) judge. Young bird show held same night, when some very promising youngsters were staged. Mr. W. H. Butler judged, and his awards seemed to give every satisfaction. NOR.: 1, 3, R. Humphrey; 2, J. Williams. YORKS.: 1, J. Williams; 2, 3, T. Robinson. BORD.: 1, 3, R. Peart; 2, G. Bates. GREENFINCH: 1, 2, R. Humphrey; 3, Peart. R. Peart, Sec.

RYECROFT & RAWMARSH C.B.S.

First annual nest feather show, June 22, in the large club room of the Queen's Head Hotel—an ideal room—where some birds of first class merit were staged for a first venture. Every credit is due to the secretary, Mr. W. Wilshaw, and the stewards for the very courteous manner in which they conducted their business. Mr. J. Warrender judged. YORKS CL (6): 1, 2, R. J. Smith; 3, Wilshaw. TKD., ETC. (6): 1, sp best bird; 2, R. J. Smith; 3, Evans. OLD BIRDS (9): 1, R. J. Smith; 2, 3, J. Smith. NOR. CL. (3): , Dyson; 2, Wilshaw; 3, Bowyer. TKD. ETC. (7): 1, Glasgow; 2, 3, Wilshaw. OLD BIRDS (5): 1, Dyson; 2, Glasgow; 3, Wilshaw BRIT. (6): 1, Wilshaw, Goldfinch; 2, 3, Evans, Chaffinch and Greenfinch.—J. Warrender.

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First Feather Show, held Higgins Hall, June 29, Mr. C. Campbell judged. Owing to a good many of the members having a very poor season, the entries were not up to expectations, but still the number was a little ahead of last year. NOR., CL. OR TKD. YELL. (5): 1, 2, 3, Hart; 4, Kane; 5, Simpson. BUFF (9): 1, 2, Hart; 3, 5, 6, Kane; 4, French; 6, Simpson. YELL. VARIEG. (5): 1, 3, 5, French; 2, Kane; 4, McNeil. BUFF (4): 1, 3, French; 2, Hart; 4, McNeil. BORD., CL.: 1, 2, 3, 4, Buchanan. VARIEG.: 1, 2, Walker. YORKS. (6): 1, 2, 3, 4, Kane. A.O.V.: 1, Kane. MULES: 1, 3, Hart; 2, Bragdon.—J. Hart, Sec.

CITY & COUNTY OF PERTH O.S.

Annual Nest Feather Show, held in Laidlaw's Hall, Leonard Street, June 29. There was a good turn out of Canaries, and some very promising birds were staged. Owing to the bad season most of our members have had, several members had no birds ready, but hope to come up smiling later on. Mules and British were a fair turn out, and the winning Mule should score with a good moult. NOR. YELL.: 1, sp, Blythe; 2, 3, Wylie; 4, Kerr. BUFF: 1, 3, Moonie; 2, 5, Kerr; 4, Borrie. CREST AND C.B.: 1, sp, 2, 3, 5, Blythe; 4, 6, 7, Bruce. BORD. YELL.: 1, sp, 2, Bruce; 3, 4, Kerr; 5, Borrie. BUFF: 1, 4, 6, Kerr; 2, 3, Bruce; 5, Stewart. MULES: 1, sp, Roy; 2, 3, Todds. BRIT.: 1, sp, Cranna; 2, Stewart; 3, Kirk; 4, Bruce.—J. Kerr, Sec.

HARTLEPOOLS C.B.S.

First Nest Feather Show June 26th, at the Stranton Schools. Despite indifferent luck in most breeding rooms, there were 80 exhibits staged, many of them being excellent specimens, especially amongst the Norwich classes. Mr. A. Wake (Middlesbrough) judged, and, although his task was no easy one, his awards gave universal satisfaction. YORKS., CL. YELL. (8): 1, Woodhead and Son; 2, 3, Pyman; 4, Bennett. BUFF (8): 1, 2, Pyman; 3, Bennett; 4, Hall. TKD., ETC., YELL. (8): 1, Todd; 2, Bennett; 3, 4, Pyman. BUFF (9): 1, 3, Pyman; 2, 4, Bennett. NOR., CL. YELL. (7): 1, Woodhead and Son; 2, 3, Ronald; 4, Bennett. BUFF (10): 1, Woodhead and Son; 2, Ashcroft; 3, Bennett; 4, Chapman. TKD., ETC., YELL. (9): 1, 3, Bennett; 2, Papple; 4, Ronald. BUFF (10): 1, Chapman; 2, 4, Bennett; 3, Papple. A.O.V. (3): 1, Papple; 2, 3, Todd. BRIT. (8): 1, c, Fairey; 2, Hall; 3, Woodhead and Son; 4, Ashcroft. The schools were kindly lent for the occasion by the Rev. J. Bennett.—Woodhead and Pyman, Hon. Secs.

GLASGOW & W. COUNTIES C.B.S

Monthly meeting and table show of Mules, Hybrids, and British birds in the Good Templars' Hall, Ingram Street, June 29, Mr. David Knot presiding over a good turn out of members. Arranged to hold First Feather Show July 27, with 11 classes. A good array of specials have been promised. Samples of colour food from Messrs. Ramsden, Sandiford, Walsh, and McQueen were submitted for inspection. Mr. Joseph Connor was made a member. Mr. P. Campbell (Row) and Mr. J. Rankine (Glasgow) judged the table show, and their awards were well received. LIGHT MULE OR HYB.: 1, 3, Macfarlane, Goldfinch-Bullfinch Hybrid leading; 2, Edwards, Greenfinch Mule; 4, Pettigrew; 5, McGowan; 6, McLuckie. DARK MULES, A.V.: 1, Macfarlane, yell. Greenfinch, good colour, A1 order; 2, Connelly, yell. Linnet; 3, Pettigrew, yell. Goldfinch; 4, Jeffrey, nice yell. Siskin; 5, Adam; 6, Young. BRIT. SOFTBILL: 1, Pettigrew, Ring Ousel; 2, sp., Adam; 3, Pettigrew, Wheatear; 4, Connelly; 5, Wyse; 6, Edwards. BULLFINCH OR HAWFINCH: 1, Pettigrew, F.M. Bullfinch; 2, Jones; 3, Wright, Hawfinch; 4, Macfarlane; 5, sp, Young; 6, Wyse.—W. Connelly, Sec.

BIRKENHEAD C.F.A.

First Feather Show held Co-operative Hall, June 29. Entries did not come up so well, as in other years owing to the bad breeding season most of the fanciers are having. The birds staged were of good quality, Mr. Lewis taking premier honours in Norwich, Mr. Stott running him very close. Yorks. were of good type, and quality, some good birds being staged by Messrs. Edwards, Caine, Greatrex and Adams. Mr. Adams' winning ticked Buff is a grand bird, and does great credit to the breeder, being his first year. Points specials won by Messrs. Edwards, Morton, Stott, Burns, Lewis and Greatrex. Mr. Wellings judged, and gave satisfaction to all. The members wish to thank him for donation to the society. CL. YELL. YORKS.: 1, 2, Morton; 3, Edwards. BUFF: 1, Edwards; 2, Morton; 3, Greatrex. TKD. YELL.: 1, 2, Morton; 3, Miller. BUFF: 1 Adams; 2, Morton; 3, Caine. GREEN SELF-YELL.: 1, Edwards; 2, Stott. BUFF: 1, 3, Edwards; 2, Stott. NOR., CL. YELL.: 1, Burns; 2, Stott. CL., ETC., BUFF: 1, 3, Lewis; 2, c, Stott. TKD. YELL: 1 Lewis; 2, Mealor. BORD.: 1, Young; 2, 3, Edwards. GOLDFINCH: 1, 3, Burns; 2, Edwards. GREENFINCH, ETC.: 1, Edwards; 2, Young; 3, Burns.—G. Morton Hon. Sec.

SOUTH BIRMINGHAM O.S.

All records were eclipsed at the First Young Bird Show of the season held by this society June 26, over 80 birds being staged by about 24 members out of 60. The remainder have had some cruel luck with the young birds. Mr. Poole (Stratford-on-Avon) judged, and his awards were well received. One objection was lodged in a small Norwich class; bar that, everything passed off most pleasantly. Staging was in the able hands of show manager Wright, and he had a capital staff of stewards, to whom the society owes a great deal. The room presented a very animated scene all the evening. Points towards the handsome tea service, the premier special for competition at the two shows:—J. Hughes 17; W. Andrews and W. Harding, 14; J. Bayliss and J. Wright, 13; A. Murray and Hammersley, 12; J. Broomfield and H. Kidner, 11; Dipple, 11 or 12 (objection raised); West, Sheppard and Adcock, 10; Clay and Swinden, 9; Childs, 8; Twiet, 6; Ward, 3. The following secured other specials: Messrs. Bayliss (2), Sheppard (2), Ward (2), Dipple (1), also Messrs. Swinden, Walton, Murray, Broomfield, J. Rabe, etc. Most points special: Mr. Dipple with 29 points; 2s. 6d. most points by novice in champion class, Mr. J. Clay, 16. The July show (20th) should attract more birds, as members have still a good chance to lift the premier special. Mr. J. H. Roe will judge. Let's keep the record up.

CHAMP., NOR. CL. YELL. (4): 1, 2, 3, 4, Dipple, also spl. best bird. A.O.V. YELL.: 1, de Maisell, appeared a cl. buff, objected to by the 2, Dipple; 3, Childs. CL. BUFF (4): 1, 2, 3, Dipple; 4, Broomfield. A.O.V. BUFF (2): 1, Dipple; 2, Childs. CHAMP. YORKS. CL. OR TKD. YELL (9): Grand class: 1, Hughes; 2, Adcock; 3, Kidner; 4, Andrews. A.O.V. YELL (6): 1, Sheppard; 2, Adcock; 3, Walton; 4, Constable. CL. OR TKD. BUFF (9): A splendid class, every bird a picture; 1, Hughes; 2, Andrews; 3, Sheppard; 4, Clay. A.O.V. BUFF (8): 1, Kidner; 2, Andrews; 3, Clay. CINNAMONS, N.T.: 1, 2, Broomfield; two charming birds.—BORDERS (7): A lovely little class, every bird "in the pink"; 1, 3, Murray; 2, 4, Wright. NOVICE: A poor entry of Norwich, but a few grand Yorks., the buff winner being a splendid bird, knocking out the champions easily for best buff in show. NORWICH: West, smart types, disheartening to have no competition. YORKS., CL., TKD., OR YELL. (4): 1, Harding, choice specimen; 2, Swinden; 3, 4, Clay. A.O.V. YELL. (4): 1, Swinden, another nice one for a novice breeder; 2, Harding; 3, Walton. YORKS., CL., TKD., OR BUFF (8): 1, two opls, Bayliss, superb bird for a novice, should do the owner good; 2, Twist; 3, Harding; 4, G. Bayliss. A.O.V. BUFF: 1, Clay. CINN., N.T. (3): W. Hammersley; a nice team. MEMBERS OPEN, MULE OR HYB.: Ward. BRIT. (12): 1, spl, Ward, Goldfinch, superb condition; 2, 4, J. Raby; 3, Derry. Mr. Johnson exhibited a novel White Linnet. In the right class, should win anywhere. This class was the finest seen in Birmingham for some time at members' shows.—J. Sheppard, Hon. Sec.

ROCHDALE (Good Intent).

Sixteenth annual First Feather cup show held June 22, in the Newbold Assembly Rooms. A fairly good entry, considering some nine classes were cancelled. The feature of the show was quality, especially in Nor. and Yorks. Mr. C. Pleasance won the society's challenge cup and gold medal, Mr. J. Lees being the runner-up. Other special prize-winners were J. Dewhurst best bird, W. Leach Nor., and P. H. Barlow Yorks., J. Dearden Lancs. Mr. Wm. Hardy, of Oldham, judged. LANCS., YELL. COPPY: 1, 2, 3, Dearden. YELL. P.H.: 1, 2, Hartley. BUFF P.H.: 1, 2, Hartley. YORKS. CL. YELL.: 1, 3, Howarth; 2, 4, Barlow. BUFF: 1, Leach; 2, Hollowa; 3, Howarth; 4, Lees. TKD. YELL: 1, Lees; 2, Howarth; 3, Barlow; 4, Leach. BUFF: 1, Lees; 2, 3, Barlow; 4, Dewhirst. NOR., CL. YELL.: 1, 2, Leach; 3, 4, Lees. BUFF: 1, Pleasance; 2, Leach; 3, Dewhirst; 4, Lees. TKD. YELL.: 1, 3, Pleasance; 2, 4, Leach. BUFF: 1, Pleasance; 2, Lees; 3, Leach; 4, Dewhirst. A.O.V.: 1, 2, 3, 4, J. Dearden.—Thos. Holt, Hon. Sec.

S.W. LONDON C.B.S.

Annual young bird show held June 29, at the new headquarters, "The Gild Hall," Wandsworth Road. The change was much appreciated by the members, being central, and the light good, and will compare favourably with any other club quarters in the district. Mr. Robson judged. The quality of the birds shown was very high, especially in the novice and Yorkshires, the competition being very keen. Crests were very good, some promising bird being present. British were of good quality, though limited in numbers. Total staged 82. The sec. would like to draw the attention of fanciers in the district to this society, one of the oldest, and with adequate support the committee hope to make it one of the best in the district. NOR. YELL.: 1, sp, 2, Thomas; 3, McLaughlin. BUFF: 1, 2, Thomas; 3, 4, Lilley. YORKS. YELL.: 1, 2, 3, Slade. BUFF: 1, 2, 3, Slade. CRESTS: 1, 3, Slade; 2, Lilley. C.B.: 1, Lilley; 2, 3, 4, Slade. NOV. YORKS. YELL.: 1, sp, Mager; 2, 3, 4, Freeman. BUFF: 1, 3, Mager; 2, Hawkins; 4, Freeman. BORD.: 1, 2, 3, Hawkins. BRIT. : 1, sp., 2, Peters, Goldfinch and Bullfinch; 3, Goymer, Hawfinch. SELLING CLASS: 1, 3, Mager; 2, 4, Slade.—H. A. Freeman, Hon. Sec.

HAWARDEN C.B.S.

First annual Nest Feather Show in the Institute, June 29. The entry though not large must be considered very good for a first effort. The very able secretary, Mr. J. T. Lloyd, is making strenuous efforts to build up this society, and everything promises a final success. Mr. S. Hadwin (Liverpool) judged, and his awards were well received. YORKS. CL. OR TKD. YELL. (10): 1, sp, 2, Johnson, smart, leggy, good style and col.; 2, Parkes, another good one; 3, Williams; 4, Burkhill. BUFF (9): 1, sp, Parkes, rare size, col., leg, and quality, looks like making a topper; 2, Redfern, good quality and colour; 3, Parkes; 4, Williams. VAR. YELL. (4): 1, sp, Williams, good col., position, and leg, very smart; 2, Redfern, similar; 3, Burrows; 4, Johnson. BUFF (4): 1, Butler, smart and stylish; 2, Johnson, good leg and position; 3, Butler. NOR. CL. OR TKD. YELL. cancelled. BUFF (2): 1, sp, 2, Ball, 1st fair substance and shape. VAR. YELL.: 1, sp, Redfern, good quality. BUFF (2): 1, Redfern. MULE, ETC. (5): 1, sp, Johnson, dark Linnet Canary, good size, col., fine condition; 2, Smith, var. yell., Goldfinch-Canary; 3, Williams, dark Goldfinch-Canary; 4, Redfern, dark Linnet-Canary. GOLDFINCH (6): A grand lot: 1, sp, Butler, rare size and blaze, in splendid condition; 2, Redfern, loses only in condition; 3, Durham; 4, Smith. LINNET (6): 1, sp, Butler, extra good col., size, and condition, a beauty; 2, Redfern, another good one; 3, Durham; 4, Redfern. GREENFINCH (2): 1, Redfern, grand col., size, in fine feather; 2, Butler. A.O.V.: 1, sp, Butler, Chaffinch. FOREIGN (3): 1, Miss Cliff, Lemon-crested Cockatoo, marvellous size, and perfect condition of feather; 2, Mayhew, Grey Parrot, in splendid condition; 3, Smith, Green Amazon.

ATTERCLIFFE C.B.S.

Seventh annual Nest Feather Show, June 22, in Vestry Hall. Entries numbered over 100, which, considering the indifferent breeding season, was excellent. Members' Yorks. were a grand lot, some very fine birds being staged. Mr. Walker took 1st and 2nd specials for Yorks. with two splendid Greens, excellent in colour, type and quality. Norwich were also a good lot. Mr. Watson taking special with grand bird of excellent quality throughout. In the novice section Mr. Harrison took specials for best Norwich, also most points, and Mr. Dyett special for best novice Yorks. The British section was well filled, Mr. Smith winning special for best bird. The following officiated as judges: Yorks., Mr. Champion; Nor., Mr. Taylor; Brit., Mr. Milne. MEMBERS': YORKS., CL. OR TKD. YELL. (9): 1, 2, 3, Webster; 4, Thornhill. BUFF (4): 1, 2, Webster; 3, Thornhill; 4, D. Havenhand. MKD., ETC., OR GREEN (10): 1, 2, two specials, Walker; 3, Thornhill; 4, Webster. NOR. CLEAR OR TKD. YELL. (4): 1, 3, Smith; 2, 4, Watson. BUFF (5): 1, 2, Watson; 3, Smith; 4, Havenhand. MKD., ETC., OR GREEN (6): 1, 3, 4, special, Watson; 2, Smith. NOVICE: YORKS., CL., OR TKD. BUFF (6): 1, 4, Merrill; 2, Duce; 3, Dyett. MKD., ETC. (5): 1, 2, special, Dyett; 3, Eason; 4, Duce. GREEN: 1, 4, Dyett; 2, 3, Eason. NOR., CL., OR TKD. YELL. (5): 1, 2, 3, Hollingsworth; 4, Harrison. MKD., ETC., OR GREEN: 1, 2, 3, 4, special, Harrison. A.O.V.: 1, Walker; 2, 3, Dyett. GOLDFINCH (7): 1, Bearder; 2, Grainger; 3, D. Havenhand; 4, Havenhand, jun. GREENfinch (4): 1, 2, Duce; 3, Hailstone; 4, Ritson. LINNET (12): 1, 3, special, Smith; 2, 4, Harrison. LESSER REDPOLL (0): 1, Hailstone; 2, Harrison; 3, Duce; 4, Grainger. BRAMBLE OR CHAFFIE (5): 1, 4, Ritson; 2, Watson; 3, Eason. A.O.V.: 1, Watson; 2, 3, 4, Ritson. MULE OR HYBRID: 1, 2, Smith; 3, Havenhand jun.—W. Hailstone, Sec.

BINGLEY O.S.

First Feather Show, June 29, in Co-op. Assembly Rooms. Mr. J. Bailey judged, and gave every satisfaction, better birds being shown than in previous years. CL. YELL.: 1, 3, Denby; 2, Townley; 4, Livesey and Son. BUFF: 1, Bailey; 2, 3, Denby; 3, Townley. TKD. OR MKD. YELL.: 1, Denby; 2, Craven; 3, Dean; 4, Lee. BUFF: 1, Denby; 2, 4, Craven; 3, Livesey and Son. SELF OR FOUL GREEN: 1, Craven.—Asa Livesey, Sec.

STRATFORD & E. LONDON F.A.

Held third monthly show, June 27. Entries in all sections totalled 232. A record of which the members ought to be proud. Mr. J. S. Clarke judged cage birds. Mr. Reed won certificate for best bird with a grand glossy Starling. UNFLIG. NOR. (7): 1, 2, 3, Leech. YORKS. (6): 1, 2, 3, Parker. NOR., CINN. (4): 1, 2, 3, Parker. ADULT YORKS. (4): 1, 2, 3, Reed. A.O.V. (4): 1, 2, Leech; 3, Lafbury. GREENFINCH (4): 1, 2, Reed; 3, Lafbury. LINNET (4): 1, 2, 3, Lafbury. GOLDFINCH, ETC. (4): 1, Reed; 2, Lafbury; 3, Leech. HARDBILL, A.O.V. (5): 1, 2, Lafbury; 3, Reed. SOFTBILL (3): 1, 2, 3, Reed. FOR., SMALL (4): 1, 2, 3, Reed. LARGE (4): 1, best bird, 2, 3, Reed.

MATLOCK F.S.

First Feather Show, June 29, at Moore's Cafe, Dale Road, when some very nice birds were staged. The attendance was very good, the other sections of the society coming up well, and bringing their friends, thus showing the true fancier spirit. The management was in the hands of Messrs. T. Boden, C. Lill, G. Poyser, J. Else, R. Wragg, J. Wain, A. H. Slater, T. Twigg, T. Buxton, and W. J. Dean. The specials were kindly given by Messrs. T. Boden, and A. H. Slater. Mr. Tom Fox, of Tideswell, judged, and his placing of the cards gave every satisfaction to exhibitors, and he remarked upon the improvement in the quality of the birds. NOR. CL.: 1, sp., Dean; 2, Lill; 3, Crowder. TKD.: 1, sp., Lill; 2, Crowder; 3, Dean. MKD. OR GREEN: 1, 3, Lill; 2, Wragg. YORKS.: 1, 2, 3, Wain.—W. J. Dean, Sec.

COVENTRY O.S.

36th annual Nest Feather Show, June 29, at Headquarters, the Sydenham Palace, Ford Street. The fixture was a very successful one, some very nice young birds putting in appearances. Numbers were fairly good considering that the majority in Coventry seem to have done very bad in breeding. Mr. G. Turrell judged, and gave general satisfaction. NOR. CL. YELL.: 1, 2, Corrall; 3, Swift. BUFF: 1, Barratt; 2, Corrall; 3, Swift. TKD. ETC., YELL.: 1, Jeacock; 2, Judd; 3, Corrall. BUFF: 1, Jeacock; 2, Claymaker; 3, Judd. YORKS. YELL.: 1, Gilbert. BUFF: 1, Gilbert. CREST: 1, Smith; 2, 3, Peters. C.B.: 1, Smith; 2, 3, Peters. CINN.: 1, 2, 3, Orton. MULE: 1, 2, Gilbert. BRIT.: 1, Rowley. BIRDS ANY AGE, NOR. COCK: 1, Swift; 2, Corrall; 3, Davies. HEN: 1, Gilbert; 2, Davies. CREST OR C.B.: 1, Smith; 2, Gilbert. A.O.V.: 1, Gilbert. GOLD. OR BULLFINCH: 1, 2, Gilbert; 3, Jeacock. A.O.V., SMALL: 1, 2, 3, Gilbert. LARGE: 1, 2, Gilbert. SELLING: 1, Corrall; 2, Rowley.—T. Gilbert, Sec.

BURSLEM C.B.S.

First annual Nest Feather show, held Headquarters, the Barnfield Inn, June 29. This fixture turned out to be a rather interesting one for the fanciers in Burslem. The entries were not as many as expected in the open classes. Members' classes totalled about 50. Norwich classes filled fairly, some keen competition taking place in same. Special for best bird in this section went to Mr. F. Johnson, the same bird winning special best Canary in members' classes. Mr. H. Theabold won with a beautiful Linnet. Points specials were won by L. James, G. Broad, J. Dean, F. Greatbatch, H. Theabold. Mr. F. Bate judged, and his awards delighted everyone. YORKS. YELL.: 1, sp., Sad; 2, Hawley. BUFF: 1, sp, 2, Hawley. MEMBERS: NOR. CL. OR TKD. YELL.: 1, L. James; 2, 3, F. Greatbatch. BUFF: 1, 3, Broad; 2, Hulme. NOR. YELL. MKD., ETC.: 1, Johnson; 2, James; 3, Oakes. BUFF: 1, 2, James; 3, C. Greatbatch. YORKS. YELL. CL. OR TKD.: 1, Hughes. BUFF: 1, 2, 3, Hughes. BUFF. MKD. OR VARIEG.: 1, Hughes. GOLDFINCH: 1, Theabold; 2, James; 3, Dean. LINNET: 1, 2, Theabold, 3, Dean. A.O.V.: 1, Dean; 2, Beard. MULE: 1, Dean.

SHEFFIELD C.B.S.

F.F. Show, June 29. The general complaint by a goodly number of members was that up to the present the season had been rather disappointing as regards number of young birds, still the entry reached upwards of 150, amongst them a few very choice specimens. The winning Cl. Yell. Yorks. (Mr. W. Champion), found many friends. Mr. F. Elliott (late Wilkinson and Elliott) benched a most likely lot. Mr. A. H. Waters (Hoyland) stood at the head of affairs in the Yell. Nor. ck. class, with a magnificent mkd. youngster. Mr. Woolhouse staged a fine team, his mkd. buff cock being a real beauty. British and foreign were pleasing collections. Messrs. P. Walsh, G. Fletcher and L. Fallding are to be congratulated on their representatives, put down in fine style. The novice section contained some very nice birds, Messrs. J. Beswick, P. Chadwick, and W. Simmonite (Yorks), and Mr. L. Marcroft (Nor.) standing well out. Mr. F. Jones (Pres.) is a true fancier, giving untiring assistance. Mr. W. Oxley (treasurer) is also one of the right stamp. Mr. A. Hobson (secretary) is an excellent official, keeping well on top of the work, while Mr. J. Woolhouse (assist. secretary) is a rare good understudy, and takes his part most efficiently. One must not omit a word of praise for Master Hobson, who works like a hero. The committee comprise many of the leading fanciers of the cutlery capital, who know how to do a thing right. Staging was neatly arranged in the Montgomery Hall, which is a most suitable venue. Visitors attended in good force, and everything went off Al. Mr. J. C. Barnes, the local enthusiast, judged, and his awards gave every satisfaction. Special for best bird went to the noted Silver Starling, the property of Mr. P. Walsh.

YORKS., CL., YELL. (9): 1, c, Champion; 2, 3, 4, Drabble and Bennett; vhc, Butler. BUFF (6): 1, 2, Elliott; 3, 4, Drabble and Bennett; vhc, Champion. TKD. (8): 1, Elliott; 2, Champion; 3, vhc, Drabble and Bennett; 4, hc, Tomlinson; c, Butler. UNEVEN YELL. (5): 1, Butler; 2, 3, 4, Champion; vhc, Jones. YELL. NOR. (8): 1, Waters; 2, 3, ditto; 4, Dunford. BUFF (7): 1, 3, Dunford; 2, Waters; 4, vhc, Woolhouse, hc, Bainbridge; c, Bolt. TKD BUFF (6): 1, 2, vhc, hc, Woolhouse; 3, Waters; 4, Bainbridge. UNEVEN BUFF (5): 1, 3, 4, vhc, Woolhouse; 2, Waters. BRIT., GOLD, ETC. (7): 1, 2, 3, Walsh; 4, hc, Lockwood, vhc, Fallding; c, Curley. LINNET (7): 1, 3, Smith; 2, 4, Walsh; vhc, Fletcher; hc, Fallding. GREENIE (5): 1, 4, Walsh; 2, Bailey; 3, Jackson; vhc, Lockwood. REDPOLL (5): 1, 2, A. Hobson; 3, Lockwood; 4, Fletcher. CHAFF., ETC. (5): 1, Walsh; 2, Bailey; 3, 4, Lockwood. A.O.V. (5): 1, Fallding; 2, 3, ditto; 4, Hobson. SOFT (5): 1, vhc, Walsh; 2, 3, 4, Fletcher. FOR. (11): Fine class: 1, 2, 3, 4, vhc, hc, G. Fletcher, a lovely team; c, Hobson. NOV., YORK, CL. YELL (11): 1, vhc, Bestwick; 2, 3, Simmonite; 4, Wardley; hc, Smith; c, Sorsby and Billard. BUFF (8): 1, 2, Chadwick; 3, Bacon; 4, Sorsby and Billard; vhc, Bestwick; hc, c, Maynard. TKD. YELL. (7): 1, hc, Simmonite; 2, 3, Wardley; 4, Sorsby and Billard; vhc, Webster. BUFF (8): 1, Chadwick; 2, Simmonite; 3, Bestwick; 4, Bacon; vhc, c, Webster. NOR. (6): 1, 4, hc, Marcroft; 2, 3, Sissons; vhc, Curley; c, Maynard.

HEYWOOD O.S.

The catalogue of the young bird show is to hand from the hon. sec. Mr. Battye judged, and the principal winners were:—Yorks: Messrs. Howarth, Schofield, Barlow; Nor.: Waddington, Deakhurst, Leach; Novice: Horrocks.; Brit.: Barlow, Horrocks, Blincoe. Specials: Messrs. Schofield, Blincoe, and Greenhalgh; cup and medal: W. Leach.

DARLINGTON C. AND B.B.F.A.

Members' First Feather Show, held at George Hotel, June 26, when 26 birds were staged. Mr. W. J. Messenger judged, and gave satisfaction throughout. The judge also gave a special for best bird in show. YORKS.: 1, H. Carter; 2, A. Richmond; 3, A. Richmond. NORWICH: 1, 2, A. Walker; 3, P. Wilcock. A.O.V.: 1, P. Wilcock; 2, 3, W. Simpson. BRIT.: 1, H. Wilson; 2, J. Baker; 3, A. Walker. Mr. P. Wilcock won the judge's special with an excellent Crestbred cock.—A. Walker, Hon. Sec.

GRIMSBY O.S.

Meeting held June 27, Slatters' Rooms; 20 members present. Table show held same time. Judge, Mr. H. Harding. NOR. YELL.: 1, 2, Lowe; 3, Yearing. MULE OR HYB.: 1, 2, Yearing. LINNET, ETC.: 1, Towl; 2, 4, Cartwright; 3, Yearing. GOLD. OR BULLFINCH: 1, Towl; 2, Yearing. GREENFINCH: 1, 2, Cartwright; 3, Yearing. A.O.V. BRIT.: 1, 2, Cartwright; 3, Towl; 4, Yearing. AMATEUR: LINNET, ETC.: 1, 2, Watson. GOLD. OR BULLFINCH: 1, Watson; 2, Siddle Bros. A.O.V. BRIT.: 1, Siddle Bros.; 2, Watson.—Towl and Smith, Hon. Secs.

BARNSLEY C.B.S.

Annual Nest Feather Show, June 29, in clubroom, at headquarters, Clarence Hotel. Only a very poor entry was received, only 19 birds being staged—very disheartening for the officials. Mr. Toulson and Mr. Race staged some very promising Yorkshires, while the best bird, a clear yell. Nor., belonging to Mr. G. Hall, is a real knockout for size, shape, and quality. Mr. Toulson won special for most points in Yorks., and in British, Mr. Race second in Yorks., Mr. Hall most points in Nor., Mr. Wiseman second. Mr. Barnes second in Brit. Mr. W. Rapson judged, and his awards were well received. YORKS. YELL.: 1, 2, Toulson; 3, Race. BUFF: 1, 2, Race. TKD. MKD. YELL: 1, Toulson. BUFF: 1, Sims; 2, Toulson. NOR. CL. YELL.: 1, 2, Hall; 3, Wiseman. CL. BUFF.: 1, 2, Hall; 3, Wiseman. LINNET: 1, Toulson. VARIETY, HARDBILL: 1, 2, Toulson; 3, Barnes.—F. C. Sims, Hon. Sec.

MANSFIELD C.B.S.

First Feather Show, held headquarters (Horse and Groom Hotel), June 29. The entries turned up well, and some of the best birds seen out for some years were staged. The judging was all that could be desired. Mr. S. Hawksley (the hardworking secretary) had everything in order. NOR. CL. YELL. (1): 1, Malantrat. BUFF (2): 1, Beardall, good shape, nice round head; 2, W. Vardy; 3, Twine. MKD. YELL. (3): 1, Twine; 2, Connah. BUFF (4): 1, Ellis, shown in the pink of condition; 2, Bennett, with a good moult will take some stopping; 3, Twine. CREST (6): 1, Shaw and Booth. C.B., A.V. (7): 1, Shaw and Booth, a good bird, best seen out this year; 2, Twine. YORK., YELL. (8): 1, 3, Allsopp; 2, Hulme. BUFF (9): 1, Allsopp; 2, Oscroft. MULE OR HYB. (1): 1, Malantrat; 2, Vardy. HARDBILL BRIT. (12): 1, 2, sp., Ward; 3, Malantrat. SOFTBILL (13): 1, S. Hawsley. NOV. NOR. (14): 1, 2, Turner and Lawson; 3, Oscroft. YORK. (16): 1, Allsopp; 2, Oscroft.—B. Gabbitass, Press Corres.

CHELTENHAM C.B.S.

First Feather and British Bird Show held June 29, Prince of Wales Hotel. Entries fell short of last year's total by 20, principally in the British classes. The Crest section was very poor, none of the bigger breeders troubling to send. Norwich came up well. Mr. Madagan staged a fine team of Borders. On the whole the quality of the birds staged was good. Unfortunately a heavy thunderstorm broke over Cheltenham just before the opening of the show, which no doubt prevented a number of people from attending. Mr. J. H. Payne once again judged in his usual able style. CRESTS: 1, 2, Hands. C.B.: 1, 2, Hands. NOR. CL. YELL.: 1, Stephenson. BUFF: 1, Stephenson; 2, Pounsett. MKD. YELL.: 1, Stephenson; 2, 3, Marley; 4, Houghton. BUFF: 1, 2, 4, Houghton; 3, Stephenson. BORD. CL. YELL.: 1, 2, Madagan. BUFF: 1, 2, 3, Madagan. MKD. BUFF: 1, 2, Madagan. ROLLERS: 1, 2, 3, 4, Allsopp. NOVICE, CREST: 1, Mrs. Maconechy; C.B.: 1, Mrs. Maconechy. NOR. YELL.: 1, Stubbs; 2, Alexander. BUFF: 1, 3, 4, Alexander; 2, Mitchell. BORD.: 1, 2, 3, Miss Dent. A.O.V.: 1, Mitchell. GOLDFINCH: 1, Elston. BULLFINCH: 1, Pounsett; 2, Elston. LINNET: 1, Stephenson. GREENFINCH: 1, Pounsett. A.O.V.: 1, Elston; 2, 4, Mitchell; 3, A. Smith. MULES: 1, Madagan; 2, Alexander; 3, A. Smith. FOREIGN: 1, R. Smith; 2, Treasure. Specials: best vhc Maxley, most points Allsopp, most points nov. sec. Alexander.

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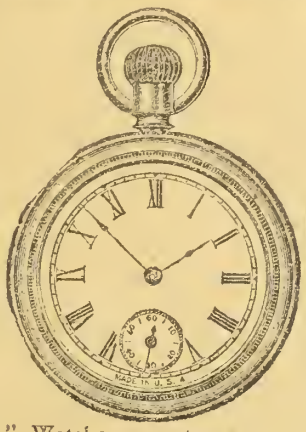

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BURNHOPE.

Linnet sing held Black Horse Inn, Jaw Blades, Burnhope, when 42 birds competed. 1, 2, Peacock and Ridley; 3, Bentick, and some good singing was heard. Judge, Mr. Barras; timekeeper, Mr. Barron.—T. Blackburn, Sec.

KIPPAX.

Members' sing held Commercial Hotel, June 29. Only a moderate number of birds entered. 1, O. Potter; 2, J. Wallis; 3, Liversedge, jun. Timekeepers, T. Hall and O. Potter. A good company were present to hear the birds sing. A table show for British birds was suggested, so that all members might have a chance of winning one way or another. If their birds cannot win by singing, they might win for exhibition properties. We all cannot win at members' sings.—R. Pows, Hon. Sec.

BUSLINGTHORPE.

Quality sing for Linnets, held Skinner's Arms, June 29. 1, 3, Sellars; 2, Hullen. Judges, Turner and Comer. Also June 30. 1, Brooks; 2, Sellars; 3, Hullen. Judges, Clark and Lunn. Members' sing, July 13, when our host is adding 10s., or copper kettle to prize money. Anyone can become a member by paying 3d. entrance fee.—C. Clayton, Hon. Sec.

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DURHAM.

Linnet sing held, Big Jug, Claypath, June 29. 48 birds competed, and some very good singing was done, the crack of the county being present. Mr. Joe Gardener (Spennymoor) judged. 1, 3, Black and Tan, silver cup and copper kettle; 2, Newcastle, silver teapot. After the contest a concert was given. Next contest July 6, at Butchers' Arms, Merrington Lane, Spennymoor. Over £3 given in prizes. Meet 1.30.—Geo. Reed, Sec.

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NEWTOWN (Leeds).

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The Young Naturalist.

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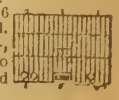

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The Shows.

REDRUTH (Cornwall).

Annual exhibition held in the Recreation Ground, July 3rd and 4th, in favourable weather. In Messrs. Opie and Kemp this society possesses the most valuable and business-like secretaries anyone could wish to have, and they are ably supported by a good working chairman in Mr. Collins, and a splendid hard-working committee in Messrs. Ferrill, Sherman, Clemo, Opie and Crews. The long distance birds were all off by the early mail, and all birds were packed and on rail Thursday evening, which speaks well for the Society. The entries exceeded last year, over 250 birds being staged, and considering the indifferent breeding this was excellent. The Norwich classes were small, but the birds staged were of good type and quality, and competition was very keen. Mr. Pascoe's unevenly-marked yellow is a gem. The Yorkshires were a very level lot, of good type and quality. The A.O.V. class contained some good birds, the winner being a fine buff Cinnamon, with size and colour to perfection. Group and pairs, for birds bred 1912, were a remarkably fine lot, and will do their owners a lot of good this coming season. The Mule and British classes were champion, the best seen at any Cornish show for a long time, the winning Light Mule being a gem, and capturing the special for best bird in show, and with the 2nd prize Greenfinch Mule it took the silver medal for best pair in show, and a grand pair they are. The Goldfinch class was small, but the winner is a gem, and will want some stopping. The winning Cornish Chough carried a lovely sheen and is a grand colour. The hardbill class was really good, and the birds hard to separate, the winner being a grand Yellow Bunting, with good markings. The winning Yellow Wagtail took the special for best British bird in the mining division. There were a grand lot of extra specials for competition. Most points: F. Collins, 82, Rowe and Richards, 59 points; Mr. Thomas, 43; Stephens and Gaved, 42. Best in show, Mr. Collins; 2nd best, Mr. Pascoe; Best Yorks, Mr. Wells; Best Foreign, Mr. Davis. Mr. W. G. Poole judged.

The Critique.

NOR. YELL. (9): 1, sp, Pascoe, good build, neat head and neck, well packed wings, nice colour; 2, Stephens and Gaved, nice shape, good head and neck, little larger, excellent colour; 3, Ferrill, nice feather and colour, good type; res, c, Sherman; vhc, Fox; hc, Kemp. YELL. TICK. (9): 1, sp, Pascoe, unevenly marked, grand type and colour, good feather; 2, Houghton, eye and wing marked, good type, neat head, good carriage; 3, Kemp, grizzle cheek, nice shape and colour, good wings; res, Williams; vhc, Climas; hc, Ferrill; c, Fox. BUFF (11): 1, sp, vhc, Stephens and Gaved, short nights and tail, nice colour, condition and type; 2, Houghton, very close up, good type and quality, nice colour; 3, Sherman, good quality, very neat; res, Williams; hc, Ferrill; c, Sherman. BUFF TICK (12): 1, sp, Williams, grizzle head, very neat and typical, lovely condition; 2, Climas, tick thigh, lovely wing carriage, good type and style; 3, Stephens and Gaved, head and wing mkd., nice shape, good feather; res, Sherman; vhc, Hill; hc, Wotton; c, Keen. YORK. YELL. (11): 1, two sps, Wills, not large, but gem for shape, style and quality, good colour; 2, Allen, nice back, good wings and tail, plenty of leg; 3, c, Thomas, nice style, beautifully drawn; res, vhc, Boundy, two grand birds, but not looking at their best. BUFF: 1, sp, res, c, Thomas, well filled backs, straight as a rush, stylish, nice finish, grand trio; 2, Clarke, nice shape, good wings and tail, fine condition; 3, Wills, very neat back and wings, nice colour; vhc, Allen; hc, Boundy. CREST and C.B. (5): 1, sp, 2, Kelynach, good C.B. leading, nice skull, excellent feather; 2nd, var. Crest, nice size, radiation and droop; 3, Symons Bros., clear body D.C., nice shape crest, good frontal; res, Lee and Lawry. A.O.V. (7): 1, sp, res, c, Sherman, Cinnamon, good substance and colour, nice feather and condition; 2, Kemp, variegyell Scotch, gets tail well under, good shoulders and condition; 3, Phillips, buff Border, tight as box wood, nice feather; vhc, Rowe and Richards; hc, Richards. PAIRS, 1912 (16): 1, sp, Boundy, Yorks, grand length, well drawn wings and tails; 2, Wotton, Nor., good shape and quality, nice pair; 3, Thomas, Yorks., nice wings and tails, good quality; res, Wotton, Nor., short chubby type; vhc, Rowe and Richards; hc, Pascoe; c, Lobb. GROUP 1912 (9): 1, two sps, Pascoe, Norwich, grand lot, very level in type, lovely shape and quality; 2, Boundy, Yorks., five good birds, good wings and tails; 3, Lee and Lawry, Crest and C.B., very young; res, hc, Ferrill; vhc, Thomas; c, Sherman. MULE, LIGHT: 1, sp, 2, 3, res, Collins, grand team, six point Goldie, grizzled Greenfinch Canary, light marked Linnet Canary leading, all in good condition, and well shown; vhc, Stephens and Gaved, buff Goldie, lovely colour, feather and markings. DARK (7): 1, sp, vhc, hc, c, Collins, big Jonque Goldie, Royal Cornwall winner, well polished blaze, good size and markings; 2, 3, Rowe and Richards, big yellow Greenfinch Mule, good colour and feather; 3, Jonque Goldie, nice blaze and condition. HYBRID: 1, sp, Davies, Canary-Bullie, good colour and cap, on the small side; 2, Rowe and Richards, Goldie Greenie, good colour, nice wing-bars; 3, Collins, Linnet Bullie, good colour, nice cap, smallish. GOLDFINCH (6): 1, sp, Coombe, grand under blaze, good bars and buttons, well turned; 2, Michael, clean cut blaze, nice colour and condition; 3, Rowe and Richards, good bars, wings and chest, beaten blaze; res, Jordan; vhc, Price; hc, Ellis. BULLFINCH (9): 1, sp, Rowe, well defined cap, nice bars, excellent colour; 2, Baseley, nice breast colour and cap, good size; 3, Dale, good breast, fair size; res, Hobbs; vhc, Rowe and Richards; hc, Rowe; c, Crews. LARGE: 1, sp, Stephens and Gaved, Chough, lovely colour and sheen; 2, Collins, good Hawfinch, nice colour and size; 3, Rowe and Richards, good Redwing, well marked; vhc, Dale; res, Kemp. A.O.V. HARDBILL (grand class) (15): 1, sp, 3, res, hc, Rowe and Richards, Yellow Bunting leading, good colour and head marks; 3, Cirl Bunting, well marked face, very steady; 2, Collins, Snow Bunting, good colour and size, very steady; vhc, Stephens and Gaved; c, Hobbs. SOFTBILL: 1, sp, 3, res, Collins, Yellow and Grey Wagtails, lovely colour and condition, in grand form; 2, Baseley, Skylark, good condition and markings; vhc, Peters; hc, Stephens. FOREIGN: 1, sp, Davies, Elegant Parrakeet, nice colour, good feather; 2, 3, res, Smith, Cockatoos and Lory, good colour and condition; vhc, Dunn. SMALL (12): 1, sp, Davis, Cuban Finches, very fine little birds; 2, c, Stephens and Gaved, Diamond Finch, well marked; 3, Roberts, Parrakeets, very nice; res, Kemp; vhc, Woolcock; hc, Rowe and Richards. SELL., 20s.: 1, Sharman; 2, Thomas; 3, Ward. DO., 15s. (1): Pascoe; 2, Collins; 3, Symons. DO., 10s.: 1, Thomas; 2, Roberts; 3, Angwin.

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BONTNEWYDD.

Second annual open show, held July 6th, in magnificent weather, the gathering of the public being very fair considering the many shows in the circuit this time of the year. The cage birds were a source of great attraction, and made a good collection in a marquee. The chairman, Mr. Hugh Owen, is a very hard-working official, and the able secretary, Mr. Ed. Williams, held his post for the second time without a hitch occurring from start to finish. A good staff of stewards shared well in carrying out the work. The quality of the exhibits exceeded last year. The Norwich were better represented, and we are pleased to see this variety improving in numbers in North Wales. Yorks. were teeming with quality, and some excellent birds were shown. Borders good, and Goldies a treat in themselves, while the Mules were a rare lot of excellent quality. "Locals," too, are still improving. Special for best in show was awarded to Mr. E. Price, with a grand even-marked Goldie-Canary, in excellent condition. Trower's special, Mr. R. C. Griffith; best Yorks. stock bird, Mr. W. Nolan; Hyde's special, Mr. J. O. Williams. Specials for most points were given in every class, Messrs. E. D. Owen, W. Nolan, and W. H. Williams being the chief exhibitors, and they did well in there respective classes. The youngsters were very promising in Nor. and Yorks. Mr. A. G. Davis, Manchester, judged, and his awards met with general satisfaction.

The Critique.

NOR., YELL. (6): 1, sp., 2, 3, E. D. Owen, grand trio, rare good colour, former best quality, 2nd, larger shade browy, 3rd, good feather and outline; res., W. Aitken, typical, niee size, good feather. BUFF (4): W. H. Williams, clear, grand size and colour, nicely balanced, good shape; 2, vhc, sp., E. D. Owen, rare type and quality, boxy feather, the Carnarvon winner, latter in moulty condition; hc, Aitken. BRED 1912 (5): 1, sp., 3, E. D. Owen, leader tkd. Buff, lovely quality, good size, shape and feather, a bird with a future; 2, W. H. Williams, wing-tkd. ycll., good shape and quality, very promising; res., J. O. Parry. YORKS., YELL. (5): 1, sp., W. Nolan, long, leggy, fine shoulder, good wings and tail, rare colour and position; 2, J. O. Williams, rare length, fine colour and shape, Carnarvon winner; 3, E. Price, cl., good length and style, grand finish; res., James Jones; vhc, Sergt. Evans. BUFF (5): 1, sp., 2, W. Nolan, grand cl., well known, full of style and quality, nicely moulded, in faultless condition, 2, cl., nice length, good youngster; 3, Pritchard, cl., nice quality, good length, not so well put down; res., Sergt. Evans. A.O.V. YORKS. (8): 1, W. Nolan, neck mkd. Buff, rare length, good position, nicely moulded, boxy feather, taking exhibit; 2, P. C. Roberts, varieg. yell., grand length and style, good colour; 3, R. W. Roberts, varieg., yell., nat. col., good stand and quality, well-known; res., E. J. Jones; vhc, Owen; hc, c, Sergt. Evans. BRED 1912 (14): 1, sp., Nolan, cl. buff, fine quality, good shape and style, rich colour; 2, P. C. Roberts, cl. buff, good length and feather; 3, c, Huxley, cl. yell., very slim, will improve; res., E. J. Jones; vhc, hc, J. Jones. BORD. YELL. (5): 1, sp., 3, res., vhc, Williams and Green, nice team, all apparently clears, in good form; 2, R. H. Jones, good cl., nice carriage and feather. BUFF (6): 1, sp., res., vhc, hc, Williams and Green, very nice type and quality; 2, R. H. Jones, nice type, jaunty carriage. LIGHT MULE, ETC.: 1, sp. best in show, E. Price, even-marked light Goldie-Can., grand size and colour, in great form; 2, R. E. Griffiths, four-pointed, rare size and shape, not so well shown; 3, vhc, D. G. Jones, well-known light Mule, good colour and feather; hc, E. J. Jones; c, Jackson. DARK (7): 1, D. G. Jones, well-known Linnet-Can., Jonque, good size and quality; 2, sp., 3, R. E. Griffiths, Siskin-Can., rare cobby type, good colour and feather, 3, large Jonque Goldie, good face and chest; res., W. Aitken. GOLDFINCH (12): 1, W. H. Williams, well-known winner, best Greypate seen for some time, in superb form, grand blaze and polish; 2, sp., 3, Ed. Jones, good size, typical, lustrous colour, blaze of good width and depth will take some stopping, 3 good blaze and ground colour, well defined bars, shade lighter under; res., M. Jones; vhc, Davies and Hughes; hc, Griffiths; c, Jackson. A.O.V. (6): 1, sp., W. H. Williams, Bullie, walked over once more; 2, Thomas, good coloured Bullie, beaten size; 3, D. G. Jones, lovely Greenfinch, nice shade and colour, good size; hc, Hughes. SELL.: 1, sp., E. D. Owen; 2, Price, 3, Evans and Roberts; res., Davies. BRIT. GOLDIE, LOCAL (7): 1, sp., 2, E. Hughes, real good Finch, large blaze, etc., 2, fieldmoulted, nice size and blaze; 3, D. Hughes, neat as a pin, but slim; res., J. Jones. BEST CAGE BIRD, LOCAL (12): 1, sp., P. C. Roberts, noted in open; 2, Owen, wing-mkd. Buff Yorks., not in condition; 3, Roberts.

BOOTLE C.B.S.

Annual Nest Feather show, July 6, St. Matthew's Parish Hall, Thornton Road. Promising youngsters turned out. Several birds shown will be heard of later in the season, and some should reach the "Mecca" of bird breeders, "The Palace." Special for best Yorks. was won by Mr. McNulty with a lovely cl. yell. The chief winners were: Champions, Messrs. Algie, McNulty and Lobb. Novices, Messrs. Skilling, Rawsthorne, and Steinhard. The judge, Mr. Alf Wellings, gave general satisfaction.—Geo. Rawsthorne, Assist. Secretary.

ARDWICK & MANCHESTER C.B.A.

Fourth annual nest feather show, held July 6th, at Onward Hall, Ardwick. Owing to many of the members having a disappointing season, entries only totalled 97; amongst them were a few which, given good fortune through the moult, will be heard of later. Mr. J. A. Vint's team of Norwich were a grand lot; in fact, many nice birds were to be seen in the amateur Norwich. Mr. Vint won the medal for best bird, with a ticked buff. Mr. J. L. Brown's Yorks. cl. buff must have pressed the winner; grand bird, lovely quality. Mr. Richard's team of Siskin Mules were a treat; one a wonderful size for a Siskin Mule. Special prizes fell to Messrs. Thomas, Brown, Appleton, and Harrison. Mr. Hirst (Accrington), judged, and his awards gave every satisfaction.

OPEN AMATEUR. YORKS. CL. YELL.: 1, Slater. BUFF: 1, Simpson. TKD., ETC., YELL.: 1, Slater. BUFF: 1, Slater, 2, 3, Simpson. NOR. CL. YELL.: 1, Robinson; 2, Spencer. BUFF: 1, 4, Vint; 2, Smith; 3, Henson. TKD. YELL.: 1, Robinson; 2, 4, Buckley, 3, Vint. BUFF: 1, Vint; 2, Smith; 3, Henson; 4, Spencer.

From the catalogue forwarded, the other winners were: Novice Yorks., Warburton, Brown, Nor., Greaves, Thomas, Salthouse, Chilton. A.O.V., Spencer, Drs. Twigg and Kindon. Mules, Richards, Simpson, Greaves, Brit., Richards, Appleton, Schofield, Hope, Buckley, Thomas, Harrison, Spencer, Smith.

ROUND THE YOUNG BIRD SHOWS.

GUISBOROUGH (Priory) C.B.S.

First of a series of four shows, held July 6, at headquarters, when Mr. S. Hill (Thornaby) judged to the satisfaction of all. YORKS., CL.: 1, Barker; 2, 3, Cook and Hood. MKD.: 1, Mays and Allinson; 2, Barker; 3, Cook and Hood. NOR. CL.: 1, 2, 3, Mays and Allinson. MKD.: 1, Mays and Allinson; 2, Cook and Hood; 3, Barker. MULE OR HYB.: 1, Husband; 2, 3, Barker. BRIT.: 1, 2, Mays and Allinson; 3, Cook and Hood. NOV., YORKS.: 1, Husband; 2, 3, Marsay. NOR.: 1, 2, 3, Marsay. MULE OR HYB.: 1, 2, 3, Husband.—H. Hood, Sec.

NOTTINGHAM AND NOTTS O.S.

Members' First Feather show, July 6th, held The Mechanics' Institute; Judge, Mr. J. Goode, whose awards gave every satisfaction. Entries did not come up to expectations, but winners in some of the classes will doubtless be heard of again.

NOR. CL. YELL.: 1, 3, Boaler; 2, Barnes. BUFF. 1, Barnes; 2, Hill; 3, Royce. MKD. BUFF: 1, Boaler; 2, Royce; 3, Barnes. HEAVY MKD.: 1, 2, Tharpe; 3, Barnes. BUFF CREST: 1, Bowers; 2, Wolfe. YELL. C.B.: 1, Wolfe. BUFF: 1, Bowers; 2, 3, White. In Brit. Mr. Saywell took all the prizes. Mr. Boaler won special for best bird in show.—J. G. Royce, Asst. Hon. Secretary.

BONNYRIGG AND DISTRICT.

First Feather Show, July 6, in Murray's Rooms, which are in every way suitable for such a purpose. This being their first venture, no doubt told somewhat on the meagre entry. The two Norwich and the Mule class did not have an entry, and only three Scotch Fancies were forward in two classes. The two classes provided for Borders had a good entry, and as this district has now become famous for the breeding of this popular variety, some real toppers were staged. Mr. Hamilton, Secretary, secured first in both classes with a Clear Yellow cock and a Clear Buff cock respectively. The cards were placed by Mr. George Brown, Leith, and his awards gave entire satisfaction. SCOTCH FANCY, YELL.: 1, 2, Weighley. BUFF: 1, Fisher. BORD. YELL.: 1, 6, Hamilton; 2, 4, Fisher; 3, Rowe; 5, Noble. BUFF: 1, 2, Hamilton; 3, 5, Harper; 4, Rowe; 6, 7, Stirling.

WEST OF SCOTLAND O.S.

First Feather show, in Nelson's Temp. Hotel, July 6. Owing to poor luck in breeding, and to holidays, the number staged did not come up to some of the past shows. Mr. F. Taylor judged, and his decisions gave every satisfaction.

CRESTS, HEN: 1, Tweedie. C.B. HEN: 1, Tweedie. P.H. CL. YELL.: 1, Hutchison; 2, Thom; 3, 4, Wood. BUFF: 1, Hutchison; 2, Wood; 3, Campbell. VAR. YELL.: 1, Hutchison; 2, Thom; 3, Wood. BUFF: 1, 2, Campbell; 3, Hutchison. YORKS. YELL.: 1, 2, Martin. BUFF: 1, 2, Martin. BORD. CL. YELL.: 1, Whitelaw; 2, Campbell; 3, Brownlie. BUFF: 1, Brownlie; 2, Whitelaw; 3, Campbell. VAR. YELL.: 1, Whitelaw; 2, Campbell. GREEN or CINN.: 1, Whitelaw. Mr. Whitelaw won novice special, and leads for points special with 15 points; Messrs. Martin and Hutchison tie for second place, 14 points each. Spl. best Crest, J. Tweedie; P.H., W. Hutchison; Yorks, C. Martin; Bord., D. Whitelaw.—Wm. Hutchison, Sec.

LONGTON AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

Fifth annual F.F. show held July 6th, at the Swan Hotel. Despite indifferent luck in most breeding rooms there were over 80 birds staged, many of them being grand specimens, especially amongst the Norwich. There was a fine collection of British. Mr. J. Bowers won spl. in open class with a fine clear yell. Norwich. Mr. G. Salt, spl. for best young bird with a cl. yell. Yorks.

OPEN NOR. (6): 1, sp, 3, Bowers; 2, James; hc, Leese. OPEN YORKS. (3): 1, sp, 2, 3, Salt. MEMBERS' NOR. YELL. (6): 1, Bagshaw; 2, Clay; 3, Leese. BUFF (7): 1, sp, Leese; 2, Bagshaw; 3, Clay. YELL. MKD. (3): 1, 2, Bagshaw; 3, George. BUFF MKD. (4): 1, 3, Clay; 2, Leese. YORKS. YELL: 1, Lea. BUFF: 1, 2, 3, Lea. YELL. MKD. (2): 1, Ratcliffe; 2, Lea. BUFF (3): 1, Lea; 2, McMurtrie; 3, Ratcliffe. MULE (4): 1, 3, Perrins; 2, Davies; 4, Peake. GOLDFINCH (6): 1, 2, Davies; 3, Tams. LINNET (4): 1, 2, Davies; 3, Tams; 4, Lovett and Mason. A.O.V. HARD. (5): 1, 2, Davies; 3, Tams. MULE, OLD: 1, 3, Tams; 2, Lovett and Mason. NOR. FLIGHTED (6): 1, Matthews; 2, George; 3, Filkin. YORKS.: 1, 2, Hickman. F.M. GOLDFINCH (6): 1, 3, Davies; 2, Peake. Members' specials were won by (1) J. Bagshaw, (1) N. Leese, (1) R. Ratcliffe, (2) G. Lea, (3) J. Davies, (1) G. Perrins, (3) C. Clay. Mr. F. Bate judged, and his awards gave every satisfaction.—Geo. Lea, Corres. Sec.

YORKSHIRE C.B.S. OF IRELAND.

Young bird show held July 3, in Central Hall, Dublin. The show was favoured with a real summer's day, which accounted for the great success, both in entries and attendance. The advancement of the Yorkshire Canary in Ireland during the last eight years is worthy of note, as some of the finest specimens were exhibited, and it was pleasing to see the number of novices showing such good Yorkshires. The Rowan cup (£5 5s.) went to Bro. Ryan, and the runner-up medal also. The Hawkins cup (£5 5s.) went to Mr. J. Dowling; runner-up, Mr. W. Birse. Mr. Birse also got the prize for most entries. The number of exhibits far exceeded any young bird show ever held in Dublin—close on 90 birds. The success of the show reflects great credit on Mr. C. Holley, the hard-working secretary, who was assisted by the following committee:—Messrs. Dowling, Mulcahy, Callaghan, Briggs, Power, and Latimer. Mr. Sholedice acted as judge, and everyone expressed their satisfaction.

YORKS. CL. YELL. (5): 1, sp, Ryan, good size, fine head, wings and tail, stands straight, extra condition; 2, Steward, just as good, only for position; 3, Birse; vhc, Carolan; hc, Callaghan. HEN (7): 1, sp, Birse, stands straight, grand type, fine legs, good quality; 2, Lee, very neat, close on winner; 3, hc, Power; vhc, Carolan; c, McDonnell. BUFF (7): 1, Steward, very nice bird, good wings, fine legs, stands straight, nice head and neck, shade stout; 2, Holley, good all round; 3, Carolan; vhc, Birse; hc, c, Briggs. HEN (10): 1, Keogh, a true Yorks. in every sense; 2, Birse, grand type, close on winner; 3, Dowling; vhc, Stewart; hc, c, Power. VARIEG., ETC., YELL. (14): 1, Rowan's cup, Ryan, excels in quality, grand type and length, very neat; 2, vhc, Keogh, real nice bird, long, and well drawn; 3, Steward; hc, Holley; c, McKeon. HEN (8): 1, vhc, Holley, nice head and wing, fair size, good quality; 2, Stewart, excellent shape; 3, Ryan; hc, Power; c, Carolan. BUFF (12): Class of very good birds: 1, 2, McKeon, 1st grand type and length, very neat wings and tail, excels in quality; 3, Keogh; vhc, Carolan; hc, Ryan; c, Holley. HEN: 1, Hawkin's cup, Dowling, fair size, good one for condition and quality, lovely shape; 2, 3, Birse, both very nice birds; vhc, Stewart; hc, Briggs; c, Callaghan. CREST (1): 1, Birse. C.B. (1): 1, Birse, bold head, good brow. NOR. COCK (1): 1, Birse, good size, fine head and neck, extra good condition. HEN (1): 1, Birse, good type and quality. MULE (1): 1, Birse, very nice Siskin Canary, teeming with quality. FIELD-MOULTED GOLDFINCH (4): 1, 2, Carolan, both good birds, leader nice blaze and bars. LINNET (2): 1, Carolan, rare type, one of the best seen in Dublin for a long time; 2, Holley. BULLFINCH (2): 1, Carolan, good.

SHETTLESTON.

Annual First Feather Show held Johnston's Rooms, July 6th. The weather was delightful and the members took full advantage of the genial sunshine and turned out in creditable fashion. Crest-breds, Plainheads and Borders were strong, both in numbers and quality, but Crests and Mules were few and quality scarcely up to the usual standard. The season has been fraught with difficulties, and many prominent breeders have little to show for their season's work. Mr. R. H. Living-tone, Rutherglen, made the awards, and his decisions met with entire satisfaction.

CREST OR C.B.: 1, spl, 2, 3, 4, Henderson, leader clear of nice size and condition, fine entrance, nice shapely, well cushioned head, ought to make up a good one; 2nd another clear, more massive in body and general substance, but not the head of leader, 3rd large variegated of good feather and substance, 4th nice even wing, dark crest. P.H.: 1, spl. best in hall, 4, Divene, leader a broken green of grand substance and type, well filled in at neck and front, good top end, nice carriage throughout, 4th tick on head, quite a nice one for feather and type; 2, 3, Berry, 2nd variegated buff, fine quality feather, good in substance and shape, will make a nice stock bird, 3rd clear yellow, fine quality and nice shape, good substance. BORD.: 1, spl, Henderson, even wing; mkd., nice shape and style, well filled in at neck; 2, 3, Baird, 2nd grand clear, fine quality feather, nice shape, jaunty carriage, well put down, 3rd heavy variegated buff, very shapely and of good quality; 4, Mackay. MULES: spl., 1, 2, Mackey, two dark Goldie Mules of similar size, leader little brighter in colour, otherwise little to choose between.

WIMBLEDON C.B.S.

A very successful young bird show was held July 8, at the Queen's Hall. The entry was very good, some twenty birds more than last year being benched. Mr. Robson judged. The feature of the show was the fine display of Borders. The "Wee Gems" have two valuable cups all to themselves, and these no doubt help to swell the number. Mrs. Thynne staged the winner, a very nice clear, which took the special for best lady's exhibit. Mrs. McGregor, Messrs. Owen, Gollop, Saunders, and the Rev. Soames also exhibited, the latter staging the winning Green. Norwich were good, Mr. Saunders, of Sutton, sending in a good level team, his winner securing the special for best Canary, another unplaced bird from the same nest being very much admired. Mr. Durham secured the special for best novice with a nice chubby Norwich, Messrs. Owen and Son that for British bird, and Mr. Lamb for best bird in show with his well-known Linnet-Bullie. There was a good gathering of visitors, among them many ladies. The members have mostly had a very good breeding season, which looks promising for the winter shows. Messrs. Smith and Stoakley managed the show in their usual able manner. NOR.: 1, Saunders; 2, Mrs. Smith; 3, Dixon. YORKS.: 1, Smith; 2, Rorke; 3, Miss Walker. YORKS. MKD.: 1, 3, Rorke; 2, Stoakley. BORD.: 1, 3, ex 3, Mrs. Thynne; 2, Mrs. McGregor. NOV. NOR.: 1, 2, Denham; 3, Wade. YORKS.: 1, Mrs. Wilkes; 2, Mrs. Mulfins. BORD.: 1, 2, 3, Mrs. Denham. GREENS: 1, 2, Rev. Soames; 3, Mrs. McGregor. SCOTCH FANCY: 1, Miss Walker. HYBRIDS: 1, 2, 3, Lamb. BRITISH: 1, Messrs. Owen and Son; 2, Mrs. Wilkes.

DULWICH AND PECKHAM C.B.S.

Y.B. Show held July 2nd at Reindeer Hotel, Rye Lane. Considering the general complaint of an indifferent season amongst breeders, the collection was a good one. Two or three very smart Norwich were staged, and Yorks were good. The arrangements did Mr. W. Hodson, the hon. sec., and his colleagues in the management every credit. Mr. Hodson has few superiors in the art of winning fanciers to his side. There was quite a large assemblage of birdy men, and several ladies. It is getting to be quite the custom at Young Bird shows for the judge to be commandeered for a few words on the exhibits at the close of his duties, so that it would be well for budding aspirants to judgeships to study elocution. Mr. George Gardner, who judged, spoke upon the exhibits generally. A vote of thanks was cordially passed to Mr. Gardner. Mr. H. Lee won special for best in show with a really fine ticked Norwich. Other special winners were Messrs. L. J. Richardson, F. Tebbs, H. W. Tomsett, J. Bullen, C. Austin, and Cant.

CHAMP. NOR., CL. OR TKD.: 1, Lee, grand fellow, fine head, neck and body, lovely close feather; 2, 3, Thomas, 2nd a sweetly pretty bird, short and cobby, grand quality; 4, Matthes. MKD., ETC.: 1, 3, Richardson, former good shape and rare quality; 2, Cole, another promising bird, full of quality; 4, Thomas. YORKS., CL. OR TKD.: 1, 2, 3, Tebbs, good team, the winner well away, a broken buff; 4, Carpenter. MKD., ETC.: 1, Carpenter, leader nice in stand, good quality; 2, 3, 4, Tebbs, full of quality and style. NOVICE, NOR. CL. OR TKD.: 1, 3, Tomsett, leader buff, grand shape, nice silky feather, neat head and beak, took the novice spl.; 2, Hodson, lovely yellow, very level quality, nice shape; 4, Crawford. MKD., ETC.: 1, 3, Tomsett, leader good variegated, 3rd fine type, good bird; 2, Crawford. YORKS, CL., ETC.: 1, Bullen, stylish, moves well, good quality; 2, 4, Fairman, neat and good quality; 3, Clark. MKD., ETC.: 1, 2, 3, Reeks, leader bonny foul tailed green, goes up like a rocket, finely drawn, a nice team; 4, Bullen. A.O.V. CAN.: 1, 2, Cant. MULES: 1, 2, Fairman. GOLD OR BULLIE: 1, Austin, wins in face and general quality; 2, Fairman; 3, Reeks. LINNET: 1, Reeks, has colour, condition, and markings; 2, Austin. GREENIE, ETC.: 1, Austin, bonny Chaffinch, very rich colour; 2, 4, Madame Madewell; 3, Fairman. A.O.V. SEEDEATER: 1, Madame Madewell, nicely marked Yellow Bunting. FOR.: 1, Richardson; 2, 3, Austin; 4, vhc, Madame Madewell.

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REVIEW OF SCHEDULE.

Cambridge.—Held August 5. Fourteen classes: Nor. 2, Yorks 2, A.O.V. Can. 1, Mule 1, Brit. 3, For. 1, Memb. 4. Prizes 8/-, 5/-, 2/6 and specials: fee 1/6. Judge, C. A. House. Entries close July 27th.—W. Driver, Hon. Sec., 17, Sussex Street, Cambridge.

REARING YOUNG BIRDS.

Something New in the Way of Feeding: An Extraordinary Use for Sour Milk.

Interesting Lecture by that well-known fancier, Mr. E. Pretty, one of our oldest living bird-breeders.

MEETING, July 6th, at headquarters, "Earl Cathcart," Osnaburgh St., N.W., Mr. Ransly in the chair. A very good gathering of members and friends attended Mr. E. Pretty's lecture on a new egg food for young birds from the first day of hatching. Mr. Pretty began by remarking that he had been a breeder of birds for the last 40 years, and the trouble he experienced was that the egg and biscuit food was too dry, as the old birds had not sufficient saliva to enable them to eject the food from their crops.

Sterilized in a Porringer.

The system he wished to put before the members was as follows: Take one egg and one piece of lump sugar and place in a porridge pot. Well beat the yolk and white of egg together to avoid any lumps in boiling, and sterilize same for 20 minutes. Then place one slice of bread in soak for one minute only; if exceeded the food will become too sloppy and stieky. Squeeze bread between piece of cloth until almost dry, then place with egg in pestle and mortar (as used by chemists) and mix until a thick paste is formed.

Birds can be fed from the first day with this food until they are old enough to be taken away from parents, when I use bread and milk, in proportion of a thick slice of bread to two lumps of sugar and half-pint of milk boiled. On no account be afraid of milk turning sour, as it is beneficial to the young. Years ago breeders had what they termed "stink pots"; these were pots of milk left for about three months, when the mildew was removed from the top and pieces of the sour milk placed between the wires of the cages for the birds to peck at. This was recognised as a certain cure for all ills. Green food should not be given to young when taken from parents, but in its place give maw seed, crushed hemp and canary seed. Marigold or nasturtium blooms may be given at any time, but first tear blooms asunder.

The Proof of the Pudding.

I have had a very successful season this year with the above dietary, rearing over 50 strong and healthy young ones. I might mention that the bread and milk should be given fresh daily, and colour food may be mixed with same if necessary. A hearty vote of thanks to Mr. Pretty for his very instructive discourse was proposed by Mr. Shakespeare and seconded by Mr. Harman, which closed a very enjoyable evening.—G. G. Stubbs.

Colour-Feeding the Canary.

A Lecture delivered by Mr. W. Bingham, before the Sheffield C.B.S.

IS it necessary to colour feed? I answer, yes, under present conditions of keeping and exhibiting birds, particularly Norwich. This question, to those who visit a show and notice the difference between a fed and non-fed specimen of any class, answers itself in the affirmative. Not only that, but in the standard for Norwich 15 points are allowed for colour, a very large margin with which to decide when finally placing the prize cards. Does it pay to colour feed? I am not now alluding to exhibition specimens, but merely speaking from a financial standpoint. Again the answer is yes, as to my mind a common Canary of any variety when colour-fed is worth at least 2s. 6d. more than the same bird would be if in its natural colour, and at my estimate of the cost of colour feeding which is from 4d. to 6d. per bird, this leaves a fair margin of profit. One point I would impress upon the Novice when disposing of stock, is always present them to your would-be customers in as clean a state as possible. It will pay you to do so.

Harmful or Otherwise.

Another question that arises is, is colour feeding harmful to our birds? My answer to this is, if the colouring agent that is in use to-day is administered in a proper manner, it is not harmful. The proper way to my mind to give it is to use the least sprinkle or pinch in the first place, and slowly, very slowly, keep increasing the amount until you get the strength you think sufficient to answer your purpose. It generally takes me at least three weeks to get my birds on food the full strength.

The method I adopt is to give the colouring matter in bread and eggs, exactly as I feed when rearing young, but with more bread added. About one large tea spoonful I allow for each bird. Another way that I fed one season only was to soak the bread thoroughly in cold water (crust as well as crumb) squeeze out all the water possible and then mix your colouring matter and sugar with the bread in as thorough a manner as possible. I found the birds came as good a colour by one way as by the other, but they did not take so readily to the last mentioned method, and some had to have their feed removed before they would eat it. This, however, is undoubtedly the cheapest way of administering the food as it saves your eggs, bread and seed; it is also impossible for the birds to waste the food when given in this form, as they do in the former case. You generally find that about four teaspoonfuls of pepper to one egg and bread is recommended, but I think that that is underestimated, and that five, six, or seven teaspoonfuls are more like the quantity where a real hot colour is being aimed at. Cayenne pepper I do not favour very much, though there is no doubt it is an excellent colouring agent, but owing to its hot nature it is not very much in favour with me. I use it very moderately indeed, about one in fifteen or even less than that, and sometimes none at all.

Water Good; Sunlight Bad.

The use of the bath is a very important matter during the time that you are colour feeding—in fact at all times—and it ought not to be neglected, as no birds look better or are in better condition generally than those that bathe freely and have the opportunity to bathe regularly. The light of the room must be toned down considerably at this period to keep the colour in your pets, as nothing draws the colour out or fades it much quicker than the sun. You will all have noticed the effect of the sun on wall paper with delicate tints, and have heard the wife's complaint about faded paper and furniture—how quickly she draws down the blinds to keep the sun out. It has exactly the same effect on birds, hence the reason for protection from its rays.

The difference in birds from a colouring standpoint is also very great; some birds have a natural colour to commence with far in excess of what other birds possess, which accounts for your birds which may have all been fed exactly alike coming out in so many varied tints and shades.

Cochineal said to be Useful.

During the moulting season I like to put a corn of cochineal in the drinking water, as I think this helps to a quick moult, aids the colour and acts as preventative against colds. When birds are about half way through the moult I also add a little linseed meal and gold of pleasure seed to their egg and colour food, as this finishes off their plumage in a tight and polished manner, which I think cannot be obtained by any other method of feeding. Birds colour-fed and kept for show ought to have, at least once a week, all through the show season a little colour food given to them, to keep up the colour, and so that if they lose a feather or two at any time, which they often do, they may come again the same colour as when first moulted.

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Singing Contests for Canaries.

A Sport Said to be "Catching On" in Yorkshire.

ONE of the many interesting happenings in Leeds, Castleford, and Barnsley concerning which ordinary mortals know nothing are the bird singing contests, says a contributor to the "Yorkshire Evening Post." The iron-workers of Leeds have a curious affection for Canaries, while Yorkshire colliers know nearly as much about Linnets and Larks as they do about their terriers. There are Linnet-singing contests nearly every Sunday noon in half a dozen licensed houses in Leeds, while, after September, there will be Canary contests on Sunday evenings in the same bird houses. They never fix these contests in the same room for the same assembly, for the dear little birds are such mimics the Canaries would be sure to begin to "chop-chop-chop"—a terrible sin in Canaries—while the Linnets would be certain to burlesque the Hartz Mountain Rollers' wonderful runs. Besides, Linnets like to go to sleep early, while Canaries are in prime singing form towards evening.

The "Distribution Night."

Bird clubs are old institutions in Leeds. The contribution to a Canary club is usually 2d. a week, and some of these have fifty and sixty members. When each member has subscribed some 8s. or 9s. they send to a London, Liverpool, or Leeds importer for a supply of genuine Hartz Mountain cock Canaries. The distribution night is a great event. On that night the birds are all on view in the club room in separate cages. Each member draws a number from a bag, and becomes the possessor of the cage similarly numbered with its live occupant.

It is quite a lottery what kind of a bird one draws. Some are not worth 2s. as match birds, while others, after skilled training, could not be bought for £5. Silver teapots and other useful articles form the prizes competed for at these singing contests, the purchase money being supplied out of the entrance fee money, plus additions by the landlord and other philanthropists.

How the Cages are Hung.

For competition purposes the bird cages are hung on pegs against the wall, sometimes in two's sometimes in three's. If the entries are numerous, they are tested in three's. The owners draw for places. One cage goes on the upper peg, a second immediately below, and a third to the side where it can be seen by the other two. The last position is a bit of a handicap, for no sooner do the other two birds see it hung than the proud creatures stiffen their wings and begin their jealous song, thus getting a good start. The cages remain hung for five minutes; and, with well-trained birds, there is rarely any waiting.

No one must smoke in the room lest it should affect the feathered songsters' voices. Nor must anyone speak, or chirp, or even breathe loudly, perchance the noise might put one of the competitors off its music.

Judging the Music.

There are usually two judges and a time-keeper, and the decision is based on the length of run, quality of note, and perfection of turn or trill. Any harshness of voice or introduction of chop-chops—"muck," the Canary experts call it—is disastrous.

A good bird wins good prizes, and its marketable value rapidly appreciates. Some of the most successful prize winners are rather fond of a sip of old port after an exhausting contest.

Appearances Deceitful.

All these German birds are cage-bred, and are very poor fliers. Appearances are deceptive, the most insignificant and ugly feathered birds frequently proving the best songsters. They are very delicate birds, and need most careful feeding. A specially prepared Canary food, in which German rape forms an important part, is their chief diet, though a bit of clean lettuce or watercress does them no harm.

The Linnet clubs are conducted on much the same lines, though the subscription is generally merely nominal, as young Linnets may be bought for from 3d. up to 1s. each. Bird-catchers bring boxes of twenty or thirty to the rooms on club nights and retail them to members. A prize singing Linnet will realise £2 to £3. The singing career of a Linnet is generally shorter than that of a Canary. It may last three or four years, while some Canaries have been known to continue in prize-winning voice for ten or eleven years.

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Please notify my new address, writes Mr. J. Oldaker, which is 633, Lea Bridge Road, Leyton. Best wishes to our old friend CAGE BIRDS.

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Mr. Geo. Harver, sec., Blaydon-on-Tyne C.B.S., writes that the Northern Lizard patronage has again been secured for the society's annual show on Nov. 1 and 2.

Mr. Geo. Green, hon. sec. Green Canary Association, writes that after July 22 his address will be 5' Rocky Lane, Fullbrook, Liverpool. Will secretarics kindly note?

Will Mr. G. Edwards, the Bird Shop, Irvine Street, Liverpool, let us have an address that will find him? We have twice written to him, and each time the letter has been returned.

OBITUARY.

Mr. A. Frankland.

We hear with great regret from Mr. W. H. Dibb, Guiseley, of the death of the above well-known fancier and exhibitor. Mr. Dibb writes us as follows:—

"As a reader of your valuable paper, I should esteem it a favour if you would insert in your next issue the news of the death of an old and respected fancier, Mr. Arthur Frankland, Guiseley. As a member of the Guiseley, Yeadon, and Dist. Society, he was a most energetic worker, being one of the first in its formation, also a true fancier to all the shows in the Yorkshire Union. His death took place at the Royal Infirmary, Bradford, July 8, after a serious and painful illness."

We hold our next meeting, writes Mr. Wm. Elliott, sec., West Stanley and Dist. C.B.S., at Club Room, Commercial Hotel, on July 13, instead of the ante-room at Co-op. Hall. Will all members please turn out, as this is the last meeting for the schedule for the annual show?

I started this season with one pair of Canaries and am now the possessor of eleven young—not so bad for a novice. My success I attribute to your book, "Canary Breeding for Beginners" and to CAGE BIRDS, of which I am a regular reader.—C. F. Baker (South Bermondsey.)

Pendleton and Salford O.S. are holding their first feather show to-day (Saturday), at the Irwell Castle, Lower Broughton, and we hope to find that well known judge, Mr. Beswick, Stockport, something to do, as we are expecting a very large entry, including about 6 light Mules, write Messrs. Chritchley and Metcalfe.

Applications for the patronage of the Midland Counties Yorkshire C.C. must be received by the end of July. Societies in the Midlands holding open shows and wishing to see their Yorkshire classes a success should apply to Messrs. Beck and Andrews, School House, Rookery Road, Handsworth, Staffs.

The Green Canary Association's patronage will be allotted July 25, writes Mr. Geo. Green, hon. sec., 36, Lord Nelson Street, Liverpool. Full particulars on application, which must be made prior to July 22.

Schedules have been sent to all members for first feather show. Anyone overlooked, please apply to me, writes Mr. H. Boothman, hon. sec. Manchester and Northern Counties O.S., 10, Parker Street, Levenshulme, Manchester.

I have been appointed hon. secretary to the Bristol C.B.S., writes Mr. T. J. Keegan, 6, York Street, Barton Hill, Bristol, and I shall be pleased to welcome new members and give them any information they may require re the society.

Readers will find an interesting rearrangement of the advertisements at the end of CAGE BIRDS this week. This new feature will be permanent, and one that we hope will be satisfactory and lead to good results for advertisers.

"CAGE BIRDS" FOR RESULTS

In our issue of July 6 Mr. A. Coffey, of Liverpool, inserted an advertisement under the heading of Mules, giving us instructions for two issues. He offered his stock to the first sender of a £10 note. On July 9 we received the following from him:—

"Kindly withdraw my advert. Mr. J. Wood, of Tamworth, gets the birds, his being the first letter opened containing the money. Several other men very much disappointed."—(Signed) A. Coffey.

Kindly give my thanks to all who have sent me offers for my young Rollers advertised in CAGE BIRDS. I have disposed of the birds and could not answer all enquirers, only those who sent stamped addressed envelopes—It would cost the advertiser a lot of money if he were to answer all applications.—L. Walker (Huddersfield).

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I was surprised and pleased, writes Mr. W. Walker, to see the picture of my winning Green on the front page of the leading bird journal, CAGE BIRDS. It has always been my ambition to breed and exhibit a Yorkshire Green fit to grace the front of CAGE BIRDS. I must thank your artist for his splendid work. May CAGE BIRDS always prosper.

Owing to the extraordinary number of show reports sent to us this week, we have been unable to publish all in this issue. Despite the space devoted to them, and the fact that no fewer than 41 reports actually appear in print, we have had to hold over until our next number accounts of the Barrow, Queen's Park, (Glasgow), Eccles and South London fixtures.

At the annual monthly meeting, held July 2, writes Mr. John Dunwoody, jun., sec. of the Holywood and Dist. C.B.S., arrangements were made for our annual show in November, and if we get the same support from the Irish fanciers this year as we did last, our show will be a huge success. We have secured a new hall that was specially built for exhibitions and entertainments—an ideal place

Who had hottest coloured Norwich at Crystal Palace, 1912? Mr. Davies, winner best Canary in show, championship diploma, three 1sts, 2nds, etc.; also N.P.C. Cup winner; also Mr. Smeaton, winner three 1sts, etc.; also great Scotch winner. Who had hottest colour in Cinnamons? Mr. Dorner, Godley, Deason, who won between them every 1st, 2nd, and 3rd prize. Who had hottest coloured Yorkshires? Mr. Binns, winner two 1sts, one 2nd, with three entries, against all champions. All above used from 28lbs. to 56lbs. Sandiford's Royal Red. Not one or two pounds so as to be able to compete for other specials. I could fill this paper with other names. Messrs. Haigh and Son, oldest breeders in Yorkshire, been using another feed for few years. This year they have ordered 28lbs. from Sandiford's. (See advertisement.).—(Advt.).

Young White Canary at Chester.

Quite the feature of Chester young bird show (writes our representative) was the white Canary exhibited by that keen enthusiast, Mr. Richards. It is only five weeks old, but is showing the true Yorkshire type. I was informed that Mr. R. bred it from a self-green Yorkshire cock and a clear buff hen bred from Greens—an "albino Canary," I should call it. Let us hope it lives to provide competition at the Palace.

Giving the Game Away.

A sporting parson had a Parrot. He was a good man as well as a good sportsman, and attended a race meeting for the pure joy of seeing the best horseflesh. Unhappily his bishop, who knew him well and liked him, died, and the new bishop disapproved in toto of anything and everything connected with the turf. It so happened one day that after a violent thunderstorm, the bishop took refuge at the parsonage. He made the acquaintance of the Parrot, and was talking to it, and praising it to the unsuspecting rector, when suddenly the bird put its head on one side and called out in stentorian tones: "Two to one bar one." The bishop was electrified, and the rector struck dumb; but worse followed. Before either could speak, the Parrot gave a chuckle, and said, in the rector's voice: "By Jove! if the bishop heard you!"

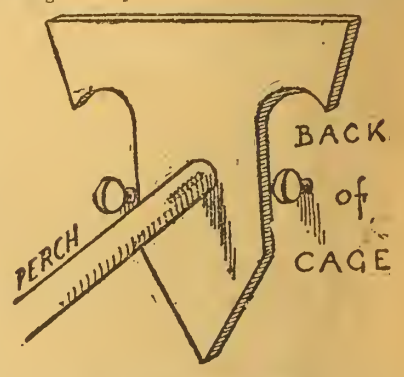
Illustrated Ideas

Every "Illustrated Idea" used in this column will entitle the sender thereof to a postal order for two shillings and sixpence.

No. 602.
A Bracket Perch.

Sent by L. Grinell, 37, Fredgrick Street, Heath Town, Wolverhampton.

Here is a sketch of a quickly and easily removed perch. Cut a piece of ¼in. wood to shape shown. Screw perch to back of this, the length of perch to be about two inches

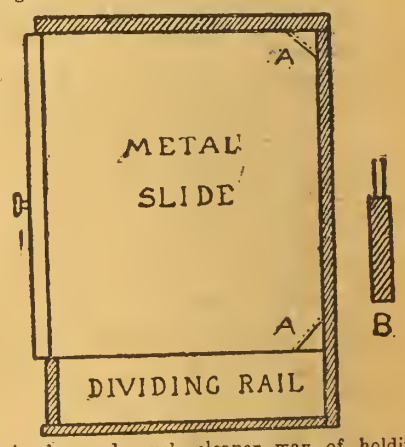


less than the depth of the cage, so as to prevent the bird from lying against the wires. Fix two screws in cage back with heads projecting to the thickness of the bracket. The perch may be removed in a moment for cleaning, or for repainting cage.

No. 603.
An Improvement in Double Breeders.

Sent by T. Stanley, 212. Rookery Road, Handsworth, Birmingham.

When double breeding cages are used, the wood dividing rail which runs from the front rail of cage and level with it to the back of the cage, in bought cages, often has a channel for the partition to slide in which is awkward to clean, and when the slide is out soon gets filled with dirt. Young birds will peck into this, and it may mean the loss of one's best youngster. The enclosed sketch will explain



a simpler and much cleaner way of holding slides:—Glue a narrow strip of wood into the slot mentioned above to fill up the groove, and smooth off to make level. Then drive in two wire nails 1in. long, and make them incline to back of cage, and two more nails in the correct position at the top (AA). For preference use a tin slide which has been enamelled and with the front edge folded as shown. This can easily be made on a kitchen table without more tools than a hammer, and has the advantage that it will not warp when washed. At B is shown a section of the dividing rail with nails in position.

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Expert Information on British Birds.

By J. STEEL (Dalkeith).

Continued from page 537.

How to Catch the Bullfinch.

I advise the use of a decoy, and small twigs may be substituted for the esparto. No bird answers more readily to the decoy than the Bullie. The ordinary method is simply to place the decoy on a hedge or bush, and surround him with the twigs. I have sometimes had to deal with a "sharped" bird, and my method then was to tie a few bunches of dock or nettle together and arrange them near the decoy, inserting the limed twigs or grasses in the bunches. A stuffed specimen mounted on a flexible spring so as to be agitated by the slightest breeze, gave the set a more unsuspicious appearance than when arranged in the manner first described. I always gather a few good nettles, docks and thistles during autumn for setting purposes, the latter for Goldies. The seeding off process is as I described for the Chaffinch, but plenty of well-damped hemp and teazle should be supplied, gradually reducing the quantity of the former. All food should be on cage bottom, and water inside. The placing of a well-caged specimen along with the new capture prevents sulking, and incites him to partake, but if care is taken to graduate the change from the wet seed, little danger is to be apprehended. I will next deal with the final species, the Thrush.

A Widely Popular Family.

Many confuse the various members of the Thrush family, and really there is a confusing number of terms applied, which tends to cause misconception. I will endeavour to explain these for the benefit of the novice. Thrushes have the scientific name *Turdus*, but this includes Blackbirds, etc., and in this paper I purpose treating only of four species, viz., Song Thrush, or Mavis (*Turdus Musicus*), indigenous. Mistle Thrush or Storm-cock (*T. viscivorous*), indigenous. Fieldfare (*T. pilaris*), winter migrant, and Redwing (*T. iliacus*), winter migrant (there is another named after the famous naturalist, (*Turdus Whitei*), but its occurrence is so rare as scarcely to merit recognition as a British species). Now, despite the fact that these species are definite, and permit of no further division whatsoever, we find the first-named sometimes gets various prefixes, such as "Brook," "Bank," etc. These terms, like those applied to the Goldfinch and Linnet, Pear-tree, Thorn, Rose, Whin, etc., imply something, but in fact mean absolutely nothing. The Mistle is often confounded with the Fieldfare. In Scotland the common term for the former is "felty," while in various parts of England a very similar term, "felfit," is applied exclusively to the Fieldfare.

The Song Thrush is distinguished from the Mistle by being considerably smaller and more profusely spotted; the eggs of the Mistle more closely resemble those of the Blackbird than the familiar blue egg, with spotting on thick end, of the Song Thrush, and the slate colour of the back, and conspicuous patch on the upper tail-coverts, of the Fieldfare, permit of his easy recognition, and the distinct eye-streaks and red mark on side (not wings) render the Redwing's identification an easy matter. The term Thrush is not popularly applied to either Fieldfare or Redwing. The feeding habits of the first three of the above birds are very similar, largely insectivorous, in a lesser degree frugivorous, and least of all granivorous. In a confined state, they can readily adapt themselves to a direct reversion of this scale, but my experiences with the Redwing convince me that he is more insectivorous than the others, and should have a slightly more generous diet. With this exception, and, of course, the reservation that any remarks on hand-rearing cannot apply to winter migrants, the method of feeding I shall advocate applies to all four.

How to Feed Thrushes.

There are quite a few good brands of Thrush foods in the market now, the price of which are such as to render it inadvisable to economise further by mixing the various ingredients ourselves. Besides, being prepared by baking, such foods are much more assimilable than any mixture of raw meals simply moistened or even scalded. Fanciers who keep a number of the more delicate species may mix the residue from their dishes with a proportion of game or dog meal, making the mass just crumbly moist with boiling water. Any grocers' currants or other dried fruit should be added before scalding, but salad, such as chopped lettuce, grated carrot, etc., is best added after the mass has cooled, as such prevents the rapid decomposition of the vegetable matter, especially during warm weather. Therefore, with a good brand of game or dog meal as a basis (free from grit or splinters of bone) the changes can be rung by the addition of hard-boiled egg, grated cheese, boiled sheep's heart, insects, fruit, and salads.

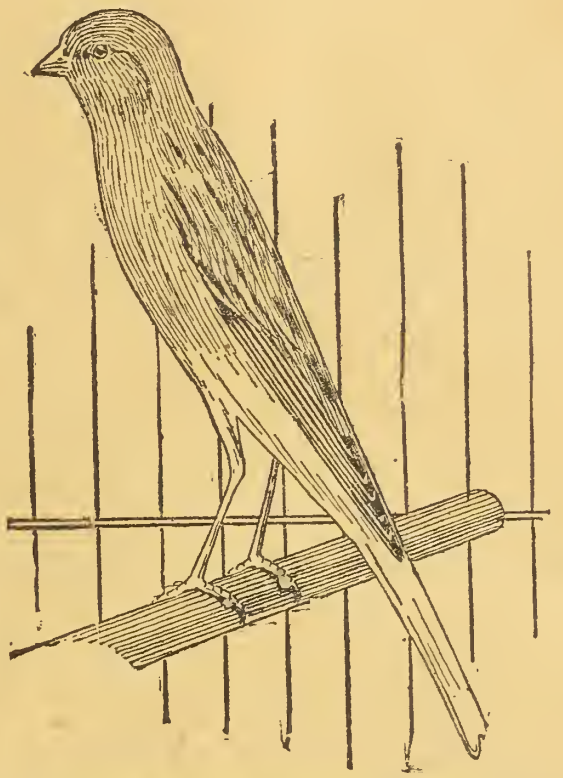
I have seen many recipes for Thrush food, some of which I should think would be rejected by any self-respecting rooster, and others which approached the opposite extreme. Silkworms, dried flies, ants' eggs, and flake are expensive, and the fancier who uses much of these for Thrushes, soon begins to think he has adopted something like a white elephant. While I am strongly opposed to any cheap, and nasty, methods of feeding, I am convinced that for such a comparatively coarse feeding species, these may quite safely be omitted, and any form of live food is much preferable. In gathering such, the procedure is so different from any that I have hitherto described, that I may describe the best and most acceptable forms of insects for this species.

Various Kinds of Live Food.

Caterpillars. Those of the white or cabbage butterfly, are very good, but difficult to procure. Another, found under turfs and stones, especially in damp places, such as those parts of a river bed which are occasionally submerged, is dirty brown in colour, and fairly plentiful. Dock grub. Large, white, found burrowing in the tuberous roots of common and bird-dock Click beetle. This is the most plentiful of the lot, and I have found constitutes a large portion of the food supplied to the wild nestlings. These are found under dried cow dung in old pastures. The use of a pair of tweezers is advisable for placing them in the box. If stored in the partly dry dung, which is not in the least offensive (being a common fuel in Egypt and India) they will keep for a few weeks. In colour they are dirty white, invariably curled up when found. I have taken over fifty from one small heap of dried dung. Another, which I cannot name, is found in large numbers in the root of the plantain ("Rat's-tail"). Snails, especially when shelled, are much liked. A stone should be placed in the aviary for him to smash them on, but for a caged Thrush I break the shells myself with nutcrackers (it's quieter).

Wasp or bee grubs are obtained by marking the entrance to their nest in daylight, and going after dark with a lamp and lighting and inserting a slow cartridge, which has been prepared by rolling a newspaper wrapper round a ¾-inch pin, gumming firmly and charging same with a mixture of gunpowder and sulphur. Mix well together and test by lighting a very small portion, it should burn freely, give off a suffocating fume, but not flash. After digging out the nest, place it in a close covered box, as many wasps may hatch later. If so, place box on stove; these wasp grubs may be preserved for winter use by evaporation. Strangely enough, though earth-worms are greedily devoured by Thrushes when at liberty, yet a very short period of captivity generally results in their contracting a distaste for such plebeian fare. Beetles also are procurable by trapping, old beer being the most enticing bait.

(To be concluded)



A FIRST-CLASS COLOUR-PRODUCER.

This very heavily green-marked Yorkshire Cock was exhibited by Mr. F. A. Tebbs (Battersea), at the Horticultural Hall Show, and secured Second Prize in the Novice Section. It should be a good stock bird for producing colour.

Plain Hints on How to Colour-Feed.

A Lecture given by J. W. Ramsden on July 4th, before the Newcastle-on-Tyne C.B.S.

THERE was a large gathering of Newcastle-on-Tyne fanciers on July 4 to hear Mr. J. W. Ramsden lecture on colour feeding. Mr. T. C. Crawhall presided at the meeting, and spoke of the pleasure it gave him to introduce Mr. Ramsden. Mr. Ramsden commenced by saying: I am afraid there is nothing I can tell you about colour feeding that has not been told before. However, I hope that there will be a discussion and plenty of questions from which both audience and lecturer may learn something.

The Three Chief Points.

I propose to deal with the subject briefly, and under 3 heads, viz., What to Colour Feed; How to Colour Feed, and How to select your colouring-agent.

1: It is customary to colour feed all Canaries excepting Crests, Borders, Liverpool Greens, Lancashires, and Belgians, though some of these are colour fed on mild feeds that slightly improve the natural colour. Most British birds are colour-fed, all Hybrids, and a good many foreign birds. In the case of colour-feeding British and foreign birds, great care must be taken. You must decide what colours you want improved, and feed accordingly.

2. How to colour feed. Commence by breeding for colour. See your stock has plenty of green blood running in its veins. You will no doubt in so doing get more marked birds than you want, but your clear and ticked birds will be teeming with colour and quality. The green bird needed as a stock bird is the bronzed golden yellow green in preference to the Liverpool green.

Do Fanciers Over Do It?

Young birds should be placed on the colour food when 6 weeks old, and old birds as soon as they commence their moult. Colour food should be given daily in small quantities—most fanciers overdo the colour feeding. I believe the birds get sick of seeing colour food before them day after day and all day long. Most of you no doubt like duck and green peas for dinner, but if this dish was served up to you for every meal for six weeks, you would be heartily sick of duck and never want to look one in the face again. It is just the same with the birds. Give them the colour feed every morning and remove it from the cage after, say, 2 or 3 hours. I am sure you will have better results by so doing than by leaving colour food in the egg pan all day long.

I also believe in giving the birds a change of diet during colour feeding. One day use biscuits for the egg food mixture, the next day bread, the next bread and biscuit mixed, so that the birds have a constant change. There is no doubt that egg food is the surest way of administering the colour. You can colour feed without egg food, for many birds will eat tasteless pepper in the raw state, but egg food is the usual and surest method.

The Ways and Means.

I always use 1 hard-boiled egg to 2 oz. of bread or biscuit, 2 teaspoonfuls of fine sugar and from 1 to 4 teaspoonfuls of tasteless pepper, commencing with one and increasing the quantity till 4 is reached. A small teaspoonful of this mixture per day is ample for any bird. In fact, many a bird colours well when colour fed on alternate days, though daily feeding is the most satisfactory. The seed box containing plain canary seed need never be removed from the cage. During colour feeding it is best not to give green food, as the vegetable colour food is in itself a laxative. Baths can be given freely; they are most beneficial.

Light has an effect on the plumage, and it is advisable to shield the birds from a strong light. This can easily be done by using a yellow or red linen blind at the window of the bird-room. There is no need to cover each cage up as some men do. The cages should be kept clean and free from red mite. Red mite, not only worry the birds, but suck from them the blood that is needed to colour the plumage.

Hints on Choosing the Pepper.

3. How to select your colouring agent. There is to-day no better colouring agent than what is known as tasteless pepper. It is ground from the pods of the sweet capsicum, and is grown in various parts of the world. I produce some pods for your inspection, also peppers ground from these pods. The colour of the pepper depends on the colour and quality of the pods used, and upon whether they have been stripped of stalk and seed. Some experts even would declare that this best sample was artificially dyed, but such is not the case. If you will watch me, I will strip this bright pod of stalk and seed, and now anyone of you can grind the husk and you will have as bright and deep a coloured pepper as the sample shown you. Good peppers command a good price. The cheap peppers are generally the poor coloured pods ground and dyed with aniline dyes in oil.

Good for the Linen Trade.

You probably have no conception of the strength of colour in the best tasteless pepper. If one of you will hand me your handkerchief I will stain it with tasteless pepper, and if you can wash, scrub, or boil the stain out I will give you a medal for your trouble. (A handkerchief was handed up and duly stained, there being roars of laughter as Mr. Ramsden quietly marked the corner with an indelible pencil, so that he could identify the handkerchief when returned.)

Mr. Crawhall spoke as to the pleasure he had had in listening to the lecture, and said he had yet to see the bronzed golden yellow green Canary mentioned by Mr. Ramsden. He invited those present to "go for" Mr. Ramsden with questions, in reply to which Mr. Ramsden said the best way to keep red mite down was to keep every nook and corner of the bird-room clean, to soak the nest pans in a solution of carbolic acid before use, and to sprinkle a teaspoonful of insect powder between pan and nest lining before the hen nested. As regards hot cayenne feeding, he failed to see any advantage in it for feeding Canaries, but used it in the proportion of 1oz. to 1lb. of tasteless for feeding Hybrids and British birds. It was also useful for starting or re-starting the moult.

Birds are Fond of Sugar.

He did not care for the use of the Cinnamon in improving colour; he would rather rely on the Green. As to the use of sugar, it preserved the egg food and many birds liked the food sweetened. As regards oil in pepper, the best sun-dried pepper pods contained quite enough oil, but a pepper ground from absolutely dry pods could have 1oz. sublime olive oil added to each pound with advantage. Iron acted as a tonic, and was supposed to fix the colour. A piece of sulphate of iron the size of a pea could be added to a quart of water and used as drinking water twice a week, with beneficial results.

Mr. Crawhall and others having spoken as to the useful hints they had picked up in listening to the lecture, the meeting closed at a late hour with a hearty vote of thanks to Mr. Ramsden.

Questions and Answers.

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(1)—*All questions must be clearly written in ink (or typewritten) on one side of paper, and must conclude with either the correct name of querist or a pseudonym, or initials.*

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Canaries.—**Claude St. John.** British Birds, Mule and Hybrids—**G. E. Weston.** Foreign Birds—**Wesley T. Page,** F.Z.S., M.B.N.H.S., &c., Wild Bird Life—**H. Norman.**

NOTE.—If an answer is required concerning the proper mating, etc., of Norwich, Yorkshires, Crests, Cinnamons, Greens, Borders, Lizards, Scotch or any other variety of the Canary family, we shall, should the querist desire us to do so, be pleased to submit his questions for answer to some leading specialist of the day on the variety concerned.

CANARY QUERIES.

Answered by CLAUDE ST. JOHN.

HEN CANARY SINGING (W. Butcher).—Assuming you did not mistake a young cock performer for the hen, it would be a trifle uncommon for a hen to commence singing as you say this hen did. But such occurrences are by no means rare. I have had a hen act in a similar manner this season soon after the cock was removed, but now the novelty of being alone again has worn off, she has ceased her vocal exercises. Some few hens, however, go on, and make just tolerable singers.

A SWOLLEN JAW (W. C. S.).—Which do you call the jaw, the horny part of lower mandible or its junction with the throat? You should have sent a rough sketch showing exact position of swelling, and also given some idea of its size. It is probably a small tumour. Carefully paint the swelling with tincture of iodine three times, allowing an interval of two clear days between each painting. Use a small feather or camel hair pencil for the job. Report progress in a fortnight, and give above-named particulars.

SITS ON PERCH (M. Hind).—See that the bird is quite free from cold draughts. For the next month feed on a staple of plain canary only. Every third day allow half a teaspoonful of summer rape, and on two other days each week give just a pinch of a mixture of equal parts maw, inga, teazle, and gold of pleasure. Give a liberal supply of green food daily, either chickweed, flower buds of groundsel, watercress, lettuce, or dandelion. In the drinking water add six drops of dandelion juice, and as much Epsom salts as will cover a sixpence every second day for a week, and in the next week give instead six drops of tincture of gentian and three of sulphuric acid every second day. Then repeat the two weeks in the same order.

SNEEZES AND BREATHES NOISILY (W. Cahill).—The Norwich hen is probably in the early stages of asthma, and is not likely to do her duty towards the solitary youngster she has. I suspect the chick is dead by now, if you did not transfer it to another hen, or adopt such treatment for poor feeders as has been given here nearly every week for some time past. The restlessness in nest is probably due to mites. Examine into this matter. See that bird is not exposed to direct draughts. Add six drops of syrup of rhubarb, and as much sulphate of soda as will cover a sixpence to the water every second day for a week, and in the next week give six drops each of glycerine and oxymel of squills, and three of eucalyptus oil well shaken in the water every second day. As regards clear eggs, you should have said how you treat your birds. See reply to "J.N.O." last week.

A PECULIAR RESULT (Mrs. A.G.L.).—The spraying with quassia solution could not have caused the skin to peel off in patches as you describe. Again, red mites do not live on the body of the bird, as your letter seems to imply. There are several points about your letter I cannot understand. I fancy the explanation must lie either in the nature and strength of the solution, and subsequent drying of the bird. Was it prepared from chips or essence? Is it possible the bird was dried too quickly before a fire; and how old is it? It would be interesting to know these things. Give the bird a morsel of bread and milk with two drops of cod liver oil emulsion on it, and sprinkled with soft sugar, every second day for a fortnight, and a pinch of maw on the alternate days. Dissolve as much boric acid as will cover a threepenny-piece in its bathing water for a week or so.

CANNOT PERCH (Mr. Roberts).—Judging from your remarks about condition of bird after handling him for examination, I suspect there is some physical injury accountable for the inability to perch or use its legs. Not unlikely it is a fractured leg, the hurt being in the upper portion, or so-called thigh. In such a case the best treatment, so to speak, is to leave it severely alone. Place bird in a moderately small cage, with one or two perches only, placed quite low down, and make seed and water vessels very easily accessible to the bird without any straining. If this cannot be accomplished, place seed and water inside on the floor in shallow vessels, such as deep egg drawers. Keep bird as quiet as possible, and do not incite it to move about or flutter it at all until it resumes an active condition voluntarily.

IS IT UNUSUAL? (Pom).—No, it is not very unusual for a hen Canary flying loose in an aviary of British Finches all in pairs to go tonest and lay a clutch of eggs. When a hen is in high condition it is only what might be expected. The only wonder would be if in an aviary filled with healthy Finches there were not plenty of males whom the wiles of this feathered Eve did not tempt from the paths of moral rectitude. You may find yourself the possessor of a brood of mules. A clutch of seven is a large one, but by no means a record. It would not be possible without microscopic help to tell whether such eggs had been fertilised by breaking one. Let the hen sit on them her full time; that's the only rational way of testing them.

TOO WIDE (Harry).—(1) If you are colour-feeding a staple diet of good sound canary is quite sufficient when moulting. A sprinkling of maw may be given with the soft food, a pinch of summer rape about every second day, and a pinch of mixed seed twice a week. If not colour-feeding, give the same staple, and add a pinch of rape separately every second day, half a teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake, bread and milk, or egg food, strewn with maw on the alternate days, a small teaspoonful of mixed seed twice a week, and a little green food four times a week. Towards end of moult, add a pinch of linseed three times a week, and dissolve a crystal of sulphate of iron the size of a large hemp seed in the water twice a week. Nothing else necessary in normal cases. (2) Birds go "rumpy," as you put it, and go off song from so many and varied causes that it is folly to attempt to advise a treatment to apply to all cases. You must particularise a little more. (3) See Mr. Weston's column next week for Linnet reply. It should have been on a separate paper.

SIX-SIDED (J. James).—(1) Either your management is very faulty or you have been exceptionally unfortunate to have 19 hens out of 20 refuse to rear young. See reply to "R. Rennie," on June 29th, or get Part VIII. of "Our Canaries," or "Canary Breeding for Beginners" for details of management at this stage. (2) Yes, it is always a good plan when breeding high-class birds to keep a few common pairs as foster parents if required. Rollers, Borders, or Norwich of a common kind are about the best, though any nondescript Canary of a good feeding strain will do. (3) It is certainly very late, and little, if any, good can be expected from hens going to nest after this time. Still, if you have

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should consult St. John's "Canary Breeding for Beginners" (7d.); House's "Canary Manual" (1/2); Battye's "Yorkshire Canaries" (1/1½); House's "Norwich Canaries" (1/1); Weston's "Stock Book" (7d.); Dr. Clarke's "Septic or Bird Fever" (7d.); Dr. Creswell's "Hygiene of Bird-keeping (1/1); Norman's "Aviaries, Bird-rooms, and Cages" (2/3); Ramsden's "Colour-feeding" (3½d.); "Seeds and Foods for Cage Birds" (1/2); or the "Nutshell" booklets (2½d. each): No. 5 "The Pet Canary," No. 6 "Ailing Birds and How to Cure them," No. 9 "The Disinfection of Cages, Bird-rooms, etc.," No. 10 "The Roller," No. 23 "The Border Fancy," No. 24 "Green Canaries." All thoroughly practical and instructive. Prices quoted are post free, from "Cage Birds," 154, Fleet Street, London, E.C.

one or two that seem very forward and likely to lay soon you might give them one more chance in the forlorn hope of not drawing the season blank. (4) There must have been something wrong with your treatment of the young you tried to rear by hand. See reply to "Beginner" on June 29th. (5) For stock birds and normal cases it is a very good plan to moult out in flights. Birds that show signs of trouble and moult badly cage up separately, or in couples. (6) Many birds begin to "get thin on the top" about this time. The feather will be reproduced at the moult. Do not allow any of these birds to nest again, but treat them between now and the moult as advised to "M. T." last week. Do not put anything on skin unless there are quite bare places.

MOULTING QUERIES (Beginner).—It is advisable, though not absolutely essential to keep the sexes separate whilst moulting. Cocks may be moulted together in groups or couples if necessary, as also may the hens. A double-breeder with the slide removed will accommodate four or five birds. A single-breeder will do for a couple, or at a pinch a trio of birds for moulting and colour-feeding, if strict attention is paid to cleanliness. When the moult is getting advanced and the new plumage is showing, cover about three-fourths of the fronts with thin buff calico or paper in the case of likely show birds. Your question if young birds get their flights directly they have finished moulting is rather vague. Young birds of the year do not lose their flights or tail at the first moult. Certainly the young will be eligible for showing as soon as they have finished moulting, and are fine in plumage. Thanks for remarks about the information received from these replies. Glad you find them so useful.

A PANTING ROLLER (A. Tyrrell).—You are feeding the bird incorrectly. Give a staple diet of two parts canary to one part summer rape. Every second day for a fortnight give half-a-teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake, with four drops of sherry and two of cod liver oil emulsion mixed in it, and sprinkle it with equal parts maw and gold of pleasure seed. On the alternate days give a pinch of a mixture of equal parts hemp, inga, millet, and teazle. Give a spray of green food daily. In the drinking water give six drops of syrup of rhubarb and as much Epsom salts as will cover a sixpence, for three consecutive days, and afterwards four drops each of tincture of gentian, tincture of calumba and aromatic sulphuric acid every second day for a week. At the end of fortnight stop all drugs and reduce in frequency the extra item of food by one-half. See that the bird is not exposed to cold draughts, excessive fluctuations of heat, or impure air. Do not saturate his plumage with a spray, by any means. You may give him now and again the least puff from a sprayer to just slightly bedew the plumage, and then immediately put on a bath and let it remain on half-an-hour or so. If he does not complete the bath himself, let him go unwashed. If you persevere in this method he will in time begin to bathe himself.

A TRIO (Novo).—(1) Yes, if Canaries are bred of a hardy stock, and reared under normal conditions, they are quite able to stand the winter outdoors. Hundreds of Canaries are so kept. If free from damp the greenhouse would probably make a very fair aviary. Much depends upon its structure and position. It would be advisable to paint the glass on top with "summer cloud," and if the birds are not so hardy as could be desired, you should get movable shutters made in autumn to cover a good portion of the glass, and thus help to maintain a more equable temperature through the winter. (2) It would be quite correct to turn both sexes and old and young into a large aviary, where they would be practically at liberty. But in ordinary indoor aviaries and large cages it is best to separate the sexes. See reply to "Beginner" in this issue. From middle of February to beginning of March is about the best time to cage them to prepare for breeding. (3) The birds will moult quite well in a large aviary, and may be all the better for doing so. But in moulting exhibition birds they should be caged up to ensure better control, and keep the birds steady. Here also see reply to "Beginner."

TROUBLE WITH HENS (Yorkshire Breeder).—In the first place you do not mention in what way the youngster of the quarter-bred Belgian was crippled. If it was simply inturned toes you certainly might have tried some treatment. The young that were fed up to a fortnight old should have been quite easily saved by hand-rearing. You say nothing about your methods of management, feeding, or where the birds are kept. I am rather inclined to think that these hens have been accustomed to treatment quite different from yours, and probably to a warmer room. The manner of the quarter Belgian at night is certainly indicative of the early stages of so-called asthma, and you would do well to look up this point in the chapter on Diseases in "Our Canaries," where it is dealt with by Dr. Bowes. For one week give her a diet of plain canary and a plentiful supply of green food, and add to the water every second day six drops of syrup of rhubarb and as much Epsom salts as will cover a sixpence. In the next week add a little rape to diet, and give half a teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake, with four drops of sherry, and two of cod liver oil emulsion mixed in it every second day, and on the alternate days a pinch of equal parts maw, inga, and gold of pleasure, and in the water add 20 drops of whisky, five each of oxymel of squills. Ipecacuanha wine, and two of oil of eucalyptus, well shaken together, every second day.

FOREIGN BIRDS.

Answered by WESLEY T. PAGE, F.Z.S., Etc.

SINGING BIRDS (Rita).—The Siskin Mule should turn out a good bird for you, and the price is about right. By watching the advertisements in "C.B.," you should be able to procure both an Alario and Cape Canary, which is also known as the Grey-necked Serin, or better put an advertisement in yourself. The little Serins are well and singing lustily in the open.

FEATHER EATING (A.T.H.).—This is practically incurable once the bird becomes confirmed in this vice. You give me no details at all, and before I can attempt a reply, you must tell how long it has been doing this; how long you have had the bird, and how it has been fed and treated while with you. Meanwhile, if you carefully read replies in last week's (July 6), you will be able to give palliatives while you are waiting for a reply. Your query arrived too late for a reply in our last.

RIBBON FINCHES (G.W.L.).—Yes, the Ribbon Finches all breed in a cage and should do fairly well with you. Do not have stiff, formal perches in the cage, but put a twiggy spray at each end of the cage, and at the back of each put a Hartz travelling-cage, first removing perches and fittings, and put a little hay at the bottom of each; supply a Canary nest-bag and leave the birds to do the rest. Diet: Canary, white and spray millet; green food, grit, and water for drinking and bathing, and when they have young to feed, preserved and live ants' eggs and a little of some good soft food mixture. Do not interfere with their nesting arrangements, most foreign species resent this.

CORDON BLEUS (Cordon).—For the conditions you name I should advise a pair of Budgerigars, and get our Nutshell, "Budgerigars," 2½d. post free from our Manager, to tell you how to keep them. These are hardy, beautiful, and would interest a small boy immensely with their antics, and in a roomy cage would breed. At all times seed, green food, and grit will meet their modest requirements. The general colouration is bright grass green, with dusky black marking above, yellow forehead, face and throat, and some black and blue spots, and their value is 5s. to 6s. 6d. per pair. The cere of the male is bright blue, and that of the female ruddy brown, but get our Nutshell, as above, and read it up before getting either cage or birds.

RED MITE AND WAXBILLS (T. A. Holmes).—Remedies to be of any use must be severe, and perches, utensils, etc., must be alike treated. Paint the cage thoroughly with crude paraffin, especially all crevices and holes, leave for a couple of hours, then repeat the operation, and after another two hours well swill out with boiling water, thoroughly soaking and searching every part. A final swilling with cold water and leaving in the open to dry, should leave the cage quite free of the pests. Of course, you must treat the birds with quassia solution or other insecticide, or the cages will soon become infested again. Note: cages need an annual treatment for this pest. As regards Waxbills, the rarer kinds are: Sydney and Violet-eared, the former are on the market at the present time, the latter are very uncommon and beautiful, and would cost (none obtainable at present) £4 to £5 per pair, according to number arriving. All the Waxbills are beautiful—Grey, St. Helena, Golden-breasted, and Orange-cheeks, 4s. 6d. to 7s. 6d. per pair, new arrivals sometimes cheaper.

AILING COCKATOO (W.D.E.).—I certainly advise you calling in a vet. to ascertain the real nature of the swelling, and if it calls for an operation, such had better be performed (with operations the risk is about the same as with humans), and the bird would probably be saved much suffering. On the other hand, if you wish to try a little longer, foment as already advised, dry with a cloth, and paint the swelling with tincture of iodine daily, so long as the skin remains unbroken; if the skin breaks, fomenting can be carried out as usual, and after drying anoint the sore or blister with a little antiseptic ointment. Give any kind of fruit it will eat, sweet apple is very wholesome, and most Parrots are very fond of it, especially the core. As greenfood, offer lettuce, green peas, green oats, or other cereals, seeding grass, chickweed, groundsel, the prunings of fruit trees, if obtainable, would amuse the bird; as regards nuts, all the following can be given: Brazil, walnut, Spanish, "monkey," a variety is good for the bird. I do not mean all at once, but vary the kind with each fresh supply you get in. In all other respects treat as per first reply. If the voldings become at all watery, give the magnesia less frequently. As a last word, if the swelling does not soon begin to yield to the treatment, call in a vet., as surgical treatment will probably give immediate relief.

MOST SUITABLE FOREIGNERS (Mick).—Before I can answer I must know (1) Size of room; (2) what amount of sun it gets; (3) are the birds to fly loose or be kept in cages? (4) are soft or hardbills, or Parrakeets or Finches preferred? If you will repeat query next week, giving the above details, I shall be pleased to supply the desired information.

WHAT PARROT? (Constant Reader).—Your bird is the Australian Roseate or Rose-breasted Cockatoo. I have heard really talented birds of this species, but the majority of them do not do much in the talking line. However, as some do, why not yours? Do not give it table scraps, tea, coffee, or milk sops, but at mealtimes have a little of something wholesome to hand so as to satisfy it; for instance, a piece of bread moistened in chemical food and warm water. Fruit, nuts, plain biscuit, and seed mixture should form its diet, and grit and cuttlebone must be always in the cage. First win its confidence, then keep it where it can see and hear plenty of your "home life," also teach it by constant repetition short sentences or words—not a mixture, but keep at one till it is learned and it should prove responsive to some extent.

REARING CUTTHROATS (C.A.W.).—Some pairs are uncertain and irregular, others just the reverse. I cannot, of course, point out where you have failed, as you do not state size of aviary or number of inmates, but it would appear very probable that your indoor aviary contains too many birds for regular breeding results. The diet you are giving is quite in order, and, other conditions being equal, the young should have been reared. If others are hatched out try a little live food—gentles and a few mealworms, and a little of some good insectile mixture (soft food) in lieu of the moistened sponge cake. If you can procure them easily, live ants' eggs are the very finest form of live food for such species. I am inclined to put your failure down to the interference of the other occupants of the aviary, though as a rule Cutthroats are able to hold their own in almost any company.

SAFFRON FINCHES (K.K.).—Many pairs of Saffron Finches are very pugnacious, and in confined quarters should not be associated with Canaries or birds weaker than themselves, or feathers will fly; they also disturb the nesting arrangements of other birds by their obstreperous demeanour. They require much the same treatment as a Canary—white millet, canary, and a little wild Finch mixture, with greenfood, grit, cuttlebone, and water is about all they need on ordinary occasions, but when they are feeding young, soft food (insectile mixture), and a few live insects, should be given. They have reared young in a cage. Their eggs closely resemble those of the English Sparrow.

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should consult Page's "Foreign Birds for Beginners" (1/1½); Arthur's "Budgerigars and Cockatiels" (6d.); Arthur's "Parrots for Pleasure and Profit" (7d.); "Aviaries, Bird-rooms, and Cages" (2/3); "Seeds, Foods, and Wild Plants" (1/2); Dr. Clarke's "Septic or Bird Fever" (7d.); Dr. Creswell's "Hygiene of Bird-keeping" (1/1); "Colour-feeding" (3½d.); or the "Nutshell" booklets (2½d. each): No. 6 "Ailing Birds and How to Cure them," No. 9 "The Disinfection of Cages, Bird-rooms, etc.," No. 14 "Gouldian Finches," No. 16 "Avadavats," No. 17 "The Grey Parrot," No. 18 "Budgerigars," No. 19 "The Pekin Robin," No. 20 "Waxbills." All thoroughly practical and instructive. Prices quoted are post free from "Cage Birds," 154, Fleet Street, London, E.C

ZEBRA FINCHES, ETC. (H.J.F.).—Very irregular with new arrivals, as a rule it does not last long, and usually takes place either in July, August, or September. Zebra Finches breed any time between March and October, except during the moult. "Double breeder" was merely used as a familiar type and size; your cages are very suitable, and as soon as the birds have settled down you should have some luck with them. As regards nesting period, this is similar with all three, but the Bengalese are a manufactured variety, and there are many infertile eggs, young dead in shell, etc., but a few young, at any rate, should be reared annually. With new acquisitions, it is a matter of making a start; some pairs take a few months to settle down, but afterwards go steadily on, and rear two, three, or more broods per season.

CARDINALS, AVADAVATS, ETC. (T.G.S.).—(1) The cross has occurred, and the young were successfully reared. The element of uncertainty is very strong in all Hybrid breeding; still, it is very probable they will do so. Earwigs are appreciated by many Finches as well as softbills, but it's a matter of individual taste; if he'll take them, let him have his fill. (2) These are merely local races, of which there are several. The bird with red blotches is the cock coming into colour, the other is probably the hen. Her plumage does not change. The period is variable, but usually this month or next, both for these and the African Weavers. (3) It all depends on size of aviary, etc., but if they have room for exercise, and the situation is not damp, it should do well enough. In several quite Northern counties Cordon Bleus exist quite happily in an outdoor aviary all the year round, but it is in aviaries with roomy flights and well lighted shelters. During periods of severe weather the birds are kept shut in the shelters, but no heat is given. I note your remarks. The Chaffinch and Yellowhammer are not safe for the others. I fear the sequel will be tragedy.

BRITISH BIRDS, MULES, AND HYBRIDS.

Answered by G. E. WESTON.

IS IT SHEPHERD'S PURSE? (L. T. Davies).—The weed sent me is pennycress, which bears very little resemblance to shepherd's purse. Why not get the coloured plate of wild seeds, which was issued by CAGE BIRDS some time ago? Then you could easily identify it. Send three penny stamps to the Publisher for a copy; it is a plate every bird-keeper ought to possess.

IS THERE A "GREEN LINNET"? (Wagtail).—"Green Linnet" is a name popularly applied to the Greenfinch; it is, of course, not a correct name. The Greenlinch is not even a close relation of the Linnet, but by scientists is classed as a Grosbeak, along with the Hawfinch, whereas the Linnet is one of the "true Finches," a group of birds coming between the Grosbeaks and the Buntings.

YOUNG CUCKOO (C. S. Traill).—My opinion of young Cuckoos as "pets" was fully given in my answer to T. Tong in our last issue. In my opinion this species ought not to be taken into captive life. As regards value, personally I would not "bang saxpence" in acquiring your bird. I expect before the winter is well advanced, it will be as dead as a last year's railway time-table. I know of no external sex distinctions, except that on an average the hen is said to be the smaller. With regard to food, note another reply this week.

ANOTHER YOUNG CUCKOO (R. C.).—Why you head your query "Forcign Bird" I cannot understand; anyway, as you say you are rearing the bird by hand, I imagine it is the English Cuckoo you indicate. My opinion of this bird is given in the answer to T. Tong last week, and C. S. Traill in this issue. I wish you joy of it. A good food can be made by thoroughly softening (soaking) with hot water a tablespoonful of crushed Melox (or other good brand of dog food), and then adding about the same quantity of a high-class insectile mixture, dry. Several good foods are advertised in our columns at from 1s. 6d. a pound upwards. It is against the rules to recommend any particular one. For variety give now and again chopped hard-boiled egg, cut up greenfood (lettuce, watercress, etc.), shredded lean meat (beef, mutton, or fowl, or rabbit flesh), black beetles (cock-roaches), meal worms, well-scoured gentles, and anything living, in fact, which seems suitable (caterpillars, grubs, flies, etc.). In captivity Cuckoos are really very accommodating in the matter of food, and will gulp down anything from a gooseberry to a wire-nail, but as pets they are absolutely the last birds I should recommend anyone to keep. I have "had some," as the poet says, and more than once. They get bedraggled and dirty-looking, no matter how clean their cage, while it is very, very difficult to keep the plumage unbroken (and new feathers for some reason or other rarely attain to perfect growth); further, the nature of their excrement makes them offensive unless their cage is constantly cleaned out.

TWO LINNETS (Harry).—Your letter is both very brief and very vague, but I can assure you that when birds get "very rumpey," as you term it, they are as good as "genero"—treatment should commence before they reach that far-gone state. Why not invest 2d. in the "Nutshell" booklet on the Linnet, and another 2d. in that dealing with the Diseases of Birds? They might help you to put in that "stitch in time" which, so to speak, can patch up a bird's health. Give your birds the following seed mixture: canary and teazle 2 parts each, summer rape 1 part, charlock half part, and linseed half part, by measure. Also mix the following by weight: gold of pleasure, maw, plantain, sesame, and white lettuce, 2 ozs. of each, thistle and dandelion 1 oz. of each, and give a teaspoonful daily to each bird whilst ailing. As medicine get one ounce of dandelion juice (taraxacum) from a chemist, and give a small teaspoonful in two tablespoonfuls of drinking water fresh daily for five days. The birds should have plenty of ripe seeding heads of shepherd's purse, chickweed and groundsel, obtainable everywhere now.

STARLINGS AND SNOW BUNTINGS (Britisher).—At this time of the year the cock Starling has a yellow beak, whereas the hen has a dark beak. You can verify this by watching the pairs now busy feeding young, etc. Old birds and their broods come into my garden every day. The hen, too, has the larger spangling, and is not so intensely blue-black and "shiny" as her mate. The hen Snow Bunting is on the average smaller than the male. She is never so pure a white in colour, but more uniformly stained with greyish-brown, and she does not carry the black found in the wings and on the backs of the adult males; in her case it is ashen or brownish-black. I had two hens quite recently, one of them house-moulted, but never noticed them singing. The cock is a very nice songster in my opinion; I like his music well.

BRITISH BIRD & HYBRID QUERISTS *should consult Houlton's great work, "Cage-Bird Hybrids" (7/6); Norman's "British Bird Manuol" (2/3); or Part 1 "Hardbills" (1/1), Part 2 "Softbills" (1/1); "Aviories, Bird-rooms, and Coges" (2/3); "Seeds, Foods, and Wild Plonts" (1/2); "Secrets of Hybrid Breeding" (1/2); Dr. Creswell's "Hygiene of Bird-keeping" (1/1); Dr Clorke's "Septic or Bird Fever" (7d.); "Colour-feeding" (3½d.); or the "Nutshell" booklets (2½d. each): No. 1 "Goldfinch," No. 2 "Linnet," No. 3 "Skylork," No. 4 "Song Thrush and Blackbird," No. 11 "Bullfinch," No. 13 "Chaffinch," No. 15 "Greenfinch," No. 22 "Siskin, Redpoll, and Twite," No. 25 "Small Insectivorous Birds," No. 26 "Lorge Insectivorous Birds," No. 6 "Ailing Birds and How to Cure Them," No. 9 "Disinfection of Cages, Birdrooms, etc.," No. 12 "How to Moult British Birds." All thoroughly procticol ond instructive. Prices quoted are post free from "Coge Birds," 154, Fleet Street, London, E.C.*

ANOTHER GOLDFINCH IN TROUBLE (H. W. Whalley).—I presume you are feeding the bird on the lines I recommend. The soaked teazle (note reply given "Anxious" this week) is good to offer now and again. The slight hoarseness and cold should soon yield to a course of the following medicine: one ounce each of glycerine, oxymel of squills and ipecacuhana wine, mixed. Stir a small teaspoonful into two tablespoonfuls of drinking water fresh daily, for ten or twelve days, if necessary. I do not remember the previous letter of which you speak.

GOLDFINCH AND JAY (Woodford).—It is not a question of food so much as a question of conditions under which the bird is moulted. If a Goldfinch is moulted in a real big, clean cage, which has in it a bath of soft water (changed daily) into which he goes freely, he will come through as hard (tight) and glossy in plumage as can be desired. An early start and a quick finish are, of course, very helpful, while a free supply of thistle heads, and especially those with maggots at the centre when broken open, should be provided. It is not necessary to colour-feed a Goldfinch. Wash the eyes of your Jay two or three times daily in a weak warm solution of Condy's fluid—a few drops in a teacupful of comfortably warm water. Can't you form any idea as to the cause of the trouble in the region of the eyes? Blindness is uncommon.

IN TROUBLE (Anxious).—Personally I do not look with favour on canary seed as the staple diet of Goldfinches. I am not going to say that therein lies the cause of so many of your birds going thin and dying, but I certainly strongly recommend you to give teazle seed regularly (equal parts with the canary), with a teaspoonful of good, sound hemp-seed twice a week and a dessert spoonful of cracked sunflower seed twice a week (not both on the same days). The wild seeds you mention are all right. Give seeding plants (especially thistles, knapweed, cornflower, etc.) freely now. I don't think you'll have so many thin birds then. I consider myself that unless Goldies can be given the run of a large aviary they are better caged singly during the spring and summer months. If you have any birds queer now, let them have a free run at cracked hemp, and also niger seed, while give them plenty of soaked teazle seed—pour on some moderately hot water, let stand all night, strain, dab dry in cloth, and then give to the birds. Many fanciers have a great belief in the liquor the seed has been steeped in, giving it the birds to drink. The soaked teazle is a fine thing, anyway.

POST MORTEMS.

Mr. G. Yates, M.R.C.V.S., 1, College Road, Harrow, Middlesex, will examine and report upon dead cage birds for a fee of 1s. 6d. each bird; for reply direct, 2s. 6d.; analysis, 21s. Subjects for post mortem examination must be sent packed in a box direct to Mr. Yates, with the fee, this and any accompanying letter being kept from contact with the dead bird. Send by letter-post; it is cheaper and quicker than parcel post. Any bodies sent to the office of this paper will be thrown away, and if a fee is enclosed the loss will be the sender's.

C. Harrison.—Inflammation of the bowels.
J. Sharp.—Acute inflammation of bowels.

GENERAL.

Answered by THE EDITOR.

J. James.—The hon. sec. of the Nottingham and Notts O.S., is Mr. G. Wilkinson, 86, Lenton Boulevard, Nottingham. (2) Give them daily a dessert-spoonful of a high grade insectile mixture (prepared in the usual way) and a dozen mealworms.

Herbert Howard.—There are dozens of kinds of bird-traps. For what species of bird is it required, and where do you propose using it? Must have full particulars.

W. How.—You can't "keep the smell of paint out" very well, but can reduce it to a minimum by keeping strong-smelling disinfectants in the room for a time—even "Sanitas" might do, but everything depends upon the circumstances and the power of the smell (i.e., amount of painting going on).

J. Gallacher.—Obtain from a chemist a length of the rubber tubing used for the old-style infant's feeding bottle, and cut it into suitable short pieces.

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BRISTOL F.A.

First summer radius show, Kingsley Hall, Old Market Street, July 3. The classes were rather scantily filled in places, owing, no doubt, to moult, and bad luck in breeding. The attendance was very good all day. The cage bird end of show looked very attractive, being decorated very beautifully with roses and sweet peas, from Messrs. Magg's (the secretary's) gardens, which readily turned into cash at the end of the evening. Mr. W. G. Bull judged.

ADULT YORKS.: 1, 2, York; 3, Keegan; 4, Greenslade. 1912 YELL. YORKS.: 1, 2, 4, Greenslade; 3, Keegan. 1912 BUFF: 1, Lovell; 2, Greenslade; 3, Keegan; 4, Flook. MULE: 1, 2, Reed; 3, Silcox; 4, Stone. LINNET, ETC.: 1, Coggins, Greenfinch; 2, Sealey, Linnet; 3, Greenham, Redpoll.—J. A. Greenslade.

THATTO HEATH.

Held July 6, in the Bowling Pavilion, Railway Hotel, when only a very few youngsters turned up. Why members who have bred a few did not send their birds, it is difficult to understand, and this is not the way to advance the society in the district. Those who did show sent a few very nice birds. Mr. Chas. Houlton judged. Mr. Macdonald is now Hon. Sec., and the members have a good man in him, whom they ought to support. NOR. YELL. (5): 1, R. P. Bixter, leader very pretty clear; 2, 3, H. H. Bixter, very cobby. BUFFS (3): 1, 3, H. H. Bixter; 2, R. P. Bixter, little, if anything, to choose in the first two, very cobby, good feather and bloom. BUFF, GREENS, NOR.: 1, H. H. Bixter, foul, grand colour, nice size; 2, R. P. Bixter, self, fine feather, good sound colour; 3, Enever and Ashcroft. YORKS., YELL.: 1, Enever and Ashcroft, good type, graud feather and condition. BUFF: 1, Enever and Asheroft. BORD., YELL.: 1, S. Birchall, jun., nice type. BUFF: 1, S. Birchall, jun. LINNET, ETC.: 1, Birchall, jun., very neat mealy Redpoll; 2, Macdonald, very rich nat. col. Siskin; 3, Enever and Ashcroft. A.O. SEEDEATER: 1, Macdonald, very fine Bramble; 2, 3, Enever and Ashcroft, nice Greenfinch and Goldfinch. SOFTBILL: 1, Macdonald, Starling, noted winner. FOR.: 1, Macdonald. HYB.: 1, Cutler, lovely yellow, nat. col. Siskin-Can.; 2, Macdonald.

CHESTER C.B.S.

This newly-formed society held their first nest feather show on July 3rd, in the club room, a very comfortable place indeed. It turned out a great success, over 80 birds being staged. Quality was well to the fore; some of the exhibits, with a decent moult, will want stopping. Some very good Norwich were on view, while Yorks. were strong, but not quite up to the type of the former. Some nice British were staged by Messrs. Hemings and Brereton. The show was well patronised, being full all the afternoon. The secretary, Mr. R. N. Williams, knows his duties well, and everything was in excellent order. He was well served by Messrs. Dutton and Simpson. The society is 40 strong, and has Mrs. Way as President, and Mr. S. Whitlow as Vice-President. The latter soon supplied some bread and milk when one or two of the exhibits went "down" a bit. Messrs. Jones and Chester were the fortunate winners of the Thompson Cup. Mr. J. W. Metcalfe (Liverpool), who gave entire satisfaction, placed the cards.

NORWICH, CL. YELL. (5): 1, Jones and Chester, rare type and quality, full head and neck, clean cut; 2, Gardner, real good, bit small; 3, Lloyd. BUFF (8): 1, Lloyd, close feather, bonny head and neck, smart carriage; 2, vhe, Woodfin, another good one; 3, Jones and Chester. TK., ETC., YELL. (4): 1, Lloyd, boat shape, good head and neck, put down in faultless form; 2, Jones and Chester, near thing only failing in bead; 3, Bracegirdle. BUFF: 1, Jones and Chester, variegated, very cobby, good head, neck and back, staged well; 2, Gardner, nice quality, broad back, and clean cut away.; 3, Bracegirdle. YORKS. CL. YELL. (14): 1, Jones and Chester, long, excellent type and quality, wants a little more training; 2, Farrell, straight as a gun barrel, rare quality; 3, Williams. CL. BUFF (grand class) (13): 1, 2, Lloyd, two eye-openers, leader great length, well braced wings and tail; 3, Jones and Chester. YELLOW (8): 1, Williams, Cin. cap mark, very sweet, well balanced, plenty of leg; 2, Hemings and Brereton, rare length, fine wings and legs; 3, Davies. BUFF (5): 1, 8, Davies, topper for size and condition, grand legs, very straight; 2, Jones and Chester, erect and fearless, beaten length only; 3, David. A.O.V. (9): 1, Richards, White Canary, white as snow, and real good type of a Yorks.; 2, Davies, even-marked Nor., good size and condition; 3, Gardner, nice even-mark Yorks. GOLDFINCH (2): 1, Hemings and Brereton, expansive blaze, well cut, fine tanning, good one; 2, Whitlow, rare size and colour, beaten blaze. LINNET: 1, Hemings and Brereton, excellent nut-brown, rare pencilling, shone like silk; 2, Richards, big one, good pencilling; 3, Whitlow. SELLING (6): 1, 2, Dalton; 3, 4, Gardner.

WALLASEY.

Held July 6th, in the "Fairhaven Institute," when somewhere about 90 exhibits turned up; some very promising Yorks., Yorks. Greens, a few nice Borders, and a nice show of Brit. Seedeaters. The fine group of special prizes got together largely by the efforts of Mr. T. Edwards, the hon. sec., and others, made competition well worth while. Mr. Edwards had matters well in hand, and the work was got through promptly. Mr. Chas. Houlton judged, and his awards were well received.

YORKS., CL. YELL. (7): 1, 3, Morton, slim, typical, A1 style, colour and quality; 2, R. B. Wright, fine feather and carriage. BUFF (7): 1, Alston, good all round youngster, in fine order; 2, Morton, fine shape, good head, nice quality, and condition; 3, Green. TKD. YELL. (5): 1, 3, Morton, very good pair, former tick neck, best all round bird; 2, Edwards, a bit broken in moult, grand bird all over. TKD. BUFF (6): 1, W. Young, wing mark, very neat all through; 2, Morton, grand feather and type; 3, Wright. YELL., GREEN YORKS. (7): 1, 2, 3, Benson, fine set of youngsters, leader rare good self, full of colour and type. BUFFS (5): 1, 3, Benson, leader very neat, A1 colour and type; 2, Edwards, very nice, bit smaller. FOUL BUFF (6): 1, 2, Wright, pair of very fine birds for colour and type; 3, Edwards, not far behind. BORD. GREENS, ETC. (6): 1, Young, very neat; 2, 3, Edwards, pretty Buff, 3rd, best yell. in class, had lost feathers nape of neck. NOV. YORKS. (8): 1, Stead, lovely young Cinn.-mark Yell., in grand order; 2, Reed; variegated Buff, very slim and stylish; 3, Hughes. GOLDFINCH, ETC. (7): 1, 2, Edwards, very neat Goldie, and rich coloured Greenfinch; 3, Barker, Snow and Reed Buntings, in nice feather. LINNET, ETC. (6): 1, 2, 3, Barker, fine mealy Redpoll leading; 3, Young. BRAMBLE, ETC. (4): 1, 3, Young, grand Chaffinch leading; 2, Barker.

HULL C.B.S.

The annual F. F. show was held in the Oddfellows' Hall, on July 6th, when 122 entries were received, which must be considered very satisfactory, taking into account the unsatisfactory breeding season fanciers have experienced in this district. Some exceptionally good birds were staged, however, both by champion and novice members. Points gained at this show counted for the champion and novice cups respectively, the following being the position up to date (this show included): Champion (all varieties): Harland 95, Walker 84, Stamford 56, Stone 38, Frith 30, Clayton, A., 24, Pepper 13, Mason 9, Douse 8, Prentice 5, Barwick 3. Novice (Norwich): Sutton 34, Ware, C. W., 22, Calvard 13, Ridley 13, Potter, F. F., 11, McKay 9, Beckett 9, Cross 7, Clark 6, Potter 5, Heseltine 4, Hope, L., 4, Longhorn 3, Thirsk 3, Riley 1. Novice (Yorks.): Ware, Chas., 26, Sowden, W. E., 24, Smith 11, Sowden, H., 11, Ware, C. W., 10, Murrey 10, Gilson 10, Girling 10, Oaks 8, Parkes 7, Lambert 7, Potter, F. F., 5, Horsley 4, Lightfoot 3, Kemp 1. British: Riley 81½, Potter, F. F., 37, Thirsk 36½, McKay 29, Lambert 11, Beckett 9, Howe 9, Heseltine 8, Parkes 8, Cross 6, Calvard 2. A.O.V.: Howes 7, Potter 6½, Ridley 5, Sowden, W. E., 5. Mr. George Harland won special for best unflighted with a grand yellow Norwich, but only after a hard tussle with a very nice Yorks. belonging to a new member, Mr. Chas. Ware. Mr. Clews (Grimsby) judged all Nor. and A.O.V. Can., Mr. Charles Stephenson, Yorks. Mr. Fowl (Grimsby) was not present, and Mr. Geo. Harland kindly officiated over the Hyb. and Brit classes. The awards seemed to give every satisfaction.

CHAMP. NOR. CL. YELL: 1, 2, Harland; 3, Mason. BUFF: 1, 2, Harland. TK. YELL.: 1, Harland; 2, Mason. BUFF: 1, 2, Harland. NOVICE CL. YELL.: 1, McKay; 2, Sutton; 3, Calvard. BUFF: 1, 2, Ware, C.W.; 3, Calvard. TICKED: 1, Clark; 2, 3, Sutton. A.O.V. CAN.: 1, Potter P.; 2, 3, Howes. YORKS., CL. YELL. (CHAMP.): 1, Clayton, A.; 2, 3, Stone. BUFF: 1, Clayton, A.; 2, 3, Stone. TKD. YELL.: 1, 2, Stone; 3, Frith. BUFF: 1, Clayton, A.; 2, 3, Stone. CL. YELL (NOVICE): 1, Ware; 2, Sowden, H.; 3, Horsley. BUFF: 1, Sowden, W. E.; 2, Ware; 3, Oaks. TKD. YELL: 1, Ware; 2, Murrey; 3, Gilson. MULE (OLD): 1, Heseltine; 2, Riley. MULE (BRED 1912): 1, 2, Riley; 3, Heseltine. GOLD or BULLFINCH: 1, 3, Stamford; 2, Potter, F. F. LINNET, ETC.: 1, Potter, F. F.; 2, McKay; 3, Riley. BRAMBLE FINCH, ETC.: 1, Stamford; 2, 3, Potter, F. F. A.O.S. HARDBILL: 1, Riley; 2, Lambert; 3, Parkes. SOFTBILL: 1, Frith.

WALLSEND & MID-TYNE C.B.A.

Seventh annual F.F. Show held July 6th, close on 100 birds being staged. Norwich and Borders were strong classes, and the Green and Cinnamon Borders attracted great admiration, while the judgment of a young judge, Mr. W. Ronald, was allowed by all to have done him credit. Mr. N. Hymass' team of Norwich were very promising, and only for wrong clasing one would have carried off the challenge cup easily. The cup was declared won by Mr. John M. Macdonald by two 1sts and one 2nd. Mr. W. McGinn had out another champion yellow. Mr. Elliott, a new member, staged a beauty, and a gold medal goes with the cup and one for runner-up, which Mr. McGinn secures. The gate receipts were a great success and will give a large balance. We were pleased to see so many visitors from kindred societies and we tender to them sincere thanks, as it is very encouraging.

NOR. CL. YELL. (6): 1, McGinn; 2, Newton; 3, Little. BUFF (11): 1, Elliott; 2, Macdonald; 3, McGinn. MKD. YELL. (3): 1, McGinn; 2, Newton; 3, Reeves. BUFF (8): 1, Hymass; 2, Reed; 3, Reeves. YORKS YELL. (4): 1, Deighton; 2, Wigglesworth; 3, Deighton. BUFF: 1, Studholme. MK. YELL.: 1, Dighton. BUFF: 1, Wigglesworth; 2, Studholme. BORD. CL. YELL. (4): 1, Moat; 2, Johnstone; 3, Whittaker. BUFF (7): 1, Macdonald; 2, Beaver; 3, Whittaker. MKD. YELL. (5): 1, Macdonald; 2, 3, Stubbs. BUFF (5): 1, Whittaker; 2, Moat; 3, Cox. GREEN YELL. (4): 1, Johnstone; 2, Greenwell; 3, Little. BUFF (6): 1, 2, Greenwell; 3, Little. CINN. YELL. (8): 1, Johnstone; 2, Greenwell; 3, Macdonald. NOR. CINN.: 1, 2, Markwell. LIZ.: 1, 2, Heslop. A.O.V.: 1, Markwell. MULES (3): 1, Hymass; 2, Edwards; 3, Markwell. GOLDFINCH: 1, 2, Scott. GREEN: 1, Heslop; 2, 3, Scott. LIN.: 1, Johnstone; 2, Greenwell; 3, Macdonald. REDPOLL: 1, Scott.

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CLUB & SOCIETY NOTICES

ONE notice of any forthcoming Society meeting inserted free. It should reach us not later than Tuesday morning's post. Specially printed Club Notice Postcards may be had free on application to our Manager. Secretaries should always use them.

Ardwick and Manchester C.B.A.—July 16, Onward Hall, 8. Prize cards and specials given. Ticket money to be brought in.—J. Spencer.

Birkenhead C.F.A.—July 16, Ablett's Cafe, 8 p.m. New syllabus for 1912-1913.—G. Morton.

Burton-on-Trent.—July 18, Staffordshire Knot, 8 p.m. Entries for nest feather show.—A. Wood.

Bath F.A.—July 18th, Foresters' Hall, 8 p.m. Young stock, all varieties. Committee meeting, 7 p.m. sharp. Show details, etc.—E. W. Cotterell.

Bankfoot and Dis. C.B.S.—July 16, Red Lion Hotel, 8 p.m. Balance sheet for June show, and arrangements for August show.—F. Gelder.

Bradford West C.B.A.—July 13, Shoulder of Mutton, Girlington, 8. Arranging open show schedules. Also first feather show. Birds staged 2.30. Entries will be taken Friday, 8 to 11 p.m.—Kilburn & Western.

Barrington and Choppington C.B.S.—July 13, Social Clubs, 7.30. General business.—Thos. Griffiths.

Bramley O.S.—July 13, Old Unicorn Inn, 2.30. First feather show entries, Friday night. Judge, Mr. W. Wharton.—W. H. Steel.

Bradford East O.S.—July 16, Park Chapel Schools, 8. Arrange classification for annual open show. Meeting very important.—H. Hill.

Bradford National C.B.S.—July 17, Market Tavern, Bradford, 8. Show business. Arrangements re subscription cards, etc. A good meeting desired. All assistance will be deeply appreciated.—H. Hill.

Bolton C.B.S.—July 17, Joiners' Arms, 8. Entries nest feather show.—J. Gerrard.

Choppington C.B.S.—July 13, Railway Hotel, 7.30 General business.—G. H. Seely.

City of Bradford O.S.—July 13, Flying Dutchman Hotel.—F. Rhodes.

Cumnock C.B.S. July 13, Co-op Hall, Auchinleck, 7. General meeting. Resignation of Secretary.—J. Nutt.

Chesterfield C.B.S.—July 20, The Welbeck Inn, 6. Nest feather show and general business.—L. Booker.

Dewsbury C.B.S.—F.F. show, July 13, Little Saddle, staged at 3 o'clock. Judge, Mr. F. Allen (Cleckheaton).—S. Shaw.

Dalton C.B.A.—July 13, Nest Feather Show.—F. Houldsworth.

Dubmire Workmen's Club C.B.S.—July 14, Dubmire Workmen's Club, 10.30.—B. Robinson.

East Bowling B.F.A.—July 13, St. John's Parish Room, Wakefield Road, 2.45. Show judge, J. Bailey, Esq.—Levi Booth.

East Ham C.B.S.—July 13. Young stock show, Hartley Avenue Schools, Wakefield Street. Judging at 3. Open at 5.—Mr. A. E. Pattrick, judge.—F. Fox.

Grangemouth O.S.—July 20, Rechabite Hall, 3 p.m. First Feather show.—John Woodhouse.

Gt. Horton Good Intent O.S.—July 13, Congregational Schools, High Street. First Feather show. Judge, Mr. E. B. Denton. Birds staged 3. Meeting during show.—H. Gornall.

Haltwhistle C.B.S.—July 13, Mr. Nicholson's, 8. Receive entries and make final arrangements for nest feather show, July 20.—Nicholson and Italian-tyre.

Highgate and Hampstead C.B.S.—July 13, Spencer Hall, 1.30. Young stock show. Judge, Mr. J. Oldaker.—G. T. Clark.

Leigh C.B.S.—July 17, Railway Hotel, 7.45. Schedules and entry forms for N.F. show.—R. Charleson.

London and Counties A.C.B.—July 13, Earl Cathcart, Osnaburgh Street, N.W., 2 p.m. Young bird show and first competition for Cathcart silver challenge cup.—A. Mowl.

Llanelly C.B.S.—July 13, Greyhound Hotel, 7. Important show matters.—Daniel Johns.

Mid-Rhondda C.B.S.—July 15th, White Hart Hotel, 7. Important business; also selection of judge for open show.—J. T. Lloyd.

Metropolitan C.B.A.—July 13, All Saints' Parochial Hall, Battersea Park, 8.30. Pay prize money. Schedules for next young bird show. Elect new members.—J. Best.

Morley C.B.S.—July 12, Sycamore Hotel, 7.30. Entries for July 13 show. Judge, Mr. Inman, Bradford. Birds staged 3.—J. Rhodes.

Manchester and N.C.O.S.—July 15, Deansgate Hotel, 7.45. F.F. show business. Entries taken; show managers, etc.—H. Boothman.

Newcastle-upon-Tyne C.B.S.—July 18, 65, Grainger Street, 8. Committee meeting. Open show.—J. W. Reed.

North London C.B.A.—July 17, headquarters, 8. Mr. A. J. H. Marley will continue his paper on "British Birds."—P. W. Jeffries.

Poplar C.B.S.—July 20, 1 o'clock. Young stock show. Mr. Robson judge.—H. W. Cook.

Rochdale Good Intent C.B.S.—July 16, Temperance Club, Toad Lane, 8. Closing of entries for amalgamated show at Bury.—Thos. Holt.

Stoke-on-Trent C.B.A.—July 14, Stoke Station, 2.15. Outing to Rudyard. Train leaves 2.30; friends welcomed.—J. Pitchford.

Sunderland C.B.A.—July 20, Fawcett Street Cafe, 7.30. Last day for members' subs.—J. Jeffrey.

Sowerby Bridge C.B.S.—July 13, Wharfe Hotel, 3. First Feather show. Judge, Mr. J. Harrison, Hebden Bridge.—Sutcliffe and Walker.

Spen Valley C.B.S.—July 15, Comercial Hotel, 8. Young bird show. Judge, Mr. F. Allen. Entries not later than 8.15.—Arthur Lee.

The Great Horton O.S.—July 13, Butchers' Arms, 3. Also members' show. Birds staged 3. Judge, Mr. J. Wilkinson.—J. Holroyd.

West Bromwich C.B.S.—July 16, Dartmouth Hotel, 7 p.m. prompt. Nest feather show. J. H. Roe, judge. Question of inter-club show.—G. Andrews.

West Stanley C.B.S.—July 13, Commercial Hotel, 7.30. Annual show schedule.—W. Elliott.

Wakefield O.S.—July 13, Crown and Anchor Hotel, 8. Final arrangements for F.F. show and ordinary business.—J. Isherwood, Sec.

Wibsey and Dis. C.B.S.—July 13, Horse and Groom Inn, 3. First feather show. Judge, Mr. J. Robertshaw.—H. C. Crossley.

Wigan C.B.S.—July 13, Legs of Man, 8.—H. Young.

Walkden C.B.S.—July 16, Bull's Head, 8. Join show business. Classification F.F. show.—Hy. Howard.

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Correspondence.

When Birds Are Going Abroad.

Sir,—Would any of your readers please inform me the best way to pack Canaries and other small birds when going abroad?

P. B.

A Herb Called Wormwood.

Sir,—In reply to Miss Winifred Turner respecting a herb called wormwood, it can be bought of Mr. Trimnell, Herbalist, 14, Richmond Road, Cardiff, or I should be pleased to send a sample, if a stamped and addressed envelope is enclosed.

J. Drewett.

3, The Green, Claygate, Surrey.

Prize-money and Specials at Milford Haven Shows.

Sir,—I would esteem it a great favour if any exhibitors at the above shows of 1910 and 1912 who have not yet received their prize-money or specials, or who have had any difficulty whatever, will communicate with me through the medium of tne Press or by letter to my private address.

A. M. Sinclair.

15, Trafalgar Road, Milford Haven.

Four Greenfinch-Bullfinch Hybrids.

And Maybe More to Follow.

Sir,—Being a constant reader of Cage Birds, I noted Mr. A. Butler's Greenfinch Bullfinch Hybrid, and I am writing to tell you that I have reared three out of one nest of six eggs, and they are eight weeks old to-day—two cocks and one hen. I got another one out of the next nest of five eggs, and that is a cock five weeks old. This hen Bullfinch has laid 28 eggs to date, and is nesting again.

J. Mallatratt.

The Cause of Eggs "Drying Up."

Sir,—I thank Mr. Long for his kindness in answering my query. I can see my friend's opinion is all wrong, and it would be foolish for me to stick to an opinion which has been proved to be wrong, because I have the welfare of my birds to think of, and it was only my anxiety for them that caused me to ask the question, as I naturally thought that my feeding, or something else, was the cause of so many of the eggs "drying up." I may add that I also have had young sweated through using nest linings, and I discard them as soon as the young are hatched. I also greatly thank Mr. Claude St. John for his kindness in answering my query. I could not understand why one or two eggs were "drying up" while the others hatched out. I may say that I had always kept the eggs in bran; that was why I penned the query, as I was rather anxious to do the right thing to ensure success if possible. So now, with thanks to Cage Birds and to Messrs. St. John and Long, I will also "dry up."

F. G. Ball.

After the Accident.

A Fancier's Joyful Surprise.

Sir,—In the splendid double Spring Number of Cage Birds I inserted a small advertisement. On the following Sunday, as the double number came out ou the Friday, while I was enjoying a cycle ride for the purpose of studying bird life, I met with a serious accident. I had to abandon my return journey and take to my bed at the house of a relative, who, as luck would have it, lived near by. As I laid on my bed in agony I was thinking of my Canaries and other birds, which I keep for breeding and singing, and wondering if I should get better in time to breed some youngsters from the pairs which I had put up, when I received a letter from home to say they had been receiving orders by nearly every post and also opening the door to many would-be customers. It was the splendid double number which had brought so many customers. After receiving this good news—I do not know if it was the medical treatment or the good news—I soon got better, and in a very few weeks returned home by rail. The very first thing I did on entering my house was to run as quickly as possible till I came to my outdoor aviary. I then had a good look at my lovely creatures. I had been inside some time, closely studying my pets, when I began to think to myself what a lot of strange faces there were amngst them. So I made up my mind to enquire how they came there. On entering the parlour I found my family laughing to their hearts' content, so after asking them how they all were, because this was the first time I had seen them since I came home, I asked: "What are you laughing at?" to which they replied: "Haven't you been to the aviary?" After keeping me in this suspense, I was told that they had been doing a little bit of Canary breeding while I had been away, with the pairs that I had put up for breeding, and the "strange faces" were the young ones. When I had got over this happy surprise, my people said: "Have you seen the breeding department?" I said "No; I will not worry the dear old pairs till morning." It was then getting very dark in the evening. Next morning, about five or a little before, I was up, and soon made my way to the aviary. It was a lovely morning. The sun was shining, and the birds in the aviary were giving their little lungs proper exercise, which I took to be a warm welcome for me. After looking at them from the outside, I made my way inside. I found most of the hens off looking for food for their young ones. In some nests there were eggs in various numbers from one to five, and some pairs which had just finished rearing one family, were making preparations for the next. When I had seen to their wants, I made my way to my room, and seated myself at my small writing table, and there my eyes rested upon a large number of letters which during my accident had been delivered. The letters were chiefly about Canaries, in answer to the small advertisement which appeared in Cage Birds. It is a good many years ago now since I started in the Fancy with a pair of Yorkshire Canaries and a breeding cage, and up into my little bedroom I took my beauties, so they would be quiet and comfortable. When the birds started building I got very excited going up to the cage and pulling the nest box out, then lifting out the nesting material to see if there might be any eggs underneath! I think I did this about six times a day! At last I was rewarded by seeing an egg—not in the nest box, but broken on the floor. And the three succeeding mornings I found the hen had laid on the floor, and then put her beak through the eggs. This ended number one round. After another week the hen started making another nest. Then in a couple of days she laid an egg, and this time in the nest box. Thought I, we are getting on. But on looking in the box the next morning the egg was gone, though another one, much larger, was there. I made up my mind to watch her. She went on building, and, of course, as she laid each egg she hid it under the nesting material. I left her the empty box and eggs. But she "did" me then, for she pulled out her own feathers and her husband's too, and so kept on hiding up the eggs! My first season was not a success as regards the rearing of young Canaries, but I learnt a most excellent lesson, and that was not to put my nose into other families' concerns—it does not matter if it be a Canary family or any other family. I may say I have, since my first season, been very successful right up till the present one, always keeping my Canaries and other birds in my outdoor aviary all the year round, with no heat whatever, and they are always in the best of health, both summer and winter, till old age kills them.

H. Moore.

Lambeth.

Does Supplying Egg-shell Make Birds Egg-eaters?

Sir,—In "Timely Hints" a contributor suggests the use of egg shell in grit. I have been told that this induces birds to eat their own eggs. Will any fancier verify or contradict this statement?

H. T. Fordred.

Challenge Cup for Best Bird First Time of Showing.

Sir,—I wish to inform you that your paper Cage Birds is very "infectious," for I came across an old copy about eighteen months ago and after I had read it I had the "bird fever." I commenced breeding, and the first season I reared twenty-five. This season I have over seventy youngsters. Having given £2 to £4 10s. per pair for the old birds, I thought I would "have a pop" at showing, so I joined the Barrow and Dist. C.B.A. three months ago. Our first show was July 6, so I took six birds—three yellows and three buffs, all Yorkshires. The result was 1st and 2nd with yellows, 1st, 3rd, and very highly commended and challenge cup for best bird in show with buffs. Not so bad for a novice. When I started breeding I went in for good stuff, and this is the result of my labour. I have gained all my experience by reading Cage Birds and your Annual for 1912. I wish Cage Birds the success it richly deserves.

S. Woodward.

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Birds which Deserve to be More Popular.

A Practical Account of Four of Our Buntings.

Sir,—The Snow Bunting I have found to be one of the best of the Buntings to steady, and if well looked after it will repay any lover of birds for any attention given to it. I have about 200 birds (different varieties), including nearly all known species of British Finches, Buntings, etc., but the Snow is my favourite. I have one bird we call "Tim," almost white; he has quite a charming song, and will fly about the room and perch on one's shoulder. This is after about three months in a cage, and I have others almost as tame. I like to get them with a good broad head; head, neck, and under parts white as possible, back as black as possible. They alter somewhat in winter—white tinged with ruddy brown. You can also trace the same colour in the black or darker parts. The hen is very similar to the cock, only of a more indistinct colouring, dusky in all parts. They should be, in my opinion, much like a good Norwich Canary in shape, deep in chest, and should measure about seven inches in length. I feed mine on plain canary seed for six days, and mixed seed on Sunday—any insects I can get, and a few mealworms daily. They will readily come to you for the latter. I should also like to mention the rest of my Buntings, commencing with the Cirl. This is very attractive, rather shy, but fairly easy to tame. I have one I consider a fine bird. The colour throughout is of a rich chestnut with a black tinge, head olive, back of neck ditto streaked with black, rump dusky greenish olive, yellow stripe above and beneath eye, black throat, wide collar of yellow, narrowing at back of neck, breast greyish olive. Length, six inches or a little over. The hen is of a more dusky colour, and without yellow face markings. I feed on plain canary seed; they are also fond of oats, chickweed, sorrel, mealworms, and garden worms. I might add that the Cirl is not much of a songster—very jerky, similar to a Yellow Bunting, but without the long drawn notes. The Yellow Bunting I like to get with a good broad head, and as yellow as possible (not a buff), with broad face markings as dark as possible, and a nice V mark from beak to back of skull. Unfortunately, I have just lost the best specimen I have ever seen. This bird measured, laid out, not stretched, 7 1-3in. from tip of beak to tip of tail, and across head ⅓in., has a splendid V mark on head 1-3in. wide, face markings very dense, ⅓in. wide, breast of a bright yellow slightly touched with ruddy brown specks all over—the brightest yellow tints it has ever been my luck to witness. Messrs. Cooper, Grahame, and Warley all admired and wanted this bird for exhibition purposes. I had never exhibited it myself: I had made up my mind to send out a team of Buntings to the leading shows this coming season, but have now given up the idea. I have sent this bird to be stuffed, and shall be pleased to show it to anyone interested. In fact, I am always pleased to show my birds to people, but should like to add that they are not for disposal; I disposed of all that I wished to part with through your paper by one advertisement some weeks back, and all that I have left will go to Australia early in March, 1913. The average length of this bird is about 6¼in. The hen is not so bright in colour as the cock, nor so clearly marked. The one I have in my possession is yellowish all over, with thickly distributed streaks and spots of ruddy brown and grey. I feed mainly on canary seed. This bird also likes soaked wheat, berries, and weeds from the garden, and is very partial towards mealworms, and will gobble up almost any insect. The Reed Bunting we used to call in the country the Reed Sparrow. I remember some twelve years back going to a friend's house to see his birds and having a quarrel with him over these. He had three, and exclaimed: "What do you think of these, my boy? Three of the best Buntings I have ever seen." I stopped him with the remark: "Let them out before they do you a bit of no good—they're only Reed Sparrows." And at the time he could not convince me to the contrary! I now think that if you get a good specimen of this bird nothing is nicer. At the present time I have about half a dozen—one standing out well from the others, having a jet black head with a pure white ring about ⅛in. wide round the neck; back a very rich ruddy brown; under parts greyish white streaked with a dusky colour, especially towards flank. This particular bird measures 6¾in., but the usual length is about six inches. The hen is very much like a hen Sparrow, but of finer structure—the white neck hardly shows, the head is brownish mottled, and the under parts reddish white with lightish brown spots. I feed on canary seed and a few mealworms; they also like a little green food and grass. In the part of the country I come from these birds are pretty plentiful. I have often seen five or six nests within a few yards of each other at the river side; they generally build in the rushes. The Reed alters, as does the Snow Bunting, very much in plumage at different seasons.

H. W. Peck.

Brixton, S.W.

A Society Started at Bargoed.

Sir,—I am pleased to tell you that through your kindness in inserting my letter in Cage Birds, we have been able to gather a very creditable number of fanciers to form our society in Bargoed, to be known as Bargoed and District C.B.S. Our next meeting is to be held at Hillier's Hairdressing Saloon, Greenfield Street, Bargoed, on July 16, at eight o'clock, when any other new members will be heartily welcomed.

E. J. Chisholm, Sec.

13, Railway Terrace, Gilfach, Bargoed.

The Clashing of Shows in Ireland.

Sir,—Being anxious to exhibit at most of the shows in Ireland this coming season, and, like many more fanciers, not having two teams of exhibition birds, I find that it would be impossible under the present circumstances to do so, as Lurgan Show and Holywood are both held on the same dates. Bangor C.B.S are also holding their show on the same date as Dundalk, and within a day or two of the Belfast N.C. and Y.C.C. Show. To suggest any change to the Bangor committee would be useless, but in my opinion Lurgan C.B.S. are making a great mistake, as Holywood Show is bound to draw entries from the majority of fanciers. Lurgan should go with the times, and they would have the support of the present day exhibitors.

Exhibitor.

Is "Money" the Downfall of Shows?

The Novice Question Once Again.

Sir,—Why don't shows pay? The simple reason is that money is at the bottom of it. It is so easy for a novice to get his three firsts, and then he has to show amongst professionals. I have been to a first feather show this year where professionals and amateurs had to show together; five classes for or Yorkshires, one cancelled, and the other four only had seven entries; four classes Norwich, twenty-three entries. One amateur said: "I am not showing, for there is no one I can beat." Another said: "There are no sportsmen among the novices." Do they expect novices with only 20s. a week to compete with others who can buy birds which win firsts in the open? Are they sportsmen to show such against one who has to count pence as they do shillings? Those who have such birds should be forced to show in the open. Some members belong to two or three societies. In one society they are professionals and others novices. Such being the case, they should be forced to show in the highest grade. It is pretty evident that at the above show the first year's amateurs did not mean to fill the pockets of the professionals and older amateurs. At a certain society in Manchester a professional in Yorkshires wanted to join in December and let his subscription cover the next year, but the professionals and amateurs in the Norwich section opposed him tooth and nail. Were they afraid he might carry off the President's Cup? Others have joined in the same manner; so why was he not allowed to? Novices, now the shows are commencing, let the secretaries understand that you will not fill the coffers of their societies. Make them cater for you; make them put more classes on for you. You hold the ace of trumps. Why don't you play it? If you don't, then you deserve all you don't get.

A. E. Long.

Remarkable Singing by "Little Jimmy."

Sir,—The noted Linnet, "Little Jimmy," has completed an excellent, if not unique, record by his very consistent form in contest singing this season, and at the earnest request of our most worthy President, Mr. David Bentley, I venture to ask you if you will do the Blackburn and Dist. L.F.A. the favour of publishing the appended sings or contests that he has taken part in this season. I may state that "Little Jimmy" is the joint property of Messrs. Robert Airey and Fred Lea, of Blackburn. He has taken part in thirteen contests, winning nine 1sts, one 2nd, and three 3rds. The following are the respective places and times:—Mason's Arms, 9min.; Empire Hotel, 9min. 51sec.; Forrest's Arms, 9min. 53sec.; Empire Hotel, 9min. 44sec.; Commercial Hotel, 9min. 44sec.; Empire Hotel, 9min. 57sec.; Mason's Arms, 10min. (all at Blackburn); Oxford Inn, 9min. 35sec.; Nelson Hotel, 9min. 48sec.; Hall Inn, 9min. 51sec.; Commercial Inn, 9min. 19sec.; Oxford Inn, 9min. 34sec.; Talbot Hotel, 10min. (all of Burnley). So out of a possible 130 minutes, he has only lost three minutes and 44 seconds, a truly excellent season's work, finishing up, as he did, with singing the whole ten minutes at the last sing of the season; reckoned on an average, he has done 9min. 42sec. per sing, plus 10sec. He also won the silver cup presented by Mr. J. J. Neild, of the Empire Hotel, for the best time done in three consecutive sings, and the medal presented by the Association for the bird doing the best time in all the season's contests.

F. W. Lea.

Nests of Birds, Poultry, etc., should be regularly sprinkled with KEATING'S POWDER, especially when hens are sitting. Don't forget to do this just previous to the eggs hatching, to destroy the Red Mite. Kills all insects. Harmless to everything else.

The Twite as a Hybrid Breeder.

Sir,—I always keep a few birds for a hobby, and have about thirty at present, in an aviary twelve feet long by six wide and eight feet high at back, six at front. I always breed a few Canaries and Mules. This year I had a cock Goldfinch which paired up with a hen Twite. The hen built a nest in a small cage, and one young one hatched out, which she fed for a week and then left, and I lost it, as I was not at home to hand-feed it. Two years ago I bred a Siskin-Twite Hybrid, but had it under a bad feeding hen Canary, and lost it when four days old. I have taken CAGE BIRDS since 1904, and would not be without it for anything.

HENRY S. MURRAY.

A Feathered Companion and Chum.

Sir,—My Roseate Cockatoo has just died. It was a bird I bought in the market a year ago, from a man who had had it a number of years and wanted to sell. The poor thing seemed to have been maimed at some time, and could only fly a few yards, but what a pet it got to be with us. You will not smile, I am sure, when I tell you its loss is a bereavement, though worth but a few shillings. It was never so happy as when on my shoulder, rubbing its beak on my face or thrusting its head behind my ear. It followed us all over the house, and would even climb the stairs step by step to get where we were. It was a real companion and chum, full of affection, and my wife and I feel its loss very much. I think it was getting old. I sat up all one night with it to try and give it ease and comfort, and am only sorry all our efforts to save it were in vain. I would we had such another pet.

ROBT. ATLAY.

[We sincerely sympathise with Mr. Atlay in his loss.—Editor.]

New Light on Colour Feeding.

Sir,—After the perusal of an article under the above heading which appeared in your issue of June 29, I put the following problem in arithmetic before one of my little girls:—If a man has forty Canaries and gives them colour food two days in every three, at the rate of one spoonful to each three birds, during the months of July, August, September, and October, and the colour food is made up of one part red pepper to four of other ingredients, how many spoonfuls of red pepper will he require during the period named? The answer was something like the following:—July to October inclusive equals 123 days, less 1 in 3, 82 days; amount of colour food required each day to feed forty birds, one spoonful between each three, 13 1-3, 1,093 spoonfuls; less proportion of red pepper 1 in 5 equals 218 3-5. Answer: 218 3-5 spoonfuls, which is equal to 1½lbs. of Red Pepper, according to the writer. In the words of the poet: "I *don't* think."

H. E. T.

[We are afraid our correspondent hardly does the writer of the article justice. He did not say that he gave the pepper at a strength of 1 in 5 two days out of three right through the moult. Further, the fancier would surely be an unlucky man whose every bird spread its moult over four months and needed full strength colour food all the time!—Editor.]

Aintree Fanciers in a Fix.

A Show Under Difficulties.

Sir,—It was unfortuuate for the Aintree, Fazakerley, and Dist. F.S. that the Emanuel's Sunday School treat synchronised with their July show. The scene outside the Church Hall, Long Lane, Aintree, at eight o'clock on Monday, the 8th inst., was passing strange. Numerous boxes and baskets of various sizes and colour, some bearing initials in white paint, some inscribed "live birds," attracted public attention, a group of children being particularly interested spectators. Round the back of the hall a group of men were anxiously prospecting the building. To the casual observer it might have appeared as though a raid was imminent. How to get into the hall (without the key), that was the question. Because of the Sunday school treat the fanciers had been forgotten. What a disappointment. Pity the poor secretary! He was upset, and tried to engage a room at the Aintree Institute, but failed—no live stock shows permitted. Everybody looked at everybody else and waited, half expecting someone to come along with the "open sesame." First one member and then another made a suggestion. One man (certainly the least like a burglar) sighed for a crow bar, and with the instinct of a business man commenced to calculate the cost of a few new locks, bolts, and hasps. At last the secretary came to the rescue, and the show was held in his sitting room, his house being quite close to the church hall. It was a case of making the best of a bad job, and no one was more willing in this respect than the secretary's wife. There was a satisfactory entry in both sections. Among those present were Messrs. W. Hales (judge), J. W. Metcalfe (judge), and McNulty.

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The Type of the Present-day Norwich Plainhead.

Sir,—In my letter of June 29, I said I did not care to answer people who had not the courage to sign their names, because in my opinion, in instances of this kind, they are prejudiced people who would not like their names to be known should they be beaten in a fair argument. Now, sir, the one who signs himself "Novice" in his letter to you of July 6 quite proves my words to be true. He says that he visited the Norwich Show last October, which was held in the Corn Exchange, and what did he see? Why, the highest honours leaving Norwich, both in the Canary, British, and Foreign bird classes. Now, sir, of the sixty-three classes in catalogue I notice that two classes had no entries; therefore, that leaves sixty-one classes, and out of these sixty-one classes there were forty 1st prizes which went to the Norwich breeders, to say nothing of 2nds, 3rds, etc., also specials for best birds. I give the class numbers in which the forty 1sts, etc., were won by the Norwich breeders,—Classes 7, 9, 10 to 21, 25, 26, 29, 31 to 47, 49, 50, 51, 57, 59, and 60. Now if this is not prejudice and cowardice on "Novice's" part, then what is it? I think it a shame that your valuable space should be used for such false statements.

A. WOOLLARD.

Bullfinches Breed Successfully in a London Kitchen.

Sir,—We were told that it is a rare thing for Bullfinches to breed in captivity. My pair of birds have hatched out two chicks, which will be a week old to-morrow (July 9). The birds were given me by my sister from her country aviary in March, 1910, as the cocks began to fight. That year the hen bird laid no fewer than twenty-six eggs, and last year only eight. We were told it was useless to try and let them build. However, this year my maid and I determined to let them try, and so I got a breeding cage. The little hen at once built a nest and laid four eggs, all of which were addled. She did not seem happy, so we let them try again. They built another nest, and she again laid four eggs. At the end of fourteen days we broke one—a failure; the second had a chick in it, so she was left alone, with the result that two were duly hatched out, and the little things seemed perfectly strong, and the hen was a most devoted mother. I may mention that our flat is within fifty yards of Oxford Street and the cage has been hung up in the kitchen. We never separated the cock and hen, but we have given them plenty of green food, groundsel, etc., and they are very tame. The hen has even fed a little chick when my maid held it in her hand to look at it.

E. M. JACKSON.

Up the Chimney!

Remarkable Story of Cat and Canary.

Sir,—Herewith I beg to hand you a translation which I made of a cutting from one of the leading Dutch papers, and which possibly may interest the readers of your esteemed paper. It is from the "Haagsche Courant," and is headed "True Friendship." An old lady once possessed a cat and a Canary, which were the most intimate of friends. So happy were they when together that they were never long separated from each other. The Canary often flew round the room and then settled on the cat's back. Imagine then the surprise of the lady when one day the cat, with a loud mew, flew at her pet bird, seized it in its mouth, and ran off with it up the chimney! Whatever the poor lady did to entice it down, the cat refused to return with its living burden. She called to it in the most endearing terms; she even placed a dainty morsel of roast meat in the chimney. All was in vain. Ten minutes later, however, the lady perceived, to her astonishment, that a strange cat had slipped in through the door, and, of course, in her opinion, with no good intentions, and she therefore proceeded to drive it out without loss of time. No sooner had that happened than puss returned with the bird safe and sound in its mouth. It had evidently fled while the danger threatened its little feathered friend. It may therefore be quite understood that after this striking instance of confidence the lady never again had any fear of her four-footed comrade. The little bird had suffered no harm from its sudden flight up the chimney, and did not even betray the least fear.

CHARLES A. H. HALL.

[We are afraid we have met this story before, slightly varied in its details, several times during the past ten years.—Editor.]

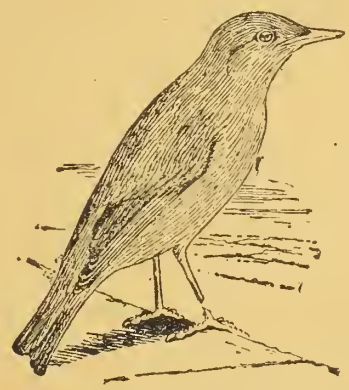
Several letters unavoidably held over.

Wild-Bird Life.

July Notes.

WITH the coming of the month of July we feel that we are rapidly passing the most interesting time of the year, from a bird lover's point of view. The seasons of courtship, love and marriage have in turn been noted by observers, and only second-brooded pairs are still busy with family cares. The bird world within the last few weeks has been increased by many thousands, and in some districts the numerous flocks are doing considerable damage to growing crops. The Blackbirds and Starlings have been particularly busy with the fruit. It is the young birds more than the old ones, that prove so mischievous. A brood of four Blackbirds will visit the strawberry bed or favourite cherry tree time after time, and will soon make a difference in the quantity of fruit to be gathered.

In his raid upon the cherries the Blackbird differs greatly from the Starling. He is not in a sense a wasteful bird; should he dislodge



THE YOUNG STARLING.

a cherry, he will instantly follow it to the ground, and fight willingly with his brother for possession, although plenty more are still hanging on the tree. But the Starling comes with the sole object of feasting, and will eat greedily from the branch quite regardless of any fruit he may scatter on the ground. Although such a common species, the Starling is certainly an interesting bird. In his nesting habits he is not at all particular as to site—any hollow or hole will suit his purpose, and he cares not if he and his partner are alone or nesting in company.

Some of these gatherings are large and might safely be called colonies. The writer recently visited one in an old oast house, the only access to which for the birds was by the cowl at the top. There were nests crowded together, all stages of incubation in progress, and rubbish of all kinds littered the place, the mess and dirt from young and old being almost beyond belief. In many ways young Starlings are quite unlike their parents, they resemble them only in shape and size. The old birds have a brilliant speckled coat with green and purple gloss, while the young are all dull brown, and their only cry is a raucous monosyllable, so unlike the many more-or-less musical sounds and noises omitted by the parents.

Teaching the Young.

Many birds cease to sing when the young birds are hatched, but the Skylark is an exception; he fills up the periods between feeding the young ones, with aerial flights, charming all listeners with his delightful melody. Perhaps his periods of song serve another purpose, for the young naturally hear their parents, and as naturally imitate him when they commence to warble on their own account.

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How Bird Breeders Are Faring in 1912.

Notes on the results of the present breeding season, or of any interesting happenings, are invited from the secretaries of societies and others. The communications must in each case be accompanied by the sender's name and address.

I am pleased to say that I have had a very successful breeding season up to the present, writes Mr. W. J. Minty (Frome), with twenty-six nice young Lancashires; while Mr. J. Perry has bred over fifty Borders, including Greens, Cinnamons, and Clears.

I have to report a very successful breeding season to date with my Siefert Rollers, writes Mr. C. Evans, of Aberystwyth. I have forty-seven young birds out and a few hens sitting, and all the young are doing well. I have not experienced any trouble from egg-binding, and have been fortunate in my hens being champion mothers and feeders. I attribute a large percentage of my success to following the advice given in your valuable paper week by week, to your CAGE BIRDS ANNUAL, and to careful attention to my birds daily. This is my second year with Canaries. I reared twenty-one young birds last year. Bird fanciers visiting Aberystwyth this summer are cordially invited to pay me a visit. I wish CAGE BIRDS the success it so well deserves.

In County Down (Ireland).

At the monthly meeting of the Holywood and Dist. (Co. Down) C.B.S., held in the Old Masonic Hall on July 2, there was a fair attendance of members, and the following breeding results were handed in, showing a good season's work all round:—Mrs. Bruce, 23 Yorks; Messrs. Thos. Dunwoody, 42 young Yorks and Nor; R. Cowan, 26 ditto; Wm. Green, 12 ditto; J. Hamilton, 15 ditto; W. J. Hunter, 35 ditto: F. Cole, 25 ditto; D. Malcolm, 36 ditto; Jack Patty, 40 ditto; Charles Patty, 12 ditto; John Patty, 15 Mules and Hybrids; F. Devlin, 9 Mules and Nor. Several members have done well who sent in no report, and several rounds still sitting are not counted in above. The Norwich and Yorks have some good young ones among them, and there should be some keen competition this year among the members for the challenge cup.—J. Dunwoody, jun.

Country Rambles.

WIGAN FANCIERS HAVE A BROILING DAY.

About twenty members and friends of the Wigan C.B.S. met at headquarters, Legs of Man Assembly Rooms, July 7, to take part in their first ramble. The day was all that could be desired, and we all started off in good humour along Wigan Lane, where we hoarded a car to Boar's Head. Alighting, we proceeded down Chorley New Road. A little further on, our pleasant afternoon was almost marred. One of our members had the misfortune to get intermingled with a young lady on a bicycle, whom he brought to earth, fortunately very little worse for the mishap, and after making an apology we proceeded along Rectory Lane to Rectory Farm. With the bailiff's kind permission we were allowed to ramble through the woods and listen to our hearts' content to the various warblers of song. The Thrush, Chaffinch, Blackbird, Robin, Linnet, etc. Unfortunately, the weather was so hot that we had to cut our journey shorter than we anticipated. After having spent a very enjoyable time, we wended our way to Standish, where we quenched our thirst, and returned by car to Wigan, each and all more than satisfied at what we had seen and heard.—S.H.

GLASGOW BIRD-LOVERS' TRIP BY STEAMER.

On June 29 the members of the Queen's Park and Dist. (Glasgow) C.B.S., with their wives, children, and friends, spent the afternoon at Craigmarloch. They embarked on the "May Queen" at Port Dundas at 2.55, and arrived at Craigmarloch about five o'clock. Here fully an hour was spent in exploring the country. The usual picnic ceremony was performed, this time by Mr. J. A. Stewart, of Cathcart (the well-known Scotch Fancy exhibitor and judge), who took photos of the group. All being satisfied with their short stay ashore, they embarked again about six o'clock, but this time their attention was taken up at the tables in the dining saloon, and here every one enjoyed a substantial meal, especially the children. The return journey was greatly enjoyed, and the scenery was excellent. Between Kirkintilloch and Port Dundas on both journeys little urchins kept alongside the boat and performed acrobatic feats, and this kept the "good Samaritan" who had a pocket full of coppers in exercise, and also the party in amusement. The President was much complimented for the manner in which the trip was conducted, and he was assured that all had enjoyed themselves. All desiring a photo might write the secretary, so that the order can be placed.—Robert Heggie, sec.

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WEST LONDON F.S.

Second young bird show held headquarters Hampshire House Club, near Hammersmith Broadway, July 4. Some good specimens were on show, and were duly admired by a large attendance. Mr. Peveral judged, and gave entire satisfaction. NOR., CL. TKD.: 1, 3, Butterfield; 2, Lethbridge. VARIEG.: 1, Butterfield; 2, Lethbridge. YORKS., CL. OR TKD.: 1, Dewhurst; 2, 3, Bennett. VARIEG.: 1, Bennett; 2, 3, Dewhurst. CRESTS: 1, 2, Shepherd. C.B.: 1, 3. Shepherd; 2, Turner. NOVICE YORKS., CL. OR TKD.: 1, 2, 3, Clarke. VARIEG.: 1, 2, 3, Moore.—H. H. Gibbons, Prize Sec.

EALING AND HANWELL F.A.

First evening show of the season, held June 26, at St. John's Memorial Hall, West Ealing. Owing to the poor results of the breeding season the eage bird section was rather disappointing. Judge, P. Rorke, Esq.

YORKS COCK: 1, sp, Wright, yellow, wonderful length and stands well; 2, res, Boffin, 2nd, marked buff, beautiful quality, grand back and wings; 3, Fletcher, yellow. YORKS. 1912: 1, 2, 3, Carr; 1st, yellow, not one of the largest, but excellent type and quality, A1 position; 2nd, buff, stronger build, beautiful back; res, Bamber. NOR.: 1, 2, Knowles. —Rowland Bamber, Hon. Sec. and Treas.

NORTHERN BORDER & S.F.C.C.

Meeting and table show, July 1; Mr. W. Smith in the chair. Patronage was allotted the following three shows: Newcastle, Blaydon, and Haltwhistle. Three are still required to make our number up. Prize-drawing was held over till August 12, as all tickets were not in. CHAMPION SECTION CLASS (1): 1, 2, Smith; 3, Montgomery. CLASS (2): 1, J. Craig; 2, 3, W. Smith. CLASS (3): 1, 4, 5, Greenwell; 2, E. Little; 3, 6, Montgomery. NOVICE CLASS (4): 1, 4, T. Smith; 2, Affleck; 3, W. P. Smaith. CLASS (5): 1, T. Smith; 2, W. P. Smaith; 3, 4, Benver; he, Affleck. CLASS (6): 1, A. Affleck; 2, 4, J. W. Reed; 3, T. Smith; vhc, Beaver. Hearty vote of thanks was given Mr. Johnstone for judging.

LEICESTER (Hand-in-Hand) C.B.S

First Feather show, headquarters, White Swan Hotel, July 6, when a grand entry of 101 birds was recorded. Some promising youngsters were staged. There were some grand birds in the British classes. Mr. J. McCarter judged Canaries, and Mr. T. Ride British, and gave every satisfaction.

CL. YELL.: 1, Hulse; 2, Gibbins; 3, Hulse. BUFF: 1, 2, Sarson; 3, Orme. VAR. YELL.: 1, Gibbins; 2, Kilshy. BUFF: 1, 2, Holder; 3, Orme. NOR.: 1, Holder; 2, Kilsby; 3, Sarson. A.O.V.: 1, Holder; 2, Reeves; 3, Turner. MULE: 1, 2, Sherriff; 3, Kilsby. NOVICE NOR. CL. YELL.: 1, 3, Moores; 2, Sherriff. BUFF: 1, 3, Reeves; 2, Moores. VARIEG. YELL.: 1, Hewitt; 2, Parnell; 3, Reeves. BUFF: 1, Moores; 2, Wood; 3, Boniter. GOLDIE: 1, F. Turner; 2, Reeves; 3, Orme. BULLIE: 1, Kilsby; 2, C. Turner. GREENIE: 1, Reeves; 2, Orme; 3, C. Turner. LINNET: 1, Orme; 2, Butler; 3, Wood. A.O.V. BRIT.: 1, F. Turner; 2, C. Turner; 3, Kilsby.—A. Freestone, Sec.

HANLEY C.B.S.

Annual Nest Feather show, held George and Dragon Hotel. Entries did not turn up to expectations, but the quality was good. Some of them will be heard of again. Mr. H. Tams, Longton, judged, his awards being well received.

NOR. YELL. MKD., ETC.: 1, James, large wing marked yellow, grand bird, with plenty of colour; 2, Williamson, clear yellow, nice size; 3, Johnson (Burslem winner) off side to-day, wing mkd. yell., good size. BUFF: 1, James, heavy mkd. buff, good size; 2, 3, Williamson, two nice birds, heavily mkd. YORKS. CL. YELL.: 1, Lawton, nice position; 2, Brough, long eided bird; 3, 4, Brough. BUFF: 1, Robinson, nice size buff, good position, showing nice bit of thigh; 2, 4, Taylor, good length, rare size, breaking in moult; 3, Pycott, nice bird, rather smaller than former. YORKS. YELL. MKD., ETC.: 1, Peake, tkd. yellow, nice size, good position; 2, 3, Taylor, former wing and neck tkd., good size; 3rd, heavily marked bird, hardly so long. BUFF: 1, Peake, neck mkd., good size; 2, Taylor, hardly so good on leg, nice bird; 3, Robinson, wing tkd., hardly ready. BRIT.: 1, 2, Bates, Linnet, good size, nicely pencilled; 2nd, Greenfinch, good size and colour, both in good condition.—Geo. Lawton, Sec.

BEAMISH (Durham).

Fourth annual Y.B. show, held July 6th at headquarters, the Bird Inn. Despite the very poor breeding season experienced, there was a very nice show, some 70 or 80 birds being staged, amongst which were some very typical specimens, especially the Nor. and Bord. British were a choice lot, the majority of the exhibits being staged in the pink of condition. The society is well favoured in the matter of officials, and it would be difficult to find a more hard working body of fanciers than the chairman, Mr. G. Davidson; vice-chairman, Mr. W. Gowland, and Messrs. L. Elliot, W. Elliot, W. Little, R. Coates, T. Nesbit, J. Robson, and Mark Crosby, all of whom gave of their best for the good of the society. The genial secretary, Mr. William Knowles, is evidently just the right man for the position, and the manner in which he gets through his duties is a credit both to himself and the society. The present show passed off without the slightest hitch, judging being completed in good time, and prize money paid out during the afternoon. Fine weather favoured the show, and we understand that the attendance and receipts were very satisfactory. Mr. W. Reid (Sunderland) judged.

YOUNG BIRDS, NOR. YELL. (5): 1, Gowland and Crosby, big shapely clear, nice quality and substance; 2, Bearcroft, lacks substance of winner, rich col., clean cut; 3, S. Elliott. BUFF (6): 1, 2, 3, S. Elliot, grand team, leader big cobby cl., deep chest, clean cut under; 2nd, tkd., similar shape, not so well finished. YORKS. YELL.: 1, L. Foster, nice cl., good length and position. BUFF: 1, Foster, very shapely, should make up well. CREST (5): 1, S. Elliot, wing mkd. buff, very shapely, nice veiny feather, neat centre and drape; 2, 3, Little, not so large in crest as leader, but very neat and shapely, leader excelling in finish. C.B.: 1, S. Elliot, var., plenty of size, nice feather, very promising. BORD. YELL (7): 1, 2, 3, J. H. Elliot, leader nearly even mkd., rare type, grand quality, nice wings and tail; 2, Bates, cl., grand shape, nice quality, well cut away. OLD BIRDS. NOR., 1, W. Thompson, buff cl., grand quality, nice size and shape, well cut away; 2, 3, Gowland and Crosby, cl. buff leading, grand size and col., rare head, bit slack in feather, which kept it back. YORKS: 1, W. Thompson, cl. yell., nice length, gets well up, grand wings and tail; 2, S. Foster, cl. buff, trifle heavy in build, nicely rounded, nice carriage; 3, Gowland and Crosby. BORD.: 1, 3, J. H. Elliot, leader grand col. yell., fine shape, neat head, well cleaned under; 2, Bates, Buff, sweetly moulded, grand quality. CREST or C.B.: 1, Gowland and Crosby, grizzle Crest, very neat and shapely. A.O.V. CAN.: 1, S. Foster, good green Norkie, nice length and col.; 2, Little. BRIT. GOLD.: 1, Gowland and Crosby, grand size and col., nice blaze, well tanned; 2, Little, trifle smaller than leader, rich col. blaze, nice wings; 3, Knowles. BULLIE: 1, W. Elliot, fine size, grand buck, nice shaped cap, extra condition; 2, Davidson, rich breast col., loses only in size and condition; 3, no name. GREENIE: 1, Peart, monster, grand col., fine shape and condition; 2, Gowland and Crosby, smaller, nice shape and col.; 3, Davidson. LINNET, H.M.: 1, S. Foster, nice shape, well pencilled, fine colour, steady; 2, Peart, all there for work, rather unsteady. F.M.: 1, Gowland and Crosby, nice shape and pencilling, steady as a rock; 2, Peart, grand Linnet, but wants a lot of steadying down. A.O.V. BRIT.: 1, Gowland and Crosby, Chaffie, fine size and col., grand condition; 2, W. Elliot, Yellowhammer, nice size and col., steady; 3, Knowles. SOFTBILL: 1, 2, Davidson, Blackbird leading, grand condition, well staged; 2nd, Thrush, nice size and markings. REDPOLL: 1, W. Elliot, Mealy, big shapely bird, nice col. and pencilling; 2, Thompson, Lesser, good col., nice polish; 3, Little. SISKIN, ETC.: 1, Gowland and Crosby, Twite, nice size, grand col. and pencilling; 2, W. Elliot, Siskin, nice col., good cap; 3, Bates. FOR.: 1, Little, nice Grey Parrot, in good feather.

HOLMFIRTH C.B.S.

First Feather show, held July 5th, Judge Mr. H. W. Battye. Winners.—Yellows: 1, Beaumont; 2, Lee; 3, Charlesworth; 4, vhc, Bray. Buffs: 1, hc, Charlesworth; 2, 3, vhc, Beaumont; 4, Lee; c, Butler.—Tom Smith, Sec.

BOLDON COLLIERY C.B.S.

F.F. show held July 6 in the Co-operative Hall, an ideal place, well lighted, free from draughts, and roomy. Mr. W. L. Smith, of South Shields, judged, and his awards gave every satisfaction.

NOR.: 1, Stephenson; 2, 3, Noble. CREST: 1, 3, Widdowfield; 2, Priestly. C.B.: 1, 2, 3, Widdowfield. BORD.: 1, Noble; 2, 3, Ayers. LINNET: 1, 2, 3, Tucker. GREENFINCH: 1, Tucker; 2, 3, Stephenson. GOLD or BULLFINCH: 1, 2, 3, A. Tucker. A.O.S.: 1, Widdowfield; 2, 3, Stephenson. FOR.: 1, Urwin; 2, 3, Ayers. SELL.: 1, Urwin; 2, Widdowfield; 3, Stephenson.—A. Widdowfield, Sec.

YORKSHIRE C.C. OF SCOTLAND.

First Feather show, held Crown Halls, Sauchiehall Street, Glasgow, June 29. Entries averaged eight per class, and there was a good attendance of members and the general fancy. Mr. Fred Bowman judged, and his awards gave every satisfaction.

CL. YELL. (12): 1, 2, three spls, Gunning; 3, sp, Martin; 4, sp, Pinnock. BUFF (9): 1, sp, McLelland; 2, Gibb; 3, Pinnock; 4, Nisbet. TKD. BUFF (3): 1, Martin; 2, McLellan; 3, Park. VARIEG. YELL (5): 1, Reid; 2, Martin; 3, Park; 4, Anderson. BUFF (11): 1, two spls., Heggie; 2, McRobbie; 3, Heggie; 4, Anderson.

ORMSKIRK C.B.S.

Concluding nest feather show took place at headquarters, July 1. Mr. R. Hunter judged. Principal winners:—Nor.: Price, Johnson, jun. Yorks: Walker, Johnson, sen. Bord.: Johnson, sen., Tiffen. The monthly meeting was subsequently held, Mr. Johnson, jun., presiding. Agreed to hold the annual show on Boxing Day instead of November, a change which the members thought would be beneficial to the society. Several valuable specials have already been promised, including a silver medal (given by the Chairman) for best bird bred by a member, 1912; also a silver cup. These should produce keen competition. Two judges were nominated for annual show. Mr. Hunter was warmly thanked for giving his services as judge, and other similar methods of "pay.ment" closed an interesting meeting.—T. H. Tiffen, Hon. Sec.

CITY OF BIRMINGHAM C.B.S.

Annual nest feather show held headquarters, July 3rd, many members reporting a very indifferent breeding season. No entries were received in Crests, Borders, or Mule classes, while Mr. Clay had Yorks to himself, and this usually our strongest section, for which eight classes were provided. Mr. Dipple won special best yell. Nor., Mr. Eckersley best Buff, Mr. T. Jones best Novice Nor., Mr. Broomfield best Cinn., Mr. Clay best Yorks. Point specials went to Messrs. Eckersley, T. Jones, Clay, and Derry. Mr. F. J. Weaver, of Wolverhampton, placed the cards, and his awards were approved. Nor. Cl. Yell. (3): 1, spl, 2, Dipple; 3, Broadhurst. Buff (10): 1, Demaillet; 2, 3, Eckersley. Tkd. Yell. (5): 1, Eckersley; 2, Dipple; 3, Broadhurst. Buff (9): 1, spl, Eckersley; 2, Dipple; 3, Broadhurst. Nor. Nov. Yell. (2): 1, 2, Austin. Buff (5): 1, spl, 2, T. Jones; 3, Tipper. Yorks: All to Clay; no opposition. Cinn.: 1, 2, Broomfield. A.O.V.: 1, Jeffreys, Roller. Brit. Hardbill: 1, 3, Derry; 2, Ruby. British Softbill: 1, Jeffrey, pair of Wrynecks, very amusing and well put down.—J. H. Jones, Hon. Sec.

LONDON AND PROVINCIAL O.S.

Quite a large number of fanciers gathered at the Raglan Hotel, E.C., on July 4th, the occasion being the annual show of young birds. There were not quite so many birds as on some previous occasions, the general complaint being "a bad season." The arrangements were well carried out by the energetic and practical Hon. Sec., Mr. C. W. Law, who had everything in splendid order. Mr. Geo. Crabb, the popular president, was also in attendance, and amongst the company we noticed that veteran fancier, and hero of many shows, Mr. Thos. Heath. A good sprinkling of ladies graced the show with their presence, and one of them (Mrs. Salter) secured one of the specials with a natty little Border Fancy. The quality was good. The following were the special (medal) winners: Champion, Messrs. Matthes, Crabb, and Day. Novice: Mr. Crawford and Mrs. Salter. Mr. Geo. Gardner judged, and spoke a few congratulatory words on the exhibits generally, and received a hearty vote of thanks at the close.

CHAMPION NOR. YELL.: 1, Matthes, very nice bodied bird, lovely quality. BUFF: 1, spl., Matthes, very good build, fine tone of feather. YORKS., YELL.: 1, 2, Bullen, leader smart actioned bird, nice quality, should improve, well up on leg. BUFF: 1, Bullen. NOV.: NOR., YELL.: 1, 2, Crawford, leader very sweet bird, rare head and body, nice feather. BUFF: 1, sp., Crawford, lovely ticked bird, close as wax in feather, rare shape; 2, Cooper, clean, also a very charming bird, should do well later. YORKS., YELL.: 1, Ward, rare position and action. BUFF: 1, W. Salter, stands well, neat. A.O.V.: 1, sp., Mrs. Salter, jaunty little Border, very sweet, ran Norwich hard for premier specials. BRIT. HARDBILLS: 1, Bullen, very good Goldie, rich colour on face, nice chestnuts and whites; 2, Madame Madewell, a glossy, well marked, deep coloured Brambling; 3, Grisdale, nutty coloured, close feathered Linnet. MULES: 1, sp., Crabb, well-shown Goldie-Bullie, in nice coat. FOR.: 1, sp., Day, Black-vented Weavers, rich in colouring and splendid feather; 2, Madame Madewell, pretty Ribbon Finches

SOUTHPORT C.B.S.

Annual Y.B. Show, held July 6th, in the Phoenix Hall, Sussex Road. There was only a fair entry, but the quality of the birds, especially the Norwich, was very good. Mr. P. Waring (Preston) judged, and found his task no easy one, but his awards gave entire satisfaction. NOR. YELL.: 1, Sutton; 2, 3, Fawcett. BUFF: 1, 2, Sutton; 3, Johnson. VARIEG.: 1, Sutton; 2, 3, Johnson. YORKS., YELL.: 1, 2, Linaker; 3, Wright. BUFF: 1, 2, Wright. VARIEG.: 1, 2, Cookson; 3, Marshall.—E. Sutton, Hon. Sec.

LITTLEBOROUGH C.B.S.

Y.B. Show, held June 29th, in the Parish Church School, Victoria Street. Mr. R. Barrass (Rochdale) placed the awards. A. Howarth (winner of cup for best bird); A. Webster (most points); Low and Johnson (most points in novices). LANCS. COPPY: 1, 2, Webster. CL. BUFF YORKS.: 1, 4, Lanyon; 2, 3, Low and Johnson. TKD.: 1, Crossley; 2, Howarth; 3, Wade; 4, Webster. TKD., ETC., YELL.: 1, 2, Howarth; 3, Woodhead. CL. YELL. NOR.: 1, 2, Cheetham; 3, Webster. TKD., ETC., BUFF: 1, 2, Howarth; 3, Lanyon. A.O.V.: 1, 2, Webster. BRIT.: 1, Woodhead; 2, Webster.—H. Woodhead, Hon. Sec.

NEWARK C.B.S.

Members' young bird show at headquarters, the Boar's Head Hotel, Middlegate, June 29. The birds were well up to the average in quality, but in numbers somewhat lacking, owing, no doubt, to the very bad results during the early months of the breeding season. There was a fairly good attendance of fanciers present during the evening, and the show was a pronounced success. Mr. W. P. Barnes judged, and his awards were well received. The special for best bird was won by Mr. W. Lidgett with an Australian Cockatoo, a winner of many first prizes. Mr. J. Lamb also sent a fine team of birds, winning four firsts and one third. NOR. CL.: 1, Lamb; 2, 3, Fitchett. TKD., MKD., OR VARIEG.: 1, Lamb; 2, Toynbee; 3, Smith. YORKS.: 1, 3, Spink; 2, Fitchett. BRIT.: 1, 3, Lamb; 2, Simpson. MULE OR HYB.: 1, Lamb; 2, 3, Toynbee. FOREIGN: 1, Lidgett; 2, Fitchett; 3, Smith.—W. Lidgett, Hon. Sec.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE O.S.

A most successful table show of young birds was held July 2, at club headquarters, the P.S.A. Rooms. Considering the bad luck experienced by many of the members, the muster of over thirty youngsters was very gratifying, more particularly as some very promising specimens were staged. Mr. Bladon, of the M. and N.C.O.S., acted as judge to the entire satisfaction of all, and placed this society under another debt of gratitude. Judging over, Mr. Bladon, in a neat little speech, entered into details regarding the exhibits, gave his reasons for placing the birds, and spoke a few words of encouragement to those exhibitors who were not in "the first three." A vote of thanks to the judge, moved by Mr. Lawton and seconded by Mr. Green, concluded an enjoyable meeting. Nor. Yell. (5): 1, 2, Foxall; 3, Sharples; 4, Dowling. Buff (15): 1, Foxall; 2, Dowling; 3, 4, Sharples. Yorks, Yell. (8): 1, 2, 3, Barnes; 4, Smalley. Buff (4): 1, 2, Smalley; 3, 4, Jackson.—J. R. Colville, Sec.

BRIGHTON AND HOVE C.B.A.

Annual F.F. Show. July 3, at headquarters, Mr. W. Swaysland was judge. CHAMP. YORK. CL. YELL.: 1, 2, Pearson; 3, Wells. BUFF: 1, 3, Dandridge; 2, Gibb. MARKS: 1, 2, 3, Dandridge. CREST: 1, 2, Gravett; 3, Dean. CRESTBRED: 1, 2, Dean; 3, Miles. NOV., CL. YORKS.: 1, Pelling; 2, Wells; 3, Holley. MKD.: 1, 3, Pinyoun; 2, Miles. CL. NOR.: 1, Roast; 2, Moon. MKD.: 1, Dean; 2, Beck; 3, Miles. DARK MULES: 1, Cadman Bros.; 2, Gibb. GOLDFINCH: 1, Cadmar Bros.; 2, Gibb; 3, Bignell. BULLFINCH: 1, Gibb; 2, Wall. LINNET: 1, 3, Cadman Bros.; 2, Gibb. GREENFINCH: 1, Bignell; 2, Gibb; 3, Cadman Bros. TWITE, ETC.: 1, 3, Gibb; 2, Wall. A.O.V. HARD.: 1, 3, Cadman Bros.; 2, Gibb. SELL., 15s.: 1, Roast; 2, Holley; 3, Miles. SPECIALS.: Best York and 2nd best, Dandridge. Best and 2nd best Crest or C.B., Dean. Novice Nor., Roast. Goldfinch, Cadman Bros. Bullfinch, Gibb. Greenfinch, Bignell. Mr. F. Dandridge showed a fine team of Yorks., while two fine teams of British were exhibited by Messrs. Gibb and Cadman Bros. The exhibits were well staged in a good light, and gave every credit to those who carried out the arrangements, Messrs. Sparks, Miles and Flook, to whom the Hon. Secretary is much indebted. Many fanciers looked in during the evening.—Will H. Gibb, Hon. Sec.

SHEFFIELD O.S.

Annual F.F. show, July 6th. The Forresters' Hall, in which the exhibits were judiciously staged, is an ideal venue. The entry was capital, upwards of 200 specimens. Yorks were a choice collection, C. L. Sampson (Stockebridge) doing the "hat trick," three lots, with bonny youngsters. Norwich were good, and Crests and C.-B. contained several very promising. In Brit. Mr. P. Walsh, the well-known local expert, gained the bulk of the honours. Foreign were undoubtedly the feature of the show—a superb lot, to be sure. The "old firm," Messrs. Colton and Dawn, took special for best in show with a very handsome Eclectus. Mr. T. Bishop (Sec.) with a bewitching pair of Lavender Finches, and Messrs. W. Baxby and G. Fletcher, are to be complimented on the gems they put down. The novice classes contained many likely birds, the pick being the Crestbred (winner) and the Crest that stood 4th (minus his tail, or would easily have won), both the property of Pr A. M. Deane (Dewsbury). Special winners were Messrs. Colton and Dawn, P. Walsh, G. L. Sampson, Howe and Senior, J. Evans, R. Smith, and W. Simmonite. Busy and hard at work were the worthy Chairman, Mr. T. Dawn, Mr. J. A. T. Woodall (Vice-Chairman) and Messrs. G. Fletcher, C. W. Marshall, H. Bishop, and P. Walsh, while Mr. T. Bishop (Secretary) is never at rest, and can always be relied upon to do the right thing at the right time. All prize money was paid out same day. Mr. R. Colton, of Mule fame, acts as Assist. Sec., and those who know "Bob" know his sound abilities. Mr. J. W. Drabble is also a valuable asset. Visitors were many from far and near. A grand display of plate, vases and so forth, artistically decorated with flowers, sent by Mr Bishop (Bamford) graced a large table, and many envious eyes were cast in the direction of these very valuable specials. Mr. J. C. Barnes, the judge, declared the show near on, if not the best, ever seen in the cutlery capital as a first feather exhibition. His awards gave every satisfaction.

YORKS, YELL. (12): 1, spl, Sampson; 2, Ridal; 3, 4, Dr. W. Craig. BUFF (18): 1, Sampson; 2, Bishop; 3, 4, Elshaw. MKD. (6): 1, Sampson; 2, Marshall; 3, 4, Ridal. NOR. YELL. (9): 1, spl, 2, 3, Howe and Senior; 4, Woodall. BUFF (14): 1, Howe and Senior; 2, Woodall; 3, Moore; 4, Bambridge. MKD. (7): 1, 4, Bagnall; 2, Moore; 3, Howe and Senior. CREST (4): 1, 2, spl, Evans, very fine youngster; 3, 4, Memmott. C.-B. (6): 1, 3, Evans; 2, 4, Memmott. BRIT., GOLDIE (6): 1, Walsh; 2, Wright; 3, Bagnall; 4, Milne. LINNET (5): 1, 2, spl, Walsh; 3, 4, Smith. GREENIE (5): 1, 4, Walsh; 2, Fletcher; 3, Woodall. REDPOLL, ETC. (4): 1, Walsh; 2, Bishop; 3, 4, Colton and Dawn. A.O.S. (6): 1, 2, 4, Walsh; 3, T. Bishop SOFT (4): 1, 2, 4, Fletcher; 3, Milne. FOR., AVAD., ETC. (19): 1, 3, c, T. Bishop; 2, Baxby; 4, Fletcher. PARROTS, ETC. (7): 1, spl (2), Colton and Dawn; 2, 3, 4, Fletcher. INSECT., ETC. (5): 1, 3, Baxby; 2, Fletcher; 4, Turner. A.O.S. (14): 1, Baxby; 2, Colton and Dawn; 3, 4, Fletcher. NOVICE, YORKS. YELL. (19): 1, 4, spl, Simmonite; 2, Green; 3, Bestwick. BUFF (13): 1, 4, spl, Simmonite; 2, Green; 3, Bestwick. MKD. (10): 1, Oates; 2, 3, 4, Porter. NOR. YELL. (5): 1, 3, 4, Markall; 2, Smith. BUFF (3): 1, spl, Smith; 2, 3, Tattersall; 4, spl, Sisson. MKD. (8): 1, 2, Smith; 3, Green; 4, Simpson. C. OR C.-B. (6): 1, 4, Dr. A. M. Deane; 2, Richardson; 3, Reed.

SUNDERLAND C.B.A.

Nest feather show held Fawcett-st. Cafe, July 6th. Confined to novices. Some nice birds were shown. We are indebted to Mr. J. G. Hutchinson (Newcastle), who kindly gave his services as judge. Yorks Yell.: 1, Kennerson; 2, 3, Gray. Buff: 1, 2, 3, Kennerson. Bord. Yell.: 1, 3, Davison; 2, Copeland, Buff: 1, 2, Copeland; 3, Peacock. A.O.V.: 1, Maehin; 2, 3, Peacock. Mules: 1, 2, 3, Pitt. Mr. T. Davison won silver medal for best bird, presented by Mr. J. Riseborough.—J. Jeffrey, Sec.

HYSON GREEN (Notts) C.B.S.

F.F. Show, June 15th, at Cricket Players' Hotel. There was not a large number of birds, but the quality was good, one or two exhibits being stormers. Mr. W. Twine judged and gave every satisfaction. YELL., NOR.: 1, Barnes; 2, 3, Sharp. BUFF: 1, Barnes; 2, Brown; 3, Morley. MKD. YELL.: 1, Deverill; 2, Drinkwater. BUFF: 1, Deverill; 2, Barnes; 3, Sharp. GREEN AND YELL.: 1, E. Moult; 2, Barnes. BUFF: 1, Robinson; 2, 3, Drinkwater. GOLD OR BULLFINCH: 1, Wood. A.O.V. HARDBILL: 1, Hayter; 2, Wood. SOFTBILL: 1, Wood. MULE: 1, 2, Hayter. FOR.: 1, Hayter.—W. Cottingham.

PARTICK AND DISTRICT C.B.C.

First Feather show held Trades Halls, July 6th. Entries numbered nearly 60, which shows this has been a very successful breeding season. Mr. John Brown judged Crests and Plainheads; Mr. John Young the remainder, and their awards were well received. Specials for most points monthly and first feather shows won by Messrs. Maxwell, McRobbie, Walker, and Park. British, etc., section, Messrs. Park, Webster, Aitkenhead, and Maxwell. Crests: 1, 2, McMillan. Plainheads, Cl. or Tick Yell.: 1, spl, Maxwell; 2, Fraser; 3, Henry. Buff: 1, 2, 3, Maxwell, 4, Henry. Variog. Yell.: 1, 3, Webster; 2, Henry. Buff: 1, Maxwell. Bord. Cl. or Tick Yell.: 1, 3, spl, Walker; 2, Henderson. Buff: 1, Walker; 2, Kidd; 3, Henderson; 4, Maxwell. Variog. Yell.: 1, Walker; 2, Crammond; 3, Kidd; 4, Henderson. Buff: 1, 2, Walker; 3, Henderson; 4, Sinclair. Yorks. Cl. or Tick Yell.: 1, McRobbie; 2, 3, Anderson; 4, Webster. Buff: 1, 3, McRobbie; 2, spl, Webster; 4, Park. Variog. Yell.: 1, 2, Park; 3, Anderson. Buff: 1, 2, McRobbie; 3, Webster; 4, spl, Anderson. A.O.V.: 1, Crammond. Mule: 1, Webster; 2, Aitkinhead.—J. Henderson, Sec.

CHESTER-LE-STREET C.B.S.

Second Y.B. show, held Butchers' Arms, July 6th. Mr. R. S. Bewick (Newfield) placed the cards and gave every satisfaction. Entries were 54, much the same as last year, but breeders round here are having a bad time, young dying at two or three days old.

NOR., YELL. (5): 1, 2, Forster, grand pair, well set down, splendid head and neck properties; 3, Tarn; var. yell., just fails in wings, otherwise as good. BUFF: 1, Forster and Son, clear, good size; 2, Redpath, nice bird, hardly as large; 3, Briggs, grand one, but hardly fully grown. CREST: 1, Stanger, dark variog. Crest, grand bird, will be heard of again. YORKS. YELL. (3): 1, Forster and Son, clear, fair size, stands well; 2, 3, Ward, good pair, but going into moult. BUFF: 1, 2, 3, Ward, very fair trio. YELL. BORD. (3): 1, J. Stanger, cheek and wing mkd. yell., very lively on perch; 2, Ward, variog., good carriage; 3, A. Forster. BUFF (8): 1, Parkin, Cinn., well braced, and good carriage; 2, Hedley, a Green, well pencilled, good shape; 3, Stanger. MULE (1): 1, Redpath. GOLDIE or BULLIE: 1, 3, Davidson, well-known Goldie, in the pink of condition, leading; 2, Tarn, Bullie, splendid bird, in first class condition, rare colour. GREENIE, ETC.: 1, J. Stanger, Greenie, nice warm colour and good size; 2, Ward; 3, Davidson. REDPOLL, ETC.: 1, 3, res, Saunders, Twite leading, nice size and good colour; 2, A. Forster, Lesser Redpoll, in good condition. LINNET, H.M.: 1, 2, Davidson, leader big one, with good markings; 3, Forster and Son, good, smaller. F.M. LINNET: 1, W. Davidson, well known winner; 2, 3, Forster and Son, good pair. SOFTBILL: 1, 2, Davidson, grand pair of Waxwings, in rare bloom. A. V. HARDBILL: 1, Saunders, Yellowhammer, good condition, grand size and splendid head marks; 2, 3, Davidson, pair of good Brambles. The Secretary, Mr. J. Hedley, 2, Hemel Street, will be pleased to hear from fanciers who wish to join. Three new members were made on Saturday, Messrs. I. Redpath, Parkin, and Forster, Sen.

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BLAYDON-ON-TYNE C.B.S.

Usual monthly meeting. There was again a fair attendance of members; sixteen classes decided for first feather show, in club room, Bisley Hotel, July 27th; Mr. C. Vallams judge.—Geo. Havver, Sec.

FALKIRK (Good Intent) C.B.A.

Meeting held Oddfellows' Hall, June 22, J. Muir presiding. Matters were arranged for First Feather Show, July 27, Mr. Robert Reid (Shieldhill) judge. Books will be closed for old members on that date, young fanciers up till the October meeting.—Walter Clarkson, Sec.

NOTTINGHAM AND NOTTS O.S.

Meeting held July 9, Mechanic's Institute. Accounts for Nest Feather show were passed and ordered to be paid. Decided that there should be no monthly meeting in August. Next meeting, second Tuesday in September, to make arrangements for the open show. Two new members were elected.—J. G. Royce, Asst. Hon. Secretary.

NEWCASTLE (Novice) C.B.S.

A meeting, Purvis's Cafe, Clayton Street, July 4, Mr. A. Gordon in the chair. Proposed that we alter the committee rule (2), and make it that the committee be arranged into six novices and 6 professionals; also that second prize will take the place of first of its same value, which was carried. Mr. Lumsden intimated that he will give a gent's bicycle as a special prize. Vote of thanks to chairman brought meeting to a close.—T. W. Lumsden, Sec.

ISLINGTON F.A.

Meeting held Congregational School-room, Holloway, July 2nd, Mr. A. King in chair, supported by a large number of members. Passed that subscription should be 3s. A great number of specials are promised in addition to challenge cups for the annual show. Will all fanciers desirous of joining kindly communicate with the secretary, Mr. G. Wainwright, 23, Tibberton Square, Islington, N., or to the assistant sec., Mr. H. A. Brown, 11, Beresford Road, Harringay. Meeting closed with vote of thanks to chairman.—H. A. Brown, Assist. Sec.

SOUTHERN NORWICH P.C.

Rule 3 (a): Will members kindly read this rule before the end of July, as some have not paid for last year, the matter having slipped their memory? Bye-law I. A novice is one who has never won a first prize in open competition, or three 1st prizes in open novice classes. Many novices have won 20s. for 3s. 6d., the club fee covering the whole season's show exhibits at our shows; why not join at once? New rule books will be out as soon as patronage is allotted for 1912. If any member wishes to take a space for breeder's card in rule book, I still have a few more to fill in for second page; it will pay to do so.—F. S. Matthes, Hon. Sec.

GLASGOW C.B.A.

Committee meeting July 2, in Nelson's Temperance Hotel, Ingram Street, Mr. Park presiding over a fair attendance. Secretary reported that following had kindly consented to act on committee:—Messrs. Jno. Brown, E. Barron, F. Taylor, M. Craig, and J. C. Sinclair. Springburn were represented at meeting, and promised association every support. Messrs. Brown, Bowman, and secretary were appointed as sub-committee to look out for most suitable hall, and report to next meeting. Decided to alter date of show to November 22 and 23, so as to avoid clashing with so many shows. Classification was taken up, and a few alterations on last year's schedule were made. Judges were nominated and appointed. —Wm. Hutchison, Sec.

YORKSHIRE C.C.

Committee meeting held at Market Tavern, July 6th, Mr. H. H. Towers, President, in chair. Messrs. T. Head and J. H. Walker, Harrogate, were made members; the resignation of Mr. W. Spencer, Hebden Bridge, was accepted. Additional prizes were granted to the Bailey Trophy and Ramsden Cup competitions. Mr. A. Sutcliffe, Halifax, and Mr. A. Cooper, Bradford, presented cabinet value 2 guineas, and a pair of paintings on glass, value 30s., for 1st and 2nd most points respectively in open novices. The secretary was instructed to ask for tenders for the printing of the Club's handbook. Patronage granted as follows: The Bailey Trophy, Newcastle-on-Tyne; Hartlepool, Sheffield, Halifax, Bradford East, Rochdale, Bradford National, Scottish National, Bradford West and Crystal Palace. Ramsden cup and open novice competitions, Huddersfield, Great Horton, Windhill, Blaydon-on-Tyne, Horton (Good Intent), Harrogate, Bradford National, Skelmanthorpe, Bradford West and Crystal Palace. Junior novice competition at all Yorkshire Union shows (novice section). The application from Swansea arrived too late.—John Greaves, Secretary.

NEWCASTLE C.B.S.

Monthly meeting, Thursday, July 4, Mr. T. C. Crawhall in the chair. Correspondence was read from Mrs. Irwin, thanking the members for their present on the occasion of her marriage. Cinnamon C.C. re open show. This letter was left for the committee to deal with. The following new members were elected: Messrs. Jos. A. Carr, 42, Theresa St., Blaydon; T. Fletcher, 11, Townley St., Rowland Gill; W. Forbes, Rowland Gill; J. Bremner, 64, Normanton Terrace, Newcastle; C. J. Graham, 66, Heaton Road, Newcastle; W. Crow, 10, Office Row, East Holywell, Shiremoor; W. Fox, 73, Elsdon Road, Gosforth, Newcastle. The Secretary gave a very short account of nest feather show, saying this year we had a balance, against a loss last year. Mr. Potts proposed, Mr. Curry seconded, a vote of thanks to the judges, Messrs. Hermeston, Crawhall, Johnstone, and Addison, which was carried with acclamation. A vote of thanks to the Secretary and the stewards, Messrs. Coltman, Laidlow, Hope and Irving, was also carried. Mr. Crawhall spoke about a rumour that was going about re the bird belonging to Mr. J. Mackenzie, that won the British and Foreign Cup, and explained that a gentleman asked Mr. Mackenzie to keep it for him, but afterwards changed his mind and said he did not want to purchase it. Mr. McKenzie also said a few words and verified what the Chairman had said. Mr. J. W. Ramsden, of London, gave a lecture on "Colour-feeding," and dealt with the subject in a masterly manner, and at the close answered a great number of questions. Mr. Ramsden was accorded a hearty vote of thanks, and in reply said it had been a pleasure to be with us, and that he was always willing to do what he could for the Fancy. The nest feather cups will be presented at next monthly meeting in August. Committee meeting, July 18, at 8. Will members let me have as many specials as possible by next meeting. I shall be pleased if those members having tickets for nest feather show will let me know as soon as possible how many they have sold. Members who have not paid their subs. before August will not be able to show at reduced rate at open show. August is the last month for electing new members to enable them to participate in benefits of open show, so intending members hurry up! I shall be pleased to give any information.—J. W. Reed.

BRISTOL C.B.S.

Monthly meeting held July 3rd at headquarters, City Hotel, Mr. W. H. Manley in chair. Mr. T. J. Keegan was elected hon. sec., and Mr. O. Coggins, assist. sec. Decided to hold annual open show Nov. 6. Mr. J. H. Roe, judge. We have three silver cups to compete for, and our membership is open to the kingdom. Will members who have not paid their subscription kindly do so by next meeting to be able to compete for cups.—T. J. Keegan, Hon. Sec.

STOKE-ON-TRENT C.B.A.

Meeting held July 1st. There was a splendid attendance. Prize money and specials won at the recent young bird show handed out. Decided to engage the Sutherland Assembly Room, High Street, for annual open show to be held in November. It is to be hoped that the committee will be well rewarded for their enterprise. The room is a very fine one, splendidly lighted, and capable of accommodating 800 exhibits. Arrangements were made for the annual ramble. Decided to visit Rudyard, July 14th. Train leaves Stoke at 2.30. We are anticipating a very enjoyable outing, and shall be pleased to welcome any friends.—J. Pitchford.

QUEEN'S PARK (Glasgow) C.B.S.

Monthly meeting, June 26th, in the Maria Stuart Halls, Crosshill, Mr. Andrew Hunter presiding over a well attended meeting. The classification for the annual event was drawn up, there being very little difference on last year's schedule, 18 classes for Nor., 4 Crests and C.-B., 6 Borders, 5 Yorks, 2 Mules and Hyb., 6 Brit., 2 For., 1 Sell., 1 Gift, in all 48 classes. It was also agreed to again have 2 open classes for Norwich. Cash prizes in all classes. The show is to be held in the Victoria Rooms, Victoria Road, South Side, December 7th. The judges appointed are: Messrs. Allan Chalmers and Charles Campbell, and with these inducements it is hoped a record entry will be established. Four new members were elected, bringing the total to almost 50, which is very satisfactory. It was arranged to have no meeting in July owing to holidays. Next meeting, August 28th, at 8.—Robert Heggie, Sec.

MID-RHONDDA AND DIS. C.B.S.

General meeting held headquarters, White Hart Hotel, Tonypandy, July 4th. Mr. Wm. Morris presided over a good attendance. Annual open show was discussed, and date decided upon was Dec. 11th next, and that just as many classes should be given as we could pay out prize money for, which everyone thought would be fair for the Society, and also for the exhibitors. The secretary was instructed to write Messrs. J. H. Payne and J. Robson as regards judging. It was decided to advertise our show in CAGE BIRDS (see Show Dates Fixed column this week). Then came the question of a hall, and we were told that the hall is now almost completed over the White Hart Hotel, a very large place, with several private entrances, and we have to thank Mr. S. Barkaway, the proprietor (our Vice-President) very much indeed for offering such a fine place. Our President came to explain why he had called a meeting at Penygraig on June 18th to form another society. Mr. Morgan wished to come to a general meeting and explain the matter. He said he felt very sorry that he had acted as he had, but that he had been misinformed by an unscrupulous fancier or fanciers (as they call themselves). Mr. Morgan, after explaining a few things he was told by those persons, said he wished to resign his position as President, but after his explanations, it was unanimously decided not to accept the resignation, and Mr. Morgan thanked all present for their kindness. He said he would do a great deal more for the society in future, and not listen to any outside talk again. A hearty vote of thanks to the Chairman closed a most enjoyable evening.—A. H. C. Legg, Hon. Sec.

SHEFFIELD O.S.

Monthly meeting held July 2, Rose and Crown Hotel, Waingate, Chairman Mr. Thos. Dawn presiding. Owing to the terrible weather, the attendance was not so large as usual, only thirty odd members being present. Our worthy vice-chairman, Mr. J. A. T. Woodall, gave a lecture on moulting and colour feeding. This subject Mr. Woodall is no stranger to. The lecturer first of all explained that he is a great believer in Green blood, saying it is no use trying to get good rich colour without you have the good colour to fetch out, and this can only be got by the introduction of Green blood. Mr. Woodall spoke of the various colour foods on the market, saying he had done just as well with one as another. He had also on view the pods from which the present-day foods are made, and explained how the food was made before being ready for use. He then gave his methods of mixing the food to be given to the birds. Mr. Woodall just gives enough for each bird to eat, and is not a believer in "bedding the birds down" with colour food. He said a great many made a mistake in letting the colour food bill be so large, as it is not necessary for the birds to be crammed. When birds were nearing the end of the moult, care should be taken not to get any feathers broken or knocked out, as the birds will be apt to come patchy in colour should they be taken off food before the new feathers are replaced. He is also in favour of the free use of the bath; the more a bird bathes the better the quality and condition. He never sent out to any show before his birds were through the moult and thoroughly hard; by so doing birds stand the rough handling of the railway better than if only quite soft in feather. At the close of his lecture, questions were invited, which he answered in masterly fashion. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded Mr. Woodall for such a grand lecture, to which he suitably replied. Messrs. Wm. Hickinson, T. Smith, W. Simmonite, W. Wragg, and J. Barry were enrolled new members. Next meeting Tuesday, Aug. 13, so as not to clash with the holiday week.—T. Bishop, sec.

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YORKSHIRE C.C. OF SCOTLAND.

We have had to change the date of our meeting for allocating patronage, from 20th August to Saturday, 3rd August. All applications must therefore be in my hands by the latter date. Club members will be notified in due course. This change was made necessary by the fact that both our President and myself will be on holiday at the end of August, and it was fixed for a Saturday to suit convenience of country members, most of whom we hope to see present.—R. B. Gibb, Hon. Sec.

MIDDLESEX O.S.

Meeting held July 4 at St. John's School, Southall. Two new members were elected. Mr. F. Easterling was invited to judge the August young stock show, and the classification is to be the same as the June show. Agreed, to advertise the August show in CAGE BIRDS. A pleasant surprise was a visit from Mr. J. Shepherd, late chairman of the Northern Border and Scotch Fancy C.C. Mr. Shepherd gave us a little of his experiences, which was highly appreciated, and a hearty vote of thanks to him was carried by acclamation.—Jeffery Jefferis, Hon. Sec. and Treas.

SCOTTISH PLAINHEAD CLUB.

Will secretaries desiring the patronage of S.P.C. kindly forward application early. Our club show falls to be held in the North this year, and societies wishing to house this event should have their applications in my hands by 1st August. Secretaries of club shows, eight of whose members are also members of S.P.C. are hereby reminded that they are entitled to the club patronage, and I shall be pleased to hear from any such early. Will members please note that subscriptions for 1912 are now due. I would also ask members when sending their fees not to forget the special prize fund, which should reach respectable dimensions by the time Committee meet to allot Club patronage. Lovers of the Norwich Plainhead are earnestly requested to join the Club. All particulars from the Secretary, J. Brown, 599, Duke Street, Glasgow.

GREEN CANARY ASSOCIATION.

Monthly meeting, held Oldham Hall, June 27th, Mr. F. Handley in the chair. The following were elected members—Messrs. Little, Parker, Wilson, and Walker. Mr. W. Jones, Birkenhead, was nominated for membership. Owing to the inclement weather, and consequent dearth of exhibits, the night show was cancelled. It was decided to hold the show on next meeting night, July 25. Classification, specials and judges as before. The Committee trust there will be a good response. Members are requested to forward their subscriptions for 1912-1913 as early as possible, thereby saving delay in allotting the season's specials. Nominations for membership should be in before the 25th inst., otherwise points cannot count at the early shows. The July meeting is set apart for allotting patronage. Members are requested to turn up in full force.—Geo. Green, Hon. Sec.

GRIMSBY AND CLEETHORPES ROLLER C.S.

Monthly meeting June 29 at Club Room, when a very interesting evening was passed. The chairman gave out to each member present slips of paper with a question on breeding written on each. Each slip was numbered, and the holder of No. 1 had to read out his question and then answer it to the best of his ability, after which discussion was invited. The holder of No. 2 followed, and so on, until the lot—twelve in all—were finished. Although it was rather late in the season for such a subject, it was thoroughly enjoyed by those present. We were very fortunate to have in our midst Mr. Walton, of Leeds, who is a member. He gave many little hints which were highly appreciated by all. Next month Mr. Rawcliffe will give a paper on "Training," which should interest all members.—F. Mason, hon. sec.

SHEFFIELD C.B.S.

Monthly meeting, July 4, in the Wentworth Cafe, Penstone Street, Mr. F. Jones (President) in the chair. The ramble to Edwinstowe, fixed for July 13, has been altered to suit the members to July 20. The destination is Bradfield Dale. Meet at Malin Bridge Car Terminus at 2.30. An outing has also been fixed for August 25 to Torksey; also a fishing match, Messrs. Tomlinson, Drabble and Bennett are the committee to make all arrangements. Future meetings will be held on the first Thursday in each month. This will prevent us clashing with the Walkley and Attercliffe societies. Next meeting, August 1st. Special table show of young birds. 12 classes. Prize money 3s., 2s., 1s. A most interesting lecture on "Colour-feeding" was given by Mr. W. Bingham (a past secretary of the Society), many instructive points being raised as he answered the several questions put to him. Mr. T. Sweet was elected a new member. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to Mr. Bingham.—J. Woolhouse, Assist. Sec.

OPEN NORWICH P.H.C.C.

Committee meeting, held Market Tavern, Bradford, July 6, chairman, Mr. A. Hirst, Accrington. Resignations of Messrs. Eyre, Moore, Pawson, Parkes, Shackleton, Shorney, and Mrs. Sunderland were accepted. Eleven members were struck off the books for non-payment of subscriptions. The resignation of Mr. O. Mitchell, secretary, on account of ill-health, was accepted with deep regret, and a letter conveying such regret and expressive of high appreciation for valuable services rendered, and the hope that complete recovery would soon be forthcoming, was directed to be sent to Mr. Mitchell. Mr. Frank Rhodes (Bradford) was unanimously elected as secretary. Committee was completed by the addition of Messrs. Johnson (Leeds) and Mottram (Halifax) to the 18 elected by the annual ballot. A sub-committee of seven was appointed to transact any business of minor importance. The following were elected: Messrs. Cowgill, Simonett, Fortnam, Chittenden, Western, Wilcock (Sam), and Hammond. Competitions were arranged similar to last year, and the club's patronage was granted to the following shows: Oct. 5, Huddersfield O.S., J. H. Payne; Oct. 12, Leeds C.B.S., J. H. Roe; Oct. 18-19, Newcastle C.B.S., J. C. Barnes; Oct. 25-26, Manchester and N.C.O.S., W. Booth; Nov. 1-2, Sheffield O.S., W. Vardy; Nov. 8-9, Halifax O.S., A. G. Davis; Nov. 15-16, Hull C.B.S., H. W. Battye and J. Robson; Nov. 22-23, Rochdale O.S., C. A. House and W. Mundell; Dec. 6-7-9, Bradford National, J. Robson; Dec. 31-Jan. 1, Scottish National, H. W. Battye. Firms were selected from whom to ask for tenders for printing of handbooks. The name of and conditions of competition for the rose bowl presented by Mr. Joe Thomas were left for further consideration. A grant of one guinea was made to the secretary (pro tem.) for his services during the past 12 months. With expressions of his sincere appreciation of the kindly act, it was handed back to the club for next season's prize fund.—Fred Hammond, Hon. Sec, (pro tem.).

WELSH C.B.C.

Meeting held Market Vaults, Neath, July 2nd, Mr. D. A. S. Longden presiding over a good attendance. Mr. S. H. George (Swansea) was elected on the committee in place of Mr. Dan Thomas. New members: Messrs. W. Gibbon (Milford Haven), H. Phillips (Ebbw Vale), and F. Heal (Swansea). Decided to again exchange medals with Toronto C.B.S. Alterations to rules and classification were completed, and from now on only part of show rules will be published in schedules. The classification for Cage Bird Societies has been struck out altogether. Mr. Sandiford offers this year a case of dessert cutlery for birds fed upon his feed. Decided to give £5 in cash as specials to our members at shows held under our patronage. Patronage was given to Swansea Pentrebach, and Pontypridd, the question of medals to be dealt with later on. It is quite possible we shall patronise other societies, and when I obtain full information the balance-sheets can be printed and sent to every paid-up member. I shall be pleased to give full particulars to any fancier wishing to join.—A. E. Brown, Hon. Sec., 66, Clare Street, Merthyr Tydfil.

Singing Contests.

BLACKBURN.

Blackburn and Dis. L.F.A. held the last sing of the season at the club house, "The Mason's Arms," on Saturday last, when a really good contest took place. There were four prizes for competition. 1, Airey's Little Jimmy, 10min., and Sheffield's Possum, 10min. (dead heat); 3, Fishwick's Ringer, 9min. 38sec.; 4, Halliday's (Burnley) Yorkie, 9min. 27sec.—F. Lea, Sec.

SALFORD.

Contest, open to Manchester and district, July 20. Special invitation is given to all fanciers who are interested, as every consideration will be given to novices in the future. Headquarters, Boat House Hotel, at 3.—B. Wharton, Hon. Sec.

LEEDS.

Weekly contest for quality, held King's Arms, Shannon Street, July 6, when 15 birds sang for 3 good prizes, given by Mr. Wm. Tillotson. 1, Stead; 2, P. Madden; 3, T. Stead. Judges, T. Hardcastle and W. Naylor. Also July 7, when 18 birds sang for 3 good prizes. 1, A. Butler; 2, A. Butler; 3, B. Farrar. Judges, J. Thompson and W. Naylor.—Walter Naylor, Hon. Sec.

NEWTOWN (Leeds).

Usual week-end Linnet contest of the Prince Albert Inn Linnet and Canary Association, when 16 birds entered for 3 good prizes given by Mrs. Saynor. Judges, J. Clark and N. Soloman. 1, T. Stead; 2, J. Chippendale; 3, Divided between P. Madden and A. Binns.—E. Wood, Hon. Sec.

DURHAM.

Linnet sing held Station Hotel, Waterhouses, July 6. 40 birds competed and some very good time was done. 1, 3, Boyd and Bowler; 2, Quirk; judge, Mr T. Ferrey (Cornsay); timekeeper, J. Maitland. Next contest, July 13, at Two Bay Horses, Hunwick. 1st cup; 2nd, copper kettle; 3rd and 4th, carvers, supplied by the Sec. This house is three minutes' walk from the station.—G. Reed, Sec.

CASTLEFORD.

Linnet contest at George and Dragon, Bridge St. 40 birds entered in 4 minutes' time sing, and some very good scores were done: 1, E. Smith, 99; W. Nelson, 94; B. Nelson and W. Nelson, 64 each. Also July 7, 13 birds sang 3 minutes' time for 3 good prizes given by Mrs. Parker, but it was the worst sing this year both for entries and scores. 1, W. Nelson, 64; W. Nelson, 34; J. Brindley, 26. We have had 2107 birds entered in contests this year, which I think is a record not only for Castleford but for all Yorksbire.—Walter Dobson, Hon. Sec.

SHEFFIELD.

Linnet sing held Royal George, Brightside Lane, July 6th, when Mr. C. Hill gave 3 special prizes for 3 minutes 'time. 12 birds entered: 1, Albert, 82sec.; 2, 3, Thompson, 74 and 66; Albert, 56; Driver 42. Also July 7th. Mr. C. Hill gave 3 special prizes for 3 minutes' singing. 12 birds entered: 1, 2, Thompson, 91 and 66 sec.; 3, Allott (Rotherham) 65; Albert, 61; Thompson, 46; Albert, 45. Contest every Saturday.

WESTHOUGHTON.

Open contest held Horse Shoe Inn, Wingates, July 6, when 30 birds sang before a large company, the time birds doing well, as 100sec. was the first misser. Quality: 1, Statham; 2, Forshaw; 3, Jones; 4, Forshaw; time, 1, 3, Poole, 141, 116; 2, Woodward, 122; 4, Statham, 112. Judges, quality, Jones and Barnes; timers, Holcroft and Milligan.—J. Woodward, Sec.

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MUST sell or exchange, for folding camera and outfit, Lark and cages, 3/6, singing: Redpoll and cage, 2/6; both caged year: "Birds," 13, Claremount-rd., Leytonstone.

ONE hen Canary, 2/6; two Canary-reared cock Linnets, 2/6; one house-moulted cock Goldfinch, bred mules, 6/-; offers: Margaret Mayes, Harcourt-st., Raunds, Wellingboro.

THRUSH, incessant songster, takes food from owner's hand or mouth; sell or exchange for Cockatiels or Budgerigars; stamp reply: Haines, 12, New Buildings, King's Hill, Swindon.

EXCHANGE cock and hen Canary, pair Bramble-finches, pair Bullfinches, cock Greenfinch, cock Chaffinch, cock Yellowhammer, cock Linnet, for good retriever dog puppy: Shermau, 23, Nelson-rd., Dovercourt, Essex.

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THREE pairs Yorkshires, 1 pair Norwich, sell for 35/-; or useful exchange: Clark, Ironmonger, Brixham.

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NORWICH hen 5/6, Yorkshire 3/6, exchange new Kropp razor and strop, part cash: Todd, 26, Hinman-st., Scunthorpe.

EXTRA good Seifert Roller cock, 25/-; three good hens 7/6; exchange, offers: G. Wagg, Poplar-terr., Snettisham, Norfolk.

EXCHANGE two cocks, three hens, Canaries, double breeder, or sell 28/-: Johnson, 57, Rednall-terr., Hammersmith, London.

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EXCHANGE twelve weeks' old Roller, singing, for Goldfinch and Canary that have bred this season: Robson, Exeter-st., West Hartlepool.

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PAIR Seifert Rollers, 1912, Walton's strain, 17/6; 2 Yorkshire hens, 6/-; exchange for Rook rifle or cycle tyres and accessories; approval both ways; yours first: Piper, Klondyke, Featherstone.

CLEARANCE sale winning Yorkshires, show cages and travelling cases; sale or exchange anything useful; single or pairs, any colour; stamp reply: T. Evans, 19, Kingscroft-st., Mountain Ash.

FOR sale, or exchange, 1 pair of Lancashire Coppies and 1 pair of Norwich, a Crest cock and Crestbred hen for good, large, young Yorkshires or stock birds; sell, 55/-: S. Blackburn, Hollingworth-rd., Epworth, Doncaster.

TEN Border cocks, and two hens, cocks guaranteed; wanted good running cycle, 24in. frame, free-wheel, pump, lamp, and all requirements, or boots, blankets, anything useful in house, sell cocks, 10/6; hens, 5/-: Greenhorn, 164, Oakbank, Mid Calder, Midlothian.

Mainly Foreign.

FINE Ringneck Parrakeet with cage; sell 7/-; exchange: Dove, Jubilee Cottage, Huthwaite-rd., Sutton-in-Ashfield.

BUDGERIGARS, yellow cocks, sale or exchange; Sandow's grips wanted; offers: F. Crisp, 132, Cambridge-rd., Mile End.

Miscellaneous.

YELLOW Yorkie hen, healthy, nest at once, 3/6; exchange good briar pipe: Mills, 34, Sutton-rd., Liscard.

EXCHANGE two pairs working homers, for Singing cock Canary, sell 7/6, Canary first: Gray, 28, Shambles, York.

AQUARIUM, 36 x 18 x 17, iron frame, slate bed, £1, exchange Parrot cage, Budgerigars, offers: Criddeford, Honiton.

DOUBLE breeder and single Norwich hen, 10/-; Clumber spaniel bitch; exchange anything: 21, Salisbury-st., Bradford.

IRISH terrier dog, 10 weeks old, champion parents, sell 15/-; exchange Canaries: "Princess Mary," Kerbey-st., Poplar.

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EXCHANGE good rod, reel and landing net, for Roller cock, singing, 1911 rung: Adams, 41, Lawrence-st., Earlestown, Lancashire.

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EXCHANGE pair nice Belgian Hares, 9 months old, for singing Roller cock, or offers: Sixsmith, 31, Blackbeach-row, Walkden, Manchester.

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THE AQUARIUM

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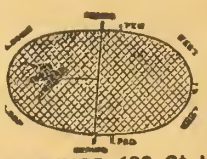

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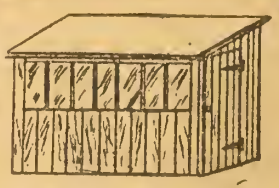

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WIDNES (Lancs.) O.S.

Annual F.F. show, July 6th, in Conservative Club Room, an admirable one, being free from draughts and well lighted. The secretary, Mr. S. Andrews, had everything in the usual tip-top style. The Yorks. classes did not fill, but the Nor. Bord. and Brit. contained birds of more than ordinary merit. Mr. S. Hadwin (Liverpool) judged, and gave general satisfaction. NOR. BUFF (5): 1, Johnson, good head, col. and chest, nice substance; 2, Andrews, very similar; 3, Jenkins. NOR., GREEN, YELL. (3): 1, Bloor, good col., well filled chest and head, nice shape; 2, Lea, good level col., neat shape; 3, Andrews. BUFF (3): 1, Bloor, good level col., well moulded, good one; 2, Lea, level in col., not quite the substance; 3, Jenkins. BORD., CL., and TKD. YELL. (3) 1, Andrews, smart and typical, good col. and position; 2, Hampson, neatly drawn; 3, Johnson. GREEN, YELL. (5): 1, Johnson, little gem, very smart, typical, and good level col.; 2, Johnson; 3, Hampson. GOLDFINCH: 1, Leicester, good blaze, nice condition, steady; 2, Collins, not far behind; 3, Johnson. LINNET (6): 1, Murray, grand col. and markings, rare condition; 2, Jones, fine condition and colour; 3, Leicester. NOV., NOR. (8): 1, 2, Jones, buff, eobby, good chest and col, 2nd, good; 3, Yates, larger, good, not quite so compact.

LONDON C.B.A.

Meeting, July 10th, at "The Feathers," Gt. Chapel Street, Westminster, the President, Mr. R. L. Crisp, in the chair. Messrs. Dewhurst and Sayer gave a report of the last Federation meeting, at which it was decided to have a Federation show on January 17th and 18th. A free pass to each exhibitor who made three entries was proposed. Messrs. Robson and Crisp were nominated for judges. Mr. Campbell was nominated for membership. Mr. Marley gave a most interesting and lengthy lecture on British Birds. He dealt with the feeding of the following varieties in summer: Chaffinch, Lark, Redpoll, Twite, Yellow Bunting, Swallow, Swift, Martin, Blackbird, Thrush, Wren, Spotted Flycatcher, Blue Tit, Wagtail, Field Fare, Redwing, Hedge Sparrow, Treecreeper, Woodpecker, Hawfinch and Kingfisher, also the migration of birds in autumn, general feeding of wild birds in winter, Goldfinch and Linnet missing a moult and moulting afterwards the following year. How to select show specimens and chief points to be considered in selection:—Goldfinch: Size, type between the Norwich and Yorkshire, chestnut tan breast, deep square blaze, and a broad, round bead. Linnet: Size, Norwich type, chocolate colour, well spangled head, perfect wing carriage and good markings. Twite: Similar to the Linnet, but darker colour. Greenfinch: Size, Norwich type, colour yellow, large head broad back, and avoid hollow necks. Siskins: Size colour yellow, yellow wing bars, regular black bib and cap. Chaffinch: Size, Norwich type, wine colour, good blue metallic head, good wing and tail carriage, shoulders pure white. Bramhlefinch: Size type between the Nor. and Yorks., good breast colour, spangled head and back mantle. Hawfinch: Size and colour. Yellow Bunting: Size, good head marks, clear crown, clear heart shaped breast, clear cheeks, good lacing and spangling. Mr. Marley also dealt with selecting field moulted specimens, purchasing fresh caught birds, training, free use of the bath and wild food, colour feeding and staging for exhibition, and birds suitable for novices. A discussion followed in which Messrs. Dewhurst, Crisp, Robson, Boxall and Mugford ably took part. Amongst the subjects under discussion were the domicile of the Waxwing, and the merits and demerits of colour feeding. Mr. Crisp moved a vote of thanks to Mr. Marley for his valued lecture. Mr. Robson seconded, supported by Mr. Boxall, and it was carried unanimously. Next meeting, September 11th.—W. H. Mugford and F. Knight, Secs.

The Shows.

BETHESDA.

Bethesda show was held in the new public hall on July 13th, a grand room, with plenty of light, and well ventilated. The weather turned out to be most favourable, and the hall was full of spectators as soon as the judging was over. The entries exceeded our expectations, numbering 152, and all specials were given. The quality of the exhibits was good in all the open classes, and some of the locals contained nice birds. Yorks, held pride of place; some of the old birds were in rare fettle, others breaking in the moult, which handicapped a few to keep their positions. Young birds were a good class of 15, the only class provided for 1912 birds, and we hope to see another for Norwich at the next show. Mules made a grand display, and Borders were very fair. Goldies were good, but not so numerous, the season telling on a few. Chairman, Dr. J. Bradley Hughes; Vice-chairman, Dr. R. Lumley Roberts; Treasurer, Mr. H. Laurie Jones. Mr. J. W. Prichard (North Wales C.B.S.) made a very efficient and courteous secretary. Sergeant Evans, the well-known fancier, shared in the work, and also won the silver cup for most points, Mr. W. Nolan being the runner-up, with his birds, as usual, staged in good order. Extra specials for members of the N.W.C.B.S.:—Best Nor., E. D. Owen, the old winning yellow; best hyb., Mr. R. E. Griffith, with his well-known Siskin Mule; best Brit. and best Bullfinch, Mr. W. H. Williams. Mr. J. E. Owen's special was won by Sergt. Evans, also most points in local classes. Mr. W. A. Cowgill (Bradford) made the awards, and gave general satisfaction.

The Critique.

NORWICH YELL. (6): 1, sp, 2, E. D. Owen, both cl.; 1st, grand size, good type, rich colour, very even, wins on size and condition to-day; 2nd, nice type and quality, not so tight in feather; 3, res, W. H. Williams, former good stamp, plenty of size and substance, full of quality; D. Pritchard and W. Roberts wrong classed, being two buffs. BUFF (4): 1, Owen, grand type, rare quality, good head and neck, well filled, good wings; 2, r, W. H. Williams, lovely colour, good condition, close up; res, good buff hen, shade long; 3, J. Jones, good type and quality, nice head, very fit. A.O.V. (4): 1, Sweeney, saddle mkd. Nor., grand type and quality, very chubby; 2, W. H. Williams, the well-known variegd. dark Crest, in good form; 3, Owen, variegd. yell. Nor., good quality, rich colour, too light in body; res, J. O. Williams, variegd. Plainhead buff, plenty of size and substance, starting to moult. YORKS., CL., ETC., Yell. (6): 1, sp, J. O. Williams, cl., rare length, fine colour and shape, stood well out; 2, R. E. Griffith, invisible thigh tkd. hen, good length, leggy and stylish, Portmadoc winner; 3, Sergt. Evans, cl., nice length and style; res, W. Nolan, Cin. tkd., lengthy and stylish, nice quality; vhc, Angel. BUFF (6): 1, sp, 2, Nolan, winner stood well out, grand cl., nice length, plenty of leg, stands well, faultless condition, often noted; 3rd, a promising youngster; 3, vhc, Sergt. Evans, another cl., good length and position, nicely moulded; hc, T. R. Thomas. A.O.V. (8): 1, sp, Nolan, neck and wing mkd., grand length and style, nicely rounded, straight as a pencil, Pontrewydd winner; 2, Angel, cheek and wing mkd. yell., lengthy and stylish, good position, wings and tail; 3, P. C. Roberts, neck and wing mkd. yell, slim and upstanding, nicely packed; res, c, Sergt. Evans; vhc, hc, R. W. Roberts. HEN (6): 1, sp, res, Nolan, wing tkd. buff, nice back, good wings and tail, plenty of leg; 2, T. R. Thomas, nat. cl. yell., nice style, beautifully drawn, not looking her best; 3, Griffith; vhc, Sergt. Evans. YORKS., 1912 (15): 1 sp, 2, Nolan, buff, long and shapely, nice quality, good feather; 2nd, gem for style and quality, nice shape; 3, hc, Sergt. Evans, already noted; res, P. C. Roberts, good lengthy shapely yel.; vhc, c, Huxley, uneven mkd., grand type and coloured buff; c, neat yell. BORDER (5): 1, 2, 3, Williams and Green, good trio; 1st, yell., nice type and carriage; 2nd buff var. shade big, good feather; 3rd, nice yellow; res, A. J. Hughes, tkd. yell., shade slim; vhc, Roberts. LIGHT MULE OR HYB. (6): 1, 2, Griffith; 1st, four-pointed Goldie-Can., rare size and shape, good colour; 2nd, same cross, good colour and markings, close up; 3, Pritchard, variegd. Goldie-Can., lovely colour, feather and markings; res, vhc, D. G. Jones; hc, Donaldson. DARK MULE (5): 1, 2, and two sps, Griffith, 1st, Siskin Mule, Jonque, rare cobby type, superb form, easy winner; 2nd, good size and shape, Jonque Goldie, rich colour; 3, D. G. Jones, well-known Linnet Mule, not in his best clothes to-day; res, Donaldson; vhc, R. Williams. BRIT. GOLDFINCH: 1, 2, 3, Edward Jones, clean cut blaze, rare colour and condition, very fit; 3rd, grand blaze, good bars and buttons, not the polish of winner; 2, W. H. Williams, well-known, grand blaze and colour, not in usual form to-day; res, Evans and Roberts, good blaze, lustrous colour, close up. GREYPATE (6): 1, W. H. Williams, 2nd in open; 2, R. Hughes, good sound colour tans and markings, rich blaze; 3, res, Williams and Green, grand under blaze, bars and buttons, will improve; vhc, J. Jones; hc, 66B, not in catalogue. LINNET or BULL. (8): 1, two sps, W. H. Williams, monster for size, excellent colour, well known; 2, J. W. Pritchard, grand Linnet, rich pencilling, looking as well as ever; 3, Ed. Jones, good Bullie hen, in excellent condition; res, good Linnet; vhc, Roberts Bros. BRIT. A.O.S. (5): 1, W. Nolan, yel. Greenfinch, lovely colour, good size and shape, pink of condition; 2, W. H. Williams, Hawfinch, well shown, slackening feather to-day, still a good one; 3, D. G. Jones, lovely Greenfinch, nice shade of colour; vhc, Hughes. FOR. (9): 1, W. Nolan, well-known Parrakeet; 2, Mrs. D. H. Williams; 3, H. S. Davies; res, Mrs. J. Williams; vhc, hc, c, Hughes. SELL. 12s. 6d. (11): 1, Sergt. Evans; 2, res, W. H. Williams; vhc, H. S. Davies; hc, Griffith. ROLLER (8): 1, two sps, Mrs. M. E. Prichard; 2, W. Hughes; 3, Miss Bessie Thomas; res, J. G. Roberts. GIFT: 1, Griffith; 2, Nolan; 3, J. O. Williams; vhc, Roberts; hc, Huxley; c, Hughes. NOR. LOCAL (3 miles radius): 1, J. Jones, buff, good size and type, requires washing; 2, 3, res, Sergt. Evans, nice conditioned youngsters, Yorks, noted in open; r, W. Jones. A.V. BRED 1912: 1, Sergt. Evans; 2, P.C. Roberts, noted in other classes; vhc, E. Rogers; hc, c, O. Hughes. A.O.V. BIRD (9): 1, H. Fuszard, Bullie, fair size and colour, in nice condition; 2, 3, res, Sergt. Evans, former nice Greenie; 3rd, very fair Goldie; vhc, Miss M. J. Owen; hc, W. Jones; c, R. Jones.

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CLITHEROE AND DIST. C.B.S.

Annual F.F. show, at Headquarters, Bennett's tea-rooms, July 6. Entries were of good quality, but small in number. Mr. J. Barnes judged. CL. YELL.: 1, Demain; 2, Southworth; 3, Bell. BUFF: 1, Southworth; 2, Cook and Son; 3, Bell. MKD. YELL., 1, Cook and Son; 2, 3, Demain; 4, Bell. BUFF: 1, 2, 3, Cook and Son; 4, Demain. BRIT.: 1, 2, 4, Demain; 3, Smith.—J. Southworth, Sec.

WALSALL C.B.S.

N.F. and British bird show, held at White Hart Hotel, July 10; about 40 birds were staged. Mr. J. A. Tonks (Wednesbury) judged, and his awards were well received. NOR.: 1, 3, Barrett; 2, Thomas. YORKS.: 1, Rollins. GOLDIE MULE: 1, 3, Price; 2, Thomas. GOLDIE OR CHAFF.: 1, Thomas; 2, Hinton; 3, Record. LINNET: 1, Price; 2, Lines; 3, Rollins. GREENFINCH: 1, Lines; 2, Price; 3, Record. ROLLER: 1, Barrett, 2, Thompson; 3, Record.—F. Price, Hon. Sec.

WIBSEY & DIST. C.B.S.

Second members' show, July 13. Owing to the very bad results in breeding which our members have experienced, only 21 birds were staged to face the judge, Mr. J. Robertshaw. CL. OR TKD. YELL. YORKS. (7): 1, 2, Hillas; 3, Hiley; 4, Bairstow and Chapman. BUFF (1): Hudson. EVEN., ETC., GREN MKD. YELL. (3): 1, 3, Bastow; 2, Hudson. BUFF (5): 1, 4, Hudson; 2, Mann; 3, Bairstow and Chapman. CINN. YELL. (2): 1, Jowett; 2, Bairstow and Chapman. BUFF (3): 1, Jowett; 2, Jonas Crowther; 3, Bairstow and Chapman. Spl. best bird in show, L. Hudson; most points, W. Hillas; second most points, L. Hudson.—H. C. Crossley, Sec.

DENTON AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

F.F. Show, July 13, at Brotherhood Institute. About 40 birds were staged, and judging from the quality there should be some keen competition at the back-end show, Nov. 23. Mr. W. Robinson judged, and his awards were well received. The principal winners were Messrs. T. Blease and Son, Hopwood Bros., Ainsworth Bros., Taylor Bros., T. Holden, Daniels Bros., J. Holden, Gavin and Broadhurst, F. Summerton, D. Hartley, and W. Diggins. There was a good number of visitors, and a most enjoyable evening was spent. A hearty vote of thanks was passed to Mr. Robinson for his kindness. Mr. Robinson promised to give a washing exhibition at our next meeting.—W. Hopwood, Sec.

LEICESTER C.B.S.

N.F. show held July 6th, at headquarters, Saracen's Head Hotel. Entries were slightly less than usual, the falling off being in the open classes. Quality, however, was well up to standard, some very promising youngsters being staged. There was an excellent show of British, too. Open Nor. Cl. Buff: 1, Groocock. Tkd. yell.: 1, Gamble. Buff: 1, Groocock. Variegd.: 1, 2, Gamble. Bord.: 1, 2, Gamble; 3, Bate. Novice—Nor. Cl. Yell.: 1, Martin; 2, Worthy; 3, Davis. Buff: 1, Martin; 2, Bell; 3, Brooks. Tkd. Yell.: 1, Bell; 2, Davis. Buff: 1, Brooks; 2, Bellamy; 3, Bell. Variegd.: 1, Martin; 2, Worthy; 3, Toone. Mules: 1, 2, Brooks. Goldfinch: 1, Hawthorn; 2, 3, Brooks. Bullfinch: 1, Cook; 2, Brooks. Linnet: 1, 2, Brooks. Greenfinch, etc.: 1, 3, Brooks; 2, Hawthorn. Siskin or Redpoll: 1, Brooks; 2, Hawthorn; 3, Groocock. Judges: Canaries, Mr. Noakes; British and Mules, Mr. W. Judd.—G. H. Groocock, Hon. Sec.

GLASGOW WEST END C.B.C.

F.F. show, held in Co-op. Hall, St. George's Cross, July 6th. Entries were much the same as last year. Mr. E. Barron judged and gave general satisfaction. CREST. (1): 1, Whyte. C.B. (1): 1, Whyte. CL. OR. TKD. YELL. NOR. (3): 1, Houston; 2, Prentice; 3, Henderson. BUFF (2): 1, 2 spls., Houston; 2, Prentice. YELL. VARIEG. (2): 1, Phillips; 2, Houston. BUFF (6): 1, 4, Henderson; 2, spl, Prentice; 3, 5, Houston; 6, Proudfoot. SELF, ETC., GREEN OR CINN. (4): 1, Houston; 2, 3, 4, Hamilton. CL., OR TKD. YELL. (2): 1, 2 spls, Campbell; 2, Phillips. BUFF (7) 1, 3, Proudfoot; 2, 5, Campbell; 4, spl, J. Campbell; 6, Phillips; 7, Lunn. YELL. VARIEG. (2): 1, C. Campbell; 2, Lunn. BUFF (3): 1, 3, Lunn; 2, C. Campbell. SELF, ETC., GREEN OR CINN. (3): 1, Henderson; 2, 3, 2 spls, Lunn. YORKS., CL. OR TKD. YELL. (4): 1, 2, Pinnock; 3, Hendry; 4, Proudfoot. BUFF (4): 1, spl, Gibb; 2, 4, Hendry; 3, Pinnock. YELL. VARIEG. (1): 1, Pinnock. BUFF (2): J, Gibb; 2, Pinnock. LIGHT MULE OR HYB. (1): 1, Henderson. DARK (1): 1, Henderson.—W. Proudfoot, Sec. and Treas.

HORNSEY, WOOD GREEN C.B.S.

Initial young stock show, July 10th, at the "Three Jolly Butchers," Wood Green. The society has not long been formed, but judging from the entry and quality of the stock, and the attendance of local fanciers (including quite a large sprinkling of ladies), it is already well on the road to success. The room is a splendid one, well lighted and free from draughtiness, while capable of sufficient ventilation. Mr. P. Brooks, the hon. sec., had made complete arrangements for the comfort of the exhibits and convenience of exhibitors, while his prompt provision of catalogues, was deserving of high commendation. The chairman of the society and other officials did their best to help, and everything passed off well. Special for best bird went to a beautiful feathered, cobby ticked Norwich, shown by Mr. J. Griffin (novice), and the award was universally endorsed. Mr. Griffin also annexed the sp. for second best with a very smart Goldfinch, while the sp. for 3rd was awarded a very nice cl. yell. Nor. shown by Mr. Titchner. Mr. Geo. Gardner judged, and his awards were generally endorsed.

CHAMP., NOR. CL. OR TKD. YELL.: 1, Titchner, cl., nice body and quality, just breaking into moult; 2, 3, Brooks, both nice quality, very neat. BUFF: 1, 2, Titchner, good substance and quality, very fair heads and necks; 3, res, Brooks. VARIEG.: 1, 2, Brooks, leader fine quality of feather, should be very useful by and bye. AMAL., YORKS: 1, 2, 3, H. Clay, leader smart positioned yell., that should do well later on. NOR.: 1, Pledger, very nice head tkd., grand quality, rich in under colour. NOVICE, YORKS.: 1, 2, Richards, winner stands up well, nice action and leg; 3, res, To free, nice position, hardly so well cleaned off. NOR. CL. OR TKD. YELL.: 1, Hayes, good quality, nice body; 2, Griffin. BUFF: 1, 2, Griffin, leader sp. best in show, good body, silky feather, sweet head and beak, well filled neck, but nervous; 3, Bates, very young, rich colour and quality, one of those which cause speculation (buff or yell.), the judge made it a buff; res, Game. VARIEG.: 1, Game, nice substance, quality and head; 2, Griffin. GOLDFINCH, rich flush face, clean cut, good size, nicely burnished; 2, Pledger, another nice Finch, better in tanning, hardly the width of face; 3, Brooks; res, Cobden. LINNET, ETC.: 1, 2, Griffin, nutty Linnet and fairly good coloured Bullie. A.O.V. BRIT.: 1, Griffin, very chubby Greenie, won easily; 2, Brooks, another nice Greenie; 3, res, Pomeroy. MULES: 1, Griffin, good sized Greenie-Can. NON-COMPETITIVE CLASSES: YELL.: 1, P. Brooks, clear yell. Nor., old winner, clinking good one; 2, Pledger, also a winner, well balanced, good one; 3, Griffin, very nice baby, did well on merit, in this mixed class; Cobden. BUFF: 1, Brooks, topping buff Nor. res, hen; 2, Pledger, variegd. buff Nor., typical, good quality; 3, P. Brooks.

ROTHERHAM C.B.S.

N.F. show, held at Mail Coach Inn, Wellgate, July 13. Birds were well up to the average in quality, but small in numbers, especially Yorks, and we had to cancel open Yorks. and Brit. There was a fairly good attendance. Mr. F. Gregory judged. OPEN NOR.: 1, 3, Hunt; 2, Gascoigne; 4, Bagnall. YOUNG YORKS., CL.: 1, 3, Bagnall; 2, Stringer. TKD., ETC.: 1, 2, Stringer; 3, Bagnall. YOUNG NOR., CL.: 1, 2, Hunt; 3, Bagnall; 4, Stringer. TKD., ETC.: 1, Bagnall; 2, Hunt; 3, Jones; 4, Stafford. OLD YORKS.: 1, Bagnall; 2, Stringer. OLD NOR.: 1, Stafford; 2, Bagnall; 3, Stringer. BRIT.: 1, Bagnall, Goldfinch; 2, 3, 4, Jones, Bullfinch, Goldfinch, Linnet.—B. Bailey, Sec.

PRESTON O.S.

Annual F.F. show, held in St. Wilfred's Rooms, Corporation Street, July 13. There were about 60 entries, which was very good considering the fanciers in Preston have not had a very successful breeding season. Mr. J. W. Cleminson judged, and gave every satisfaction. Chief winners in Open Norwich section were Messrs. J. Nickson, H. F. Marsh, and R. Anderton, and in Novice, Messrs. T. Barton, F. Brewer, and J. A. Danson. The silver trophy for the best bird in the show was won by Mr. J. Nickson, who, although a novice, competed in the open section, and his success was very popular. This fancier also carried off the medal for best bird opposite colour to the trophy winner. OPEN NOR., YELL., CL., OR TKD.: 1, 2, Marsh; 3, Anderton. BUFF: 1, Nickson; 2, Marsh; 3, Issott. VARIEG., YELL.: 1, Nickson; 2, Marsh; 3, Anderton. BUFF: 1, Anderton; 2, Moss; 3, Nickson. GREENS, YELL.: 1, 2, Pyke; 3, Nickson. BUFF: 1, 3, Pyke; 2, Nickson. NOV., NOR., CL., TKD. YELL.: 1, 2, Barton; 3, Danson. BUFF: 1, Brewer; 2, Bramley; 3, Knowles. VARIEG., YELL.: 1, Barton; 2, Knowles; 3, Bramley. BUFF: 1, Barton; 2, Knowles; 3, Darlington. A.V. Can.: 1, Brewer; 2, Knowles; 3, Darlington. A.V. Can.: 1, 2, Miss Salisbury.—J. P. Leeming, Sec.

LIVERPOOL B.B.A.

Second N.F. evening show, July 11, when 84 youngsters were put through their facings. It has been a wise move to abandon the all day nest feather show, and to substitute the night shows, for whereas a promising youngster may go wrong by being in a strange and sometimes draughty room for 24 hours, it does them good to bring them out for an hour or two at night. It was quite a surprise to see so many strangers in the club room. Prospective members we hope. Secretaries Eccleston and Lloyd inform us that 110 have paid their subs., and there are all the old hands to come in yet, so it looks like being a record year. Treasurer Jones was beaming with delight when he stated to the members he had £12 in hand. There is a fine list of cups and specials for the novices; Mr. S. Hadwin has promised a Border Fancy Club medal for a season special. Mr. W. Jones, of Birkenhead, staged a topping Self Yellow Yorks. Green, which, with a bit of luck should give a good account of itself later on. Messrs. Gregory and Whiteside took the honours in the Clears. Friend Cutmore made a bold show in Norwich. Mr. J. W. Metcalfe judged, and gave general satisfaction. YORKS., YELL. (9): 1, 3, Gregory, leader straight as a rush, real good one; 2, W. Whiteside, another stormer, will make a better stock than show bird. BUFF (15): Bouncing lot. 1, Gregory, fair neck, well moulded, exquisite quality; 2, Whiteside, variegd., well up on leg, round as a bottle, very straight; 3, McMahon, small, but full of type, deserves its place. GREEN YORKS. (8): 1, W. Jones, topper, full of swank, rare pencilling and quality; should make up well; 2, 3, W. Bell, two nice youngsters, grand type. BUFF (7): 1, Malone, immense length, good feather; 2, McMahon, sweet little chap, full of type and quality, foul tail; 3, Jones, big one, fair shape, breaking up. NOR., YELL. (4): 1, 2, Cutmore, two smart exhibits, put down in master style; 3, McMahon. BUFF (7): 1, 2, Cutmore, again good one, round as an apple, should make up; 3, Crowe, big fellow, fair head and neck, put down in style. NOR., GREEN, YELL. (2): 1, Rumishy, rare size, good pencilling and colour; 2, McMahon, good front and wings, only half grown tail. BUFF (7): 1, Runishy, real good one, short wings and tail, bold head and neck; 2, 3, Brotherton, full of type, very compact. BORD. GREEN, YELL.: 1, Wilcox, neat little chap, round head, and put down well for a novice; 2, Brotherton, a nice exhibit, not so neat in style. BUFF: 1, Wilcox, again nicely staged, well cut away, free mover; 2, Brotherton, close up. GOLDFINCH: 1, Lloyd, fair blaze and tanning, good bars; 2, Jones. BULLFINCH OR CHAFF.: 1, Lloyd, nice Chaffinch, steady; 2, Bell, Bullie, good cap. LIN.: 1, Bell, fair size and colour; 2, T. R. Jones, very steady. GREENFINCH: 1, Pullman, good head; 2, Lloyd. SISKIN, ETC.: 1, Pullman; 2, 3, Lloyd. Most points for specials: Cutmore 18, McMahon 18, W. Jones 16, Gregory 16, Whiteside 13, Runisby 13, Crowe 12, Bell 12.

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Annual F.F. show of the Paisley and Dis. Norwich, etc., Society, held July 13, in Painters' Hall, Causeyside, when the birds were turned out in fancier-like spirit to greet the judge, Mr. R. H. Livingstone (Rutherglen), who handled the classes with care and to everyone's satisfaction. CRESTS: 1, R. McLerie, nice size broken green, fair top and body feather, just breaking into moult; 2, 3, Gemmell, both nice ones; 4, O'Hara. CREST-BRED: 1, 3, Gemmell, took the right stuff, in the best of condition; 2, McLerie, well up to leader; 4, Bonnor. NOR. CL. OR TK. YELL.: 1, Poling (2), cl., nice size and substance, good in quality; 2, 4, Laidlaw, leader well up to winner; 3, Sinclair, nice type and quality. BUFF; 1 and cup, Laidlaw, grand cl. hen, all there for type and quality, sweet and chubby throughout, one of the right sort; 2, Paling, cl., larger in build, not so short and typical; 3, 4, Gemmell. YELL., VAR.: 1, and runner up for cup, Gemmell, large made, heavily mkd., shapely fronted and broad well-filled shoulders; 2, 3, Sinclair, sweet ones for type and A1 quality; 4, Potts. BUFF: 1, Paling, grand one for type and quality, good head and neck, well across the perch; 2, 4, Boyd, nice ones, similarly marked; 3, Potts, has quality and type, inclined to be unsteady. YELL. BORD.: 1, 4, W. Briggs, leader nice jaunty carriage, fine colour; 2, Graham, well up, just beaten in colour; 3, Potts, nice one. BUFF: 1, 2, 4, Potts, leader excels in head points, but all are of nice boxy feather and good type; 3, Graham, good. MULE: 1, 2, 4, Graham, leader Goldie-Greenie, only needs size to make a good one; 3, Potts. LARGE BRIT.: 1, 3, 4, Pirrie, leading with a nice Thrush; 2, Barr. SMALL BRIT.: 1, 2, 3, Pirrie, Yellowhammer, Bramble and Linnet respectively, all good exhibits, in capital feather; 4, Potts, nice Bramble.

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CAGE BIRDS LEAGUE

OFFICIOUS INTERFERANCE WITH LONDON FANCIER

A Word with Show Secretaries.

NOTES BY THE SECRETARY.

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Oppressive Action at Brixton.

From a reader of CAGE BIRDS who is not a member of our LEAGUE comes a story recalling memories of what happened a year or so ago at Millom, and some other towns in the North Country. In these towns bird-keepers were served with a peremptory notice that they were to give up their birds within a fortnight, but, owing to the stand they were able to make in being members of CAGE BIRDS LEAGUE, matters did not go beyond the serving of the notices, and they are still in possession of their birds.

In the Brixton case a bird-lover who is the owner of the house in which he is living, and who has spent a very considerable sum in erecting spacious aviaries, has had his premises visited by the sanitary inspector during his absence, and his wife frightened by the demand that all the birds must be got rid of within a few days.

Our Editor has advised the latest victim of officialdom as to his proper proceeding in the circumstances, and I am only mentioning the matter here to emphasise the danger of interference to which all who love the hobby of bird-keeping are subject, and to point out the urgent necessity of every bird-lover becoming a member of CAGE BIRDS LEAGUE, one of the objects of which is to defend bird-keepers against such oppressive and unwarranted measures as are daily becoming more and more in evidence.

What Bird-keepers Should Do.

It is the avowed intention of the opponents of our hobby to put an end to the keeping of any kind of bird in any kind of cage or aviary, and it is the bounden duty of all bird-lovers to join the only organisation which has ever been established in their defence, and not wait until they themselves are individually threatened. This organisation is CAGE BIRDS LEAGUE. The subscription is only half-a-crown annually, and full particulars of membership will be found below. Leaflets explaining fully the Aims and Objects of the League will be sent post-free to all applicants, and I hope that every reader of our organ, CAGE BIRDS, will heed the warning hereby given, and join the LEAGUE, which is here to protect our hobby from threatened interference.

Our Gold, Silver, and Bronze Medals.

The show season will soon be upon us, and many societies are entitled to one or more of these. It is not possible for me to discover exactly how many members of any particular Society are members of CAGE BIRDS LEAGUE, and I shall, therefore, not know how many medals are due to a Society unless the secretary himself supplies me with the information. Consequently, no medals will be granted except upon express application from society secretaries stating the number of their members, who are paid members of CAGE BIRDS LEAGUE. Members of the LEAGUE should, in their own interests, see that the secretary of their individual society counts their subscription as helping the society to a medal or medals. Societies are entitled to one silver or one bronze medal for every five shillings paid annually as subscription to the LEAGUE by the whole of their members, or to one gold medal for every thirty shillings so paid as subscription.

No condition whatever attaches to the way in which the medals may be allotted by Committees, excepting that they are for competition among members of CAGE BIRDS LEAGUE only, whether these are or are not members of the society holding the show. The fact that the medals are for competition in addition to the ordinary prizes offered in any schedule should materally increase the entry fees, and secretaries will be acting in the best interest of their own societies in making sure that they get the full number of medals to which they may be entitled.

Overdue Subscriptions.

The renewal subscriptions to the LEAGUE are in the very great majority of cases being paid by members as they become due. There are a few, however, who have overlooked the fact that a year has elapsed since they joined the LEAGUE, and I hope that these few will lighten my labours by sending along their renewal subscription, and so save me the trouble of writing them individually.

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The Young Naturalist.

*A Queer Nesting Place.

Where my father is gardener there is an iron gate, and in the post of the gate, which is also iron, a little "Black-cap Tit" has built its nest. The entrance to the nest is the slot hole for the bar of the gate to slide in, which is only three-quarters of an inch wide, and 1½ inches long, and is in an upright position, which makes it difficult for the birds to get in and out, as they have to turn on their side, and it is very amusing to see them. There are some young ones in the nest, and the parent birds keep bringing caterpillars to feed them.—Sent by Miss A. Hodgson (aged 11 years and 4 months), 10, Church Hill, Baildon, near Shipley, Yorks.

**A Homing Goldfinch.

My father has a Goldfinch which he has kept in a cage all the winter, but it having turned out to be a hen, he let it fly away into the garden. Not thinking it would ever return again, he put a Linnet into its cage. A few hours later he was surprised to see the Goldfinch sitting on its old cage trying to get to the seed and water. Father then took out the Linnet and left the cage door open, when the Goldfinch at once entered the cage again. The cage hangs on the garden wall with the door left wide open, and the Goldfinch flies about in the garden, going in and out of the cage during the daytime for seed and water, and returning at night to sleep.—Sent by Ivy Olney (Age 13), 24, White Friars, Chester.

*The Thrush's Nest.

Within a thick and spreading hawthorn bush,
That overhung a mole hill, large and round,
I heard from morn to morn a merry Thrush
Sing hymns of rapture, while I drank the sound.

With joy, and oft an unintruding guest,
I watched her secret toils from day to day,
How true she wrapped the moss to form her nest,
And lined it well with wood and clay.

And by-and-bye like heath bells gilt with dew,
There lay her shining eggs as bright as flowers,
Ink spotted over—shells of green and blue,
And there I witnessed in the summer hours

A brood of nature's minstrels chirp and fly,
Glad as the sunshine and the laughing sky,—
Sent by Louisa Barnes, 77, Alexandra Road, Grangetown, R.S.O., Yorks.

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Oct. 5.—**Longton.**—(H. George, 54, Raglan Street, Fenton, Stoke-on-Trent.) J.H.R.
Oct. 9 & 10.—**Clapham.**—(A. R. Coe, 18, Caldervale Rd., Clapham, S.W.). J.R., C.A.H., H.J.F., H.N.
Oct. 10 & 11.—**Norwich Alliance.**—(R. Roll, 62, Ashby St.). W.E.G., J.R., W.V.
Oct. 11 & 12.—**Derby.**—(Wharam and Bamsey, 18, Colycar St.). J.H.R.
Oct. 12.—**Leeds** (W. A. Wilson, 75, Bayswater Mount, Roundhay.). J.H.R. and W.M.
Oct. 12.—**Morpeth.**—(E. Cowling, Market Place.) H.W.B., A.B.
Oct. 15 and 16.—**Western Counties O.S.**—(T. Pope, 98, Embankment Rd, Plymouth). J.R., T.H.
Oct. 17.—**Hanley.**—(W. G. Llewellyn, 45, Hawthorn St., Cobridge, Stoke-on-Trent). A.H.
Oct. 18 & 19.—**Burnley.**—(F. Cunliffe, 19, Lark St.). J.H.R.
Oct. 18 & 19.—**Newcastle.**—(J. W. Reed, 218, Ladykirk Rd., Benwell). J.C.B., J.C., J.S., J.P., A.S.
Oct. 19.—**Burton-on-Trent.**—(A. Wood, 10, South Oak St.). J.R.
Oct. 23 & 24.—**London and P.O.S.**—(C. W. Law, Brimley House, Woodhouse Rd., N. Finchley).
Oct 24.—**Stamford.**—(A. Harrison 7 New St.). J.R.
Oct. 25 & 26.—**Manchester and N.C.O.S.**—Belle Vue.—(H. Boothman, 10, Parker St., Levenshulme.)
Oct. 25 & 26.—**S. Shields.**—(W. L. Smith, 3, Queen-st.)
Oct. 26.—**Derwent Valley.**—(Lindsay and Marsh, Railway Cottages, Westwood, Medomsley, R.S.O.). W.R., G.W.
Oct. 26.—**Hartlepools.**—(Woodhead and Pyman, West House, Grange Rd., W. Hartlepool.
Oct. 29 & 30.—**Barnstaple.**—(J. D. Horrill, 17, King Edward Street). T.H.
Oct. 30.—**Torbay O.S. (Paignton).**—J. N. and J. Jeffery, "Sartor House," Winner Street, Paignton.) J.H.P.
Oct. 30 & 31.—**Cheltenham.**—(A. S. Treasure, Idahoe, Oakland Ave.) W.G., H.W.G., J.F.
Oct. 30 & 31.—**Grimsby.**—(Towl and Smith, 205, Welholme Rd.). J.H.R.
Oct. 30 & 31.—**Ramsgate.**—(A. Afrigan, 21, Thanet Rd.). G.G.
Oct. 31.—**Grantham.**—(W. E. Allen, 119, Alexandra Road). J.C.B.
Nov. 1 & 2.—**Sheffield O.S.**—T. Bishop, 69, Alexandra Road.). W.M., C.H., W.V., J.N.
Nov. 1 & 2.—**Wolverhampton.**—(J. Gibbons, 64, Napier Rd.). J.R.
Nov. 1 & 2.—**Liverpool.**—(Metcalfe and Deacon, 68, Brunswick Rd.). H.W.B., J.W., J.W.C., E.B.
Nov. 1 & 2.—**Blaydon-on-Tyne.**—(Geo. Havver, 1, Theresa St.). W.A.C., C.A.H.
Nov. 2 & 4.—**Leicester Hand-in-Hand.**—(A. Freestone, 79, Clarendon Street). J.H.P., R.J.H.
Nov. 5 & 6.—**Portsmouth.**—(J. Lawrence, 61, Kingston Rd.). J.H.R., H.N.
Nov. 6 & 7.—**Woolston.**—(F. G. Etheridge, "Meteor, New Town Rd.).
Nov. 6 & 7.—**Newport, Mon.**—(J. Hammett, 56, Milman St.).
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Nov. 9.—**Warrington.**—(O. M. Nelson, 466, Knutsford Rd.).
Nov. 13.—**Alnwick.**—(R. Forster, 42, Bondgate Without).
Nov. 14.—**Stoke-on-Trent.**—(J. Pitchford, 218, London Rd.). H.W.B.
Nov. 14 & 15.—**Brighton and Hove C.B.A.**—(Will. H. Gibb, 19, Bond St.). C.A.H., J.R.
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Nov. 22 & 23.—**Rochdale O.C.**—(R. Blincoe, 160, Drake Street). C.A.H., W.M.
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Nov. 23.—**Cramlington.**—(J. R. Chestney, Quarry Cottage). A.H., H.S.
Nov. 23.—**Hinckley.**—(A. H. Ridgway, Priesthills Rd.)
Nov. 23 & 25.—**Ilkeston.**—(Thos. Smith, 5, King-st.). J.C.B., C.H.
Nov. 27-28.—**Bristol F.A.**—(G. T. H. Magin, 9, Trinity St., Newtown, Bristol).
Nov. 27 & 28.—**Portsmouth F.S.**—(J. Tebbs Hipwell, 7, Osborne St., Southsea.).
Nov. 28, 29 & 30.—**L.C.B.A.**—(W. H. Mugford, 4, Strathearn Rd., Wimbledon, S.W.).
Nov. 29, 30.—**Sale C.B.S.**—(A. Royle, 29, Harley Rd.)
Nov. 30.—**Darlington C. and B.B.F.A.**—(A. Walker, 47, Montrose St.). J.H.R.
Nov. 30.—**Coventry Godiva.**—(H. Saunders, 31, Vernon St.) H.W.B.
Nov. 30.—**Harrogate C.B.S.**—(W. E. Fergusson, 62, Harlow Terrace). W.M.
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Dec. 14.—**Sheffield C.B.S.**—(A. Hobson, 66, Langsett Avenue) J.R., H.W.B.
Dec. 14.—**Winsford.**—(S. S. Brooks, 157, Station Rd.)
Dec. 26.—**Anfield, Everton.**—(R. B. Wright, 15, Worcester Drive, Clubmore, Liverpool).

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Feb. 7, 8, 10, 11.—**Great National (Crystal Palace).**—(J. W. Ramsden, 11, Josephine Av., Brixton, S.W.).

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Oct. 5.—**Paisley O.A.**—(J. Kelly, 7, Underwood Lane). D.C., A.F., J.Hr., J.Hh.
Oct. 5.—**Broughty Ferry.**—(R. Whitton, 2, Churchill Place). W.B., T.T., J.Y., T.A., R.B.
Oct. 5.—**Dysart.**—(W. Russell. Castle "O" Guns). J.A., J.C., J.McL., L.J.A.
Oct. 12.—**Lochgelly and Dis. C.B.S.**—(W. Grewar, 7, Park View.)
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Oct. 19.—**Kelty and Blairadam.**—(A. Dickson. 37, Adams Terrace). J.Sn., W.D.H., R.H., F.R., R.M., R.V.R.
Oct. 26.—**Perth.**—(Jas. Kerr, 18, James St.).
Oct. 26.—**Kirkcaldy.**—(C. Rae, 15, Anderson St., Pathhead.)
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Nov. 9.—**Hamilton Cadzow Oak.**—(G. Marlin, 21, Glebe Street.) J.Sn., J.Hn., R.B.
Nov. 16.—**Cowdenbeath.**—(J. R. Reid, 7, Woodland-pl.) J.P., J.W.B., C.C., G.A.
Nov. 16.—**Galashiels.**—(J. Brown, 156, Croft St.). G.F., T.B., A.G., A.H.
Nov. 22 & 23.—**Glasgow and Dis. C.B.A.**—(Wm. Hutchison, 163, Hospital Street.)
Nov. 23.—**Blairgowrie.**—(M. Irvine, 17, Brown St.)
Nov. 23.—**Uddingston C.B., etc., S.**—(Jas. Corgrove, 2, Croftbank Terrace, Bothwell.)
Nov. 30.—**City of Dundee.**—(A. Miller, 3, Park Ave.)
Nov. 30.—**Musselburgh O.S.**—(W. Nisbet, 101, High St.).
Dec. 4.—**Forres and N.O.S.**—(W. Cumming, 28, North Rd.). J.L.
Dec. 14.—**Broxburn.**—(W. M'Laren, Church Street). J.McL., A.C., G.H., R.V.R., J.Gw.
Dec. 14.—**Kilsyth.**—(A. D. Duncan, "Chronicle" Office.)
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Jan. 1 & 2.—**Edinburgh Open.**—(R. Lile, 15, Argyll Terr.)
Jan. 1 & 2.—**Paisley O.A.**—(W. Lambie, 25, Caledonia Street.)

Wales.

Nov. 13 & 14.—**Swansea.**—(S. H. George, 32, Fisher Street). J.R., J.F.D.
Nov. 20 & 21.—**Cardiff.**—(E. Thomas, 48, Craddock-st.) W.M., W.V., D.A.S.L.
Nov. 26.—**Llanelly.**—(D. John, 9, Pottery Place.) W.V., J.F.
Nov. 28.—**Pentrebach.**—(A. E. Brown, 66, Clare St., Merthyr Tydfil). G.G.
Dec. 4.—**Pontypridd.**—(A. A. Gordon McLucas, 48, Rosser-st., Maesycoed).
Dec. 11.—**Mid Rhondda.**—(A. H. C. Legg, 7, Primrose Terrace, Llwynypia, Porth.)

Ireland.

Nov. 7 & 8.—**Banbridge.**—(A. McCagherty, Belmont Terrace, Banbridge). A.Lse., J.Hy.
Nov. 22 & 23.—**Lurgan.**—(S. McCollum, Drumgor).
Nov. 28 & 29.—**South County Dublin (Kingstown).**—(D. Smyth, 21, Eden Terr., Kingstown.) W.M.
Dec. 6 & 7.—**Ulster O.A. (Belfast).**—(R. Trimble, 11, Waring St., Belfast.) J.F.D., W.V.
Dec. 12 & 13.—**Larne.**—(T. Mayne, 35, Barnhill.)

Singing Contests.

NEWTOWN (Leeds).

Usual week-end Linnet sing at the Prince Albert Inn, when 13 birds competed for 3 good prizes given by the hostess. Judges, J. Smith and N. Soloman. 1st prize, P. Madden; 2nd, A. Lorriman; 3rd, A. Binns.—E. Wood, Sec.

SEAHAM HARBOUR.

Last contest of the season held at Northumberland Arms, July 13, when 27 birds competed for 7 valuable prizes:—1, 2, Watson; 3, 4, Hills; 5, 6, Gilbraith; 7, Robson.

SHEFFIELD.

Linnet sing, July 13, at Royal George, Brightside Lane. Mr. Hill gave three special prizes for three minutes' time singing, 12 birds entered:—1, 3, Albert, 71 and 65 secs.; 2, Callaghan, 67; Thompson, 63 and 52; Hancock, 52.—A. Thompson, Sec.

LEIGH.

Open contest held at Globe Inn, July 13, when 23 birds sang for 6 good prizes, and some very good singing was heard. Quality: 1, Barnes (Wigan); 2, Milligan (Wigan); 3, Brown (Leigh). Time: 1, Woodward (Westhoughton), 124; 2, Matham (Leigh) 119; 3, Evans (Atherton), 111. Judge for quality, T. Gibbins; time, B. Disley. Birdman, J. Macallister. Committee meeting, July 15th. Decided, to have all the members at their feed on Sat., July 21st. If not, they must forfeit the price of the tea, 1s. 6d. We are having a divide with our surplus money. Tea on table at 5.30 p.m.—R. Holcroft. Sec.

LEEDS.

Open contest July 20, at "Albion Inn," Saville Green, off York Road. Copper kettle for first and two good prizes for runners-up; entrance money added.—A. Richardson, Hon. Sec.

Usual contest for quality at "King's Head," Shannon Street, July 14, when 16 birds sung for 3 good prizes given by Wm. Tillotson: 1, 2, T. Stead; 3, T. Chadwick. Judges, S. Hardcastle and W. Naylor.—W. Naylor, Hon. Sec.

BUSLINGTHORPE.

Quality singing contest, Skinner's Arms. 1, Wigfield; 2, 3, shared by Madden and Ward. Judges, Messrs. Clayton and Clark. Also Sunday. 1, 3, Sellars; 2, Hullen. Judges, Messrs. Summers and Turner.—C. Clayton, Hon. Sec.

CASTLEFORD.

Weekly Linnet contest, George and Dragon Hotel, Bridge Street, before a good number of fanciers and friends. Some very good singing was heard. 33 birds entered in a 4 minutes' sing for 8 good prizes: 1, Smith, 99; Nelson, 84; Nelson and Smith 71 each. Also on Sunday 16 birds competed in a 3 minutes' sing, and 3 good prizes, but did very badly indeed: 1, Nelson, 36; Smith, 33; Ratcliffe, 33; open sing every Sunday, 1 p.m.—Walter Dobson, Hon. Sec.

DURHAM.

Linnet sing, held at "Two Bay Horses," Old Hunwick, July 13. 24 birds competed, and some good singing was heard. Mr. T. Ferry, of Hornsey, judged. 1, 2, 3, McQuirk and Franks; Black and Tan was the runner up. Fanciers don't forget the big contest at the Hemlington Inn, Hunwick Lane Ends, August 3. £5 given in prizes.—Geo. Reid, Sec.

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Twitterings.

Mr. A. Wellings, Prescot, will judge Northop Hall and Dist., Aug. 10, and Preston, Nov 15.

Mr. G. H. Wharam, sec. Derby C.B.S., writes that Mr. G Colledge will judge Crests at their open show.

Societies desiring patronage of the Cinnamon Marked Y.C.C. please note applications close Saturday, July 20, writes Mr R. Garnett, sec. pro. tem.

I have about 43 youngsters (32 on the sticks), and I owe all my success to advice obtained through reading CAGE BIRDS, writes Mr. Geo. Plant (Tamworth).

Owing to my leaving the district, writes Mr. Joseph Nutt, all communications for Cumnock and Dis. C.B.S. should be addressed to Mr. Alex. Wyper, secretary, Market Place, Auchinleck.

All societies desirous of having the patronage of the Southern Yorks. C.C., must make application for same without delay, writes J. W. Rennie, hon. secretary, Junction Hotel, Andover.

Walkley C.B.S. are joining us, writes Mr. Woodhouse, assist. sec., Sheffield C.B.S., on our ramble on Saturday, July 20th to Bradfield Dale. Meet at the Malin Bridge car terminus 2.30; all friends invited.

Will members and friends joining our ramble on Sunday, July 21st to Rock Tavern, meet at Crown Point at 2 o'clock. Leader, Mr. Gavin, writes Mr. Hopwood, Sec. Denton and Dist. C.B.S. A hearty invitation is given to any fancier or friend.

Mr. Benjamin Hawker, of New House Cottages, Mosterton (Dorset), saw a Blackbird on July 14th which had a few white feathers on its back, and a pure white tail. About twelve months ago a White Swallow was observed at Mosterton during the whole summer.

The handbook of the Southern Yorks. C C. is to hand from the hon. sec., Mr. Rennie, Junction Hotel, Andover. It contains the usual list of officers and members, rules, etc. The points of an exhibition Yorkshire are clearly set forth. The balance-sheet shows a satisfactory balance in hand of £8 15s. 6d., an advance of 17s. 7d. over the amount brought forward.

Mr. G. Benson, judge of Anfield and Dist. Show, writes that for quality and quantity it has been the best young show held in the district for some considerable time, and for their first attempt reflects great credit on this new society. The bird allotted special for best bird in show is a real good youngster, a self yellow-green, and with a careful moult ought to make up a fine specimen of this variety.

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The Doncaster, Adwick-le-Street and Hemsworth Societies, writes Mr. G. H. Robinson, have arranged for an Inter-Club Nest Feather Show at the Forester's Arms, Adwick, on July 27. Classes: 1 Yell. Yorks, 2 Buff Yorks., 3 Norwich, 4 Crest or C.B., 5 Mule or Hyb., 6 British (house-moulted), 7 Brit. (field-moulted). Judge, Mr. C. Pressley (Bentley). All birds to be staged by 4.30; judging at 5 prompt. Will Doncaster and Hemsworth fanciers please note?

We are asked by Mr. Denham, hon. treas., of the Metropolitan C.B.A., to say that at the Show, held July 20, at All Saints' Parochial Hall, Prince of Wales's Road, Battersea, there will be offered, besides the three silver cups, two half-guinea specials, one for lady members on same conditions as cups, and the other, given by Messrs. Wood and Co., for most points with three birds. Competitors for the latter special must produce a shilling receipt of the donors as qualification.

The show of the Newport Pagnell and Dist. Horticultural Society, held Aug. 7th, is the first at which open classes for cage birds have been provided, and we guarantee full prize money in six days, writes the secretary, Mr. W. Murrell, and do not amalgamate; further, we have a good judge, and experienced steward will be on duty (with police) in tents all night previous to the show, as well as on show day. We hope birdy men will give us their support (see review of schedule in this issue).

Exhibitors should not overlook the advertisement of Cambridge Show in this issue. This Bank Holiday Monday fixture has established a splendid reputation for the excellence of its management, well-known and tried fanciers being at the helm; while the object of the "Mammoth Show" is a most admirable one, namely, the benefiting of the funds of the local hospital. Mr. C. A. House judges the 14 cage-bird classes (in separate tent), and there are a cup, medals, and other good specials to be won. Entries close July 27th.

OBITUARY.

Mr. J. C. Cowley, Sen.

We are sorry to record the loss sustained by Mr. J. G. Cowley in the death of his father, who passed away suddenly on Friday, 12th inst. Mr. Cowley is on the committee of the Sheffield C.B.S., and the sympathy of every member will be extended to him in his sad bereavement.

The July Avicultural Mag. opens with a continuation of Notes on Sexual Selection, by Mr. F. Finn. Mr. Bentley writes an appreciation of the Linnet as a Songster. Mr. H. D. Astley records his success, after previous disappointments, in breeding the Queen Alexandra Parrakeets, the first record in England. Mr. Phillipps writes on the Naked Bell-Bird. Mr. Workman gives practical notes on the construction of a small garden aviary. The usual Bird Notes from the Zoo, by the Curator, an article on Waders, by Mr. C. B. Smith, and correspondence and reviews complete a good issue.

Those on a study whose colour feed to use, just read these absolute true facts. I don't bonnee on men's names who have had a pound or two so as to compete for specials. Everyone below had from 28 lbs. to 112 lbs. Royal Red, Crystal Palace, 1912. Ten Open Champion Norwich classes, nine 1st prize winners, special best bird in show, champion diploma, best in section, were moulted solely on Royal Red by Messrs. Thomas, Davies, Smeaton, Turner. The one first moulted on another was a Buff, four champion Cinnamon classes, every 1st, 2nd and 3rd were moulted solely on Royal Red by Messrs. Dormer, D. Godley, Deacon. The above are classes where colour is everything. In Yorkshires, Messrs. Binns, Thomas, Hirst, Ellis, Dykes, all big first winners, moulted on Royal Red. If above is not a record what is? Just the same at every leading show. I can't give you the quality and extra big specials as well. I give guarantee that Sandiford's Royal Red costs £20 per ton more than any other in England. See advert. (Advert.)

Wild Birds Near Hartlepools.

At the last meeting of the General Purposes Committee of the West Hartlepools Town Council, following a discussion upon a letter from the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds, it was resolved that the close season be extended to include the month of August.

As Things Should Be.

Our annual show will be held at Tavistock on Wednesday, Nov. 27th, writes Mr. John Young, sec. of the Tavistock and Dist. F.S., and we are amicably working with Launceston, whose show takes place the day before.

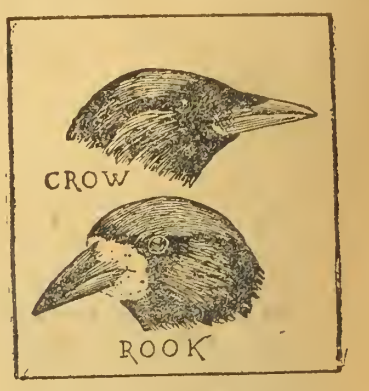
Sour Milk for Canaries.

In my report last week of Mr. Pretty's lecture before the London and Counties A.C.B., in referring to the use of "Stink Pots" I mentioned milk only as being left for three months; it should, writes Mr. G. G. Stubbs, have been bread and milk. Kindly rectify, and I shall be much obliged.

Wild-Bird Life.

Black Brothers.

ROOKS are particularly numerous in the writer's district, and nearly all the clumps of tall trees contain a few nests. This year the breeding season appears to have been unusually productive, and their numbers have increased enormously. The young are very noisy, especially in the early morning, and when one gets a lusty bird perched on the gable of one's roof at four o'clock in the morning, calling to a mate across the meadow, one wishes that they would go further afield before commencing to talk! These young Rooks are feathered quite to the base of the beak like the Crows, and can therefore easily be distinguished from their parents, who are quite bare round the face, which gives them a somewhat "elderly" appearance. The word "Crow" is used in a



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general sense to indicate any large bird with black plumage; but strictly speaking it means the Carrion Crow, a big black bird similar to the Rook, but with a glossy purple sheen on its plumage, instead of the blue sheen of the more common bird.

The Crows do not nest in colonies like the Rooks, but select a site frequently in the depths of the wood, which they use year after year. They are particularly attached to each other, and more than one case has been reported of one dying when its mate had been killed, the empty crop of the dead bird indicating that in its grief it had refused to feed.

A Crow's nest recently found in a wood by the writer was situated in an old oak tree. It was of enormous size, and had evidently been added to year after year by the then occupiers, and possibly their ancestors before them. Many of the sticks used in the outward parts were perfectly rotten, and would hardly bear touching. Bits of turf and heather from the neighbouring downs, moss, roots, and leaves had all been used, but the interior was particularly warm and cosy, rabbit's fur, feathers, and wool being the chief materials used. Although the cup was smooth and beautifully rounded, it was exceptionally shallow. As a rule, nests formed in trees are much neater and better built than those found upon cliffs, although hardly so bulky.

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The Siskin, the Redpoll, and the Yellow and Reed Buntings

By R. COBAIN (Crawfordsburn).

This article was awarded one of the prizes in our last Essay competition.

I HAVE chosen these four birds for this essay because they are favourites of mine, and because I think they do not get a fair share of commendation. The Siskin and Redpoll are the smallest of our British Finches, and although very different in appearance are much alike in many respects, as I will endeavour to explain as I go on. The Yellowhammer is a favourite with almost all Bunting fanciers, but the breed (to my mind) does not get the notice it deserves.

The Beautiful Little Siskin.

The Siskin is a most beautiful little bird, to my way of thinking. The colours are: Breast yellow; back greenish, with darker marks termed pencilling; black cap; black spot on the throat termed the "bib" (a good many Siskins are without this bib); wings black with yellow bars and yellow sides to the flights; tail black, with yellow sides to the outer feathers; lower parts of the body white, with dark marks down the thighs termed "lacing." The beak is white and sharp and strong, much resembling that of the Goldfinch. The legs are dark brown in colour, turning white when the bird has been house-moulted.

The above is a description of the male bird. The hens are easily distinguished, being much plainer in appearance; the breast and back of the hen are grey, with dark pencilling, and almost the only yellow is to be seen in the wings and tail. She has no cap or bib. The lacing on the sides is the same as in the cock, and often more pronounced.

The Siskin goes to nest about the beginning of May. The site usually chosen is a larch tree, although they sometimes choose other trees, such as the fir, birch, beech, or sycamore, and even smallish shrubs. The nest is a neat structure, usually composed of small roots, moss and wool, lined with horse or cow-hair. The eggs are four or five in number, and very pale blue in colour, with reddish spots towards the larger end. The incubation lasts about thirteen days.

Both Parents are Workers.

The young are fed by both parents, and leave the nest in about a fortnight after hatching. The parents feed from the crop in the same way as Canaries. Young Siskins come to maturity very quickly. When in the nest feather the young resemble the mother, except that the cocks have more yellow in the wings and tail than the hens. During the nesting time Siskins go about very quietly, so that the casual observer would scarcely notice them. The "call" at this time is given in a very low tone. The song is very pleasing to listen to, though not to be compared to the Goldfinch or Linnet.

The natural food of the Siskin during the spring and early summer consists largely of insects. They may be seen gathering these from the willow trees. Of course, Siskins at this time eat a great many seeds as well, such as dandelion, sow thistle, groundsel, chickweed, and the seeds of various grasses. In the autumn their favourite seeds are those of the hardhead and thistle. They are just as fond of this last mentioned as the Goldfinch. During the most severe part of the winter they are invariably to be found on the alder trees, busily engaged picking the seeds out of the little burrs which grow in clusters on these trees, the leaves of which are almost round and a very dark green in colour. The flowers grow in catkins, something like those of the willow. The burrs hang on the trees for two or more seasons, and the birds can still find seed in them. I have given this description of the alder tree, as I find some fanciers confuse it with the elder tree, which has white flowers and purple berries, of which some of our insectivorous birds are so fond.

Fishing for the Cock Birds.

The Siskin is very easy to catch, with a call-bird and limed twigs, when feeding on the alder trees. A good plan is to get a long rod, similar to a fishing rod, with a limed twig on the end. The birds will be found so busy at this time, that one can lift them off the tree with the rod. The great advantage of this plan is that one can pick out the cock birds. I may say I have caught a great many in this way.

The Siskin is a bird which takes readily to cage life, and soon becomes very tame. A healthy specimen is never still, and will sing almost without ceasing. A good cage for the Siskin (indeed, for all our British Hardbills) is one of the box type, wired only in front. About fourteen inches long, by about nine wide, and ten inches high, is a suitable size for this bird. As a stock food I find that Siskins do well on a mixture of canary, rape, and hemp seeds, with a little inga and teazle. They should also be given a regular supply of their natural food mentioned above. If one lives in the country, this can be gathered when in season. If not, one can mostly get what is needed from advertisers in CAGE BIRDS.

Breed More Easily than Canaries.

I would like to mention here that Siskins may be bred in cages almost as easily as Canaries; indeed more easily than some Canaries. The pair intended to breed from should be run together during the winter; a single breeding-cage will suit them at this time. The best green food for bringing them into condition, I find, is dandelion. The leaves should be given before the flowers appear, and afterwards the flowers and seed heads as they appear. About the month of April contrive to fix a smaller cage to the end of the one in which they have spent the winter. In this cage place an ordinary nest-pan; also an old Blackbird or Thrush nest in a little bush. Give plenty of the nesting materials mentioned above. This is an important point, as I find few Britishers are inclined to go to nest unless provided with their own natural nesting material. Your Siskin may choose to go to nest on the cage bottom. I had one which built her nest in the cage bottom close to the bars of the cage, and a very neat little nest she made.

It is a good plan to get the Siskins to eat egg-food. Most of them will do this. If they do not, you need not despair if you can get a good supply of their natural food, as they will rear the young equally well on this and their own stock seed food. When the young leave the nest, give plenty of seeding green-food and crushed hemp seed, and they will soon feed themselves. When they commence to eat they should be removed to another cage and their parents allowed go to nest again. Siskins have three broods in a season. By the above method one may get quite as good birds as any which are caught, and they become so attached to their cage, that if let out they will return to it again.

As an exhibition bird and Hybrid producer, the Sis[kin] stands in the front rank; as a pet he cannot be excelle[d]. The principal points of an exhibition Siskin are—goo[d] colour, size as large as possible, good bib (although the[re] are winners without this), good lacing and pencilling o[n] the sides and back. They require to be colour-fed to w[in] in some shows. To my mind this is a mistake, as the[y] look much better in their natural colour. A word abou[t] moulting: With care a Siskin will improve after bein[g] house-moulted. At this time they should have a good sup[-] ply of seeding green-food and no hemp-seed.

(To be continued.)

Photograph by [*Greenway, Northampton.*

This group was taken on the occasion of the visit paid by the Northampton Hand-in-Hand C.B.S. to the splendid aviaries owned by Alderman Tomes, J.P. **(See page 606.)**

REARING YOUNG BIRDS WITHOUT EGG-FOOD.

(Continued from page 469.)

Further Interesting Methods Revealed in our recent Essay Competition.

Lettuce "Licks" the Lot.

My idea is to adhere to nature, and put all artificial foods, medicines, etc., on one side. A few years ago, when fairly started with bird breeding, I had a fine lot of lettuce growing in my garden. I gave a little to each of my pairs, and found the hen Canaries would eat nothing else while this was about, so I chanced my luck with one pair, and gave them as much as they could eat, renewing the supply three times a day, being careful to remove all stale leaves, etc. The result could not have been better—five of the healthiest birds I ever bred. The egg-food was never touched. The result was, I treated all pairs alike, and have done so ever since with the most satisfactory results. I intend continuing doing so, and I would not put this in writing if I was not sure what I am writing about. I came to the conclusion that the best things for Canaries, etc., were a clean, good sized cage, plenty of clean gritty sand, and cuttlefish bone, plenty of clean water in well cleansed fountains, a good supply of mixed seeds, with an increased amount of hemp, and a large lot of green food, if possible, given three times daily, taking care to remove all old when putting in new, namely, lettuce, tender dandelion leaves, and flowers, groundsel, shepherd's purse, etc. If the above is strictly adhered to, your percentage of birds will be greater and of a more robust and healthy nature all round. I have bred Canaries, Mules and Hybrids. Sow lettuce seed at once, and every alternate month. If you have not a garden, old boxes will do to sow in, and you can transplant and so insure a continual supply.—ROWLAND C. DAVIES (Ely, near Cardiff).

Ground Rice to the Rescue.

I have been a fancier of Canarics and British birds for 30 years, and have used egg-food in all its forms. But for the past three years I have discarded it altogether and used ground rice and new milk prepared in the following manner:—For each pair of birds daily put two dessert spoonfuls of ground rice into a small boiling pan, and as much sugar as makes it palatable, taking care not to make it too sweet. Add as much new milk as the rice will absorb, and a little over, to allow for the swelling. Place the pan upon a slow fire and boil until the rice is fully swollen, taking care to stir all the time with a spoon. It must not be "sloppy." Then scrape out of the pan, with the spoon used for stirring, into a clean earthenware dish. Leave until cool (but do not cover) and serve to the birds in the usual small egg drawers. Care must be taken with regard to cleanliness in the vessels used. Since I began to use the ground rice and milk, I have not had one death for every five that I had while using egg food. In the summer of 1909 I had a hen feeding four young Canaries. They were two weeks old, when the hen took a dislike to egg food. The birds were not getting on, so I told a brother fancier, and he brought the rice and milk under my notice. I had it prepared as I have described, and given to the hen, with the result that my birds throve every day after and never got any more egg food. At the same time I had a nest of Linnet Mules, which I placed on the same food, and they did splendidly. All the birds I have bred since have been fed on the same food, and have done well.—JOHN STEWART (Old Cumnock).

Oatmeal Extremely Satisfying.

Having reared numerous Canaries, Mules and Hybrids, and various British birds, I have had a varied experience in the upbringing of the young ones. Every morning the food vessels are changed and replenished with fresh oatmeal, which is slightly moistened with a little milk (or water) care being taken to avoid the mixture getting into a too sloppy state. In handrearing, a few dandelion leaves, or a little groundsel, chopped in the meal, is a necessity, and helps greatly the chances of successful rearing. I, at any rate, have had extremely satisfying results by this method of feeding.—J. DAVIES (Cardigan).

Bread Brings Butter.

In rearing young birds on home-made food I have proved very successful. My husband is a farm labourer, and last year he brought me home three nests of Linnets, 12 birds in all, and one Bullfinch's nest with two young, and one Greenfinch's with four young, all at seven days' old, and I reared 16 birds, only losing one Linnet and one Bullfinch. I reared them on scalded bread and scalded rape seed, mixed. When they were old enough to leave the nest, they were placed in a large cage, and then I used to feed them through the wires. I sold 14 at 1s. 6d. each, and kept one Linnet and one Bullfinch, and both are now singing nicely.—MRS. SMITH (Horley).

Good Results with Baby Food.

I started with three hens and two cocks; result: 29 young, all of which were a lot bigger and stronger birds than their parents. I started feeding them with 1 part of biscuit, 1½ parts of rusks, and 1 part of Dr. King's patent malted food (for babies), made moist with water (milk twice per week). After the young hatched I put a pinch of castor sugar amongst it. When 3 days old I chopped up green stuff and put with the above mixture; it consisted of rape, grown in the house window. This is how I grew it. I got 3 plates and cut 3 pieces of flannel the shape of the plates, and soaked them in water and sprinkled the rape on, one, say, on Monday, another on Wednesday, and so on. I put these in a warm cupboard until the rape begins to grow, then take it out and put it in the window, when it will turn green. I have had greenfood this way all winter. Of course, you have to keep it well watered. The young at 6 to 9 days old in the first nest of 5 seemed a bit too loose, I thought, in their bowels, so I added a little cornflour to their soft food, and I had no more trouble, and some fine youngsters.—Mrs. A. Woodward (Bulwell).

Questions and Answers.

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Canaries.—**Claude St. John.** British Birds, Mule and Hybrids—**G. E. Weston.** Foreign Birds—**Wesley T. Page,** F.Z.S., M.B.N.H.S., &c., Wild Bird Life—**H. Norman.**

NOTE.—If an answer is required concerning the proper mating, etc., of Norwich, Yorkshires, Crests, Cinnamons, Greens, Borders, Lizards, Scotch or any other variety of the Canary family, we shall, should the querist desire us to do so, be pleased to submit his questions for answer to some leading specialist of the day on the variety concerned.

CANARY QUERIES.

Answered by CLAUDE ST. JOHN.

RAPE SEED (H.B.).—The sample sent is summer rape, and although the appearances are rather against it, it is of very fair quality. It seems to have been in contact with mould, but is not at all musty. Possibly it comes from a bulk among which a small isolated portion got wet, and mould started to grow, the outer part eventually becoming mixed with the bulk. I do not think there is the least risk attached to its use; still, I should scarcely expect to pay "tip-top price" for it.

USING QUASSIA INFUSION (A Reader of "C.B.").—There is no risk whatever in adding a little quassia to the birds' bath. It is quite harmless; indeed, if the birds drank a little it would only act as a mild tonic. In the strength prescribed for bathing it is of little use as an insecticide, but doubtless gives an unpleasant character to the plumage from the insects' point of view, and thus helps to ward off their persistent attentions.

PLUCKS ITS FEATHERS (E.A.O.).—You do not say whether the bird is a cock or hen. An unmated lusty hen in high breeding condition will often pluck at its feathers a good deal. Try two or three weeks of the same treatment advised to "West Riding," but add six drops of dandelion juice to the water on the same days that you are giving the soda and potash, and see that the bird has a little green food daily—plantain stalks, sprays of seedy chickweed, and shepherd's purse.

CAUSE OF YOUNG DYING (L.S.).—In your case it is quite clear that "sweating" and non-feeding hens have been the cause of the losses. The hens have probably been out of condition, and to make matters worse your feeding seems to be very faulty. It is too late now to allow the hens to start nesting again this season. If you have any eggs still to hatch out, add a small crystal of sulphate of soda to the drinking water for one-half of each day on two days each side of hatching date, and offer a bath each day in which a little common salt has been dissolved. Get Part V. of "Our Canaries," for full details about feeding. CAGE BIRDS' ANNUAL would help you considerably, as also would many replies on non-feeding hens in this column in the past few weeks.

INSECT PESTS (Very Anxious).—There is no ground whatever for your fears respecting the grey lice. Neither these insects nor the red mites will live on the human body, or on the scalp, for any length of time, so their presence can only cause you temporary discomfort. If you wrap a band of linen around each wrist and saturate it with water in which you have mixed a little carbolic fluid when you are dressing the cages, it will prevent the insects getting on your body, as they are apt to do by swarming up the arms whilst the cage is being attended to. Thoroughly overhaul the cage and the birds, as per instructions sent you, and do not overlook the position where the cages hang or stand. Give a bath daily, and three times a week add a few drops of quassia essence to it. Give each bird a morsel of bread and milk with two drops of cod liver emulsion on it, and lightly dusted with soft sugar, three times a week for a month. On the alternate days give a pinch of maw. Give a little green food daily, and add 20 drops of Chemical Food to the water every second day for a fortnight. The plumage will doubtless come perfect at the moult, which will very soon take place now. You might give them a three week's course of the treatment advised to "M.T.," on July 6th, after you have cleared out the insects.

FEATHER EATING (West Riding).—If this has become a settled habit it will be very difficult to cure. Examine cage thoroughly for presence of red mite, and the bird for grey lice. If either are found exterminate them. Give a bath daily, and soak a few quassia chips in it for a few hours twice a week. Tie a morsel of string to the wires for it to play with, and give one or two mealworms daily for a time. Keep cage quite clean, and in addition to seed diet give a piece of bread soaked in cold milk, drained, and slightly dusted with flowers of sulphur three times a week for a fortnight. In the water add as much sulphate of soda as will cover a threepenny-piece, and the same quantity of chlorate of potash every second day for a week, and in the next week six drops of tincture of gentian and three of dilute sulphuric acid every second day. If there are any bare sore places anoint once with lanocyllin.

CANARY QUERISTS

should consult St. John's "Canary Breeding for Beginners" (7d.); House's "Canary Manual" (1/2); Battye's "Yorkshire Canaries" (1/1½); House's "Norwich Canaries" (1/1); Weston's "Stock Book" (7d.); Dr. Clarke's "Septic or Bird Fever" (7d.); Dr. Creswell's "Hygiene of Bird-keeping" (1/1); Norman's "Aviaries, Bird-rooms, and Cages" (2/3); Ramsden's "Colour-feeding" (3½d.); "Seeds and Foods for Cage Birds" (1/2); or the "Nutshell" booklets (2½d. each); No. 5 "The Pet Canary," No. 6 "Ailing Birds and How to Cure them," No. 9 "The Disinfection of Cages, Bird-rooms, etc.," No. 10 "The Roller," No. 23 "The Border Fancy," No. 24 "Green Canaries." All thoroughly practical and instructive. Prices quoted are post free, from "Cage Birds," 154, Fleet Street, London, E.C.

BREEDING SINGERS (F.E.N., U.S.A.).—For breeding songsters pure and simple, the best mate for a Roller is another pure Roller of a similar type of singing strain. Thus, if your Roller is of the pure, long, hollow rolling strain, you want a hen, or cock, as the case may be, of a similar and ditto if it is of a more varied type of song. If you want to cross with another breed to get a better looking bird: a Yorkshire or Norwich, in the order named, will be best. A Yorkshire or Norwich hen would also be best for breeding singing Mules. Get a clear ben bred from clears for several years; if a Yorkshire, from a pink-eyed strain preferably. The Norwich cock and Roller hen you mention, if quite healthy and active, will do very well for mating next year. As long as they remain perfectly healthy, robust, and active, either sex may reasonably be expected to breed successfully.

THE MANCHESTER COPPY (F.E.N., U.S.A.).—The breed known in your parts as the Manchester Coppy is the same as the one known to English fanciers as the Lancashire. Years ago the Lancashire was known here as the Manchester Fancy and Manchester Coppy, but now both these terms are quite obsolete with us, hence the reason you never see this name in our paper now. Had you read Parts X. and XI. of "Our Canaries," containing chapter on the Lancashire, you would have found this point made quite clear. It is the largest of the Canary tribe. The Roller is undoubtedly the best breed for singing. If you do not consider this an English breed then the Border Fancy comes nearest to it, and would be the best English breed.

FOREIGN BIRDS.

Answered by WESLEY T. PAGE, F.Z.S., Etc.

ROSELLA PARRAKEETS (A. Mason)—It would appear that you have two hens, unless they are quite young birds. Every hen does not possess a patch of green on the nape (some young cocks have it, in immature plumage) yet I have never come across, or heard of an adult cock with a patch of green on the nape. An advert in our columns would probably secure you an exchange. They seldom settle down to breed the first year. Yes, your aviary is large enough, you could also have pairs of Madagascar and Blue-winged Lovebirds.

PROPOSED AVIARY (W.G.)—Your suggested aviary should answer well, but make it 6ft. wide if you possibly can. All glass must be covered with wire netting on the inside. I think your Cockatiels failed owing to their accommodation being insufficient, they will do better when in the aviary. You have drawn the right conclusion re the Budgerigars. You could keep in the aviary pairs each of Rosella Parrakeets, Cockatiels, Budgerigars, Madagascar and Blue-winged Lovebirds, but you would have to remove or sell young as soon as they were able to fend for themselves. Use only natural branches as perches in the aviary, and you must provide double the number of husks and barrels or logs, that you have pairs of birds. Keep up a continual supply of grit, old mortar rubbish, and cuttlebone in the shed.

MOST SUITABLE FOREIGNERS (Mick)—I see no reason why you should not be able to sell or exchange your Britishers for Foreign species, try an advert in our columns. Of course in separate cages you are not limited to Finches only. All the following have bred and reared young in cages: Zebra Finches, Cutthroats, White Java Sparrows, Budgerigars, Bluewing Lovebirds, Long-tailed Grassfinches, Bengalese, Silverbills and many others, but any of the above would suit you. If you only keep Finches, why not make a wire lobby inside the door, cover the window with wire netting, the floor with lino, furnish with twiggy branches and nest receptacles, and let the birds all fly together in the room. Cages take a lot of keeping clean! Kept flying together in a room birds take very little time to feed and keep clean.

SICK GREY PARROT (A.H.).—Give as often as you can without the voidings being watery-loose, one teaspoonful of Dinneford's Magnesia in one ounce of water—this to form the drinking water for the respective days. Whatever the condition of the bowels I should give three doses with two days between each, and then as required to keep the bowels moving freely. On the days you are not giving the magnesia put half a teaspoonful byno-phosphates in the daily supply of drinking water. Induce bird to take more seed and less boiled maize; an adult Grey should not need the latter—in fact, is better without it. The diet should be gradually confined to a seed mixture with ripe fruit (ad. lib.), nuts, and plain biscuit or stale crusts of household bread. If the bird insists on the latter being damped, then lightly moisten it with byno-phosphates and water. A pinch of grit (not sand) should be added to the daily supply of seed mixture, and clean cuttlebone kept continually in the cage. Our Nutshell, "The Grey Parrot," would help you in the general treatment of the bird. The bird will be the better for a little outdoor treatment, in some unexposed position, on dry warm days, but not when gusty and cold winds are prevalent. When diarrhœa is severe, dissolve two drops of tincture of opium in a little syrup and let the bird have a few sips at intervals during the day. Metal drinkers must not be used while giving drugs, and the voidings should be promptly removed and destroyed (best burnt).

AMAZON PARROT (Newton Abbot)—Get a box of honey and borax from your chemist and put a little in the bird's mouth with a feather or camel-hair brush, once or twice daily, but whatever utensil you use it must be cleansed for each occasion, and only when quite clean should it be put into bulk of mixture. Keep the bowels moving freely, not watery-loose, by an occasional dose of Dinneford's Magnesia—one teaspoonful to two tablespoonfuls of water. If there is any recurrence of running at the nostrils, spray or cleanse the nostrils with a dilute solution of glyco-thymoline once or twice daily and continue this while the trouble lasts. Diet: Seed mixture, ripe fruit, nuts, plain biscuit, grit, cuttlebone and water. Do not give tea, coffee, or milk sops, table scraps, or any kind of animal food whatever.

WHAT ARE THEY? (J. Wood)—The two birds you describe are a male and female Saffron Finch (*Sycalis flaveola*). The others are Pope Cardinals, the Red-crested Cardinal is a different species. Neither male nor female Popes have crests. Both species would be better for a little live food, anything you can capture in the garden that they will eat—spiders, beetles, smooth caterpillars, etc., and when these fail, say two mealworms per bird daily. The other items of dietary are satisfactory.

WHAT BIRD? (F.J.P.)—They are West African or Red-faced Lovebirds (*Agapornis pullaria*), delicate and fragile when first imported and many die, but once established are comparatively hardy—the sexes are alike in plumage with one exception—the underside of wing in the male is black, in the female it is dark green. Diet: Canary, white and spray millet, greenfood, cuttlebone and grit and a little of any kind of fruit they will take. The Parrot-tribe (*Psittaci*) ought never to mix with Finches (*Fringillidæ*). Very many have lived for good periods in unheated rooms, but till established they should not be subjected to much exposure. New arrivals are only a few shillings per pair, but an established pair would command 30/-.

LAVENDER FINCHES (M. G. Lethbridge)—Lavender Finches have been bred and the young fully reared in this country, though the occurrence is very infrequent. Why yours were not reared I cannot say, as it is evident they did not want for food. It is a pity you did not send one or more of the bodies to our Mr. Yates for P.M. examination. It is quite possible they have too much company, but seeing they incubated, hatched out the young and were feeding them well, this cannot be the cause; only a P.M. could have revealed this. Continue present diet, but add thereto, if more youngsters are hatched, a little of some good insectile mixture (probably will not be eaten) and some live ant's eggs and gentles, also unlimited greenfood and spray millet.

INDOOR FLIGHT IN OUTHOUSE (A.B.C.)—If you can spare the room make the flight 3ft. wide. When you take out the glass a hinged light should be made to fill the gap, this can be closed at night and kept closed altogether during the winter months—you must also watch that when the door of the outhouse and the end of flight are open simultaneously that there is no draught. Start with say three pairs only, and the following would be almost sure to do well and probably breed this year: Zebra Finches (7/6), Cutthroats and Bronze Mannikins (3/6 to 4/6); prices given are approx. for a pair. Waxbills are not free breeders save in natural aviaries, but a pair of Golden-breasted Waxbills (4/6 to 6/-) could go with the others, they are very beautiful and if they do not breed are worth their room and keep. "Foreign Birds for Beginners," 1/1½ post free from our manager would help you.

AVIARY QUERIES (Alpha)—(1) Twelve pairs at most, your breeding prospects would be better with half that number. (2) The best flooring for the shelter is six inches of rubble, pad it level, and pour in liquid cement, sufficiently thin to permeate the rubble, finishing off with some a little stiffer but yet sufficiently loose to run and find its own level; when dry this should be quite hard and smooth. It should be kept covered with one inch of gritty sand, renewing this as required. If there is any likelihood of rats visiting the aviary you must let half inch wire netting into the ground eighteen inches, bending it outwards so L; this will effectually keep them out. The floor of covered flight can be earth covered with sand or gravel—use twiggy branches as perches. For so small an aviary the "other end" would be better wood and glass; all glass must be covered on the inside with half inch mesh wire netting. (3) You cannot with safety mix Budgerigars and Finches, you had better make up your mind which you would prefer and repeat this query, also naming your county, when I will give you a list.

A SICK GREY PARROT (Mrs. H.)—If not too far gone, the treatment already advised should gradually pull the bird round, but when you first wrote the bird was in a very critical condition, and the remedies must have time to act. The bird must have taken something very unwholesome while out of your care. Give the tincture of opium as per instructions already given. While you must not allow the voidings to remain watery-loose, it is yet necessary that the bowels should move quite freely, and the magnesia is very gentle and also soothing in its action. Follow the treatment advised very closely for a few days and then report bird's condition fully. If it appears to need a stimulant a few sips of very weak brandy and water (chilled) may be given, but as the bird is so thirsty, do not leave water continually in the cage, but permit it to drink moderately every two hours. Keep it warm and strictly out of draught. As soon as it starts eating again recovery should be fairly rapid. The moistened bread or biscuit (see direction in first reply) while the appetite is poor should be beneficial if it will take it. Parrot troubles (that is speaking of established birds) can usually be cured if taken in time, and you must hope for the best.

BRITISH BIRDS, MULES, AND HYBRIDS.

Answered by G. E. WESTON.

A YOUNG CUCKOO (T. Wilson).—No doubt you found all the information you require in the two answers concerning young Cuckoos which I gave last week. It seems as though the Cuckoo season is now on, so to speak!

BRAMBLEFINCH-CANARY HYBRIDS (F. J. Poole).—I have never seen a Bramblefinch-Canary Hybrid yet, nor do I know of anyone else who has done so. Consequently I cannot tell you anything concerning the sexing of them. Does your letter mean that you have bred some? If so, I think you are the first person to accomplish the feat. I hope it is true and that the birds may be successfully reared and moulted. I should be very interested to hear further from you on the matter, giving details of the plumage (colour, markings, etc.) of the birds, if now fledged. I should expect to find very little sex distinction in the plumage, however, until after the first moult a little later in the year.

TWO WEEDS (B. B. Fancier).—When your two specimens reached me they were so dried up and shrivelled as to be almost past identification, No. 1 in particular, which, however, is certainly not chickory, which has a largish blue flower (after the cornflower style), and quite different leaves. It looks very like the toad-flax. No. 2 is sorrel, often known as "sour dock." The latter is in common use amongst fanciers; the former I have never given to birds.

YOUNG MAGPIES (A. James).—It may be due (1) to the youngsters not being kept properly dry, (2) to the food not being sufficiently generous, i.e., deficient in bone and flesh-forming elements; (3) to the birds being kept in too confined a space when first able to leave the nest—they must have room for exercise. You must remedy either or all of these things if existent. Probably the best help to a cure of the weakness will be to get a bottle of cod liver oil and hypophosphites (combined) emulsion, ensure extract and hypophosphites, and mix a teaspoonful daily in the soft food.

A CORN CRAKE (E. L. Hyde).—You should get your young bird to eat a good brand of dog meal (such as Spratts or "Meiox"), or crushed dog biscuits, thoroughly softened with hot water; don't let it be "sloppy," but just moist. Mix small garden worms amongst it, with a few mealworms for a change; and practically anything in the live-food line that seems suitable (grubs, beetles, etc.) can be offered. Put some chopped-up green stuff amongst the food regularly, while canary and millet seeds are eaten, and wheat (allow it to soak until quite soft and "burst") is also relished.

IN AN AVIARY (Beginner).—Yes; it is the beginning of the moulting season, some birds, in fact, being now well on in the moult, and I have no doubt this is the cause of the loss of plumage you have noticed in your aviary. It is a somewhat trying period for birds, spells of cold wet weather being at this time especially dangerous to the well-being of birds in out-door aviaries. An occasional loss or two has, of course, to be faced by every bird-keeper. A varied and generous dietary should always be provided during the moult, and your birds would benefit by a free supply of the wild seeds mentioned in the "Nutshell" booklet (shepherd's purse and chickweed, also thistle and hard-heads, are very easily obtainable). For Greenfinches and Bramblefinches, good white sunflower seed should most certainly be provided, and Buntings should have a little insectile food and a few mealworms daily. Your aviary seems a useful, satisfactorily designed place, though you do not make it clear whether it is roofed all over; it would be better so.

A PET BULLIE (S. A.).—I am glad to hear your bird made so satisfactory a recovery under the treatment I advised. With regard to the piping Bullfinch, these trained birds (Germans) are rarely very large, the majority being about the size of the average British Bullie, but many are appreciably smaller. In my opinion the bird is sure to moult this season. Keep him in a warm spot, but if you put his cage in the sun, cover it over so that the direct rays do not fall on the bird. This will most likely cause him to drop into moult. Get one ounce of tincture of gentian from a chemist and stir half-a-teaspoonful into two tablespoonfuls of drinking water over a period of 7 to 12 days, as seems necessary.

A TRIO (A. M. Z.).—Your queries did not arrive in time for last week's issue; note rules. (1) Greenfinch Mules intended for exhibition must certainly be colour-fed. The procedure is the same as with Canaries, and it was explained in two articles given in last week's CAGE BIRDS. All exhibition Mules ought to be frequently offered a little soft-food (egg food or egg cake) to keep up their "taste" for it, and then the colour-feeding is an easy matter. The majority of Mule exhibitors favour a little hot pepper in the food—say two ounces of hot to one pound of tasteless. (2) A good stock mixture for use during the moult would be canary 3 parts, teazle 2 parts, summer rape, linseed, and white sunflower, 1 part each. Give a teaspoonful of the following mixture three times a week: Gold of pleasure, sesame, and thistle two ounces of each, maw, plantain, wild mustard, and cornflower, one ounce of each. A spray of seeding shepherd's purse can be given every other day without harm, and daily towards the end of the moult. (3) Greenfinch Mules are fine show birds providing they have the requisite size and substance and carry plenty of colour. Yours ought to be good, judging by your description of the parents. I hope they may win you plenty of prizes.

BRITISH BIRD & HYBRID QUERISTS

should consult Moulton's great work, "Cage-Bird Hybrids" (7/6); Norman's "British Bird Manual" (2/3); or Part 1 "Hardbills" (1/1), Part 2 "Softbills" (1/1); "Aviaries, Bird-rooms, and Cages" (2/3); "Seeds, Foods, and Wild Plants" (1/2); "Secrets of Hybrid Breeding" (1/2); Dr. Creswell's "Hygiene of Bird-keeping" (1/1); Dr Clarke's "Septic or Bird Fever" (7d.); "Colour-feeding" (3½d.); or the "Nutshell" booklets (2½d. each): No. 1 "Goldfinch," No. 2 "Linnet," No. 3 "Skylark," No. 4 "Song Thrush and Blackbird," No. 11 "Bullfinch," No. 13 "Chaffinch," No. 15 "Greenfinch," No. 22 "Siskin, Redpoll, and Twite," No. 25 "Small Insectivorous Birds," No. 26 "Large Insectivorous Birds," No. 6 "Ailing Birds and How to Cure Them," No. 9 "Disinfection of Cages, Birdrooms, etc.," No. 12 "How to Moult British Birds." All thoroughly practical and instructive. Prices quoted are post free from "Cage Birds," 154, Fleet Street, London, E.C.

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GENERAL.

Answered by THE EDITOR.

Bert Lewis.—Yes; we certainly intend to repeat later on the feature you mention. Glad to hear that you consider it of such great assistance to fanciers.

A. E. Clark.—Thanks for your letter. You are not indebted to us for any fee.

SHOWS: Continued from page 598.

PENDLETON AND SALFORD O.S.

Annual F.F. Show, held at headquarters, Irwell Castle Street, Broughton, July 13. Entries did not turn up to expectations, but quality was good, Mr. Siddall sending a grand team of Yorks. Mr. J. Beswick judged, and his awards were well received. YORKS., YELL.: 1, 3, Siddall; 2, Chorley; 4, Parr. BUFF: 1, Chorley; 2, Siddall; 3, 4, Slowby. TKD. YELL.: 1, 2, 3, Siddall; 4, Wilkinson. NOR. YELL.: 1, Critchley. BUFF: 1, 2, Critchley. TKD. YELL: 1, Critchley. BUFF: 1, 2, Critchley. A.O.V. CAN: 1, Metcalfe. YOUNG MULE: 1, 3, Thornton; 2, 4, Metcalfe. OLD MULE: 1, Metcalfe. GOLDFINCH, ETC.: 1, 3, Metcalfe; 2, 4, Chorley. LINNET, ETC.: 1, 2, 3, 4, Metcalfe. A.O.V. BRIT.: 1, Metcalfe. Mr. Metcalfe took sp. for best bird in show, with his well-known Linnet-Bullie. Mr. A. Chorley, special for best Nov. Yorks. Mr. Slowby gained most points for cup.—Critchley and Metcalfe, Secs.

BUCKHAVEN C.B.S.

Open table show July 13th, in Free Gardeners' Hall, Buckhaven. Mr. Thomas Arnott (Kirkcaldy) judged, and gave the awards with great satisfaction to exhibitors and spectators.

BORD., CL. OR TKD. YELL.: 1, spl, Thomson; 2, Henderson; 3, Smith. BUFF: 1, Fortheringham; 2, Shanks; 3, Henderson. UNEVEN, ETC., YELL.: 1, Henderson; 2, Hazzard; 3, Henderson. BUFF: 1, 2, Rentoul; 3, Henderson. SELF OR FOUL, GREEN, OR CINN.: 1, 2, 3, spl, Henderson. NOR.: 1, spl, Thomson; 2, Marr; 3, Thomson. YORKS.: 1, 2, spl, Henderson; 3, Low. GREENFINCH: 1, Storror; 2, Peters; 3, Whitbrook and Allan. LINNET: 1, 3, Whitbrook and Allan; 2, Couper. GOLD. OR BULLFINCH: 1, Colvillie; 2, Peters; 3, Thomson. SISKIN, ETC.: 1, spl, Smart; 2, Colvillie; 3, Whitbrook and Allan. A.O.S.: 1, spl, Storrar; 2, Whitbrook and Allan; 3, Keddie. MULE OR HYB.: 1, spl, Keddie; 2, Storrar; 3, Hazzard. Mr. Storrar won medal best bird in show. It looks as if Dr. Dawson's cup for most points is to remain the property of Mr. Henderson for another year, unless members of the club who did not exhibit at this show will give him a good run for it at the open show. A meeting was held after the show; two members joined. Next meeting August 3rd; business arrangements for open show November 23rd.—Richard Hazzard, Sec.

PORTSMOUTH C.B.S.

Third annual F.F. show held Long's Memorial Hall, July 3rd. Entries were not quite so many as last year, but made up for this in quality, especially Nor. and Yorks., which contained many birds of great promise. The secretaries, Messrs. Lawrence and Joiner, with their excellent committee, carried out the arrangements in good style. Mr. H. Young again placed the cards, and gave every satisfaction. CL. NOR.: 1, Ninnen, bouncing yellow; 2, Hatter, grand buff; 3, Saunders. MKD.: 1, sp, 2, Hatter; 3, Rickel, all good type and high quality. CL. YORKS.: 1, sp, Cliefe, good yell.; 2, Matthews, lovely buff; 3, Newman. MKD.: 1, 3, Boxhall; 3, Matthews, all of good promise, nice type. A.O.V.: 1, 2, Joiner, fine drawn green and good cinn. MULE: 1, Joiner; 2, Parker; 3, Buttress. BRIT. GOLD.: 1, Ninnen, a bouncer; 2, 3, Hatter, well shown. LINNET, ETC.: 1, 3, Ninnen, good Siskins; 2, Buttress. SOFTBILL: 1, 2, 3, two sps., vbc, Tout, Redstart, Nightingale, Wryneck, etc., truly a grand team. NOVICE: NOR. CL.: 1, 2, 3, R. King, nice little lot. VARIEG.: 1, 3, Sholl; 2, King. YORKS., CL.: 1, 2, Cliefe; 3, Palmer, promising birds. VARIEG.: 1, 2, 3, Palmer, all tkd. cinn. GOLD.: 1, Apsey; 2, Cliefe; 3, Mrs. Newberry. BULL: 1, King; 2, Cliefe. GREEN, ETC.: 1, Apsey; 2, Mrs. Newberry.

ECCLES C.B.S.

First Feather show held Diamond Inn, Liverpool Road, Patricroft, July 6, was an eye-opener. We had 60 birds staged, and a very nice lot they were. Yorks. were very good in quality and type, and took a lot of judging. Norwich were exceedingly good also. Some very good British were shown, and Mr. Barlow's pair of Budgerigars were very pretty in markings, colour and size. Mr. Dawson won points special with some shapely, typical and clean cut Yorkshires, and a Linnet Mule of good shape and markings. Mr. Peters won points special in Norwich with some good birds; Mr. Astley most points in British, and Gaskell Bros. most entries: Mr. Tims for best British. The Hon. Sec. would like to be enrolling a few more members; any wishing to join may do so by forwarding 1s. to Mr. Hall, 199, Liverpool Road, Patricroft, and 4s. per annum. Mr. Clowe judged, and his awards pleased all.

YORKS. YELL: 1, Dawson, grand shape; 2, 3, Hall, 4, Barlow. Buff: 1, 2, 3, 4, Dawson. NOR. CL. YELL.: 1, Dawson; 2, 3, Peters. BUFF: 1, Peters; 2, Gaskell. TKD. or VAR. YELL: 1, 2, 3, Peters. BUFF: 1, 4, Dawson; 2, Gaskell Bros.; 3, Peters. GREENS or FOUL: 1, 3, Gaskell Bros.; 2, Walker. GOLDFINCH: 1, Tims; 2, Astley; 3, Hall; 4, Gaskell Bros. BULLFINCH: 1, Tims. H.M. LINNET: 1, Tims; 2, Monks; 3, Walker; 4, Gaskell Bros. F.M. LINNET: 1, Peters; 2, Astley; 3, Monks; 4, Gaskell Bros. CHAFFINCH: 1, 2, Gaskell Bros.; 3, Monks. REDPOLL: 1, Astley; 2, Monks; 3, Tims. SISKIN: 1, Astley. GREENFINCH: 1, Walker; 2, Peters; 3, Astley. MULE: 1, Dawson; 2, Gaskell Bros. FOREIGN: 1, Barlow.—J. Hall, Hon. Sec.

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Feeding for Substance and Feather.

Are we too Conservative?

A Lecture delivered before the Halifax F.A. by Mr. C. A. House, on July 9th.

THERE was a large gathering at the "Plummit Line" Hotel, with Mr. Jackson H. Feather, the president, in the chair, supported by some sixty to seventy members of the Halifax F.A. and the Halifax O.S., the members of the latter society having been invited to the meeting.

Mr. House, who received a very hearty reception, spoke first of all on the constituent parts of a feather, showing how it was one of the most wonderful and perfect things in creation, how admirably it fulfilled the purpose for which it was created.

Dealing with the question of feeding for feather, the lecturer pointed out many fallacies which exist at the present moment, and asked how it was possible for success to be attained when the men seeking it were actually fighting against themselves. Fanciers generally were very conservative, and looked upon new ideas with a certain amount of suspicion. Thus we found breeders of to-day feeding their birds upon practically the same foods as did their fathers and grandfathers before them. Certain foods had been handed down to them from generations before as being the "correct thing," and the bulk of bird-keepers swore by them without stopping to investigate and think out matters for themselves. Do we not find, as a consequence, some breeders of long, heavy feathered birds using the same foods as those who breed short-feathered birds? It was positively certain that both could not be right—therefore one was wrong—yet both were seeking success!

Food that Spells Substance.

That food had an effect on structure was seen by the fact that in Scotland, where large quantities of oatmeal were consumed, the people were large, strong and brawny, possessing plenty of bone and sinew. Other nations there were who consumed much rice; these were small, slim, and possessed little bone. Why? Because oatmeal possessed great bone-making properties, whilst in rice there was scarcely a trace of bone-making matter; in fact, the quantity was so small that analytical chemists could not give it a percentage, and simply showed "a trace."

The lesson to be learnt from this was that in most breeds of Canaries, in which substance was a consideration, such foods as oatmeal, bone-meal, bean-meal, etc., were of great feeding value, whilst in those in which shortness and fineness of feather, and fineness of bone were desired, they should be used sparingly. On the other hand, in the latter breeds, rice and dari, which had not great bone or feather making properties, should be used. If fanciers would only use their thinking powers more, they would reap far more fully of success than they do. Birds need to be mated with brains, and also fed with brains, and the man who brought most brain-power into play, the one who was not tied down by tradition, would beat those who were satisfied to go along in the old ways.

A Believer in Green Food.

On moulting for colour, Mr. House said Canary breeders had left breeders of poultry and pigeons far in the rear, but it was quite as easy to colour the latter as it was Canaries, with the same substance, "Tasteless Pepper." It could be given in capsule or pill form immediately after the morning and evening feeds.

Iron in some form or other was of advantage, but too much should not be given. He believed in a moderate supply of green-food during the moulting season, because it kept the liver and kidneys working properly, and prevented the patchiness of colouring which was to be seen when the liver became clogged, as it often did when birds were fed for colour and no green food was given to them.

At the close a number of questions were asked, and satisfactorily answered, after which the chairman, who said they had listened to a lecture which had been most interesting, scientific, and instructive, proposed a vote of thanks to the lecturer; he was sure all would hope to hear Mr. House again. The vote was supported by Messrs. T. H. Hartley, Walter Horsfall, W. Quarmby, and others.

BARROW C.B.A.

Nest Feather and British Bird show, held Dalton Road Schools, July 6. Entries came up well, Borders, as usual, being the strongest section, 49 in the four classes, Yorkshires coming next with 22 in two classes. Mr. Woodward, a novice member, staged a rare team in this section, taking challenge cup with a lovely clear buff of nice length and style, also 1st and 2nd in yellows. Mr. Hudson won cup confined to Borders with a very smart clear buff, sweet head, neat wings and tail, in the best of feather and condition. British made a nice show, the winners being all birds of merit. Mr. W. Fryer's winning Goldfinch was greatly admired, also Mr. W. Johnson's Lesser Redpoll, which headed a strong mixed British class. The total entries were over 100, the disappointment of the show being Norwich, four in three classes. Mr. W. J. Douglas, Whitehaven, judged, his awards being well received. YORKS. CL. or TKD. YELL. (10): 1, 2, Woodward; 3, Currie. BUFF (12): 1, cup, and 3, Woodward; 2, Henderson. BORD. CL. or TKD. YELL. (13): 1, 2, Large; 3, Hudson. BUFF (15): 1, cup, 3, Hudson; 2, Ireland. VARIEG. (15): 1, Fleming; 2, Willison; 3, McFarlane. GREEN or CINN. (6): 1, Willison; 2, Fleming; 3, Price. SCOT. FCY., A.V. (4): 1, 2, 3, Fleming. NORWICH (4): 1, Wagstaff; 2, 3, Fleming. MULE or HYB. (4): 1, 2, McFarlane; 3, Fryer. DITTO, OLD BIRDS (4): 1, Fleming; 2, Johnson; 3, Hudson. GOLD. or BULLFINCH (6): 1, Fryer; 2, 3, West. LINNET (4): 1, 2, Fryer; 3, McFarlane. A.O.S. (8): 1, 3, Johnson; 2, Hudson.—Jas. S. Fleming, Hon. Sec.

WOOD GREEN F. AND F.S.

Table Show at Headquarters, Mayes Road, July 9th. Mr. G. T. Harris, the hon. sec., was well rewarded for his efforts, also the chairman and other colleagues for the attendance was good, the entry a nice one, and the quality a credit to any society. Mr. Pledger won the silver spoon for best in show, with a rattling yellow Nor., bonny type, level colour, and still holding feather well. Mr. Clay took the second sp. with a very neat buff Yorks.; Mr. Griffin third, with a buff Norwich., also a good one. Mr. Geo. Gardner judged, and at the close of his task spoke upon the exhibits, and answered several questions. Upon the question of colour transmission, one gentleman asked the interesting question, which was the best way to get colour, through the cock or the hen? Mr. Gardner said if you had plenty of colour blood bred in on both sides, he was of opinion that you could get as many (probably more) yellows of good shape from a typical buff cock and yellow hen as you could vice versa. A vote of thanks was passed to Mr. Gardner at the close. YORKS.: 1, 2, res, Clay Bros., winner smart nervy buff, close in feather and well posted; 3, Cobden. NOR. BUFF: 1, 3, Griffin, leader, bold fronted, nice quality clean, rich undercolour, stands well across; 2, Ayling, variegated, rather long in flights if anything, but a really nice feathered bird; res, Pledger. YELL.: 1, Pledger, the spoon winner already referred to; 2, res, Ayling, former very soft, silky feathered youngster, good type; 3, Griffin. GOLDIES: Cobden, fullest face, best training; 2, Griffin, clean cut and neat. A.O.S. BRIT.: 1, 2, Griffin, nice coloured, marked, and conditioned Linnet and Bullie respectively; 3, res, Pettit, former smart Linnet.

LEEDS C.B.S.

Y.B. show, held July 6th, in St. George's Schools. Competition was very keen in Yorks. and Norwich, some very good birds being staged by Messrs. Chew, Hall, Farrar, and Beckwith in Yorks., and Mennard and Johnson in Norwich. Leaders for sectional gold medals are: Yorks., Chew 34 points, Hall 32, Farrar 32, Beckwith 21; Nor., Mennard 29, Johnson 29; Brit., Owen 25, Middleton 24. Mr. H. J. Chittenden (Bradford) judged, and his awards gave entire satisfaction.

YORKS., CL. YELL. (13): 1, 2, 4, Farrar; 3, Chew. MKD. YELL. (10): 1, 3, 4, Hall; 2, Chew. CL. BUFF (9): 1, Farrar; 2, Chew; 3 Hall; 4, Baldwinson. MKD. BUFF (13): 1, Hall; 2, E. Norton; 3, Chew; 4, Dews. NORWICH, CL. YELL. (7): 1, Mennard; 2, Wilson; 3, 4, Johnson. MKD. YELL. (1): 1, Chambers. CL. BUFF (8): 1, Johnson; 2, 3, Mennard; 4, Chambers. MKD. BUFF (7): 1, 4, Johnson; 2, 3, Mennard. LINNET (5): 1, 3, 4, Owen; 2, Kay. GOLD. OR BULLFINCH (4): 1, Owen; 2, 3, 4, Middleton. REDPOLL, ETC. (6): 1, 3, 4, Owen; 2, Chambers. A.O.S. BRIT. (7): 1, 2, 3, Middleton; 4, Kay. MULE OR HYB. (2): 1, Kay; 2, Owen. NOV. YORKS., CL. YELL. (5): 1, 3, Beckwith; 2, J. Smith; 4, Storey. BUFF (9): 1, Dennison; 2, Marshall Bros.; 3, he, Beckwith; 4, c, Chew; vhc, Cliffe. MKD. YELL. (5): 1, Chew; 2, Storey; 3, Dennison; 4, Marshall Bros. BUFF (11): 1, 3, Chew; 2, Beckwith; 4, Marshall Bros.—W. A. Wilson, Hon. Sec.

REVIEW OF SCHEDULES.

Newport Pagnell.—Aug. 7, in Tickford Abbey Park. 14 classes (judge, Mr. J. C. Wilmot): Nor. old birds 2, bred 1912, 2; Yorks., 1; A.O.V., 1; Mule, 1; Brit., 4; For., 2; Sell., 1. Prizes, 8/-, 4/-, 2/-. Entry fee, 1/6. Ent. close July 30, to Mr. W. Murrell, Sec., The Poplars, Newport Pagnell.

Ackworth.—Aug. 1. Ackworth House Grounds. Judge, Mr. R. Winterburne. 4 open classes: 2 Can., 2 Brit. Prizes, 6/-, 2/-. Fee, 6d. Ent. close July 25, to W. H. Vere, Elmwood Ter., Moor Top, Ackworth.

Carnarvon.—Aug. 5, Pavilion. Judge, Mr. J. W. Metcalfe. 17 open classes: Nor. 2, Yorks. 3, Nat. Col. Can. 1, Bord 1, Mules 2, Brit. 4, For. 1, Sell 2, Nov. 1. Prizes, 7/-, 3/6, 1/6. Fee, 1/-. Ent. close July 25, to Mr. R. J. Jones, Paternoster Edge., 14, Castle Square.

Bude.—Aug. 5, Broadclose. Judge, Mr. J. B. Dyer. 5 open classes: Nor. 1, Yorks. 2, Mules 1, Brit. 1. Prizes, 7/6, 5/-, 2/6. Fee, 1/-. Ent. close July 24, to Mr. Jas. Down, Bude.

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Alnwick C.B.S.—July 25, Temperance Hotel, 8. Open show business. Subs. now overdue; members please attend to this matter.—R. Forster.

Annfield Plain C.B.S.—July 20, Mr. Lumley's, 7. Y.B. show; Nor. Yell., Yorks. Buff, Bord. Yell., A.O.V. Can., and A.O.V. Brit. Judge, Mr. J. Emmerson Stanley.—R. Peart.

Ayr C.B.C.—July 24, Academy Hall, 7.30. Nest feather show, 12 classes. Judge, Mr. Irvine.—James Sloan.

Barrow C.B.A.—July 24, Headquarters, 7.30. Ticket money for late N.F. show, and general business.—Jas. S. Fleming.

Bingley O.S.—July 27, Assembly Rooms, 2.30 p.m. Important.—A. Livesey.

Birmingham South O.S.—July 20, Sydenham Hotel, 6 p.m. Young bird show; birds staged 3 p.m. sharp; open 7 p.m.—J. Sheppard.

Bonnyrigg C.B.S.—July 27, Foresters' Arms, 7.30 —James Hamilton.

Bradford East O.S.—July 20, Park Chapel Schools, West Bowling, Bradford. Members F.F. show; judge, Mr. F. Self, Clayton. Birds staged 2.30; entries Friday night, and Saturday, to time of judging.—H. Hill.

Chopwell C.B.S.—July 20, Club Hall, 6 p.m. Very important.—W. Tomlinson.

Cinnamon Marked Y.C.C.—July 20, Market Tavern, Bradford, 6.30. Allocation of patronage and competitions.—R. Garnett.

Derby C.B.S.—July 27, Derwent Hotel, 7. Important open show business.—G. H. Wharam.

Darlington C. and B.B.F.A.—July 24, George Hotel, 7.30. Arrangements for second nest feather show. Classes, judges, etc.—Arthur Walker.

Ealing and Hanwell F.S.—July 20. Evening show, all sections; cage bird judge, Mr. J. Dewhurst.—Rowland Bamber.

Eccles C.B.S.—July 24, Diamond Inn. Prize cards, etc; new members.—J. Hall.

Eccleshill C.B.A.—July 20, Fountain Inn. Members' show; birds staged at 2.30. Judge, Mr. L. Dykes. Entries Friday night.—W. Nettleton.

Great Horton O.S.—July 20, Butchers' Arms, 8. Special business; schedules for annual show.—J. Holroyd.

Grimsby O.S.—July 25, Slatter's Rooms, 7.30. Yellow and buff N. and C., Brit. classes. Silver medal most points Nov. or Champ., given by Mr. A. Towl; silver medal, amateurs most points, given by Mr. W. Way. Towl and Smith.

Haltwhistle C.B.S.—July 20, Mechanics' Hall. N.F. show; birds staged 3.—Nicholson and Tallantyre.

Halifax O.S.—July 20, Plummet Line Hotel; birds staged 2.30. Nest feather show; judge, R. E. Hellewell. Entries taken Friday night, at Plummet Line. —H. Clegg.

Hanley C.B.S.—July 24, George and Dragon, 8. Ticket money for F.F. show, and very important business.—Geo. Lawton.

Heywood O.S.—July 23. Supper at "Ye Three Cups," Sudden, near Rochdale. No meeting this month.—A. H. Meadowcroft.

Kelty and Blairadam C.B.A.—July 23, Headquarters, 6. Report of West Fife League meeting; distribution of photographs, etc.—A. Dickson.

Larkhall C.B.A.—July 27, Miners' Hall, 6. Young bird show; 7 classes; specials for each class.—Jas. Pollock.

Lancashire and Lizard F.A.—July 21, Rawtenstall, 2.30. General business.—John Rukin.

Leicester C.B.S.—July 25, Saracen's Head Hotel, 8.15. Lecture by Mr. T. Ride, "Moulting and Preparation of Canaries and British for show." Friends invited.—G. H. Groocock.

Leigh C.B.S.—July 24, Railway Hotel, 7.45. Entries for N.F. show to be made before 9 p.m.—R. Charleson.

Leyton C.B.S.—July 20. Young stock show; judge Mr. J. T. Clark; open 4.30, close 9.30.—Forse and Son.

Nelson C. and C.B.S.—July 25, Mr. Fulton's, 68 Railway St., 8.30. Young bird entry and specials.—J. Speak.

Northern B.M. and F.B.C.—July 24, Lockhart's, 65, Grainger St., 8. Allotting of patronage, etc.—W. Curry.

Northern Yorkshire C.C.—July 24, 65, Grainger St., 8. Allot patronage; table show, N.F., usual classes; judge, Mr. J. E. Atkinson.—R. Tindale.

North Manchester C.B.S.—July 23, Balmoral Hotel, Rochdale Road, Harpurhey, 8.—John Davey.

Oldham C.B.S.—July 23, Textile Dining Rooms, 8. General business.—Jas. Cope.

Pendleton and Salford O.S.—July 22, Irwell Castle, Lower Broughton, 8. Important meeting.—Critchley and Metcalfe.

Rochdale O.C.—July 22, Club Rooms, 8.30. Open show business.—R. Blincoe.

Rycroft and Rawmarsh.—July 20, 8. Special meeting.—W. Wilshaw.

Shipley O.S.—July 20, Prince of Wales. Members' show; birds staged 2; entries July 19; judge, Mr. R. Sutcliffe.—A. Tillotson.

Tong C.B.S.—July 20th. Members' show; birds staged by 3 o'clock; judge, Mr. W. A. Cowgill.—W. Walker.

Wibsey C.B.S.—July 20, Corner-by-Newby's, 2.30. Ramble to Harden Beck; ladies invited.—H. C. Crossley.

Windhill C.B.S.—July 20, Blue Bell Hotel, 2.30 p.m. Members F.F. show; silver cup for best bird shown by a novice; entries, Friday, 8 to 11 p.m. Judge, Mr. H. J. Chittenden (Manningham).—J. Taylor.

Wombwell B.F.A.—July 27, Park St. School, 7. Business important.—Thos. Eames.

Warrington C.B.S.—July 25, Blue Bell Sale Rooms, 8.—G. M. Nelson.

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Correspondence.

More Goldfinch-Bullfinch Hybrids.

Sir,—I am a constant reader of Cage Birds and I thought your readers might be interested to know that I have three young Goldfinch-Bullfinch hybrids on the "sticks" out of one nest of four eggs, and with the same pair two more young birds out of a nest of five eggs. I wish your paper Cage Birds every success.

Burslem. Thomas Jackson.

A Freak of Nature.

Yorkshire Canary with One Wing.

Sir,—I have a Yorkshire, six weeks old, that has only one wing. It hasn't the slightest sign of a left wing, not even a stump, only small body feathers. It has the use of the right wing, feeds all right, and gets on the perch at night with the other youugsters. Up to the time of writing, it is doing all right, and can be seen at any time. I am a constant reader of Cage Birds, and this is the first I ever saw or heard of.

T. H. Boundy.

St. Teath, Cornwall.

The Canary Up the Chimney.

Sir,—The wonderful cat aud Canary story given last week is certainly, as you surmised, a very hoary customer, appearing from time to time with but slight variatiou, in many places more notable for sentiment than practical knowledge. My first acquaintance with it was in the School Reader when I was imbibing these elementary arts, which is quite a good many years ago. Since then I have owned some uncommonly tame birds, and animals, and have lots of times seen a pet bird alight on my old cat's back, and nestle in his fur as he lay down, and I have seen the cat lick a bird as though "washing" it many a time. But I have yet to come across one of these cats possessing human powers of reasoning and deductiou.

Claude St. John.

Some Feats of an "Old Hand."

Three Nests of Skylarks Bred this Year.

Sir,—I read in Cage Birds a short time ago of a gentleman who had been trying to breed Skylarks, but failed. I have much pleasure in telling you that this year, for the first time, I have succeeded in breeding three uests. I have also one hen sitting now. I have also a pair of Goldfinches at nest; they have young ones which are doing well. I have been a breeder of Goldfinch Mules for 40 years, and I think I am one of the earliest breeders in England, having bred Goldfinch Mules four years in succession on Jan. 3rd, 17th, 23rd, and the 31st. I believe I have done as much as any other breeder with Goldfinch Mules. I have bred from two Goldfinches in the summer, have moulted them in six weeks, and bred from the same Goldfinches in the autumn, with the same hen Canary. I have never bred Mules for points for show, although I have bred some very handsome ones, my particular fancy being for bird song. I have sold a Goldfinch for £6, also one to a blind man for £4 10s. I thought this might interest your readers, as I should be very pleased to know if this is a record.

James Alfred Marsh.

Bermondsey.

[Further details of the nesting of the Skylarks would, we are sure, be greatly appreciated by our readers.—Editor.]

New Light on Colour Feeding.

Our Contributor "Sticks to His Guns."

Sir,—Allow me to congratulate "H. E. T." on his daughter's arithmetic. His, or, rather, his daughter's, figures, are very accurate, but he only gives a hypothetical case. His figures won't work out in practice; at any rate, not in my case. If he will re-peruse my article, he will find that no bird is put on full amount of colour food until feathers are noticed dropping, and when they have finished with the exception of the head they will only get colour food twice a week. Again, some of the youngsters are on colour food before others which have to be fed are hatched, and are almost finished before the later ones are ready for feeding. It is now well into July, and my old birds are not showing any signs of breaking up; indeed, they are all breeding yet. So H. E. T. will have to modify his figures materially, which will make the problem more difficult for his little girl; this time it will prove a task for the parent. Let me ask him, however, to give my methods a trial. I can assure him he will have a healthier stock, and not a whit less colour. Indeed, I think that one of the secrets of getting a good colour is to have a healthy, quick moult, and my methods conduce to that state. I have heard of young birds this season being on colour food at six weeks old. Why, sir, it's absurd. I have now a flight of first roundors, the oldest of which were hatched on April 1st, therefore they are exactly 14 weeks old, at the time of writing, and they have not yet thrown a feather. Perhaps the date of hatching has something to do with it. Anyhow, some fanciers would have been giving them a teaspoonful each of colour from the age of eight weeks, which would all have been wasted, and more than wasted, because it would have been doing its share towards undermining the system. Of course I have these birds on colour food, but only twice a week, until I see them dropping. There is another point that I omitted from my article. If you will look into the cages of these birds which get their one and two teaspoonfuls a day, you will see the cage bottoms full of colour food that the birds have thrown about and wasted. My birds don't do that; they eat it ravenously—what bit they get. I shouldn't be surprised if my birds didn't really eat more than those birds which are *supposed* to eat a large teaspoonful, but which really gets scattered about the cage. But if I keep on, you will think I am writing a fresh article, and to conclude, I will admit that I didn't write it without expecting some adverse criticism. The Englishman is inclined to regard anything that opposes the orthodox as revolutionary. I thank "H. E. T." for his criticism; I believe it to be honest, much more so than that which took place in a barber's shop between two fanciers, one of whom never exhibited a Canary, and the other breeds only Rollers, therefore has never colour fed. For curiosity I measured in teaspoons one and a-half pounds of feed, and there are approximately 162 teaspoonsful, so "H. E. T." was quite right in using the poet's expression, "I don't think." Speaking from memory though, I don't think I claimed to have used only 1½ lbs. of feed. What I did say was that I got 2½ lbs. and had upwards of a pound left. In my previous letter, in which I made the statement which caused the article to be written, I mentioned that I had fed forty birds on 2 lbs. of colour feed; but "H. E. T." may take it from me that it was well under 2 lbs.

T. Johnson.

[We are puzzled by the latter part of Mr. Johnson's letter. If he had "upwards of a pound left" (i.e., some quantity exceeding a pound), then he must have used *less* than 1½ pounds.—Editor.]

Can a Mule Have Two Male Parents?

Sir,—I have a young Mule that has the marking of two different Finches, clear and distinct—namely, American Yellow Bird and European Goldfinch. It is bred from a hen Roller Canary that was in a cage with the two Finches. Would it be possihle that the same egg has been fertilized by the two male birds? I would be very pleased if some of your readers would enlighten me.

C. Campini.

New York, U.S.A.

[So far as our own comprehension of life's mechanism goes, we think we are correct in stating that it would be highly improbable for a spermatozoon from two male birds to fertilise the same female ovum.—Editor.]

Queer Nesting Places.

Jackdaws Ferreted Out.

Sir,—Perhaps these few lines may interest some of your numerous readers, who delight in rural ramhles. A few days ago some boys who were nesting, found two wild ducks' nests. One was upon the top of the stump of a willow tree, about four or five yards from the ground. The top of the tree had been cut off, and the spring hranches had shot up again. The other one was in a fork of an oak tree some twenty feet from the ground. The question would be how would the young get from the nest? Both nests were close to a poud, one had six and the other seven eggs in. Both nests and eggs were afterwards wilfully destroyed by some boys; as the eggs were hard sat upon and no good to them, they were smashed. A great many other birds' eggs, which are sat upon are served in the same way. If you remonstrate with them on the wilful destruction, they will say: Well, what good are they; there are plenty of them about. Another strange nesting place was a large old ash tree, which had been a noted place for rabbits; in fact, the bottom was all honeycombed with holes. A man was asked to go and ferret out the rabbits, as they were a nuisance. On putting in the ferrets, there was a row of nine Jackdaws which came out from the holes into the rabbit nets. Only one rabbit was found there. Had the Jackdaws frightened the rabbits away from their warren? On the man putting his arm into the holes he found nine nests with eggs in I have never heard of the like before (so many); in fact, I have only found one Jackdaw's nest in a rabbit hole. I also once found a wild Duck's nest in a fir tree.

Nimrod.

Does Rain Kill Young Birds?

Fledglings that Survived a Record Storm.

Sir,—I recently raised this question in your columns, and I am now able to add somewhat to my former letter. In the early hours of the 14th inst. we experienced the heaviest rainfall which has ever been recorded at Teignmouth, and probably one of the heaviest that has ever been recorded in this country. The storm began at midnight with vivid lightning, violent gusts of wind and tremendous crashes of thunder. Then came the rain—a solid sheet of water which fell on the roof with the roar of a blast furnace. According to the official report of the superintendent of our local Metcorological station, three-quarters of an inch of rain fell in half an hour, and .84 of an inch in an hour. I was up very early to see what damage had been done to my young birds and nests. A Diamond Dove was feeding her young in a nest 14 feet from the ground in a position which must have been exposed to the full fury of the storm. Two young Black Redstarts (only three days out of the nest) were as lively as could be. Three young Crested Larks, which had left the nest about ten days, and which roost on the bare ground in an absolutely unsheltered aviary, were also quite fit; ditto two Rock Pipits of same age in the same aviary. Five Paradise Whydahs only turned out a few days previously, were also none the worse. My chief anxiety was for a brood of young Whinchats in a nest situated on the ground itself, these also were looking most cheerful, and have to-day (July 15th) left the nest. Although we have had rain almost every day since the commencement of June, I have not lost any young birds, either British or foreign, and have had no nests damaged, and I think this confirms the views I expressed recently.

W. G. Teschemaker.

P.S.—A full account of this thunderstorm may be found in to-day's "Western Morning News," and the young birds can be seen by any of your readers sufficiently interested in the matter.

Greenfinches Reared Solely on Mixed Seed.

Sir,—Is there anything unusual in the following way of rearing Greenfinches in an outside aviary? The parents are two of a total of 46 mixed British birds and Canaries. They build their nest in one of the bushes, and four eggs were laid, all being hatched out in due course. Naturally, it was impossible to put down any special food for the hen to feed her young, with all the others having access to it, so she simply got the usual mixed seed, and little hopes were entertained of the young being reared. To my surprise, however, they have thriven wonderfully, and are now eight days old, and doing remarkably well—this on mixed Canary seed only. Is this usual? I might add I read Cage Birds every week, from which I get all my information.

G. P. A. (Eccles).

[It is unusual, but probably only so because the average bird-keeper would never try the experiment as to whether the hen would rear the young solely on mixed seed, but would no doubt supply green-food of some kind. The Greenfinch is known to be the easiest of all British birds to breed in captivity, and the hens are invariably model mothers.—Editor.]

The Type of The Present-day Norwich Plainhead.

Sir,—Let us keep to the subject which is the "Champion" Norwich Plainhead. Mr. Woollard has checked his catalogue but he starts his wins at Class No. 7, whereas Nos. 1 to 6 were for the Champion Norwich Plainhead only. No. 7 is for Crests. The whole of these classes, 1 to 6, were won by birds from away. And in the open Non-Flighted Classes, which were four in number, three out of the four chief prizes left Norwich also, which more than proves what I have written before, that the Norwich breeders have not got the winning type. If the trouble calls forth such terms as prejudice and cowardice from Mr. Woollard, it must have hit him hard.

Novice.

Sir,—I don't see what British and foreign birds have to do with the above subject. To state that the Norwich breeders won 40 1sts in Crest, British and foreign doesn't convince one that they have better Norwich than there are outside the city. If you take the first ten classes, which alone are Norwich champion classes, and the only classes available for breeders of the variety outside, I find from Mr. Woollard's statement that only 1sts in classes 7, 9, and 10 remained in Norwich. Some of the other classes are for amateurs, and confined to the district, so can't be counted. I think that bears out "Novice's" argument so far as the Plainhead classes are concerned. I have just looked up a report of Norwich Show, which reads: "for a time the breeders of the bird in the city from which it takes its name got them too long in body, flights, and tail; they are now, however, very much improved in this respect." It is evident from that report that they are not all of the chubby type of Norwich.

Sub Rosa.

The Clashing of Shows in Ireland.

Sir,—The fact is there are far too many shows in Ireland for the number of fanciers. If they are to have a success the same fanciers must show at all, which is more than working men who refuse to make a pleasure a toil can do. They are satisfied with showing at two or three fixtures any season in most cases. Holywood, Bangor, and Newtownards are only a few miles from each other, and one show instead of the three would be far better. It would relieve the present congestion. If Lurgan and the Holywood shows clash, it will be a great mistake, but I think Holywood should give way this time, seeing Lurgan has done so already to suit another Northern fixture. Should the undesired, however, happen, Lurgan, in my opinion, will get the principal support. No show ever existed in Ireland that was held in higher esteem than Lurgan, and though they have dropped out and had no show for two or three years, the fact still remains that Lurgan is one of the oldest open shows in Ireland, whereas Holywood is comparatively young, and part of that time a confined show. The Lurgan fanciers are determined to hold their show as arranged, so I trust Holywood can make a change and thereby get support.

Old Fancier.

Does Supplying Egg-shell Make Birds Egg-eaters?

Readers Say it Does Not.

Sir,—In reply to Mr. H. T. Fordred's letter in last week's Cage Birds, I might tell him that I have used egg shells mixed with sand for over three years, and have never had a bird eat its eggs yet. I have several friends who adopt the same method, and I have never heard them complain of any of their birds eating their eggs. With regard to Mr. H. T. Fordred's statement that he has heard of a case where birds have eaten their eggs, I can tell him he need not fear very much if he rolls the shells fine, and then thoroughly mixes them with the sand. I think the old saying is as true as it can be, that is "The proof of the pudding is the eating of it." Hoping this will convince you on the above-mentioned subject.

C. Oates.

Sir,—In reply to H. T. Fordred, I have used crushed egg shell since reading of its usefulness in Cage Birds two years ago, being able to get plenty of it. I sprinkle the clean sand well with it twice a week. The birds like it, but have never eaten their own eggs, and I have had 15 nests this season.

(Miss) E. Yalden.

Sir,—If Mr. H. T. Fordred baked his egg-shells and mixed them well with the grit, I am sure he need not have any fear that his birds will eat their own eggs. I never use anything else.

E. A. Kemp.

Sir,—In answer to the letter on supplying egg-shells to cage birds, I may say I have used nothing else this season, and have reared 38 young from five hens and three cocks, all Siefert Rollers, and have only had the third round of one hen, the remainder two rounds each. To prepare the egg-shells I wash them and dry well in the oven, and then I crush them with an ordinary ribbed jam-jar on a thick ash wood board, planed smooth. I have every thanks to offer Cage Birds, for it is to your paper that I owe all my good luck. I was at Wolverhampton three weeks ago and saw the light Mules that Mr. Singleton has, and that were remarked about in your paper last week.

S. Dowling.

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A Cinnamon-marked White Canary.

Sir,—Perhaps it may interest some of your readers to know that I have got a young Canary perfectly white except for a Cinnamon "cap." It has pink eyes. I have never seen one like it in all my experience of nearly forty years. It came from a deep yellow cock, and a good coloured buff hen. In the same nest there are two yellows and a buff. This one is as white as chalk.

R. E.

Bread and Milk Rears Thirty Young Canaries.

Sir,—It may be of interest to some of your readers to know I have so far successfully reared thirty young birds, Norwich and Rollers mostly on bread and milk, with sometimes a little Osborne biscuit and egg scattered on the top. In fact, I have never used less egg, and have not lost a single nestling. In one case, I gave a little Bovril and milk (invalid Bovril) to pull up the last hatched of a nest of three a little bit sweated by the mother and too lazily fed by the father. It succeeded well. When they are feathered, and leave the nest, the parents seem to have no patience to bring them up. In this case I took the three and fed them myself a day or two. Then three nice little Rollers would have died while the parents were playing round, so I took these and put the six all together in a cage, with the big Norwich father and mother. He at once began to feed not only his own three, but the three Rollers as well, and all are now picking up soaked seed, coarse oatmeal, bread and milk with a little bit of egg on the top. Two biscuits and half an egg for the bread and milk of six families I have used as a rule. I allow my birds to fly about the bird room, except when housekeeping. The young ones are shut together in a cage.

E. S. Parker.

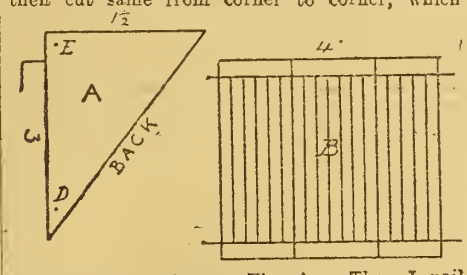
A Bird-lover's Enjoyable Trip to Arundel.

Sir,—On June 29th I went with the Aldwych Ramblers to Arundel. The majority of us made for Arundel Park, Mr. Garland acting as guide. We had a fine ramble through the park, then branching sharp off to the right of the main drive we encountered a very steep grass slope which led down to the prettiest lake it has ever been my lot to witness. A job some of us had to reach the bottom, too. Mr. Devis thought it safer to slide down on the part mother used to smack. Mr. Smith spotted a fine Raven, which appeared to be quite tame. The next bird we came across was a Magpie, and this was followed by many of the more common species. Down by the lake I caught sight of a fine Yellow Wagtail and several Greys and Pieds. On the opposite side, flittiug about in the rushes, was what looked like a small flock of Reed Buntings. At the water's edge we saw Yellow Buntings and quite a host of Chaffinches. All the birds seemed quite tame; in several cases we had to clap our hands to make them disperse. There was quite a large flock of Peafowl in grand plumage; plenty of Wild Duck, with young of all ages, and Moorhens uncountable, tiny chicks darting about in all directions—a pretty sight. In my opinion the prettiest sight of all awaited us in a tiny bay where a magnificent Swan, one of the largest I have come across, was to be seen, with two Cygnets about one week old. What a fine painting they would have made, floating on water about 12ft. deep, as clear as crystal, and reflecting from the sun the most wonderful colours. We were very reluctant to leave this ideal spot, but, time pressing, we passed from the park into a picturesque road lined with trees, a strip of grass and water. We made for the "Wheatsheaf," where an excellent dinner awaited us, after which some walked and others took train to Littlehampton. Bird life here was not so plentiful, but we saw several fine Shore Larks. We spent a most enjoyable day, with a nice little concert in the carriage coming home, Mr. Bustin rendering "Who Killed Cock Robin," 999 verses, which lasted from Arundel to London Bridge. Anyone interested in birds should certainly visit Arundel; a good long day for 3s. return (Cook's excursion), and plenty of room.

Brixton, S.W. H. W. Peck.

A Useful Rack for Nesting Material.

Sir,—The enclosed drawing shows side and front of a nesting material rack, which I have used to a great advantage, as it does not permit the stuff to fly about the room, and the birds seem to enjoy the pulling of the material from it, as it requires a little more energy than the ordinary nest bag. I first get a side of a cigar box and cut it three inches long, and then cut same from corner to corner, which



gives me two sides, as Fig. A. Then I nail on the back a bottom of a cigar box four inches long. Make the wire front as Fig. B, and fix two wire hooks, as C, to hang it on the cage. It is simple to make, and the cost is nil. Dots D and E indicate where the wires for fixing the front go through the side. This is a useful rack where one has to have their birds in their living rooms.

S. G. Ward.

An Appeal for a Wimbledon Fancier.

Sir,—I beg to thank you for inserting my letter requesting assistance for a well-known fancier, who had the misfortune to have his bicycle stolen, and I should esteem it a favour if you would allow me to very heartily thank the following who so kindly responded to that appeal—viz., Mr. F. Piper, 2s.; "Nemo," 10s.; Mr. J. Carson, 2s. 6d.; G. W. Saunders, 2s.; Mr. P. Rorke, 1s.; "Roman," 2s.; Sorry," 3s.

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The Bird to Banish Loneliness.

All about a Talking Parrot and its Management.

By Mrs. J. W. Ambler (Mapplewell, Yorks).

At the present time I happen to be the possessor of a fine, intelligent Blue-fronted Amazon Parrot. In my opinion nothing can come up to it either in sagacity or conversational powers, not even the much-praised Grey. I strongly recommend the Amazon for a lady's pet, being so easy to handle and tame.

A true Blue-fronted should in colour be a bright green, darker on the back and paler on the breast, with a bright blue head backed by yellow, and a bib of yellow, possess scarlet-tipped shoulders, and wings varying from royal blue and green to crimson. The eye should be round and full with a blackish pupil surrounded by an orange ring. It is interesting to note how the eye changes colour in anger or particular pleasure. A young one may be determined by means of its feet. The scales are hard and horny in a mature bird. You may give anything from 30s. up to £5 for a good Amazon, its value increasing according to its talking.

Kindness the Magic Key.

The Blue-front is homely in its habits, and when once its confidence is gained by its tutor nothing is too difficult for its imitation. Through kindness and careful handling I can do anything with my bird. She is a great pet, coming out on my hand, dancing for me, kissing me on my lips and even taking her bath near me, in the enamel bowl used on the sink. Hand-feeding goes a long way towards taming a Parrot, but once ill-treat, or cause them to distrust you in any way and they will never forget it, and all your good work is undone. They are naturally timid and distrustful, and possess particularly retentive memories.

One drawback is with regard to their dirt. If the voidings are allowed to remain long in the cage, they will sometimes eat them, and the dirt must be constantly removed until they are cured of the habit. The best plan is to have the grating bars in the bottom of the cage made narrow. I might say that this is the plan I have adopted. Another possible bad habit is that of feather pulling. This can be stopped by spraying Polly daily with quassia solution and giving attention to the diet (this being of the plainest) while a piece of stick may be given to the bird to whittle, therefore giving her something to take her attention. Empty cotton bobbins may also be given her to play with.

The best way to get Polly to talk well is to give her the things she is most fond of, talking to her all the while, with lots of fussing. A Parrot should be kept in the room in which the family lives, where it will hear plenty of conversation. Constant repetition is the surest method.

An Amazon is not so delicate as a Grey when once acclimatised. It is necessary to watch the diet, moult, cleanliness of cage and food vessels, and keep from the cold. Large roomy cages are necessary, and those free from brass are the safest. Mixed parrot seed should always be kept in its tin; boiled maize may be given sometimes, but this only keeps fresh for one day. Biscuits (plain), ripe fruit, nuts and a piece of cuttle-fish bone should also be given. No meat bones, tea-sops or table tit-bits must be allowed. If the voidings are at all watery a dose of Parrishs' Chemical Food must be given twice a week. If the reverse, use Dinneford's magnesia. The medicines may be soaked up with a little sponge cake, if Polly will not take them otherwise. Water should be given with its ordinary food. Too many "slops" are not good.

Special notice must be given to the nostrils. If the bird is in perfect health, these are quite dry; if damp or choked up, and the breathing is difficult, cold is there. Warmth is absolutely essential. Cover the bird up and dose with a little warm milk sop and touch nostrils with diluted glyco-thymoline, a very small quantity being used, as it is very strong. The nostrils will clear like magic and the breathing become normal.

To Banish that Lonely Feeling.

Constant scalding out of all food vessels is needful. Baths may be given in warm weather, lukewarm water, if necessary, to be used. Also in hot weather the bird may be hung outside, on the sunny side of the house but not in the full glare of the sun.

From a monetary standpoint the Parrot is no "catch," for no breeding can be done, therefore the value does not lie in how many nests can be reared in one season, but in the pleasure one gets from the intelligence and company of the bird. No one can feel lonely with a good talking Parrot in the house. My bird is so used to me that she will answer me back. I should like to relate a little incident here. We were at Leeds, and unknowingly left the back door open. The milkman knocked, and finding the door open walked through. Polly, who was up in the dining room shouted "Is that you?" he said. "Yes." All-right!" Poll shouted. So he got a basin out of the cupboard himself and measured the milk! Anyone can imagine our feelings when we returned!

What is the Earliest Age at which Canary Hens will Breed?

Remarkable Experiences at Morecambe.

Sir,—On Saturday last I accompanied our firm on their annual excursion to Morecambe. Whilst strolling along the front I heard my name called, and found myself shaking hands with an old friend, a Mr. Harrison, who has occasionally put me up when I have previously stayed in Morecambe. He informed me that he had heard so much about Canary breeding, and the pleasure it gives, that he had been tempted to try his hand, and apparently with remarkable results, for he said he had some young ones on the sticks, and the mother of them was bred this year! I thought he was "pulling my leg." However, he invited me to step into his motor car (he is a motor engineer by trade) and run across to his house, where, after renewing acquaintanceship with Mrs. Harrison, he conducted me to his bird-room. He informed me that he commenced last summer, but only had one nest (I forget what the results were). Just before Christmas he possessed one Yorkshire cock, and two hens and one cock Linnet, which were kept in the living room, and being a novice, and a "little bit keen" as he described it, he ran the two cocks to the two hens. On Jan. 7th the Yorkshire pair hatched out, and brought up three young ones, which proved to be a cock and two hens. I believe the hen paired to the Linnet hatched one, which died. Mr Harrison added to his stock, and commenced breeding in real earnest this season, and early in June, noticing that the two young hens, hatched in January were in good form, and calling to the cocks, he ran a cock bird to one of them. Two days afterwards she laid, and continued to lay until she had a full clutch of six eggs, all of which she hatched out, but although she proved a good mother, three of them died. The other three were fine, healthy youngsters, and about four weeks old when I saw them. He also paired up the other hen, but she only reared one. Now, I have read at different times of various records, but I do not remember hearing previously of a hen five months old bringing up young ones (her own). Can any of your readers beat this? This is not the only unusual experience Mr. Harrison has had, as his first round this summer (which was the best and most prolific), was brought up on nothing but plain white Canary seed. He was not then aware that it was considered necessary (?) to use egg food. He pointed out one old hen which had been given to him, and although nine years old, she has hatched and reared thirteen fine youngsters in three nests. Only one hen has been unsuccessful, and this did not have a fertile egg, so Mr. Harrison's son went out into the green fields and brought home three wild birds' eggs, which they set under her. Result: three fine young Greenfinches, in perfect feather and condition. The result of his first real season's breeding is over fifty young ones from four cocks and eight hens, all told, and they looked equal to producing another fifty. Mr. Harrison, though a novice, has some good ideas, or has received some good "tips" He recommends the use of chickweed for green food, and lets them have plenty of it, always taking care all the stale is removed before supplying them with new. He places as much Epsom salts as will cover a threepenny bit in the drinking water every morning for the hens. Please excuse me taking up so much of your valuable space, but I never came across similar results in all my experiences, and thought same would be of interest to your readers. No doubt many who read this will be visiting Morecambe before the season is over, and I am sure that Mr. and Mrs. Harrison will be pleased to show anyone the birds who care to call. Their address is 16, Devonshire Road, West End.

H. H. Towers.

Another Good Word for the Buntings.

Sir,—I wish to thank you for prize money, which I received all right, as winner in the British bird section of your recent Essay Competition. I notice in this week's correspondence, Mr. H. W. Peck writes a very practical letter on four of our Buntings. These are birds which deserve more popularity than they at present enjoy. When one mentions Buntings to some fanciers, one hears such remarks as "Oh, they are no good," "too hard to steady," etc. I may say against such statements that I have two fine young cock Reed Buntings commencing to moult, which will come out of their cage and bathe themselves in a saucer of water placed on the floor, and return to their cage again without any trouble whatever. Of course, these birds were hand-reared by myself. Wishing your paper the success it well deserves. Robert Cobain.

The Problem of the Ticked Bird.

Metropolitan Norwich Fanciers Seeking Light.

Sir,—Could you through the medium of your valuable paper help to elucidate what seems to be a puzzle to many fanciers in the East End. At the last two shows I have attended, there have been very heated debates on some of the exhibits in the marked and variegated Norwich Plainhead classes—namely, as to what constitutes a mark. To make clear my meaning, I will quote an instance: At the East Ham Society's young stock show held July 13, a Norwich was exhibited in the marked and variegated class which had a mark on the breast fully the size of a shilling. It was, however, "wrong-classed" by the judge, which means that it should have been shown in the ticked class. Anyhow, that was the judge's opinion. As I have stated before, there was a keen discussion on the subject, a good few old fanciers taking part and disagreeing. I may mention that this same bird under another judge had been awarded a 3rd prize in the marked or variegated class quite recently. Now, things like these are especially confusing to the novice, and there is nothing so dissatisfying and discouraging as being "wrong-classed." If you could spare a little of your valuable space so that we could get to know what technical marks are necessary for these classes, I am sure you would be doing novices a good turn, and also settle the warm, though very friendly arguments, between the old fanciers. I wish Cage Birds the success it so well deserves.

Chas. Paynter.

[We think we are correct in stating that the specialist Norwich Plainhead Clubs have no official ruling upon the point in question. Many societies settle the matter for themselves by defining a ticked bird in their show schedules and those birds which do not conform to this definition must, of course, go into the marked or variegated classes. A commonly accepted definition of a ticked bird is that it shall be one showing a patch of dark plumage not larger than a sixpence, or one dark wing or tail feather.—Editor.]

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To Keep Watercress and Other Green Food Fresh and Crisp.

[Winner of Half-crown Prize.]

The best way to keep watercress and all other green food sweet and fresh during very hot weather is to get a large flowerpot (a 10in. pot will do nicely), and plug the hole up with a cork. Then get a small jar and place the green food in it, with water. Stand this on the kitchen floor and place the flowerpot over it. By changing the water daily you will find you are able to keep the green food fresh and firm for a considerable time. Fanciers using this method will find they greatly benefit by it.—W. Burdett, 51, Dares Walk, Hinckley, Leicestershire.

Dummy Eggs from Dough.

I send you an idea for making dummy eggs. First get a teacup and half fill it with flour, then add enough water to make a stiff dough; having done this, take a bit of the dough the size of an egg and put a little cotton wool on it, and roll it the shape of an egg. Put in a cool place to dry when you have made enough from the dough, and you have got good dummy eggs when they have gone hard.—C. Lees (Derby).

When Moulting Britishers.

[Winner of Half-crown Prize.]

Every keeper of British birds, when possible, moults his birds in an outside aviary. Such fanciers cage them again two or three weeks before the show period, and often find great difficulty in getting them steady in time, particularly Goldfinches. An excellent method of procedure is to place the cage with the door fixed open in the aviary. The birds will invariably roost at night in the cages, in preference to the open aviary, and so used are they to their cages that, practically speaking, they take to them again quite naturally, and without damaging their flights against the wires, which has often spoilt many a good bird for the bench at the eleventh hour.—Albert G. Beer (Brondesbury, N.W.).

To Strengthen the Youngsters.

When young Canaries have started to feed themselves I find it a good plan to turn them loose in the birdroom for three or four weeks. Feed them well, and give plenty of fresh air, and as many baths as they will take. You will find that this makes them large and strong, and as hardy as Sparrows. They should be caged after three or four weeks, or they begin to get wild.—C. E. Gribbon (Belfast).

For Restless Hens.

If a piece of cardboard (say from 6in. deep by 3in. broad, or so) be fastened to the cage front in a position to screen the nest, you will find the hen will sit more keenly on the eggs during incubation. The cardboard can be removed the day before the eggs are due to hatch. This idea is to prevent the hen coming off the nest so much, and allowing the eggs to go cold, which causes "dead in shell."—C. Oates (Sheffield).

To Collect and Store Shepherd's Purse Seed.

Shepherd's Purse is the most useful wild seed we have, and now is the time to gather it. Cut the stalks off near the root, and when you have gathered a good quantity run the pods through the palm of the hand, holding same over a sheet of paper to catch the small seeds. When you have done this, get a small sieve and pass the seed through it to clear it of the pods. In this way you can gather 1lb. in half an hour. Put the seed on a tray and store in a dry place, or put it in the sun on a calm day; when quite dry put in a paper bag, and it is ready for use.—H. Hornblower (Dawley).

Country Rambles.

NORTHAMPTON FANCIERS FIND PLEASURE AND INSTRUCTION NEAR HOME.

(*See photo on page* 601).

The members of the Northamptonshire Hand-in-Hand C.B.S. on June 29th, by kind invitation, paid a visit to the lovely gardens and aviaries of Alderman Tomes, J.P. The weather being brilliant, the treat afforded the greatest possible pleasure to the members. Alderman Tomes's geniality and courtesy very soon made everyone feel quite at home. The photographer (Mr. Greenway, Abington Street) was at once set to work, and a picture taken from the spacious lawn. This being completed, Alderman Tomes accompanied the members to the aviaries, the first being the foreign bird aviary. The experience gained through a succession of years by careful study of bird life has enabled Alderman Tomes to form within his garden a very interesting and locally unique collection of the smaller home and foreign birds. His aviaries are of such dimensions that they afford the occupants sufficient space to lead a life of the nearest possible approach to natural existence. Their health and comfort are safely secured as far as human foresight, thought, and attention can extend, and every provision is made for their general happiness.

The situation of the foreign bird aviary has been carefully considered, together with its construction and internal arrangements. Facing the south, it has an outer play-ground covered with galvanised wire netting, shrubs in pots, and the head of a blackthorn, stand in the centre, with branches forming perches, and a gravel path runs round a grass lawn. Accommodation is provided for building homes and rearing progeny. The inner room, forming the "roost" is protected on three sides, east, west and north, by glass and brick walls; two sides are division walls to the conservatories, and are so arranged that if heat is required it is easily obtainable, and the more delicate specimens can find warmth when needed. This may account for the longevity of many of its inmates. They are watched with a fatherly care both by the owner and his gardener. The fixed periods of feeding are observed with clock-work precision. Many of the birds have become very tame, exhibiting no fear when their tenement is entered for the purpose of supplying water and refreshment. An aviary with proportions like the one under notice is of incalculable value where characteristics of the many families of birds that have come to our shores can be closely observed—a pleasure to the student and equally captivating to the amateur. The selection of tenants willing to lead peaceful lives gives no little concern to its kindly owner. Upon the arrival of a stranger, it is first confined for a short time in a roomy cage hanging on the aviary, giving it an introduction, as it were, to the other and older inhabitants, some of whom frequently fly to and cling to the outer wires, offering the "right hand of fellowship."

Before describing a few of the species one among the occupants commands instant attention, both by its clear ringing song and the beauty of its feathers—splendid in the bright sunshine—the Pekin Nightingale. The liveliness of this bird is remarkable. When in full form it will sing "almost incessantly for hours together," says Mr. Butlin, and the song more nearly resembles that of the Blackcap than that of any other British bird, but it is more rapid and frequently quite as loud as that of the Blackbird. Another resident which demands attention is the "King of songsters," no other than our summer favourite, the Nightingale. Many persons have frequently heard the glorious song of this modest and retiring bird, but have never caught more than a momentary glimpse of its form. But here it is in Alderman Tomes's aviary, and it has been there for a great length of time. In the spring time the "liquid notes" were heard in their full charm. It is impossible to give a description of the entire collection; I must simply mention a few of the birds. The American Blue Bird, of the appearance of our Robin, but excelling it in beauty of plumage, the Grass Parrakeets, (Budgerigars), Chestnut-breasted, Three-coloured, White-headed and Bronze Mannikins, Nonpariels and Indigo Buntings, Red-crested Cardinal, Madagascar Weaver, Cordon Bleus, Lavender Finches, Green Amaduvades, Orange-checked and St. Helena Waxbills, Pin-tailed Nonpariels, Gouldian, Diamond and Ribbon Finches, Black-headed Siskin, Zebra, Grey Singing, Green Singing and Saffron Finches and Combassous.

The next aviary was that of the British birds, which contained a great many species. There were the Corn, Reed, Cirl, Yellow and Snow Buntings, Gold, Bull, Bramble, Chaff, Green and Haw Finches. The latter bird was the admiration of all, and if put on the show bench would be a hard nut to crack, as also would many another in this collection. Close by this aviary hung a most beautiful Thrush and Blackbird, both looking in the pink of condition. These lovely creatures keep the whole neighbourhood ringing with song from daylight until dark. To watch the preparation of the various food is a study; the boiling of the eggs, the grating of raw carrots, the grinding of biscuits, the cutting up of raw bits of beef; then we have the mealworms, oranges, apples, bananas, etc., and the nuts that have to be cracked. We passed on to the aviaries of Pheasants, the Golden and the Silver Pheasants. Alderman Tomes was most sorry the old birds were just casting their coats, so that their beautiful plumage was lost for a time. The tail feathers the owner had kept for our inspection. Some Pheasants there were just hatched, and other young of an earlier date. Two pairs of these beautiful creatures are in our park, presented by Alderman Tomes.

Now we come to Canaryland. Our kindly host does not go in very largely for this bird. At the same time there is a loft set apart for them. In it can be seen a few very nice specimens. The Goldfinch Mule breeding this year has not been quite the success it might have been; still, Alderman Tomes means to try again. Since writing these lines, through some cause the whole of these Canaries have died. After viewing the beautiful gardens and conservatories, we found the time had all too quickly flown, and after a very hearty vote of thanks had been given Alderman Tomes for his most kindly entertainment, especially for the information that he so readily had given of his experiences in the birdy regions, we wished that gentleman the best of health and happiness. This brought a most enjoyable afternoon to its close, the worthy Alderman saying that he had enjoyed the treat quite as much as the members of the society.—A. W. Law, Sec.

Club Reports.

DERWENT VALLEY C.B.S.

Meeting, held July 6, Church Hall, Harrasterley, Mr. G. Barkus in the chair. Fair attendance of members. Decided that we have a guessing competition on the day of our show, and that the list of prizes for our annual draw lie over till next meeting. New member enrolled, Mr. Carlill. Pleased to hear the majority of our members are having a very successful season.—Lindsay and Marsh, Hon. Secs.

LONGTON AND DIS. C.B.S.

Monthly meeting, July 9th, Castle Inn, Mr. J. Bagshaw in chair, before a good attendance of members. Prize money and specials were paid out from first feather show, which was a great success. Arrangements were made to hold open show at Swan Hotel, one minute walk from the station; the room is well lighted and free from draughts, Mr. R. Ratcliffe, of Shelton, was elected a member. —Geo. Lea, Corres. Sec.

ROSSENDALE C.B.S.

General meeting, held July 2, Mr. Johnson of Bacup, gave a very interesting lecture on the Roller Canary, its song, how it was obtained, and the training of young birds. It was very pleasant and instructive, especially for the young fanciers. We take this opportunity of thanking Mr. Johnson for the able manner in which he gave his lecture. Mr. Heys, of Waterfoot, has kindly promised to give us a lecture on the Cinnamon, at the Commercial Hotel, Stacksteads, on August 13, at 7.30. Will all fanciers and members take note of the date.—H. Wantling, Hon. Sec.

EBBW VALE F. & F.S.

Annual meeting held July 9, when Mr. T. Smith took the chair. Balance sheet for 1911 read and confirmed. Election of officers: Chair, Mr. Thompson Smith; Vice-chair, Mr. R. Anthony; Treas., Mr. J. Jackson; Secretary, T. T. Tilby; Assist. Sec., F. H. Cook; Committee, The members. It was decided that until such time as there was a working capital, the annual subs. be 2s. 6d., and 6d. per quarter extra. Also decided to hold two members' shows this year, in Sept. and Dec. A hearty invitation is given to all local fanciers to become members. Next meeting at Gwalia, July 23rd, 7.30 p.m.—T. H. Tilby, Sec.

SALFORD.

First general meeting, held July 7th, at Headquarters, Boat House Hotel; a good attendance of members. Chairman, Mr. H. Cootes. The balance sheet for the year was read, and showed a financial loss on the present system under the affiliation rules, and it was decided to withdraw from the affiliation and have a series of contests to benefit the novices. First contest July 20. Following officers were elected, and they will make every effort to further the club's interest in the future, as we are assured of new members. Pres. and treas., Mr. H. Cootes; secretary, B. Wharton; committee, E. Hickman, G. Bate, J. Green, J. Godson, J. Caswell, N. Smedley.—B. Wharton, Sec.

LIVERPOOL B.B.A.

Monthly meeting held Oldham Hall, July 13th, Mr. F. Handley in the chair. Minutes were adopted and 4 new members elected and one nominated. It was suggested we have novice classes at our old show in November. Afterwards we had our second night nest feather show, 74 birds being entered, which brought out some really good young, especially in the clear classes, which were judged by Mr. J. W. Metcalfe, who got through in good time, which allowed plenty of time for the members to look over them afterwards. We had the best attendance we have had for some time, there not being enough seating room. One of our members promised a medal for most points gained in Border classes, all points to count. A vote of thanks was accorded Mr. Metcalfe for judging.—J. Lloyd.

WALKLEY C.B.S.

Monthly meeting, held St. Philip's Mission Hall, Westmorland St., July 8, Mr. T. Riddle in the chair, supported by the vice-chairmen, J. G. Cowley and G. Butler. The most interesting feature of the evening was a lecture on colour feeding by Mr. W. T. Furniss, who handled the subject in grand style, giving the various methods used by himself when moulting, making several changes in his diet during the week, sometimes using egg, at other times banana, etc. At the close a great number of questions were asked. Several other members gave their methods. A vote of thanks to Mr. Furness was carried unanimously. These lectures seem to be the life of a society which, like ours, contains a good proportion of novices. A letter was read from the Vicar, asking our increased support towards the rent of the room, so we decided to grant £1 as a special donation. Members are invited to join the Sheffield C.B.S. in a ramble on Saturday, July 20, to Bradford. Meet at train terminus, Malin Bridge, at 2.30. Next meeting, table show, 9 classes. Birds staged at 7.45 sharp. Bring your last round, and make this as great a success as our June show. Will members bring ticket money for Nest Feather show. Prize money was paid out at the meeting.—C. Tomlinson, Sec.

YORKSHIRE COUNTY S.B. & M.C.

Meeting at Market Tavern, July 6th, Mr. W. Cowgill (Vice-president) in chair, as Mr. F. Archer (President) was prevented coming owing to business. Present, Messrs. Cowgill, Chittenden, Towers, Halliday, Jowett, Ross, Parkin, Inman and Hammond. Minutes were passed and letters commented upon and answered; also the resignations of Mr. F. F. Potter, Hull, and Mr. J. Taylor, Haworth, through business. We elected a member, Mr. Gomersal, of Morley. The following shows have the patronage (one or two who applied unfortunately clashed): Oct. 12, Leeds, Judge, J. H. Roe; Nov. 1 and 2, Sheffield, C. Houlton; Nov. 8 and 9, Halifax; Nov. 16, Bradford East, H. Battye; Nov. 23, Horton Good Intent, C. A. House; Nov. 27, Whitby; Nov. 30, Harrogate, W. Mundell; Dec. 26, Malton. Proposed by Mr. Chittenden, seconded Mr. Inman, That it is left to Secretary to arrange classification for shows mentioned where needs. Members please note, they must show at not less than five shows to compete for prizes. The handbook it was proposed to leave in the hands of the Secretary. Mr. C. Rose proposed, seconded by Mr. Parkin, that prizes for coming season were, 1st, 25s.; 2nd, 12s. 6d.; and 3rd, 5s., in each section, and CAGE BIRDS' prizes in addition. We had another donation from our friend, Mr. Chittenden. This was one of the best and most business-like meetings the Club has ever had. There seems to be a lot of talk about Bullie Hybrids this season, and it is to be hoped they won't be too common. It was a pleasure to see the subs. rolling in as they did.—J. Lane, Hon. Sec.

ANNFIELD PLAIN

Monthly meeting, held July 6, only a fair attendance. This is not much encouragement for secretary and assist. secretary, Mr. Archer, who is indeed a hardworking fancier. Now, ye members, pull together. I want a record time this January. We have some very important work now, re making up of schedule, and we want your views. I require all duplicates and unsold tickets, including cash, on or before August 17. I know some of you have done well, and those members who have any on hand will oblige by selling them. Nothing venture, nothing have. Special of 2s. 6d. to the member who sells most. Table show, held same night, G. Lane, Hutchinson, and Williams, principal winners, some grand birds being staged. Next meeting Railway Hotel, August 3.—J. W. Christon, Sec.

STRATFORD & E. LONDON F.S.

Meeting held July 11th, a good muster of members being present. Judges (for evening show July 25th, 8 to 10 p.m., admission free) were elected: Cage Birds, A. J. A. Marley, Esq. New members elected: Messrs. W. Marshall, R. T. Vicars, Master Roland Arnold, and W. T. Bailey. Several good specials were promised for the show. It was proposed and seconded that the cage birds be staged between 6 and 6.30 p.m., the judge having a meeting to attend later the same evening. Any fancier joining now can compete at young stock and annual shows. This old-established society (founded 1888) owns its own pens and staging, and meets in one of the best halls in East London, and has sixteen handsome challenge cups. The membership is open; subs., 3s. per year. Entry fee, 1s.—W. Maxey, Hon. Sec.

NORTHERN CREST CLUB.

Meeting held Lockhart's Cafe, Newcastle, July 3rd. Present, Messrs. Robson, Swan, Risehorough, Armstrong, Dobson and Son, Bewick, Scott, McColl, Coutts, Gillespie, and Hutchinson. Mr. T. Robson presided. Classification for our open show was arranged: 16 classes for Crests and Crest-breds, so that exhibitors can look forward to us having a good show on New Year's Day. It will be a one-day show, birds to be staged by 9 a.m., and show to close at 8 p.m., so that exhibitors from a distance will have their birds sent off by trains that will get them home early following morning. Mr. J. Clark (Sunderland) was elected judge. Agreed to pay £1 per class, viz., first 10s., second 5s., third 3s., fourth 2s. If less than seven entries in any class only half prize money, so it is to be hoped that the Crest men will avail themselves of this splendid opportunity and send an entry that will leave no reason for half money to have to be paid. Entrance fee, 1s. 6d.; members, 1s. Admission from 9 a.m. till 1 p.m., 6d.; from 1 p.m. till close, 3d.—J. G. Hutchinson, Hon. Sec.

SOUTH BIRMINGHAM O.S.

Usual monthly meeting held July 10th, Sydenham Hotel, before splendid gathering. Messrs. Everitt and Austin were elected as members, which brought the total to 60, which announcement was received with loud applause. The secretary presented balance-sheet of the first young bird show; balance to society, 9s. He thanked members for the splendid support and hoped Judge Roe on the 20th would have an even larger display. Decided to have winter members' show at headquarters. The committee having gone into the objection of Mr. Dipple to the bird of Mr. de Maillett's having been in wrong class, it was resolved to hold to the rule that the judge's decision be final, and the class and result remain as placed. At the same time they hoped all members in doubt as to the correct class would not place a number on the entry form, but describe the bird and leave the show managers to enter same. The risk of guessing the number was too great, and would cause mischief if bird or birds happened to be incorrectly numbered or classed. Paying out of the specials and prize money was then dealt with.—J. Sheppard, Sec.

GLASGOW WEST END C.B.C.

Monthly meeting, held in Co-operative Hall, St. George's Cross, on July 5, Mr. C. Campbell presiding over a fair attendance. Two letters from Glasgow and District C.B.A. were read, one on the much discussed Points Competition, held at their open show last new year. One of the awards in this competition was disputed by Glasgow West End C.B.C. on the ground that, according to the rules governing said Points Competition, the young Yorks. classes were not allowed to count for points (in other words, "specialist clubs" were debarred). There were confined to the members of the Y.C.C. of Scotland, which is purely and solely a specialist club. Therefore they ought not to have been allowed to count for points. After long negotiations re above-mentioned points competition, Glasgow and District refused to consider this matter any further, so Partick C.B.S. got the rose bowl, but Glasgow West End C.B.C. have won the honour. The other letter was expressing regret at the so-called unfortunate mistake that had been made in omitting to invite the above club to send delegates to their, the Glasgow and Dis. C.B.A., meeting, and asking us to appoint two or three of our members to act on committee. Decided not to appoint any member of above club to act as such. After discussing part of the annual show business, the meeting closed.—Wm. Proudfoot, Secretary and Treasurer.

S. WALES & MON. FEDERATION.

Third meeting held Market Vaults, July 13th, Mr. D. A. S. Longden (Swansea) presiding. Mr. Norris Sair, who attended the meeting to see how things were getting on, gave his financial help by becoming Vice-President. The gentlemen who have already consented to act as Vice-Presidents are Mr. J. H. Bant (Cardiff), Mr. W. G. Camden (Swansea), Mr. Ernest Ll. Simon (Pembroke), and Mr. H. Buckley Roderick (Barry Port). The Secretary will be pleased to receive the names of any gentlemen who are in sympathy with the good work attempted to be done and who will become Vice-Presidents. Decided that affiliated societies be asked to contribute 5s. each towards the purchasing of four cups, one each for poultry, pigeons, cage birds, and the fur section, to be competed for by members of all shows of affiliated societies who have subscribed the said 5s. Members gaining most points throughout the season will win the cup. This will no doubt considerably increase the number of entries. A gentleman is also giving a gold medal at Abertillery show for best exhibit by a member of an affiliated society. The Federation is therefore very much alive. Up to now it has been the means of preventing six societies from clashing. There are now about 22 societies affiliated, 15 having paid their affiliated fees. The Secretary would be much obliged if other societies would send on their fees at once, so as to insert names and dates in book of rules, which will shortly be printed. In this will also be allotted a page for names of local judges and their addresses. These will be inserted at the nominal fee of 2s. 6d. Next meeting at Cardiff, same time next month. The Secretary, Mr. A. A. Gordon McLucas, 48, Rosser Street, Maesycoed, Pontypridd, will be pleased to give any information required.

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GT. HORTON (Good Intent) O.S.

F.F. show, July 13; Congregational Schools. Mr. E. B. Denton judged to the general satisfaction. CL. TKD. YELL.: 1, Hooson; 2, Sharp; 3, Morley; 4, Pedder. BUFF: 1, Holden; 2, Morley; 3, Brown and Ramsden; 4, Ackroyd. EVEN, ETC., MKD. YELL.: 1, Hooson; 2, 4, Brook and Oldfield; 3, Sebofield. BUFF: 1, Schofield; 2, Hooson; 3, Morley. NORWICH: 1, 4, Bartle; 2, 3, Jowett.—H. Gornall, Sec.

MORLEY C.B.S.

Second Y.B. show, held July 13, at Sycamore Hotel. Judge, Mr. T. H. Inman, of Bradford. CL. OR TKD. YELL.: 1, 3, Mitchell; 2, Birdstall. BUFF: 1, Mitchell; 2, 3, Birdstall. UNEVEN. OR FOWL MKD. GREEN: 1, 2, Mitchell; 3, Birdstall. CINN.: 1, 2, 3, Birdstall. NOVICE.—CL. TKD. YELL.: 1, Scholes; 2, Greenwood. BUFF: 1, Scholes; 2, 3, Greenwood. UNEVEN. OR FOUL MKD. GREEN: 1, 2, 3, Scholes. CINN.: 1, 3, Greenwood; 2, Scholes. LINNET: 1, Gomershall; 2, 3, Pyrah. REDPOLL, ETC.: 1, 3, Pyrah; 3, Gomershall.—J. Rhodes, Sec.

COVENTRY (Godiva) C.B.S.

Annual N.F. show, at the Chequer's Hotel, July 13. Mr. W. A. Davis judged, and gave great satisfaction. There was a grand display of young birds. NOR. CL. YELL.: 1, Howe; 2, 3, Wright. MKD. YELL.: 1, 2, Roycroft; 3, Slaymaker. CL. BUFF: 1, 2, Roycroft; 3, Wright. MKD. BUFF: 1, Wright; 2, Clarke; 3, Howe. CINN.: 1, Wright; 2, Follows; 3, Mann. A.O.V. CAN.: 1, 2, 3, Green. NOR. YELL., Any Age: 1, Howe; 2, Wright; 3, Saunders. BUFF: 1, Slaymaker; 2, Rowley; 3, Saunders. BRIT. HARDBILL: 1, 2, Clarke; 3, Rowley. CAN. HEN: 1, Rowley; 2, 3, Slaymaker.—R. Symonds, Sec.

REDHILL C.B.S.

Second annual Y.B.S., July 10, at Lindsey's Hotel. Mr. Martin Crust judged, and gave every satisfaction. There were not quite so many entries as in other years, the breeding season in this district having been a bad one. Some very fine birds were staged. Borders were strong. NOR.: 1, Wade; 2, 3, Miss Edward. BORD. YELL.: 1, spl, spl. best Canary, Bacon. BUFF: 1, 3, Bacon; 2, Marriott. A.O.V.: 1, 3, spl, Miss Gulpin; 2, Tuppen. MULES: 1, spl, 2, Bacon; 3, Smith. GOLDIE AND BULLIE: 1, spl, best Brit., 3, Bacon; 2, Marriott. LINNET, ETC.: 1, Baldock; 2, 3, Bacon. A.O.V.: 1, Marriott; 2, Bacon; 3, Bynall.—A. W. Bacon, Hon. Sec.

BRADFORD WEST C.B.A.

F.F. show, held club rooms, Girlington, July 13. Mr. A. Shaw, Allerton, judged, and gave every satisfaction. The entries came in very well, 64 birds being staged, including some very fine specimens.

CHAM. YORKS YELL (8): 1, 3, 4, Whitley; 2, Wallbank. BUFF (8): 1, 2, 4, Whitley; 3, Wallbank. NOVICE. CL. or TKD. YELL. YORKS. (18): 1, Butterfield; 2, Craven; 3, Bennett; 4, Mountain. BUFF (18): 1, Bennett; 2, Kitchen; 3, Western; 4, Butterfield. UNEVENLY MKD. YORKS. (7): 1, 2, Western; 3, Goodwin; 4, Mountain. SELF or FOUL, ETC., YORKS. (5): 1, Western; 2, Craven; 3, Butterfield; 4, Goodwin. A. Whitley was awarded special for best hird in show, this being a smart unevenly marked buff Yorks.—Kilburn and Western, Secs.

DARLINGTON C.B.S.

Y.B. show, held Labour Hall, July 6. The birds were well up to the average in quality, although the changeable weather during the early months of the breeding has been all against the breeding of Canaries. There was a fairly good attendance, and the show was a pronounced success. Mr. A. Wake, Middlesbro', judged, and his awards were well received. YORKS. CL.: 1, spl, 2, Paterson; 3, Brown; 4, R. Todd. TKD. OR VARIEG.: 1, spl, Paterson; 2, 3, Todd; 4, Brown. NOR. CL.: 1, spl, Carrol; 2, Brunskill. NOR. TKD. VAR.: 1, spl, Carrol; 2, Brunskill. MULE OR HYB.: 1, spl, 4, Gregory; 2, 3, R. Todd. GOLDFINCH: 1, spl, Forster; 2, Brunskill. LINNET. ETC.: 1, spl., 3, Gregory; 2, Forster; 4, H. Todd. BRAMBLE, ETC.: 1, spl, Forster; 2, Burton Bros.; 3, H. Todd. A.O.V.: 1, spl, Gregory.—H. Todd, Sec.

SKIPTON C.B.S.

Annual F.F. show, held July 6, in Friendly Societies' Hall; 63 birds were staged, and the exhibits were of even quality. Mr. G. Wear (Skipton) judged, and gave every satisfaction.

YORKS., CL. or TKD. YELL.: 1, 2, Miller; 3, Hodgson; 4, Denby. BUFF: 1, Bailey; 2, Miller; 3, 4, Hodgson. GREEN, ETC. YELL.: 1, Miller; 2, Bailey; 3, Beck. BUFF: 1, 3, Miller; 2, Stead; 4, Beck. SELF YELL. GREEN: 1, 2, Hodgson; 3, Beck; 4, Miller. BUFF: 1, Miller; 2, Beck. FOUL YELL. GREEN: 1, Hodgson; 2, 3, Beck; 4, Miller. A.V. CINN. MKD. YELL.: 1, Bailey; 2, Miller; 3, Hudson and Son. BUFF: 1, 2, Hudson and Son; 3, 4, Miller. NOR. CL. YELL.: 1, 4, Gates; 2, Linford; 3, Hudson and Son. BUFF: 1, Gates; 2, Hudson and Son. TKD., ETC., YELL.: 1, 2, Gates; 3 Beck. BUFF: 1, 2, Gates. GOLD. or BULLFINCH: 1, Scott; 2, Moorby. LINNET, ETC.: 1, Freeman; 2, Moorby; 3, Beck. MULE or HYB.: 1, Nunns. FOR.: 1, Jeffrey; 2, Moorby.—Gill and Hudson, Joint Secs.

WATFORD C.B.S.

Annual F.F. show, held Conservative Hall, Clarendon Road, July 10. Despite the very poor breeding season experienced, there was a very nice show, some 120 birds being staged. Norwich were a very fine lot. Yorks. and Crests were not up to standard, but quality was extra good. Miss Hewat's Crest, which secured cup for the best young bird in show, should be heard of again. British were not numerous, but most of the winners have held their own in open competition. The special for the best hardbill was won by W. Buckingham's noted Goldfinch; best softbill, Mr. J. Goodall, with a good Reed Bunting. The foreign seedeaters' class was the best class ever seen in Watford, and gave the judge a trying time. The foreign special was won by Mr. Watts' noted Queen Whydah. The hon. secs., Mr. Rackley, and assist. sec., Mr. Quantrell, and an excellent committee of workers, worked with a will which did them much credit. Mr. Robson judged and gave entire satisfaction.

CHAMP.—NOR.: 1, 2, Sears; 3, Fox. NOV.—NOR. CL. TKD.: 1, 2, 3, Leedham. CHAMP. VARIEG.: 1, Sears; 2, Fox; 3, Goodall. NOV. VARIEG.: 1, 3, Eames; 2, Herridge. YORKS. CL. TKD.: 1, 2, Pigg; 3, Wright. NOV. YORKS.: 1, 2, Mrs. Farmer. CHAMP. CRESTS: 1, Miss Hewat. NOV. CREST: 1, 2, Charnock. CHAMP. C.B.: 1, Miss Hewat. NOV. C.B.: 1, Charnock; 2, Walters. GOLDFINCH OR LINNET CAN. (1912): 1, Sparrow. A.O.V. FINCH-CAN.: 1, Goodchild. A.V. HYBRID (any age): 1, Buckingham, Redpoll-Can.; 2, Buckingham, four-pointed Goldfinch-Can.; 3, Buckingham, Goldfinch Siskin Hybrid. GOLDFINCH: 1, 3, Buckingham; 2, Findley. LINNET: 1, Goodall; 2, Findley; 3, Buckingham. GREENFINCH: 1, Buckingham; 2, Littlechild; 3, Goodall. SISKIN, ETC.: 1, Wombell; 2, Buckingham; 3, Findley. CHAFFINCH, ETC.: 1, Buckingham; 2, Goodall. A.O.S. FINCH OR BUNTING: 1, Goodall. HARDBILL HEN: 1, Goodall; 2, Mrs. Farmer. INSECTIV., SMALL: 1, Goodall. LARGE: 1, Shirley. BUDGERIGARS, ETC.: 1, Watts; 2, Goodall. A.O.S. FOR. SEEDEATER: 1, 3, Watts; 2, Buckingham. A.S. FRUITEATER: 1, Watts. NOR. (Any age): 1, Campbell; 2, Buckingham; 3, Shirley. YORKS. (any age): 1, 2, 3, Buckingham. A.O.V. CANARY: 1, 2, Campbell. SELLING, 10s.: 1, Swain; 2, Buckingham; 3, Herridge. SELLING, £1 10s.: 1, 2, Buckingham; 3, Swain.

DONCASTER C.B.S.

Second N.F. show held Black Bull, July 13th. Mr. F. Barker judged, and his awards were well received. There was a capital entry, quite up to the average, both in quantity and quality. The Mule and Hybrid class contained some promising youngsters. Mr. Wade winning silver medal (given by Mr. Barker) for best bird in show, with a Greenfinch Mule. Yell. Yorks: 1, 2, Hunt; 3, Blanchow. Buff: 1, Blanchow; 2, Truman; 3, Beers. Nor.: 1, Flint; 2, 3, Truman. Brit. H.-M.: 1, Pogmore; 2, Simpson; 3, Wade. F.-M.: 1, Truman; 2, Wade; 3, Lumby. Mule or Hybrid: 1, Wade; 2, Leafe; 3, Pogmore.—G. Bescoby, Sec.

BRAMLEY O.S.

F.F. Show, held July 13, Old Unicorn Inn, Thirty-three birds faced the judge, Mr. W. Wharton, of Bradford, who gave entire satisfaction. In Yorks, Messrs. Richmond, 19 points, Steel 14, Johnson 11, Page 4, were point scores, and in Nor., Messrs. Johnson 16, Wainwright 11, Wilson 9, Scarth 3. YORKS., CL. OR TKD., YELL. (3): 1, Richmond; 2, 3, Steel. BUFF (8): 1, Steel; 2, Richmond; 3, Johnson. SELF, ETC. (7): 1, 2, Richmond; 3, Johnson. NOR., CL., OR TKD. YELL. (5): 1, Johnson; 2, Wainwright; 3, Wilson. BUFF (7): 1, 2, Johnson; 3, Wilson. SELF, ETC. (3): 1, Johnson; 2, 3, Scarth.—W. H. Steel, Sec.

EDINBURGH N.C. AND M.B.S.

Annual Y.B. Show, Buccleuch Parish Church Halls, July 13. Entries numbered about fifty, and quality was excellent, particularly in Norwich. A good attendance of members and friends, and the show was a success financially. Mr. J. F. Dewar judged, and seemed to please everyone. CL. OR TKD. YELL. NOR.: 1, Finnie; 2, Hilson; 3, Stormont. BUFF: 1, Finnie; 2, Stomont; 3, Gray. A.C.: 1, Thomson; 2, Fairbairn; 3, Fairbairn. CREST: Grant. C.B.: Grant. BORD., CL. OR TKD. YELL.: 1, 2, Watson; 3, Lee. BUFF: 1, Watson; 2, Welsh; 3, Lee. A.O.C.: 1, Watson; 2, 3, Welsh. CINN.: 1, Thomson. A.O.V.: 1, 2, 3, Rizzi, all Yorks. HYB. OR LIGHT MULE: 1, 2, John Holmes, Linnet Mules. DARK MULE: 1, Grant, Goldie; 2, Thomson, Greenie.—John Welsh.

CAMBRIDGE C.B.A.

Y.B. show, held July 11. Judge, Mr. J. T. Palmer, Gamlingay. Mr. Langley won special for best in show, and Mr. Wallman best Brit. NOR., CL.: 1 Allen; 2, Papworth; 3, Bishop. TKD. OR VAR.: 1, Bishop; 2, Allen; 3, Papworth. NOVICE: 1, 2, Bryant 3, Manning. YORKS., CL.: 1, 3, Bishop; 2, Langley. TKD. OR VAR.: 1, Bishop; 2, 3, Ridgewell. NOVICE: 1, 2, Langley; 3, Ridgewell. BORD.: 1, 2, 3, Papworth. MULE OR HYB.: 1, Bryant. GOLDFINCH: 1, Wallman; 2, Hinson; 3, Watson. BULLFINCH: 1, Wallman. LINNET: 1, Manning; 2, Papworth; 3, Watson. GREENFINCH: 1, Ridgewell; 2, Bye; 3, Wallman. SISKIN, ETC.: 1, Ridgewell; 2, Bye; 3, Watson. A.O.C.: Ridgewell. BRED 1912: 1, Ginn; 2, Ridgeon. A.O.V. (except Crests): 1, Langley; 2, 3, Wallman.—A. McQuarrie.

ALNWICK AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

Nest Feather table show, when some exceedingly good birds were staged, which gave Mr. A. Dippie (Morpeth) a deal of trouble to place, but he again succeeded in giving every satisfaction. In the Mule section some extra good birds were exhibited. The winner (a Dark Linnet) exhibited by Mr. W. Straughan, shows great promise, having plenty size and style. A notable feature in the Borders were several good greens shown by Mr. F. C. Rennison, who is fast coming to the front. The Norwich provided the winner of the special for best bird, Mr. Rennison, with a very fine yellow cock, which was pressed home very closely by another good yellow, the property of Mr. W. Miller. NOR. YELL.: 1, 3, Rennison; 2, Miller. BUFF: 1, 2, 3, Miller. BORD. YELL.: 1, Robinson; 2, 3, Rennison. BUFF: 1, 3, Rennison; 2, Robinson. MULES: 1, 2, Straughan; winner medal most points, F. C. Rennison.—R. Forster, Sec.

EASTFIELD SIDE (Sutton-in-Ashfield) C.B.S.

Sixth annual F.F. Show, held headquarters (Mason's Arms), July 13. A good entry of birds rewarded the committee for their labour. Some good birds had to stand down. Mr. J. Richards judged, and gave every satisfaction. Mr. W. Vardy won extra special for most points. NOR., CL. YELL.: 1, Vardy; 2, Twine. BUFF: 1, 3, Caunt and Keeling; 2, Connah. TKD. YELL.: 1, Vardy; 2, Caunt and Keeling; 3, Weston. BUFF: 1, Nuttall Bros.; 2, Caunt and Keeling 3, Vardy. HVY. MKD.: 1, Vardy; 2, Connah. LIGHT OR GRIZZLE CREST: 1, Norwood; 2, Clayton and Poole. DARK: 1, Shaw and Booth. C.B.: 1, 2, Shaw and Booth; 3, Twine. A.O.V.: 1, Allsopp. MULE, OR HYB.: 1, Vardy. BRIT. HARDBILL: 1, Peach; 2, Vardy. SOFTBILL: 1, Hawksley. NOV.: CL., YELL NOR.: 1, Owen; 2, Weston; 3, Hall Bros. BUFF: 1, Connah; 2, Turner; 3, Weston. HVY. MKD.: 1, Owen; 2, Turner. CREST: 1, Norwood. C.B.: 1, Norwood; 2, Wooley. BRIT.: 1, 2, Ward; 3, Weston.

READING AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

F.F. show held July 10th at the Lodge Room, Palmer Hall. Entries totalled 75 against 50 last year, and constituted a record. A fine collection of Yorks., both amateur and champion classes filling well. Norwich not quite so numerous, but quality splendid. The two foreign classes were both filled by Mr. G. H. Acton, and were undoubtedly the sensation of the show. His Black-headed Gouldian took special for best. Mr. J. Brooker (chairman) judged, and gave great satisfaction. A good many visitors looked in and were delighted.

CL. NOR.: 1, 2, 3, Dearlove. MKD.: 1, 2, 3, Dearlove. CL. YORKS.: 1, Rosen; 2, 3, Atkins. MKD.: 1, Atkins; 2, Roser; 3, Goldsmith. A.O.V. CAN.: 1, 2, Lund. MULES: 1, Vince; 2, Pyke. GOLDFINCH: 1, spl, 2, Acton; 3, Vince. LINNET: 1, Vince. A.O.V. BRIT.: 1, 2, Acton; 3, Scotee. SMALL FOR.: All cards Acton. LARGE: All cards Acton. ANCAL. NOR.: 1, Church; 2, Frewin; 3, Sheppard. YORKS.: 1, Church; 2, 3, Avis. NOV. NOR.: 1, 2, Smith; 3, Chalker. YORKS.: 1, Thomas. Specials: Best champion bird, E. G. Atkins; Brit., G. H. Acton; For., G. H. Acton; Amat., H. B. Church.—W. H. Pyke, Hon. Sec.

EASTVILLE (Open) F.S. (Bristol).

Monthly table show held White Swan Hotel, July 10th. Yorks. were better represented than other sections. Mr. J. Haynes judged and gave general satisfaction.

YORKS., CL. YELL., 1912: 1, 3, Yorke; 2, Mrs. Garland. BUFF: 1, Yorke; 2, Flook; 3, Greenslade. TKD., MKD., OR VAR.: 1, Garland; 2, Pace and Williams; 3, Greenslade.—A. Greenslade.

GREAT HORTON O.S.

Members' show, July 13, at Butchers' Arms. Mr. Jerry Wilkinson judged. YORKS. CL. YELL.: 1, R. Gaunt; 2, Fieldhouse; 3, Shackleton; 4, Morley. BUFF: 1, Fieldhouse; 2, Self; 3, Morley; 4, Gaunt. TKD. YELL.: 1, Ellis Self; 2, Hainsworth and Son; 3, 4, Gaunt. BUFF: 1, Gaunt; 2, Hainsworth and Son; 3, Ormonroyd; 4, S. Midgley. EVEN, ETC., YELL.: 1, Morley; 2, S. Midgley; 3, Hainsworth and Son; 4, G. Midgley. BUFF: 1, S. Midgley; 2, Ormonroyd; 3, Lister; 4, G. Midgley. CINN. MKD. YELL.: 1, Ormonroyd; 2, Ellis Self; 3, Hudson.—J. Holroyd, Sec.

AINTREE, FAZAKERLEY F.S.

Members' N.F. Show, held July 8. Some very fine and promising birds were staged. Mr. W. Hales judged, his awards giving general satisfaction. Mr. A. J. Gregory secured special for best in show, and Mr. Skilling for most entries. It is hoped to hold an open show towards end of year, and the hearty co-operation of every member and local fancier is earnestly invited. Applications for membership to be made to the Hon. Secretary, Mr. J. A. Anderson, 58, Long Lane, Aintree. YORKS., GREEN, YELL.: 1, 2, Skilling; 3, Coles. BUFF: 1, 2, Skilling; 3, Coles. CL., OR TKD. YLL.: 1, sp., Gregory; 2, 3, Skilling. BUFF: 1, 2, Gregory; 3, Coles. BORD., YELL.: 1, Coles. BUFF: 1, Coles.—J. A. Anderson, Hon. Sec.

DALTON C.B.S.

Fourth annual F.F. show held July 15, Market Street Hall, Dalton. Entries were rather less than in previous years, the open class alone being responsible for the falling off. Members' classes were fairly good, noticeably in Nor., Yorks, and Bord. 70 birds were staged. Mr. J. Wagstaffe, Barrow, judged, his awards being satisfactory to all concerned. NOR. CL., ETC., YELL. (8): 1, J. Phizacklea; 2, Swindle; 3, Falshaw BUFF (7): 1, Park; 2, Falshaw; 3, W. Phizacklea. NOR. (4): 1, Falshaw; 2, J. Phizacklea; 3, W. Phizacklea. YORKS, YELL., CL. OR TKD. (4): 1, 2, Jones; 3, Park. BUFF (10): 1, 2, Fenton; 3, Jones. GREEN OR HEAVY MKD. (4): 1, 2, 3, Fenton. BORD. YELL. CL. OR TKD. (2): 1, Jones; 2, Lukey. BUFF (12): 1, Jones; 2, 3, Sewell. GREEN OR HEAV. MKD. (3): 1, 2, 3, Lukey. A.V. BRIT. (4): 1, 2, Jackson; 3, J. Phizacklea. LINNET (5): 1, 2, Lukey; 3, Jackson. GOLDFINCH (3): 1, W. Phizacklea; 2, Fenton; 3, Jackson. A.V. CAN. (2): 1, 2, Jackson. A.V. CAN. NON-MEMBERS (2): 1, 2, Mrs. Jones.—F. Houldsworth, Hon. Sec.

BEDFORD AND BEDS. O.S.

Second F.F. show, held headquarters, July 12th, when 45 birds were staged. Messrs. Keech and Goodman were well to the front with some choice specimens, and Mr. J. Hunter, an old veteran who did some winning 20 years ago, showed a couple of good youngsters, and came to the top with both of them. Mr. T. Millard also showed a couple of good birds. In the novice class were a number of very good ones, the first three birds especially being a credit to their owners.

CL. YELL. NOR. (7): 1, Hunter, bird of rare substance; 2, res,, Goodman, very near tbing witb tbe winner; 3, Keech. BUFF (9): 1, Goodman, excellent type; 2, Millard, also very typical; 3, Keech; res, Beanland. MKD. YELL. (6): 1, res, Keech, quality again wins; 2, Notley, nice type; 3, Goodman. MKD. BUFF (9): 1, Hunter, bas rare substance; 2, Keech, very typical; 3, Millard; res, Goodman. MULES (5) all nice dark Goldies: 1, 2, Armitage; 3, res, Notley. NOVICE (9): 1, 3, Armitage, couple of well made birds; 2, res, Johnson, also good. Mr. H. Markham judged and gave satisfaction.

ANFIELD, EVERTON & DIS. C.B.S

First annual F.F. show, July 13th, in the Mission Hall, Binleigh Road. This is well adapted for a show, very roomy, well lighted and ventilated. This society is making marvellous progress; not quite a year old, it has 150 members. The secretary, Mr. R. B. Wright, is very enthusiastic, and the manner in which he has worked up the society is deserving of all praise. He has broken all records for this district in the way of specials for the season of four shows. The platform was like a jeweller's shop! It is a decided move in the right direction to let the members see what they have to compete for. The show of birds was the best seen in the Liverpool district for a long time, the entry of over 150 being a record for recent years, and although the majority of the birds were shown by novices, (many of them showing for the first time), the quality was above the ordinary, and shows what the novices have when they have the courage to put them on the show bench. Some hundreds of fanciers visited the show, many of them actuated by curiosity, as the doings of this society have caused a good deal of comment. Nothing but praise was heard. Mr. Geoff Benson judged, and generally speaking was happy in his awards.

YORKS., CL., YELL. (8): 1, Plunkett, lovely col. and position, extra good; 2, Crow, another good one, rather stout; 3, Wrightley. BUFF (14): 1, Holden, good leg and col., nice style and quality; 2, Whiteside, bit heavier, nicely filled all round; 3, Plunkett. TKD. YELL. (4): 1, sp., best York., Corbett, very good length, quality and position, shade heavy; 2, Rawsthorne, good shape, very smart; 3, Parsons, very racy. BUFF (16): 1, Crow, good leg, col. position, and style; 2, 3, Steinheart, nice bird. VAR. YELL. (3): 1, Parsons, large, good leg; 2, 3, Steinhart, neater, but smaller. BUFF: 1, Cutts, good leg, quality, position, and style; 2, Cutts, nice quality; 3, Whiteside. YELL. GREEN (14): 1, sp., best bird, Walker, splendid leg, position and quality, fairly good colour; 2, Parsons, good position and col.: 3, Plunkett, very good type, style and col., we liked. We thought the commended bird (McLaughlin) the best York Green in show, rare type, colour, quality and position, ought to moult into a real topper. BUFF (10): 1, Plunkett, good leg and position, nice col. and style; 2, Malone, not far behind; 3, Parsons. FOUL YELL. (5): 1, Crow, long, racy, good col. and style; 2, Steinhart, nice style; 3, H. Cooper, smart, good quality. BUFF (8): 1, Plunkett, big, slashing bird, good col and leg; 2, Walker, nearly equal; 3, Wright, good leg and position, fails col. NOR. CL., OR TK. (6): 1, 2, 3, Crow, good team of really typical specimens, bit broken in moult. BORD. (7): 1, H. Cooper, Buff Green, smart, good col. and shape; 2, Cutts, Cl. Yell., good shape and quality; 3, H. Cooper, Buff Green, nice quality and colour. NOV., YELL., YORK. (10): 1, Harrison, neat shape, good col. legs, and position; 2, Cutts, good shape; 3, Kelly, good col. and [illegible] BUFF (11): 1, Cross, good leg and col.; 2, Redpath, better [illegible] neat; 3, Taylor, good quality and length. YELL. GREEN (8): 1, Redpath, large, good col., stylish; 2, Kelly, very smart and racy, good one; 3, Harrison, long, racy. BUFF (7): 1, Kelly, good col., leg, position and quality; 2, Foxcroft, also good; 3, Kelly. MULES: 1, Knight, Linnet-Canary, good size and col.; 2, Crow, Siskin-Canary, good col. GOLD OR BULLFINCH (4): 1, Cooper, rare blaze and condition, steady; 2, Kelly; 3, Harrison. CHAFF., ETC.: 1, 2, Copper, Chaffinch, in the pink; 3, Cutts, good size and col., steady. LINNET, ETC.: 1, Bell, good dark col., A1 condition, steady; 2, 3, Cooper, Linnet, not so deep in breast col., better pencilled, 3, Yell. Bunting, large, good col. Specials winners:—Best bird, Walker; best out of cards, Bell; best whe, Bell; best Yell. York, novice, Harrison. best Buff, Cross; most points, Borders, Cooper; Norwich, Crow; British, Cooper; most points member residing out of Liverpool, Steinhart; most points for most entries, Parsons.

STAMFORD AND DIS. F.A.

F.F. Show held Corn Exchange, July 6. About 80 birds were staged, and some fine Norwich faced the judge, Mr. M. Dawson (Peterboro'), who gave satisfaction. NOR. CL. (11): 1, Welsh; 2, 3, Wright. VARIEG. (14): 1, B. Grimes; 2, 3, Wright. YORKS. (15): 1, Wright; 2, 3, Laughton and Son. MULES (4): 1, Baker; 2, Brown and Locke; 3, Laughton and Son. GOLDFINCH (6): 1, Swanson; 2, Brown and Locke; 3, Terry. BULL. (7): 1, 3, Fancourt; 2, Lee. GREEN.: (5): 1, Brown and Locke; 2, Swanson; 3, Terry. LINNET, ETC. (7): 1, Ennals; 2, Brown and Locke; 3, Swanson CHAFFINCH, ETC. (3): 1, Laughton and Son; 2, Parker; 3, Swanson.—A. Harrison.

FALKIRK C.B.S.

F.F. show held July 13th, Oddfellows' Hall. The entry was very good, over 80 birds being staged, 24 more than last year. Plainheads, Borders, and Brit. were strong both in numbers and quality, but Crests and Mules were very short. Mr. J. Morris won spls. for best Nor. and best young bird with a very fine buff, also for best Brit. Mr. D. Smart Crest or C.B., and Mr. H. Wilson Bord. and Mule or Hyb. There was a good attendance of members and friends. Mr. J. James, Camelon, judged, and his awards gave every satisfaction. NOR. YELL. (13): 1, 2, Smart; 3, Stewart; 4, Woodhouse. BUFF (15): 1, 2 spls., Morris; 2, 5, Simpson; 3, Burnett; 4, Smart. BORD. YELL. (9): 1, sp 3, Wilson; 2, Reid; 4, Sutton. BUFF (13): 1, Jamieson; 2, Sutton; 3, Kinloch; 4, Conner. CREST (3): 1, spl, Smart; 2, 3, Burnett. C.-B. (4): 1, 2, Mitchell; 3, Smart; 4, Wilson. MULE (3): 1, spl, H. Wilson; 2, 3, J. Wilson. BRIT. FINCH (10): 1, Reid; 2, Rennie; 3, Richardson; 4, Hunter. A.O.V. HARD (11): 1, spl, Morris; 2, Godfrey Bros.; 3, Hunter; 4, Rennie. FOR. (1): 1, Kirkwood.—R. Rennie, Sec.

QUEEN'S PARK (Glasgow) C.B.S.

First Feather show in the Marie Stuart Hall, July 6, when over 60 birds were staged. Considering the bad season some of our members had experienced, the entry was excellent, and many fine specimens were exhibited. The awards were placed by Messrs. Sloan and Craig, who gave entire satisfaction. A fine Goldie Greenie hybrid was shown by Mr. Robert Jeffrey, of Govanhill, and should he be fortunate enough to preserve its life it should make a name for itself on the show bench. The awards were as follows:—

NORWICH CL. or TKD. YELL.: 1, sp, 2, Cuthbert; 3, Jeffrey; 4, Robertson. BUFF: 1, sp, Cairns; 2, 3, Naismith; 4, Robertson. VARIEG. or GREEN YELL.: 1, two spls, Boyson; 2, Cuthbert; 3, Crains; 4, Jones. BUFF: 1, sp, Fulton; 2, Narsmith; 3, Holliday; 4, Fulton. BORD., CL. YELL.: 1, sp, 2, Thomson; 3, Morgan; 4, Steel. BUFF: 1, sp, Thomson; 2, J. Steel; 3, W. Steel; 4, Morgan. YORKS.: 1, two sps., 2, Heggie; 3, Ross; 4, Steel. CRESTS: 1, sp, Thomson; 2, Jones; 3, McKenzie. C.B.: 1, sp, Thomson; 2, McKenzie; 3, Jones. MULES: 1, sp, Ross; 2, Jeffrey; 3, Thomson. Sp. for best bird, W. Boyson, variegated yell. Nor. cock; runner-up, R. Heggie, evenly mkd. buff Yorks. hen. —Robert Heggie, Secretary.

SOUTH LONDON COL. AND F.A.

Y.B. show held at the "Royal George," Tanner's Hill, Lewisham, June 27th, the best the club has held for some years, both in number and quality. Special for best bird, also for best novice exhibit, went to Mr. Willett with a very typical marked Yorks. Special for 2nd best to Mr. Lee with a champion buff Norwich. Special for best Mule to Mr. Rees for a very nice Linnet-Canary. There was a record attendance, and a very neat catalogue was on sale as soon as Judge Robson had completed his task.

NOR. CL. YELL. (5): 1, 2, 3, Crawford, nice team, winner nice quality and substance; res, Richardson. BUFF (3): 1, sp. 3, Lee, excellent size and quality; 2, Crawford. MKD., ETC. (7): 1, 2, 3, vhc, Richardson, winner grand size and colour; res, Crawford. YORKS. YELL.: 1, Tringham, nice jaunty carriage. BUFF: 1, 2, Tringham, both very nice. A.O.V.: 1, Tringham, good Buff Cinnamon NOVICE, NOR. YELL. (3): 1, Tomsett, nice shape lovely quality; 2, 3, Bell. BUFF (6): 1, 2, Tomsett both excellent size, lovely feather; 3, Kingsman; res, Bell. MARKED, ETC. (6): 1, res, Tomsett nice shape and size; 2, Gilliard; 3, Bell. YORKS YELL. (3): 1, 2, Willett, both good, excellent carriage; 3, Recks. BUFF (11): 1, 2, 3, Willett, very nice team; res, Fairman. MARK, ETC. (5): 1, two spls. best in show, Willett, slashing uneven mkd buff, nice shape, beautiful quality; 2, res, Recks; 3, Rouson. BORD. YELL. (3): 1, 2, 3, Burton Bros., very nice trio. BUFF (4): 1, 2, 3, Burton Bros., all good, hard to separate; res, Martin. MARK. ETC. (5): 1, 2, 3, Burton Bros. MULES (7): 1, sp, Rees, very nice Linnet cross; 2, Fairman same cross, close up; 3, res, Mrs. Barnard. BRIT (4): 1, res, Rees; 2, Fairman; 3, Tringham. FOR. 1, Richardson.—G. Crawford, Hon. Sec.

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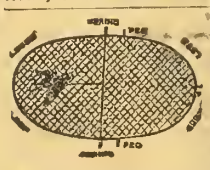

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The Shows.

TONBRIDGE F.A.

First annual radius show, held Old Drill Hall, July 17. Entries came up well, considering the 10 mile limit. Mr. Scarsbrook judged.

NOR: 1, Richards; 2, 3, Smithers. NOR. 1912: 1, Creed; 2, 3, Richards; 4, Smithers. YORKS.: 1, Creed; 2, Turley; 3, Cross; vhc, Lord; hc, Read. YORKS 1912: 1, 3, Bellchambers; 2, Lord; vhc, Cross. GOLDIE or BULLIE: 1, Mrs. Fincham; 2, Cross; 3, Smithers. LINNET, ETC.: 1, Cox; 2, Cross; 3, Creed.—P. Stonestreet, Sec.

RUGBY.

The Rugby fanciers held their show on July 17, in the Town Hall, the room provided being very suitable. In our section the entries came up poorly, unfortunately many classes being cancelled. The secretary of the cage bird section, Mr. E. W. Easton, had things well in hand, and proved an able official. Mr. T. Gilbert (Coventry) judged, and his awards seemed generally approved.

NOR., UNFLIG. (9): 1, Hall, nice short, thick set bird, good colour and condition, well carried wings; 2, 3, Supt. Clarke, both cl. yellows, leader a little the stoutest, looks like making a good one, short wings and tail, 3rd, nice feather, trifle longer, but not much to choose between them; vhc, hc, Mrs. Marshall; c, Veasey. UNFLIG. HEN (9): 1, Mrs. Marshall, nice quality, good colour, very typical and neat exhibit; 2, Clarke, buff ticked, good quality, fair size, nice neat wings and tail, if it had been washed it might have won; 3, White, cl., yell., very good quality and shape, but a trifle small; vhc, Marshall; hc, White; c, James. GOLDFINCH, ETC. (9): 1, Ager, neat, shapely Goldfinch, good blaze, nice tannings; 2, Easton, Greenfinch, excellent size and shape, nicely shown; 3, c, Pain, another Greenfinch, rather smaller, but in splendid condition, very steady; vhc, James; hc, Marshall. FOREIGN (6): 1, c, Beet, charming long-tailed Whydah, in superb condition, easy win; 2, vhc, hc, Mrs. Marshall, pair Java Sparrows, in splendid condition, well shown; 3, Davies, Diamond Finch, in nice feather. Mr. G. Hall won sp. for best Nor., Supt. Clarke special for best exhibit by member.

GWENNAP.

The Gwennap Horticultural Society held their annual show on July 18th, in ideal weather. The entries came up well considering the moulting season is so close at hand. The winning yell. Norwich is a grand bird full of quality and colour. Mule classes were good, but very small, and the winner here captured the special for best bird in show. The winning Goldie is a gem, with a lovely scarlet blaze. The foreign classes were good, and the King Parrot was a beauty, in lovely fettle. The secretary, Mr. Leverton, had everything ready for the judge in good time, and this being his first year we must heartily congratulate him on the way he carried out his duties. Mr. Medlyn (Falmouth) judged, and his awards gave every satisfaction.

NOR., CLEAR (9): 1, spl, vhc, Pascoe, yell., gem for quality, nice head and neck, good wings; 2, Williams, buff, good type and quality, nice size and colour; 3, hc, Sherman, yell., not so good in colour, fine type, grand wings; c, Ferrill. TICK, ETC. (6): 1, Kemp, tick neck, yell., excellent type and quality, very nice wings and tail; 2, Pascoe, variegated, yell., lovely colour and quality, good type; 3, vhc, Williams, buff marked, very neat, nice wing carriage; hc, Sherman; c, Collins. NON-FED (6): 1, Rowe and Richards, cl. yell., fine type and quality, splendid wing carriage; 2, Williams, tick neck yell., very good colour, excels in head and neck; 3, Sherman, tick head and neck buff, very young, promising; vhc, Uren; hc, Kemp; c, Francis. YORKS. (Amalg.) (5): 1, spl, 2, vhc, Rowe and Richards, yell., non-fed leading, good length, nice wings and tail; 2nd, buff, well braced wings, good legs; 3, Richards, cinn., good colour, well carried wings; hc, Sherman. CREST OR C.B. (3): 1, withheld; 2, Ward, even-mkd. Dark Crest, nice feather, good bird; 3, Sherman, yell. Crest, lovely condition; vhc, Rowe and Richards. A.O.V. (4): 1, Sherman, yell. cinn., good type and quality, nice size; 2, Richards, Scotch Fancy, good head and shoulders, carries tail well under; 3, vhc Barnicott, cinn., nice colour and quality; hc, Kemp. GROUP (5): 1, spl, 3, Ferrill, 1st grand, even lot of Nor., good type and quality; 2, Pascoe, nice lot, fine quality and condition; vhc, Sherman; hc, Rowe and Richards. LIGHT MULE (3): 1, spl, 2, 3, Collins, four point yell. Goldie, good eye and wing marks, grand colour; 2nd, light Linnet; good quality. DARK (4): 1, 2, Rowe and Richards, fine dark yell. Goldie, good colour, very nice blaze; 2nd, yell. Greenie-Can., good size, colour and condition; 3, vhc, Collins, dark yell. Goldie, good markings and colour. GOLDFINCH (5): 1, Michael, lovely scarlet blaze, good moons and buttons, nice bird; 2, vhc, Rowe and Richards, grand chest, good blaze and moons, close up; 3, Ferrill, good blaze, very neat. SOFTBILL: 1, spl, 2, Collins, Yell. Wagtail, good colour and condition, very steady; 2nd, nice Grey Wagtail; 3, vhc, Rowe and Richards, cinnamon Starling, lovely colour and markings; hc, Otte. HARDBILL (6): 1, 3, c, Rowe and Richards, 1st Yellow Bunting, good head and cheek marks, nice colour and quality; 3rd, Bullie, good cap and breast colour; 2, Collins, Hawfinch, fine bib, moulting on head. FOR., SMALL: 1, Rowe and Richards, Silky Cowbird, lovely quality; 2, hc, c, Woolcock, Cut throats, excellent condition, good markings; 3, Kemp, Lavender Finch, lovely colours, nice quality, close up; hc, Collins. LARGE (8): 1, spl, 2, 3, vhc, hc, Smith, King Parrakeet, grand colour and condition, leading; 2nd, Leadbeater, good condition and colour, very steady; 3rd, pair Cockatoos, like snow, lovely condition, grand team; c, Rowe. SELL., 12/6 (5): 1, 3, Sherman; 2, Ferrill. Do., 7/6 (6): 1, Kemp; 2, Rowe and Richards; 3, Roberts.

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GATESHEAD & DISTRICT C.B.S.

F.F. show, July 20, in Congregational School. Mr. A. Holden (Gateshead) judged Canaries, and Mr. J. Maddison (Newcastle) Brit. and foreign, who did their work well, and gave every satisfaction. Mr. Pearson's special for best young Canary was won by a novice, Mr. W. Witherley, with a Yorks. NOR., CL.: 1, Topping; 2, Laidlaw; 3, Smith; 4, Davison. TKD., ETC.: 1, 3, Smith; 2, Reed; 4, Davison. YORKS., CLEAR: 1, 2, Withcrby; 3, 4, Mather. TKD., ETC.: 1, 2, Mather; 3, 4, Tindale. BORD.: 1, 3, 4, Greason; 2, Brown. MULE: 1, 2, Hope. GREENFINCH: 1, Scott. REDPOLL: 1, Davison. FOR.: 1, Scott; 2, 3, Petterson.—J. Davison, Sec.

NEW CROSS AND DIST. C.B.S.

Y.S. show, July 4th. Judge, Mr. J. Robson. CHAMP. NOR. CL. YELL.: 1, Gunnell BUFF: 1, sp, Gunnell. TKD., ETC.: 1, Gunnell. BORD.: 1, Gunnell. MULES, FLIGHTED: 1, sp, 2, Pope. NOV. TKD., ETC. NOR.: 1, Hall; 2, 3, Jones. CL. YELL. YORKS.: 1, 2, 3, sp, Allsopp; vhc, Turner. BUFF: 1, Allsopp; 2, 3, Turner. TKD., ETC.: 1, 3, vbc, Allsopp; 2, c, G. Barton; hc, Turner. YELL. BORD.: 1, 2, sp, Burton Bros.; 3, Williams. BUFF: 1, 2, 3, Burton Bros.; vbc, Williams. TKD., ETC.: 1, 2, 3, Burton Bros.; vbc, Williams. LINNET, ETC.: 1, Gunnell; 2, Pope. CHAFFINCH, ETC.: 1, Pope. A.O.S. SEEDEATING: 1, sp, Gunnell.—Barton and Barton, Hon. Secs.

SKELMANTHORPE C.B.A.

Second Y.B. Show held July 20th, when 80 fine birds graced the table. Mr. G. Bray (Holmfirth) judged. OPEN, CL. YELL. (8): 1, Jebson; 2, Hirst; 3, Radley; 4, Helliwell. BUFF (4): 1, Jebson; 2, Wadsworth; 3, Helliwell; 4, Hirst. TKD. YELL. (8): 1, 2, Hirst; 3, Taylor; 4, Helliwell. BUFF (8): 1, Helliwell; 2, Jebson; 3, E. Radley; 4, Hirst. A.V. (9): 1, Lodge; 2, Fisher and Dyson; 3, Hirst; 4, Shaw. NOV., CL. YELL. (9): 1, Fisher and Dyson; 2, Pell; 3, Hird; 4, Hutchinson. BUFF (13): 1, Fisher and Dyson; 2, J. Radley; 3, Pell; 4, Lodge. TKD. YELL. (11): 1, Fisher and Dyson; 2, Beaumont and Marsden; 3, Hutchinson; 4, Radley. BUFF (11): 1, Taylor; 2, 4, J. Radley; 3, S. Radley.—J. Hird, Sec.

KILMARNOCK C.B.S.

F. F. show, July 20 in Temperance Hall. Messrs. J. Johnston and W. Guthrie judged. Scotch Fancy, Crests and C.B. classes were cancelled but the Norwich, Borders, and Mules turned out fairly well for a first venture. NOR. YEL. OR VARIEG.: 1, spl, John Jones; 2, Guthrie; 3, McCall. BUFF OR VARIEG.: 1, Ramsey; 2, McCall; 3, Guthrie. BORD. YEL.: 1, spl, Robertson; 2, 4, Crosbie; 3, James Jones. BUFF: 1, 2, Crosbie; 3, Robertson; 4, Garven; 5, Gibson. VARIEG.: 1, 2, 6, Gibson; 3, 5, Crosbie; 4, spl, Robertson. MULE: 1, 2, 3, Cunningham. DARK: 1, 2, 3, Crosbie. GOLDFINCH: 1, Crosbie. LINNET: 1, Dunsmuir. The awards seemed to give general satisfaction and a very pleasant afternoon was passed.—B. McCaw Sec.

BURTON-ON-TRENT C.B.S.

Annual summer show, held "Staffordshire Knot," July 20. About 50 birds were staged; the quality all round was excellent, many fine specimens being exhibited. Mr. W. Elliott takes substantial lead in challenge bowl class with 13 points. Mr. Hathaway secured sp. for most points in show. Mr. Walton (Leicester) judged, and gave great satisfaction. CHALLENGE BOWL (19): 1, 2, Elliott; 3, Mason; 4, Wood. NOR. CL. (8): 1, Elliott; 2, Draper; 3, Hathaway; 4, Springall. BUFF (13): 1, Springall; 2, 3, Hathaway; 4, Wood. TKD. or VAR. YELL. (7): 1, 4, Hathaway; 2, Elliott; 3, Mason. BUFF (11): 1, Elliott; 2, Wood; 3, Mason; 4, Oldham Bros. HEAVY VARIEG. OR GREEN (6): 1, Mason; 2, Emery; 3, 4, Draper. NOV. YELL.: 1, Morris. BUFF: 1, Morris. GREENFINCH (4): 1, Ford; 2, Wood; 3, Draper; 4, Oldham.—A. Wood, Sec.

SHIPLEY O.S.

Second F.F. Show held July 20th, at the Prince of Wales, when some very good birds were exhibited. Mr. R. Sutcliffe (Windhill) placed the cards and gave every satisfaction. Points for the two F.F. shows are: Champions—Martin 30, Long 25, Grange 20, Craven 19, Bloomfield 18, Hudson 14; novices—Harrison 18, Excell 12, Cooper 8. CL. YELL.: 1, Harrison; 2, 3, Long. BUFF: 1, Bradshaw; 2, Harrison; 3, Craven. TKD. YELL.: 1 Bloomfield; 2, Craven; 3, Martin. BUFF: 1, Long; 2, Bradshaw; 3, Martin. UNEVEN MKD. YELL.: 1, Bloomfield. BUFF: 1, Cooper; 2, Fieldhouse; 3, Martin. CINN. MKD. YELL.: 1, 3, Grange; 2, Excell. BUFF: 1, 3, Hudson; 2, Grange. FOUL MKD.: 1, Harrison. SELL.: 1, Bradshaw. Total entries, 47.—E. Grange, Asst.-Sec.

GLOSSOP AND HADFIELD C.B.S.

Increased entries and a nice attendance of fanciers were features of the above show held in the Lecture Room at the Victoria Hall, Glossop, July 13th, and there were a good number of very promising young birds on view. The whole of the members of the society had taken a big interest in the event, and worked hard for its success, the leading officials being: Pres., Mr. W. Lawton; sec., Mr. E. Thompson; asst.-sec., Mr. J. Holmes; treas., Mr. H. Cartwright. Silver medal for the best young bird in the show was won by Mr. A. E. Booth with a Yorkshire, excelling in length of limb, tightness of feather, and true Yorkshire type, the runners-up being Mr. Harold Garside with a broken cap Gold Lizard of exceptional merit in markings and shape. The mid birds' class was exceptionally strong, and was certainly a feature of the exhibition. Mr. John Garner, Hazel Grove, judged.

CL. YELL. NOR.: 1, 3, 4, Senior; 2, Fisher. BUFF: 1, 2, Senior; 2, 4, Holmes. VARIEG. OR TKD. YELL. NOR.: 1, Senior; 2, Hollingworth and Watson; 3, A. Holmes. BUFF: 1, 4, Senior; 2, Fisher; 3, Hollingworth and Watson. CL. CAP GOLD LIZARD: 1, Garside; 2, Lawton; 3, Fisher. BROKEN: 1, 2, Garside; 3, Hollingworth and Watson; 4, Lawton. CL. CAP. SILVER: 1, Thompson; 2, Garside; 3, Lawton; 4, Fisher. BROKEN: 1, Thompson; 2, Hollingworth and Watson; 3, Cartwright. CL. YELL. YORKS.: 1, 2, Booth; 3, Thompson; 4, Wild. BUFF: 1, 2, Booth; 3, Thompson; 4, Barber. VARIEG. OR TKD. YELL. YORKS.: 1, Hampson; 2, Booth. BUFF: 1, Hampson; 2, Thompson; 3, Wild; 4, Booth. A.O.V.: 1, Thompson; 2, 3, 4, Holmes. CANARIES, OLD BIRDS: 1, Lawton; 2, Senior; 3, Barber; 4, Garside. BRIT. HARDBILLS: 1, 4, Cartwright; 2, 3, Deakin. SOFTBILLS: 1, Deakin. MULE OR HYBRID UNFLIGHTED: 1, Wild. FOR.: 1, Senior.

SOUTH SHIELDS & DIST. C.B.A.

Y.B. show, July 13, at the Cypress Hotel, in a grand room kindly lent for the occasion. Mr. A. J. Notley, Sutton Downs, placed the cards. Owing to the adverse breeding season, the muster was not up to expectations.

NOR. YELL.: 1, 2, 3, Richardson; 4, Watson. BUFF: 1, 2, 3, Richardson. YORKS. YELL.: 1, 3, Smith and Thompson; 2, Hutler. BUFF: 1, Hutler, 2, 3, Smith and Thompson. CINN. BUFF: 1, Barrass. BORD. YELL.: 1, 2, Parker; 3, Murrell. BUFF: 1, 2, 3, Parker. C.B.: 1, 2, 3, Widdowfield. MULE: 1, Widdowfield. LINNET: 1, Smith and Thompson; 2, Woodhouse. GOLDFINCH: 1, 3, Woodhouse; 2, Smith and Thompson. BULLFINCH: 1, Barrass; 2, Woodhouse. GREENFINCH: 1, Woodhouse; 2, Smith and Thompson; 3, Barrass. FINCH, A.O.S.: 1, Smith and Thompson. SOFTBILL, LARGE: 1, King. SMALL: 1, Woodhouse, 2, King. FOR.: 1, Woodhouse.

WINDHILL C.B.S.

Second F.F. show, "Blue Bell" Hotel, with entry of sixty birds. Several good specimens were staged; competition very keen, especially among the novices. Mr. W. B. Atkinson won novice silver cup, with an extra good ticked yell. Yorks., certain to be heard of again if successful in moulting. T. Boocock was runner-up, and pressed winners very hard. Special for best in champions, Messrs. R. Sutcliffe and Son, with a clear buff of great promise. We had a good gate during the afternoon. Mr. H. J. Chittenden judged, and gave entire satisfaction. Most points to date are as follows: Champion, J. Taylor, 39, R. Sutcliffe and Son 24, J. Halliday 19, H. Long 12, J. Chippendale 9, H. Drake 5. Novice: E. Shepherd 41, W. B. Atkinson 34, A. Spencer 21, T. Boocock 21, A. M. Craven 17, J. Pullan 13. Most points starred bird section: W. B. Atkinson 25, E. Shepherd 22, J. Taylor 19, J. Halliday 19, R. Sutcliffe and Son 19, A. Spencer 17. CL. YELL. (6): 1, Rushworth; 2, Boocock; 3, Halliday; 4, Shepherd. BUFF (8): 1, Sutcliffe and Son; 2, Ellis; 3, Craven; 4, Pullan. TKD. YELL. (11): 1, 3, Atkinson; 2, Boocock; 4, Harney. BUFF (7): 1, Boocock; 2, Atkinson; 3, Shepherd; 4, Halliday. UNEVEN MKD. YELL. (9): 1, 2, Taylor; 3, Sutcliffe and Son; 4, Spencer. BUFF (5): 1, Shepherd; 2, Hall; 3, Boocock; 4, Spencer. CINN. MKD. YELL. (1): 1, Pullan. SELL. (11): 1, Taylor; 2, Atkinson; 3, Halliday; 4, Shepherd.—J. Taylor, Sec.

DERBY C.B.S.

F.F. Show was held July 13th, in the club-room of the Blue Bell Inn, Melbourne, kindly lent by the host, Mr. Burton. A number of Derby fanciers and friends journeyed over by brake and greatly enjoyed the journey on such an ideal summer day. The exhibits included some of the best young birds bred in Derby and district, and competition was keen. In connection with the show was a prize drawing for two Norwich Canaries and cages. Winning numbers, 934 and 297. The draw was to help the club out of its debt, which was wiped out. Mr. J. H. Drakeley, of Derby, made the awards and gave general satisfaction. The show arrangements were in the hands of the secretaries, Messrs. Wharam and Bamsey, and the Melbourne arrangements were carried out by Messrs. Baker, Pass, and York.

CL. OR TKD. YELL. NOR.: 1, spl, 3, Baker; 2, Tongue. BUFF: 1, spl, 2, Baker; 3, Tongue. LIGHTLY MKD. YELL. NOR.: 1, spl, 2, Tongue; 3, Baker. BUFF: 1, spl, Sharman; 2, Baker; 3, Watts. HEAVILY VARIEG. NOR.: 1, spl, Watts; 2, Thompson; 3, Baker. CL. OR TKD. YELL. YORKS.: 1, spl, Cockeram; 2, 3, York. BUFF: 1, 2, spl, Cockeram; 3, Pass. A.O.V. YORKS.: 1, spl, Pass; 2, 3, Cockeram. CREST: 1, spl, College; 2, Stevens; 3, Thomas. C.B.: 1, spl, Stevens; 2, College; 3, Thomas. MULE OR HYBRID: 1, spl, Ramm (Greenfinch Mule); 2, Thompson (Goldfinch Mule); 3, Morris (Linnet Mule). BRIT.: 1, spl, Thompson (Goldfinch); 2, Ramm (Greenfinch); 3, Ramm (Siskin). Special prizes were kindly given by Mrs. Burton, Mr. and Mrs. Jackson, Messrs. Thomas and White, Loake Bros., E. Salsbury, I. Smith, A. Hollingworth, A. Cartlidge, A. Cook, H. Dallman, and Stevenson.—H. T. G. Bamsey, Assist.-Sec.

GUISBORO' C.B.S.

Second Y.B. show, July 20, when 64 birds were staged. Mr. A. Wake (Middlesbro') judged, and gave every satisfaction.

YORKS. CL.: 1, 2, Cook and Hood; 3, Barker. MKD.: 1, 3, Mays and Allinson, 2, Cook and Hood. NOR. CL.: 1, 2, 3, Mays and Allinson. MKD.: 1, Mays and Allinson; 2, 3, Cook and Hood. A.O.V. CAN.: 1, 2, 3, Cook and Hood. MULE or HYB.: 1, 2, 3, Barker. LINNET: 1, Cook and Hood; 2, 3, Mays and Allinson. A.O.S. BRIT: 1, 3, Mays and Allinson; 2, Cook and Hood. NOV. YORKS.: 1, 3, Marsay; 2, Husband. NOR.: 1, 2, 3, Marsay. MULE or HYB.: 1, 2, 3, Husband.—H. Hood, Sec.

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CHELTENHAM C.B.S.' MEMBERS SEE THE AVIARIES OF THE RAJAH OF SARAWAK.

The annual outing took place July 20th, when a large number of members journeyed by motor to Cirencester. Unfortunately, the afternoon was stormy, and the beautiful scenery en route was partially hidden by a thick mist. Arriving at Cirencester, a short stroll round the town was taken till tea time. After a substantial meat tea, the company adjourned to Chesterton House, where, by the kindness of the Rajah of Sarawak, they were enabled to inspect the private museum and fine range of aviaries. The latter consist of ten compartments, with large wire flight, and a sleeping shed at the back. As it was a dull evening, many of the birds had already retired to roost, but amongst those noticed were Napoleon and Madagascar Weavers in lovely colour, chattering Lories, Blue Macaws, Red ditto, Rosellas, Red-cheeked Parrots, Indian Ringnecks, Indian Cissa, Budgerigars, Lovebirds, Bluefronted Amazons. In another aviary a slender-billed Cockatoo was recognised as one the Rajah bought at Cheltenham show last year. Upon the return to Cirencester, the motors were tuned up for the run back to Cheltenham, which was safely reached about 1 o'clock.—A. S. Treasure, Sec.

SHEFFIELD ORNITHOLOGISTS WITH ROD AND LINE.

The first annual week-end outing and angling match in connection with the Sheffield O.S. took place July 15th, to Upwell, near Wisbech. The weather was at its best on leaving Sheffield, and the journey, although a long one, is through most interesting country. Arriving at Wisbech, we at once secured conveyances to take us the six miles' journey to Upwell. We had not proceeded far before we were riding between the orchards this lovely country is noted for, and what a glorious time the Blackbirds were having amongst the raspberries and currants—several capable of securing premier honours at the Palace were spotted! Arrived at our cottage, we were ready for the good things that awaited us. Our motto was early to bed and early to rise, and this we fulfilled to the letter. Having made arrangements with our friend the boatman for an early start, on Monday morning at 3 a.m. all rest was over. Judge of our surprise when we saw scores of the gentler sex, young and old, making their way to the orchards to pick the fruit. We were told they work from daybreak to dusk during the fruit season. The Middle Level Drain was reached by 4 a.m., and between then and 9 a.m. we had not a spare moment. Some lovely fish were landed by every rod, bream being chiefly the victims, Friend Fletcher accounting for six from three to six lbs. each. A fine roach was landed nearing 2 lbs. and another 1 lb. 7 ozs. Then one of the party landed a nice Willow Warbler, but it turned out to be a willow blade! Time was getting near for us to meet the contingent making the journey on the Monday morning, who through business could not get away for the week-end. What a lovely country, and what a grand day made up our greeting. Having reached the river-side again, and inspected the morning catch, we decided to fish our match in punts at 2.30. We now had a look for bird life till the time arranged, and were soon rewarded. A bonny Tree Creeper was seen hunting round and round a fine old tree, Chaffinches by the score, and on the top branch of nearly every tree the Yellow Bunting was singing. The Skylark, too, could be heard and seen, almost every second. The Linnet—I should think there are thousands—could be heard in every hedgerow, and even the old cock Sparrow, with his black bib and rich brown back, looked pretty to observe. We could not realise he was the same species that has a bath of soot in our own Sheffield back-yards. The Redpoll and Greenie too, were always welcoming us. The time drawing near, we make for the boats, and enjoy the row for fully a mile down the river to a spot that had not been fished for some time, and so favoured no one. Friend Ward calls "Time," and all are eager for the first bite, which fell to the lot of Mr. J. Mace. But the heat of Old Sol was terrible, almost unbearable; the fish would not bite, but the flies did! Time is called at last, and your humble topped the list with 12½ ozs., also winning special prize for returning most fish alive; J. Mace, 2nd, 10 ozs.; B. Porter, 3rd, 8¾ ozs.; G. Moore, 4th, 8 ozs.; G. Fletcher, 5th, 6¾ ozs.; J. Memmott, 6th, 2 ozs.; H. Bishop, 7th, 1¾ ozs.—35 fish were caught. After the return row we were ready for our tea. Someone said he would like a wash, but he daren't venture, for the sun had played havoc. The old farmer was to time with the ducklings a few of the party had ordered to take home as present for the "better half." The train journey home passed pleasantly, and everyone was delighted with the success of our first annual week-end outing.—T. Bishop.

Budgerigars and Cockatiels: How They Live, Talk and Play

By F. W. BULL (Sutton, Surrey).

IT is many years ago that my love for feathered friends first asserted itself. My means at that time (age 7) were so limited, however, that I could not indulge in aviaries and pretty birds, not even the familiar fourpenny Linnet and fivepenny cage. With four bricks, breadcrumbs, and very much patience, I used to manage occasionally to capture a Sparrow, which would be ensconced in a "cage," consisting of a butter box, with a row of boot tacks knocked in the front top and bottom, and cotton for "wires." Needless to say, many birds "passed through my hands."

A Beautiful and Edifying Hobby.

From that time until now I have always had a keen affection for the feathered section of the creation, and a very beautiful and edifying study I have found it. I have kept many common species, but nothing expensive or rare, and my present collection comprises nothing more than Budgerigars, Cockatiels and Lovebirds.

Budgerigars, I consider, are the most amusing and interesting birds that it is possible to obtain, which fact, coupled with their cheapness and hardiness, should make them first favourite for cage or aviary.

Whether Budgerigars are harmful to small birds is a well-worn query. I have invariably kept very small birds, both British and Foreign, with the Budgies, and I must say that I have never had a case of maiming or injury as a consequence. Budgies can fight though. Occasionally I have to even part a couple of them to prevent murder, though this would be an event of the breeding season.

Playful and Mischievous Birds.

Budgerigars are very playful and mischievous, which probably has helped to their getting a bad reputation. It is no uncommon sight to see one swinging on another's tail, or a young Cockatiel flying round the aviary in fright, with a young Budge clinging to its back.

The green and the yellow varieties nearly always cross when there are several pairs of each intermixed. Even though I have taken the precaution to pair the birds beforehand, they have often gone over to the opposite colour and rematcd. The progeny turn out about eighty-five per cent. green. I have not been fortunate enough to produce a pair of blues, though I have had some very pretty mottled birds.

The only trouble to be encountered of any consequence in Budgerigar breeding is egg binding. Taken in time, however, this can be easily cured. Unfortunately in many cases the first sign of trouble is the bird on the floor of the aviary in a very weak state, and unable to fly. The bird should be caught very quietly, and after she is in a comfortable position in the hand (both as regards the holder and the bird, for they can bite remember) hold her carefully over a jug of hot water, at the same time anoint her vent with a little sweet oil, using a feather for the purpose; a drop or two should also be applied to the bird's mouth. After a little kicking the bird will patiently abide the soothing ordeal, and the result should be an egg laid within half an hour. I have had the same bird bad half-a-dozen times in succession and pulled it through.

Fourteen Eggs in One Nest.

Prolificness in Budgerigars is very varied. I have had many nests of nine, eight, and seven all reared, and have had as many as fourteen eggs in one clutch, all fertile. One pair of yellows reared four nests in one season, amounting in all to twenty-nine birds, everyone proving healthy, and perfect in all respects. Of course such hard breeding is not advisable, and should not be encouraged, though Budgerigars will, if left to themselves, breed all the year round. As a general rule they are excellent parents. Occasionally a bad mother will crop up, who, after bringing up the youngsters to a nice age, will calmly tear them up, and line her nest with the carcases. I once had a nest of six yellow, and one green, from yellow parents. When the young birds were old enough to show their colour, the green one was annihilated, the yellow ones were brought up all right.

I always give soaked bread, squeezed almost dry, when the young are being reared, and the parent birds very ravenously eat it if allowed. I have had very good results from its regular use, though on this point, as on many others in bird keeping, local circumstances, and personal opinion should be the chief guide. Some breeders do not recommend the use of soaked bread, while others advise dry.

Climb Over One Without Fear.

Budgerigars can be readily tamed and some of them made to talk. The male birds are the best pupils. One I gave to a friend talks, dances, kisses, whistles, and causes no end of amusement. His name is "Joey." He calls out "Pretty Joey," and is very apt at imitating a Thrush which is kept in the same room. He performs many tricks, allows his poll to be scratched, has free use of the sitting room, and goes back into his cage on request.

The birds in my aviary are very tame. It is a pretty sight to see from thirty to fifty Budgerigars, old and young, swinging on, and scrambling over an armful of greenstuff that my wife, myself, or even my baby girl, may be holding. They climb over one's arms and hands without any sign of fear, and will even take single seeds from the fingers. Considering the size of the aviary, and the fact that the birds are always out of doors, their tameness is all the more remarkable.

"Buzz" and "Fuzz."

Cockatiels are more or less famed for their wildness. I don't know that they altogether deserve to be; I hope to prove that they do not. Cockatiels are certainly somewhat noisy at times, though very clever and pretty whistlers. In this respect they are admirable mimics. They make a great commotion when flying, especially in an aviary of small timid birds, but are quite harmless. In one particular they are very wild—they will not be handled.

If Cockatiels are to be tamed they must be placed into an old parrot cage as soon as they leave the nest. The parents will continue to feed them through the wires. As soon as they can feed for themselves they should be brought indoors, where, after a good deal of patience and perseverance, they will soon become as tame as "Buzz" and "Fuzz."

"Buzz" and "Fuzz" are a pair of Cockatiels that my wife and I have tamed. They fly round the room and wander all over the house. Have dinner with us, and allow the baby to wheel them about in her doll's push car. They make love to themselves in the looking glass and enjoy pulling out my wife's hairpins. The hen bird is the more tame, and does not mind even being wrapped in a shawl and being nursed like a baby. We kiss her, scratch her poll, and let her feed from our mouth, but she will not talk. The male bird is not quite so tame, but is an excellent talker. He says: Tiger, Polly, Puss, Pretty Polly, Hurry-up Polly, here, etc, etc.; he mimics kissing, and whistles almost anything. The two together are highly amusing, and perform in their cage like a couple of monkeys.

(To be continued.)

WHAT EXPERIENCE HAS TAUGHT ME.

By W. JEREMIAH (Ebbw Vale).

A well-known Welsh fancier imparts some useful hints gathered during his career as a Canary breeder.

THOSE about to launch out upon this fascinating hobby whose spare time is limited should never attempt to keep too large a stock, or they will find it rather difficult to attend to the birds properly at all times. And everything should be carried out by system. It is wonderful how much can be done if a proper system is organised. In Canary management alone so much has to be crowded into one's spare time that unless things are arranged beforehand it is almost impossible to have everything attended to as it should be, and the neglect of what may be small items may entail great loss.

The breeding room should be well lighted and, if possible, lofty, although the majority of fanciers unfortunately cannot always get rooms of that description. Yet fresh air and plenty of it is of great importance to the health of the birds. With regard to the aspect of the room, some fanciers seem to think that a southern aspect is the best. However, I don't think it matters much, as my room faces the north, and I have had very good results the last few seasons. Fresh air should be provided by lowering the top part of the window every day for a short time, while in the warm weather the window should be left open a considerable distance, and the opening be covered by a frame of wire netting (½-inch mesh) to prevent any birds escaping if they should happen to get out of their cages.

No Use for the Ornate.

I would advise the fancier to study simplicity in the cages and thus save both time and expense. Even the best of birds can be bred in a plain box, whitened ineide, with a movable wire front and door of ample size to allow the free passage of the nest-pan, and a turn-rail along the bottom for cleaning out purposes. The bottoms of the cages should be covered with sand (some fanciers, I know, use sawdust) and the hoppers filled with best Spanish canary seed, and the latter should be cleared out frequently, the seed emptied into a sieve and thoroughly shaken and the husks blown away. No room should be without flight cages, for the birds may be run in batches and kept through the winter in them, especially hens, as they will benefit most by such a process. But any birds of show promise should be caged singly.

With regard to the stock, a fancier concentrating his efforts and capital upon one variety invariably does better than a person who attempts to keep three or four varieties. It will be necessary at various times, if the fancier wishes to become successful as an exhibitor, to dip into the green blood, and he will also have to mate two yellows and two buffs together, choosing, of course, birds for this purpose rich of colour, and dense of feather. Devote the greatest attention to the choice of birds for reproductive purposes. This indeed, is the point upon which depends the formation of a successful exhibition strain. It needs birds as near as possible to the recognised standard of perfection of the variety that the fancier wishes to cultivate, and they must be full of health. Never breed from diseased birds, however valuable they may be, as ill results will ultimately follow. This is admitted by all experts.

Young to Young and Degeneracy.

In pairing together typical young birds there is a possibility of producing good specimens, but it will be found that to make repeated unions between young birds will only lead to degeneracy. A Canary that has attained complete development, which it only does at a certain age, is sure to produce well-developed young ones. That which, for instance, cannot turn out badly, is the pairing of a well-matured bird with a young one. The qualities of a bird of a certain age allied to those of a younger subject, typical, full of vigour and ardour, will practically always produce progeny that will win success and provide satisfaction for their owner. I may mention in passing that the object of doubling the yellows is to produce fineness of feather, and doubling the buffs tends materially to improve the size and constitution, and it also establishes the type.

With regard to the food of Canaries opinions differ on this as on many other questions connected with the Fancy. However, I maintain that Canaries should not be fed with a mixture of every kind of seed which is seen advertised and recommended. I have known this done in some fancier's rooms, besides, at the same time having in the cages three or four different kinds of green stuff, to say nothing of soft foods during breeding operations. This is a mistake. It reminds me of a man who went to the doctor complaining of his stomach being wrong. "Not a bit of it," replied the doctor, "God made your stomach, and he knows how. There's something wrong with the things you put in it, maybe, and something wrong in the way you stuff them in, but your stomach is all right."

Our birds as well as ourselves should not be pampered with too many kinds of eatables, especially as the season for moulting comes on. Birds which have been methodically rationed change their feathers more quickly, and with greater ease, than those that have been allowed to feed indiscreetly and suffered to fatten, under the impression that abundance of nourishment gives them greater warmth and hastens the moult. This is a mistaken idea. It ought not to be difficult to comprehend, indeed, most fanciers of experience know well, that the greater part of the maladies which trouble our birds proceed from too abundant or too many kinds of food. Should the bird be ill from excess of food (or from any other cause) the moulting will either come to a standstill or drag itself more or less slowly along.

Some Simple Remedies.

Disease should rarely appear in a room that is kept clean and thoroughly ventilated. If a bird takes cold the symptoms are a puffy appearance and a wheezy respiration. For this I use nothing but ten drops of whiskey and ten drops of glycerine mixed in two tablespoonfuls of water. Another source of trouble is "scouring," which usually attacks hens when they are feeding their young. I have found plenty of boiled German Rape seed very effective in complaints of this kind. But great care is necessary when soft food is given to the birds, because if the food is continually given in the same pots without being washed, ill results will certainly follow.

Another thing which materially impedes the way to success is the detestable red mite unless these pests are strictly kept under. Now, of all the various remedies that have been prescribed from time to time to destroy these blood-thirsty things, it will be found that nothing equals creosote. It is a certain and complete cure. It can be injected into the crevices of the cages by the aid of a small syringe.

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Twitterings.

Please notify my change of address to Beck Lodge, High Road, Hayes, Middlesex, writes Mr. Jeffery Jefferis, Sec. of the Middlesex O.S.

Societies desirous of having the patronage of the National Green Marked Y.C.C., writes Mr. E. Clegg, Victoria School House, Dewsbury, should apply to me at once.

The Old Shildon Workmen's Club C.B.S., is holding their First Feather Show on August 3, in the room kindly lent by the Workmen's Club Committee. Open at 4, and close at 8.

Wolverhampton C.B.S. are holding their annual N.F. Cup Show to-day (Saturday), at the "Duke of York," Princess Street. Mr. A. C. Brotherhood, Newport, judges, and a large entry in the Yorkshire and Norwich sections is expected.

A meeting for all delegates of societies connected with the Amalgamated Show will be held at Textile Dining Rooms, Shaw Road, on Thursday, August 1st, at 8, writes Mr. Jas. Cope, Hon. Sec., Oldham and Dis. C.B.A.

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Those on a study whose colour feed to use, just read these absolute true facts. I don't bounce on men's names who have had a pound or two so as to compete for specials. Everyone below had from 28 lbs. to 112 lbs. Royal Red, Crystal Palace, 1912. Ten Open Champion Norwich classes, nine 1st prize winners, special best bird in show, champion diploma, best in section, were moulted solely on Royal Red by Messrs. Thomas, Davies, Smeaton, Turner. The one first moulted on another was a Buff, four champion Cinnamon classes, every 1st, 2nd and 3rd were moulted solely on Royal Red by Messrs. Dormer, D. Godley, Deacon. The above are classes where colour is everything. In Yorkshires, Messrs. Binns, Thomas, Hirst, Ellis, Dykes; all big first winners, moulted on Royal Red. If above is not a record what is? Just the same at every leading show. I can't give you the quality and extra big specials as well. I give guarantee that Sandiford's Royal Red costs £20 per ton more than any other in England. See advert. (Advert.)

Into the Horse Trough.

According to the "Evening News" a Canary at the Royal Hospital for Incurables, Putney Heath, is allowed to leave its cage daily, and occasionally flies out of the window, having a bath in a cattle trough before returning.

A Grower of Wormwood.

I saw, writes G. W. Shaw, Folly Gardens, Brotherton, Yorkshire, a Miss Turner asking if you knew where she could get some wormwood. I can supply as much as anyone wants, as I grow it all the year round.

A Reader Returns Thanks.

Mr. John B. Waterman, of East Dulwich, who has just gone through a serious operation for an old-standing aural trouble, wishes to thank his many friends for their kind enquiries during his illness. Mr. Waterman, we are pleased to learn, is making an excellent recovery, and hopes soon to again take up the Yorkshire Canary with all his old-time enthusiasm.

Sale First Feather Show has been postponed, owing to the bad breeding season, write the secs., Messrs. Royle and Wood.

In our report of Bethesda Show last week 2nd and 3rd in the Norwich local class should have been credited to Mr. Owen Thomas, not Sergt. Evans as printed.

Fanciers should not overlook King's Lynn show being held August 5, at which 15 classes are provided, with good prize money (see review of schedule in this issue). That well-known bird-lover, Mr. S. Denny Hunt, is at the helm (29, London Road, Kings Lynn), and entries close July 30th.

Entries are very, very poor for Cambridge Show on Bank Holiday Monday, and the date has been extended (vide advertisement). We hope fanciers will rally round this well-conducted fixture and help the officials in their attempt to benefit the funds of the local hospital.

Special Notice.—R. A. Newley, the well-known bird-cage specialist, will be glad to receive additional names and addresses of breeders of various types of Canaries, etc. View, purchase of stock for the coming season. Transactions straightforward and for cash; all communications treated in strict confidence; write, giving particulars and prices, to R. A. Newley, 24, Stockwell Green, London, S.W.—(Advert.)

OBITUARY.

It is with much regret, writes Mr. W. Chubb, that I have to announce the death of the beloved wife of Mr. J. Neil, one of the oldest and most respected fanciers in the Stirling and Dist. C.B.S. Members will join with me in tendering their heartfelt sympathy to him in his bereavement.

I deeply regret writes Mr. F. Cullington, to have to record the death of the wife of Mr. E. Clarke, of the "Rose Inn," trustee for a number of years of the Norwich Alliance C.B.A., and greatly esteemed by all fanciers in Norwich. The deceased lady was very generous and kindly, and made many friends. To her sorrowing husband and children we extend our heartfelt sympathy. Mrs. Clarke was borne to the grave by fanciers, and wreaths were sent by several societies.

Cinnamon C.C. Patronage.

All societies wishing the Cinnamon Canary Club's patronage should please apply by August 7th, when same will be allotted, writes Mr. J. W. Metcalfe, Hon. Sec., 68, Brunswick Road, Liverpool.

Dangers of Closed Rings.

We hear from Mr. J. W. Ramsden, who has lately returned from the North, that there have been many accidents and some deaths due to the use of closed rings, especially so in the breeding centres of Yorkshire. The opinion seems to be that when the hens are sitting closely the rings damage the legs of the youngsters. Anyway, in many instances hens have bitten off the damaged legs and in others mortification has set in, while in other cases sores have formed, and in this manner numbers of promising youngsters have been ruined.

The Widow's Canary.

A widow's description of her trouble over a Canary caused amusement in the Waltham Abbey County Court recently, says a local paper. The widow, Mrs. Charlotte Suchwell, of Enfield Lock, who secured judgment for the return of 8s. 6d. paid for a Canary from Mr. Bertram Matthews, a bird dealer, of Waltham Cross, said that she wanted a green cock Canary, but the defendant sent a yellow hen bird. She returned it, and the defendant sent her another hen bird, and when she sent that back the first bird was sent to her again. The "cock" birds laid so many eggs, she complained, that she had to throw them away. (Laughter.)

Air Machine Scares Birds.

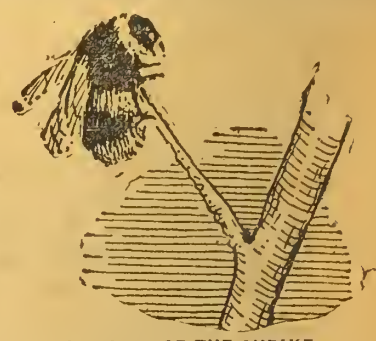
Whilst spending a few days in Upper Annandale, I witnessed a "bird panic" such as I never previously beheld, writes "A. B." to the "Glasgow Evening Times." I was sitting reading in a secluded corner of a field, when my attention was attracted by the shrill cries of the Crows, followed by the alarm call of the Blackbird and the excited twittering of Sparrows, etc. Curious as to the cause of this, I gazed around for any exceptional circumstances, but found none. Just as I resumed my seat the low throb-throb of a motor engine was audible, and then a monoplane hove in sight. This was evidently the signal for the utmost confusion and excitement, birds of every description fluttering about quite aimlessly, some of them being so overcome with terror that they landed on the ground within two yards of where I sat. After the machine passed three or four hours elapsed before the usual peace and quietness of the countryside was regained.

Wild-Bird Life.

Birds by the Railway.

If one could afford the time to travel on foot by the side of the railway, along its embankments and cuttings, he would probably meet with more bird life than over an equal distance across fields and meadows. Many birds love a sunny bank, where convenient hollows and tufts of coarse grass give shelter to their nests, and in the clumps of bushes and dwarf trees of the railway embankment many of the perching birds find convenient cover, and although there is always the dash and roar of the passing trains, there is at the same time a freedom from intruders that must appeal to those birds that delight in getting as far from the haunts of man as possible.

During a life spent among birds, the writer can call to mind many instances of rare finds along these old banks, which are frequently,



A VICTIM OF THE SHRIKE.

covered with wild thyme, ox daisies and other flowers of the open, a fitting setting for the homes of Larks, Pipits, and Wagtails, that frequently nest there. A choice little area close to the writer's home is thickly clothed with dwarf bushes, with here and there a taller whitethorn or birch, the latter lifting its graceful head above the surrounding foliage. Here the Nightingale comes year after year, and although the passing train is within a few feet of his favourite perch, he does not let it interfere with his music.

That interesting bird, the Red-backed Shrike, may also be met with along the embankment. He is essentially a bird of the summer, one of the last to arrive, and one of the first to wend southwards as the days shorten. The Shrike is apparently as hardy as any of our visitors, but waits until the big beetles and banded bees are busy among the herbage, and the half-fledged Greenbirds become an easy prey to his quick eye and strong feet and claws. The impaling of the slaughtered upon convenient thorns does not appear to be a regular mode of procedure, but is possibly in a measure regulated by the supply of the victims. The writer has frequently hunted all the bushes and trees surrounding the nest without finding evidence of the Shrike's bloodthirsty nature, and is convinced that when indulged in it is more frequently at a distance than quite close to the nest, especially while the hen is incubating.

H. N.

Where the Starling Forages.

One would think that birds would find more insects and grubs in the long grass of the meadows, than in the shorter grass of the gardens, and yet Starlings prefer the lawns as a hunting ground to the open grass land. Possibly the thickness of growth of the latter prevents them reaching the earth, and the grubs they require are hidden near the roots. Anyway the birds almost desert the open field, particularly in dry weather.

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A HOST of aviculturists claim for the Blackcap a premier position among cage pets; for few, if any, of the sweet-throated songsters whose presence brings gladness into the daily life of those about them can vie with this graceful little Warbler as an eminently desirable acquisition. Whether we know the Blackcap in the leafy glades that are his haunts when the glory of early summer impels him once again to break into song—in joyous brilliancy inferior to none—or merely as the confiding occupant of the bird-room or aviary, he possesses for us at all times a special charm, due in no small degree to his dainty outline and captivating ways.

Residents in the London district—those especially who delight in studying the movements of wild birds—have reason to congratulate themselves that they are able to include this interesting migrant among other winged visitors to the outskirts of the metropolis; for opportunities for observation of the Blackcap, as well as several allied species, seem to be on the increase rather than otherwise. Living within five miles of Charing Cross, it has been my privilege during the past summer to renew an old-time acquaintance with the home-life of *Sylvia atricapilla*, and under cover of a shady retreat, in close proximity to the object of my search, to enjoy, within a few feet of the musician, the wonderful song that not even Philomel herself can eclipse.

Really a Hardy Little Fellow.

But great as is the temptation to linger in thought amid such pleasant surroundings, I must not digress from the purpose of these notes, which is to speak of the Blackcap as a cage-bird. First of all, it is necessary to dispel a very common, though erroneous, idea, viz., that it is a difficult matter to keep this Warbler in captivity. As a fact, such is very far from being the case; for though, like other softbills, it requires a variety of food and plenty of exercise to maintain it in perfect health, the Blackcap is a hardy little bird, while its diet need not be costly nor difficult to procure.

To those who are not able to afford the luxury of an aviary, in which shrubs and "tangle" can be arranged for the convenience of the inmates, the choice of an inexpensive and suitable cage is the first matter requiring consideration; and while one is about it, it is well to bear in mind that the principal object should be to make this as long as possible, in order that the occupant may bring its wings into use when moving from perch to perch. This is really of the highest importance to all captive birds—softbills especially— and to carry the idea into effect the cage for a Blackcap ought not to be less than three feet in length, with a perch at either end so placed as to permit the bird to turn round without running the risk of damaging its tail.

The cage should be designed on the "box" principle, that is, with the back and sides made of wood, the front—with the exception of a two-inch bottom screen—being barred and fitted with a central door. I find twelve inches a very useful depth; while as to height, about the same measurement, or even an inch or two more, will suffice—the object being, as stated, to ensure flight-room rather than loftiness. The top should be cloth or baize, which may either be stretched tightly across and studded with brass-headed nails, or held in position by means of fillets of thin wood fastened with screws. For convenience when renewing, the latter plan will be found the better of the two. A movable tray is, of course, necessary, and it is also advisable to have a perch extending the whole length of the front, on a level with the top of the wooden screen; this encourages the bird to come to the bars for any tit-bits that may be offered, thus assisting in establishing confidence between the captive and its owner.

A Singer Fond of Seclusion.

The Blackcap being of a retiring nature and fond of seclusion, it is desirable that the cage be partially shaded off—a provision for which the inmate will quickly show its appreciation, especially when singing. A piece of green gauze—say a couple of inches deep—hung from the top of the cage along the front of the bars, is all that is necessary, and can be fastened so as to lift up or hang down, as required; this material I have found better than baize or dark cloth, as it does not exclude all light.

The necessity for a cloth top to the cage is well-recognised by those who have kept migrants under these conditions for any length of time, and can be explained in very few words. During the seasons of migration, and under the mysterious influence which seems to dominate them at such times, the birds become very restless, and are apt, especially in the early days of captivity, to make sudden upward dashes as though startled, thereby coming into more or less violent contact with the top of the cage. These flutterings will be most noticeable at night time, and unless some precautions, such as those suggested, be taken, serious injury may result. In any case, one cannot rely upon preventing a certain amount of damage being done to the plumage—the tail in particular often presents a broken, ragged appearance. To keep a Blackcap or other similar bird in perfect feather, it is advisable, therefore, to wait until the period of migration is well over, and then to remove the tail feathers. If these be withdrawn gradually, no cruelty whatever is involved, and the new appendage will very soon appear, and remain perfect until the next season.

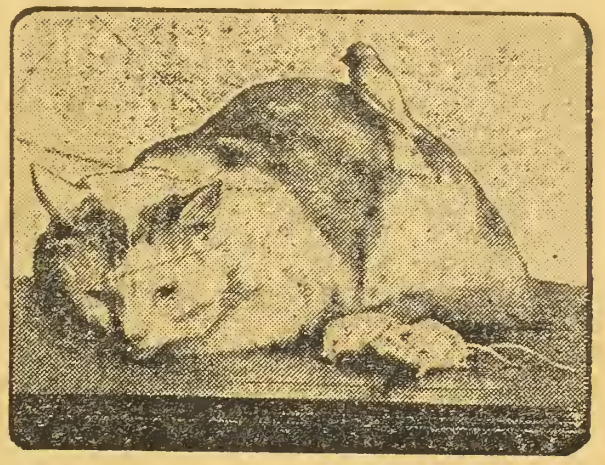
Look After the Feet.

One other little matter which occasionally gives trouble must be mentioned; it is not a serious one, but unless taken in hand promptly may cause considerable inconvenience to one's birds. Owing to unsuitable feeding or, as some suggest, to unnatural perches, the feet may at times become rough and sore; horny growths appear upon the toes, which eventually get quite mis-shapen. As a result of this condition the feet become clogged and the bird has some difficulty in retaining its hold upon the perch; in consequence, it spends most of its time upon the floor of the cage. The best method of affording relief is to first soak the feet in warm water for a few minutes, at the same time carefully removing every particle of dirt with the thumb and finger, after which they must be thoroughly dried and anointed with a little vaseline, sweet oil, or fresh butter. It may be necessary to repeat the operation two or three times before the trouble subsides. As a means of detecting this particular evil in its incipient stage it is a good plan to make a periodical inspection of the feet of all caged softbills, and in bad cases the cage should be thickly strewed with cocoa-nut fibre or other such material, in lieu of sand, which tends to aggravate the trouble. Scrupulous cleanliness is, one need hardly add, of the highest importance.

Dont's Concerning the Bath.

Bathing should be encouraged, but only in moderation, as the Blackcap, like other birds of its kind, is rather susceptible to chills, for which reason it is not advisable to allow the bath to remain in the cage for any length of time. Some Blackcaps seem to have a great aversion to making their ablutions in the orthodox way, but manifest the liveliest satisfaction if submitted to the ordeal of a shower-bath, which can be administered by means of a small spray. After a few times they will look forward to the operation with every indication of pleasure, and soon become tame under its influence, which desirable result may be further brought about by permitting the birds to fly at large in the room every few days—an exercise that also contributes to general good-health.

(To be continued.)



A Mixed Bag.

A reader sends in this curious photograph of his pet Canary, his wife's cat, and his son's two white mice.

FROM FIELD TO SHOW BENCH.

By J. STEEL (Dalkeith).

(Concluded from page 585.)

To Select a Possible Champion.

Selecting the Thrush: I will confine my remarks to one species, the Song Thrush, and deal with this question by first expressing my opinion, viz., that a really good exhibition Song Thrush is, despite the plentitude of the species, one of the most difficult Britisher to obtain, and the appearance of a champion in the arena, is quite an event, as may be understood by the fact that such may easily maintain the title for years. To explain this, I must deal individually with some of the points. Size: This is not so difficult to obtain, but generally it is in the wrong direction, the Thrush being one of the few birds in which the Yorkshire, or long shape, is essential, or preferred to the cobby. Skull: This should be flat and broad. Body tone deep, the difference between buff and yellow being very marked, and no method of feeding will bring the former up to exhibition quality. The feature wherein, to use an Irishism, 999 per cent. of Thrushes fail, is the spotting. These markings should be dark, abundant, reaching from under mandible to vent, distinct, and rowed. Therefore, in selecting an exhibition specimen, we are like the gent. who was choosing a pup, not looking for a best, but the one with fewest defects, architectural or colorative.

How to Hand-rear the Young.

The knotty question arises here, what are the chances of hand-rearing a good one, the qualities being practically indistinguishable in the nestlings? Also, which is the best time of taking—when adult, they being a very wild species, or as young ones for hand-rearing to counteract the tendency to wildness. For exhibition, I should choose an adult, if such were a particularly fine specimen. I have seen, and tried in vain to catch, a Thrush, which I would certainly not have grudged a large expenditure of cash and patience, if, even two years later, I could have benched it, for I should have then had my reward. If, however, I were inclined to risk my chances of hand-rearing, I should endeavour to select a nest the owners or parents of which I saw were good, or fairly approaching the ideal in size and colour, and I should reduce the clutch or brood to two in number. Taking them when fairly feathered, and feeding them on scalded game meal and hard-boiled egg, proportion two to one respectively, made rather sloppy at first, and supplied at not more than forty minute intervals from 4 a.m. till dusk. In addition, I should supply grubs of various kinds, keeping them, the birds, warm and clean, gradually diminishing the moisture in the food, and giving a few drops of tepid water or milk after the feed, as they got older transferring to cage with a deep layer of dry earth or peat in bottom, teaching them to peck by withdrawing feeding stick, and placing lively grubs in dish, and continuing to hand-feed at longer intervals, even after they could peck, as I think a check to growth occurs at this period.

All That is Possible.

Every care must be taken to prevent the youngsters from eating any stale residue of food which falls to cage bottom. The blotched markings of a nestling are not indicative of a similar fault being reproduced in the mature plumage. Colour-feeding is well nigh imperative, and if such is eked out with a plentiful supply of berries, such as yew, alder, blackberry, privet, etc., the fancier can rest content in the knowledge that he has done all that is possible, and deserves, though unfortunately he cannot command, success. That, gentlemen, terminates my lecture, and if the hints I have given add to your knowledge of the requirements of your feathered pets, the application of such, by adding to their happiness while under your care will be sufficient reward for me, and my object then accomplished.

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CANARY QUERIES.

Answered by CLAUDE ST. JOHN.

HOW TO FEED GERMAN (German).—You may feed a Leipzig Roller just the same as you would any other German singing canary, for full details of which you should get the Nutshell booklet No. 10 (see inset advert.), but gradually bring the bird on to a staple of two parts canary to one part summer rape. At this season half ripe plantain stalks, seed heads of shepherd's-purse, flower buds of groundsel, lettuce, and watercress are excellent green foods.

EGGS AND BROKEN LEGS (Crest).—Glad to hear the first broken leg has got on so well under the system of no "treatment" advised. The cause of the toes turning under is probably due to muscular contraction, and considering your interference with the fracture before writing for advice I would advise you to leave the foot alone now. If it does not remedy itself in course of time the bird will manage to get about comfortably. Treat the second fractured leg on the same lines as last advised. If you want to escape such accidents in future get rid of the Cardinals. It is folly to attempt to keep an incompatible mixture of birds together. (2) The chances are the eggs will prove useless, but if the hens sit their time it might help them to break away well with the moult, so you may lose nothing by allowing them to go on.

FEEDING YOUNG (Portable).—You may drop the egg now, and give instead a piece of bread about the size of hazel nut, soaked in milk and sprinkled with maw every second day, and half a teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake or plain biscuit on the alternate days. Give a mixture of three parts canary to one part summer rape as staple, and three times a week half a teaspoonful of a mixture of equal parts hemp, inga, millet, teazle, groats and black rape. Give, in moderation, half ripe plantain stalks, seed heads of shepherd's-purse, or seedy sprays of chickweed. In a month hence gradually reduce frequency of soft food by one-half.

YORKSHIRE MOULTING (E. C., Derby).—The bird will not resume singing until the moult is finished, and it must drop all its body feathers as well as those of the wings and tail before the moult is complete. It seems to be moulting very slowly. Keep it quite on the warm side, and feed it the same as advised to "J. F.," except that you should give a staple of three parts canary to one part rape. Twice a week for a fortnight add as much Epsom salts as will cover a sixpence, and half as much chlorate of potash to the water, and on two other days 20 drops of whiskey and a few shreds of saffron. The duration of the moult varies greatly according to circumstances; it may extend to four months or more, but the most usual time is from two to three months.

NORWICH COCK AILING (S. G. R.).—Keep it in a moderate temperature, as equable as possible, quite free from draughts and the fumes of burning lights in the evenings. In the first week give a staple of plain canary only, and add a liberal supply of green food daily, but no other food of any kind. During this time add six drops of syrup of rhubarb and as much Epsom salts as will cover a sixpence to the water every second day. After this add a fourth part of summer rape to the staple diet, and every second day for a fortnight give half a teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake with four drops of sherry and two of cod liver oil emulsion mixed in it and sprinkled with maw seed. Twice a week on the alternate days give a pinch of a mixture of equal parts inga, millet, teazle, and black rape, and a little green food four times a week. Only allow it to bathe freely in fine weather. Get a chemist to mix you two drachms each of glycerine and oxymel of squills, one drachm each of chlorodyne and ipecacuanha wine, and eight grains of iodide of potassium, and add 20 drops of this to the water two days in every three for a week, and every second day afterwards until better.

CONTINUAL MOULTING (Melbourne).—I am afraid you keep this bird either in a draughty position, or where it is exposed to the heat and fumes of a burning light in the evenings, or extreme variations of temperature. Look well into these points and remedy any apparent fault, when the bird will probably be right and fine after the moult. Do not try to stop feathers dropping now. Rather encourage them by keeping the bird on the warm side, dusting its egg food three times a week with flowers of sulphur, and adding 20 drops of whisky, five of syrup of saffron, and as much chlorate of potash as will cover a threepenny-piece to the drinking water twice a week, to get it break away freely with the moult. If it should not tighten up at the end of moulting season, write again.

CAUSE OF FAILURE (Failure).—The eggs were all broken in transit owing to being packed with wool rather too tightly. The contents of all had been quite fluid and clear, consequently the two that had been sat upon were certainly infertile, and the other probably the same. It is doubtless the fault of the cock, who may be past his best breeding days, although only five years. The hen has already had too many nests this year. Cage them separately now until next spring, and turn your attention to getting them through a good moult and in hard vigorous condition for next breeding season. Give both birds a fortnight of the low diet treatment advised for the first week to "S.G.R." It would be wise for you to try this cock with another hen next season, and get a young cock to mate with the hen you now have.

YOUNG DYING (Home Rule).—You make no mention of green-food, and I think it very probable the lack of this item may be largely accountable for your failure to hand-rear the birds. The nest should be kept in a cosy place—not overheated, but still warm—and covered lightly at night, and also by day whilst the birds are unfeathered, with a fold of flannel. The food should be made into a soft paste, and as much as the bird will readily "gape" for given every hour or so from dawn to dusk. No water is necessary until young begin to pick about for themselves. In about half a dozen "feeds" each day a little finely minced green-food should be mixed, regulating the quantity given so as to keep the evacuations in a normal condition.

VARIOUS (Amadis).—The Norwich cock undoubtedly has a bronchial tendency, and this, as any other weakeness, is apt to show itself during the moult. Treat him for a month or so the same as advised to "S.G.R." You must not put him in the ontside aviary by any means. Only one week's lack of oversight would not allow mites not previously troublesome to become so numerous as to weaken the young brood. Probably the hen was not a very good feeder, and if she plucked the young at all such a combination of adverse circumstances would materially affect the growth and stamina of the brood. Give the young a little scalded rape, cracked hemp, groats, and a morsel of bread and milk, with a few drops of cod liver emulsion on it and sprinkled with soft sugar daily for a few weeks. The outdoor aviary you describe should answer admirably for Canaries all the year round.

MOULTING AND COLOUR (Would Like to Know).—(1) You do not say whether these young birds have dropped many or few feathers, so I cannot tell whether they have finished their moult. They should drop all the small body feathers, retaining only the flights and tail until next moult. Give a little green-food four times a week. (2) To apportion colour food well mix two unheaped teaspoonfuls of colour with a teacupful of egg-food, and gradually increase the colour to four teaspoonfuls when the moult gets in full swing. Allow one teaspoonful of this coloured egg-food to each bird daily. Adhere to about same proportions in making large or smaller quantities. (3) The hen with young three days old may quite possibly finish rearing them before the moult overtakes her. If she stops at a fortnight's end you should easily rear the young by hand. You might try putting in the cock, if he is a good feeder, in case she stops feeding, but it will be merely experimental. Only time can prove whether this hen and the one with eggs yet to hatch will complete their family duties before dropping into moult.

SKIN GROWTH (J. F.).—Such growths as you enclosed are not very uncommon in old birds, but this particular specimen is certainly very unusual in a 1911 bird. The real origin is as yet obscure, but a lowered vitality and weakly constitution has much to do with them. Your diet is not sufficiently nourishing, and probably this largely accounts for the trouble. Give a mixture of two parts canary to one part summer rape as staple. Twice a week give a morsel of bread and milk the size of a hazel nut, slightly dusted with flowers of sulphur, and sprinkled with maw. On two other days give half a teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake with three drops of cod liver oil emulsion mixed in it, and on two other days again a pinch of mixed seed. Give a little green food daily. Allow bird to bathe freely. Keep cage and perches as clean as possible and free from insects. Anoint bare place with Lanolyllin once a week and dust on a little boracic acid afterwards. It is very unlikely any more feathers being produced on the spot. The above treatment is the best you can do to aid their production at the moult.

CANARY QUERISTS

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FOREIGN BIRDS.

Answered by WESLEY T. PAGE, F.Z.S., Etc.

WHAT BIRD? ETC. (Hopeful).—(1) I think the bird must be a Pileated Finch, though the absence of the head plumage leaves the question somewhat open, but I think there is very little doubt about it. In good condition 12/6 to 15/-, as it is, barely 5/-. (2) First let me say unless your aviary is a very large one, the mixing of Parrakeets, Lovebirds, etc., with Finches is certain to result in disaster in the long run. If you had described your aviary and stated whether indoors or out I could have helped you better, also many Saffron Finches often prove perfect bullies or worse! Green and Yellow: Green Avadavat, Green Singing-finch; Blue or parti-blue: Cordon Bleu (fragile at first); Red, Orange or parti-red: Fire-finch (very fragile at first), Ribbon Finch, Orange-cheeked Waxbill, Gold-breasted Waxbill, Grey Waxbill. The price you name limits me. A series of Weavers are not costly, and these are gorgeous when in breeding plumage, but in small quarters ought not to be kept with Waxbills and the like.

ORANGE BISHOP (A. Orain).—The Orange Bishop or Weaver; in fact none of the Weavers are free breeders in captivity and the rearing of young is distinctly eventful; nevertheless there is no reason why they should not breed in a roomy natural aviary—the Grenadier Weaver has just reared young in an English aviary, so why not the Orange? Diet: canary, white and spray millet, greenfood, and one or two live insects daily.

BENGALESE AND GOULDIAN FINCHES (A.B.C.).—The Bengalese are somewhat erratic feeders, but if you supply unlimited greenfood, and a little of some good soft food mixture, in addition to the ordinary seed diet—give a liberal supply of millet sprays at this period—the young should be reared. As regards acclimatised pairs of Gouldian Finches, the value is from 40/- to 60/-; single birds about half or a little more.

FOR A PET (H.J.F.).—Your query is a bit of a problem, as the smaller Parrakeets are not the cheaper ones. The Blossom-headed is handsome, and, though not often on the market now, is usually cheap, as also are the Moustache and Ring-necked, but these are quite large. I advise you to spend a little more and get a Yellow-winged Parrakeet (*Brotogerys virescens*), these make ideal pets, soon become finger tame, and are easy to cater for, value about 40/-.

PULLING ITS FEATHERS (F.Moore).—You do not tell me anything about this bird save the fact that it is pulling its feathers, etc. Tell me how long you have had it and how you have been feeding and treating it during this period I shall then be in a position to advise a possible remedy, at present I cannot even guess at the possible cause of the trouble—you don't even tell me what kind of Parrot it is! In the meantime put one teaspoonful of Dinneford's Magnesia in the drinking water every third day. This should take full effect, and the bowels move freely, nevertheless, if the voidings become and remain watery-loose, you must cease giving the magnesia pending a further reply.

FOREIGN BIRD QUERISTS

should consult Page's "Foreign Birds for Beginners" (1/1½); Arthur's "Budgerigars and Cockatiels" (6d.); Arthur's "Parrots for Pleasure and Profit" (7d.); "Aviaries, Bird-rooms, and Cages" (2/3); "Seeds, Foods, and Wild Plants" (1/2); Dr. Clarke's "Septic or Bird Fever" (7d.); Dr. Creswell's "Hygiene of Bird-keeping" (1/1); "Colour-feeding" (3½d.); or the "Nutshell" booklets (2½d. each): No. 6 "Ailing Birds and How to Cure them," No. 9 "The Disinfection of Cages, Bird-rooms, etc.," No. 14 "Gouldian Finches," No. 16 "Avadavats," No. 17 "The Grey Parrot," No. 18 "Budgerigars," No. 19 "The Pekin Robin," No. 20 "Waxbills." All thoroughly practical and instructive. Prices quoted are post free from "Cage Birds," 154,

BLUE-FRONTED AMAZON (Bird Lover).—There is a great deal of confusion as to the distinguishing features and much remains to be done before a really satisfactory diagnosis can be given, but the beak of the male is longer and also narrower at the base than that of the female. The iris of the eye is orange-red in the adult bird, pale yellow in young birds, but there is probably a stage during which the eyes of very young birds are almost entirely blackish-brown.

AMAZON PARROT (P.Z.).—Continue your present treatment with this addition, foment the swollen parts with a hot (not hot enough to cause discomfort) decoction of camomile flowers, dry with a cloth and paint with neat whisky daily. Also keep the bowels moving quite freely by an occasional dose of Dinneford's Magnesia as required—the voidings should not be allowed to continue watery-loose, if this occurs stop the laxative for a time. Put half a teaspoonful of Byno-phosphates in the drinking water every other day. You must not use a metal drinker while giving drugs. Report progress two or three weeks hence.

WHAT BIRD (African Bird).—I am sorry if you have been overlooked, certainly I do not call to mind your query, if it was sent in, the description must certainly have been different to the present one, I think the bird you describe must be the Red-headed Finch (*Amadina erythrocephala*), which is a sort of glorified and enlarged Cutthroat, but in lieu of the crimson collar, the head of the male is brick-red, but I should describe the colour of this bird as fawn-brown, lightly washed with grey. If you know your bird not to be the above, could you make me a rough diagram of it and rub in the main colours with crayon or something similar. I could then settle the matter at once.

AVIARY QUERIES (Siwel).—(1) Yes, but see that you get half-inch, five-eighths inch is often sold as such. (2) About eight to ten pairs. (3) Yes, Foreign and British species can be kept together, but it is bad policy to mix the Parrakeet-tribe (Budgerigars) with Finches, etc., there are always tragedies at intervals. With Budgerigars you could keep Cockatiels, Madagascar and Blue-winged Lovebirds and a pair of Cardinals. With say—British Redpolls, Siskins, Bull and Goldfinches, Linnet and Twite, you could keep such small Foreign Finches, Waxbills and Mannikins as you desire—space is precious this week, let me know which course you prefer and I will send you a definite list.

BIRDS FOR AVIARY (Alpha).—First group: One pair each Rosella Parrakeets, Cockatiels, Green and Yellow Budgerigars, Madagascar and Blue-wing Lovebirds. The Rosella is a brilliantly coloured species, and not at all noisy for a Parrakeet, neither do I consider Cockatiels so out of doors, save during periods of excitement. The above usually agree together. It is no use attempting to grow anything in a Parrakeet aviary, save grass and cereals. Second group: One pair each Zebra and Ruficauda Finches; Long-tailed Grassfinches; Cutthroats; Silverbills, Spice Birds, Bronze Mannikins, Avadavats; Gold breasted, St. Helena and Orange-cheeked Waxbills. I am unable to speak for or against the Dahlias and at the moment of going to press have no time to look this up—I should take them out and replace them with one or two evergreens, dock, cow-parsley, mallow, cornflowers, garden marigolds, mignonette. I have named birds which are all easy to keep for a beginner.

AMAZON PARROT (S.M.L.).—In the article you refer to, in every respect the bird has been treated as described in this column regularly both as to training and feeding, and you cannot do better than follow the same course. Parrots are as variable and have as much individuality as human beings, and some allowance must be made for this. It is quite natural for a bird to regurgitate its food after being fondled, I used to give my Parrot my finger to play with at such times and it acted just as if it was feeding as it would have done had there been another bird (its mate) in the cage. The bird is a little out of tone, stop the tea sops and all other table leavings, etc. Give Dinneford's as required to keep the bowels moving quite freely, and put a little Byno-phosphates in the drinking water several times during each week till the bird is itself again. If sufficient hard seed is eaten to keep the bird in condition, boiled maize is not necessary. Regularly cover the bird up for a time when it is too noisy, it will soon get to recognise this as a punishment.

IS IT A PENNANT? (J.G.D.).—There is a considerable amount of green in the plumage of young Pennants, and also considerable variation, some being much greener than others. Undoubtedly your bird is a young Pennant, which in due course will don the typical adult plumage.

WEAVERS (G. Heath).—Undoubtedly you were sold the birds as a pair in good faith by the vendor, as when out of colour the sexes are not easy to discern, though a practised eye, which many dealers do not possess, usually makes but few errors—from your description the bird is an Orange Bishop or Weaver.

BIRDS FOR INDOOR AVIARY (H.W.M.).—Well furnish your aviary with twiggy branches and nest receptacles, and also grow grass, lettuce, etc., in pots, by having a series to take turn and turn about, such last a long time, and mean much to the health and contentment of indoor birds. You should have better prospects with a dozen pair than with a larger number, though some should breed if you put in 15 pairs. The following are all probable breeders and pleasing to the eye: Cordon Bleus, Red Avadavats, Green Avadavats: Zebra, Bib, Spice and Ruficauda Finches; Silverbills, Bengalese, Bronze Mannikins; Gold-breasted, Orange-cheek and St. Helena Waxbills; Aurora Finches, and Long-tailed Grassfinches.

SAWDUST FOR CAGE BOTTOM (Freda).—It may be largely prejudice on my part, for many use sawdust, yet my prejudice has the result of numerous post mortem examinations to support it, where sawdust adhering to the soft food or sticky fruit (for in spite of hangers and other contrivances many species will get their food to the cage bottom) has occasioned internal complications and death, and I always discourage its use. In my opinion there is nothing to equal sand (not grit) or dry earth for the purpose. For many years, for a few cages and wooden floors of indoor flights, I used nothing but dry earth.

AMAZON PARROT (C.A.B.).—Get our Nutshell, "The Grey Parrot," 2½d. post free from our Manager, and with the addition of boiled maize treat your bird on the lines advised therein. Stop the milk, custard, etc., and the diarrhœa should gradually disappear; I should give one or two doses of Dinneford's Magnesia—one teaspoonful over the boiled maize after all water has been drained away—with three days between each dose. Keep cuttlebone continually in the cage, and put half a teaspoonful of Byno-phosphates in the drinking water every other day. Also supply fruit and nuts, and add a pinch of grit (not sand) to the daily supply of seed, keep it where it will have plenty to see and hear, also teach it by constant repetition and it will ultimately prove responsive.

IS THE RED-CRESTED CARDINAL AMIABLE? (P. Allen).—Their demeanour is very variable, and some specimens are certainly bullies; I have kept them with Waxbills without the latter being interfered with, but there was cover and room for them to get out of each other's way. However, in a community of all males, and the species you name, I do not anticipate there being any trouble, but of course you must keep them under observation for a time, at the same time do not mistake the bickering that occurs when a new bird is turned into an aviary or cage for maliciousness—give them time to settle down and then judge. The Red-crested Cardinal is every whit as hardy as the British species you name.

AFRICAN GREY PARROT (A.T.H.).—Confine the diet to seed mixture, greenfood, nuts, plain biscuit and ripe fruit—grit, cuttlebone and water must also be regularly supplied. It will, I expect, be a work of time to check the habit. Get a mist sprayer, and spray the bird twice weekly with quassia solution; examine the bird, and if there are any parasites rub a little insect powder into the plumage. So long as the voidings are not watery-loose, put one teaspoonful of Dinneford's Magnesia into the bird's drinking water every fourth day and on other days put half a teaspoonful of Byno-phosphates into the water. On all suitable days put it outside for an hour or two, but not in an exposed position—a bird is as liable to sunstroke as a human being—nor yet when chill or gusty winds prevail. Give it wood, cotton reels, etc., to play with. You should get our Nutshell "The Grey Parrot," 2½d. post free from our Manager, it will help you.

SUDDEN INDISPOSITION (A. Mundav).—A Parrot or any other bird for that matter, should not be stood out of doors in any exposed position, nor subjected to chilling winds. Your bird was probably affected by the heat and I much fear you will lose it. Give it three drops of Dinneford's Magnesia direct to the beak, repeating this daily till full relief has been given. In lieu of the drinking water give very weak brandy and water (chilled) as a stimulant, but as soon as the bird picks up a little substitute Byno-phosphates for the brandy. If the bird's mouth is furred or slimy, put a little honey and borax on its tongue or in its beak daily—this can do no harm and will keep the mouth clear. You must give a little sop at present, prepare as follows:—Break up an arrowroot biscuit to the size of maize, sprinkle with sugar, spot over it a little Byno-phosphates, then add as much boiling water as the biscuit will absorb; if the bird will not eat you must handfeed it, till it does, giving little of the above sop every two hours; keeping of course the ordinary dietary in the cage and also the sop, for the bird to help itself when inclined to do so. I am very doubtful about its recovery.

BRITISH BIRDS, MULES, AND HYBRIDS.

Answered by G. E. WESTON.

AN AVIARY (Beginner, Orkney.).—Your aviary is so very narrow (18 inches) that I am afraid it is not of any great utility—it is only like a large flight cage. I do not think you want to keep more than about a dozen male birds in it and it would be better they should be all cocks. A Canary could certainly be included, and if you want a foreigner with a lovely song try either a Green or Grey Singing Finch (or both). The British could be selected from Gold, Bull, Green, Chaff and Bramblefinches, Linnet, Twite, Redpoll and Siskin, Yellow, Reed, Snow and Lapland Buntings.

EXHIBITING HYBRIDS (R. Winterburn).—You ask whether in the absence of a class for Mules or Hybrids these birds can be entered to compete in the class headed "Any Other Species of British Bird." The answer is, no. The latter class is restricted to species found wild in the British Isles, and any Mules or Hybrids located therein by the judge would be marked "wrong class."

H. HOWARD.—You say that you purpose catching Linnets on hedges. By means of bird-lime, we presume. This is not the usual, nor the best method, the clap-net being generally adopted. Information on the making and using of bird-lime has appeared recently in our article and correspondence columns (notably in the article and letter sent by Mr. Steel). Should you require further details, send a letter for insertion in our correspondence columns, when no doubt some reader or other will oblige you.

AN "IDEAL" THRUSH CAGE (R.S.M.).—Opinions differ, of course, as to what constitutes an "ideal" cage, but in my own opinion you will find it very, very difficult to beat the one illustrated in "Nutshell" booklet No. 26, which said booklet deals with the larger insectivorous birds, and is only 2½d., post free. The drawing shows clearly all the details you mention. If, after seeing this drawing you would like any questions answered just send them along to me.

A SOFTBILL FOOD (J.W.C.R.).—I should certainly moisten the food, either by the addition of a very small quantity of water, or, better still, by either a little grated raw carrot, or chopped lettuce leaf, watercress, chickweed and the like. Possibly a little water may always need to be used, as the mixture

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seems very dry (hard). You can give any kind of smooth caterpillar, small grubs and snails, beetles, ear-wigs and creeping things from the garden, flies, scoured gentles, etc. Live ants' eggs are greatly appreciated. Rely on mealworms more for use during winter.

THREE WEEDS (Shug.).—Of the trio of weeds you send the only one I use regularly is No. 2, which is plantain (sometimes termed "rats' tails"). This is good for most birds. No. 1 are legumes of the broom and this class of seed is not easy of digestion; apart from this, I do not consider it worth the trouble of gathering as only a few birds seem to tackle it. No. 3 is pennywort, and this is another plant I have not utilised with my own birds, so cannot speak concerning it. A large number of really good and useful wild-foods were depicted on one of CAGE BIRDS coloured plates some little while back. If you haven't a copy of this plate, by all means obtain one.

SISKIN AND BULLFINCH (H.J.F.).—Evidently you have overlooked the "Nutshell" booklets (post free 2½d.) dealing with the Bullfinch and Siskin. They are No. 11 and No. 22 respectively and will give you all the information you ask and much more useful advice in addition. A "hand-reared" cock Siskin could certainly be bred with next year. But how are you going to obtain him? The Siskin is a rare breeding bird in England (known chiefly as a winter migrant). It breeds more commonly in certain districts of Ireland and in Scotland. I may say, however, that I think a caught Siskin would answer quite as well as a hand-reared one, as the great majority are extremely easy to get tame—in fact, they are "born tame."

POST MORTEMS.

Mr. G. Yates, M.R.C.V.S., 1, College Road, Harrow, Middlesex, will examine and report upon dead cage birds for a fee of 1s. 6d. each bird; for reply direct, 2s. 6d.: analysis, 21s. Subjects for post mortem examination must be sent packed in a box direct to Mr. Yates, with the fee, this and any accompanying letter being kept from contact with the dead bird. Send by letter-post; it is cheaper and quicker than parcel post. Any bodies sent to the office of this paper will be thrown away, and if a fee is enclosed the loss will be the sender's.

W. A. LINDLEY.—Cock Bullfinch died from internal hemorrhage, subsequent upon rupture of an important pulmonary blood vessel. The other bird succumbed to congestion of the lungs induced by the heat. It is difficult to conjecture the cause of lesions in the first, but, judging from the state of the young birds, I should conclude there had been quarrelling amongst them.

H. GREAVES.—Your birds are dying from acute inflammation of the bowels, arising from the presence of poisons or ptomaines taken in with the food. There is something radically wrong with the food (the nature of which you have not described). You must remove the cause by securing at once an entirely fresh supply of seed. Exercise every cleanliness, and give Condy's Fluid in the drinking water. In affected cases try a little charcoal mixed with the bismuth dusted on the bread and milk, and give to your birds in the drinking water three times weekly a little sulphate of magnesia. Egg food is also a likely medium for the formation of these poisons, whilst paint freshly applied to cages, or left about in the bird-room, can also produce the same symptoms.

F. LOWMAN.—Congestion of the Lungs. This can be induced by the heat, thundery weather, fright of any kind acting upon the heart inhibiting its action, with consequent stagnation of blood in the veins, particularly those of the lungs. All organs were perfectly healthy with this exception.

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GENERA

Answered by THE EDITOR.

John Gurr.—We have sent your notification of the finding of the stray homing pigeon to the Editor of the "Racing Pigeon," 19, Doughty Street, London, W.C.

H. Wilcock.—We have published this notion several times in the past.

W. H. Teat.—It is contrary to newspaper rules to divulge addresses of correspondents without permission. Send your communication to us in a sealed, stamped envelope and we will address and forward it, with pleasure.

W. R. Brayley.—We have published your letter this week, and your customer will find in this and our last issues other letters bearing on the same subject.

R. HOLMES.—We are afraid you labour under several mis-impressions. For instance, an entry fee of 1s. 6d. is not charged at nest feather shows, and the classes are confined solely to members' birds (one or two shows excepted). Further, considerations of space alone govern the other item you mention; reporters have nothing whatever to do with the matter.

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WINDSOR AND DISTRICT C.B.A.

F.F. show, July 11, although not quite satisfactory from the number of birds staged, was very successful as regards the quality of the new blood shown. YELL. YORKS.: 1, 2, 3, King. BUFF: 1, 2, Clarke; 3, King. NOR.: 1, Simms. BRIT.: 1, May; 2, Wilkins; 3, Turner. MULES: 1, 2, Wilkins. Mr. H. Burfoot acted as judge, and carefully explained to members his reasons for placing the birds, which proved both useful and instructive.—E. A. Strickland, Secretary.

WEST BROMWICH C.B.S.

Second Nest Feather Show July 16th, at headquarters. Entries were very moderate in numbers, owing to the majority of the members having poor breeding season. Mr. J. H. Roe (Birmingham) judged.

YORKS., YELL.: 1, 2, Andrews; 3, Beck. BUFF: 1, Beck; 2, 3, Andrews. NOR., YELL.: 1, 3, Taylor; 2, Sadler; 4, Collier. BUFF: 1, Taylor; 2, Sadler; 3, 4, Collier. CREST OR C.B.: 1, 2, Groves. BRIT. HARDBILL: 1, 2, Capewell. NOVICE, YORKS., YELL.: 1, Smart; 2, Greenhouse. BUFF: 1, 2, 3, Greenhouse; 4, Smart.—W. G. Andrews, Hon. Sec.

LEYTON AND DISTRICT C.B.A.

Y.B. show, July 20, at the Grange Park Hall. There was a good display of Yorks., especially in Novices. Some very good Norwich were also staged. The attendance was not up to the usual, owing to a great many members being on their holidays. Mr. J. S. Clarke judged.

AMAT. YORKS. (6): 1, 2, 3, 4, Burbidge. NOV. YORKS., CL. or TKD. YELL.: 1, Parker; 2, 3, Farmer; 4, King. BUFF: 1, King; 2, 4, Farmer; 3, Wilkins. MKD. or VAR.: 1, Parker; 2, Farmer; 3, 4, King. NOR. CL. or TKD.: 1, 3, Dalton; 2, 4, Pettet. MKD. or VAR.: 1, Evans; 2, Tuck; 3, Rhodes; 4, Pettet. CREST and C.B.: 1, 3, Wallace; 2, 4, Rhodes. A.O.V. CAN.: 1, 2, 3, 4, Parker. GOLDFINCH and LINNET: 1, Cooper; 2, Hammond; 3, Davis; 4, Evans. GREENFINCH: 1, Cooper; 2, Hammond; 3, Burbidge; 4, Reed. A.O.S. HARDBILL: 1, 2, Hammond; 3, Cooper; 4, Reed. SOFT.: 1, Evans. FOR.: 1, 2, 3, Reed. —Forse and Son, Hon. Secs.

BOOTLE AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

Annual F.F. show held July 6, in St. Matthew's Parochial Hall. Judge, Mr. A. Wellings (Prescot) who gave every satisfaction. The Sec., Mr. Hamilton, had everything in business-like order, and was ably supported by a good chairman in Mr. Rimmer and a good hard-working committee in Messrs. McNulty, Young, Lobb, Rawsthorne, Skilling, and Foster. Mr. McNulty won special for best bird with a cl. yell. Yorks., to which Mr. J. Young ran close with a clear buff, and with a good moult both will be heard of later. Principal winners of specials were Messrs. Algie, McNulty, Holden, Lobb Young, Tulloch and Bracken. The novices showed some very nice birds, which promise keen competition for annual old show. Winners of specials: Messrs. Skilling, Rawsthorne, Stewart, Eaton and Evans. Mr. Rawsthorne won sp. for best novice bird with a self yellow green.

CHAMP., CL. YELL. (8): 1, sp, McNulty, gem for shape, type and quality, good colour; 2, Lobb, also very typical; 3, Algie. BUFF (10): 1, Young, true Yorkie, good head, well braced wings, plenty of leg; 2, McNulty; 3, Algie. UNMKD. YELL. (6): 1, Rawsthorne, ticked head, nice type; 2, Young, more heavily mkd., very good birds; 3, Bracken. BUFF (7): 1, S. Lobb, very nice hair, good feather; 2, Holden, excellent type and quality. GREEN SELF YELL. (9): 1, Algie, good all-round bird; 2, McNulty; 3, Rimmer. BUFF (8): 1, McNulty, good colour and markings; 2, Lobb, good length, nice type and quality; 3, Young. FOUL YELL. (6): 1, Holden, good colour, type and quality; 2, Algie, very similar; 3, Tulloch, bit down in condition. BUFF (5): 1, Algie, very nice throughout; 2, Foster; 3, Bracken. CLASS 17: 1, Holden; 2, Rawsthorne. NOVICE; YORK. CL. YELL. (4): 1, 2, Skilling, pair very nice birds; 3, Eaton. BUFF (4): 1, Stewart, excellent type and quality; 2, Skilling, another nice one; 3, Rawsthorne. MKD. BUFF (4): 1, 2, Steinart, another good pair; 3, Rawsthorne. GREEN YELL. (5): 1, sp, Rawsthorne, nice one, good colour; 2, Skilling, good type and quality; 3, Lloyd. BUFF (5): 1, Evan, good long-sided bird; 2, Skilling, nice type, head and neck; 3, Steinart.—R. Lloyd.

NORTH-WEST LONDON F.A.

A small show of first feather at the Stag's Head, Camden Town, July 20th. The association is only recently formed, but is rapidly increasing in membership. Cage birds were not numerous, but some nice specimens were staged. Mr. J. R. Young, the hon. secretary, made every arrangement for the comfort of the birds.

CANARY: 1, spl best in show, Trafford, a very nice, good positioned cinn. Yorks., in rattling feather; 2, Smith, yell. Nor., good body; 3, Boytt, varieg. Nor., rather thin. MULES: 1, 2, Smith, a nice dark jonque Linnet-Can. leading, followed by a flush-faced dark buff Goldie-Can. BRIT.: 1, 3, Foster, the leader a rich coloured Linnet, well shown; 2, S. Smith, Goldie, deep coloured face; res, Blake, promising young Blackbird, that needed a larger cage, and should do well.

HIGHGATE HAMPSTEAD, C.B.S.,

F.F. show held July 13, Judge Mr. Oldaker, whose awards met with general approval. The quality of the birds deserved that there should have been a better attendance. The show arrangements were in the capable hands of Messrs. Milsom, Knight, Bonnis and Wing, under whose management everything worked smoothly. From the catalogue sent by the hon. sec. it appears that the principal winners were:—

CHAMP. NOR.: Messrs. Sparke, Lovegrove and Lovegrove, and Dann. YORKS.: Armstrong, Shakespeare. AMAT. NOR.: Byne, Hyde. YORKS.: Bush, Knight. CRESTS, BORD. and MULES: Jones. NOV. NOR.: Wilkinson, Wakefield, Trigger, Walmsley. YORKS.: Milsom, Shearer, Johnstone. CRESTS: Ward. BORD.: Trigger. MULES: Day. Ward, Clark and Lock. FOR.: Dann, Armstrong, Street, Shorter. BRIT.: Day, Mrs. Giddy, Kent Street, Ward.

EALING, HANWELL, F.S.

Evening show, held July 20, St. John's Memorial Hall, West Ealing. Judge, J. Dewhurst, Esq. YORKS., 1912: 1, Boffin; 2, 3, Crockett; r, Stanton. YORKS.: 1, spl, Boffin; 2, Carr; 3, Neal. CREST: 1, 2, 3, Carr.—R. Bamber, Hon. Sec.

SCUNTHORPE F.S.

Tenth members' show, held Victoria Rooms, Furnace Arms Hotel, July 20th, writes Mr. S. C. Lings. The entries were not up to the average. Mr. H. Harding (Grimsby) judged. The cup for best Canary was won by Mr. C. Brown, and Mr. S. Lings was the winner of cup for best cage bird, and Mr. Ward of cup for second best. From the catalogue sent we note the chief winners were Messrs. Lings, Moore, Brown, Hulton, Frith, Stainton, Ward, and Milner and Meanwell.

TONG AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

Members' show, July 20th, at "Hand and Shuttle" Inn; 53 birds were staged. Mr. W. A. Cowgill (Bradford) placed the cards, and gave general satisfaction. CHAMPION, CL., OR TKD. YELL. YORKS. (9): 1, Padgett; 2, Bleazard; 3, Wright; 4, Casey. BUFF (14): 1, Casey; 2, Hodgson, jun.; 3, Gledhill; 4, Hadwin. GREEN MKD. YELL. (3): 1, 3, Padgett; 2, Bleazard. BUFF (6): 1, 2, 3, Worsman; 4, Gledhill. CINN. MKD. BUFF (3): 1, 2, Hadwin; 3, Wright. NOV., CL. OR TKD. YELL. YORKS. (7): 1, McLaughlin; 2, Helliwell; 3, Rhodes; 4, Hinton. BUFF (5): 1, 2, McLaughlin; 3, Hinton; 4, Tolson. GREEN MKD. YELL.: 1, Helliwell. BUFF: 1, Knowls. CINN. MKD. YELL.: 1, Knowls. BUFF (3): 1, McLaughlin; 2, Knowls; 3, Hinton.—W. Walker (Sec.).

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The June issue of "British Birds" (Messrs. Witherby and Co., High Holborn, one shilling monthly) opens a new vol., No. 6. From this number onwards the nomenclature used will correspond with that of the "Hand-list of British Birds" which will be reviewed later. The principal article is on the Lesser Black-backed Gull, by Mr. P. R. Lowe, and in this is pointed out the difference between the British bird, here classified for the first time as a sub-species (*Larus fuscus britannica*) of the *L fuscus* of Linnaeus, now styled, in accordance with the new system of nomenclature, *L fuscus fuscus*. Mr. J. L. Charlton contributes an interesting account of the keeping in captivity of a Tengmalm's Owl, which had been "winged" by a gunner while out shooting. The bird, of which there are only about twenty recorded appearances in England, soon recovered from the fortunately slight injury inflicted by the shot, and developed into an intelligent pet bird. (Another instance of Tengmalm's Owl having been taken alive is recorded in the same issue). The value of the organised system of ringing wild birds as a means of adding to our knowledge of their movements is well shown in an account of the ringing of a Starling in Berkshire at the end of January of this year. In April, the bird was found dead on the snow in Finland, some twelve hundred miles in an E.N.E. direction from the locality in which it had been marked. A Swallow rung in 1911 returned this spring to the same place after its winter migration, affording another instance of the undoubted fact that individual birds nest in the same place year after year, so long as they escape the dangers of migration. In this case, the hen Swallow, which had also been marked, was missing, her place being taken by another hen. The Magazine is full of notes of great value to all who are interested in British birds.

A Comprehensive Manual on Fancy Mice.

Many cage-bird lovers are interested also in the fancy mice cult. To these we can recommend "Fancy Mice," by C. J. Davies (L. Upcott Gill, Bazaar Buildings, London, one shilling). The work, of which this is the fifth edition, deals with their housing, feeding and general management, breeding and hybridisation, colour, and other varieties, and their exhibiting. Sound advice is given to the beginner, and the possessor of this manual should have little difficulty in mounting to the top rung of the mouse fancy.

CLUB & SOCIETY NOTICES

ONE notice of any forthcoming Society meeting inserted free. It should reach us not later than Tuesday morning's post. Specially printed Club Notice Postcards may be had free on application to our Manager. Secretaries should always use them.

Bargoed and Dis. C.B.S.—July 31, McDonnell Hotel, 7. Fix up rules; discuss date of show and select judge. We shall be pleased to meet new members.—E. J. Chisholm.

Beamish C.B.S.—July 27, Bird Inn, High Hold, 7. Schedule for annual show and other business.—Wm. Knowles.

Blaydon C.B.S.—Aug. 3, Co-op. Library, 7.30. Very important business.—Geo. Havver.

Bolton C.B.S.—July 24, Joiners' Arms, 8. Entries for postponed N.F. Show to be held July 27.—James Gerrard.

Bolton Woods C.B.S.—July 27, Victoria Hotel. Members' Show; judge, H. Long. Birds staged 2.30 p.m. Entries Friday evening 8.30 to 10 p.m.—M. Skirrow.

Border Fancy C.C.—The list of members will be sent to printers end of next week; a good few members have not replied to postcards sent them. Those intending to be members will oblige by informing me at once.—M. Jamieson, Hon. Sec., 3, Green Terrace, Hawick.

Bradford East O.S.—July 28, Park Chapel, 6. Rev. G. Hall Wallis will preach his farewell sermon. All bird fanciers, their wives or friends, heartily invited.—H. Hill.

Cowdenbeath C.B.S.—July 27, "Penman's," Masonic Arms, 7. Open Show business. West Fife League report.—Joseph R. Reid.

Chester C.B.S.—July 30, Nag's Head Cocoa Rooms, 8.30 p.m. Resignation of secretary; appointment of new sec. Subscriptions now due.—R. N. Williams.

City of Bradford O.S.—July 27, Flying Dutchman Hotel. Members' Show; judge, Mr. W. A. Cowgill (Cradford). Birds must be staged 2.30 prompt.—F. Rhodes.

Coventry O.S.—July 31, Sydenham Palace, 8.30. Balance-sheet of N.F. Show; beginning of schedule for autumn show.—A. J. Barratt.

Darlington C.B.S.—July 31, Labour Hall, 7.30. Important; please attend.—H. Todd.

Glasgow and Western Counties C.B.S.—July 27, 122, Ingram Street, 6. First Feather Show; 4 classes. Judge, J. Sinclair, (Paisley).—W. Connelly.

Haltwhistle.—Aug. 1, Mr. Nicholson's, 8. Paying members' prize money, and general business.—Nicholson and Tallantyre.

Hartlepools C.B.S.—July 31, St. George's Hall, 8. Classification open show, etc.—Woodhead and Pyman.

Holmfirth C.B.S.—Aug. 2, headquarters, 8. First Feather Show.—Tom Smith.

Huddersfield O.S.—July 29, Old Hat Hotel, 8. Second First Feather Show, August 3.—F. G. Sykes.

Jarrow, Hebburn C.B.S.—August 7, Lockhart's Cafe, 7.30. General business.—H. Ayres.

Leeds Roller C.C.—July 27, 55 Briggate, 7.30.—H. L. Davis.

Laisterdyke B.F.A.—July 27, Railway Hotel, 2. Members' F.F. Show; judge, Mr. W. Mann (Wibsey). Also Aug. 7, ordinary meeting at 8.—J. E. Hudson.

Leigh C.B.S.—July 31, Railway Hotel, 7.45. Paying prize money for N.F. Show; ticket money to be brought in.—R. Charleson, Sec.

Lochgelly C.B.S.—Aug. 3, Thomson's, High Street, 7. Final reading of rules and classes. Last night for local fanciers joining to compete for trophies.—W. Grewar.

Middlesex O.S.—Aug. 1, St. John's School, Southall, 8. Young stock and final show; admission free.—J. Jefferis.

Morley C.B.S.—July 27, Sycamore Hotel, 7.30.—J. Rhodes.

National Green-Marked Y.C.C.—July 27, Market Tavern, Godwin Street, Bradford, 6.30. Patronage, specials, handbooks, etc.—E. Clegg.

Newcastle Novice C.B.S.—Aug. 1, Mr. Purvis' Cafe, Clayton Street, 7.30.—T. W. Lumsden.

Newcastle-upon-Tyne C.B.S.—Aug. 1, 65, Grainger Street, 7.30 p.m. Open show classification, etc.—J. W. Reed.

Partick C.B.C.—Aug. 2, Trades Halls, 8. Presentation of joint specials arrangements for annual show, etc.—J. Henderson.

Plumstead and Woolwich C.B.S.—Aug. 1, headquarters, Beresford Street, Woolwich. Birds staged 8. Young Stock, Brit., Mules and For., as late show; points to count for cup and medals; Mr. J. Hazel judge.—E. Meades.

Provincial Roller C.C.—July 27, Old Boar's Head, Corporation Street, Manchester, 6. Show and ordinary business.—Andrew Percival.

Pudsey, Stanningley C.B.S.—July 26, Fleece Hotel, 8. Members' Show July 27; judging 2.30. Judge, Mr. S. Wilcock. Entries Friday, 8 to 10.30.—Hugh Raistrick.

Radcliffe C.B.S.—Aug. 7, Wareing's Dining Rooms, 8. Report on F.F. Show.—W. Pickup.

Rochdale Good Intent C.B.S.—July 31, Temperance Club, Toad Lane, 8. Committee meeting; back end show business.—T. Holt.

Rotherham C.B.S.—July 27, College Inn, 8. Pay out prize money for Nest Feather Show and other business.—B. Bailey.

Selston F.S.—July 30, National Schools, 7. Business important.—C. H. Bacon.

Sheffield C.B.S.—Aug. 1, Wentworth Cafe, 8. Table Show, etc.: judge, Mr. G. Browning, Rotherham. Prizes, 3s., 2s., 1s.—A. Hobson.

Spen Valley C.B.S.—July 27, Commercial Hotel. Birds staged 3 o'clock. Second N.F. Show. Entries up to 10 o'clock Friday night.

Stockton-on-Tees C.B.S.—Aug. 1, Leeds Hotel, 8. Business important.—J. W. Lowes.

Swindon F. and F.S.—July 31, The Baths, Milton Road, 8. Table show of cage birds, Brit. and For., any age Con., 1912; medal for best given by J. Smith. Mr. J. T. Edmonds will read a paper on cage birds.—W. J. Moran.

Vale of Leven C.B.C.—Aug. 1, Village School Room, Alexandria, 8. General business.—A. H. McLean.

Walkden C.B.S.—July 26, Bull's Head, 8. Special meeting. F.F. Show, July 29.—H. Howard.

Wallasey C.B.S.—Aug. 1, Fairbaven Institute, Seaview Road, Liscard, 8. Lecture on "Wild Plants Most Beneficial to Birds," by Mr. George Barker. Members still owing subscriptions kindly send on.—T. Edwards.

West Bromwich C.B.S.—July 30, Dartmouth Hotel, 8. Pay out prize money; question inter-club show and young stock show.—W. G. Andrews.

Wigan C.B.S.—Aug. 3, Legs of Man, 8.—H. Young.

Nests of Birds, Poultry, etc., should be regularly sprinkled with KEATING'S POWDER, especially when hens are sitting. Don't forget to do this just previous to the eggs hatching, to destroy the Red Mite. Kills all insects. Harmless to everything else.

Correspondence.

A 24-Year-old Goldfinch-Canary Mule.

Sir,—Is twenty-four years a record for a Canary-Goldfinch Mule to live? It was hatched at the Maid's Head Hotel, Norwich, in June, 1888. My brother gave it to me the following September. It died this morning, July 18th.

Clarence W. Wells.

Thorpe, Norwich.

Does Supplying Egg-shells Make Birds Egg-eaters?

Sir,—I beg to thank Messrs. Oates, Kemp, Dowling, and Miss Yaldon for their information, and will mention my reason for my letter. A friend of mine has twelve Norwich Plainheads, all six pairs laid about the middle of May, but as each clutch was completed, all the eggs disappeared. This happened all through the season, except in one case, when two young were reared. There is no possibility of mice or rats getting to the nests, so I thought that the use of egg-shell was the cause.

H. T. Fordred.

The Breeding of Greenfinch-Bullfinch Hybrids.

Sir,—Being a keen reader of Cage Birds from the first number, I thought I would try hybrid breeding this season. I have had one fertile egg from a house-moulted cock Greenie and field moulted hen Bullie, but unfortunately the chick died during rearing, as there were four Goldie Mules under the same hen, which were three days older, therefore, it had a poor chance. I hope to have better luck next time. I am also trying for the Redpoll-Bullie cross. I wish your valuable paper, Cage Birds, every success.

T. W. Brown.

Gateshead-on-Tyne

How Can We Legally Combat the Cat?

Sir,—We have proved that we can keep birds in an outdoor aviary, but the question now is, how about the night-prowling, thieving, glaring-eyed cats? They can climb anywhere, and if they can force their head through, their body follows. You cannot even hang a cage outside your house. What can we do? How far can we go in combating the trespassing cats and not break the law? To sue a neighbour for damage done by his cat when trespassing may be legal, but it is not at all inviting.

Bird-Keeper.

[Possibly some bird-keeper learned in the law can enlighten our correspondent.—Editor.]

A Visit to a Well-known Scottish British Bird Fancier.

Sir,—A visit to that well-known British bird keeper, Mr. Crossley Sykes, of Musselhurgh, convinced me as to the truth of the adage: "What a tyke does he does well." I found him busy attending to his pets, and as his stock is well over a hundred, I at once asked why he kept so many. Surely not all for exhibition? "No, I am not an enthusiast," he replied. I ventured to hint at Hybrids. "No; I don't breed birds." Knowing too well that Mr. S. is not a dealer, I am forced to the conclusion that he keeps them because he simply can't help it, and that is the proper spirit. Before going over the stock, his aviaries merit a description. They are in a garden, and consist of two compartments—one fitted with bushes forming a large fly, wherein the various occupants were fairly enjoying themselves—a contrast with their more fortunate (?) brethren outside who have had to endure rain, rain, without cessation, for the past month. The other compartment is a combination of large flights and stock cages. The first to be inspected were the Brambles, nine of them, headed by the National and Palace winner, looking very fit. The rest, though very promising, are overshadowed by comparison, though one, excelling in spangle, depth, expanse and flank spotting, should make a "double event" quite possible. The Chaffies and seven in number; another Eclipse here, the Bathgate winner, but his laurels are not quite so safe, for a youngster of the right boxy feather and colour just wants that embonpoint which will come with age, and "Greek will meet Greek." The Buntings are represented by five species, my fancy being divided between a grand Reed and a Snow. The latter excelled in colour, and was steady to the verge of impudence. The Hawfinches muster five, all British, two of them possessing that colour which is rarely found in the big alien, and free from that frontal pallor which is fatal to many Continentals. I venture to propose an alliance with the smallest and a fine hen Greenfinch, whose actions are suggestive of a desire to multiply, and indicate a large flight as being a suitable site for the experiment. But "No," replies Mr. Sykes (though he has bred Hybrids here in spite of himself). However, fine Yellow and Cinnamon hens paired to a good Siberian Goldie and Linnet respectively, give promise of a stimulation to his enthusiasm in that direction. Twenty-four Linnets, and I fail to spot a mediocre specimen in the lot. Two or three have the proper type, lacing, tone, and freedom from openness which should attract a judge's pencil. I am beaten in my efforts to count Lesser and Mealy Redpolls, but the quality of the latter may be judged by the fact that I was offered a score here as a present during the great influx of two years ago, and I know Mr. S. had choice of hundreds. Seven Siskins, all Jonques, and equally amorous; fourteen Twites (aw winnut say nowt) and eleven Greenfinches. Why, oh why, do the best coloured Greenies have the smallest heads? We come to the softbills: A nice 'Gale, but in the rough yet. Very few 'Gales are kept north of the Tweed; Grey and Yellow Wagtails, all looking very fit; Common and Glossy Starlings, the former a great pet, and unbeaten as yet; the latter splendidly iridescent; a Golden-fronted Fruit-sucker, immature yet, but very fine in promise and power of song; and a truly superb Tanager completes the list. The commissariat takes some providing. I fail to make my arms meet round a sheaf of "whiteheads"; Mr. S. supplies these unlimited. Shepherd's purse—he must have a wheelbarrow for that lot. A long crack about various birdy problems terminated one of the most enjoyable and instructive visits I have ever paid.

Scot-Tyke.

The Bramblefinch-Canary Cross.

A Fertile Egg Obtained.

Sir,—Seeing in your last issue of Cage Birds a Mr. F. J. Poole is asking for information from your Mr. Weston, re Bramblefinch-Canary hybrids, I might say I have a pair, and the hen is now sitting on one fertile egg, and I am hoping for a nice young one (but I must not count my chicks before they are hatched!). I should be extremely pleased to hear from any of your readers if they have ever heard of a Bramblefinch-Canary Hybrid being bred?

C. A. S. Thornton.

A Hardy Annual.

The Novice Question Once Again.

Sir,—I see our "hardy annual" has cropped up again! Mr. Long asks why shows do not pay; and answers himself by saying that "Money is at the bottom of it." In the words of the poet, "Who ever would have thought it?" Next he instances an amateur who was not showing because there was no one he could beat; this amateur shows great intelligence. By the way, how did he know he could not beat anybody? Another said there were no sportsmen amongst the novices. What a pity our friend the amateur just mentioned got promoted. How does Mr. Long know that the amateur and professional gets more wages than the novice; and how can he be sure that the bird which wins in the open will win again among the novices? As regards the man who is a professional in one society and novice in the other, there is nothing very strange about that, although I do not know a case myself, and doubt whether Mr. Long does, unless he belongs to the society of which Mr. Long and myself are members. Then he may be both professional and novice at once, and in the same society! The professional who wanted three shows at the price of two ought to be suited with the new State Insurance scheme! However, putting all jokes aside, what is it Mr. Long wants? More classes in the novice section? Certainly; more classes by all means. More classes in the novice section means fewer entries in each class and a better chance of the novice getting three firsts and taking on the higher stage. But can Mr. Long guarantee to replace the novices as fast as they will be promoted under his scheme?

E. H. Fulcher.

Sir,—I agree with Mr. Long that if you want a good bird you must pay for it; they are not to be found in the street—neither is a man's time, study and experience, to say nothing of expense. If it is so easy for a novice to get his three firsts so that he has to show amongst professionals, I should like to ask Mr. Long how long he has been a novice, and how long he will be in getting his one first in a full class? Allow me to tell this gentleman that there are not a better lot of sporting novices in the Fancy than the novices that belong to the club alluded to. What is Mr. Long going to do for the novice with "20 shillings a week?" Is he going to open a subscription for them, or give them advice through the Fancy Press? Those who have bought birds which can win in the open should be forced to show in the open, he says, but how can they be forced into the open when there is no open section? Mr. Long says the first year amateurs did not mean to fill the pockets of the professionals and older amateurs. Now it was a first year amateur who had best bird in the show, also two firsts, one second, one third, one fourth, and vhc. Let me tell Mr. Long it was a novice in the British section who opposed the "professional in Yorkshires who wanted to join in December, and let his subscription cover the next year." I challenge him to prove that "others have joined in the same manner." He says: Let secretaries understand that you will not fill the coffers of their societies, make them cater for you, make them put more classes on for you. Let me tell him these are not "one-man societies." It is the members who put the classes on, and not the secretaries. What classes have you, Mr. Long, proposed during the last year? None. We novices only see you occasionally. My advice is, if you want to pick a grudge against a fellow member, come to the meetings, where you will get a fair hearing, and tell him to his face, not run to the Fancy Press.

An Ardwick Novice.

[Our correspondent must please conform to the well-known press rule of writing on one side only of each sheet of paper used.—Editor.]

Experiments in the Rearing of Hybrids & Other Young Birds.

Interesting notes by Miss Janette Reeves, the breeder of last season's sensational Chaffinch-Greenfinch and many other remarkable Hybrids.

Sir,—At the last meeting of the National British Bird and Mule Club the following letter was read from Miss Reeves, of Wateringbury, who received a hearty vote of thanks from those present for her kindness in supplying the interesting and novel information contained in it. Miss Reeves wrote: "I have always understood that Goldfinches, Bullfinches and Greenfinches for the first few days feed their young very largely on insects, and to prove this I have put young Bullfinches in the nest of the Greater Tit. You should have seen them grow. I have also put Bullfinches' eggs in Chaffinches' nests, and they grew fast, and made fine large birds. I have put a Canary's egg in a Great Tit nest, and it also grew into a fine fat bird, but I can never let these insect-feeding birds entirely rear the young, as I find they cannot feed them through the bars of cages, as the insects drop into the cage instead of the bird's mouths. I have caged up Robins, Hedge Sparrows, and Chaffinches, but found in each instance that their parents could not give them enough food. We all know the Tree Sparrow feeds for the first four days on insects, and then on grain, and to prove this I put two fertile eggs from the Bramblefinch-Chaffinch mating into a nest of this bird. The hybrids grew beautifully for the first three days, but died on the fifth day. As I thought she fed her young on insects for the first week, to quite prove the contrary, I have since put Robin's eggs into a Tree Sparrow's nest, and the same thing happened on the fifth day. Years ago I put eleven fertile eggs (Bramblefinch-Chaffinch) into Linnets' nests, and the young all died quickly. My first Bramblefinch-Chaffinch was hatched in a Greenfinch's nest, and for the first few days grew beautifully, but after that only just kept alive, and when it was two weeks' old, but had no feathers—they always can fly at two weeks—I had to take it and hand-rear it, it quickly got its feathers then. These birds when in a Tit's, Hedge Sparrow's, or Robin's nest are fledged at nine days old, so I have to take them at a week old. I forgot to say that why I took my first B.-C. at two weeks old was because the hen Greenfinch no longer sat on it, and it was a cold summer, and I found it nearly dead from the cold. Canaries love small, green caterpillars, greenfly from roses, and nettles, and the small wasp grubs (not the very large ones), and I have had mine even eat gentles, and as for fresh ants' eggs, they try and eat them all before my Finches have a look in: It is my firm belief that our young Canaries would grow far quicker if we could supply their parents with plenty of small green caterpillars and greenfly instead of green food, as I find green food does not suit young Canaries. I find if I put Bullfinches' eggs or Goldfinches' eggs under Canaries, the young do not grow half as quickly as they do when taken a week old and put under Canaries. This seems to show that they are fed with insects the first few days. I have too many Chaffinches' eggs to put into my wild Tit's nests just now, so cannot spare them to experiment on them. I have already had over one hundred eggs from my hen Chaffinches, and hope now, from what I see every day, to get some fertile eggs. I have to try and arrange the wild Greater Tits to have nests the middle of June, so as to take my Chaffinches' eggs, as they are by far the best foster-parents, as they feed their young entirely on green caterpillars, and their nests are always safe from all enemies. I am now hand-rearing five young Greenfinches, and two young Yellow Buntings, all on the same food, which is biscuit grated up and moistened with new milk, and half a teacup of greenfly per day. I quickly get the greenfly by carrying a cup half-full of water and shaking nettles into it—the water becomes a green solid mass with the greenfly. The young Greenfinches grow very fast on this food, and do not want nearly so much feeding, as they are always sleeping, and are happy and contented. I do not have to feed them before 7 a.m., and this makes hand-rearing a pleasant and easy task, as they can easily go three hours. I can always tell from their droppings if the food suits young birds. I am trying my hardest to get young Hawfinches to hand-rear. I hand-reared one years ago, and found it so easy. Just now is a very busy time with me, and I am busy this year trying different things, amongst the wild birds."

—J. P. Carr, joint hon. sec.

The Type of the Present-day Norwich Plainhead.

Sir,—If "Novice" obtains Cage Birds of October 21, 1911, and reads the report of the last Norwich Alliance show, I think he will find that I am not hit so very hard. I don't know if "Novice" and "Sub Rosa" are one and the same person, neither do I know if "Sub Rosa" is trying to make himself appear ridiculous. He says he don't see what British and Foreign birds have to do with the above subject. Neither do I; but, sir, these remarks were addressed to "Novice," because "Novice" said that he attended the Norwich show last October, and that the highest honours left Norwich both in the Canary and British and Foreign bird classes. Now, out of these forty first prizes, etc., which were won by the Norwich breeders, 37 were won in the Canary classes, and only three in the British and Foreign. "Sub Rosa" says some of these classes were for amateurs, so can't be counted. Well, whether they can be counted or not, they were there, and I think if "Sub Rosa" could breed a few like the birds in them, he would think they "counted." "Novice" says that in the Open Non-Flighted classes, which were four in number, three of the chief prizes left Norwich, but he doesn't say that in the other class, which was Norwich Yel. Hen Any Variety, every card went to the Norwich breeders who show in the open champion classes, and the reason is this: The amateurs of Norwich have a society of their own, which is called the Norwich Amateur Cage Bird Association, and they hold a show themselves annually, which comes just after the Norwich Alliance (if "Sub Rosa" and "Novice" were to visit one of these shows I think they would see something good for weak eyes), and should an amateur exhibit in these open champion classes and happen to win a special prize, I believe they would be debarred from belonging to this association. At the same time, most of their birds are sold to the dealers, very few of which are exhibited by the same, but are supplied to people away. I think even "Novice" and "Sub Rosa" will know that dealing is a business, and therefore they cannot supply others with them and exhibit themselves at the same time. I hope, sir, I am not intruding too much on your valuable space, but I would like to give you a few out of the many Norwich winners, as reported in Cage Birds of October 21: Nor. Yel. Hen, Unflighted, 1st, fine big, shapely hen, capital col., close silky feather; 2nd real gem, short and cobby, lovely shade of col. and feathered like a Java, we liked much. Amateur, Nor. Yel.: 1st and 2nd, two wonderfully fine feathered birds, beautifully fed, as rich and level as possible, very neat wings and tail, rare style. Buff: 1st, topper, lovely quality, rich undercolour, nicely mealed, capital wings and tail; 3rd good as any in class for type and quality, but does not carry so much col. Tkd. Yel.: 1st grand shape, rich even col., wing tkd., of nice quality; 2nd, wing tkd., gem, rare shape, grand col. and feather, very smart wings and tail, we liked very much. Buff: 1st, thigh tkd., splendid shape, col. and mealing, grandly feathered, shows well; 2nd head tkd, full of col. and quality, stands well over perch, nice wings and tail; 3rd, grizzle cap, gem, we liked as well as any, not so much col. as some, but grand type. Now, sir, I think the above sufficient to prove that Norwich birds are not such duffers as "Novice" and "Sub Rosa" would like to make them.

A. Woollard.

[So far as the birds belonging to the breeders in Norwich are concerned, this correspondence must now close. If readers wish to discuss the type of Norwich generally, however, our columns, of course, are still open.—Ed.]

Two Ideas which Readers May Find Useful.

Sir,—I was very glad to see my contribution on Budgerigars so nicely arranged and given such prominence, and I hope your readers will benefit by it. I now send one or two other ideas which might be helpful. I have seen many different styles of fixing perches, but I do not think any are quite as simple and as easy to fix and take out as those I use myself. First I cut the perch the required length, measuring from the back of the cage to the wire front. Then I cut two inches of ordinary cage wire and hammer one inch into the end of the perch, and bend it at right angles to same. I then screw two small eyelets into the back of the cage, one under the other (these can be bought at twelve a penny), drop the wire into the holes, and let the other end of the perch just rest against the wire of the cage front. When the perch requires cleaning, simply lift it up out of the sockets, and replace it afterwards. It can be made in five minutes and taken in and out in a few seconds. I always make all my own cages, and before I fix them together I cut a square out of the top board in the left hand corner about five inches square. It can be cut with an ordinary saw. Then nail a thin strip of wood on the under side of the large board for the cut-out piece to rest on, so that it will not drop into the cage. The advantage is this: When birds are nesting they usually get excited and rush about the cage when one puts a hand in the cage door either to take out an egg or do anything with the young whereas by just inserting the hand through the top of the cage they do not seem to mind. In fact, many times when they are off the nest they never see the hand at all. Of course, I am presuming that the nest is at the side of the cage and not in the centre between the perches.

W. Hainsworth.

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Some Members of the South African C.B.C.

The names of those appearing on the Photo are (reading from left to right):—Top Row, Messrs. W. W. Hornby, Watt, R. Watt, Hepburn, J. Honey, and A. A. Johnston; Middle Row, Messrs. Duncan Campbell, J. Duke, J. R. Cox, F. C. Meeser, and E. M. Tidmarsh; with Messrs. S. W. Van Niekerk and W. Fair, seated on ground.

(An interesting letter dealing with the Fancy in South Africa will be found on this page).

The Wingless Canary.

How About a New Variety?

Sir,—I noticed in last week's Cage Birds that Mr. Boundy has a Yorkshire Canary with one wing. I may say that I have one also. It is a month old, and going on all right. Strange to say, this bird is also a Yorkshire, and it is the left wing that is missing. There is no sign of a "stump."

F. Cockeram.

Derby.

One Wing Between Two Birds.

Sir,— I am requested by a customer who gets Cage Birds every week, to write you to see if you have heard of anything like the following: Out of a brood of four Canaries, one had no wings, and another only had the left wing. He killed the one with no wings and the other is in splendid condition. The one with no wings was going on well, but could not get from the bottom of the cage.

W. R. B.

Howdon-on-Tyne.

Does Rain Kill Nestling Birds?

Our Correspondent Answers "Yes."

Sir,—Mr. W. E. Teschemaker's letter makes me marvel how, with an experience of wild birds such as he has, the fact that rain *does* kill nestlings has not been demonstrated to him by many instances. I have always a horror of heavy rain during the nesting season, and a round of my nests after such never fails to reveal a few young birds which have perished. Last July constituted a record, and though the storm was remarkable by reason of its duration, I don't think it was so phenomenal as that which Mr. T. describes. Yet I found no less than fourteen broods of various kinds had perished. The peculiarity of these fatalities happening to many of our hardier species, while broods of the more delicate had survived, led me to make a study of the cause. The fact that the delicate broods of such species as Sedge, Willow, Whitethroat and other Warblers surviving a storm which had been fatal to Larks, Buntings, Greenfinches, Chaffinches, etc., was beyond my understanding, but happening to get caught in a severe shower, I took shelter under a thick holly bush, and was fairly sheltered for a while, but the rain continuing, it began to percolate through the foliage in a series of streams, and on looking up I found that one of these streams emanated from the bottom of a Greenfinch's nest containing four eggs, well advanced in inoubation. The inundation was due to the foliage immediately over the nest collecting a lot of rain, and then forming a sort of conduit which discharged itself right on to the nest below, in a manner which nothing but an aquatic bird could withstand. I made it a point to visit the next brood I found drowned (while it was raining). It was a Blackcap Warbler's, and there I verified my suspicions as to this being the general cause. The nest was situated in a bramble bush, overhung by an oak branch, and was right under a heavy drip from the branch, which, during the storm, must have driven the parent off the nest. A nest of Hedge Sparrows in close proximity, and much more exposed, had suffered no evil effects from the same storm. I append a cutting from the nature notes column of to-day's "Scotsman," showing that I am not alone in thinking that rain kills nestlings.

J. Steel.

Extract from the "Scotsman":—"A pair of Corn Buntings, presumably from the flock which arrived late in May, made two nests in the garden, and in one deposited three eggs, but deserted it, probably 'drowned out,' as were other nests containing young birds, by the heavy rains in the end of June."

The Cage Bird Fancy in South Africa.

(See photograph above).

Sir,—I am sending you, on behalf of our club, a photo of a few members of the South African C.B.C., which I trust you will be able to reproduce. The object of this club is to push on the Fancy in South Africa, being the first of its kind out here, and we desire the support of all bird fanciers in South Africa. Although the headquarters will be in Johannesburg, we are going to provide specials for cage birds at all the leading shows in the Eastern and Western provinces for members who cannot send their birds such a long distance to compete at our own big shows here. Our aim is also to get the South African Poultry Association to give cage birds better facilities and equality of specials at their shows; the last-named have been sadly neglected in the past. Your paper is widely read, and I trust that the foregoing will catch the eyes of bird fanciers in remote parts of South Africa. Our Secretary, Mr. W. Fair, P.O. Box, 1901, Johannesburg, will be pleased to forward any information regarding the above Club that may be desired by intended members. The chairman, Mr. J. R. Cox, in the centre of the photo, is a well-known fancier from the North of England, and what the Fancy is to-day in Johannesburg, we have to thank him for, though Cage Birds, for its timely hints and instruction must not be forgotten. His every effort is for the furthering of the Fancy, and he is always willing to give the novice a helping hand. He is the best all-round judge we have ever had, and judged our last record South African show to the satisfaction of all concerned. The Fancy has made rapid strides since his arrival in our midst, and if the fanciers have the good fortune to retain him here for a few more years, then I am sure we will be blessed with some real good birds, and a strong cage bird club. Wishing the best of luck to your popular paper, Cage Birds.

S. W. van Niekerk.

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The Clashing of Shows in Ireland.

Sir,—Re "Old Fancier's' letter as to clashing of shows in Ireland, I quite agree that there should be no clashing. Lurgan, for instance, has a show say every three or four years, or whenever it so pleases. They grab a young society's date, and when the young society stands firm to its date, someone starts grumbling and crying. As far as Holywood is concerned, it is immaterial when Lurgan holds its show for all the good any of the fanciers of Lurgan has done them. If they had had to depend on Lurgan or the so-called old fanciers for support, they would have been to the wall long ago. Now, any fancier who has shown at Holywood for the past two years will, I am sure, agree with me when I say that their show was carried out with every care; prizes paid promptly, birds returned by rail as arranged, and everything done for the fanciers' welfare. I personally do not think their supporters will desert them this year just to accommodate a show that had a name in the past. If I know anything of the Holywood fanciers, they will stand firm to their date, and do their level best to make their show a success. Even if they do not get the support of the principal fanciers (I hope they will), everyone can depend on their show being run without prejudice, bias, or vindictiveness. Further, it seems to me that instead of some old fanciers doing what they can for a young society, they do all they can to retard its progress.

Semper. Idem.

The White Canary.

A New Zealand Lady Claims to Have First Established a True Strain.

Sir,—I have just received my copy of "Our Canaries," which, needless to say, I consider a grand book. I should like to call attention to the fact (referring to page 22, "The White Canary") that I have already entirely established the new breed of White Canaries, having last year bred over fifty, reared over forty, and having sent to England over thirty, all of which, without exception, have arrived, not one death occurring. As many of these were bred from white hens mated to white cocks (and in such cases not a single coloured bird appearing in the nests), I think I can claim to being the first to establish a type of White Canary breeding true to colour. I may also state that before Mr. Kiesel's White Canary was exhibited, I wrote home to Mr. Ramsden, manager of the Crystal Palace Show, asking him what would be the value of my then only White Canary, a hen, a sport from Buff parents. I exhibited it that year in Wellington, New Zealand, so I think I really was the first in the field. You may be interested to hear that I experimented with my original White hen on Mendel's lines, which I felt sure were the true ones to go upon, having only the one bird to breed from as the parents of the white bird got away, so there was no chance of repeated white sports. That Mendel's theory has proved correct in this instance is testified by the fact that from the one white bird I have succeeded in breeding fifty in the third generation, the second generation having bred true to colour. You mention that grey or grizzled markings are at present formed on the white Canaries; more than half of mine are clear. My birds are very strong and healthy, which is proved by the fact that all which I sent home have arrived, in spite of them all being young birds, actually in their first moult while taking their winter voyage round the Horn, an ordeal to which many Canaries would have succumbed.

Mrs. John Martin.

Wairarapa, N.Z.

REVIEW OF SCHEDULES.

Epworth.—Aug. 5, Show Ground.—Judge, Mr. E. Fawcett. 7 open classes. Nor. 2, Yorks. 2, Local 1, Brit. 1, For. 1. Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6. Fee, 1/6. Entries close July 31 to W. E. Burrows, Epworth, Doncaster.

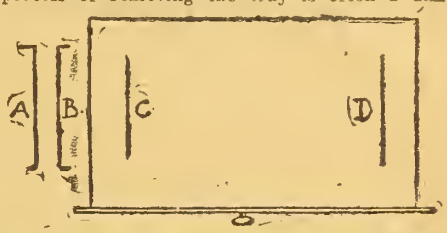
King's Lynn.—Aug. 5, on the Recreation Ground. Fifteen classes: Nor. 6 (old birds 3, bred 1912 3); A.O.V. Can, bred 1912, 1; Yorks., 1; Cinn., 1; A.O.V. Can., 1; Mule, 1; Brit., 1; For., 1; Sell., 10s., 1 Prizes, 10s., 5s., 2s. 6d.: entry fee, 1s. 9d. Entries close July 27, to Mr. S. D. Hunt, hon. sec., 29, London Road, King's Lynn.

Illustrated Ideas

Every "Illustrated Idea" used in this column will entitle the sender thereof to a postal order for two shillings and sixpence.

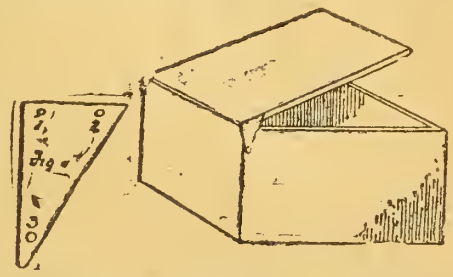
No 604.
Improving the Sand Tray.
Sent by V. Hodgetts, Two Gates, Cradley, Staffs.

Every bird-keeper knows how a sand-tray will often "refuse to budge." No matter how easily it slips in and out when no bird is in the cage, when grit, etc., gets down the side the process of removing the tray is often a difficult one. To get rid of this nuisance, bend two pieces of cage wire as shown in A B, and then knock the ends into the bottom of the sand-tray, as shown in C D. The result is a smoothly working tray. This is a consideration when dealing with nervous sitting hens.—V. Hodgetts.



No. 605.
A Convenient Hinge.
Sent by J. Wright, 10, Fort Street, Northampton.

A very useful form of hinge for travelling cases or cages, seed-boxes, shutter-fronted cages, etc., can be readily made out of a small piece of tin shaped as shown in the sketch, with three holes bored in it, through which suitable wire nails (or screws) are driven,



one of which is left slightly loose, when it acts as a pivot for the hinge to work on. In the sketch Nos. 1 and 2 are the nails driven fast into the lid, and No. 3 is the pivot nail. This is a very useful hinge.—J. Wright.

LOCHGELLY AND DIST. C.B.S.

The following is the result of the season's breeding, so far as I can ascertain up to now. I may say that it is far from good, and the only way this can be accounted for is the very unsatisfactory weather experienced during most of the breeding season. The whole of April and May it was very cold, after the bright, clear weather we got in March which brought on the hens at a great pace, and with the sudden severe cold, damp weather which prevailed after that, the hens never seemed to properly get back their vigour, to carry them through the breeding season. Messrs. T. Wildridge, 5 Nor.; J. Anderson, 3 Scotch Fancy and 19 Rollers; T. Muir, 6 Nor.; J. McGregor, 1 Crest-bred and 2 Greenie Mules; P. McCue, 20 Nor.; T. Currie, 8 Nor., 2 Mules; M. Smith, 11 Nor.; J. Henderson, 3 Nor.; Jn. Raeburn, 4 Sibs, 2 Mules; A. Strachan, 3 Nor.; A. Anderson, 9 Scots.; A. M'Donald, 14 Nor.; J. Adamson, 8 Sibs, 5 Mules; W. Melville, 14 Nor.; C. Marshall, 5 Nor.; J. McLeod, 10 Nor.; J. Cairns, 8 Nor.; A. Muir, 1 Crest, 34 Bord.; J. Taylor, 3, Nor.; D. Kydd, 7 Nor.; A. Kirk, 5 Nor.; A. Love, 4 Nor.; W. Duff, 8 Nor.; J. Sneddon, 3 Scots; A. Harris, 3 Nor.; W. Grenar, 32 Nor.; J. Raeburn, 2 Sibs, 2 Mules; J. Philip, 14 Nor.; J. Stirling, 40 Bord. and Nor.—W. Grewar, Sec.

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Club Reports.

CHOPWELL C.B.S.

Meeting held July 20th, in Club Hall, Mr. Simpson in the chair. Only a moderate attendance. Correspondence was read through, and a few handsome donations announced. Messrs. W. Short and J. Clark were elected vice-presidents, and W. Christer enrolled a member. Next meeting Club Hall August 3rd, when all members and intending members are requested to attend.—W. Tomlinson, Hon. Sec.

CARDIFF C.B.S.

Monthly meeting held Maskell Hotel, Queen-street, Mr. H. C. Smith presided. The secretary gave report of the Y.B. show, which showed a profit of 18s. Prize money was paid to all members present. The Welsh C.B.C. patronage was accepted; they are giving 30s. cash specials, also cup competition at our open show. Resolved not to join the South Wales Federation. Will all members attend next monthly meeting to fix up classification for open show. Mr. W. Stocking (Cardiff) was elected a member.—E. Thomas, Sec.

LOCHGELLY C.B.S.

Members and friends held a most successful social in the Bay Horse Tavern, July 13th, the president, Mr. T. Wildridge, in the chair. After full justice had been done to a special repast the chairman proposed the welfare of the society, and hoped that all the members would do their utmost to maintain the society in the proud position which it has gained as holding the largest show in Fife. A lengthy programme was gone through, contributed by the following gentlemen: Messrs. Smith, Cairns, Taylor, Wildridge, Muir, G. Harvey, R. Harvey, Raeburn, Anderson, Taylor, Arnott, Currie, Douglas, Hynd, Kippen, McMurray, Harris, Spence, and Smith. A vote of thanks was carried to the subcommittee responsible for the arrangements, and a most pleasant evening was brought to a close by the singing of "Auld Lang Syne."—W. Grewar, Sec.

WEST STANLEY C.B.S.

Meeting held Commercial Hotel, July 13th, Mr. Butler in the chair; a very large turnout of members. Our late vice-chairman, Dr. Pretsell was accidentally killed by being thrown from his cycle a month ago, and the secretary was instructed to send a letter of sympathy to Mrs. Pretsell and family in their sad bereavement. Schedule for open show was adopted; we have given a good classification, both in open and members. We have 33 open classes and 24 members, with a 5s. special for most points in each class, and two cups for members' classes. We have booked the Hibernian Hall, Nov. 8 and 9, a place well adapted for a show, with staging room for 1,000 birds. It is well lighted, and free from draughts. The usual prize draw for 10 cock Canaries will take place on show day. Next meeting, Sept. 7th, in Ante-room, Co-op Hall; the rest of our meetings for the year will be held there.—W. Elliott, Sec.

NATIONAL BRITISH BIRD & M.C.

Committee meeting at headquarters, "Featbers" Hotel, Gt. Chapel Street, Westminster, June 27th. Present, Messrs. J. Dewhurst (in the chair), T. A. Trower, J. Montgomery, A. A. Newling, S. Grahame, A. C. Askew, C. T. Maxwell, A. J. A. Marley, C. Cooper, and J. P. Carr. Minutes signed as read. Letters were read from Messrs. J. Dixon, W. Lowne, and A. Plumbridge, which Secretary was instructed to answer. It was the painful duty of the secretary to announce the sad death of an esteemed provincial committeeman, Mr. W. T. Plumbridge, who had been elected to that office for over twelve years. The committee passed a vote of condolence to the family. Mr. Otto Puck was elected a member of the London committee to fill the vacancy caused through the death of Mr. W. Page. Mr. W. C. Duncan (Newcastle) was elected a member of the Club. A very an interesting letter was read from Miss Reeves on various methods and experiments in the rearing of young Hybrids, etc. (see correspondence columns.—Editor). A hearty vote of thanks was accorded Miss Reeves for the most interesting letter.—J. P. Carr, Jt. Hon. Sec.

CINNAMON-MARKED Y.C.C.

Committee meeting held July 20th, at Market Tavern, Bradford, Mr. Brown (president) in the chair. Messrs. Grayshon and Allen resigned their positions as hon. sec. and treasurer, R. Garnett being appointed in their place. The best thanks of the members were given to the retiring officials for their services. The business was for allotting patronage and making the prizes for our competitions. Open, £3 3s., £1 10s., case of silver dessert cutlery given by T. Sandiford, costume length given by Mr. Brown. Amateur: 1st, given by Mr. Brown, £1 1s.; 2nd, 10s. 6d.; 3rd, 7s. 6d., along with Mr. Carl's Cage Birds prizes for amateurs. Novice: 1st, given by Mr. A. Cooper, £1 10s.; 2nd, given by Mr. Towers, 15s.; 3rd, 7s. 6d.; 4th, given by Mr. Towers, 5s. Patronage was granted Manchester, Nov. 25th and 26th; Gt. Horton, Oct. 19th; Sheffield, Nov. 1st and 2nd; Bradford National, Dec. 6th, 7th and 9th; Shipley, Jan. 11th, and Crystal Palace. We still want four shows to have our patronage. Will secs. please note and make early application? Fanciers, please note our subs are only 1s. 6d. per year. We want your help, so come along.—R. Garnett, Sec., 102, Leeds-road, Windhill.

BRADFORD EAST O.S.

Members and friends are specially invited by the trustees of Park Chapel, the headquarters of the society, to attend next Sunday evening's service to hear the farewell sermon of the Rev. G. Hall Wallis, who is leaving Bradford, having accepted a call to Bournemouth. Mr. Wallis has always taken the keenest and liveliest interest in the welfare of our society, with the result that we have been enabled to hold the meetings in a very cosy, comfortable room, and have received every possible consideration. It was through his own personal invitation and suggestion that the society inaugurated what has been termed the Bird Fanciers' Services, with very happy results. The bird fanciers have liberally responded to the appeal for a testimonial from the congregation, and I have no hesitation in saying that Mr. and Mrs. Wallis will value very highly in after life this token of loyal friendship from the Bradford East Society. The officials of the society desire a good turn-up of bird fanciers to this service on Sunday evening next, and would be delighted to meet anyone outside the chapel at 5.45; service to commence at 6 o'clock; members' wives and lady friends are heartily invited. We sincerely regret Mr. Wallis' departure, but trust he will be very happy in the field of labour to which he has been called, and I advise any of the fanciers in Bournemouth to look him up, and see to it that his capable services are not lost sight of. Bradford's loss is Bournemouth's gain.—H. Hill, Sec.

DUNDALK C.B.A.

Annual meeting, held July 10th. Report and balance sheet passed, and committee elected same as last year. Decided to hold annual show on the 13th and 14th November, 1912.—W. Keating, Hon. Treas.

ILFORD AND COUNTY F. AND F.S.

General meeting, headquarters, July 9th, Mr. F. Holliday in the chair. Decided to abandon rambles in list of fixtures for August. Finally agreed to hire the skating rink for annual show, November 28th and 29th. Several first-class judges were put forward, and the sec. instructed to write for terms, etc. Open classes to be put on in all sections where guaranteed. It was agreed that young stock show, Sept. 24th, be held in Recreation Hall, Manor Park, providing same can be hired.—J. H. Priestman, Hon. Sec.

ATTERCLIFFE C.B.S.

Monthly meeting held headquarters, Horse and Jockey Hotel, July 11. Once again we had a welcome visit from Mr. Browning, this time to give us a lecture on colour-feeding. This was delivered in Mr. Browning's usual masterful manner, and was greatly enjoyed by the good muster assembled. Afterwards many questions were asked and ably answered, and keen discussion followed. Mr. Browning's lectures are always the more interesting, as they are based on practical experience. He gave us a hint to always buy the best peppers procurable; to buy the cheapest was to buy the dearest in the end. He put 1oz. of hot to 2lb. cold, and 1oz. carbonate of iron well mixed together, and found this answered admirably. His egg-food consists of the usual hard-boiled egg and home-made bread. He took 1lb. of brown sugar, 1lb. ground rice, and one tablespoonful of salt, mixed the three together, and put into a jar. When making egg-food he used one tablespoonful to this to one gill of egg-food, and added the pepper to it. Begin, said Mr. Browning, by only adding a small quantity of pepper, and increase amount gradually, until you get the food to a salmon colour. If mixed at night you will find that it will be much darker colour by next morning. From this you should get best possible colour for your birds. One tablespoonful will be the amount required for two birds per day. Mr. Browning is a great believer in plenty of baths, and considers nasturtium and marigold flowers are of great assistance, but he does not agree with mixing seed with colour-food, as this causes the birds to waste much colour-food in foraging out the seeds. As a final hint, Mr. Browning advised those present never to give any kind of green-food during colour-feeding.—W. Halliday, Secretary.

NORTHERN COUNTIES NORWICH AND CINNAMON C.C.

Adjourned general meeting, held July 17, in Lockhart's Cocoa Rooms, 65, Grainger St. The chairman, Mr. R. W. Smith, presided. The balance sheet showed an income of £2 12s. 6d., and an expenditure of the same amount. The following members gave donations to cup fund, Mr. J. Mackenzie, vice-president, 5s.; Mr. Holden, 10s.; Mr. Butler, 5s.; Messrs. Smith, Curry, Birkett, Willisbury, Topping, Davison, Hermiston, Hope, McKay, 2s. each, which leaves a balance of £1 3s. yet to be made good. I would be glad to have subscriptions from members who have not as yet paid and from other members who would like to help to clear the deficit up, as I have had to pay this myself. Officials for the ensuing year:—It was decided that we ask Mr. Crawhall to be our president, and several prominent fanciers as vice-presidents; chairman, Mr. R. Topping; vice- Mr. Lawson; sec., W. Curry; committee, Messrs. Geo. Dobinson, E. Cowling, Thos. Fletcher, F. Laidlow, A. Holden, R. W. Smith, A. Hermiston, H. Wellsbury, J. Cockburn, Chas. McKay, W. Coxon, and W. McGinn; auditors, Messrs. Topping and Laidlow. Decided that we give our patronage to six shows. The following applications are to hand for same:—Chopwell, Morpeth, Newcastle, Border City (Carlisle), Hartlepool, Blaydon, Haltwhistle, Gateshead. Societies who would like same must apply by August 17th. Decided to have our next meeting on a Saturday night, so as to give country members a chance to attend, and have a say in the allotting of our patronage; the date will appear in the Fancy papers. Messrs. Cockburn, Thos. Fletcher, Forbes, McGinn, Reeves, Richardson, Cucknell, and Newton, were elected members. Subscriptions now due. Fanciers in Northumberland, Durham, Cumberland, and Westmoreland, are eligible to join. Annual sub. 2/6. For further particulars apply to W. Curry, Sec., 60, Grosvenor Gardens, Newcastle.

Singing Contests.

BUSLINGTHORPE.

Quality contest held Skinners' Arms July 21st; 19 birds sung for good prizes. 1st, Hullen; 2nd and 3rd, Ward. Judges, Messrs. Summers and Lunn.—C. Clayton, Hon. Sec.

KIPPAX.

Members' sing held Commercial Hotel, July 13th. A very good entry and some splendid singing. 1st, Potters; 2nd, Tomlin; 3rd, Exley. Also July 20th, when there were plenty of birds hung, but only two made a mark. 1st, Potter; 2nd, Tomlin. The season will shortly be over, as the birds will soon be moulting. We have had a fairly good season at our new headquarters, and it points to a more successful year in 1913. Trusting the old members will work hand in hand and try and get one of the best Linnet clubs in the district.—R. Plows, Hon. Sec.

DURHAM.

Linnet contest held at Board Inn, Esk Hill Top, July 20th. Thirty-four birds competed, and some good singing was heard. 1st, McQuirk, cup; 2nd and 3rd, Black and Tan, kettle and carvers. Judge, T. Ferry Cornsay.—G. Reid, Sec.

SALFORD.

First contest for time under the new system held July 20th, at Boat House Hotel, Oldfield-road. Sixteen entered for four good prizes and cards. 1st, Bate; 2nd, Harrison; 3rd, Green; 4th, Shaw (Bradford). Timekeepers, Messrs. Hickman, Marshall, and Green. Birdkeeper, Mr. J. Caswell. Correspondence from non-members is invited. Contest August 10th, at 3 prompt. Afterwards a tea at 1s. per head, also a concert. Members and friends are specially requested to meet at 8.30 a.m. prompt at headquarters July 28th for picnic to Chester, conducted by Mr. Cootes.—B. Wharton, Hon. Sec.

NEWTOWN (Leeds).

Usual week-end Linnet singing contest at the Prince Albert Inn, July 21, when 12 birds entered for three good prizes given by the hostess. Judges, Messrs. N. Soloman and A. Turner. Result: 1, J. Sellers; 2, A. Lorriman; 3, divided between C. Lorriman and A. Binns.—E. Wood, Hon. Sec.

LEEDS.

Usual weekly contest, held "King's Head," Shannon Street, July 21, when only a small number of birds entered owing to the moulting season. 1, Wigfield; 2, Lacy; 3, Chadwick. Judges, S. Hardcastle and W. Naylor. Open contest, July 27, when our host will give a fine copper kettle for 1st prize and 2 good prizes for runners up; also he will give 3 substantial medals to be sung for in a season's singing. First pair staged 2.30 prompt.—W. Naylor, Hon. Sec.

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Country Rambles

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE OUT AROUND GLOSSOP.

A glorious day and a splendid outing was the unanimous verdict of all present, and undoubtedly we had a good time. We arrived at Glossop to be met by Mr. Dewsnap, of "Lizard" fame, who had kindly consented to act as guide. Having on our last visit wandered amongst the surrounding hills, it was decided to vary the programme. First a visit was paid to Glossop Old Church, a monument of days gone by; next we viewed the Old Cross, another relic, saw the old Market Square, and worked our way round to Lord Howard's estate, rambled on through the district of Mossey Lea, and the time passed swiftly, as we were entertained to one after another of birdy stories by our guide. Photographs of the beauty spots were taken by one of the party who had brought his camera, and selecting a suitable grassy slope the party was "taken." After a most enjoyable tea, a visit was paid to Mr. Sam Wood's residence and grounds, which were much admired. We finished by visiting our guide's house on an invitation from his amiable wife. Our chairman, Mr. Foxall, voiced the feelings of the party when proposing a hearty vote of thanks to Mr. Dewsnap.—J. R. Colvills.

SHEFFIELD C.B.S. MEMBERS SEE BIRD LIFE AMONG ROMANTIC SCENERY.

The weather conditions about the 20th looked anything but promising, but we were favoured once more on the third ramble of the season in having a fine day for walking, if somewhat dull. Our destination was Bradfield, a beautiful village situate amidst charming and romantic scenery, the various hills, whose tops were covered with mist, and the numerous reservoirs that fill the valleys, give the scene a charm that is quite foreign to low-lying country. Meeting at the appointed place we journey on the left of Loxley, keeping to the river and woods. We traverse Little Matlock wood, and come to the Robin Hood Inn, famous on account of its connection with the historic outlaw. Here it was we had a new experience, the party leading the way taking us on a path that led to nowhere. Consequently we had to retrace our steps, the time spent in this wood was rather considerable; many things of interest were found, the lane leading to the Robin Hood Rifle Range is one feast of beauty, the rocks on one side rising high above, and on the other the slope to the river below being studded with the hawthorn and elderberry, which trees are preparing their harvest for the feathered tribe during the winter months, being laden with berries. The view from this part is grand. After getting on the right track we follow the course of the river until we reach Dam Flask. Here a halt is made while the party in the rear catch us up. We, of course, say they are poor walkers; they affirm we are missing all the fun, and then enumerate the number and kinds of nests they have found. Leaving the valley we climb the hill and reach the Bradfield road, where a magnificent view presents itself as we come in sight of the Dam Flask reservoir. This is a grand stretch of water some 1½ miles long, and, being full with the recent heavy rains, it looked like a miniature sea; a few followers of the rod and line were trying their luck on its banks. About this time some of the party were enquiring in a round-about way how far we were from tea. We take the less frequented road on the right of the reservoir and try to push on to oblige the hungry ones; but what hindrances we encountered! The golden banks of heather claimed attention; then the nest of a Robin, numerous Buntings and Wagtails, and as we come to a newly mown field of hay a beautiful sight presented itself, for here we saw a good number of young Chaffinches; one member who got there first said there were shoals of them, some were being fed by their parents, and an endeavour to catch a few created some fun, caps and coats flying in all directions, reminding us of earlier days when we tried to catch the butterfly. Hereabouts the British men were interested—thistles, hardheads, berries, and many kinds of weeds grew in profusion. Some were securing these for their pets at home, others took some young trees to set in their gardens to remind them of the event. Reaching the village, we pass right through and make our way to Small Field Farm, which is situate on high ground directly facing the Agden reservoir. Here our host had prepared for us a grand tea, to which we all did justice, as we were ready and fit for it. Tea over, the enthusiastic ones did a round of the stackyards and surrounding hedges, where several nests were found. Bidding good-bye to our host, we commence our return, and this is taken up in a similar way to our outward journey; the birds seen were almost too numerous to mention, but although we kept a sharp look out we did not see a Hawfinch. By the time we reached Loxley the shades of night have fallen, but from thence to our starting-point it is all down hill, for which some were thankful. We reached Malin Bridge about 10 o'clock, feeling tired, but nevertheless glad to have had another day with nature.—J. Woodhouse, Assist. Sec.

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NORTHERN YORKS C.C.

Table show, nest feather, held July 3rd. Judge, Mr. R. Tindale. CHAMP. CLEARS: 1, Milne; 2, 3, Crawhall. TKD., OR VARIEG.: 1, Milne; 2, 3, Dix; 4, Crawhall. NOVICE.—CLEARS: 1, Cattell; 2, Weatherley; 3, Mirley; 4, Smith. TKD., OR VARIEG.: 1, Smith; 2, Weatherley; 3, Mirley; 4, Cattell.—R. Tindale, Hon. Sec.

ECCLESHILL C.B.A.

2nd Y.B. show, held July 20, at the Fountain Inn, Eccleshill. Some fine young birds were staged, and were judged by Mr. L. Dykes, of Bolton Woods, who gave great satisfaction. Mr. F. Studd wins special for best bird in Champions, and Mr. H. Fretwell in Novices. CL OR TKD. YELL. YORKS. (11): 1, Studd; 2, Fretwell; 3, Markwell; 4, Clark. BUFF (15): 1, 2, Sparks; 3, Pearson; 4, Fretwell. CINN OR GREEN MKD. YELL. YORKS. (2): 1, Fretwell; 2, Studd. BUFF (8): 1, Fretwell; 2, Chippendale; 3, Pearson; 4, Nettleton.—W. Nettleton, Sec.

HALIFAX.

F.F. show, at headquarters, Plummet Line Hotel, July 20, when 37 birds were staged, a poor entry for 94 members. Mr. R. E. Helliwell, judged, and gave every satisfaction. CLASS 1: 1, Tinkler; 2, Howarth; 3, Burdekin Bros. CLASS 2: 1, 3, Jeffries; 2, Lord. CLASS 3: 1, Tinkler; 2, Burdekin Bros.; 3, Howarth. CLASS 4: 1, Hartley; 2, Gelder; 3, Lord. CLASS 5: 1, Howarth; 2, Mann. CLASS 6: 1, 2, Simpson; 3, Mann. CLASS 7: 1, 3, Simpson; 2, Sladdin. CLASS 11: 1, 2, Macpherson; 3, Jeffries. Special winners:—Champion Section, W. Simpson and Burdekin Bros. a tie; Novice section, S. H. Jeffries and H. Lord a tie.—H. Clegg, Sec.

GRANGEMOUTH C.B.S.

Annual F.F. show, held in Rechabite Hall, July 20. Entries were not up to the usual, owing to the bad breeding season. Nor. and Brit. came up well, some very fair specimens being staged. Mr. Smart won special for best young bird in hall for best Nor., with a very fine tkd. yell.; Mr. Eadie special for best Brit.; Mr. Ferguson, Crest; Mr. Reid, Border; and Mr. Pagan, Mule. The judges were: Mr. P. Bell, for Brit. and Mules; Mr. J. Veitch, Bord.; and Mr. H. Moreland, Crest and Nor.; their awards gave general satisfactoin. CREST (1): 1, Smart. C.-B. (3): 1, 2, Ferguson; 3, Smart. NOR. YEL. (10): 1, 2, 3, 4, Smart. BUFF (7): 1, 3, 4, Smart; 2, Scaife. YELL. (3): 1, 2, Reid; 3, Marshall. BUFF (3): 1, 2, 3, Marshall. MULES (2): 1, 2, Pagan. BRIT. FINCH (6): 1, 3, Eadie; 2, Rennie; 4, Reid. A.O.V. HARDBILL (5): 1, Eadie; 2, 4, Godfreys Bros.; 3, Rennie. FOR.: 1, Woodhouse; 2, Ferguson.—John Woodhouse, Sec.

EAST HAM C.B.S.

Y.B. show, at headquarters, Hartley Avenue Schools, July 13. Special for best Canary went to Mr. Taylor with a lovely Norwich. Mr. King won special for best Yorks. Nor. made a fine show, and are becoming a great favourite among the members. Yorks. predominated, making up nearly half the show. Some of them just going off a bit. Mr. A. E. Pattrick judged. NOR. CHAMP.: 1, 2, 3, 3 spls, Taylor. YORKS. YELL. TKD. (15): 1, King; 2, spl, Farmer; 3, Parker. BUFF, TKD. (4): 1, spl, King; 2, Thomas; 3, Farmer. VARIEG. (13): 1, 2, spl, King; 3, Mays. NOR. YELL. TKD. (7): 1, spl, 3, Lawrence; 2, Dalton. BUFF (6): 1, Evans; 2, 3, Dalton. VARIEG. (5): 1, spl, 2, Evans; 3, Mrs. Curd. BORD. (6): 1, 2, spl, Potten; 3, Fordham. A.O.V. CINN. NOR.: 1, 2, 3, Parker. MULES: 1, 2, Oliver. GOLDFINCH: 1, 2, 3, Walker. BULLFINCH: Walker. GREENFINCH (6): 1, spl, Walker; 2, 3, Potten. LINNET: 1, 2, 3, Walker. REDPOLL, ETC.: 1, sp, Mays; 2, Walker; 3, Oliver. A.O.S. HARDBILL: 1, spl, 2, Walker. SOFTBILL: 1, Evans. HENS: 1, 2, Walker.—F. Fox, Hon. Sec.

CODNOR PK. & EASTWOOD C.B.S.

Second F.F. show, held July 20, at The Three Tunns, Eastwood, when a grand lot of youngsters were staged. British classes were not so well filled as in previous shows, owing to their starting to moult. Mr. Wood again staged a fine lot of young Yorks., which should do well for their owner with a good moult. Some very promising young Siskin Mules were also staged. Messrs. Ash and Welch, of Belper, had the misfortune to have their exhibits arrive too late for competition. Mr. E. Fox judged. CL. YELL. NOR.: 1, Hickling. BUFF: 1, Earnshaw; 2, Cook. L.M. YELL.: 1, Martin and Faux; 2, Thornhill. BUFF: 1, 3, Martin and Faux; 2, Hickling; G. OR H. MKD.: 1, 2, Martin and Faux. YORKS. CL. BUFF: 1, Wood. L.M. YELL.: 1, Wood. BUFF: 1, 2, Wood. G. OR H.M.: Wood. NOVICE YELL.: Harrison. BUFF: 1, 2, Harrison; 3, Parson Bros. A.V. P. YORKS.: 1, Dickens. BUFF: 1, Dickens. MULE, YOUNG: 1, Bestwick; 2, Lees; 3, Bouthin. OLD: 1, Martin and Faux. BULLFINCH: 1, Lees. LINNET: 1, Smith; 2, 3, Mitchell. GREENFINCH: 1, Bestwick; 2, Mitchell. TWITE, ETC.: 1, Smith; 2, Thornhill; 3, Argyle.—J. H. Mitchell, Hon. Sec.

WINSFORD.

Y.B. show held July 20th, in the Auction Rooms, Winsford, when about 70 entries faced the judge, Mr. Chas. Houlton, who appeared to give satisfaction, and his services were again secured for open show December 14th. Some capital young Yorkshires were on view, and a few decent Norwich. British classes were very good, and some really fine birds were shown. Two good yellow Greenfinch-Canary hybrids were in the hybrid class. Points specials for nominated birds were won by Messrs. Hemmings and Brereton, and Mr. G. Hatton 2nd. For most in show: 1st, Hemmings and Brereton; 2nd, Weedall Bros. Mr. S. S. Brooks had matters in very good order, and the birds looked well on two-deck staging down the side of the show room.

YORKS., YELL., CL. (5): 1, Hemmings and Brereton, fine lengthy bird, nicely drawn, good position, well up on leg, well rounded, clean through; 2, 3, Tomkinson, leader fine drawn, rare quality, good position and condition; 4, E. Perry. BUFF: 1, Hemmings and Brereton. TKD. YELL. (6): 1, Hemmings and Brereton, cinn., tick wing, grand size, length, position and condition, very fine and clean through; 2, Tomkinson, tick nape, right stamp for style, position, quality and condition; 3, J. Perry; 4, E. Perry. TKD. BUFF (4): 1, E. Perry, finest drawn, good position, quality and condition; 2, 3, 4, J. Perry, good trio, all in nice form, leader in nice trim all over. NOR. BUFF: 1, Davies, very cobby, good quality, pale in colour, in good form. TKD. YELL.: 1, Siddall, tick left wing and beak, grand head, A1 colour and condition; 2, Davies, tick head and tail, nice colour and fine quality, bit narrower head. BUFF: 1, Siddall, var., very strong colour and thick-set, a good typical Norwich; 2, Davies, cinn., tick on rump, paler, nice type and quality; 3, Spilsbury. COLDFINCH (6): A good level lot: 1, 3, Hemmings and Brereton, leader in best colours all round to-day; 2, Weedall Bros. LINNET (8): 1, 4, Hatton, good all-round bird for shape, size, quality, colour, and condition; 2, Hemmings and Brereton, very good colour and condition, shade smaller than 1st; 3, Davies. BULLFINCH: 1, Hatton, rare colours and good shape and condition; 2, Weedall Bros., just beaten in breast a little; 3, Patten. SISKIN, ETC. (7): 1, Weedall Bros., good all-round Siskin; 2, Hemmings and Brereton, well set Redpoll, nice shape, feather, and markings, etc.; 3, No. 4, no name in cat.; 4, Siddall, Siskin. CHAFFINCH, ETC.: 1, Robinson, fine Chaffinch, in full bloom; 2, Hemmings and Brereton, medium sized Greenfinch, in nice condition. A.O. HARDBILL: 1, 2, 3, Weedall Bros., very good Yellow Bunting leading. SOFTBILL: 1, Hemmings and Brereton, well known old champion Thrush, in grand order. A.V. HYBRID (3): 1, 3, Robinson, yell. Greenie-Can. leading, and a var. buff Goldie-Canary; 2, Davies, good nat. col. yell Greenie-Canary. SELLING, 10/6: 1, Weedall Bros.; 2, Hemmings and Brereton; 3, Tomkinson. 7/6: 1, Weedall Bros., Greenfinch cock and a Bullfinch hen. STOCK CLASS: 1, Spilsbury. FOR.: 1, Weedall Bros., pair of good Javas. GIFT CLASS: 1, Tomkinson; 2, Breeze; 3, Hemmings and Brereton; 4, Davies.

STOCKSBRIDGE C.B.S.

F.F. show, held July 13th, in the National Schools. A moderate entry, owing no doubt to the bad season most fanciers in this district have had. In the unavoidable absence of Mr. J. Bishop, Mr. C. W. Marshall (Sheffield) judged. YELL. YORKS.: 1, 2, Elliott; 3, Sampson. BUFF: 1, 3, Sampson; 2, Elliott. YELL. NOR.: 1, 3, Howe and Senior; 2, Bainbridge. BUFF: 1, Howe and Senior; 2, Tattersall; 3, Bainbridge. A.O.V.: 1, 2, 3, Evans. YELL. YORKS., NOVICE: 1, 2, Tattersall. BUFF: 1, 2, 3, Oates.—G. L. Sampson, Sec.

RADCLIFFE AND DIST. C.B.S.

F.F. Show held the Drill Hall, Radcliffe, July 6th, when about 70 birds were staged. Mr. W. Dawson (Farnworth) judged, and gave every satisfaction. YORKS. CL. YELL.: 1, 2, Pickup; 3, Allen. BUFF: 1, 2, Pickup; 3, Ainsworth. TKD. OR VARIEG.: 1, Pickup; 2, Lord; 3, Allen. NOR. CL. YELL.: 1, Bolton; 2, Brennan. TKD. OR VAR.: 1, Brennan; 2, Pickup; 3, Grimshaw. ROLLERS, CL. BUFF: 1, Morris; 2, 3, Brillian. VARIEG., ETC.: 1, Brillian; 2, Morris; 3, Brillian. BRIT. HARDBILL: 1, Pickup (Snow Bunting); 2, Walton (Greenfinch); 3, Grimshaw (Greenfinch). LINNET: 1, Allen; 2, Jeffries; 3, Lord. SELL.: 1, Pickup; 2, Pilling; 3, Jeffries. G. Lord won special for member who has not won a first prize.—Wm. Pickup, Sec.

LONDON AND COUNTIES A.C.B.

Seventh annual Y.B. show held July 13, at headquarters, "Earl Cathcart," Osnaburgh Street, N.W. Judge, Mr. Oddaker. The entries were very good, and the attendance of local fanciers, and a good sprinkling of ladies made the show a thorough success. Several new members were enrolled. Mr. H. Bell staged a very good Norwich, the judge remarking that he had judged some 160 Canaries that day, but none of them came up to Mr. Bell's bird. CHAMPION: NOR. (7): 1, sp, 2, 3, Bell, leader a real topper. YORKS. (4): 1, sp, 2, 3, Pretty. NOV. YORKS. (7): 1, sp, 2, Salter; 3, Stubbs. CAN. HYB. (1): 1, Ayris, Linnet Can. CREST (2): 1, Willis; 2, Pretty. GOLDFINCH: 1, sp, Bell. GREENFINCH: 2, Harrison. A.O.S. FINCH OR BUNTING (2): 1, sp, Pretty, Yellowhammer; 2, Harrison, Chaffinch. REDPOLL (2): 1, Bell; 2, Pretty. FOREIGN (1): 1, Willis.—G. G. Stubbs.

WESTERN COUNTIES O.S.

Third and final N.F. show held at Club Room, Plymouth, July 17, when 70 birds were staged. Judges, Yorks. Mr. Pope, Nor. Mr. French, Crests Mr. J. E. Rowe, Cin. and A.O.V. Mr. Snell, Mules and British Mr. Lott. YORKS. YEL. (3): 1, Reed; 2, 3, Woodley. BUFF (2): 1, Woodley; 2, Reed. NOR. YEL. (7): 1, 4, Spillman; 2, 3, Snell. BUFF (11): 1, 3, Snell; 2, 4 Spillman. CREST (4): 1 Davey, 2, 3, Barage; 4, Hutchings. C.B. (4): 1, Davey; 2, 3, Barage; 4, Hutchings. CINNAMON (9): 1, 3, 4, Brown; 2, Ryder. A.O.V. (5): 1, 4, Dyer; 2, 3, Ryder. MULE VARIEG. (4): 1, 2, Wills; 3, 4, Small. DO. DARK (6): 1, 2, Wills; 3, Popplestone; 4, Small. GOLD. OR BULLFINCH (3): 1, 2, Lugg; 3, Popplestone. LINNET, ETC. (3): 1, 3, Wills; 2, Lugg. A.O.V. BRIT. (2): 1, Wills; 2, Snell. N.F. Challenge Cups and Specials:—Yorks. Cup: Woodley, 70 points; spl for 2nd most points, Reed, 26. Nor.: Snell 65; 2nd Spillman 55. Crest: Barage 69; 2nd Hutchings 35. A.O.V.: Ryder 52; 2nd Dyer 42. MULES: Wills 64; 2nd Small 38. Brit.: Wills 83; 2nd Lugg 39. Novice: Barage.—Thos. Pope Hon. Sec.

BRADFORD EAST O.S.

Second members' F.F. show, held Park Chapel Schools, West Bowling July 20th, when a very good entry, 65 birds in 11 classes, was staged. Mr. F. Self (Clayton) officiated as judge, and his awards gave entire satisfaction. Some very good typical Yorkshires, full of quality, embracing most of the essential points so much desired in this variety, were on exhibition, and were very much admired. Most points in champion section:—Messrs. J. Farrar, W. Stables, and F. Allen: Novice section: Messrs. S. Midgley, S. Wood, and S. Binns: extra novice section: Mr. F. Hunt. CHAMP.—CL. YELL. YORKS. (5): 1, Farrar; 2, 3, Stables; 4, Allen. BUFF (7): 1, 4, Farrar; 2, Northrop; 3, Stables. TKD. YELL. (3): 1, Allen; 2, 3, Stables. BUFF (9): 1, Northrop; 2, Allen; 3, Hill; 4, E. Riley. MKD. (7): 1, 2, Farrar; 3, Stables; 4, Allen. NOVICE.—CL. YELL. (7): 1, Midgley; 2, 4, Fielding; 3, Binns. BUFF (5): 1, Wroe; 2, Binns; 3, 4, Midgley. TKD. YELL. (4): 1, Woad; 2, 4, Midgley; 3, Hirst. BUFF (6): 1, 4, Woad; 2, Midgley; 3, Wroe. MKD. (7): 1, Midgley; 2, 3, 4, Woad. EXTRA NOVICE.—YORKS. (5): 1, 2, Hunt; 3, Hirst; 4, Morrell and Harper.—H. Hill, Sec.

EASTERN COUNTIES C.B.S.

Annual F.F. show held July 20, at Ipswich. The entries were about twenty in advance of last year, totalling 118. Some very good Nor. were on view, and a very fair number of people took advantage of the opportunity to see them. The quality all round was well up to the average, the novice section being remarked upon by the judge (Mr. C. Simpson) as the best he had judged for a long time. Winner of challenge cup, for best bird, Mr. S. Barham; best in novice section, Mr. A. E. Tydeham; best foreign, Andrews Bros.; second best Canary in show, Mr. J. Bevan. CL. YELL. NOR.: 1, 3, Barham; 2, Tydeman. BUFF: 1, 2, Barham; 3, Cole. VAR. YELL.: 1, Barham; 2, Olle; 3, Schofield. BUFF: 1, Barham; 2, Mouser; 3, Cole. GREEN. ETC.: 1, Baker; 2, Smith; 3, Cole. CINN. YELL.: 1, 2, 3, Bevan. BUFF: 1 2, 3, Bevan. A.O.V. CAN.: 1, Schofield. NOVICE, CL. YELL.: 1, 2, 3, Tydeman. BUFF: 1, Robinson; 2, Hammond; 3, Tydeman. MKD. YELL.: 1, Tydeman; 2, Girling; 3, Levett. BUFF: 1, Tydeman; 2, Girling; 3, Robinson. HARDBILL, BRIT.: 1, Cole; 2, Schofield; 3, Andrew Bros. SOFT: 1, Andrews Bros. SMALL FOREIGN: 1, Dickerson; 2, 3, Andrews Bros. LARGE: 1, Andrews Bros.—W. Barritt, Sec.

HARROGATE C.B.S.

Annual F.F. show, July 13th. There was only a moderate entry, owing no doubt to so many birds being on the point of moulting. Some fine youngsters were staged in the novice class, which certainly was the pick. The winning yellow, the property of W. H. Hamlyn, was a very fine specimen, voted the best bird in the show. Mr. W. Mundell judged. CL. OR TKD. YELL. YORKS.: 1, 2, 3, Lealman; 4, Brown. BUFF: 1, Walker; 2, 4, Fergusson; 3, Ireland. MKD., ETC.: 1, 2, Walker; 3, Fergusson. NOV. A.V.: 1, 2, 4, Hamlyn; 3, Cottam.—G. H. Barwell, Hon. Sec.

TORBAY O.S.

F.F. show, held July 16th, in Lower Public Hall, Paignton. Only Canaries were staged. Yorks turned up in stronger numbers than Norwich, as the majority of the latter are well on in moult in the district. Mr. Rowden judged, and gave satisfaction. NOR., CL. YEL.: 1, 3, Daw; 2, Sanders. BUFF: 1, 2, Daw; 3, Sanders. TKD. YELL.: 1, Sanders. BUFF: 1, Sanders; 2, Daw. YORKS. CL. YELL.: 1, Berry; 2, 3, Bishop. BUFF: 1, 3, Berry; 2, Hodge. TKD., ETC., YELL.: 1, Bishop; 2, Badcott; 3, Berry. BUFF: 1, Bishop; 2, Hodge; 3, Dodd. A.O.V. CAN.: 1, Berry.—J. N. Jeffrey, Sec.

BEDFORD AND BEDS. C.B.S.

Second N.F. show held headquarters, 16, Hassett Street, July 17. A splendid lot of Canaries and Mules were staged. Mr. H. C. Gould judged, and gave every satisfaction to all exhibitors. CL. YELL.: I, Keech, beautiful in quality and type; 2, 2, Smith, second bird almost equal to the first, failing slightly in colour. BUFF: 1, 2, Osborn, grand quality and type, equal to each other; 3, Keech, good quality; res, Notley. TKD. YELL.: 1, Keech, grand bird; 2, Corrie, good Norwich, not quite so good in colour; 3, Notley, good quality and type; res, Osborn. BUFF: 1, 3, Keech, two good specimens; 2, Corrie, good bird, close up; res, Smith. NOV.: About a dozen birds, which wanted some judging: 1, 3, Armitage, grand quality, type, and colour; 2, 4, res, Oliver, leader almost as good as the first winner. MULES: 1, 2, Notley, grand Goldfinch and Greenfinch Mules; 3, res, Armitage, two grand birds, but smaller, we hope to see these fine specimens at our annual show in October.—E. T. F. Wiggins, Sec.

HALTWHISTLE AND DIST. C.B.S.

F. F. show held July 20 in Mechanics' Hall. Entries came up very well, Borders being the strongest section and some excellent specimens were staged. Special for best and young bird was won by Mr. J. Nicholson with a Cinnamon Marked Yellow Border; 2nd best by Messrs. Bowerbank and Yeomans with a Variegated Goldfinch Can. Mule. Mr. Jas. Johns, Wallsend, judged, and gave every satisfaction. BORD. CL. YEL.: 1, 2, Nicholson; 3, Dodd; 4, Beneon; 5, W. Pape; 6, J. Pape. BUFF: 1, Nicholson; 2, Rev. W. D. Totten; 3, Saint; 4, Howe; 5, 6, W. Pape. MKD. YELL.: 1, 2, Nicholson; 3, Howe; 4, Beneon; 5, Wray. BUFF: 1, Saint; 2, Nicholson; 3, J. Pape; 4, 5, W. Pape. YORKS. CL. YELL.: 1, Topping. BUFF: 1, Topping. YORKS. A.O.V.: 1, 3, 4, Dodd; 2, 3, Mosscrop. NOR.: 1, Graham. MULES 1, 2, 3, 4, Bowerbank and Yeomans. GOLD. OR BULLFINCH: 1, Bowerbank and Yeomans; 2, Spark; 3, Dodd; 4, Benson; 5, Graham; 6, Heslop. A.O.S. BRIT.: 1, Tallantyre; 2, 3, 4, Bowerbank and Yeomans; 5, Spark; 6, Wray. A.S. FOR.: 1, Fawcett.—Nicholson and Tallantyre Hon. Secs.

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F.F. Show, July 20th, at the Parochial Hall, Battersea. All sections were very well represented, and in each were to be found specimens of high merit. Mr. S. Ward's ticked Norwich secured the special for the section, also for best bird in show. He is a very typical specimen, which good head and front, capital feather and size. The runner-up was a very lengthly yell. Yorks., of grand size and type, staged by Mr. W. D. Hall. Borders as usual were good, and Mrs. L. M. Thynne provided the winners in both classes, Mr. Gollop and Mrs. McGregor also staging neat birds. The novice sections hardly filled so well as usual. Mr. Denham won sp. for best Nor., Mr. Walker for best Yorks., and Mrs. Denham for best Bord. The show was quite a success, and ably managed by Mr. F. J. Martin, who acted as sec. in the absence of Mr. Burgess, who was unfortunately unable to attend. Messrs. Denham, Tebbs, and Mrs. McGregor assisted in staging, etc. Mr. H. Norman judged.

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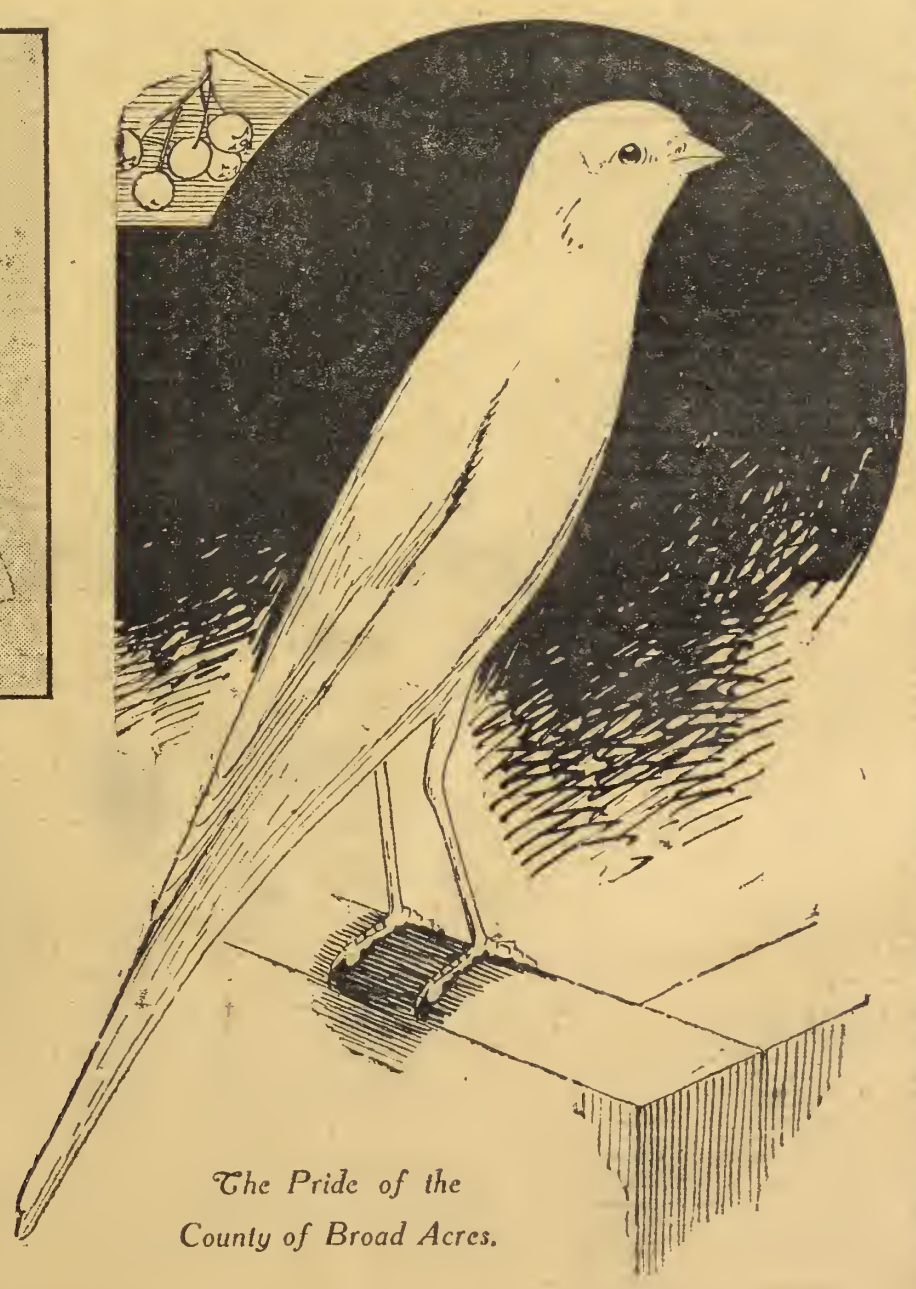

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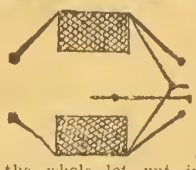

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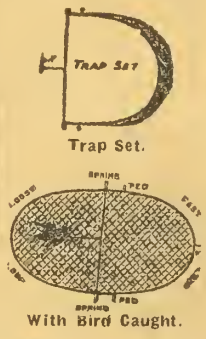

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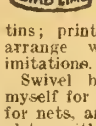

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on my easy purchase system. Birds forwarded on receipt first payment on approval. No such terms offered elsewhere. Largest breeder in the West. Enormous stocks Plainhead Norwich, Yorkshires, and Crests; having some of the finest birds in England, defy contradiction: stamp reply: Neame, Exporter and Exhibitor, The Aviaries, 13, Durnford-st., Stonehouse, Devon.

MULES—HYBRIDS.

YELLOW Siskin, hen Bully, laid fertile eggs, 4/- pair; Muling Goldfinch, 5/-; approval: Rudkin, Eagle Cottages, Witham, Essex.

MORGAN, 11, Derbyshire-lane, Stretford: For sale one Linnet Mule cock, one Siskin Mule cock, 7/6 each; 1st and 2nd last members' show Manchester.

1911 LIGHT Mule, six-pointed, 2nd Monai Bridge, accept 25/-; two Bullie hens, hand-reared, one won 4th Crystal Palace, 1/6 Carnarvon, both from same nest, 15/- the two; also Siberian Goldie, beauty, 7/6, faultless; two Sib. hens, 7/6 and 5/-, bred clears: D. G. Jones, 4, Clifton-rd., Llandudno.

DOVES.

RING Doves, Australian crested pigeons, white Doves. Wanted ruddy hen Dove: Mrs. Paget Steavenson, Crossbank-hill, Hurworth, Darlington.

FOREIGN BIRDS.

HANDSOME young Parrot, cheap to good home: G. Comley, 21, Hinton-rd., Gloucester.

YOUNG Indian Green Parrot, say dozen words, 25/-, and cage: J. Griffiths, The Aviaries, Long Sutton, Lincs.

YELLOW Budgerigars, four, perfect health and plumage, 10/6 the lot: Law, Horticulturist, Clacton-on-Sea.

PAIR breeding Green Budgerigars and mahogany Palace aviary, 15/- the lot: 74, Fairecross-avenue, Barking.

WANTED African Grey Parrot, good talker, or one just commencing to talk; for prompt cash: Dutton, Dunstable.

PARROT, Blue-fronted Amazon, good talker, very tame, square cage, healthy, 30/-: Clayton, 53, Charles-st., Stockport.

MALE Cockatiels, 4/6; yellow hen Budgerigar, 3/6; Roller hens, 1/6 each; outdoor aviary bred: Laycock, Sutton Mill, Keighley.

PAIR Pekin Nightingales, the cock in full loud song, 3/6; Paradise Whydah, showing colour, 3/6: Clarke, 82, High-st., Sydenham.

A MALE Silver-eared Merice, in lovely condition, sings all day, to clear, very cheap, 20/-: Vernon, Douglas Lodge, Moffat.

INDIAN Rock Parrot, in fine plumage, good talker and mimic, 25/-, with cage: J. Topping, 30, Nicholson-st., Parr, St. Helens.

PARROT, grey bird, thoroughly acclimatised, healthy, in almost new square cage, 21/-: Hounsell, 18, Marine Parade, Dover.

BUDGERIGARS: Yellow cock, Green hen, nested in cage, Yellow cock, young cage bird Green; what offers: Miss Gilpin, Park House, Ealing.

THE ZOO, Wellington-rd., Handsworth, Birmingham (opposite Howard-rd.); all live stock guaranteed healthy, kept outdoors; illustrated list free.

AVIARY bred young Budgerigars, Greens, 3/6 per pair; Yellows, 5/6 per pair: all in fine condition; make lovely pets: Gordon Heath, Oughtibridge, Sheffield.

FOR sale, two Silver Pheasants, pair Moustache Parrakeets; also two outdoor aviaries in fine condition; what offers: Mrs. Roome, Longthorpe, Peterborough.

GREEN Amazon Parrot, 18 months, good plain talker and splendid mimic, perfectly tame and in good health and feather, 70/-; approval: Walsh, Bird Specialist, Blackburn.

YELLOW-fronted Amazon, new cage, 30/-; Lemon-crested Cockatoo, new cage, 30/-, in beautiful plumage; acclimatised; stamp; genuine: Basher, 515, Barking-rd., East Ham, Essex.

PAIRS from outdoors: White Java Sparrows, 6/6; Zebra Finches, 7/-; (aviary bred) cocks, Goldfinch, 8/-; Linnet, 5/- (guaranteed breeder); all splendid condition: 117, Elsenham-st., Southfields.

PARROTS; my celebrated talkers giving wonderful satisfaction, with or without cages, fortnightly instalments accepted; testimonials from delighted purchasers; stamp for particulars: Mr. Copp, Wardrobe Stores, Dartford.

PAIR of tame adult Cockatiels, "Buzz" and "Fuzz," cock good talker. See article in last week's "Cage Birds." What offers? Splendid outdoor Green Budgerigars, ready to nest, 6/-; odd cocks or hens: F. W. Bull, "Bude," Sutton, Surrey.

BLUE-FRONTED Amazon Parrot, acclimatised, prize-winner, 2 firsts, 1 second, vhc, 2 specials, £5 10/-; cash or deposit: Battington, 374, Chesterfield-rd., Mansfield. (Removed from Creswell. Show Secretaries please note. Exhibitor foreign birds.)

AFRICAN Grey Talking Parrot, red tail, acclimatised, healthy, suit anyone wanting real tame pet that is good company, offered with cage reasonable, through exceptional circumstances; no fault; shown willingly: "Parrot," 25, Marlborough-st., Gainsborough.

GUARANTEED acclimatised pairs, finest condition: Montezuma Quails, £2 2s.; Military Starlings, £2; Necklace Tanagers, 30/-; Lesser Spotted Woodpeckers, 32/6; three White Java Doves, 6/-; cock Blackstart (fourth year), what offers: Teschemaker, Ringmore, Teignmouth.

FOR sale, 8 Red-collared Lories, 2 Green Lories (Eclectus), 1 Purple-cap Lory, 1 Chattering Lory, 1 Salle's Amazon, 1 talking Grey Parrot, 1 talking Amazon Parrot, 100 Rose Cockatoos, 4 Golden Orioles, 4 Bulbuls, 1 Mod Mynah, 2 Peach-faced Lovebirds: Crose, Menagerie, Liverpool.

OWING to removal am compelled to sell the following:—Pair Rosellas, pair Red-faced Lovebirds, pair Enficanda Finches; pair Pintail Nonparitis, pair Paradise Whydahs, Brown-throated Starling, Brilliant Starling, Plicated Jay, Leadbeater Cockatoo; all acclimatized and mostly winners; all must be cleared; for particulars and price: Thos. F. Turner, 224, Sheffield-rd., Tinsley, Sheffield.

TALKING Green Amazon Parrot, exceptionally clever plain talker, speaks plainly as any Grey bird, fully 150 words, long sentences, recites "Polly Green," sings "Polly Perkins," whistles tunes, perches on shoulder, talks and kisses you, four years old, extra fine plumage, its equal at talking seldom heard; approval before payment, £3 15s.: E. Ashcroft, Houghton-st., Liverpool.

PARROTS, Parrots; to the disappointed, those who want good talkers and ladies' pets, come to the fountain head; I have talking Amazon Parrots from 20/-, 25/-, 30/-; champion talkers, finger-tame, talk at command, in cage or out, one handsome bird really fit to put on the show bench, these birds I can challenge the world for plumage and price; note the address; cages of all kinds kept in stock; bird importer, Southampton and Brixton: Davey, 90, Cornwall-rd., Brixton Hill.

HOUSE-MOULTED cock Shama, perfect, finger-tame, wonderful songster, 70/-; another one at 50/-; perfect hen Shama, 50/-; true pair Virginian Cardinals, 50/- pair; true pair Black-headed Gouldians, 30/-; one cock Nonpariel Bunting, 20/-; Rosy Pastor, 20/-; one cock Bulbul, full song, 12/-; one cock Pekin Robin, full song, 10/-; American Grey Finches, 7/6 pair; approval: Walsh, Bird Specialist, Blackburn.

FINEST selection of foreigners in the provinces, all in large clean flights: Zebra Finches, 7/6 pair, three pairs, 20/-; Diamonds, 15/- pair; Magpie Mannikin, 6/-; St. Helena Seedeaters, 5/-; warranted cock Pekin Nightingales, 3/-, hens, 1/3; Cordon Bleus, Fire Finches, Steel Finches, Green and Grey Singing Finches, Zebra Waxbills all, 3/6: matched pair Bengalese, 3/- pair: Lavender-headed Lovebirds, 3/- pair; Green Budgerigars, 5/- pair, Yellows, 7/- pair; Quaker Parrakeets, 4/6 each: Moustache Parrakeets, 3/6 each; Bronze-winged Mannakins, Silver Bills, Orange-cheeks, 2/3 pair; Cutthroats, Javas, Spicebirds, Nuns, Nonetti Finches, Weavers, Bishops, Combassous, Waxbills, 2/- matched pair, 10/- dozen; White Javas, like wax, 7/6 pair: Masked Weavers, 2/6 pair; Scarlet Weavers, full colour, 3/6, hens, 1/-; Napoleon Weavers, showing colour, 3/- matched pair; Rose Cockatoos, 7/- each; Lemon Crests and Bare-eyed Cockatoos, 18/6; Amazons from 25/-; African Greys, 35/-, 45/- each: call and inspect, you will not be disappointed; over 2,000 birds actually on view at each branch: G. Chapman, Importer of Foreign Birds, Birmingham; also at High-st., Sheffield and Pelham-st., Nottingham.

OUTDOOR AVIARIES.

Adult Green Budgerigars, 6/-, yellows, 8/-: Lovebirds, 5/-, hens, 3/-: Cockatiels, 12/6, hens, 7/-: Diamond Finches, 20/-; Zebra Finches, 7/6, three pairs, 21/-: White Javas, 10/-; White-throated Finches, 12/6; Cordon Bleus, 5/-: Golden-breasted Waxbills, 5/-; Bengalese, 5/-; above all pairs and breeding; single birds, Crimson Weaver, 6/-; Orange Bishop, 5/-; full colour Green and Grey Singing Finch, cocks, 5/- each: Paradise Whydah, 5/-; Red-rump, hen, 15/-: Sapsford, Hughenden House, Teddington.

MISS ALICE ROSEY

Budgerigars, finest possible, outdoor bred, 5/- pair; yellows, 8/-; over 1,000 foreign birds, from clean, well-kept aviaries, from 1/6 pair, price list free: Miss Rosey, Rosemary House, Eastbourne.

MISS LILIE.

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OUTDOOR AVIARIES.

Having bred so many Budgerigars this season I am greatly overcrowded and must clear a large number quickly; to do so will take low prices: 5/- per pair (guaranteed), or cocks, 2/6; hens, 2/6 (Greens only); also pair Red Cardinals, fit to win, 21/-; pair Saffrons, grand, 8/6; pair Lavender Finches, nesting (three eggs), 7/6; Diamond Finches, 15/- pair; Zebras, 7/6; Grey Javas, 3/-; Cutthroats, Orange-breasts, Orange-cheeks, etc., 4/- pair; can be viewed by appointment; all in perfect health; satisfaction guaranteed or money in full returned: Mrs. Collingbourne, 21, Avenue-gardens, East Sheen, Surrey.

RARE FOREIGNERS.

Brown-cheeked Bulbul, very tame, only one in England, £3; Formosa Babbling Thrush, from Mt. Morrison (Trocalopterum Morrisonianum), discovered only six years ago, first and only specimen ever brought to Europe, very handsome and tame, £5; fine cock Stanley Parrakeet, £3, now very scarce; pair of Pratincoles, £2 2/-; true pair of Orange Hanguests, £2: Hubert Astley, Esq., Benham Valence, Newbury, Berks.

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Finest Talking Parrots. I only deal in Parrots that will make first-class talkers; no rubbish. I am willing at all time to send my Parrots on four week's trial and three months' talking guarantee. Why? Because all my Parrots are young, strong, and reliable. My lifetime has been spent among Grey Parrots, both at home and abroad. I guarantee every customer every satisfaction. Grey Parrots are my special fancy. I have trained them, know their wants, and can give every purchaser a bird that will please him in every way. I can supply grey talkers, not thinkers, that will say almost anything, at reasonable prices. Before you purchase a grey or green Parrot, send for my Booklet, entitled "Talking Parrots." All my birds are sent on four week's trial, at my risk. Send postcard for catalogue.—Mrs. Forster, Princes Park Aviaries, Violet Street, Liverpool.

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VARIOUS BIRDS.

OPPORTUNITY for hotel proprietors or others: Magnificent aviary and fernery, prize bred Yorkshires, housemoulted Goldfinches, foreigners, box and wire cages, cost £20; best cash offer accepted; Cypher, Bedwas, Mon.

FOR sale, owing to pressure of business, all my show and stock birds, breeding and show cages, and cases, British, Foreign, Yorkshires, Norwich, Crests, Crestbred, Greens, Mules; stamp for particulars; wanted a two-seater motor car, in good running order: Wood, 422, Grove-st., Nelson, Lancashire.

WANTED.

WANTED, for pair of clap nets a good punch ball; approval: P. Hart, 4, Chapel-st., Leigh, Lancs.

WANTED, all kinds of live stock; purchase or exchange other varieties: Barlow's Aviaries, Greenwich.

WANTED, a tame Wood Pigeon; exchange Border Fancy Canaries; or buy cheap: Haddrell, South Godstone.

WANTED, catchers for weekly supply of British birds: Manager, Laygate Bird Stores, 3, Eglesfield-rd., High Shields.

WANTED, 18/- cash for 4 Yorkshires, 3 Norwich-German, guaranteed as bred: Millard, Harcourt-st., Kirkby, Notts.

WANTED, girl's cycle, free wheel; exchange well bred Norwich; approval; yours first: Ford, Hospital Lodge, Burton-on-Trent.

WANTED, two handreared Jays, cheap for cash or useful exchange; no postcards answered: Occupier, 23, Alfred-st., Shrewsbury.

WANTED, small foreign birds, Seifert Rollers, or anything useful; exchange Yorkshire Canaries, or sell cheap: Howell, Potton, Beds.

WANTED, Goldfinch Mules, Linnet Mules, weekly supply of Goldfinches: Blackett, 42, Hassard-st., Hackney-rd., London. Letters only.

WANTED, pair Green adult Budgerigars, exchange photographer's double-sided scenery, interior and exterior: Draper, North-st., Halstead, Essex.

CASH offers wanted for 39 parts Harmsworth Natural History, all complete and ready for binding: Gordon Heath, Oughtibridge, Sheffield.

BUDGERIGARS. Wanted, yellows; exchange Carbine hand camera, with Beck rapid rectilinear lens; approval: Thos. Murphy, Constitutional Club, Sunderland.

WANTED, two dozen weekly, Goldfinches, Bullfinches, Siskins and other British birds; must be cheap, from catchers: McKeand, Seabright, Castle Douglas.

WANTED, fancier, or otherwise, local, to look after 25 Canaries for two weeks during August; state terms to: Chapman, 6, Foulser-rd., Upper Tooting, S.W.

WANTED any quantity of Goldfinches, Linnets, etc., weekly, say prices and quantity per week; best cash prices given to good catchers: Bairstow Bros., Naturalists, Preston, Lancs.

WANTED Cinnamon Norwich cock; exchange Siberian Goldie and Linnet (mulers); three Norwich hens, two Borders, two Linnet hens; yours first: Stoddart, Sands, Haddington.

WANTED tea service; exchange twice-moulted cock Linnet, 1 Yorkshire hen, two breeding cages, 1 single box cages, loose fronts, value 14/-: Rawlins, 42, Temple-gardens, Golders Green.

WANTED, British Hardbills to moult for exhibition; exchange book on Canaries, Hybrids, British, cost, 25/-; pair new cycle wheels; approval; yours first: David Ray, Derwydd, Burry Port, Carmarthen.

WANTED, carpenter's tools and chest for cock Roller Canary in song, fancy wire cage, 8/6, gent's Kendall and Dent's solid silver watch, perfect timekeeper, 10/-; or anything useful: B. Gunton, 221, St. Albans-rd., Watford.

NOTICE TO BIRD CATCHERS.

Weekly supply of all classes British birds required, state prices: Thos. Parkinson, Northern Aviaries, 67, High Friar-st., Newcastle-on-Tyne.

Holiday Apartments.

GT. YARMOUTH.—Comfortable apartments, 2 minutes from sea; terms moderate: L. Humphrey, 57, Walpole-rd.

DOUGLAS, Isle of Man. Apartments, with or without board, terms moderate: Teare, "Hamilton House," 3, Drury Terrace, Douglas, Isle of Man.

MORECAMBE, Central; apartments, public or private; one minute from sea and L.N.W. Station; bath, etc.: Mrs. Sanford, 17, Kensington-rd., Morecambe.

SALE or EXCHANGE.

Mainly British.

YOUNG cock Hawfinch, two Greenfinches, 8/- lot; exchange small foreign or good Parrot's cage: 59, Clifton-st., Swindon.

BLACKBIRD, with white head, and mottled body, £1, offers poultry or Roller Canaries: 212, John Williamson-st., High Shields.

HAND-REARED cock Blackbird and cage; what offers in good Hardbills: McKirdy, 66, Alexander-st., Alexandria, Dumbartonshire.

GRAND cock Bullfinch, first prize winner, 6/6, or exchange good yellow cock Siskin: C. Hatton, 398, Station-rd., Winsford, Cheshire.

FINE coloured adult cock Redstart, 5/-; exchange large 1912 cock Hawfinch: approval, deposit: Haynes, Primrose Hill, Raunds, Wellingboro.

SPLENDID exhibition hand-reared young cock Thrushes; exchange anything useful: Write, Walker, 6, Lambert-terrace, Aberdare, Wales.

THREE hand-reared cock Brown Linnets, 2/6 each; exchange cycle covers, 28/1½, or parts, anything: Ernest Whiteley, Crowle, Doncaster.

CLEARING out; pair of grecu Rollers, 12/6; two caught Bullies, 1912 birds, 2/6; wanted Greenie hen: R. Outtrim, Hurst Cottages, Limpsfield, Surrey.

Mainly Canaries.

LARGE Norwich cock, two hens, 15/-; exchange good watch; anything useful: Wardle, Haregate-ter., Leek.

EXCHANGE 2 good buff hen Canaries for 2 cock Bullfinches, or sell 4/6: F. Howe, Bank, Barnard Castle.

EXCHANGE pair Norwich Sibs (warranted clear Lood) for No. 3 rifle; or sell, 15/-; write: Nutt, Beanfront, Flitwick.

FOUR good Norwich hens, two Linnet Mules, cock and hen, lot, 17/6; or exchange offers: Geddes, 16, Chapel-st., Peterhead.

PURE Seifert Roller cock, 1911, best blood, accept 7/-; exchange fishing tackle; offers: Jewes, Campbell-st., Brierley Hill.

HIGH-CLASS Roller Canaries for sale; accept good gent's bike in exchange: Ayscough, 42, Thornville-rd., West Hartlepool.

EXCHANGE 3 pairs of prize Yorkshires, for good gramophone and records; offers: Robinson, Aldgate, Ketton, near Stamford.

YORKSHIRES, pair old, pair young and cage; exchange for good fountain pen or fowls: Whibley, Florence-rd., Maidstone.

VARIEGATED Yorkshire, 1912, 7/6; exchange cock Goldfinch muler, flight or show cages: Finch, 234, Southwark Park-rd., S.E.

FOUR good Norwich, as bred, 12/-; exchange outer covers, 28 x 1½ (wired); approval; yours first: Ford, Hospital Lodge, Burton-on-Trent.

WILL exchange high-class Yorkshires for jewellery, or anything useful; approval both sides: Ernest Cheshire, 26, Crawford-st., Bradford.

EXCHANGE pair Yorkshires, cock second Cannock, for a light or light variegated Goldfinch Mule cock, sell 25/-: Taylor, 155, Old Fallow, Cannock.

MONSTER clear Buff Norwich cock, from winners, 15/-, or exchange 1912 Roller schoolmaster, no rubbish: J. Wager, Cainscross, Gloucestershire.

LARGE Norwich cock, 5 cross bred hens, double cage, 18/-; exchange gramophone records; offers: Mathers, 36, Wellfield-rd., Preston, Lancashire.

CANARIES, Borders, Norwich, and Yorkshire; all from outdoor aviaries, for sale, or exchange foreigners: Cutter, Salem Avenue, Sunderland.

OFFERS exchange six 1912 Roller cocks, outdoor bred; wanted Green or Cinnamon Yorkshires; prize strain only: 29, Deansfield-rd., Eltham, London.

CLASSICAL Yorkshires, Battye, Thomas strains, pair, 12/6; breeding cage, 2/-; exchange boots (eights), trousers, etc.: 31, Eastover, Bridgwater.

WHAT offers in Canaries, British or foreign birds, for fruit length good tweed, value 25/-; or lady's dress length, 12/6: McKeand, Seabright, Castle Douglas.

TWO good breeding hen Canaries, 2/- and 3/-; two breeding cages, good condition, 2/- and 3/6; or exchange: H. Gosling, Cheltenham-ter., Bridgend, Glam.

EXCHANGE prize Border Fancy, beauties, for boots, rugs, cutlery, anything useful, or sell 12/6 pair: James Toall, 130, Oakbank, Mid-Calder, Midlothian.

FIVE young cock Canaries three young hens; exchange anything useful or would sell separate; yours first; no cards: B. Seaman, 26, Regent-st., Stowmarket, Norfolk.

GRAND pair Norwich, 1911 birds; exchange cock Goldfinches, or Goldie Mule, Finch song; round Parrot cage, sound; exchange birds: Bingham, West-st., Long Sutton, Lincs.

TWO Roller cocks, four hens, one double breeder and flight cage; will exchange for a Yorkshire terrier bitch, about two years old, and 9 lbs. weight: Bingham, 186, County-rd., Liverpool.

BUFF cock, two hens (1911) Norwich, Redpoll, winner, moult champion; all magnificent condition, first 7/6 gets lot; must clear; approval; exchange Bantams, 12/6: Gunning, Shinross, King's Co.

SEVERAL large, healthy singing Canaries, 5/- each, excellent breeding and feeding hens, 2/-, all colours; handsome variegated 1912 cock Goldfinch Mules, 10/-; three light muling hens, 5/- each, mothers of above: Taylor, Sunningdale Terrace, Bideford.

NO time for breeding; York. cock, 7/-; Linnet and hen Canary, 7/-; Greenfinch and hen Canary, 6/-; both one nest this season; two hens, 4/-; one muler, 3 double cages, 6/-; 1911 healthy birds; exchange singing Roller cocks; Budgerigars; offers, yours first: Crawley, 84, Albion-st., Castleford.

Mainly Foreign.

BLUE-FRONTED Amazon Parrot, talker, £3: exchange furniture, or pair Yorkshires, and cash: Bury, 8, Hedgers-grove, Homerton.

PAIR beautiful Budgerigars, breeding, aviary bred, 7/6; exchange fishing rod and tackle; approval; particulars: F. Parvin, Tobacconist, Selby.

Miscellaneous.

WELL-BRED fox terrier bitch, 6 months, long head, 10/6; exchange Canaries; offers: Buckley, 71, Derby-st., Crewe.

PICCOLO, ivory mouthpiece, six keys, cost £1; sell, 9/- or exchange: D. McCarthy, 16, Tyler-st., Broadway, Cardiff.

EXCHANGE box of 12 files, mostly 12in.; sell 7/6; offers, anything value of 12/6: Bennett, Queen's-terrace, Bacup.

EDISON Gem phonograph, large brass horn and stand, 18 records, 35/-; offers: 70, St. Mary's-rd., Market Harboro.

SALE or exchange two sponge machines, one 12/6, one 4/6; birds, anything: Heaton, 40, The Grove, Ilkley, Yorkshire.

PAIR genuine oil paintings, massive gilt frames, 35/-; exchange toy dog: Mrs. Pears, 31, Pigwell Path, Hackney, London.

HAWKE'S flute, cost £5 5s. new; exchange air-gun, poultry; anything useful: A. Walker, Hairdresser, Ironbridge, Salop.

GOOD Fox Terrier pup, evenly marked head, 15/-; exchange Canaries, British, etc.: Miss Gladys Lanham, 42, Walcot st., Bath.

TWO Goldfinch Mules, in song, and Norwich show-cage; offers, cash or exchange; no post cards: Tyson, Beanthwaite, Kirkby-in-Furness.

EXCHANGE pair Sandow's dumbbells, cost 12/6, for two joiner-made Thrush cages: S. Hill, 121, Claude-rd., Upton Manor, Essex.

MERRETT typewriter, sell 16/-; exchange anything; five pounds of ivory, various sizes; exchange: Vermin, 298, Lillie-rd., Fulham.

EXCHANGE, 350 fretwork designs, for pair yellow Budgerigars, or blue serge jacket and vest: Alex. Robertson, 45, Lilybank-rd., Dundee.

TWO Yorkshire show cages and case, gent's silver watch; wanted British Hardbills, Canaries: Morrison, 7, Stone-lane, Millfield, Peterborough.

TICKA camera, 10/6 outfit; daylight changing bag, 5/-, new condition; exchange zonophone records: Claude St. John, Upper Gornal Dudley.

FOR sale, 3 pedigree Irish terrier pups, 13 weeks old, 15/6; or exchange boots, clothing, or birds: Wilson, Henery-st., Low Valley, Wombwell.

TWELVE racing pigeons for sale, 5/- pair, or exchange for Canaries; no rubbish offered or wanted; pedigrees given: O. Flint, South Nutfield, Surrey.

TATTOOING! Electric outfit, everything complete; exchange Canaries, foreigners, or sell, £4; cost over £6: Bennett, 4, Doone-rd., Horfield, Bristol.

FOUR White Leghorn cockerels, April hatched; exchange for two cock Canaries, singing, or offers: Docherty, 37, Evelyn-rd., West Silvertown, London, E.

NEW single net, 9 x 4, everything complete; exchange English or Belgian doe, or youngsters; offers: A. Heritage, 6, Norman-terrace, Duffryn, Merthyr Tydfil.

COCK Bullfinches, 2/-; few selected, 4/6 upwards; Buff Border hen, 3/6; Yellow Ticked, 3/6, winners; exchange show cage for Blackbird: Tupholme, Union-rd., Bourne.

EXCHANGE six ivorine-handled table knives, also six dessert knives, good quality, for two cocks or five Len Canaries: Herbert Marsden, 175, St. Philips-rd., Sheffield.

LADY'S Eton coat, new, condition good, case of field and tourist's glasses, and silver medal; what offers? mailcart, anything useful: Payne, The Firs, Leacroft, Cannock.

PAIR Phillip's ball-bearing skates (8's), cost 18/6; gent's knicker suit, cost 25/-, accept £1 lot, or separate; cash or deposit; exchange entertained: G. Frith, Crowle, Lincs.

SPLENDID Dalmatian bitch, two years, sell 15/-; or exchange livestock; Norwich Canaries, winners, exchange gent's bicycle; yours first: Hales, 17, Lismore-rd., London, N.W.

FORTY pure Seifert Rollers, 40 odd breeding, flight and singing cages, all for a birdroom: worth £14; first £8 10s. gets them; can be seen any time: Chippendale, Fort-st., Accrington.

EXCHANGE pure bred old English sheep dog, 18 months; for two Norwich cocks and four Norwich hens, 1911 birds; or sell, 30/-; approval: Bourne, 178, Canterbury-st., New Brompton, Kent.

SOLID silver keyless Hunter watch, equal new, cost 35/-; set new aluminium skate wheels, 8/-; pair lady's rink skates, 10/-; exchange for records, camera, anything useful: 390, Grove Green-rd., Leytonstone.

CLAP nets, 6 yards, 9/- pair; Starling nets, 6 yards, 4/6; gate nets, for rabbits, 1/-; pedigree Bulldog pups, £2 each; exchange 12-bore sporting gun: Hughes, Windermere, Westborough-rd., Westcliff-on-Sea.

FOUR Norwich hens, 1/9 each; yellow cock, 7/6; cock Goldfinch Mules, 5/-; breeding cock Goldfinch, 8/; pair short distance youngsters, 2/-; exchange Greypates, cocks, or nearest offer: Bryant, Ulceby, Lincs.

BULL mastiff, fawn, bitch, 9 months old, by Osmaston Turk, quiet when loose, and under perfect control, sell 30/-; or exchange Canaries or British; offers wanted: J. H. Pask, Hairdresser, East Kirkby, Notts.

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Oct. 5. **Longton.**—(H. George, 54, Raglan Street, Fenton, Stoke-on-Trent.) J.H.R.
Oct. 9 & 10.—**Clapham** (A. R. Cox, 18, Caldervale Rd., Clapham, S.W.). J.R., C.A.H., H.J.F., H.N.
Oct. 10 & 11.—**Norwich Alliance.**—(R. Roll, 62, Ashby St.). W.E.G., J.R., W.V.
Oct 11 & 12. **Derby.**—(Wharam and Bamsey 18, Colyear St.). J.H.R.
Oct. 12. **Leed.** (W. A. Wilson, 75, Bayswater Mount, Boundhay.). J.H.R. and W.M.
Oct 12—**Morpeth.** (E. Cowling, Market Place.) H.W.B., A.B.
Oct 15 and 16—**Western Counties O.S.** (T. Pope, 98, Embankment Rd, Plymouth). J.R., T.M.
Oct 15. **Hanley.** (W. G. Llewellyn, 45, Hawthorn St., Cobridge, Stoke-on-Trent) A.H.
Oct 18 & 19—**Burnley.** (F. Cundlife, 19, Lark St.). J.H.R., J.T.
Oct 18 & 19—**Newcastle.** (J. W. Reed, 218, Ladykirk Rd, Benwell). J.C.B., J.C., J.S., J.P., A.S.
Oct 19. **Burton-on Trent** (A. Wood, 10, South Oak St.). J.R.
Oct 19—**Middlesborough.** (A. Wake, 128, Princes Rd.) W.V.C., J.M.
Oct 23 & 24—**London and P.O.S.**—(C. W. Law, Primley House, Woodhouse Rd., N. Finchley).
Oct 24. **Stamford.** (A. Harrison, 7 New St.). J.R.
Oct 25 & 26—**Manchester and N.C.O.S.**—Belle Vue. (H. Boothman, 10, Parker St. Levenshulme.)
Oct 26 & 28. **S. Shields.**—(W. L. Smith, 3, Queen St.)
Oct 26—**Derwent Valley.** (Lindsay and Marsh, Railway Cottages, Westwood, Medomsley, P.S.O.) W.P., G.W.
Oct 26—**Hartlepools.** (Woodhead and Pyman, West House, Grange Rd, W. Hartlepool.)
Oct 29 & 30. **Barnstaple.** (J. D. Horrill, 17, King Edward Street.) J.H.
Oct 30. **Torbay O.S. (Paignton).** (J. N. and J. Jeffery, "Cedar House," Winner Street, Paignton.) J.H.P.
Oct 30 & 31. **Cheltenham.** (A. S. Treasure, Idaho, Oakland Ave.) W.G., H.W.G., J.F.
Oct 30 & 31. **Grimsby.** (Lowland Smith, 265, Weelsby Rd.) J.H.R.
Oct 30 & 31. **Ramsgate.** (A. Mrigen, 21, Thanet Rd.) G.G.
Oct 31. **Grantham.** (W. E. Allen, 119, Alexandra Road.) J.C.B.
Nov 4—**Sheffield O.S.** (J. Bishop, 69, Alexandra Road.) W.M., C.H., W.V., J.N.
Nov 1 & 2. **Wolverhampton.** (J. Gibbons, 64, Napier Rd.) J.R.
Nov 1 & 2—**Liverpool.** (Metcalfe and Beacon, 65, Bonnowies Rd.) H.W.B., J.W.C., J.R.
Nov 1 & 2—**Blaydon-on-Tyne.** (Geo. Hawker, 1, Theresa St.). W.V.C., C.A.H.
Nov 2 & 4 **Leicester Hand-in-Hand.** (A. Freestone, 79, Clarendon Street.) J.H.P., R.J.H.
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Nov. 9.—**Warrington.**—(G. M. Nelson, 466, Knutsford Rd.).
Nov. 13.—**Alnwick.**—(R. Forster, 42, Bondgate Without).
Nov. 14.—**Stoke-on Trent.**—(J. Pitchford, 218, London Rd.). H.W.B.
Nov. 14 & 15.—**Brighton and Hove C.B.A.**—(Will. H. Gibb, 19, Bond St.). C.A.H., J.R.
Nov. 15 & 16. **Hull.**—(E. R. Ridley, 19, Lambton Street.) J.R., H.W.B.
Nov. 15 & 16.—**Preston.**—(J. P. Leeming, 40A, West Cliff.) J.H.R., A.W.
Nov. 15 & 16.—**Codnor Park and Eastwood.**—(J. H. Mitchell, South Street, Greenhill Lane, Alfreton). J.C.B.
Nov. 19 & 20.—**Bournemouth.**—(W. O. Brooke, 102, Nortoft Rd.). J.H.P.
Nov. 19 & 20.—**Wimbledon.**—(H. Smith, 115, Merton Rd.) H.N., R.H., J.R.
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Nov. 22 & 23. **Rochdale O.C.**—(R. Blincoe, 160, Drake Street). C.A.H., W.M.
Nov. 22 & 23.—**Hallwhistle.**—(Nicholson and Tallantyre, Westgate.) J.D., A.H.
Nov. 23.—**Cramlington.**—(J. R. Chestney, Quarry Cottage). A.H., R.S.
Nov. 23.—**Hinckley.**—(J. E. Ridgway, Priesthills Rd.)
Nov. 23 & 25.—**Ilkeston.**—(Thos. Smith, 5, King-st.). J.C.B., C.H.
Nov. 27-28.—**Bristol F.A.**—(G. T. H. Maggs, 9, Trinity St., Newtown, Bristol).
Nov. 27 & 28.—**Portsmouth F.S.** (W. E. Tyrrell, 38, Commercial Rd.).
Nov. 28, 29 & 30.—**L.C.B.A.**—(W. H. Mugford, 2, Strathearn Rd., Wimbledon, S.W.).
Nov. 29, 30. **Sale C.B.S.**—(A. Royle, 99, Harley Rd.)
Nov. 30.—**Darlington C. and B.B.F.A.**—(A. Walker, 47, Montrose St.). J.H.R.
Nov. 30.—**Coventry Godiva.**—(H. Saunders, 31, Vernon St.) H.W.B.
Nov. 30.—**Harrogate C.B.S.**—(C. H. Barnwell, 20, College-rd.). W.M.
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Dec. 7.—**Rotherham.**—(B. Bailey, 47, Craven Street, Parkgate, nr. Rotherham.) J.C.B.
Dec. 11.—**Luton.**—(E. Bloomfield, 22, Hitchin Rd.) J.R., J.F.
Dec. 12.—**Frome F.A.**—(C. I. Young, 8, Palmer St.). H.N.
Dec. 13 and 14.—**Gateshead.**—(J. Davidson. 16, Weathercock Lane, Low Fell.) G.H., J.C.B., J.R., J.M., W.C.D.
Dec. 14.—**Sheffield C.B.S.**—(A. Hobson, 66, Langsett Avenue) J.R., H.W.B.
Dec. 14.—**Winsford.**—(S. S. Brooks, 157, Station Rd.)
Dec. 26.—**Anfield, Everton.**—(R. B. Wright, 15, Worcester Drive, Clubmore, Liverpool).

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Jan. 11.—**Yarm, Eaglescliffe.**—(T. W. Wilson, High-st.)
Feb. 7, 8, 10, 11.—**Great National (Crystal Palace).**—(J. W. Ramsden, 11, Josephine Av., Brixton, S.W.).

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Oct. 5. **Paisley O.A.**—(J. Kelly, 7, Underwood Lane). D.C., A.F., J.Hr., J.Hy.
Oct. 5.—**Broughty Ferry.**—(R. Whitton, 2, Churchill Place). W.B., T.T., J.Y., T.A., R.B.
Oct. 5. **Dysart.**—(W. Russell, Castle O' Guns). J.A., J.C., J.McL., L.L.A.
Oct. 12.—**Lochgelly and Dis. C.B.S.**—(W. Grewar, 7, Park View.)
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Oct. 19. **Kelty and Blairadam.**—(A. Dickson, 37, Adams Terrace). J.Sn., W.D.H., R.B., F.R., R.M., R.V.R.
Oct. 26.—**Perth.**—(Jas. Kerr, 18, James St.).
Oct. 26.—**Kirkcaldy.**—(C. Rae, 15, Anderson St., Pathhead.)
Oct. 26.—**Ayr and Dist.**—(J. Sloan, 19, New Bridge St.). J.T.D., J.M.
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Nov. 2.—**Brechin.**—(G. Mitchell, 118, Montrose St.) A.H., W.Mc., J.F.
Nov. 9.—**Forfar.**—(D. Kerr, 15, Green St.)
Nov. 9.—**Hamilton Cadzow Oak.**—(G. Marlin, 21, Glebe Street.) J.Sn., J.Hn., R.B.
Nov. 16.—**Cowdenbeath.** (J. R. Reid, 7, Woodland pl.) J.P., J.W.B., C.C., G.A.
Nov. 16.—**Calashiels.**—(J. Brown, 156, Croft St.). G.F., T.B., A.G., A.H.
Nov. 22 & 23. **Glasgow and Dis. C.B.A.**—(Wm. Hutchison, 163, Hospital Street.)
Nov. 23.—**Blairgowrie.** (M. Irvine, 17, Brown St.)
Nov. 23. **Uddingston C.B., etc., S.**—(Jas. Corgrove, 2, Croftbank Terrace, Bothwell.)
Nov 30.—**City of Dundee.**—(A. Miller, 3, Park Ave.)
Nov. 30 **Musselburgh O.S.**—(W. Nisbet, 101, High St.).
Dec 4. **Forres and N.O.S.**—(W. Cumming, 28, North Rd.). J.L.
Dec 14 **Broxburn.** (W. M'Laren, Church Street). J.McL., A.C., G.H., R.V.R., J.Gw.
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Jan. 1 & 2 **Paisley O.A.** (W. Lambie, 25, Caledonia Street.)

Wales.

Nov 13 & 14. **Swansea.** (S. H. George, 32, Fisher Street). J.R., J.E.D.
Nov 20 & 21.—**Cardiff.**—(E. Thomas, 48, Craddock st.) W.M., W.V., D.A.S.L.
Nov 26. **Llanelly.** (D. John, 9, Pottery Place.) W.V., J.F.
Nov 28 **Pentrebach.** (A. F. Brown, 66, Care St., Merthyr Tydfil). G.G.
Dec. 4 **Pontypridd.** (A. V. Gordon McLucas, 48, Bosser st., Maesycoed).
Dec 11 **Mid Rhondda.** (A. H. C. Legg, 7, Primrose Terrace, Llwynypia, Porth.)

Ireland.

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Nov 11 **Derry Pgn. and C.B.S.** M. Kerr, 99, Fovle St., Londonderry).
Nov 22 & 23 **Holywood and Dist.**—(Jno. Dunwoody, jun., 42, Church st.).
Nov 22 & 23—**Lurgan.**—(S. McCollum, Drumgor).
Nov. 28 & 29 **South County Dublin (Kingstown).**—(D. Smyth, 21, Eden Terr., Kingstown.) W.M.
Dec. 6 & 7.—**Ulster O.A. (Belfast).**—(R. Trimble, 11, Waring St., Belfast.) J.F.D., W.V.
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Our Old Friend Mr. Peck, Wins as a Canary.

LEAGUE members will be familiar with the name of Mr. G. H. Peck in his character as an enthusiastic member of our LEAGUE, and as the winner of the £5 prize for the introduction of most recruits during the first year of our being. Mr. Peck is nothing if not thorough, and on our front page this week will be found an illustration of the decorated bicycle which won him first prize at the Woodford Cycle Derby, and first at Bexley carnival. The rather formidable looking bird which has thus won "first each time out" is Mr. Peck himself.

Cage Birds League in India.

I have already had the pleasure of announcing the fact that among the members of CAGE BIRDS LEAGUE are bird lovers in Canada, the United States, S. Africa, Australia, New Zealand, Newfoundland, and several European countries. By the welcome addition to our ranks of a member in India we can now say that we are represented in Asia as well as in the other Continents, and we have gone far indeed toward the fulfilment of the first of our objects—that of forming "a bond of good-fellowship and union between bird-keepers all over the world." In joining the League, Major Perreau, of Punjab, India, the well-known writer and aviculturist, writes "CAGE BIRDS is a paper I would not be without, and to which I look forward every mail. I wish your excellent paper and CAGE BIRDS LEAGUE luck."

School Children and Caged Pets.

Recently, Miss L. Gardiner, the Secretary of "The Royal Society for the Protection of Birds," has addressed the usual circular letter to provincial newspapers advertising the fact that the society in question offers prizes for essays by school children upon birds and trees, and asking for support in the way of additional prizes from the public. This is a very laudable proceeding, but it happens that the Education Committee for the borough of Taunton, Somerset, as a result of the good offices of Mr. W. H. Grant, local hon. sec. for Taunton to CAGE BIRDS LEAGUE, has decided to offer three valuable prizes for essays by the children on "Feathered Pets." This title has aroused the ire of Miss Gardiner, acting for the society which she represents, and that lady has sent a letter to the Editors of "The Somerset County Herald" and "The Somerset Gazette" protesting against what she calls "the retrograde step" of the Education Committee for Taunton "of supporting, in preference, the proposals of a LEAGUE which exists for the purpose of increasing trade in caged birds."

In replying to the letter of a lady, one is somewhat handicapped in the choice of terms, but I cannot do less than ask Miss Gardiner who it was who told her that CAGE BIRDS LEAGUE existed "for the purpose of increasing trade in caged birds." Nothing that I have said in my capacity of Secretary to the LEAGUE could possibly justify such a statement, but, presumably, she has some authority for making it, and it would be interesting to know what this authority is.

Quite a Different Matter.

In another paragraph of the letter to which I have referred, Miss Gardiner says: "CAGE BIRDS LEAGUE was started in order to promote the caging of birds and to fight those individuals and societies who are endeavouring to promote a better understanding of bird life and to check the business of bird catching and caging, which is answerable for such a shocking waste of British bird life, and so much misery and suffering to birds." Here is food for argument indeed, and I wish I could be afforded a couple of pages in which to fully expose the fallacies expressed in the paragraph. I must, perforce, content myself by telling Miss Gardiner that she has been wrongly informed as to the reason of the starting of CAGE BIRDS LEAGUE.

This organisation was started not to promote the caging of birds, but to promote the proper keeping of birds in cages, which is a very different matter. That is has already done much in this direction is a source of great gratification. It was not started "to fight those individuals," etc., but to band together in defence of their hobby the thousands of bird keepers who happen to think differently to those individuals who support by their contributions the societies which have as one of their objects the entire abolition of the keeping of birds in captivity in any circumstances, and for any purposes whatever.

What the League is Accomplishing.

CAGE BIRDS LEAGUE is as anxious "to promote a better understanding of bird life" as are the individuals and societies referred to by Miss Gardiner, and it does more to this end through its official organ, CAGE BIRDS, and through the individual efforts of its members, in one year, than all the "individuals and societies" would effect, or want to effect, in their whole existence. If Miss Gardiner, or any of "those individuals" on whose behalf she writes, could be with any party of Cage Bird Club members on their spring ramble among the birds, she or they would probably be astonished at the knowledge of wild bird life possessed by the people whose hobby of bird-keeping is so violently deprecated by the sentimentalists.

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ORDINARY MEMBERS shall pay an annual subscription of Two Shillings and Sixpence.

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Curiously Named Bird.

"Killdeer" appears to be a curious name for a bird, but this is borne by a species of Plover, which is fairly common in America. It is about the size of a Snipe, and has a peculiar whistling cry. It is related to our Ringed Plovers, and nests in a slight hollow in the ground which is often surrounded by small pebbles and fragments of shells. The hen lays four pear shaped eggs, which are always placed with the pointed ends inwards.

A Thrush's Worm Sandwich.

Some of my friends laugh derisively at the following, but it is a fact, writes "J. A. P." (Altrincham), to the "Daily Sketch." A Thrush made its nest in my garden, and I have fed the birds with bread each morning. One morning the Thrush, which had been hopping about after worms, flew with a worm to near the window where the bread was placed. It then pecked at the bread, then at the wriggling worm—alternate pecks—just, as I told my wife (who also was watching), like a worm sandwich. This was repeated on two other mornings. It was the alternation that interested me, and the fact that a bird should find a "sandwich" in this way.

The Rival of the Nightingale.

By A. A. GOODALL (West Dulwich).

A charming account of the dainty Blackcap.

(Concluded from page 617.)

IN the matter of food the Blackcap is by no means a difficult bird to cater for. Being essentially a fruit-eater, it almost goes without saying that this form of nutriment should enter into the diet of the caged specimen, but, of course, insect food in some form or other is also necessary. Most of the specially-prepared foods at the present time on the market for small softbills are good and most valuable as the staple item in the diet. These insectile mixtures consist of ants' cocoons, dried flies, and other suitable ingredients, carefully compounded, with a view to saving the labour of adjusting a well-balanced diet. A supply of such a mixture should be supplemented by two or three mealworms or gentles a day, and ripe fruit at intervals. Of the latter, apples, pears, bananas, cherries, currants, raspberries and grapes are perhaps the most appreciated—indeed almost any kind of sweet fruit is acceptable. I have found, however, that when fed largely on fruit the Blackcap is more sparing of his song, which, however, increases as the supply is diminished.

A Fondness for Sponge Cake.

Sponge-cake the bird is especially fond of, and this may with advantage be given as an occasional change from the insectile mixture, providing the supply of mealworms or gentles be correspondingly increased. From four to six of these, and half a small ripe apple or pear with the peel removed, will constitute a sufficiency for one day, without other food; a small piece of sponge-cake may, however, be placed in the cage as a "side-dish," but in all probability it will not be partaken of until all the fruit is gone. In the summer-time, and when opportunity offers, fresh ants' cocoons, small caterpillars, green-fly, or other suitable items of this kind can be added to the menu, and will be eagerly welcomed.

Of the breeding of the Blackcap in captivity I am not able to speak authoritatively, never having attempted the experiment; hand-reared specimens, however, are by no means uncommon, and one at the present time in my possession has all the attributes of an ideal cage-bird, being exceedingly tame and steady, yet active and alert withal. In one respect, however, the hand-reared Blackcap falls short of his relative that has enjoyed the freedom of wild life; his song is less full in compass, and though exceedingly sweet and flute-like, it lacks something of the unrestrained spontaneity of the nature-taught bird's note, which, to my ear, no words can adequately describe.

A "Sweet, Loud, Wild Pipe."

In bringing these rambling jottings to a close I cannot do better than quote from that delightful writer, Mr. W. H. Hudson, who thus describes the Blackcap's song: "His is a song which has always been very highly esteemed, and it has often been described as scarcely inferior to that of the Nightingale. Gilbert White, of Selborne, described it as 'a full, deep, sweet, loud, and wild pipe; yet that strain is of short continuance, and his motions are desultory; but when the bird sits calmly and engages in song in earnest, he pours forth very sweet, but inward, melody, and expresses great variety of soft and gentle modulations, superior, perhaps, to those of any of our warblers, the Nightingale excepted.' The song is a clear warble composed of about a dozen notes, rapidly enunciated, loud, free, of that sweet, pure quality characteristic of the melody of our best Warblers. The strain is short, and repeated from time to time, the intervals often being filled by lower notes, sweet and varied—the 'inward melody' which White describes."

Timely Tips for Lovers of British Birds.

(Concluded from page 633 of this issue).

The various preserved foods utilised for the Softbill species should be augmented with all the live insects obtainable. If colour food is being used, err on the side of moderation. If a fruit-eating species, a variety of berries may be now procured, such as raspberries, black or red currants, strawberries (wild included) and blackberries. Those species which are entirely insectivorous will greatly enjoy and be equally benefited by a supply of large moths, or "daddy long legs," which are procurable in old pasturages, after sunset being the time for getting the former, and during the heat of noon the latter. The difficulty of placing each capture in a box without letting about half-a-dozen escape, may be overcome by cutting a small piece out of the upper edge of a round box or tin (8-oz. cocoa tin) and a corresponding piece from the edge of the lid; turning the lid slightly brings these cuts opposite and they form a small aperture easily controlled.

Those fanciers who may be trying their 'prentice hand on such semi-aquatic species as the Sandpiper or the Dipper, to say nothing of the Wagtail, and even Kingfisher, will find the "scoop" a very useful instrument in providing for them a supply of their favourite and natural food. This is made by stretching coarse muslin or very fine netting on a wire frame, in the form of a crumb shovel, or shrimp net, with a fairly long (detachable) handle. The method of application is to hold it with the mouth pointing towards the flow of a stream (up-stream) and the edge slightly into the gravel, while the stones and gravel in front of it are disturbed with a stick, when the insects which find a shelter therein are washed by the current into the scoop, and are transferred to a bait can containing a little water.

I don't know the scientific names of the creatures, but they are the larvæ of various flies, the most plentiful being a weird creature which swims sideways and, like the parson's horse, though neither beautiful to look at nor pleasant to handle, is the very devil to go. These when placed in a flower pot saucer containing a little water, provide such species as I have mentioned with a food which, judging by the zest evinced in hunting them out must be greatly appreciated; that the birds derive benefit by a supply during the moult is beyond question.

A Selection of Wild Plants.

The seedeaters should be supplied with an abundance of the various wild plants which find favour with the different species. No doubt many of the best kinds are hardly ready except in the more southern counties. Linnets will be best served with shepherd's purse, plantain, mouse-ear, white-heads, gold of pleasure and sorrel. Later, an abundance of hardheads (horse-nops) will be available. A supply of linseed, in moderation, should not be omitted at this period, its oily nature imparting a sheen to the plumage.

Goldfinches are very partial to all downy plants, such as the various thistles, but I have the opinion that shepherd's purse, especially if infested with aphides, is par excellence the conditioner for both Goldie and Siskin. Greenfinches are very gluttonous and if their tastes were consulted would ask for nothing better than a few ears of succulent wheat or oats. These may be supplied, and alternated with a rotation of goat's-beard (Jack-go-to-bed-at-noon—I have been in error in condemning this plant), fat hen, sorrel, groundsel, linseed, thistle and mouse-ear.

Assists the Colour-Feeding.

Apropos of succulent (semi-ripe) grain, this, when freed from husks and bruised, is a very convenient vehicle for giving colour food, such species as Greenfinches, Buntings and Larks eating it with avidity though dyed to redness with capsicum. Of course the fancier will begin with a very moderate addition of the pepper and gradually bring it up to the necessary strength. The addition of a little maw-seed is advisable for Larks, who will require a supply of wasp grubs, gentles, mealworms or other live food in addition, a remark which applies also to Buntings, the Chaffinch and the Brambling.

The Bullfinch may have a selection from the following seeds, meadow-sweet, shepherd's purse (blight infested for preference), dock, sorrel, plantain, nettle, and mouse ear, and all manner of berries, the more rich in colouring matter the better (the latter applies also to all members of the Thrush family). I intend dealing with the various wild plants and fruits at greater length on another occasion, but hope the above may be of some benefit to the fanciers of limited experience.

BUDGERIGARS AND COCKATIELS.

How they Live, Talk & Play.

By F. W. BULL.

(Continued from page 615).

The Aviary and Its Fittings.

The food in general required for the aviary is canary seed, white millet, white oats, and occasionally sunflower seed and hemp. Spray millet, cuttlefish, and green food should be supplied ad lib.

My aviary is divided into two divisions, a night compartment or shelter shed, and an open flight. Each division is 10ft. long, and 5ft. wide, 8ft. high at back, and 6ft. high in front. The communicating door is closed when the birds are in the shelter shed at night, which secures them against cats, and minimises night frights. The excitement is intense when the flight door is opened in the morning. The birds delight to besport themselves in the rain, or to bask in the sun. They seem to suffer no ill effect, whatever the weather. The shed can be snugly closed in during the cold nights. A movable glass frame covers about four feet of the open front, and a blind covers the remaining portion. The complete aviary is built in twelve sections bolted together, the whole being home made.

Seed hoppers I make myself, and are my own idea. They are of wood, self-supplying, and made so that the spent seed is collected, which helps to keep the floor of the aviary clean and tidy. All hoppers and seed utensils are suspended from the roof by wire, which prevents mice contaminating the food.

The nest boxes are also home made. Those for the Cockatiels are made as recommended by Mr. C. P. Arthur in CAGE BIRDS booklet—"Budgerigars and Cockatiels." They are sixteen inches long, eight inches wide, and eight inches high, with a four-inch round hole and a platform projecting six inches in front and a hinged lid. A layer of saw-dust on the bottom of the box is all the nesting material required. The nest boxes for the Budgerigars are ten inches long, six inches wide, and six inches high. An entrance hole (about two inches in diameter) is made in front and a protruding perch fitted in just below it. A hinged lid, and a layer of saw-dust completes the nesting arrangements. The nesting receptacles are cheap and simple to make, are easily cleaned, and last practically for ever. I have been very successful with them, and always use them in preference to the customary husks.

Pleasure and Profit.

Does Foreign bird-keeping pay? Well there is nothing certain in this world, and unlooked for things happen at times in bird-keeping that try the patience and the pocket. Given even a minimum of luck, however, with the classes I have dealt with, it should be possible to pay the seed bill, and in time, to cover all initial expenses and have a margin of profit. The many hours of pleasure obtained, I submit, is a profit in itself.

In conclusion, I beg to express a hope, that some struggling novice may read these few notes and be benefited by them. Only by following the best of all bird journals CAGE BIRDS, and by the help of its courteous experts (who are ever ready to assist) have I been successful, and able to gain the little experience which I very humbly impart.

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*A Tale of a Rookery.

A farmer rented a farm in the county of Essex some years ago. He had not resided there long before a number of Rooks came and built there, and multiplied so much that in the course of a few years they had formed a considerable rookery, which he prized very much. About this time, however, he had to change his residence, and forsake his Rooks; but to his great surprise and pleasure the Rooks manifested such an attachment to him as led them to desert their former abode, and accompany him in his new abode, and they have continued to flourish ever since.—Sent by Harry Wood (age 14), 36a, Suargate Street, Dover.

**A Song and Dance Turn.

My uncle showed me a Grey Parrot, which said to me, "Good morning, Joey." It was called Joey. That evening it said "Dance Cecil" (Cecil was its former owner). My uncle then started to dance up and down the room, with the Parrot doing the same on the perch in the cage, and at intervals whistling some comic song, and saying "Dance Cecil, dance Joey." Next morning I went down to the kitchen, and was very much surprised on hearing what I thought was my uncle speaking, but it was only the Parrot, who said "Good morning Joey," and went on muttering to himself. He used to mimic everyone and shout "Sweep," or "Sticks," etc., and add in an undertone, "Not to-day, Joey." Whenever it heard a baby cry it used to say "Poor baby."—Sent by Ed. McGurk (age 15), 88, Herbert Street, Gateshead.

*Why the Canary Wouldn't Sing.

I was out visiting one day, and called on a lady friend. The servant showed me into the room, and left me to wait a few minutes. I naturally looked round at the pictures, and noticing a beautiful Canary in a cage in front of the window, I went to it and tried to get it to sing, but failed. I whistled, chirruped, and talked to it, but it was no use, I couldn't get it to move even. I was walking round the side of the cage when the lady came in. "Oh," she said, with a smile, "are you trying to get my bird to sing?" "Yes; but I can't manage it," I said. "No, and you never will—it's stuffed," she replied! Taken from "The Christian Herald."—Sent by Cyril Shinn (age 8½, 33, Edward Road, Bedford.

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"Aviaries and Aviary Life." by Wesley T. Page, F.Z.S. Medium 8vo. Art Linen. 12s. 6d. Ashbourne: J. H. Henstock, The Avian Press.

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Pheasant Nests Amid Flowers.

A Pheasant's nest has been discovered in the middle of a frame full of flowers in a garden in Kippen, Stirlingshire.

Abundance of Young Sparrows.

Young Sparrows are just now almost as plentiful as leaves. One can see them everywhere; on the fences, on the hedges, in the roadway, in the path, fluttering wings, and old ones feeding, so intent upon their own affairs that they hardly move out of one's way. Meanwhile our neighbour's cat is putting on flesh rapidly.

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Twitterings.

Mr. C. I. Young, Hon. Sec. Frome F.A., writes that Mr. H. Norman is judging at Frome Show, Dec. 12, in the place of Mr. Robson.

Mr. W. A. Cowgill will judge Canaries at Middlesborough on Oct. 19, writes Mr. A. Wake, Hon. Sec., and Mr. F. Marwood the remainder.

Mr. J. Hammett, hon. sec. Newport (Mon.) and Dist. C.B.S., writes that Messrs. C. A. House and D. Longden will judge at Newport Show, Nov. 6-7.

The Hon. Sec. of the Portsmouth Fanciers' Society, writes that the judge for the show to be held Nov. 27 and 28, is Mr. W. E. Tyrrell (38, Commercial Road).

Schedules of "Young Stock Show" (fixed for Aug. 14), writes Mr. F. W. Capell, 121, Brighton Road, Croydon, have been sent to all members. Should any have miscarried, please communicate at once.

Will members of the Norwich Plainhead Club please note, writes Mr. F. Cunliffe, that Burnley has been granted the cup show of the Norwich P.C., in place of Liverpool? Mr. J. Trengove will judge the Norwich classes.

At the meeting of the Mansfield and District C.B.S., held at headquarters (Horse and Groom Hotel) July 27, Mr. Hawksley (the secretary) resigned, and Mr. Gabbitass was elected in his place. Mr. G. Ward was elected treasurer. So writes Mr. Bernard Gabbitass, 57, Montague Street, Mansfield, Notts.

I am pleased to inform you, writes D. G. Jones, Llandudno, that I have sold my well-known dark Linnet Mule and Light Goldie Mule through an advertisement I saw in your valuable paper, CAGE BIRDS. I have sold them to a well-known fancier in Manchester, Mr. R. J. Metcalfe, and I wish their new owner every luck.

Will fanciers and friends kindly notice, writes Mr. W. Gilbert, that I have again taken over the secretaryship of the London and Counties A.C.B. All correspondence to be addressed to me at 35, Wharf Road, City Road, N. Mr. H. Bell is giving a paper on the Norwich Plainhead on Aug. 10, at the Earl Catheart, Osnaburgh Street, at 8 o'clock, when all friends will receive a hearty welcome. Messrs. Kellan, Turley, and F. Rawling have been elected members.

Kindly accept my thanks for receipt of order for 2s. 6d. won by me in June 1st issue of CAGE BIRDS, as it came as a pleasant surprise. I have been a reader of CAGE BIRDS for nearly four years, and have not missed taking same for one week, writes Mr. J. Lloyd (Liverpool). At present I cannot give my birds much time, and have to keep them flying in an aviary. My favourite birds are Britishers, and I find that they keep far better outside than indoors.

One of the best-known breeders of Yorkshire Greens, Mr. John Gore, of the Walton Breck Hotel, Liverpool, has joined the Anfield, Everton and Dist. C.B.S., writes Mr. R. B. Wright, the Hon. Sec. He has had a grand breeding season. A well-known firm of seed merchants has presented us with £5 worth of specials and a magnificent silver cup has been presented for next year's competition by a gentleman who desires his name to remain anonymous for the present. Mr. John Smith, of Anfield Lodge, has had a remarkable season, having bred some fine Borders and Yorkshires.

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Mr. J. O. Williams (Bangor) is judging at Merionethshire Show, Harlech, on Sept. 13.

Owing to lack of time, I am compelled to part with my whole stock of Mules and British, writes Mr. D. G. Jones (Llandudno).

I have been a reader of your splendid paper, CAGE BIRDS, for the last twelve months, writes Mr. B. Targett (Battersea), and have tried bird breeding with excellent results—fourteen young from two hens and one cock. I am becoming a member of CAGE BIRDS LEAGUE, which I think a splendid idea.

I have done really well this breeding season, writes Miss L. A. Knight (Lincoln), after two years of indifferent luck, having reared forty-four birds from eight hens. CAGE BIRDS I find a great help to me, and always look forward to Friday morning, because it brings my favourite paper.

Give my sincere thanks to Mr. Jeffrey Jeffries for the advice I obtained from his article on Canary Breeding, writes Mr. J. H. Macey (Splott, Cardiff). Following his advice, though I am a beginner, I have only lost two young out of five nests from two hens, and have reared some grand birds (Norwich).

The following are a few of the breeding results taken at our last meeting of the Northern Border and S.F.C.C.:—Mr. W. Smith, 53, Mr. W. P. Smaith 25, Mr. A. Affleck 26, Mr. W. Affleck 30, Mr. M. Peel 45, Mr. Greenwell 69, Mr. Montgomery 40, Mr. J. Johnstone 90, Mr. J. W. Reid 20, Mr. Brown 11, Mr. Craig 25, Mr. T. Smith 61, Mr. C. Farrer 12.—M. C. Potts, Secretary.

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The July issue of "Bird Notes," the journal of the Foreign Bird Club, is especially interesting as containing an account by Mr. W. E. Teschemaker of the nesting of the Mealy Redpoll, and the successful rearing of the young in his aviaries after seven years of partial success. Other articles comprise "The Green Fruit-suckers," by Mr. Wesley T. Page, with a coloured illustration by Mr. Goodchild; "Nesting Notes," by Mr. G. E. Rattigan; "My New Aviaries," Mrs. M. A. Sproston; "The Life Story of a Mealy Redpoll," "Birds of Gambia," Mr. E. Hopkinson; "The Aviaries at Hartwell House," Mr. E. D. Lee; and the continuation of the valuable list, by Mr. Page, of species which have reared young in captivity in Great Britain.

Those on a study whose colour feed to use, just read these absolute true facts. Everyone below had from 28 lbs. to 112 lbs. Royal Red, Crystal Palace, 1912. Ten Open Champion Norwich classes, nine 1st prize winners, special best bird in show, champion diploma, best in section, were moulted solely on Royal Red by Messrs. Thomas, Davies, Sneaton, Turner. The one first moulted on another was a Buff, four champion Cinnamon classes, every 1st, 2nd and 3rd were moulted solely on Royal Red by Messrs. Dormer, D. Godley, Deacon. In Yorkshires, Messrs. Binns, Thomas, Hirst, Ellis, Dykes, all big first winners, moulted on Royal Red. Sandiford's Royal Red costs £20 per ton more than any other in England. See advert. (Advert.)

Do Slugs Devour Birds?

A pair of Yellowhammers were seen fluttering over their nest on the hills near Llangollen. When the nest was discovered it was found to be partially occupied by a large slug, which was engaged in devouring the eggs and a young bird which had been hatched. These big molluscs will eat almost anything. Probably the slimy exudations of the slug protected it from the attacks of the parent birds, for few birds like to get their bills sticky. (The above is an extract from the "Western Mail.")

Tom-Tit Lights Street Lamp.

A correspondent to the "Times" writes:—"For several weeks past one of the public street lamps at Greenford, near Ealing, has been found alight every day, although the lamplighter extinguished the light each morning. Suspecting that some youthful imp with mischievous propensities was at work, the lamplighter set himself to capture the culprit who was giving him so much trouble. While waiting in hiding to pounce upon the offender, he was amazed to see the lamp apparently light itself. Investigation revealed the fact that a Tomtit had built a snug nest in a corner of the lamp, and was in the habit of hopping on to the ring of the incandescent by-pass, thus turning on the light."

The Parrot's Roast Pork.

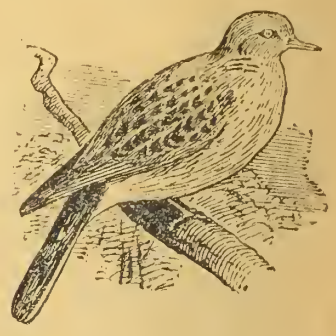
The annual report of Our Dumb Friends' League contains some interesting stories from the animals' hospital. An Amazon Parrot was brought in, dying, and the owner, questioned as to its diet, said: "It do so love hot roast pork, and my husband he ses on Sunday, let it enjoy itself and have as much as it likes, but I think it had too much, and it's been like this all night." An African Grey Parrot was one of the worst offenders at feather plucking. In spite of its state, it continued to cry: "Who cares? Kiss your master; bite your missus; three cheers for the King. Who cares?" One owner of a Jackdaw asked the surgeon to slit its tongue to make the bird talk. A promise to perform the operation was given on condition that the owner tried the effect on his own tongue first. The offer was not accepted!

Wild-Bird Life.

'Midst the Ripening Corn.

THE lovely summer weather is all that bird-lovers could desire. One needs a congenial atmosphere to enjoy the pleasures of bird watching. The weather must be such that it is no discomfort to sit upon the shady side of the hedgerow to watch the Whitethroats, or to lie prone upon the grass out in the open where the Chats amuse us by their sprightly ways, and the Peewits wheel and twist in the air, knowing well that our position is a strange one, and therefore calling for their careful attention. From our seat under the hedge we can see across acres of corn, now grown tall and strong, and bending gracefully to every gentle breeze.

The Turtle Doves are plentiful, and from time to time a pair wheel round and settle among the crop. Very useful birds are these



THE TURTLE DOVE.

Doves, daily eating quantities of noxious wild seeds; but few farmers appear to know their value, and frequently the younger members of the family amuse themselves by shooting the birds as they pass to their feeding grounds.

As the corn waves in the breeze, myriads of insects are disturbed, and it is this that causes the Swallows and Martins to forsake the village tenements and the farm buildings for the open fields. A strong young oak grows out of the hedgerow, and upon a short dead branch a family of young Swallows sit twittering in the sunshine, occasionally preening themselves, and shaking their baby feathers smooth.

When the old birds come with food, they do not settle on the branch, but hover in front of the young ones, and so feed them in what seems to be an unusual manner. One or two of the brood, I notice, appear to be stronger than the others, and these take wing, and follow the old ones. They are not able to fly as fast, but by keeping them in sight and cutting off corners, they manage fairly well. Then when enough food has been collected, these are fed in the air, both old and young hovering for a moment. After this pleasing performance, the young ones return to their perch upon the oak branch, twittering cheerfully. H. N.

Boroughs and Bird Protection.

A circular letter has according to a Bournemouth newspaper been addressed by the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds to the forty County Boroughs of England that are without Bird Protection Orders, drawing attention to the fact that the Order for an administrative county is not operative in a county borough, and urging that the absence of Borough Orders (1) causes confusion in the public mind; (2) allows bird-catchers and egg-robbers to destroy the bird-life of the suburbs, where its preservation is peculiarly desirable; (3) permits the possession and sale in the borough of species illegally taken in the county.

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HELPFUL HINTS FOR CANARY OWNERS.

By CLAUDE ST. JOHN.

THE beginning of August marks the commencement of one of the most anxious periods in the year for the Canary keeper and breeder. It is at this time that the moult begins to become general, and before the close of the month the birds that have not begun to shed their plumage should be more the exception than the rule. Many of the older birds and early hatched young ones will have started before the opening of August, and this is far more in the bird's favour than starting to moult unusually late. The bird that begins to cast its feathers towards the end of July will, as a rule, complete its moult whilst the normal temperature is well above the average, and before the chilly nights of autumn begin to give cause for anxiety, and will have a better change of getting quickly through a complete change of plumage without a check.

The Nature of the Moult.

It is a mistake to look upon moulting as a disease, as many are apt to do. On the contrary it is a perfectly natural and necessary process for maintaining the health of the bird, notwithstanding that ills and weaknesses are apt to show themselves during its progress. But this is merely the result of the system being brought a little below par by the drain occasioned by the growth of the new plumage, which makes the subject more susceptible to any unwholesome influences and also brings out any hitherto unsuspected weakness in the constitution, a state of things which may be provided against by a more liberal dietary generally, and keeping the birds under the best possible hygienic conditions.

The adult birds should make a complete change of plumage, including the flights and tail, but young birds of the year undergo only a partial moult, shedding the small body feathers—the contour feathers—and retaining the large quill feathers of wings and tail until the second moult.

The approach of the moult is marked by more or less dullness and loss of activity, and yet there is often a certain restlessness or alteration of habit. The bird begins to sit drowsily for a few minutes at a time on the perch; the plumage becomes apparently loose, and ill-fitting; then the bird rouses up quite brightly, gives itself a shake, and goes to food or water, though perhaps only to "pick about." Afterwards it quite likely visits the floor, and spends some time picking about as though searching for something it cannot find, or goes and sits on the perch and pecks away energetically at nothing in particular on the wires, or at some part of the cage.

In the case of the cock birds, the song almost invariably declines very considerably or ceases altogether, and the restless habits referred to appear to take its place more or less.

The Black-headed Siskin, a pretty American species; drawn from the bird 2nd prize at the Crystal Palace for Mr. L. J. Arrighi (Edinburgh).

They will be frequently pecking amongst their feathers and shaking themselves. After a few days of these symptoms the feathers should begin to drop, the large wing and tail feathers gradually coming away in the adults, and, of course, small feathers only from the young ones. In both cases the normal general progress of the moult is from tail to head, the head and neck being the last parts to moult out.

The Treatment of Normal Cases.

In all normal cases a nourishing and liberal diet is the best and only treatment really necessary, if proper care is taken to protect the birds from draughts and chills, and rapid fluctuations of temperature of an extreme kind. In addition to the staple diet of canary and rape seeds, the latter either mixed with the former in the proportion of one in three for Rollers and one in four for other breeds, or given separately in limited quantities, a morsel of soft-food—egg-food, bread and milk, crushed plain biscuit, or sponge, or Madeira cake—equivalent to a small teaspoonful per bird, should be given every second day from the time the symptoms of moult appear. Any or all of these items may be given, alternately, for variety. This, of course, is leaving out of consideration birds that are being colour fed.

On the alternate days a pinch of maw should be given, and twice a week a small teaspoonful per bird of a mixture of one part each white millet and black rape, half part each niger, linseed and teazle, and a quarter part each gold of pleasure, hemp and mustard. This is chiefly for the small, short-feathered breeds. For large and heavily feathered breeds, an extra part of crushed oats or broken groats, and a sprinkling of crushed sunflower seed should be added.

Nasturtium and marigold blooms may be offered all through the moult, and a variety of seedy green foods should be given four times a week—plantain stalks, shepherd's purse, chickweed, and flower buds of groundsel are all excellent and readily obtainable. Green fly, and occasional mealworms, thistle heads, broken open (which are often tenanted by maggots), are all good fare. A piece of cuttlefish kept in the wires is also serviceable. Twenty drops of whisky and a few shreds of meadow saffron in the water (about two tablespoonfuls) now and again, will provide a very useful stimulant, and help to keep the moult in progress. A bath should be offered daily in mild dry weather, but more good than harm will accrue from withholding it in wet, chilly weather. Birds that seem unduly affected by the strain of the moult or show any sign of wheeziness should only be given the bath on warm sunny days.

A Good Moult—and a Bad.

Much anxiety is often caused by a bird seeming to become almost bare in a very few days after starting to moult. This anxiety is generally misplaced, because such a state of things is almost certain to indicate that a very rapid moult is about to take place, and on general lines it is safe to say that the quickest moult is invariably the best from every point of view. It certainly puts an extra strain upon the bird temporarily, and lays it more open to risk from colds and chills. But the first point will be amply compensated by the system of feeding already given, and the addition of twenty drops of chemical food to the water about every third day for a time, and the risk of chill may be fully guarded against by covering the cage over until the new plumage has made a fair growth or is mature.

Far less desirable is the moult that drags on slowly for many weeks, the bird shedding but a very few feathers daily, or only at intervals of several days, or when feathers are shed freely for a few days and then cease for a week or two. A slow, gradual moult is not necessarily a bad one if it goes on regularly without a check, but, nevertheless, it is not desirable, inasmuch as it is apt to drag slowly on until the cold chilly weather arrives, and puts a stop to it until next spring.

Nothing is better to expedite matters in such a case than warmth. When the moult seems likely to drag in this way, place the bird at once where it will enjoy a warm, equable temperature; dust its soft food two or three times a week with flowers of sulphur, and add twenty drops of whisky and five of syrup of saffron to the drinking water every second day until moult proceeds more satisfactorily.

At the Start and at the Close.

Should a bird show the usual symptoms of approaching moult, and not commence to shed feathers in a reasonable time, and begin to grow dull and listless, more energetic measures may become necessary. Add first of all twelve drops of syrup of buckthorn to its drinking water for three consecutive days, and place it in a decidedly lower temperature for a few days, giving the sulphur in soft food and whisky, and saffron in water as first mentioned. If the bird drops into moult, as it should, then it may be kept going freely upon that treatment, and housing it in a moderately warm and equable temperature. But in case it does not start to moult under those circumstances, a vapour bath may have the desired effect.

One way of giving this is to put the bird in a wire cage on a table, place a mug of very hot water beside it, and cover over the cage and mug entirely with a woollen wrap or rug, and leave so for an hour or thereabouts. The cage for the purpose should be a fair size, or some support be placed underneath the cover to allow a fair amount of air space beneath it. A much more convenient method is to arrange a vapour cabinet like the one illustrated and

Some Members of the Adwick-le-Street and District C.B.S. with trophies won by their birds.

described in "Our Canaries." When other methods fail, a hand-washing will not infrequently prove very effectual to set the moult going.

When the moult is coming to an end, which will be known by the quills (pen feathers) beginning to appear about the head, some form of iron tonic will be very useful to brace up the birds and tighten the plumage. A crystal of sulphate of iron the size of a large hemp seed added twice a week to the drinking water, in which six drops of glycerine have been mixed, will be most useful until the last few feathers that may remain have been dropped; or 20 drops of Parrish's Chemical food will serve a similar purpose.

Afterwards if the bird shows signs of lack of vitality and is an undue time in getting over the strain of the moult, six drops of tincture of gentian, and three each of tincture of steel and dilute sulphuric acid, will form one of the very best tonics for toning up the birds, and at the same time tightening up the plumage. But do not begin to give the last-named until the feathers cease to drop, or it may check the final stage of the moult.

Timely Tips For Lovers of British Birds.

By J. STEEL (Dalketh).

WITH the advent of August the British bird-keeper enters on a most portentous season. As the condition of his charges will for another year be reflexive of his treatment during this and next month, a few hints will, I feel, be appreciated by the novice. I find the majority are very liable to make the fatal error of delaying treatment, so I will begin with a few Don'ts.

Don't wait till your bird has started to shed feathers, as such shedding of the old is indicative that the new plumage has already so far advanced in formation as to be almost beyond benefiting by any treatment. This is particularly applicable to colour feeding, many good birds being spoiled by patchy feeding. Therefore if colour feeding is intended, start before the moult. This remark, however, applies to all my other hints, though a slight delay is not so fatal to appearance.

Your Early Attention Needed.

Don't coddle Britishers. A cool atmosphere, with plenty of light and pure air, is much more beneficial than the system of semi, and even total darkness, with its attendant vitiation, which I find is only too common with Canary keepers.

Don't omit removing any abnormal growth of claws or bill, or accumulation of scale on legs, before the bird has assumed its new plumage, as handling always involves a risk of the latter being damaged. A pair of sharp nail cutters and a piece of sandpaper will be found useful for trimming bills. In cutting claws always err on the safe side. If the birds foot is held up to a strong light, the vein, which must be cleared, is quite visible. If such should be cut into bleeding will result.

To remove the scales from the legs, they should be massaged gently with glycerine or vaseline daily for four or five days, immersing them in fairly warm water for a few minutes each time before rubbing in the unguent, when their removal will be easily accomplished with a letter opener or similar blunt instrument. If the horny sheath is so dense as to defy removal by this method, examination will show that such terminates in a horny ridge on front of the tarsus; this sometimes becomes partly detached and gives us the absurd "shin-bone shedding" theory. Carefully pare and scrape this ridge with a sharp instrument, till the point of partition is reached, when by inserting the letter opener, the horny sheath may be levered open and removed entire. No pain is involved, and though the legs are rather tender for about two days, the operation is really a kindness, and has a very rejuvenating effect on the bird's action and appearance.

The Order of the Bath.

Don't omit to hang a show cage, containing a few titbits, on front of the stock cage, so that the bird may become accustomed to it, and have no hesitation when being run out or handled. Don't confine the foods which are beneficial at this period to one item, as though some may be better than others, a variety is best of all. I find that the tendency to use one variety of seed, fruit or insect is prevalent, and the bird gets quite surfeited. Don't omit to supply the bath every day, such being essential to the production of "condition"; for those which persistently refuse to indulge, the spray or shower must be substituted. An exception may be made in the case of delicate Softbills and the operation confined to those days which are warm and sunny; or the bird may be removed to a warm room till thoroughly dry. Don't confine your bird in a cage too small to allow him plenty of exercise, apart from the certainty that he will fray his wings and tail. Don't omit to counteract any habit of jumping from perch to wires, such being very liable to cause fraying, and being objectionable on the show-bench. The remedy for this habit is to place a spray of boxwood, or other foliage too light for perching on, between the wires at the part he jumps to.

(Concluded on page 631.)

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CANARY QUERIES.

Answered by CLAUDE ST. JOHN.

A WHITE FILM (Border).—Unfortunately the bird is suffering from cataract, and nothing you can do will be of any avail to cure it. You must consider yourself fortunate if it does not attack the other eye. Feed rather generously, and give a fair supply of green food, but avoid over-feeding, to make it fat. It may delay the progress of the disease, but cure there is none.

YOUNG PLUCKING EACH OTHER (An Old Amateur).—The only practicable cure of this is to prevent it (to use an Irishism) by caging the birds separately or in couples until the plumage is grown. If only one or two birds do the plucking, cage these separately, also any which are plucked until bare and sore, and give all the birds a half ripe plantain stalk daily. The birds left in the flights may then relinquish the habit, but you must keep a watch over them, and if they do not, separate them also.

BARE NECKS AND SORE FOOT (S.J.F.).—(1) It is quite useless dusting sulphur on the skin. Slightly dust the egg food with it twice a week for a month, give a quarter teaspoonful of maw every second day, and treat birds on same general lines as advised to "Anxious," when they will probably regain perfect plumage during the moult. Watch them to see if they pluck each other, and if so, isolate culprits as advised to An Old Amateur. (2) Bathe the foot for a few minutes in a warm solution of boracic acid—a small teaspoonful of acid in a saucerful of warm water—dry gently, and slightly anoint with boracic ointment. Do not leave on any appreciable quantity to attract dirt. Repeat anointing once or twice at intervals of a few days.

GONE ALMOST BARE (Anxious).—The birds going almost bare as soon as the moult is well begun is nothing to be alarmed about. It is usually indicative of an excellent and quick moult. See that the birds are quite free from extreme fluctuations of temperature and draughts, and keep them rather on the warm side whilst very bare, and all will be well. The soreness at wing butts may possibly indicate red mites. Look well into this, and touch the ends of perches, joints of doors, etc., with insecticide, and also add a few drops of essence of quassia to the bathing water twice a week as a precaution. Also take notice whether there are any feather pluckers among them, and if so, isolate them.

LATE FEATHERING (Sam Hall).—Some birds are naturally later in feathering than others, and there may be a variety of external causes to delay the process, so that it is not possible to give a definite cause in any particular case with no data to go upon. The young may have been weakly when hatched, or the parents may have been poor feeders, so that the young did not get a fair start, or the hen might not have brooded them very well, all of which would tend to delay feathering. When they drop into moult, dust the soft food slightly twice a week with flowers of sulphur for a month, and keep the birds quite on the warm side when they should come through perfectly feathered.

TO CURE ASTHMA (A. E. Lewis).—First of all remove the causes—cold draughts, extreme and rapid fluctuations of temperature, and foul, impure and heated air, such as exists near the ceiling and near burning lights in the evenings. Give a plain, wholesome, and not fattening diet. For one week give plain canary only with a liberal allowance of green food daily, and add to the drinking water six drops of syrup of rhubarb, and as much Epsom salts as will cover a sixpence every second day. After this make diet a little more varied, and give half-a teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake with four drops of whisky and two of cod liver oil emulsion mixed in it and sprinkled with maw every second day for a month, and add 20 drops of the following mixture to the water on the alternate days during same time. Mixture. Two drams each of glycerine and oxymel of squills, one dram each of chloroldyne and ipecac. wine, and eight grains of iodide of potassium. Any chemist will mix this for you.

CREST FEEDING (G. M. D.).—Glad to hear the birds have got on so nicely so far. Do not be too anxious to get them wholly on to a seed diet. About every third day omit the bread and milk, and gradually shorten the intervals of withholding it until you find the birds quite able to thrive upon seed. Ultimately omit it altogether, and substitute a little crushed plain biscuit or sponge cake now and again. Say omit bread and milk twice in one week, five times in the next fortnight, then three times in one week, and so on. At first when omitting soft food, give a half ripe plantain stalk.

SEXUAL DISTINCTIONS (W. N.).—These are all comparative, and often very slight, so that one can only hope to become expert at distinguishing sex by practical experience and close observation. The cocks are bolder, and have a more pushful and dominant carriage, the eye more bolting; the body shows a more filled-in and finer curve from under tail coverts on to abdomen, and the natural colour is more intense on the wing butts and throat. The voice is more full and liquid, even in the "tweeting" call-note, than the harsh rasping of the hen. The song is the only certain guide for the novice, that of the cock being full, free, and constant, with a very perceptible pulsation of the throat. A few hens make more or less successful attempts at singing, but rarely get beyond a twitter. See plate in Part VI. of "Our Canaries," where the external appearance of the sexes is admirably portrayed.

BIRDS DYING (Anxious).—You have certainly been overdoing things in the matter of feeding, and this is doubtless a contributory cause to the fatalities, which I imagine are directly due to apoplectic seizures brought on by excessive nervousness, and most likely constipation. You must make the birds a little more familiar with your work about the cages, but do all in a perfectly quiet, methodical manner, "tweeting" and "conversing" with them meanwhile. Avoid any sudden, jerky motions, and do not go near them wearing any alarming headdress or other apparel. Treat them for one week, as advised to "A. E. Lewis," but give only a moderate amount of green food to the young. You will find detailed particulars for future dietary in No. 10 Nutshell booklet, but I prefer a staple of two parts canary to one part rape.

A DISAPPOINTING NORWICH (Trooper, Stretford).—Examine the cage carefully by raking out any joints or crevices you can find with a pin to see if any red mites are present. Also take particular notice whether this bird's position is subject to occasional draughts. One or other is very probable. In addition to the staple diet, give a morsel of bread soaked in cold milk, two drops of cod liver oil emulsion on it, and sprinkled with maw seed every second day for a fortnight, and on the alternate days just a pinch of a mixture of equal parts hemp, inga, millet and teazle. Add 20 drops of Chemical Food to the water four times a week during same period. After this treat as advised to "Melbourne" last week. It is quite too late to think of getting bird in breeding form this year.

MOULTING AND PANTING (L.E.F.).—I'm afraid this bird is beyond help. See that it is kept quite free from cold draughts, impure or heated air, and extreme rapid fluctuations. Add six drops of syrup of rhubarb, and as much sulphate of soda as will cover a sixpence to its drinking water for two days

CANARY QUERISTS

should consult St. John's "Canary Breeding for Beginners" (7d.); House's "Canary Manual" (1/2); Battye's "Yorkshire Canaries" (1/1½); House's "Norwich Canaries" (1/1); Weston's "Stock Book" (7d.); Dr. Clarke's "Septic or Bird Fever" (7d.); Dr. Creswell's "Hygiene of Bird-keeping (1/1); Norman's "Aviaries, Bird-rooms, and Cages" (2/3); Ramsden's "Colour-feeding" (3½d.); "Seeds and Foods for Cage Birds" (1/2); or the "Nutshell" booklets (2½d. each): No. 5 "The Pet Canary," No. 6 "Ailing Birds and How to Cure them," No. 9 "The Disinfection of Cages, Bird-rooms, etc.," No. 10 "The Roller," No. 23 "The Border Fancy," No. 24 "Green Canaries." All thoroughly practical and instructive. Prices quoted are post free, from "Cage Birds," 154, Fleet Street, London, E.C.

and give a morsel of bread the size of a hazel nut soaked in cold milk with three drops of cod liver oil emulsion on it and dusted with soft sugar daily for three days. After this treat the same as advised to "A. E. Lewis," but omit the first week's treatment of plain diet and apericuts.

ROLLERS DYING (S. Green).—Judging from your remarks, the birds appear to be suffering from epilepsy, and are probably of weakly constitution, in addition to which I suspect there is something wrong with your management. See that they are kept under bright, healthy, and hygienic conditions, with plenty of pure fresh air, but no direct draughts. For one week give the rhubarb and soda mixture advised to "L. E. F.," and afterwards add 20 drops of Chemical Food in the water every second day for a month, and on the alternate days in the first fortnight give four drops each of tincture of gentian, tincture of calumba and dilute sulphuric acid. Give a morsel of bread and milk, as advised to "L. E. F.," every second day for a fortnight, and a pinch of maw on the alternate days. Your feeding is probably faulty. Get the nutshell booklet No. 10, and feed as therein advised, but give a staple of two parts canary to one part summer rape.

CAUSE OF SEPTICŒMIA (B. J. S.).—If not imported with a fresh bird, or some kind of appliance or second hand cage, you may take it as invariably arising from some putrescent matter finding its way into the system by means of food or water. Stale egg food is the most fertile cause, and foul water or neglected water vessels are probably the next in order. The fact of the birds dying after being removed simply means that they had already become infected before leaving the flight. Every cage in which a death has occurred should be thoroughly disinfected and allowed to stand vacant, preferably in the open air, before being used again. The Nutshell booklet No. 9 will give you full information on this point, and you will do well to read Dr. Clarke's handbook on "Septic Fever," particularly that part dealing with the sporadic non virulent type, which is the same as the trouble among your birds. Once the birds are attacked you can do nothing to cure them. To prevent it, see that all food and water supplied is absolutely fresh and pure, keep cages scrupulously clean, and allow no droppings or scraps of food to accumulate in them, and isolate all doubtful birds. When a death occurs it is safest to cremate the body at once. Stop all egg food for a time, and substitute a little bread and milk, crushed plain biscuit, or sponge cake, given dry, or scalded rape. To tone up the bird and give them a better chance to resist infection, add four drops each of tincture of gentian, tincture of calumba, and dilute sulphuric acid to the water about twice a week, and make the water for all suspected birds slightly pink with Condy's Fluid.

LEG TROUBLE (Novice).—Sorry, but I cannot quite grip your description. You say "the bird's leg is misplaced; its leg slips nearly to the back, especially when it grips the perch; and then slips along it." Are the feet in a normal condition, or the toes contracted and curled underneath, so that the toes do not, or cannot readily encircle the perch, but remain, like a clenched fist, on top of it? Please write again and describe the matter as clearly as you can, enclosing, if possible, a rough sketch showing shape of foot, and position of leg when it slips "nearly to the back," as you say. Meantime, try the bird with a thin perch, about the size of a lead pencil. Incidentally you would find particulars and helpful illustrations for treating deformed feet in Part VI. of "Our Canaries."

VARIOUS (D. O'Brien, San Francisco).—I take it you have been using cages in which the nest pan is dropped into a circular hole in a platform. Such cages are almost out of date now, the platform being dispensed with, and the nest-pan hung with a bracket on the back or end of the cage. This does away with the disagreeable sight you refer to which is quite objectionable to the health of the birds as the eye of their owner. You will almost certainly succeed better with single pairs in cages. The failure of the hens to rear their young may be due to some error in making the soft food, and I certainly do not approve of apple as a substitute for green food when young are being reared. Either lettuce, watercress, chickweed, groundsel, or chicory, assuming they are similar to our English plants, would be better in every way. To make your egg food, use one part egg to two of stale household bread crumbs, or an equal amount of Osborne biscuit. No sugar is necessary, but a very little may be added to try to tempt a flagging feeder. Ten minutes is sufficient to boil eggs—five minutes is very apt to leave the centre of the yolk sticky, and longer than ten is quite unnecessary. You could get cages sent out, cut, planed, and ready to put together, but it would come expensive. Postage alone for a single cage would be not less than 3s. 6d. You should get "Aviaries, Birdrooms, and Cages," which our Manager would send you for 2s. 3d., and make your own cages. It's simple enough. If the wiring proved any difficulty you could make the woodwork and get some wire fronts made on punched bars sent out.

FOREIGN BIRDS.

Answered by WESLEY T. PAGE, F.Z.S.,

WHAT BULBUL? (W. H. Turner).—If you have given me all the colours of the bird, and it has no black face mask, it is a female Jerdon's Green Bulbul, or Fruitsucker. I feed all my Fruitsuckers on ripe fruit, as in season (very fond of orange, but do not overdo this), milk sop, soft food (not much taken), and a few live insects, ringing the changes with mealworms, gentles, smooth caterpillars, spiders, earwigs, etc., as obtainable. If as above, value about 50s. to 60s.

SEED MIXTURE FOR AMAZON (Anxious One).—One quart each canary and white millet seeds; one pint each oats, paddy rice and hemp seed; half-a-pint each dari, maize, wheat, shelled nuts, and sunflower seeds, one gill each chillies and parrot grit—well mix and store in dust-proof tins. If any item of the above is persistently refused, you can omit it, but you must not permit the bird to diet itself upon hemp and sunflower seed only. Ripe fruit, plain biscuit, greenfood and cuttlebone must also be regularly given. Any good gritty sand will do for cage tray, but it must be grit (not sand) you put with the seed mixture.

GREENFOOD FOR PARRAKEETS (A. S.).—Offer any flowering and seeding weeds they will eat or pick over, they get more out of the latter than is apparent by what they leave. So long as they last, shepherd's purse, chickweed, groundsel, daudelion heads, in fact any non-poisonous weeds obtainable, may be offered—all these with grasses will be more or less obtainable till frost appears, then their place can be taken by lettuce and sweet apple; also canary, rape and millet seedings, which can be grown indoors in any sunny window.

WHAT BIRD? (W. J. B.).—You give me no description of the size of the bird, simply the length of its tail. It is evidently a young bird, and may change materially in plumage later. Your description reads very much like that of a Quaker Parrakeet, but as a rule this species does not talk much, but makes itself objectionable by yapping like a small dog, more or less continually. If you can give me further particulars, I will try and be more definite—it might prove to be a female Ring-necked Parrakeet, but I think not—for instance compare the size of its body with that of some well-known bird. Is the tail square or rounded at the end, or are the central feathers much longer than the outer ones? I will keep your query by me pending further details.

PARROT MIXTURE (E. A. B.).—Parrot mixtures ought to be varied somewhat for the different groups, but the following would answer well as a general mixture, though there should be a larger proportion of canary and millet for the smaller Parrakeets, and the quantities of the larger seeds increased for Cockatoos, Macaws, and Amazons. Few of the Australian Parrakeets for instance will eat dry maize. One quart each canary and white millet seeds; one pint each wheat, oats, dari, paddy rice and hemp; half-a-pint each sunflower seeds, shelled nuts, small maize, pumpkin and chillies, one gill parrot grit; well mix and store in dust-proof tins.

BLUE SUGAR-BIRD (Sugar Bird).—The Blue Sugar-Bird I do not consider to be as robust as Yellow winged: however, the principal difficulty is getting them over the prostration following importation; once this is achieved they (or it) should do well under the condition you name. The temperature of your sitting room should be sufficient, providing they are kept free from draught. They will do all right with the Canaries providing they agree, you will have to prove this by experiment, but I certainly advise you to keep the bird in a separate cage for at least a month—till it is quite established. If the Red-rest mixture is one mixed to a recipe given by me, yes; but with advantage more crumbled sponge cake might be added for the Sugarbird. Any soft food mixture of repute should meet the case. Diet: Soft food, milk sop and ripe fruit ad lib, with an occasional mealworm, spider, etc., if it cares for them. It will live without a mate.

A FEATHER PLUCKER (H. Ayres).—The symptoms you describe point to severe skin irritation, and you cannot be sure there are no parasites, as some are microscopic, and not discernible with the naked eye. Do not give tea, coffee, or milk sops, table scraps, nor any kind of animal food whatever. Get our Nutshell, "The Grey Parrot," 2d. post free, from our Manager, and diet the bird as given there, mixing your own seed mixture according to the recipe there given. Diet: Seed not fatty, ripe fruit, nuts, plain biscuit, greenfood, grit, cuttlebone, and water for drinking and bathing. Spray it twice weekly with quassia solution made as directed. Give one teaspoonful of bismuth Magnesite in the drinking water every fourth day, so long as the voidings are not watery loose; but at present the bowels must be kept moving quite freely. On other days put half-a-teaspoonful of Byno-phosphate in the drinking water. Give the bird all the air and light possible without draught. On warm days it can go out of doors with advantage for a time, but it must not be put in any exposed position, or be out of doors during the prevalence of chilly or gusty winds. Report progress a month hence. Do not attend to the dog in its presence.

SPARROWS, QUAIL, ETC. (C. H. S.).—(1) As you found the bird in the Mus. collection, it is a pity you did not get genera and species. I could have answered you at once. I have no note of the name by me, but I will ascertain. Senegal Sparrow would cover many species. Supply canary, white and spray millet, greenfood, grit and water; if necessary I will revise this next week. (2) The colour is variable, but yours is a somewhat abnormal specimen. (3)

FOREIGN BIRD QUERISTS

should consult Page's "Foreign Birds for Beginners" (1/1½); Arthur's "Budgerigars and Cockatiels" (6d.); Arthur's "Parrots for Pleasure and Profit" (7d.); "Aviaries, Bird-rooms, and Cages" (2/3); "Seeds, Foods, and Wild Plants" (1/2); Dr. Clarke's "Septic or Bird Fever" (7d.); Dr. Creswell's "Hygiene of Bird-keeping" (1/1); "Colour-feeding" (3½d.); or the "Nutshell" booklets (2½d. each): No. 6 "Ailing Birds and How to Cure them," No. 9 "The Disinfection of Cages, Bird-rooms, etc.," No. 14 "Gouldian Finches," No. 16 "Avadavats," No. 17 "The Grey Parrot," No. 18 "Budgerigars," No. 19 "The Pekin Robin," No. 20 "Waxbills." All thoroughly practical and instructive. Prices quoted are post free from "Cage Birds," 154,

The Japanese Bunting is not a night bird, but if there is a light and they were hungry, undoubtedly they would get a feed. It is a matter of birdy individuality, if they will agree with the Weavers, etc., you can keep them together. (4) In addition to those you name, plantain, all wild grasses, golden pleasure, dock, and any non-poisonous weeds: some of them, the foreign species, only pick over the flower heads and seed pods. Seeding and flowering mignonette, cornflower seed heads, marigold flowers and seed heads, may all be given, also their dried seeds.

BRITISH BIRDS, MULES, AND HYBRIDS.

Answered by G. E. WESTON.

TWO WEEDS (L. A. Knight).—No. 1 I think, is wall lettuce, or a closely related species. I have never used it with birds: No. 2 is ribwort plantain. The seeds of the plantains are in common use amongst bird-keepers, and especially good as a change of diet during the moulting season. Dock seed is relished by some of the British seed-eaters, notably Greenfinches and Bullfinches. There are heaps of "old, tried friends" depicted on the coloured plate, and no real need to experiment with others.

NOT TOO LOUD (Singer).—Judging by your statement of the case I should think Mr. Goodall's article on the Blackcap in our last issue would show you the way out of the difficulty. All the larger birds with any pretentions to be termed songsters are "loud-voiced." The Blackcap Warbler is a most pleasing pet in addition to being a highly capable vocalist. And no neighbours are ever likely to complain about him. Failing this bird, I should think a Woodlark very suitable; you will find its treatment dealt with in "Nutshell" booklet No. 26.

THE CASE OF A BULLFINCH (J. D. C.).—Your bird is evidently a long way down "Queer Street"; I hope, however, it is not too late for him to take the "right turning" and recover his health. I should not give the seed mixture you mention. Substitute the following plainer mixture: Canary and teazle 3 parts each, summer rape 1 part (by measure). In addition, give every other day, alternately, a dessertspoonful of cracked white sunflower seed and a teaspoonful of maw seed. Give only the seed-pods of shepherd's purse, stopping the chickweed for the time being and substituting ripe plantain ("rats' tails"), thistle, and hard-heads. For one week dissolve daily in the drinking water (two tablespoonfuls) a pinch of cystals of citrate of iron and quinine—about as much as will just lie on a sixpence; then for another week change to tincture of gentian, a small half-teaspoonful in the same quantity of water.

FEATHER TROUBLES (Nature).—Don't you think it probable that the two hens which you say are together are indulging in feather plucking? Unmated hens are prone to go in for this kind of "amusement." On the other hand, the moulting season is now upon us, and the loss of feathers may be but a natural happening. The majority amongst cage birds are getting deep into moult. In any case, it is not worth while troubling about any of the birds just at the moment, for their raggedness is sure to be made good by Dame Nature in the course of a few week's time—she will provide new garments. See that the birds have opportunity to bathe regularly and that their cages are free from insect pests. If they decline the bath, they should certainly be sprayed fairly frequently. Loss of plumage, or a poor condition of the plumage, is said to be frequently the result of long-continued error in the feeding of the bird. Your method of giving hemp and niger seeds regularly to Bullfinches is tantamount to "asking for trouble" in this direction. Hemp should be an item of very occasional use only; and niger seed even more so. Consult the "Nutshell" booklet on the Bullfinch and amend your menu.

ONE LARGE; ONE SMALL (L. E. H.).—I dealt with the feeding of Magpies, etc., quite recently. Puppy cakes, or dog meal or food (such as "Melox") thoroughly soaked with hot water and reduced to a kind of pulpy consistency, will rear Magpies, Jays, etc., splendidly; very cheaply too. Minced hard-boiled egg can be added or given separately. As the birds grow, give some meat chopped into tiny pieces (beef or mutton), or rabbit flesh, which I prefer to anything. When adult, the "Melox," or similar dog food, answers admirably, though, of course, not made so "sloppy"; add table scraps of meat, vegetables, gravy, and the like; also give dead mice, sparrows, beetles, small snails, gentles, etc., frequently. They are very accommodating

birds in the matter of their food. The cage needs to be very large to afford the bird any real exercise—quite a small aviary, in fact—and you should be as generous in the matter of space as possible. Length not less than 4ft. 6in. or 5ft., width 2ft. 6in., height 2ft. 9in. to 3ft.; in a smaller cage the tail is rarely kept perfect; further, such a cage needs to be very frequently cleaned out. Try peat moss litter for the cage floor (the small, granulated kind). During the moult be generous with the live food—trapped mice, for instance. A Siskin is one of the easiest of all birds to tame, though the Redpoll runs it closely. I have no doubt, however, that an advertisement in CAGE BIRDS would bring you a bird already tamed. You could get it on approval.

A TRIO (A. C. P.).—(1) It is quite true that Greypates (i.e., very young Goldfinches) are not the easiest of birds to get inured to cage life. The most certain method you could follow would be to wait a month or two and then purchase a housemoulted (white-legged) bird: they are often to be picked up in the autumn at a very moderate price. The method to which you refer is given in the "Nutshell" booklet. (2) There is very little in it: both are good, though may-be the Greenfinch is

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entitled to a shade of preference. (3) All things being equal, I should think a Goldfinch-Greenfinch of somewhat higher value than the other too, but merely because it seems to catch the judge's eye the most frequently in a mixed class. A real first-class, rich-coloured specimen of this cross is a fine, attractive bird, but the Siskin-Greenfinch is a lovely Hybrid and the Redpoll-Greenie very little behind it—in fact, neither should be beaten by the first-mentioned Hybrid if this be in anywise an inferior specimen of its kind.

A BIG BATCH (J. W. Anderson).—Your eight questions are rather a hot lot to answer all at once in the space at my disposal. (1) Your aviary will accommodate 50 small birds, or even more, but if you want to breed, over-crowding will be fatal to your chances, and I advise you to cut the number down. (2) I have often said that the most unsatisfactory method of trying to breed Hybrids is by means of a crowd of birds of different species confined in one aviary—yours is a fair-sized place, but not large enough for this plan to be likely to bring any great measure of success. The following hens would be the likeliest: Bullfinch, Greenfinch, Siskin, Chaffinch, and Yellowhammer. Cocks: Goldfinch (English and Siberian), Redpoll (Mealy and Lesser), Linnet, Twite, Bramblefinch, and Reed Bunting. Have not mentioned Canary hens, but these, of course, could be utilised. (3) Yes; fir branches are difficult to beat. (4) Half-inch mesh wire. Double-netting is necessary as a protection against cats. My own aviary has half-inch netting on the inner side of the uprights, five-eighths on the outer, the space between being from 1½ to 2 inches, thus preventing any bird which flies on the wire (or roosts there) from being struck. (5) Soft-bills can certainly be kept; but how about the breeding results? (6) Grass is the ideal flooring, but in your place it would soon be soiled up. Let one portion be earth (not hard, but left loose) and the other gritty sand. A few evergreen shrubs can be included; and you can sow grass seeds to form a "tangle" or "jungle" if you like. (7) Put the netting inside the glass. A glass roof, by-the-bye, is not good; results in place getting very hot if sun strikes on it. (8) CAGE BIRDS publishes a book dealing with aviaries, their construction, fitting, etc., and it is full of fine photographic and other illustrations. Just the book you want, I should fancy.

GENERAL.

Answered by THE EDITOR.

T. Simpson.—Thanks for the cutting sent, which we will certainly utilise if space permits.

Old Sport. We advise you to write direct to the official in question of the Centre and Dist. Society. Maybe, like many other of the lucky ones of the earth, he is enjoying a long holiday. We could do with a week or two in Wales ourselves!

A. J. W.—The plumage you describe is not that of any English bird we can call to mind, and we think the stranger must be either an escaped or a released foreign bird. It may quite likely be the bird known as the American Robin (really a Thrush), a number of which have been turned loose in England. If it is really a young bird (as you suggest), then its correct identification becomes a matter of considerable interest. Is there no natural history museum near you to which you could take the bird? Or send a rough sketch with details of colouring and markings to our foreign bird specialist, Mr. W. T. Page. You are sure about the size you give?

G. Heneyfield.—The general principles of the Wild Birds Acts are clearly set out in the "Bird Dealers' and Cat hers' Guide," price 7d., post free, from Messrs. Trower and Company, 442, Caledonian-road, London, N. You should get a copy, and also send three penny stamps to Messrs. Wyman and Company, Ltd., printers, Fetter-lane, London, E.C., for copies of the latest bye-laws governing Somerset and Gloucestershire. You would then have all the available information at your finger tips. Messrs. Wyman are Government printers, and copies of the W.B.P. Acts for any district will be supplied by them at one penny each, plus postage. In Gloucestershire the close season is between March 1st and August 1st, but certain birds (the Goldfinch, Redpoll, and Siskin, for instance) are protected all the year round, and in some districts all birds are protected on Sundays all the year round. In Somerset it is March 1st to August 31st, and a number of birds are protected all the year round, but there is no restriction concerning catching on Sundays.

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The Shows.

NEWBURGH (Fife).

Annual flower and cage bird show, held in East Shore Park, July 20th. Despite the poor breeding season experienced, there was a very nice show. Norwich were a fine lot, also Borders. Special for best young bird was won by J. Stewart with a fine Norwich; runner up, R. Campbell, with a nice yellow Border hen. There was a record attendance and this is very encouraging for the committee to open out a few of the classes at their next show. The show was a success both financially and as regards quality. The large number of fanciers present were surprised at the good condition of the old birds. Mr. D. Carstairs (Perth) judged, and his awards were well received.

CREST: 1, Campbell, wing mkd. D.C., grand substance of body, with a nice dense crest; 2, Blyth, nice bird, not quite the size of leader. CREST-BRED: 1, Blyth, buff var. heu, nice head and feather; 2, Pearson, cl. yell. cock, not at his best, will be heard of again: 3, 4, 5, Jackson, all good ones, a pretty even class. NORWICH: 1, Simpson, wing mkd. buff, topper, will be heard of again: 2, 3, spl, J. Stewart, good col. buff leading, latter fine young bird; 4, J. Pearson; 5, 6, Stewart. BORDERS: 1, Simpson, nice stylish yell. ck., tight as wax: 2, Brough, buff, even wing mkd. hen, pretty exhibit: 3, 4, 5, 6, spl, Campbell, nice team of youngsters, 2nd best in young birds amongst this lot. MULE: 1, Williamson, very large and good buff Linnet; 2, Wilkie, nice variegated Goldie. LINNET: 1, Wilkie, good steady bird, well pencilled; 2, Simpson, also good one, not quite so steady; 3, Douglas; 4, Panton; 5, 6, Brough. GOLDFINCH: 1, Simpson, Siberian, in grand order, wins easily; 2, W. Stewart, very nice stylish Britisher; 3, Johnston; 4, Wilkinson. BULLFINCH: 1, Johnston, very good cap, excellent breast col.; 2, Stewart, not far behind, not quite so steady. A.O.V. BRIT.: 1, Wilkie, very good Siskin, grand cap and bib; 2, Simpson. BOYS' CLASS: 1, W. Pearson; 2, P. Brough; 3, J. Snaddon. GIRLS' CLASS: 1, Nannie Kidd.

NANTLLE VALE.

Second annual fixture, held July 27, at Talysarn, in connection with other live stock, in a large room, well arranged, with plenty of light. Quality was good throughout. The weather was very favourable till late in the day, when the rain came down in torrents, and the exhibitors from a distance got drenched on their return. The exhibits might have been allowed from the ground earlier, or better travelling arrangements have been made; this we hope will be considered another year. Everything else ran very smoothly, and the room was well filled with spectators, as is always the case in the quarry districts. We were pleased to see a few more exhibitors to the fore, who shared in the coveted cards. Mr. Herbert Jones (Penygroes) took best bird in show spl. with a variegated Buff Yorks., in excellent condition. Entries numbered 82 in the 15 classes, with Yorks. still leading: Borders were a treat here, in their home centre of the district; also Norwich, notably Mr. E. D. Owen's youngster, a stormer, hard to find fault with. Chairman, Mr. Richard Jones; vice-chairman, Mr. E. P. Jones; treas., Mr. J. Williams, secretaries, Messrs. W. Jones, and M. Llewelyn Jones, who were very efficient officials, and had everything carried out in proper order. Mr. A. Wellings (Prescot) made the awards, and gave general satisfaction.

The Critique.

NOR., YELL. (3): 1, sp., 2, 3, L. D. Owen, 1st, grand size, clear yell., nice head and neck, wins on condition and size, 2nd, mkd. yell., very good colour, but not so tight in feather, 3rd, variег., rich colour. BUFF (3): 1, E. J. Jones, variег., grand size and quality, rich colour, good head and neck; 2, 3, E. D. Owen, both good clears, 2nd, beating the other in size and condition. YORKS., YELL., CL., OR TKD. (8): 1, sp., Nolan, Cinn., head tkd., lengthy, and stylish, nice quality, in fine condition; 2, H. Jones, cl., good position, lengthy, very stylish; 3, R. E. Griffiths, noted, thigh tkd. hen, very leggy and typical; he, Sergt. Evans. BUFF (4): 1, Sergt. Evans, cl., good length and position, very stylish, in faultless condition; 2, 3, Nolan, 2nd clear, fine length and position, nicely moulded; 3rd, eye tkd., good position and style, a very promising youngster; he, H. Jones. A.O.V. (5): 1, sp., 2, sp. best in show, H. Jones, 1st variег. buff, fine feather, rich colour, stands well on legs, slim, length and in faultless condition, 2nd, variег. yell., smaller, but very stylish, breaking into moult; 3, E. J. Jones, very stylish, stands well. BORD. YELL. (6): 1, R. H. Jones, 3 pointed, nice type and carriage, feather like silk, faultless condition; 2, R. H. Owen, self green, good type, jaunty carriage, nice feather; 3, he, H. Jones, 3rd, cap mkd., fine feather, shade bigger. BUFF (5): 1, R. H. Jones, typical cl., full of quality, in rare fettle, lovely feather; 2, sp., he, H. Jones, 2nd wing tkd., nicely shaped, grand carriage, rich colour, good bird; 3, J. and E. Williams, excellent type and quality, in nice form. CAN., NAT. COL. (5): 1, sp. D. M. Hughes, foul green Crest, fair headpiece, grand body, good size and substance; 2, R. E. Griffith, yell Yorks., already noted; 3, Sergt. Evans, slim yell. Yorks., nice length, plenty of leg, not yet filled out in neck; he, E. J. Jones. A.V., HATCHED 1912 (7): Good class of promising youngsters. 1, sp., 3, E. D. Owen, 1st, four-pointed Buff, rare size and substance, good head and neck, full of quality, the best we have seen for some time, 3rd, variег. yell., good type and quality, shade light; 2, Nolan, young buff Yorks., noted in open; he, P. C. Roberts. MULE (6): 1, Edgar Price, four-pointed buff Goldie, good size and quality, rich colour, grand blaze in faultless condition, well known; 2, sp., 3, he, R. E. Grillith, grand trio, Siskin Mule leading, rare type and quality, in great form. 3rd, light Goldie, good type, rich colour, well known; he, dark Goldie. BRIT GOLDFINCH (5): 1, sp., R. Jones, good size, nice type, fine bars and markings, very fair blaze: 2, E. R. Roberts, typical, good colour, better polish, but smaller; 3, Ed. Jones, large, expansive blaze, clear-cut, rare colour and condition, very fit, we made an easy winner, often noted. GREYPATE (5): 1, sp., Hughes Bros., typical Finch, grand blaze and colour, nicely burnished, should moult a good one; 2, E. Hughes, good sound colour, tans and markings, beaten blaze; 3, R. Jones, another nice Finch, good tanning, but smaller; he, W. J. Williams. BRIT., A.O.V. (3): 1, sp., W. Nolan, Jonque Greenie, grand type, good head, well filled neck, nice colour; 2, T. Roberts, another good yell greenie, lovely colour, size smaller; 3, Aitkin, good Redpoll, very neat and fit. SELL., 10s. 6d. (8): 1, sp., E. J. Jones; 2, R. Thomas; 3, Sergt. Evans; he, E. Price. LOCAL: 1, 2, H. Jones, pair of Yorks., winners in open; 3, R. Thomas; he, R. H. Owen.

POST MORTEMS.

Mr. G. Yates, M.R.C.V.S., 1, College Road, Harrow, Middlesex, will examine and report upon dead cage birds for a fee of 1s. 6d. each bird; for reply direct, 2s. 6d.; analysis, 21s. Subjects for post mortem examination must be sent packed in a box direct to Mr. Yates, with the fee, this and any accompanying letter being kept from contact with the dead bird. Send by letter-post; it is cheaper and quicker than parcel post. Any bodies sent to the office of this paper will be thrown away, and if a fee is enclosed the loss will be the sender's.

CLUB & SOCIETY NOTICES

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Amble C.B.S. Aug 10, Gardener's Arms, Amble, 6. Business important.—J. T. Crackett.

Anfield, Everton C.B.S.—Aug. 12, St. Cuthbert's Schoolrooms, Robson Street, 8. Business important; alteration of classification for next show; lecture by J. W. Cutmore, "Natural History of the Canary, its Structure and Evolution" (illustrated by diagrams, etc.).—R. B. Wright.

Annfield Plain F. and F.C.B.S.—Aug. 3, Railway Hotel, 7. Business most important.—J. W. Christon.

Ardwick and Manchester C.B.A.—Aug. 6, Onward Hall, 8. Lecture by the President Amalgamated, and annual show business; ticket money for First Feather show to be brought in.—J. Speucer.

Ashton-u-Lyne O.S.—Aug. 4, Guidebridge Station, train 2.20 p.m. Ramble to Woodhead and Dunford Bridge, also Aug. 6, at P.S.A. Rooms, monthly meeting, 8; final table show business, etc.—J. R. Colville.

Attercliffe C.B.S.—Aug. 8, Horse and Jockey Hotel, 8. Cage-making exhibition by Mr. Welbon, paying prize money for Nest Feather Show; ticket money to be brought in.—W. Hailstone.

Bankfoot and Dis. C.B.S.—Aug. 3, Red Lion Hotel, 3. Members' Show; judge, Mr. J. Wilcock; entries up to 3 p.m.—F. Gelder.

Barnet F. and F.S.—Aug. 7, 35, Wood Street, Barnet, 8. Urgent business re Young Stock Show, and Annual Show.—F. Chandler.

Barnsley C.B.S.—Aug. 3, Clarence Hotel, 7.30. Members are requested to attend.—F. C. Sims.

Bolton C.B.S.—Aug. 6, Joiner's Arms, 8.30. Old Bird Show date.—James Gerrard.

Bolton Woods C.B.S.—Aug. 10, Victoria Hotel, 8. Ordinary business.—M. Skirrow.

Bootle C.B.S.—Aug. 6, Wood's Cafe, Stanley Road, 8.—L. S. Hamilton.

Border City (Carlisle) O.S.—Aug. 6, at Headquarters, 8.15. General meeting, schedule and specials.—John C. Bell.

Bradford East O.S.—Aug. 6, Park Chapel Schools, 8. Balance sheet for July First Feather Show, and other business.—H. Hill.

Bristol C.B.S.—Aug. 7, City Hotel, 8. Important show business; nomination of birds for British cup; engaging of hall for Open Show.—T. J. Keegan.

Burton-on-Trent C.B.S. Aug. 6, Staffordshire Knot, 8. Prize money and important Open Show business.—A. Wood.

Chopwell C.B.S.—Aug. 3, Club Hall, 6. Special prizes and other important business.—W. Tomlinson.

City and County of Perth O.S.—Aug. 5, Laidlaw's Rooms, Leonard Street, 8. Important Open Show business.—James Kerr.

Clitheroe and Dist. C.B.S.—Aug. 5, Bennett's Tea Rooms, 8.—J. Southworth.

Cumnock C.B.S.—Aug. 10, Co-operative Hall, 7. General business.—Alex. Wyper.

Derwent Valley.—Aug. 3, Headquarters, 7.—Lindsay and Marsh.

Dewsbury C.B.S.—Aug. 3, Little Saddle, 7.30. Resignation of secretary.—S. Shaw.

Doncaster C.B.S.—Aug. 8, Black Bull, 7.30. Classification for Open Show, and other important business; members please note alteration of meeting night.—G. Bescoby.

East Bowling B.F.A.—Aug. 3, St. John's Parish Room, 2.45. Meeting and Show; judge, Mr. P. Mason.—L. Booth.

Eccles C.B.S.—Aug. 7, Diamond Inn, 8. Electing new secretary; business important.—J. Hall.

Eccleshill C.B.A.—Aug. 3, at the Fountain Inn, 8. Schedule for Members' Old Bird Show.—W. Nettleton.

Glossop, Hadfield C.B.S.—Aug. 6, Mr. J. H. Senior's, High Street, W. Glossop, 8. General business, balance-sheet of F.F. Show.—E. Thompson.

Gt. Horton (Good Intent) O.S.—Aug. 3, Congregational Schools, High Street, 8. Please note alteration of meeting night, special business, Open Show.—H. Gornall.

Halifax O.S.—Aug. 3, Plummet Line Hotel, 8. Classification for annual Old Show.—Harry Clegg.

Lancaster C.C.S.—Aug. 10, Market Hall Coffee Tavern, 6. Last Table Show, this is last month for subs.—J. Bostock.

Leicester Hand-in-Hand C.B.S. Meeting postponed till Aug. 20.—A. Freestone.

Long Eaton C.B.S.—Meeting for Aug. 3 postponed until Aug. 31; 7 for committee; 7.30 for members.—G. T. Wall.

Manningham C.B.A. Aug. 10, Headquarters, 8. Meeting postponed owing to Manningham Feast.—H. Grange.

Middlesbrough C.B.S.—Aug. 3, Crown Hotel, 7.30. Business very important, Open Show.—Arthur Wake.

Nelson C.A.C.B.S.—Aug. 6, Mr. Fulton's, 63, Railway Street, 7.30. Young Bird Show report.—J. Speak.

Newcastle-upon-Tyne C.B.S.—Aug. 8, 65, Grainger Street, 8. Committee meeting, open show, etc.—J. W. Reed.

Newport (Mon.) C.B.S.—Aug. 8, Royal Oak Hotel, 8. Open show, etc.—J. Hammett.

Northern Border and S.F.C.C.—Postponed till Aug. 12.—M. C. Potts.

Ormskirk C.B.S.—Aug. 6, Church House, 8. Cup conditions and judges.—T. H. Tiffen.

Rednill C.B.S.—Aug. 6, Lindsey's Hotel, 8. Pay prize money, Y.B. Show, and to arrange the annual show with Mouse Club members.—A. W. Bacon.

Rochdale Good Intent C.B.S.—Aug. 7, Temperance Club, Toad Lane, 8. Postponed general half-yearly meeting, back-end show business, report of Amal. Show at Bury.—Thos. Holt.

Runcorn B.B.A.—Aug. 2, Headquarters, Percival Lane, 8. General business and fixing date and judge for members Old Show.—John Fearnett.

Ryecroft and Rawmarsh.—Aug. 3, Queen's Hotel, 8. Special meeting, fixing date for next show.—W. Wilshaw.

Sheriffhill F. and F.S.—Aug. 3, St. John's Mission Rooms, 6.30. General monthly meeting, important business; subs for 1912 now due.—W. Stockton.

Shipley O.S.—Aug. 6, Prince of Wales, 8.—A. Tillotson.

Skelmanthorpe C.B.A. Aug. 6, Liberal Club, 8. Shows report and other important business.—James Bird.

Smallbridge.—Aug. 5, I.O.G.T., 7.30. Report of Amalgamated show, back-end show, etc.—W. Lanyon.

South London Col. and F.A.—Aug. 8, Headquarters, 8. General meetiug.—George Crawford.

South Shields.—Aug. 3, Cyprus Hotel, 7.30. Important.—W. L. Smith.

Stoke-on-Trent C.B.A.—Owing to meeting night falling on Bank Holiday, there will not be a meeting in August.—J. Pitchford.

Ushaw Moor Workmen's Club C.B.S.—Aug. 4, 11 a.m.—H. Briggs.

Wakefield C.B.S.—Aug. 10, Crown and Anchor Hotel, 8. Members' shows and discussion re cup for competition.—J. Isherwood.

Walkley C.B.S.—Aug. 8, Mission Rooms, 8. Table show, members and novices; birds staged 7.45.—A. Lawton.

Wandsworth F.A.—Aug. 8, The "Red Lion," 8. Business relating to Open Show.—W. Lightfoot.

West of Scotland O.S.—Aug. 3, Nelson Temperance Hotel, 7.30. Usual monthly meeting and table show of Mules and Hybrids, First Feather.—Wm. Hutchison.

Wibsey C.B.S.—Aug. 3, Horse and Groom Inn, 8. Business important.—H. C. Crossley.

Windhill C.B.S.—Aug. 3, Blue Bell Hotel, 8. Balance-sheet July show, etc.—J. Taylor.

Yorkshire C.C. of Scotland.—Aug. 3, Good Templars' Halls, 122, Ingram Street, Glasgow, 5.30. Alloeatiug patronage for coming season, and other competent business.—E. B. Gibb.

KINGSWOOD (Bristol).

Held July 24th, and proved a success, the quality of the exhibits being excellent. They were nicely staged and had the best of attention from a committee of genuine fanciers. Yorks., Mules, and Hybrids were a good lot, several well-known winners being put down. Mr. O. E. Hodge makes a most capable and energetic secretary, and had everything in smooth running order. Mr. J. H. Payne made the awards, and seemed to give every satisfaction.

The Critique

NOR., BRED 1912 (4): 2, 3, vhc, Britton, winner good shaped yell., nice head, neck, and back, full of colour, 3rd buff, nice feather, well packed flights and tail, nice back and head. YORKS. (12): 1, c, Yorke, capital position, nice length of side, good colour, neat tail: 2, Brett, grand feathered buff, lovely wings and tail, nice back and neat waist; 3, Morgan, buff, grand feather, rare tail and wings, capital quality, close up; vhc, Jelley; he, Britton; c, Yorke. BRED 1912 (15): 1, Britton, yell., mkd. head, good length, slim built, excellent feather, well on leg, long flights and tail; 2, Flook, head mkd. yell., slim and shapely, stands well, nice tight feather, neat wings and tail; 3, vhc, Yorke, grand feather, nice wings and tail, good back, not quite so slim in build, buff; he, no name; c, Greenshade. NOVICE (3): 3, Yorke, nice feathered buff Yorks, good style and position; ex. 3, Walter, nice young buff Yorks., good feather; vhc, Hiscox. CAN. MULE (7): 1, Collins, grand feathered, four-pointed buff Goldie, nice shape and colour, in lovely order; 3, Davies, Canary-Bullie, capital colour, nice body feather, beaten on head; vhc, Reed; he, Stone; c, Dix. HYBRID (3): 3, Rowe and Richards, Gold-finch-Bullfinch, lovely colour and feather, nice shape, good wing bars, good full head, in rare order; ex. 3, Collins, nice shaped, good coloured Linnet-Bullie, loses a little in polish to the winner; vhc, Davies. GOLD. OR BULLFINCH (6): 2, vhc, Tilley, Goldfinch, nice square cut blaze, good back, bars and buttons; 3, Rowe and Richards, Bullfinch, very fair breast colour, excellent shape and bars; he, c, Tilley. LINNET, ETC. (4): 2, Sealey, Linnet, well laced breast and flanks, good shape and feather; 3, Collins, Greenfinch, good size, feather, and colour; vhc, Coggins; he, Tilley. SISKIN, ETC. (4): 2, Rowe and Richards, yell. Siskin, fine size and shape, good in colour, cap, and flank markiugs; 3, Morris, well marked Redpoll, nice colour and feather, good shape; vhc, Tilley; he, Coggins. HARDBILL (5): 2, Rowe and Richards, Yell. Bunting, rare size, shape, feather, and colour, in grand form; 3, he, Tilley, nice feathered Cirl Bunting; vhc, Coggins; c, Dix. SOFT BILL (3): 3, Collins, grand feathered Yell. Wagtail, smooth as a glass bottle, good size and shape; ex. 3, Coggins, nicely marked and good feathered Tree Pipit; vhc, Tilley.

REVIEW OF SCHEDULES.

Troon and Loans.—Aug. 31, Unionist Hall.—Judge Mr. J. Smillie. 22 Open clases: Scot. Fancy 2, No. 2, Bord. 4, Brit. 7, Mules 2, For. Goldie 1, For. Sell 1, Gift 1. Prizes, 11/-, 6/-, 3/-. Fee, 2/-. Entries Aug. 27, to A. Shaw, 1, Fullarton Terrace, Troon.

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Correspondence.

The Type of the Present-day Norwich Plainhead.

Sir,—I would like to know whether the S.N.P.C. Scale of Points for judging are the correct points of the Norwich? It runs something like this: Head 15, neck 10, back 10, chest 15, wings 10, tail 5, legs and feet 5, quality 15, colour 15, total 100. If this is right or wrong, it represents the kind of bird for me. I don't want the Crest-bred tribe with their brow and long feather. I say the one with the bold, round head should be the bird. I heard one man say that colour was 50 per cent. of the points. But I say no; we can get colour in any common bird, whether it is true to type or not. If the birds were judged by the points we should not see so many different styles of birds with the first prize card. I hear men say this is the class of bird for Mr. P., and this one here for Mr. R., and this one here for Mr. H. If we have one standard rule, why not stick to it? Then we should know what to breed for and what to exhibit.

CORNISHMAN.

A Home-made Nest.

Reader Sends an Excellent Article for Use With British and Hybrid Pairs.

Sir,—I am sending you a sample of a nest for Britishers which I think some of your readers would find useful. To make it, take some grass stalks and twist them into nest shape, then thread a bodkin with some long lengths of bass (a lot of this can be bought for a penny), and weave it in and out of the grass to hold it together. To keep the nest firm, make a good edge with a roll of the bass, bound over with the threaded bass. When finished, fix the nest into a twiggy branch, and give the birds some moss and hair to line it with. I find my British birds like these nests, and I have a Greenfinch sitting on a clutch of eggs in one of them fixed in a corner of a cage. A pair of Yellow Buntings are busy lining another, but as there are six more birds in the cage I am doubtful of any good results.

J. A. E. SMYTH.

Nesting Diarrhœa in Young British Birds.

Sir,—I don't think I have ever before heard of so many young British birds, Jackdaws, Jays and Magpies, etc., suffering from this complaint. Nest after nest of our large British birds which boys and young men in my district have tried to raise, have had this complaint. No doubt your more experienced readers will say at once it was the food which caused it. This is no doubt the fact, but other years they have brought up both Jackdaws, Magpies and Jays on the raw lights with great success, but this year those nestlings which have been tried with this food have many of them succumbed to this disease, whereas those which have been fed more on barley meal have lived. Very few boys can I get to use the dog biscuit as a staple food for these large British birds, with raw lights occasionally. One of the reasons is because getting the dog biscuits would take most of their pocket money. When diarrhœa sets in, cramp and leg weakness usually follows, especially where the birds have been kept in boxes, pails, or baskets on hay or straw, and not cleaned out every day. Some, which were taken in time and then fed on barley meal, soon recovered, and are now nice birds. It is amusing to see the boys, some with two and some with three, Jackdaws on their shoulders or arms marching about the streets, or taking their birds out on the village green or in the fields to let them peck about in the grass.

NIMROD.

Further Interesting Experiences of a Lady Enthusiast.

Sir,—I am troubling you with another letter, not about Cuckoos this time. Still, I am sure you will be pleased to know that my old Cuckoo has been quite well all the summer, and called his note incessantly from the middle of March till about the middle of June. I don't think, too, he was quite so restless at migration time. I have had five Cuckoos given me this season; two of them lads had tried to rear themselves, and they were brought to me on the point of death as a forlorn hope—needless to say, they were dead in the morning. The other three are progressing well. The old one is still awfully jealous of them. I am feeding on nothing but bread and milk, not scalded, raw beef, and hard-boiled eggs. I don't think the excretions are so offensive on this diet. I put brown paper under their favourite perch, and change it three or four times a day, it, of course, being burnt. A cock Greenfinch and hen Bullfinch have mated three times this season, and out of seven, six and five eggs she has laid, five have been full. I put them under the only Canaries I had at nest, and a hen Greenfinch. Unfortunately, the ones under the Greenfinch proved clear, she, the Greenfinch, being an excellent mother, who has reared six young of her own. Some of the full eggs were left under the Bullfinch herself, and the chicks proved dead in the shell. One was put under a Canary whose own eggs were clear; she was a young one, who had not reared any chicks, and I suppose she what you call "sweated" it. Another was put under a Canary that has had brown Linnet Mules. She had built in a most uncomfortable place in the room, and I suppose it caused her cramp; anyhow, I had to put her in a cage and treat her, so that I lost that egg and her own five profitable ones. She is now the only hen that is going to nest, and has started to build, whilst the Bullie has three more eggs. The last eggs I left to the Bullie, she hatched out one of two which were fertile, a strong bird, but it only lived four days. Last year the cock Greenfinch was the father of two Greenfinch Mules, but the Yorkshire hen he was with broke her leg. This year my Chaffinch put her to nest three times, and I thought the eggs must be full, but she is such a restless little lady that nothing came of it—she has now got one baby, a half-bred Roller, and the father of it is responsible for twenty-seven strong youngsters by different hens. Lots of them are filling the place with music, so next year I shall have a large stock at my command, and I shall get one or two more hen Bullfinches in the autumn. I have reared another cock Chaffinch, and have bred some pure Greenfinches. The brown Linnet Mules helped to feed the young! I have another Canary at nest on the kitchen mantelshelf who has reared a nest of young Canaries, and a cock bird hatched early this season must have been the father, for my old bird had never been near her. In the feeding she has been assisted by a last year's Linnet Mule, who after she went to nest the second time, fed the four young, and her too.

MRS. E. M. SARGEANT.

A Spell of Egg-laying.

The Present Score is Twelve!

Sir,—About four weeks ago a friend of mine went away for a holiday, and asked me to take charge of her bird. Now, I know very little about cage birds, but from observation would assume this particular one to be a cross between a Linnet and a Canary—a small, sleek bird with mottled-brown back, whitish wings, and yellow throat, etc. On the 4th inst. it was noticed to be endeavouring to prepare a nest, and on the following day an egg was found on the bottom of the cage. This egg-laying business has now been proceeding at intervals until the total number amounts to twelve, the last one being found this morning (26th). As to whether the little creature has finished I cannot say, and I am afraid I shall not be able to know, as I am myself leaving to-morrow on holiday, and the bird must be returned. I am sending these few particulars as I am given to understand that the number of eggs in question is quite unusual and thus may be of interest to some of your readers. I might add that the little bird has shown no inclination to sit, and I am doubtful whether she could have comfortably covered the lot! I am fairly conversant with the habits of wild birds, but I have never known a bird of the Linnet family to be so prolific.

L. H. L. SAUNDERS.

[We suspect that this bird is a green-marked hen Canary; birds so marked are often thought to be "Mules," or "Mule-Canaries." As the eggs were laid fairly continuously (without any considerable interval), the number is abnormal; but unmated hens not infrequently indulge in spells of egg-laying of this character. —Ed.]

Is it the Oldest Parrot Alive?

Paddy Bennett, Aged 115.

Sir.—I beg to enclose you a cutting which I thought might interest your numerous readers. I might say I get your valuable paper, CAGE BIRDS, sent out to me every week by a friend, and find some very useful information in it respecting my hobby of Canary breeding, and I wish CAGE BIRDS every success.

P. K. ELKES.

Ipswich, Queensland.

The Sydney "Daily Telegraph" refers thus to a Parrot which has the reputation of being the oldest bird in Australia. The bird was trembling in every feather. Poor thing, the visitors think; he must feel the cold this wintry weather. But it is old age that makes him shaky; he is just the same in the middle of summer. Paddy Bennett lives in the hotel at Tom Ugly's Point, and if his age is not 115 years, as his owner believes, it must be going on that way. He looks his age, whatever it is, and Mrs. Bennett, the licensee of the hotel, reckons it thus. She first became acquainted with him 35 years ago, when he belonged to one Captain George Ellis. Captain Ellis died soon after at the age of 89, and he first met Paddy when an apprentice on a sailing ship in the South Seas. Paddy was then said to be nine years of age, and was a fine bird with beautiful white feathers and yellow crest. Let it be remarked parenthetically, though, that the oldest Sulphur-crested Cockatoo of which an authenticated record has been kept (Paddy Bennett excepted) died at the age of 75 (quite a chicken to Paddy). Visitors call in to see Paddy from far and wide. The old chap is very chatty when so inclined. He hops about, flaps his glossy pinions, and shouts: "One more feather and I'd fly." And he looks down from his perch and queries, "Will I chance it, boys?" He chanced it on Friday, but found that he had forgotten how to fly, and turned a couple of somersaults before colliding with the earth. Just as well for Paddy the perch was not at the top of a tree. The bird, alas! must have fallen into evil company at some time in his career, for he has been known to use unparliamentary language. Only the other day when he sailed to his owner "Good morning," and got no reply, he observed in raucous tone, "Why the devil don't you say good morning?" No wonder Mrs. Bennett loves him. She says she has been offered £1,000 for him and refused.

Does Rain Kill Young Birds?

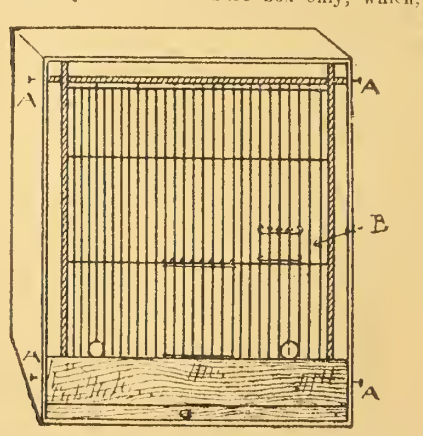
A Wet Season Held to Favour Many Birds.

Sir,—I was interested in your correspondent, Mr. J. Steel's, letter, and thank him for it. It is evident, however, that he has not done me the honour of reading carefully my two letters on this subject. I headed my latter with the query: "Does Rain Kill Young ...?" and I gave the exact age of the young birds mentioned, showing that I referred to fledged young in aviaries. The only comment that I made was that "this confirms the views I expressed recently." If your correspondent will turn up my former letter he will find that I headed it "Is rain a friend to aviculturists?" and that I was endeavouring to controvert "one of the many curious ideas which prevail in this country with regard to breeding foreign birds—namely, that they and their young could not stand rain, though many tropical species reared their young in the midst of such rain as was never seen in this country." I also expressly said that "rain accompanied by cold winds will, of course, kill nestlings" (i.e., unfledged). He will thus see that I was talking about fledged young (British and foreign) and adult (foreign) birds in aviaries; whereas he is discussing unfledged young in a state of nature. Nevertheless, the two subjects are no doubt closely related, and I was interested to note that his evidence tends to support my own views, because he tells us that many species, including some delicate Warblers, reared their broods successfully in a very cold, wet season in his district, and that the cause of the failures was found to be that some nests were in such badly chosen positions that a stream of water fell on to them from overhanging foliage. I do not think that anyone has advanced the theory that nestlings will stand being held under a water tap—certainly not the writer. It is not by any means easy to estimate the effect of a wet breeding season upon our indigenous birds, because it is so difficult to obtain any definite statistics. There can be no doubt that a wet June will cause the death of immense numbers of young Partridges and Pheasants, but, speaking of the Passerine birds generally, I think that more young are reared to maturity in a wet than in an exceptionally dry season. It was pitiful to see the young Blackbirds, Robins and Thrushes last summer (1911) slowly starving after leaving the nest for want of insect food. Quite a dozen were picked up in my garden in a collapsed condition, and in several cases we tried to save their lives by caging them and feeding them well, but all in vain: the vital spark was almost extinguished—it flickered for a while, and then went out. This season, however, despite, or by reason of, the rainfall, the familiar birds of my garden—Blackbirds, Thrushes, Missel Thrushes, Robins, Flycatchers, Wagtails, Wrens, Greenfinches, and Accentors—have produced a crop of young quite up to the average, and Bullfinches, Chaffinches and Goldfinches have done better than usual. In the aviary, too, I always get better results in a warm, wet summer. The effect of rain upon young Passerine birds seems to depend chiefly upon the age of the latter. Fully fledged young in my experience will stand any amount of rain. Unfledged nestlings usually do quite well in wet weather, if well brooded, and if (as Mr. Steel's letter suggests) the position of the nest has been well chosen, though they cannot endure exposure to rain without brooding. Half-fledged nestlings will often stand considerable exposure to rain, if the weather is warm. For instance, a Diamond Dove, about five days old, in my aviary last June was deserted by its parents at about 10 a.m., and was exposed to continuous rain (though not heavy) until 6 p.m., when I removed it from the nest. It was then stiff with cold, and almost dead, but, upon being placed in the egg-drawer of an incubator, it at once revived, and was transferred successfully to another nest.

W. E. TESCHEMAKER.

A Removable Cage Front.

Sir,—This sketch shows the best removable cage front that I can think of, and make. It is quite simple, and looks well either in polished oak or common wood, planed and stained and varnished. The front can be removed by just taking out the four nails at each corner (A), and then you have the bare box only, which,



A: The nails, or screws, through sides of cage into framework of the front. B: Sliding door for use with egg-food and tit-bits, or when young are in nursery cage.

when varnished or enamelled out, you can wipe out with a damp cloth, and will look as fresh as ever. It affords very little harbourage for redmite at sides and top.

H. PERCIVAL.

The Village Boys and their Blackbirds and Thrushes.

The Longing for a Living Pet.

Sir,—This season there have been more nests of Blackbirds and Thrushes about here than I ever remember, and the boys seem to have had a craze for hand-rearing the young. The old methods are still handed down from father to son as regards food. Some make the attempt on barley meal alone, but the majority go in for crushed hempseed and breadcrumbs, slightly moistened. The hempseed is crushed by a bottle being rolled on it, so husks and all are used up. Others, more ingenious, put the seed in a bag and pass them a few times through the family mangle when their parents are absent. Some of the boys have managed to raise a bird or two, but part have died. I don't quite think it would be solely the food's fault, as some could bring them up on it, but the long wait from say 7 or 8 in the evening to about 8 next morning. It is in the early morning, from 4 a.m., that all young birds badly want feeding. Several boys have come to me and asked if I could tell them of a better food, and how they could raise the birds. The surest way is to give hard-boiled egg and breadcrumbs mixed into a nice, smooth paste; with, in addition, a few maggots, cockroaches, mealworms, small garden worms, etc. They can be brought up without the live food, by the egg paste alone, but I like some insect food as well. Flies could be caught in fly-traps and mixed with the paste, and so could live ants' eggs. Some of the village boys make their own cages with a box from the grocer's, and a piece of wire netting, but others show some ingenuity by making a real good cage with a slanting roof. This is no doubt the outcome of the carpentry classes at the schools; it is a good thing for the boys to learn the rudiments of carpentry. These attempts of theirs with the commonest and hardiest of our British birds, cause many a one to take up the Fancy, and become keen fanciers. I generally tell the boys to at once stop the crushed hempseed, as I am quite sure this is one of the causes of their losses, for the hempseed we get in country places from the grocer is of the commonest kind, and often musty. I advise them to give hard-boiled egg and crushed dog-biscuit made into a paste with warm water or milk. When this advice has been followed (it has been in most cases) the birds have recovered, and have been successfully raised. I have often found that when lads have such failures in their hand-rearing, they lose heart, and "throw up the sponge," others who have been successful still continue to raise different birds, and now some have very nice small outdoor aviaries made by themselves, containing a Blackbird or Thrush, or Jay or Magpie, or even a Jackdaw. Then I have shown them a coloured plate or two from CAGE BIRDS, which soon causes them to want a paper of their own, besides causing them to frame their coloured plates.

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Young Birds Dying in the Shell.

Has it Been a Bad Season?

Sir,—From news I have been able to gather, this season seems likely to turn out a bad one for breeding. From nearly all fanciers comes the same tale—bad losses from young dying in shell when ready to hatch out, being quite unable to break through the skin of the shell. This year the skin inside the egg-shells seem extra thick; some say it is the excessive dry season which has caused all the trouble. It is quite possible there is something in it, for I know of plenty of small poultry keepers who have only got two or three chicks out of sittings of hens' eggs; rest died in shell. No doubt what applied to poultry would apply to cage birds. These poultry keepers, after their first losses, have sprinkled their eggs with warm water, and they have had better results then, so it seems only natural the same would have resulted had the Canary eggs been treated in a like manner. Some fanciers suggested lack of stamina in the hens, but that argument cannot apply to the fowls which had been running loose about yards, etc. If some other fancier can give a better cause, it would, no doubt, interest your numerous readers. With the weather more showery, perhaps better results have followed the later nests. I always take an interest in all breeding reports published in CAGE BIRDS from different parts of the country, as it is very interesting to see what others have done.

OLD BREEDER.

How Can We Legally Combat the Cat?

Sir,—I see "Bird-keeper" is a little worried over the cats at night. Well. I may say that I have kept my Canaries and other birds in my outdoor aviary for years, and never had one taken by cats. Why? because my outdoor aviary is boarded up half way, and a few fence nails placed on top of the boards. Then I have ½-inch wire netting right up to the top of the aviary. A few weeks back I made an extra frame of ½-inch wire netting and put same in front of the other wire, leaving an inch or two's space between the two. The cats round about have a try, but when they find they cannot get at the birds, and they get hurt on the fence nails, they go away beaten.

H. MOORE (Lambeth).

Sir,—I am afraid that the writer of the letter signed "Bird-Keeper" can do very little by the aid of the law to protect his birds against the assaults of his neighbours' cats. He must first of all find out the owner of the troublesome cat, warn him of what is taking place, and state that on any repetition he will sue him for any damage done. Some judges have refused to award damages, because this warning had not been given; others, however, have not considered it essential; there is no hard and fast rule on the point, as in the case of the dog and its first bite. If the injured party takes the case into court, he must have clear evidence as to the identity of the offending cat and its ownership, to make certain of succeeding. In a recent issue of the "Daily Herald," there was an article entitled "The House-holder's Rights," and the following extract may interest bird-keepers:—

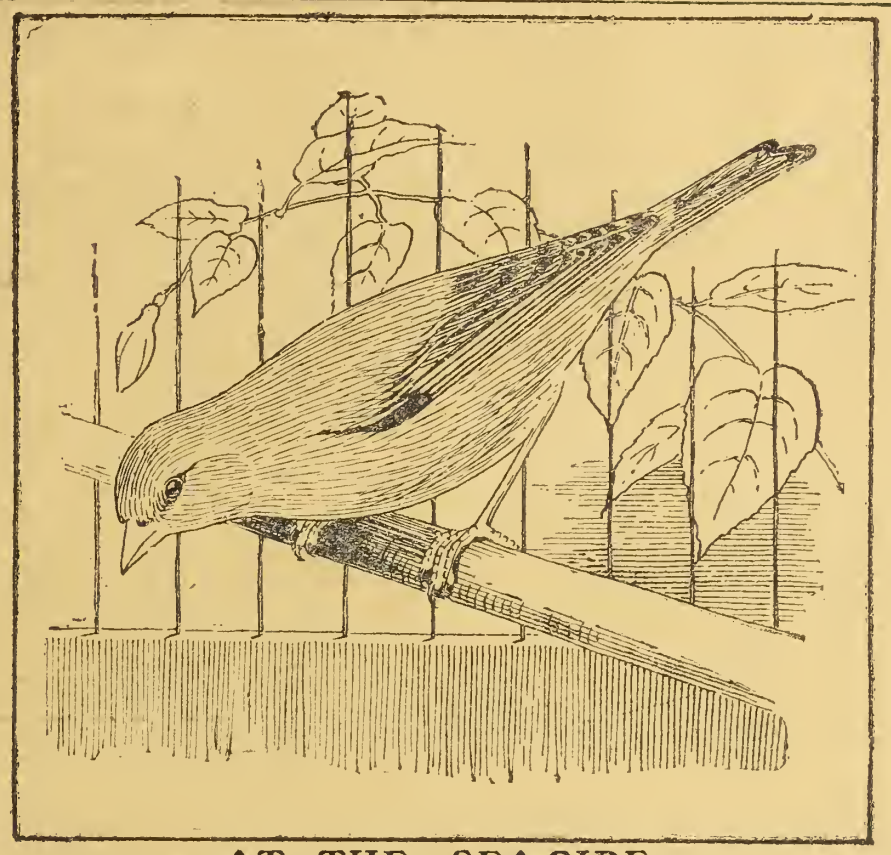
"More neighbourly quarrels and difficulties have probably arisen through pets than from any other reason. Most people, however, are under a large amount of misapprehension as to exactly what they may and may not do where their neighbours' pets are concerned. On no account whatever may they kill or injure in any way such pets—no matter how much damage they do. Any person who does kill or injure a neighbour's bird or animal, except in sheer self-defence, is guilty of a criminal offence. This applies to indirect as well as direct ways. For instance, a man who puts poisoned meat about his garden may be sued for damages by the owners of cats or other animals who suffer through eating it; so may a man who sets traps and lays a tempting bait to make trespassing dogs walk into them. In the case of damage or nuisance being caused by any pet of a neighbour, a complaint should be made. If however, this fails to make any difference, the bird or animal may be held until its owner makes good all the damage it has done. Whatever it be, it must be fed and properly attended to during that time, and not be ill-treated in any way. Anything produced by the pet so held, such as eggs from fowls or milk from a cow—belongs to the person who has suffered damage. No animal so kept may be used for working purposes though. In the case of a horse, for example, the animal must not be ridden or driven."

Thus "Bird-Keeper" will see that he can do little *legally* that is calculated to keep the cat or cats away from his birds. But I know many bird-keepers who from time to time employ effective methods, and I have done so myself; as they are not sanctioned by law, however, they must not be mentioned in the pages of a law-abiding journal. Surely "Bird-keeper" can solve the problem for himself; his brain ought to be more than equal to the planning of the discomfiture of a cat!

O. GEORGE EDWIN.

Sir,—All bird-lovers will sympathise with the wail of "Bird-keeper." Few can say they have never suffered from the depredation of cats. Only some months ago I lost a beautiful Goldfinch in such a manner. The bird was kept in a large, roomy cage on the pattern of a Blackbird cage. The wires were sufficiently close, of course. At night I was accustomed to take the cage into a studio. Alas! one night I omitted to fasten the door, and the following morning found the bird had disappeared, leaving not even one feather behind. How the cat managed the job so neatly I cannot make out. I have missed that Goldfinch as only one can miss a bird which would come and eat from one's mouth. The law, however, has nothing to do with sentiment. I remember, some months since reading in a newspaper the report of a case in which a pigeon-keeper sued the owner of a cat for damages. The animal had entered the pen (otherwise than by the door, understand), and was caught. The ownership of the cat was admitted. Now comes, to the lay mind, the extraordinary administration of the law. The judge, in non-suiting plaintiff, said it was a cat's nature to do such things, and the plaintiff must se make his pen and arrange matters that cats could not obtain access to the occupants! One wonders what passed through plaintiff's mind, in the form of regret for lost opportunities, when he heard the decision? Personally, I am "anarchist" enough to make my own laws in such matters. It is wonderful what may be accomplished under cover of darkness.

JUDGE LYNCH.



AT THE SEA-SIDE.

This Greenfinch-Canary Hybrid secured second prize at Southend-on-Sea Show, where it was exhibited by Mr. F. W. Potten (Manor Park).

The Even-marked Canary.

A Plea for a Specialist Club.

Sir,—Would not the present time be very suitable to form a club for the Even marked Norwich and Yorkshire, so these most beautiful birds could have classes provided for them at our great shows? Most other kinds of Canaries have clubs of their own, with their standards of points. I am sorry to say these birds have not made much headway of late years. In years gone by they were numerous. Surely, however, there are numerous breeders of these beautiful birds about, who would like to see them come to the front again. I believe Fanciers admire these birds as much as ever. I am quite aware from experience that a good even-marked one takes some breeding. Some years ago it was my hobby to breed a real good four-pointed exhibition Norwich. After many trials I at last bred one which I considered an ideal bird, and which I not only admired, but fairly worshipped. Many came to see this bird, and admire it. One fancier offered me £20 for it when it was only six weeks old. This happened 15 years ago. Of course, I refused to part with it, as I predicted a great future for it, but alas for my hopes, in a few days after that tempting offer he joined the great majority by getting hung in the wires of his cage. Perhaps a short account of how I bred this bird might interest your numerous readers. In the first place I procured a pair of birds unevenly-marked, but from a good four-pointed strain, from the late Mr. Blakston. This pair bred me one bird nearly four-pointed, which I sold three times as a cock, each party returning the bird, as they had put it up to breed, and it would not. On its coming back for the third time, I tried it myself with a good hen. After watching it for some time I saw it call to pair; then I was convinced it was a hen, and by running a cock with it, it paired at once, and produced this ideal of my fancy, besides three others very nearly as good. This hen used to sing quite as well as any of the cocks I had, and other old fanciers besides myself were as much deceived. Some have said, and I was told so at the time, that singing hens are never any good, but this one proved a good feeder and produced high-class birds. I only wish I had the strain now, or one as good. Then I should be happy once again. I hope these few lines will stimulate the breeders of this most beautiful production, and cause them to bring it in the front rank of choice Canaries.

OLD BREEDER.

Done With, But Useful Still.

Sir,—An old sweeping or hand brush of no more use for household purposes will be found very useful for sweeping up seeds and husks that have dropped from the seed hoppers on to the floor of the bird room. If you have a new brush, you will find the husks stick to the hairs of the brush, and it is necessary for you to go over the floor once or twice to be properly swept, whereas with the old brush you can sweep up with going over it once, as all the seeds and husks go before it, the bristles being short.

C. OATES.

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Getting Fresh-caught Birds on Seed.

[Winner of Half-crown Prize.]

Get a handful of groundsel, dock, or other wild seed, dip it in water, then rub it amongst the ordinary seed, which will stick to it. Then place it in a jar containing a little water, on the floor of the cage. The birds will start foraging amongst it, and I find they soon get on seed like this; further, it acts as food and water for the time being.—H. C. Ainge, 21, Thorpe Road, Melton Mowbray.

To Renovate a Brass Cage.

To renovate brasswork on a cage, which has lost its lacquer in parts and is all dull and faded-looking, I recommend the following plan: Get an oilman to dissolve one-eighth of an ounce of aniline yellow in the smallest amount of spirit possible for the purpose, and add this to one pint of clear spirit varnish. Allow to stand for several days, shaking well on each of the first three days, and it is ready for use. All work must be perfectly clean before it is applied, and it will look as good as new.—W. Bishop, Sheringham.

When Missis Isn't Looking.

Fanciers who have no mill for crushing seed will find this method works well. Procure a small linen or empty sand bag, and put the seed in it. Then pass it through the mangle. It does not grind the husk and the kernel together. I find that I can crush any seed from canary to sunflower by merely altering the press screw on the top of the mangle.—E. S. Cross (Everton).

A New Use for Carbolic Soap.

When making or renovating your moulting or breeding cages, get a cake of fresh carbolic soap and work it into a kind of putty. Then put an eighth of an inch into all joints, nail together, and enamel over. No insects will go into those joints. When breeding, give the inside of your nestpans a good coat of it; also fill up the shoulder that rests upon the holder.—W. J. Morgan (Cardiff).

To Get Soldier-like Yorkshires.

[Winner of Half-crown Prize.]

Fanciers wishing to improve the position of their Yorkshires will find this hint acts like magic. Get a small penny looking-glass, and fix it by means of a small screw at the back of the cage, in a line with the perch, at a suitable height for the birds to see themselves through the glass by stretching upwards. You will be delighted with the result after a few days when you run your birds out into their show cages, for they will stand erect like soldiers.—F. C. Sims, 15, Wright Terrace, Grace Street, Barnsley.

Inducing Bullie to Eat.

Fresh-caught Bullfinches are very sulky, and sometimes will not start to feed. I have found the following to save many a bird. Wait while Bullie is settled down in store cage, then get a thin stick or wire and place a blackberry or similar fruit on the end and push at the bird. He is sure to open his mouth. Repeat a few times, and once bird has got the taste he will be no more trouble, and soon be cracking seed.—J. H. Haynes (Raunds).

Young Birds Going Thick.

When young birds are about 6 or 8 weeks old they very often go "thick," as it is generally called. The only cure I have seen advocated is milk sop, but a much better way is to get some agrimony from a herbalist, and brew it with boiling water. When the liquid is cold, give it to the birds to drink instead of water. This will not only prevent, but cure, "thickness."—Harold Rigby (Wigan).

[Our correspondent should have stated the quantity of agrimony and amount of water.—Editor.]

Where "Monkey Brand" Scores.

I find that Brookes' "Monkey Brand" soap cleans any kind of cage, either brass or tinned wire. It is also excellent for cleaning the paint inside breeding cages, show cages, etc. It makes the wirework just like new, and a penny cake will last a long time. First wash the cage in plain soap and water; then thoroughly dry and rub the soap gently up and down the wires. To clean the paint, apply a little on a damp rag. It will remove all dirt and rust on the wires, etc.—Miss D. Price (Worthing).

CAGE BIRDS LEAGUE.

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The Premier Show of Australia.

Mr. D. J. GARDNER, late of Bathgate, N.B., who was a well-known Scottish judge, sends his impressions of the exhibition held by the New South Wales O.A.

The eighteenth exhibition of the New South Wales O.A. was held June 13, 14 and 15, in the Railway Institute, Sydney. The hall was all that could be desired for a show of the kind, and the staging, which, by the way, is the work of one of the members, Mr. J. Bunham, left nothing to be desired. Over 500 exhibits faced the judges, who got through their work in a very creditable manner, grumbling amongst the exhibitors being at a discount. Scotch Fancies opened the ball; some very typical birds. Yorkshire were also good in quality and number, though the Norwich Plainheads were, as usual, most numerous. Crests and Crest-breds were the pick of the section, especially the C.-B.'s, some extra good ones being staged. The Australian, British, and other foreign, though not so numerous as in former years, were quite the attraction of the event. The sprightly little Border was conspicuous by its absence, not a class being provided. We hope in another year to see the "wee gem" taking its place on the Australian show bench. The secretarial reins were in the competent hands of that enthusiastic fancier Mr. J. H. Saunders, who was ably assisted by Mr. S. T. Beattie, assistant secretary, and Mr. E. Selly treasurer, backed up by the following office bearers:—President, A. Hordern, Esq.; Vice-Presidents, Messrs. T. Clarkston, J. R. Trevail, and W. Abigail; committee, Messrs. W. J. Orr, G. Sutton, W. G. Barnsley, E. A. Pye, W. H. Perry, G. Evans, F. J. Bates, R. Comley, and J. H. Osborne. The following were the judges: Scotch and Yorks., Mr. Hugh Dunlop; Plainheads, Mr. T. C. Wrightson: Crest, C.B. and Lanes., Mr. W. Nash; Cinn. and Lizards, Mr. W. P. Mills, Remainder, Mr. C. Coles. The show was well patronised by the general public. Amongst other well-known fanciers we had the pleasure of meeting, were Mr. John Currah, and his son, late of Newcastle, England, also Mr. Luke Stone, from the same district. Champion Stakes: Scotch Fancy, won by Mr. W. J. Orr; Yorkshire, Mr. S. E. Miller, Challenge trophy: Young Yell. Plainhead, Mr. R. Dobell; Young Buff Plainhead, Mr. J. H. Saunders; Young Crest, Mr. A. Muston; Young Crest-bred, Mr. J. R. Trevail; Young Cinnamon, Mr. R. Dobell.

SCOTCH, YELL: 1, 3, Rae, 1st clear yell., good neck, fine reach, well posted, 3rd Green, shade small, good action; 2, 4, 5, 6, Orr, 2nd varieg. full of action, nice length, presses, 4th yell., bit slow, otherwise good. CL. OR TKD. BUFF: 1, spl, Hordern, clear, one of the right sort, long reach, well staged; 2, 3, Orr, 2nd another clear, fine shoulders, not quite so nervy; 4, Rae, the old style. VAR. OR GREEN BUFF: 1, spl, 2, Hordern, very typical "Scotty," full of action, works freely, easily best of the lot, 2nd another right good one; 3, 4, Orr, 3rd grand size and shoulders, fails only in neck, ought to make a good one; 5, Rae. YORKS. CL. YELL.: 1, 3, Miller, leader nice, lengthy and good style, 3rd nice feather, pale colour; 2, Fraser, very typical, length and condition all there; 4, Moyle, rare feather, very straight and tight; 5, Moyle; 6, Hodgson. TKD. YELL.: 1, spl, 2, Miller, real bonny grizzle cap, very taking exhibit, 2nd lengthy, deep in colour; 3, Moyle, beauty, ticked, put down in rare condition, we liked; 4, Hordern, nice bird, but unsteady. CL. BUFF: 1, Fraser, seemed good one, but not looking its best when we saw it; 2, spl, 3, Miller, well drawn, nicely rounded, sweet head, 3rd tight as wax, all there, we fancied; 4, 5, Moyle, both sweet made birds, well shown; 6, Barnsley. TKD. BUFF: 1, spl, Day, nice silky feather, deep colour, tight and straight; 2, Moyle, pale in colour to winner, right stamp, shows well; 3, Miller, also a good one, full of quality, presses hard; 4, Hordern, quite a nice one, seemed restless; 6, Hodgson. VAR. OR GREEN YELL.: 1, 3, Moyle, leader lovely var., straight as a soldier, well filled in, nicely staged; 3, grizzle cap, sweet head, good length; 2, spl, Miller, barely so fine in feather, good reach, very typical and steady; 4, Hodgson, grand type and condition, fails only in length; 5, 6, Eldershaw. BUFF: 1, 3, Miller, all there for length, close in feather, shows well; 2, Fraser, very nice, must have pressed hard; 4, Moyle, very taking exhibit, close and compact; 5, 6, Eldershaw. No. 55, a right good one unnoticed. YELL. HEN: 1, Hordern, lovely cl., great length very erect, nicely staged; 2, 4, Moyle, clear, another right good one, bonny condition; 3, Fraser, tight as a drum, shows well, many fancied this bird; 5, Miller, nice close feather, good style. BUFF HEN: 1, Day, fine Var. Cinn, silky, shows well; 2, Miller, very good clear, straight, clean cut; 3, Hordern, sweet head, nicely tapered body, well shown; 4, 5, 6, Moyle very upright, close fitting wings, rare fettle. LIZARD: 1, 2, 3, 4, Hordern, quartette of little gems, 1st and 2nd Golds, nicely spangled, clean cut caps, shown in faultless plumage, 3rd, 4th Silvers. 3rd very distinctly spangled. NORWICH, CL. OR TKD. YELL. (NAT. COL.): 1, Fraser, nice type, good quality colour and condition; 2, Henckemann, nice tick, sweet head, rather heavy chested; 3, 5, Saunders, 3rd lovely type, shade pale in colour, fine skull and neck, we liked; 6, Dobell. LIGHTLY VAR. YELL.: 1, Robson, nice, chubby exhibit, good head and neck; 2, 4, Saunders, typical, close and compact; 3, Fraser, right good one, all there for type; 5, Kensey, grizzle marked, wings uncommon, good exhibit; 6, Joyce, grand youngster. GREEN, ETC., YELL.: 1, Bunham, green, teeming with colour, well inkd., grand fettle; 2, Tanner, good colour, not so close in feather; 3, Saunders, good Var., clean cut, typical. 4, King, fairly good green, nice round head, 5, Miller; 6, Dobell. YELL. HEN: 1, Robson, one of the best, teeming with quality, claimed at a large figure, 2, Saunders, var., good bold head, fine carriage, shown well, 3, spl., 4, 6, Dobell, leader fine made body, good round head, young bird; 5, spl, Joyce, nice youngster. Nos. 113 and 115 both good ones. BUFF: 1 Saunders, all there for size, full chest, very showy; 2, Fraser, nice compact bird, very sweet head 3, Dobell, one of the same stamp, close up; 4, Miller, good solid body; 5, Kensey, right good typical exhibit; 6, Bunham. Good class all through; some nice ones had to go cardless. LIGHTLY VAR. BUFF: 1, Kensey, lovely marked, well set up, nice type; 2, Saunders, big bouncing bird, well proportioned, good fettle; 3, Soden, another of similar stamp, close up; 4, Bunham, youngster, should yet be heard of; 5, Miller, nicely built, well finished; 6, Robson, inclines to crouch, otherwise one of the best. GREEN, ETC., BUFF: 1, spl, 2, 3, Saunders, green, noble head, lovely sheen, short and chubby, beauty wins championship, 2nd var., rare body and carriage, 3rd hardly so chubby; 4, King, pressing hard. 5, Bunham; 6, Miller. BUFF HEN: 1, Bunham, typical var., in faultless condition, nicely staged; 2, Hinckmann, very compact, sweet head, presses winner; 3, Kensey, cl., sweet little hen, good type; 4, King, var., deep colour, fine fettle; 5, Saunders; 6, Robson. EVENLY MKD.: 1, Dobell, lovely yell., wins handsomely; 2, Robson, nicely marked, shade thinner; 3, Miller; 4, Bunham. SELL £1 10s.: 1, Dobell; 2, Miller; 3, Bates; 4, Sawyer; 5, King; 6, Kensey. LANCS.: 1, Hordern, coppy, good frontal, nice size and length; 2, Delaney, grizzle, fine type, hardly so lengthy as winner; 3, 4, 6, Howard, spanking good yell. Plainhead, lovely condition, we liked; 5, Bailey. No. 332, might have had a look in. NOR. YELL. (Colour-fed): 1, Robson, good bodied var., fails a little on head, well fed.; 2, 3, Dobell, very similar to 1st; 3rd, we liked much better, good all round; 4, 5, Saunders, nicely proportioned birds; 6, Joyce. BUFF (colour-fed): 1, King, big bold bird, broad skull, lovely silky feather; 2, Beattie, almost as good, beaten only on head; 3, 4, Dobell, 3rd nice type, shows brows a little; 4th, better head, very close in feather; 5, Robson, grizzle cap, bonny exhibit; 6, Saunders. NOVICE: 1, 2, 3, Meale, 1st grand wing mkd. buff, fit to win in open classes; 2nd, nice yell, very compact; 3rd, buff of the right stamp; 4, 5, Russell, 4th, typical yell, in rare form; 6, Meale. CREST (Cl. or tk., cl. or grey crest): 1, sp, Muston, great body feather, nice drooping crest, well centred; 2, Trevail, all there, but hardly in same trim as winner; 3, Harris, nicely formed crest, not so large, fine fettle; 4, 5, Sutton, grand frontal, droops well, very taking; 6, Henshaw. CL. or TK. DK. CREST: 1 Taylor, romps home, lovely mushroom crest, abundance of body feather; 2, Trevail, not so powerful in head gear, but perfect formation, good body; 3, Sutton, very good, but fails a little on frontal; 5, Muston, nice bird, same fault; 6, Oakes. VAR. or GREEN CREST: 1, sp, Trevail, grand "bonnet," nice centre and good droop, well feathered body; 2, 3, Muston, chases winner, all there; 3rd, another of the same stamp; 4, Taylor, not so regular in headgear, still a good one; 5, Pye; 6, Trevail. (Grand class.) LIGHTLY VAR. CREST.: 1, sp, Muston, sweet made crest, body feather tight as a Plainhead, looks well; 2, Pye, close up, not much between; 3, sp, Trevail, youngster, very promising exhibit; 4, Taylor, plenty body feather, fair good crest, but slack; 5, Henshaw. PAIR: 1, Pye, tip-top pair, both good quality birds; 2, Trevail, clear Crest and suitable mate, nice pair; 3, Muston, we liked this couple, well matched; 4, Sutton. NOVICE CREST: 1, 2, Osborne, massive birds, good headgear, fine youngsters; 3, Larsen, nice formed crest; 4, Meale. CREST-BRED, CL. or TKD.: 1, Trevail, cl. buff, enormous brows, lovely fettle, outstanding; 2, 5, Muston, another giant, yell., good lash and body feather; 3, Trevail, still another gem; 4, Barnsley, good broad skull, tip-top form; 6, Pye, real good one: extra good lot all through. LIGHTLY VAR.: 1, sp, Trevail, very promising youngster, rare broad head, well browed and feathered; 2, 3, Pye, finer in body, massive head; 3rd, another topper, many preferred to 2nd; 4, Taylor, barely so great in skull, good body; 5, Barnsley; 6, Harris. HEAVY VAR. OR GREEN: 1, sp., Pye, big bouncing var., bead properties good, also body, closely followed by 2, Trevail, another massive bird, carries grand head; 3, Beattie, an old stager, looking wonderfully well; 4, Taylor, youngster, shaping well; 5, Muston; 6, Barnsley. SELL. £2 10s.: 1, Beattie; 2, Harris; 3, 4, 5, Oakes. NOVICE CREST-BRED: 1, sp, Osborne, nice broad skull, splendid brows; 2, Osborne, var., very similar 3, Meale, a "bosker," enormous size, great skull and brows, one of the best in show; 4, Larsen; 5, Osborne. CINN. YELL. (nat. col): 1, sp, 4, 5, Dobell, nice type, silky, good win; 2, 3, Tanner, good body and head, fails wings only, 3rd good stamp, shade pale in colour. BUFF: 1, Joyce, very tight, nice col., shows well; 2, 3, Tanner, not far behind, good type; 4, Dobell. YELL. or BUFF (col. fed): 1, 4, Dobell, red-hot yell., grand quality, nice exhibit, and good buff; 2, Tanner, another yell., fine bloom, sweet head; 3, Saunders, good sound colour, wee bit thinner. VAR. YELL. (nat col.): 1, King, nice bird, but rather thin for our choice; 2, Tanner, good solid body, nice head; 3, Hordern well proportioned, fine fettle, well staged; 4, Dobell; 5, 6, Saunders, right good typical bird, we liked. VAR. BUFF (nat. col.): 1, Saunders, beauty, wins handsomely; 2, Henckemann, very taking, rare good type, shows well; 3, Joyce, nice body; 4, 5, Dobell, good head, nicely filled in; 6, Sawyer. VAR. (col. fed): 1, 4, Saunders, bonny buff, well fed, rare silky feather; 2, 3, Dobell, red-hot yell., thin a little on head; 3rd, buff, better stamp. STAR or BLOOD FINCH: 1, Taylor, bonny wee Star, lovely feather; 2, Codling, Blood-finch, rich in col.; 3, 5, Taylor; 4, Heumann. ZEBRA FINCH: 1, 2, 3, 6, Taylor, quartette of right good ones, noted winners, all in lovely form; 4, Gorman; 5, Codlin. A.O.S. AUS. FINCH: 1, 2, 3, Taylor, Ringed Finch, Double-banded Finch, and Parson Finch respectively, shown in perfect condition; 4, Heumann. A lovely Zebra-Parson Finch Hybrid was exhibited in this class by mistake. BRITISH FINCH: 1, Heumann, Goldie, large bird, good blaze, clear collar, richly tanned, nice bars and buttons; 2, Taylor, right good Chaffinch, clear bars, good colour, steady as a rock; 3, Heumann, Bramble, nicely spangled, good dark cap, dense breast col.; 4, Barnsley, typical little Goldie, good all round; 5, Osborne; 6, Gorman, "Japanese Greenfinch," surely a mistake. CARDINAL, ETC.: 1, 4, Heumann, Virginian Cardinal, blaze of colour, good crest and bib; 2, Kensey, Japanese Hawfinch, lovely condition, steady, good specimen; 3, Taylor, Bullfinch, nice cap, colour and condition; 5, Molley, COMMON MANNIKIN, ETC.: 1, Heumann, White-headed Nun; 2, 4, Taylor, Nutmeg Finch; 3, Gorman, Black-head Nun; 5, 6, Codlin. MAGPIE MANNIKIN, ETC.: 1, 5, Taylor, lovely Tricolor Nun; 2, 4, Heumann, Miji Finch, rare exhibit; 3, Codlin, Jr.; 6, Gorman. ST. HELENA WAXBILL, ETC.: 1, 2, 3, Taylor; 1st, Orange breast, little beauty, much admired; 2, nice St. Helena; 3, Green Avadavat; 6, Mrs. Gorman, lovely little Strawberry Finch. JAVA SPARROW: 1, 2, Heumann; 1st, one of the finest Blues we have seen; 2nd, beautiful White, spotlessly clean; 3, 5, Taylor; 4, 6, Codlin. WHYDAH, ETC.: 1, 3, Heumann, Saffron Finch, quite a picture; 2, Codlin, Red-headed Bunting, nice exhibit; 4, Taylor, Red-headed Finch, nicely marked; 5, Matthews, Crimson-crown Weaver. KING PARROT, ETC.: 1, Parry, Port Lincoln, lovely condition, great attraction; 2, Taylor, one of the finest Kings we have seen; 3, Taylor, Yellow-mantle Parrakeet, 4, Ellis, Crimson Wing; 5, Oakes, Pennant; 6, Gorman; all in superb condition. A.O.S. AUS. PARROT: 1, Hordern, Princess Alexandra Parrakeet, dainty little damsel, great pet, lovely feather; 2, 3, Taylor, Red-vented Blue-bonnet, and Yellow-rump, two very fine specimens shown in rare trim. PARROT (FOREIGN): 1, Taylor, grand specimen Red Eclectus, noted winner; 2, 3, Hordern, very rare Indian Parrot. HYBRID: 1, 4, Matthews, fair var. Goldie-Can.; 2, Taylor, Rosella-Pale Headed Parrakeet, we thought an easy win; 3, 5, Jones, dark Goldie-Can; 6, Hordern, Redpoll-Linnet, hard lines.

ROUND THE YOUNG BIRD SHOWS.

NELSON AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

Young bird show held July 27th. CLASS 1: 1, Pearson; 2, Speak; 3, Greenwood; vhc, Smith. CLASS 2: 1, vhc, Watts; 2, 3, Pearson; he, Greenwood; c, Speak. CLASS 3: 1, Watts. CLASS 5: 1, 2, Fulton; 3, Huggins; vhc, Moorhouse. CLASS 6: 1, Moorhouse; 2, 3, Fulton; vhc, Speak. CLASS 7: 1, Huggins; 2, 3, he, c, Hardman; vhc, Thornton. CLASS 8: 1, spl for best bird, Hardman; 2, Fulton; 3 Huggins; vhc, Greenwood. CLASS 9: 1, 2, 3, 4, Aspden. CLASS 10: 1, England. CLASS 11: 1, England; 2, Hartley. CLASS 12: 1, 2, 3, Englaud; vhc, Hartley. CLASS 13: 1, 3, vhc, England; 2, Hartley.—J. Speak, Hon. Sec.

DUNFERMLINE AND DIS. C.B.S

Third annual Y.B. show, held in Co-operative Hall, July 27, but owing to the poor results of the present breeding season, a poor entry was brought togetber, and the management were forced to amalgamate in each section. The task of the judges was very light, but their awards gave geueral satisfaction. Mr. Harris, Lochgelly, took Plainheads, Mr. Veich, Kelty, Crests; Mr. Kilpatrick, Dunfermline, Borders, and Mr. J. Grewar, Lochgelly, British. Plainheads: 1, 2, Smith; 3, Prentice. CRESTS: 1, 2, 3, McCaven. BORD. COCK: 1, Rice; 2, Kennaway; 3, Campbell. HEN: 1, sp., Kennaway; 2, 3, Rice. COMMON CAN.: 1, Rice; 2, Rolland. GOLDFINCH: 1, McCaven; 2, 3, Rankine. A.O.V. BRIT.: 1, Rice, Greenfinch; 2, Rolland, Linnet; 3, Rankine, Yellowbammer.—Robt. T. Campbell, Sec.

NOTTINGHAM AND DISTRICT (Permanent) O.S.

Annual F.F. show, held Grapes Inn, Platt Street, July 20th. Entries turned up very well; not quite so many as last year, but quality very good, some promising youngsters being staged; also some very good British. Mr. J. Bowers, our old Crest fancier, won special for best bird, with a fine young Crestbred, which will be heard of again. Mr. W. Harris judged, and his awards gave satisfaction to all. YELL. NOR.: 1, Hill; 2, Twine. BUFF: 1, 4, Twiue; 2, 3, Hill. A.O.V. NOR.: 1, Hill. YELL. CREST: 1, Holmes. BUFF: 1, Bowers; 2, Wood; 3, Bostock; 4, White. CRESTBRED: 1, 3, Bowers; 2, Wood; 4, Radford; 5, 6, White. SELL. CREST, 20s.: 1, Holmes; 2, Radford. CRESTBRED, 15s.: 1, Holmes; 2, Radford. MULE: 1, Holmes, GOLDFINCH OR BULLFINCH: 1, Stevenson; 2, Bunn; 3, Caunt. LINNET: 1, Wood; 2, 3, 5, Caunt; 4, Bowers. GREENFINCH, ETC.: 1, Wood; 2, Caunt. A.O.V. BRIT.: 1, Bunn; 2, 3, 4, Caunt. FOR.: 1, 2, Holmes; 3, Caunt.—J. Bunn, Sec.

LARKHALL C.B.A.

Y.B. show, held in Mr. Clelland's Hall, July 27. 34 birds were staged, being an advance of 22 on last year's entries. Competition in all classes was very keen, yellow Norwich and the variety Borders containing some birds of exceptional merit. Mr. Haston won special for best bird in show with his yellow Norwich, a bird of great promise, also special for best Border, with a very nice clear buff. Two grand Scotch Fancies were the only entries in the variety class, both the property of Mr. McClue, and it seems a pity no other variety was represented here, as there are a number of Yorks. and Crest breeders in the society. There was a record attendance. Mr. Wm. Haddow Hamilton judged, and gave satisfaction to all. NOR. YELL.: 1, 2 spls., Haston; 2, McLean; 3, spl., 4, Nelson; 5, Rundell. BUFF: 1, spl., Clark; 2, McEwan; 3, Nelson; 4, McClue; 5, Rundell. BORD., GREEN OR CINN.: 1, 2, 4, Keregan; 3, McGhee; 5, McNaughton. BORD. A.O.V.: 1, spl., 3, Haston; 2, 4, Graham; 5, Rundell. COMMON CAN.: 1, spl., Clark; 2, Kennedy; 3, Rundell; 4, McLean. A.O.V. CAN.: 1, 2, McClue.—James Pollock, Sec.

LEIGH AND DIST. C.B.S.

F.F. Show held July 27th, when a capital lot of 91 birds were shown in 12 classes. Competition was very keen, and some very promising young birds faced the judge, Mr. Chas. Houlton, who gave general satisfaction. Norwich were a good and level lot, as also were Yorks. Crests, and C.B. were hardly at their best, but some of the young Crests ought to make good birds later on. Young Mules were quite plentiful, nine in one class. In the British A.S. a fine well balanced Goldfinch won, with a good natural colour Greenfinch 2nd. The open Linnet class contained 10 very fine conditioned birds, all shown in their hop cages, and they were very ripe in song, and most, if not all, belonged to the singing Linnet Club members in this district. Specials for the three best birds in show were won by Messrs. W. Hulme, Ordish, and H. Taylor; best vhc, Charnock; best hc, best c, Taylor. Mr. R. Charleson had all in good order, and did his secretarial work well.

NOR. YELL. (5): 1, vhc, Bailey and Son, very fine cobby bird, grand type, good head, nice col. and feather; 2, Wilkinson, rare good head and plenty of col., nice qual. and condition; 3, Gaskell Bros., foul tail yell. green, nice col. and type. BUFFS (9): A fine lot; 1, 2, Ordish, bouncing big youngsters, well up to standard now; 3, Collier, very good type, bit loose in breast feather to-day; vhc, Gaskell Bros., tick neck, good quality. YORKS. YELL. (9): Fine lot; 1, Hulme, neat and level all through, fine feather; 2, Hart, good quality, bit more nervous than 1st, wants training; 3, Taylor, long raking bird, finely drawn, rare position, only beaten a little in head and beak; vhc, Collier. BUFF (7): 1, Charleson, very pretty for style, type, position, qual. and condition; 2, Hulme, very neat, and runs close up; 3, vhc, Charnock, also very good. CRESTS (5): 1, 2, Lomas, a pair of nice youngsters when more developed; 3, Taylor, cl. body Grey Crest, daisy-like; vhc, Lomas. C.B. (5): 1, 2, Lomas, plenty of feather; 3, Taylor, good body, variegd., do with more head feather; vhc, Lomas. A.O.V. (5): 1, 3, Taylor, Lancs.; 2, vhc, Green, Lizards. A.V. MULE (9): 1, spl best Mule, Gaskell Bros., nice young Greenfinch-Can.; 2, 3, vhc, Seddon. BRIT. (6): 1, Seddon, good rich glossy conditioned Goldfinch, deep in all colours, rare blaze, tan, moons and bars; 2, c, Clark and Carter, very nice feathered, level coloured, natural coloured yell. Greenfinch; 3, Hart, Goldfinch, duller colours and rather more open in feather and much smaller moonings than 1st; vhc, Charleson, Linnet. SELL., 15s. (14): 1, Gaskell Bros.; 2, Collier; 3, Ordish; vhc, Bailey and Son. EXTRA STOCK (7): 1, 3, Bailey and Son; 2, vhc, Charleson. OPEN LINNET (10): Nice lot; 1, H. Brown, grand all-round bird in superb condition; 2, Poole, almost equal, in very fine condition; 3, Balmer, well up in all points; vhc, Statham.

TIDESWELL.

Annual Y.B. show was held in the Star Inn Club-room, July 20, the birds numbering over 60, and some good specimens were exhibited. Mr. Wm. Driver judged Norwich, and Mr. P. Harris Yorks., and their awards gave general satisfaction. Specials were won by Messrs. Millward (2), and Flint, in Nor., Lomas (2), and Hudson, Yorks., and Owen, Mules. NOR., CL., YELL.: 1, sp., 2, 3, Millward; vhc, Flint BUFF: 1, sp., 3, Flint; 2, Longstone; vhc, Slack. MKD. YELL.: 1, sp., Millward; 2, Fox; 3, Longstone; vhc, Slack. BUFF: 1, 3, Millward; 2, Longstone; vhc, Flint. YORKS., CL. YELL.: 1, sp., Lomas; 2, Hudson; 3, Flint; vhc, Robinson. BUFF: 1, Flint; 2, vhc, Lomas; 3, Robinson. MKD. YELL.: 1, sp., vhc, Hudson; 2, 3, Lomas. BUFF: 1, sp., 3, vhc, Lomas; 2, Flint. MULES: 1, sp., 2, 3, vhc, Owen.—T. A. Lomas.

CITY OF BRADFORD O.S.

Second members' F.F. Show held Flying Dutchman Hotel, Leeds Road, July 27th, when a grand entry of 66 birds was staged. Mr. W. A. Cowgill, of Bradford, judged to the entire satisfaction of all concerned. Some very good birds were put down, and with a good moult will be heard of later. Most points were scored by L. Hodgson, W. Helliwell, C. E. Hylton, H. McEwen, W. Plowright, J. Roe, T. E. Farren, and J. Clark.

OPEN YORKS., CL. OR TKD. YELL.: 1, Hodgson; 2, 4, Helliwell; 3, vhc, H. Birbeck. BUFF: 1, Hodgson; 2, Birbeck; 3, 4, vhc, Helliwell. MKD., GREEN: 1, Bateman; 2, Helliwell; 3, Birbeck. CINN.: 1, Clark; 2, Hodgson. NOV. YORKS., CL. OR TKD. YELL.: 1, McEwen; 2, J. Rhodes; 3, Bower. BUFF: 1, Hylton; 2, W. Rhodes; 3, J. Rhodes; 4, Fletcher; vhc, McEwen. MKD., GREEN: 1, Hylton; 2, McEwen; 3, 4, Fleteher; vhc, W. Rhodes. CINN.: 1, McEwen; 2, W. Rhodes. OPEN NOR., CL. OR TKD. YELL.: 1, 2, Plowright; 3, Roe; 4, vhc, c, Clark. BUFF: 1, 2, Roe; 3, 4, Plowright; vhc, Clark. MKD.: 1, 2, Plowright; 3, Roe. NOV., CL. OR TKD. BUFF: 1, Farrer; 2, Lythell. MKD.: 1, 3, 4, Farrer; 2, Lythell. A.V. CAN. OR MULE: 1, Clark.—J. Horsfield, Asst.-Sec.

FALKIRK (Good Intent) C.B.A.

F.F. Show held in Oddfellows' Hall, July 27. The entry, considering the wet day and poor breeding season, was very good, 67 birds being staged. Meesrs. Robert Reid and William Reid judged.

NOR. YELL. (13): 1, spl best young Nor., vhc, Smart; 2, Woodhouse; 3, spl, Clubb; 4, Stewart; 5, Marshall. BUFF (12): 1, spl, 3, Smart; 2, Clubb; 4, Woodhouse; 5, Leishman; vhc, Godfrey Bros. YELL. BORD. (6): 1, sp, F. Reid; 2, 3, spl, Sutton; 4, Gray; 5, Leitch; vhc, Reid. BUFF (4): 1, Sutton; 2, Reid; 3, Gray; 4, Leitch. CREST (5): 1, spl, Burnett; 2, Liddle; 3, spl, 5, Wilson; 4, Smart. C.B. (3): 1, 3, Liddle; 2, Smart. MULES OR HYB. (8): 1, spl, 2, Wilson; 3, 4, Bain; 5, 6, Baird. BRIT. FINCH (7): 1, Gardner; 2, Rennie; 3, Clubb; 4, Sutton; 5, Hunter; 6, Reunie; 7, Robertson. A.O.S. HARDBILL (7): 1, spl, Baird; 2, Robertson; 3, spl, 5, Sutton; 4, Rennie; vhc, Godfrey Bros. FOR. (2): 1, spl, Baird; 2, Woodhouse. Meeting held during judging. Several new members were elected. Owing to the many strikes and want of work it was decided to keep the books open to old members till November meeting to give them an opportunity of joining again. Next meeting August 31st, when prize money will be settled and divided.—Walter Clarkson, Sec.

GLASGOW & W. COUNTIES C.B.S.

Y.B. Show held in the Good Templars' Hall, 122, Ingram-street, July 27th. The entries did not come up to expectation, no doubt owing to the lateness of the season, and on account of the annual holidays, quite a goodly number of the members were not represented. Norwich were the mainstay of the show, and some good specimens were staged by Messrs. Connelly, Knox, Macfarlane, Rankine, Campbell, and Jones, the former winning special for best with a neat buff hen, which possessed a rattling good head. Borders did not come up well. We understand that quite a goodly number of these have been bred by the members, the excuse for their non-appearance being "the moult." The principal prize-winners were Messrs. Adam, MacGowan, Cathcart, Edwards, and McLuckie. Mr. Walter Connelly's arrangements were admirably carried out. Mr. John Sinclair, Paisley, judged, and his decisions were most cordially received.

NOR. YELL.: 1, Macfarlane; 2, Rankine; 3, Connelly; 4, spl, Catheart; 5, Jones; 6, spl, Knox. BUFF: 1, spl, Connelly; 2, Macfarlane; 3, 4, Knox; 5, 6, Rankine. YELL. VAR.: 1, Macfarlane; 2, Campbell; 3, Knox; 4, Edwards; 5, Catheart; 6, Conuelly. BUFF: 1, Campbell; 2, spl, Macfarlane; 3, Adams; 4, Campbell; 5, spl, Rankine; 6, Knox. BORD., YELL.: 1, Adam; 2, McGowan; 3, McLuckie; 4, Catheart; 5, Edwards; 6, Young. BUFF: 1, Adam; 2, 6, Catheart; 3, McGowan; 4, McLuckie; 5, Edwards. BORD.: 1, 2, spl, McGowan; 3, Edwards; 4, Catheart; 5, Young; 6, McLuckie. A.O.V.: 1, Rankine; 2, Adam; 3, Connelly; 4, Knox; 5, Jones; 6, Macfarlane. MULES: 1, spl, Hulbert; 2, Edwards; 3, spl, Pettigrew; 4, Edwards; 5, Pettigrew; 6, Hulbert.—W. Connelly, Sec.

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BINGLEY AND DISTRICT O.S.

Second F.F. Show held July 27th at Co-op. Assembly Rooms, when 32 birds were staged. Mr. J. Greaves, of Bradford, judged, and gave every satisfaction.

YORK., CL. YELL.: 1, Craven; 2, 4, Denby; 3, Wade. BUFF: 1, Hardacre; 2, Blakley; 3, 4, Craven. TKD. OR MKD. YELL.: 1, Craven; 2, 4, Denby; 3, Butterworth and Hardy. BUFF: 1, 2, Craven; 3, Townley; 4, Denby. We have to thank Mr. Townley and Mr. Wade for the able manner in which they decorated the room. Asa. Livesey, Sec.

RUNCORN B.A.

First annual N.F. Show, at the Mariners' Arms Hotel, July 27. Entries numbered 53, a very good beginning for the first venture, and considering that the members have not had a successful season as one would wish, they are looking forward to doubling the number of entries at the next show. The officers and members are making strenuous efforts to build up the Association, and everything promises to be a great success in the near future. Mr. R. Barker, of Widnes judged, and his awards were well received. CHAMP YORKS.: 1, 2, 3, vhc, Boote. NOR.: 1, 3, vhc, Guy; 2, Boote. GREEN: 1, Guy; 2, 3, vhc, J. Jones. A.O.V.: 1, Guy. AMA., YORKS.: 1, J. W. Jones; 2, Bostock; 3, Sutton. NOR.: 1, J. W. Jones; 2, 3, Hayes; vhc, J. Sutton. NOV., YORKS.: 1, Ingletield; 2, 3, Whyte; vhc, Bostock. NOR.: 1, 3, Bale; 2, vhc, Abrams. SELL.: 1, 2, J. W. Jones. Special for best bird in champion section, J. Guy; amateur, J. W. Jones; nov., R. Abrams. Most points in show, C. Boote. Cup for 3 nominated birds (most points), C. Boote.—John Fearnett, Sec.

INVERNESS O.S.

Young Bird Show held July 27, in the Crown Mission Hall, which is well adapted for the purpose. The number of birds staged was the largest in the history of the Association, there being 60 entries and some grand youngsters, which will be heard of later in the season. Mr. A. Duncan won special for best British with a grand Goldfinch, and Mr. A. Smith, Lochiel Arms, special for most points in Canary section, Mr. J. Hutchison winning special for second most points. CRESTS: 1, 2, Smith, Lochiel Arms, 1st variegated D.C., grand body, 2nd broken Green. C.B.: 1, 2, Smith, Lochiel Arms, both good youngsters with plenty of size and feather. NOR. YELL.: 1, Chisholm, a stormer, the best exhibit in show and an easy first in class; 2, 3, Hutchison, very typical pair. BUFF: 1, 2, 3, Hutchison, leader lightly marked, followed closely with a grand clear. BORD., YELL.: 1, Gillanders, nice type and colour; 2, Harcombe; 3, A. Smith, Wells Street, some thought should have been 1st. BUFF: 1, 3, Harcombe; 2, D. K. Falconer; leader a perfect beauty. YORKS. YELL.: 1, 3, A. Smith, Wells Street, 1st a model youngster, well staged; 2, Chisholme, another good one. BUFF: 1, 2, Junor; 3, Hugh McLean. MULES: 1, 2, MacDonald, a grand pair of Goldfinch Mules; 3, Mackay, good Greenfinch Mule. BRIT.: 1, Duncan, grand Goldfinch, good blaze and teeming with colour; 2, A. Smith, Wells Street, good Bramblefinch; 3, MacDonald, a typical Siskin.—Alex. Smith.

Members Shows.

BOLTON WOODS C.B.S.

Members' show, held July 27, at Victoria Hotel. 58 birds were entered. Mr. H. Long, Shipley, judged to the satisfaction of all concerned. CL. YELL.: 1, Fretwell; 2, Taylor; 3, 4, Dykes; vhc, Boocock. BUFF: 1, Atkinson; 2, Boocock; 3, Dykes; 4, Fretwell; vhc, Bryant. YELL.: 1, Boocock; 2, 3, vhc, Atkinson; 4, Pullan. BUFF: 1, Boocock; 2, Atkinson; 3, Pullan; 4, vhc, Fretwell. UNMKD. YELL.: 1, Taylor; 2, Goodwin; 3, 4, Dykes; vhc, Cotteral. BUFF: 1, Shepherd; 2, Hall; 3, Dykes; 4, Boocock; vhc, Taylor. FOUL MKD.: 1, Fretwell; 2, Boocock; 3, Shepherd; 4, Goodwin; vhc, Abbey. Specials were won by Messrs. Boocock (2), Dykes (2), Fretwell (1).—M. Skirrow, Hon. Sec.

GRIMSBY AND DISTRICT O.S.

Table show and meeting held July 25th, Slatter's Rooms, 31 birds being staged. Mr. G. Harland judged.

NOV. YELL.: 1, 4, Lowe; 2, 3, Wood. BUFF: 1, Wood; 2, Lowe. LINNET, ETC.: 1, 3, Cartwright; 2, 4, Oliver; vhc, Jacklin. GREENFINCH: 1, Jacklin; 2, Cartwright. A.O. BRIT.: 1, 2, 3, Cartwright. AMAT.—LINNET, ETC.: 1, vhc, Siddle Bros.; 2, 3, Watson; 4, King. GOLD. OR BULLFINCH: 1, Siddle Bros.; 2, Watson. GREENFINCH: 1, Siddle Bros.; 2, 3, Watson; 4, King. A.O. BRIT.: 1, 3, Watson; 2, 4, Siddle Bros. A vote of thanks was accorded Mr. Harland for his kindness in coming to judge the birds.—Towl and Smith, Hon. Secs.

PUDSEY, STANNINGLEY, C.B.S.

Second members' show held July 27th, at the Fleece Hotel, Stanningley. The entry was only moderate; 39 birds were staged by 8 members, owing to the moderate breeding season, and the fact that most of the birds were commencing to moult. Principal point winners were: Towler and Hargreaves, Richmond, Marsh and Page. Mr. S. Wilcock, of Eccleshill, judged and gave entire satisfaction.

CL. OR TKD. YELL. YORKS. (7): 1, Marsh; 2, Towler and Hargreaves; 3, vhc, Richmond; 4, Taylor. BUFF (14): 1, Butler; 2, 4, vhc, Richmond; 3, Towler and Hargreaves. MKD. YELL. (8): 1, 2, Towler and Hargreaves; 3, vhc, Richmond; 4, Marsh. BUFF (10): 1, Richmond; 2, 3, Page; 4, Towler and Hargreaves; vhc, Forrest.—Hugh Raistrick, Sec.

Club Reports.

LARKHALL C.B.A.

Meeting held in Mr. Clelland's hall, July 27. The Chairman intimated that owing to unforseen circumstances we could not again meet in the Miner's Hall, it having been reported that a number of intending members were kept back owing to our meetings being held on licensed premises. Decided to look for a suitable place, apart from a public house. Messrs. Bundell and Thomson were appointed to look after same, and report at next meeting, August 10, at Victoria Street, Mr. McClue having kindly granted the use of his house there. All intending members wishing to compete for young bird cup must join by this date, and previous members renew their subscriptions, or they will be debarred from this competition. We have secured the Y.M.C.A. hall for our annual show, and Messrs. Holden and Alston will judge. It is hoped that fanciers in the district will rally round and make a success ful show.—J. Pollock, Secretary.

ANNFIELD PLAIN C.B.S.

Meeting held Mr. Lumley's, Mr. S. Foster in the chair, when we had a good turn out of members. Decided not to hold any table shows during August and September, as the moulting season is in. Table show same night. Mr. Emmerson judged, and gave every satisfaction. NOR. YELL.: 1, 2, Humphrey. BORD. YELL.: 1, 2, Peart. BRIT.: 1, 2, vhc, Humphrey; 3, hc, W. Cresswell.—R. Peart, Sec.

KELTY AND BLAIRADAM C.B.A.

Meeting July 23rd, Mr. A. Anderson in the chair, when it was agreed to accept Garrioch's model cards for open show, also Hyde's special. Fife and Kinross Norwich Plainhead Club grant us their patronage. Photographer's account passed for payment. J. Anderson gave report of last League meeting, which will be further discussed at next meeting, August 10th. Members are requested to attend this as stewards for open show will be appointed. W. Spence (Cardenden) was accepted as a member.—A. Dickson, Hon. Sec.

PROVINCIAL ROLLER C.C.

Monthly meeting, July 27, Mr. G. Wareing chairman. All members will regret to hear of the death of Mr. Webster, Wigan, and members present expressed their condolence with Mrs. Webster in her bereavement. A members' show, containing four classes, was arranged to take place at the first open date in November or December. Messrs. Massey and Wareing were elected to judge. For the annual show on January 17 and 18th, 1913, seven classes were arranged, which include a class for teams, also a class open to fanciers who have not won a first prize. The club are commencing a points competition, and two handsome silver cups will be given (one for champion and one for novice), to the exhibitor gaining most points at the different shows throughout the season.—Andrew Percival, Hon. Secretary.

COWDENBEATH C.B.S.

Monthly meeting, held in the Masonic Arms, July 27th, Mr. A. Simpson presiding. Colour feed order etc., were discussed. The Secretary reported that he had failed to secure a lecturer on colour feeding. He was instructed to try and arrange one at an early date. Report of the West Fife League meeting was submitted, and delegates were given instructions as to next meeting. Letters were read from the Fife and Kinross Plainhead Club, and the Border Fancy C.C., stating that we had been granted their patronage for our open show. Collectors were appointed to canvass the district for the show. The Secretary reported donations received, also that a members' cup had been presented to the society by Mr. D. H. Brown, of Aberdeen. Mr. Jas. Fotheringham was appointed assistant secretary. The following new members were proposed: Messrs. A. Harris, A. Jamieson, and W. Gardiner.

NORTHERN YORKSHIRE C.C.

Meeting held July 24, Mr. T. C. Crawhall presided. The Chairman moved a vote of sympathy to Mr. G. S. Ellwood, on the great loss he had sustained by the death of his wife. The secretary was instructed to forward a letter of condolence to Mr. Ellwood in his sad bereavement. The question of joining the Northern Crest Club in holding a specialist club show on New Year's day was then discussed. Decided not to fall in with the suggestion this year. The following shows were granted our patronage: Newcastle, Hartlepools, Blaydon, Whitehaven, Gateshead, with competition for challenge cup to Blaydon Show. We are still open to consider applications from northern societies desirous of having our patronage, applications to be made before our next meeting, August 7th. Members are reminded that subs. are now due, and as our handbook will be ready for printing in a short time, it will facilitate the work of the secretary if members pay up at an early date. Next table show, fixed for August 7, judge, Mr. R. Butler. Table show, held July 24. Mr. J. E. Atkinson judged, and gave every satisfaction. CHAMP. CL.: 1, 3, Butler; 2, Dix; 4, Crawhall. TKD. OR VARIEG.: 1, 2, Butler; 3, Dix; 4, Crawhall. NOV. CL.: 1, Mirley; 2, Witherley; 3, Gracie; 4, Smith. TKD. OR VARIEG.: 1, Witherley; 2, Mirley; 3, Smith; 4, Gracie.—R. Tindale, Hon. Sec.

Singing Contests.

CASTLEFORD.

Weekly Linnet contest, held July 20. 29 birds sang for 3 good prizes. Winners: W. Nelson, B. Nelson, A. Longfield, also July 21, 14 birds entered for 3 prizes, 3 minutes' sing: 1, J. Brindley; 2, 3, W. Ratcliffe: also July 27, 25 birds sang for 3 good prizes, and some good time was done. J. E. Smith; 2, W. Nelson; 3, B. Nelson. Also July 28, 22 birds sang in a 3 minutes' sing, for 3 good prizes, given by Mrs. Parker. 1, B. Nelson; 2, W. Ratcliffe; 3, W. Nelson.—Walter Dobson, Hon. Sec.

BUSLINGTHORPE.

Quality singing contest, held Skinners' Arms, Buslingtonthorpe Lane. 1, and 2, Ward; 3, Sellars. Judges, Messrs. T. Summers and W. Lunn.—C. Clayton, Hon. Sec. (Kindly put a penny, not halfpenny, stamp on your letters.—Editor.)

BROTHERTON.

The Brotherton Linnet Club held its first open contest July 27, at the Commercial Hotel. With the kindness of the landlord, Mr. C. Moore, and a few friends of the Pontefract Linnet Club, we had a most pleasant afternoon, when close on 20 birds were put in the window. We have about 25 members to start with, and this club is hoping to be able to stand on a good foundation very soon. We are holding open contest Saturday next, when everybody will be heartily welcome. First bird will be hung at 4 o'clock.—J. Greenwood, Sec. pro tem.

LEIGH.

Globe Inn Linnet Club held their annual knife and fork tea, July 20, when 40 sat down, and we had a jovial evening with songs and dancing. Will members take notice that there will be a contest for members only on August 3rd; general meeting after concerning the club's finances for next year.—R. Holcroft, Sec.

LEEDS.

Open contest held at the Old Bird House, King's Head, Shanuon-street, July 27th, when 16 birds sang for three good prizes given by Mr. Tillotson. 1st, Ward, kettle: 2nd, Chadwick; 3rd, Farrar. Judges, S. Hardcastle, W. Naylor, W. Sissons. Also July 28th, when 12 birds sang for three good prizes: 1st, Richardson; 2nd, Butler; 3rd, Stead. Judges, S. Hardcastle, W. Naylor. Open contest will be held at the above house on Bank Holiday, when our host will give a half tea service for 1st prize. Three good prizes for runners-up. First pair to be hung 3 p.m. —Walter Naylor, Hon. Sec.

NEWTOWN (Leeds).

The usual week-end Linnet singing contest was held July 28th at Prince Albert Inn, when Mrs. M. A. Saynor gave three good prizes; 13 birds entered. Judges, S. Nevins and N. Soloman. 1st, Chippindale; 2nd, Chadwick; 3rd divided between Binns and Chippindale.—E. Wood, Sec.

SALFORD LINNET CLUB.

On July 28 a good muster of 37 members and friends of Mr. Cootes (Boat House Hotel) held their first annual picnic, some well-known fanciers being included. They journeyed by motor char-a-banc to Northwich, where lunch was served at the Green Bank Hotel. After a good repast the party resumed their journey to Chester, where dinner was served. After dinner several of the party climbed the ancient wall, and were rewarded with a grand view of the surrounding country. Then a sail down the river was undertaken. The weather turned out splendid, and we had one of the most enjoyable outings ever organised in the district. Great credit is due to those who had the arrangements in hand.—B. Wharton.

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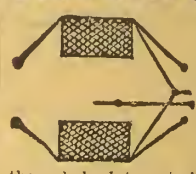

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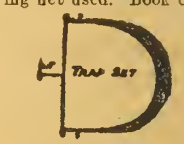

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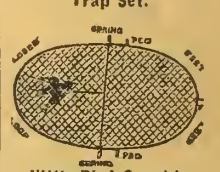

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How the League Medals will be Given.

I thought I had made quite clear the conditions under which the Gold, Silver and Bronze Medals of Cage Birds League will be given for competition at open shows during the forthcoming season. It would appear, however, from more than one letter I have received this week that the matter is not fully understood by some, and I therefore give the details once more.

Any Society holding an open show will be entitled to a medal or medals of the League, according to the amount of paid subscriptions to the League by its members at the time of making application. If these total subscriptions to the League be five shillings, that is, if there are five old members of the League (or two members who are paying the new subscription of half-a-crown) the Society will be entitled to one Bronze or one Silver Medal, and so on for each five shillings subscribed to the League as annual subscription by the individual members of the society concerned. If this total subscription amount to thirty shillings, then the society will be entitled either to one Gold Medal or six of the Silver or Bronze Medals. For example, Sheffield O.S. has forty-one members of Cage Birds League on the old terms of one shilling annually, and, if the subscriptions of all these members are paid at the time of the application by the hon. sec. for the grant of League Medals, the society may have eight Silver, eight Bronze, or a number of both, making eight altogether; or, if preferred, one Gold and two of either of the others, or one Gold, one Silver, and one Bronze.

What Secretaries can do.

I think that, with the above explanation, there cannot possibly be any doubt as to the number of Medals to which any individual society may be entitled. All that the secretary has to do is to get to know how many members of his society are members of the League, and how much is the amount of their subscription. I cannot do this myself, for I have no means of knowing what League members in any particular town are members of the local Cage Bird Society, or, if there are more local societies than one, I cannot, of course, know to which one they belong. To save misunderstanding, it may be as well to point out that if a member of Cage Birds League be a member of *more* than one society, his subscription to the League can, of course, only count for one of these societies.

How they may be Allotted.

Only, one condition attaches to the manner in which Cage Birds Medals may be allotted by the committee of any society entitled to them. They must be for competition among Cage Birds League members only, and any member of the League will be entitled to compete for them so long as he puts the letters "C.B.L." to his entries when making them. The way in which the medals shall be allocated for competition is a matter entirely in the option of the committee concerned. The fact that they are being offered for competition at any show cannot fail to add to the revenue of the Society concerned, for Cage Birds League members will naturally be anxious to win one of these Medals, and will enter their birds accordingly at shows where they would not otherwise exhibit.

Over-due Subscriptions.

Although the great majority of Cage Birds League members are sending along their renewal subscriptions in good time, yet there are quite a number who seem to have forgotten that their renewal subscriptions are overdue. It would lessen my labours considerably if members would kindly send on Postal Orders for their subscriptions, to save the trouble and expense of making separate application by postcard. I would also remind members that those who fall out of the League by reason of the non-payment of their renewal subscription, must pay the new rate of subscription, half-a-crown, instead of a shilling, if they wish to re-join.

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Appropriating a Letter Box.

At Crieff a pair of Robins chose a singular place in which to build a nest—the letter-box of a local gentleman's house. They had to come in and go round the front door to find the bag! The hen laid three eggs and hatched them. She and the cock bird watched the young carefully, perching on cloak pegs or on the gas brackets. The letter-box was left open for them, so that the parent birds could fly out or in when the front door was shut. The three young Robins flew off recently, quite vigorous.

Some Novel Bird-Scarers.

To keep Sparrows and Finches and other orchard robbers off the strawberries, currants, and small fruit in general is an anything but easy task. There are bird-scarers without end, but the wily birds get to know in time that they are only harmless contraptions, and one has to be everlastingly devising some new form of scarer to make sure of success. One cannot be always walking about the fruit beds with a gun, and even if one could the chances are that as much harm would be done with the pellets as good in destroying the birds. A number of quaint and, for a time, effective dodges have lately been referred to in the gardening Press. Quite a good one consists of a piece of fairly springy wire about 2½ft. long fixed to a stick at one end, and bearing a raffia grass strand or two at the other. The wood is stuck into the soil, holding the wire upright, so that the raffia grass is caught by every passing breeze, and waves about in the wind in an extremely—to birds—disconcerting manner. An Irishman publishes another quaint device. Says he, in a letter to the "Gardener's Chronicle": "A simple but useful bird-scare is to boil some beetroot, pull the skins off, and stick feathers round the roots; these scares make even the Blackbirds shiver." One would think so. The empurpled bulb with its trophy of feathers must have the appearance of a poor bird that had met with a very sanguinary doom. But how long will they last? One cannot be everlastingly boiling and skinning beets, and if some Sparrow bolder and more curious than the rest plucked up courage to make close investigation, and, tasting, found the beet to be good, it is quite easy to imagine what the result would be!

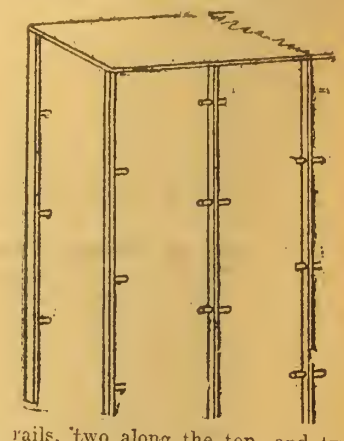
Illustrated Ideas

Every "Illustrated Idea" used in this column will entitle the sender thereof to a postal order for two shillings and sixpence.

No. 606.
A Rack which Keeps Down Red Mite.

Sent by T. Smith, Jackson Bridge, New Mill, near Huddersfield.

To help keep down red mite, have your cages resting on as little wood as possible. Mine rest on pegs. Through a two-inch by inch upright, I drive an eight-inch peg, three-quarter inch in diameter, leaving three and a half inch projecting on each side of the upright. For the end upright a peg half size will do, as it will not have to go through. The uprights are held together by four one-

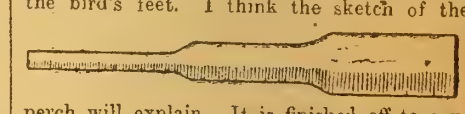


inch rails, two along the top, and two just below the first row of cages. Being round pegs, the cages only touch a very small portion of wood, doing away with red mite breeding places. Then, before pairing up, I stain all over the outside of the breeding cages, except the front, with permanganate of potash, also the nest pan, and I have yet to see my first red mite.—Tom Smith.

No. 607.
A Combination Perch.

Sent in by H. Rees, 9, York Terrace, Clapham, S.W.

Having myself found this perch useful, perhaps other fanciers may be glad of the idea. It combines several different-sized perches in one, and it is always best to have perches of different widths to allow ample exercise for the bird's feet. I think the sketch of the



perch will explain. It is finished off to supply four or more sizes, according to length of perch. I think it serves its purpose especially well in the smaller box pattern cages, where the perches are limited to two.—H. Rees.

Where to Seek Wild Birds.

In wooded districts one must not seek the majority of birds in the centre of the wood, but look for them in the small trees and bushes near the edge. Most birds feed in the open fields and meadows, and so nest as near as possible to their feeding grounds.

Cuckoo! Cuckoo!

It appears to be almost an accepted fact that both male and female Cuckoo give the well-known call. A reader writes that he has seen the two together both calling, and as a proof of the sex has found the egg, quite warm, and therefore recently deposited, on the spot where they stood.

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By H. L. BROWN (Exmouth).

How to house and cater for Canaries, British, & Foreign Birds outdoors

KEEPING birds in an outdoor aviary has, in my humble opinion, many advantages over keeping them indoors, whether in cages or loose in a room. It is far better to have one's pets away from the house, as there is then no mess, no stray seeds on the carpets to worry one's better half, and when the fancier is a busy man he can feed sixty birds in an aviary as quickly as one pair in a breeding cage.

Fitting up an aviary is not a very expensive or difficult matter, especially if one has a nice shed facing south or south-west. Twelve feet long, six feet high, and six wide, roof sloping from back to front, is a nice size for the aviary of the fancier of moderate means, and will accommodate about thirty pairs of birds in comfort.

In building, the structure should be of good stout match boarding, tarred felt roof, with a skylight in centre if possible, so as to admit plenty of light, fitted with a blind for use during the moult or when the sun is very strong.

The front should be boarded up two or three feet from the ground, the remainder being covered with small mesh wire netting, and a nine-inch weather board should be fixed at the top to keep the rain and damp from penetrating; in fact, too many precautions cannot be taken where dampness is concerned.

A Much Appreciated Feature.

If a little more space is at disposal, an open-air flight in front of the aviary is much appreciated by the birds. This flight may be of any size convenient to the builder. It should be boarded up from the ground a foot or so to keep the cats from being too inquisitive.

The flight is a splendid position for the bath. If the fancier, watching his happy little possessions taking their morning dip, in the sunshine, does not feel that all is right with the world, there must be something radically wrong with his constitution.

Sand or turf may be used on the floor of the flight, or it may be periodically sown with grass, canary seed, mustard and cress, etc. Personally, I find that frequent sowings are necessary, so I divide it into one-half gravel and in the other half I endeavour—not always too successfully—to grow green food.

Growing raspberry canes make excellent perches in the flight; I always think birds look so much more attractive hanging naturally to this class of perch than on the straight conventional stick. Inside the aviary the perches should consist of apple branches, pea sticks, etc., nailed to the walls. Fix a nice wooden tray eighteen inches square on a pole in the centre of the inside aviary, well away from all perches, have the sides of the tray some three inches high, place the seed in the centre of the tray, and then you will find that there is not much seed wasted to encourage mice.

Nursery Furniture.

If breeding is contemplated, nesting sites must be supplied, and two of these should be provided to each pair of birds; small boxes or earthenware pans for the Canaries, old Blackbirds' or Thrushes' nests for British hens, and cocoanut husks for foreigners. These should be placed in the house portion of the aviary; shelter them from the perches, and place a board beneath to prevent the young injuring themselves should they fall out. Place the receptacles so that they can be easily inspected without disturbing the young. I find that birds in an aviary do not interfere with each other's breeding operations if not crowded. The whole of the aviary inside should have a good coat of whitewash or distemper before the birds are introduced to their new quarters, and this should be redone twice a year to keep down red mite.

Cold weather need not frighten the fancier if he takes due precautions, but it is then that he finds out if his aviary is well built and watertight; if not, he should make it so at once, and draught proof.

During the winter glass shutters or old window sashes should be put in the front of the aviary, leaving one space for ventilation and access to the flight, if you have one. You need entertain no fear of cold from the birds availing themselves of the flight even in cold weather, as if they feel chilly they will soon regain the shelter.

In winter keep the water in the house portion, not the flight, and be careful to keep it free from ice.

A more liberal diet may be supplied during cold weather, and I have never found hemp in moderation to be prejudicial to the birds' health, as they do not accumulate fat whilst flying in an aviary as they do when caged.

The Birds to Get.

Let me take Canaries first, and the ever-popular Norwich Plainhead as an example, they, I think, being the most suited to our variable climate. If the birds are mated previously to being put in the aviary, according to size, colour, marking, type, etc., there is no reason why as many winners should not be bred as when kept in the orthodox breeding cage.

More hens can be kept than cocks, if one likes. The young should be caged up for a short time at about six weeks old to gradually decrease the egg food and get them on to hard seed. They may be liberated again when this is accomplished if one likes to take the risk of plucking.

Secondly, I intend dealing with British birds. Whether kept for singing, muling, or breeding Hybrids, or merely to reproduce their kind, they are ornamental, interesting, and instructive to both the layman and ever interested fancier.

Muling is one of the most interesting of pursuits, and perhaps the most profitable branch of British bird keeping.

(To be continued.)

Drawn by [*H. Norman*

A TRUE BRITISHER.

This Goldfinch-Bullfinch Hybrid has won many honours for Dr. M. A. Wilson, of Leeds, including 1st Crystal Palace, and we understand it was bred from British parents.

A £2,000 BIRD'S EGG!

How the Great Auk was Exterminated: Astounding prices paid for its eggs.

There is in the National Museum at Washington a lovely specimen of the Great Auk's egg. Its value is assessed at £2,000, and it is said to be insured for that sum (according to "A. N. S.," writing in the "Scotsman"). There are only some seventy specimens of this egg known as existing in the world. It is a shell of about five inches long and barely three inches at its widest part. In colour it is pale blue, blotched with deep brown, the heaviest markings being towards the broader end. Now and again one of the great sale-rooms announces the offering of a Great Auk's egg. Such an intimation usually creates a special interest, for the individual ambitious to possess a specimen must secure one of the seventy at present known to exist.

A brief note on a few of the purchases and sales of these egg shells may not be without interest. Thirty-three years ago a gentleman secured two Great Auk's eggs in an Edinburgh sale room for 32s. the pair. These same shells shortly afterwards fetched no less a sum than £480. It is strange to think that in the year 1830 they only fetched about 5s. apiece, for they were even then rare. Yet, by 1856, the record states that a shell made twenty guineas, while in 1863 four belonging to the Royal College of Surgeons brought no less a sum than £120. One of these four was ultimately disposed of for £168.

Lord Garvagh gave £60 for a shell in the year 1869, while £225 was paid for one in 1888, which eighteen years previously only cost £18. This £225 was then a record figure, and until Sir Vauncey Crewe paid 300 guineas for a specimen in 1894 that record of 1888 held good. These prices, however, were overreached in 1897, when a cracked specimen fetched 300 guineas.

Over £500 in Return for 36s.

But all these records fade against the eggshell that brought down the auctioneer's hammer at £330 15s. This extravagant price reads like a romance. Two eggs were originally purchased for the meagre sum of 36s. along with some fossils and rubbish as a job lot. One of the eggs fetched the sum quoted and the other 180 guineas. Thus the original buyer got £510 15s. for his 36s., and had the fossils, etc., for nothing.

The bird whose eggs fetch these fabulous sums is now extinct. Although an active bird on the water, a splendid swimmer and expert diver, the Great Auk could be captured on land by the merest novice. It is even said that Auk hunters would erect a gangway from the shore to their ship and drive the stupid birds in thousands across the platform. The Auk was black on the back and white over the under portions, with a small white streak running across the wings. Its short wings were useless for flight. Like the other Auks, the "Great" species sat upright when on terra firma, and its full height was not over two feet. Like many other sea birds, the Great Auk's nest was merely a flat place on a precipice, and here only a single egg was laid and hatched during a season.

Of the habitat of this extinct bird, Lyddeker says it was more or less confined to the more northern regions of the Atlantic. The chief breeding grounds seem to have been the rocky islands known as the Garefowl Skerries and Funk Island, off the coast of Newfoundland. It appears that one of these breeding sites was distributed by volcanic action in the year 1830, where they had formerly been secure from molestation. Then the birds took up their residence on an island nearer the coast, and here the hunter and sportsman took full advantage of the situation. The last pair seem to have been shot in the year 1844.

Ancient records indicate that the bird was first discovered on Funk Island in the year 1534, at which date they were so numerous that the land looked practically covered with their numbers when viewed from a distance. Coming nearer home, one may see in the British Museum a specimen of this bird which was shot in 1813 on one of the Orkney Isles.

The "Pleasure of the Chase."

Of this specimen, Yarrel, in his "History of British Birds," writes:—"The natives in the Orkneys informed Mr. Bullock on his tour through the islands that only one male had made its appearance for a long time, which had regularly visited Papa Westra for several seasons. The female, which the natives called the Queen of the Auks, was killed just before Mr. Bullock's arrival. The king, or male, Mr. Bullock had the pleasure of chasing for several hours in a six-oared boat, but without being able to kill him, for though he frequently got near him, so expert was the bird in its natural element that it appeared almost impossible to shoot him. The rapidity with which he pursued his course under water was well-nigh incredible."

Ultimately Mr. Bullock got this bird from the Orkney Isles. This was in 1813, but a later instance is recorded by Sir Charles Dixon from the Isle of St. Kilda. This naturalist says:—"A bird was caught there as recently as 1821 or 1822, and we ourselves in 1884 were assured by an old inhabitant of the island that a Great Auk was stoned to death as an evil spirit on Stock-an-Armin about half a century previous, he himself assisting in the deed."

But when all is said, the fact remains that the Great Auk is not now on any ornithological list of any home or foreign country, and, like the Dodo, can never be replaced in its former haunts.

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Twitterings.

Mr. G. H. Wharam, sec., Derby C.B.S., informs us that he has changed his address to 23, Macklin Street, Derby.

We hear from Mr. Havver, sec., Blaydon-on-Tyne and Dist. C.B.S., that Messrs. C. A. House and W. A. Cowgill will judge at Blaydon Show, held Nov. 1 and 2.

As our last meeting night fell on Bank Holiday, it was postponed to Monday next, Aug. 12, writes Mr. H. Boothman, hon. sec. of the Manchester and N.C. O.S.

We hear from Mr Geo. Brown (Leith) that Councillor Robert Keddie, of that town, has presented to the Leith O.S. a handsome silver cup for the best British bird, Mule, or Hybrid at the Leith O.S. Show on Nov. 9.

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Owing to a printer's error, we were last week made to say that Mr. W. E. Tyrrell (38, Commercial Road) was the "judge" of the Portsmouth F.S. Show on Nov. 27 and 28. It should have read "the secretary," as Mr. Tyrrell is hon. sec. of the society.

The following gentlemen have kindly agreed to judge the Scotch Fancy and Belgians at our City of Glasgow Show on Oct. 18 and 19 next, writes Mr. J. Young, sec.:—Messrs. J. Dalgleish (Leith), Wm. Rodger (Colinton, near Edinburgh), Alex. Nisbet (Galston), James Ward (Shettleston), George Fulton (Partick), and John Pack (Govan).

Owing to the resignation of Mr. C. Holley, secretary, writes Mr. C. Lattimore, 5, Little Fitzwilliam Place, Lower Fitzwilliam Street, Dublin, all correspondence in connection with the Yorkshire C. and C.B.S. of Ireland should be addressed to me. Clubs desiring patronage should apply as soon as possible, giving the name of judge and number of classes.

My daughter was dressed for Kippax Carnival on August 3 representing Cage Birds, and was fortunate enough to win second prize, in one of the sections, writes Mr. R. Plows, hon. sec., Kippax and Dist. Linnet Club. We cut birds out singly from your colour plates and stitched them on her dress. It looked well, and will have done the paper a good turn as an advertisement, I hope.

Mr. R. L. G. Simpson, 35, Clare Avenue, Hoole, Chester, writes as follows:—At the monthly meeting of the Chester C.B.S, held July 30, at the Nag's Head Cocoa Rooms, Mr. R. N. Williams reluctantly resigned the secretaryship of the society, owing to promotion and alteration in hours of duty, which would prevent him regularly attending the meetings, and I was appointed in his place.

Messrs. King and Joiner (80, Stubbington Avenue, Portsmouth) write: We have again taken over the duties of hon. secretaries of Portsmouth C.B.S., and all correspondence should be forwarded to the above address. We take this opportunity of thanking all exhibitors who wrote expressing their satisfaction for the way the last show was carried through. We look forward to being well supported by exhibitors at our third annual show, Nov. 5 and 6, 1912. Up-to-date methods are what we are relying on. Messrs. J. H. Roe and H. Norman are the specialist judges engaged.

Glasgow and Dist. C.B.A., writes Mr. W. Hutchison, hon. sec., have been successful in securing the following well-known gentlemen as judges:—Crests and Plainheads, Mr. Jno. Holmes (Edinburgh); Borders, Mr. R. Lambie (Whitburn); Yorks., Dr. J. C. Syson (Glasgow); Brit., For., and Mules, Mr. R. Bald (Bathgate) and Mr. S. Ward. The committee have secured for the show the hall occupied by the Glasgow Highlanders, which is in close proximity to the haunts of Glasgow's birdy men, viz., the Bird Mart. It is in every way a most desirable hall—good top light, commodious, and free from draughts, and, given support, the G. and D. C.B.A. should flourish.

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Mr. A. Wellings (Prescot) has been appointed to judge the Anfield, Everton, and Dist. C.B.S. Show, Dec. 26.

An appeal is being made in our correspondence columns on behalf of Mr. C. Eastop, 15, Spencer St., Gateshead, who is lying seriously ill.

Will members of the N.P.C., writes Mr. F. Cunliffe, sec., please note that their subscriptions are now due? I shall be pleased to receive any donations towards the special prize fund. Rally round the old club and make it a successful season financially. Mr. Cunliffe's address is 19, Lark Street, Burnley.

Mr. T. Bishop, hon. sec. Sheffield O.S., writes that the patronage of the following clubs has been secured for the Sheffield All-England Show on Nov. 1 and 2:—Yorks C.C., Cinn. Mkd. Y.C.C., Open Nor. P.C., Lanc. and Liz. F.A., National B.B. and M.C., Yorks County B.B. and M.C., and Foreign B.C.

The splendid collection of White Canaries, numbering twenty-five, bred by Mrs. M. S. Martin, of New Zealand, is now under my charge, and the birds are for sale, as per advertisement, an exceptional opportunity to fanciers to start this interesting hobby, writes Mr C. H. Goodman (Kempston).

I have been fortunate in securing again the large assembly room at headquarters, "Sydenham Hotel" for Boxing Day (the only available date) for our usual members' show, writes Mr. J. Sheppard, sec., South Birmingham C.B.S. We should easily reach 200 entries at the Christmas show, and I hope to secure a leading open show judge again.

OBITUARY.

It is with great regret that we have received from Mr. Havver, sec. of Blaydon-on-Tyne and Dist. C.B.S., a note as follows:—

One of our prominent members, Mr. G. S. Ellwood, has suffered a great loss in the death of his beloved wife, at the early age of 36. Mrs. Ellwood was a keen fancier, and helped her husband and also our society in every possible way; hence the great loss both the club and Mr. Ellwood have sustained, and our sympathies go out to him and her little family in their sad bereavement. May she rest in peace.

Mr. J. Wallbank (Blackburn).

We are sorry also to receive a note, as follows, from Mr. C. Roberts, Blackpool:—It is with great regret I have to notify the death of an old, respected, and widely known fancier in Mr. John Wallbank, Withers Street, Blackburn, who died on August 5 of heart failure after a short illness, aged 52 years. A life fancier, as was his father before him, Crests were his favourites, although he bred Norwich and Yorkshires for years. He leaves a widow and two sons, to whom I am sure the deepest sympathy will be extended by all fellow-fanciers in the North.

A handsome silver cup has been presented to the Anfield, Everton, and Dist. C.B.S. for competition in Yorkshire Greens at the annual open show and four outside shows, any distance, writes Mr. R. B. Wright, the hon. sec. Societies desiring our patronage should apply at once to me at 15, Worcester Drive, Clubmore, Liverpool. We have been granted patronage of N.G.M.Y.C.C. for our annual open show.

Special Notice.—R. A. Newley, the well-known bird cage specialist, will be glad to receive additional names and addresses of breeders of various types of Canaries, etc. View, purchase of stock for the coming season. Transactions straightforward and for cash. All communications treated in strict confidence.—Write, giving particulars and prices, to R. A. Newley, 24, Stockwell Green, London, S.W. Genuine.—(Advt.)

The handbook of the Welsh C.B.C. is to hand from the hon. sec., Mr. A. E. Brown, 66 Clare Street, Merthyr Tydfil. The rules have been considerably revised and brought up to date. The patronage of the Club has been given for the forthcoming season to Mumbles, Swansea, Cardiff, Pentrebach, and Pontypridd, and, in addition to the cups, £5 will be given as cash specials to members—30s. each at Swansea and Cardiff 10s. each at Pentrebach nd Pontypridd, with 20s. yet to be allotted There is quite a satisfactory increase in the number of members, and Mr. Brown will be pleased to hear from fanciers wishing to join. The balance sheet shows cash at bank £17 9s. 7d., with an asset of three cups valued at £3 4s.

Those on a study whose colour feed to use, just read these absolutely true facts. Everyone below had from 28lbs. to 112lbs. Royal Red, Crystal Palace, 1912. Ten Open Champion Norwich classes, nine 1st prize winners, special best bird in show, champion diploma, best in section, were moulted solely on Royal Red by Messrs. Thomas, Davies, Smeaton, Turner. The one first moulted on another was a Buff, four champion Cinnamon classes, every 1st, 2nd and 3rd were moulted solely on Royal Red by Messrs. Dormer, Godley, Deacon. In Yorkshires, Messrs. Binns, Thomas, Hirst, Ellis, Dykes, all big first winners, moulted on Royal Red. Sandiford's Royal Red costs £20 per ton more than any other in England. Note the above success at last Crystal Palace Show, where another Vendor gives scores of specials. I am never asked to give one, where 99 out of every 100 are my customers.—(Advt.)

Rollers at the Palace Show.

We hear that the Roller Canaries will again be catered for at the next Crystal Palace National Show, and that Mr. F. Oldroyd, of Wakefield, is once more to be invited to judge this section.

Perhaps—Perhaps Not!

Allied to the practice of giving beer to pigeons, writes a correspondent to the "Manchester Guardian," would seem to be the unpleasant one of stimulating Canaries with wine. A fancier once admitted to me that he had sold a bird, whose only fault was an excess of taciturnity, by the simple device of administering to it a drop of wine just before the prospective buyer saw it. The bird burst into a thrilling, though perhaps incoherent, volume of song, which entirely satisfied the purchaser.

Humanising the Crows.

Mr. F. S. Hawkins writes from Alresford to "The Standard" that we can safely "humanise the Crow tribe." He has specialised in tame Jackdaws. "I had a Jackdaw just like a human being—he was always friendly with my maid till I had a hunting accident which made me unable to move without her aid. In moving, I called out in pain. Each time she came to move me my Jackdaw would not allow her to touch me, flying at and pecking her and doing his utmost to protect me. He was simply a human in bird form in all his ways." Mr. Hawkins gives another instance of the intelligence of a pet Jackdaw which returned to him after disappearing for days in a strange town.

Longevity in Birds.

In answer to Mr. C. W. Wells, I believe that twenty-four years is a record of a Mule's life. One bird of the same cross, i.e., between the Norwich Canary and the Goldfinch, has been under my observation for a number of years, writes "J. E. N." in the "Eastern Daily Press." That Mule is now nineteen years of age, rather fat, but in good plumage, and singing as well as can be expected, age, of course, beginning to tell. Birds now under my notice are a Redpoll, which is just nineteen this coming catching season; a couple of Linnets, aged respectively seventeen and eighteen years. The oldest Norwich Canary that I can remember was one of twenty-one years, and was exhibited at a show held in St. Andrew's Hall, Norwich.

Echo of the Coal Strike.

During the coal strike in the spring Thrushes' nests were several times found in the wheels of coal trucks lying idle in railway sidings, and sitting birds were often the centre of interest to business men waiting for morning trains. In many cases the strike was over before the young birds were safely on the wing, and dire were the consequences, as the trucks were shunted and taken into active service again. It was stated at the time that in the wheels of five successive coal trucks in the sidings of one station alone no fewer than eleven Thrushes' nests were found. Certain birds at all times take a lively interest in railway sidings and the neighbourhood of stations. The Thrush is conspicuous in this respect, and so is the Pied Wagtail.

An East End Birdland.

We have received an ingenious set of verses (arranged by Mr. S. Thomas to fit the music of the song "Dreamland") extolling the aviary which Mr. G. Bailey has at the back of his licensed premises, the Vine Tavern, Ratcliff, E. A photograph of this really excellent aviary (in which the Song Thrush has been known to nest, to say nothing of other birds) was given in one of our art supplements last year. The first verse and chorus run:—

Strolling one day down Ratcliff Highway,
I chanced to meet Mr. Bailey
Outside the "Vine." He said: "Have a wine,"
So I stepped o'er the threshold so gaily.
"Have what you like to drink with me,
Then come and see my aviary."

Chorus:

Just take a stroll to Birdland,
A wonderful sight you'll see,
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My Ideal Norwich Plainhead:

By E. BARRON (Glasgow).

A well-known Scottish breeder and exhibitor gives his views upon his favourite bird.

THE exhibition Norwich Plainhead is short and chubby in shape, of lovely quality of feather, and of good colour. As these three features are placed in order, so do I consider a bird ought to be possessed of them to gain the premier award on the show bench. Type is the first consideration. Without type (shape) we lose that which goes to make the bird we are striving for. Quality is the next essential, because the Plainhead should be a bird of tight silky plumage. Colour is the next point. Although the Norwich Plainhead is a bird of colour, yet colour alone ought not to be a determining factor when weighing up a bird's merit on the show bench. Without type, a bird of colour would do little good in the stock room. The rage for colour of a few years ago has had its day, and fanciers are once again paying more attention to type and to quality of feather.

The Stock Room and the Show Room.

The size of the Norwich Plainhead is a vexatious question; yet it ought not to be. Our standard lays down the law. The craze for colour and the desire for size have done much harm to this lovely bird. On the show bench many birds have been staged that possessed not a single recommendation except size and colour, and it is regrettable that encouragement in the form of awards was ever given to those unhappy products Fanciers found that it was impossible to send out their Plainheads to secure recognition, hence they had recourse to exhibiting their stock birds. But this state of things is righting itself, and to-day we now see more of the correct type of bird.

I do not mean to infer that there is no place for a big bird. Oh no! A good little one, however, should be hard to beat. The good big ones are difficult to find, and when they do come along they reap their reward; and that is as it ought to be. I do not, on the other hand, mean to infer that a show specimen is a small bird; I rather mean to say that it should not be a stock bird. I have seen during the last four or five seasons many fine birds, up to standard requirements, out of the tickets altogether, standing behind birds that were fitted only for the stock room or elsewhere.

The conclusion I have come to is that many of our judges in an honest endeavour to keep up the size of the Plainhead, have allowed type and quality to stand down. There are others, again, who fearlessly tackle the situation, and it is a real pleasure to look on their awards, especially if a goodly number of birds, true to type, are forward for competition.

The Kind to Captivate the Judge.

A first-class Norwich must possess a full, nicely-rounded skull, without flatness. The neck should be short and thick; the chest broad, deep, and rounded. The back should be broad and well filled in; the shoulders broad and the legs well set back. The wings should be short and neatly carried, fitting close to the body; the points meeting evenly and not crossing; and the tail should be short and compact. Such a bird hopping sprightly from perch to perch is sure to attract the eye of the judge.

The feather of the Plainhead should be very fine and silky in texture, short, and compactly disposed, fitting the bird like a glove, devoid of coarseness, leaving the outline of the bird sharply defined and clear.

Feather of the above texture will invariably be found to carry a rich colour. Colour and quality of feather both come from the green bird and it has been my experience that birds of proper feather have also that beautiful colour so necessary to a show specimen.

The Pairing that Pays.

When pairing birds to breed exhibition specimens, always have well in your mind the ideal you are anxious to produce. It is not sufficient to put two birds together and expect the progeny to be show specimens. As the Plainhead is a stout, thickset bird, it is necessary that the stock birds should be stout and thick set and of good quality. This matter of shortness applies more particularly to the hens than it does to the cocks. It is quite impossible to breed birds to type if long slim stock birds are used.

I like the hens to be of medium size, and as true to type as can be procured, possessing good feather and good colour. I am convinced that the hen is responsible for type in the young, and that size and colour are largely controlled by the cock bird.

It is advisable to select one's stock in the month of December from the birds of the previous season. These birds are matured and the progeny from them may be expected to be of good size and substance. In selecting them, always pay due regard to quality; this is almost as essential as shape and size. Birds of good quality of feather are also the best as colour producers.

Where the Stock Birds Should Excel.

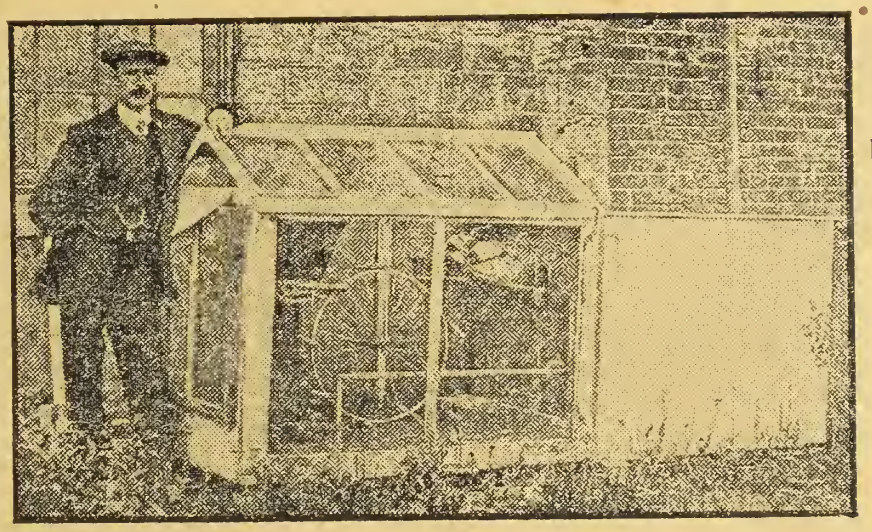
One of the most difficult features in the Norwich Plainhead to control is the head How often we see an otherwise excellent bird deficient in head properties. The stock birds therefore should excel in heads and necks. If one is inclined to weakness, its mate must be correspondingly strong in this respect. As the chest should be broad and deep and rounded, and the back broad and well filled in, the stock birds must be birds possessed of these essentials—at least on one side. One bird may not possess all these points, but what it lacks should be supplied by its partner.

Long flights and crossed wings are two very bad features and very difficult to control if once introduced into a strain. Birds that are weak in these two points ought never to be paired together. Their partners must have good wing carriage and short flights. A long tail mars the appearance of a good Norwich; it is therefore desirable that the stock is so paired as to procure the short-tailed bird.

A Favorite Mating.

The position of the legs is yet another point that requires attention. In the stock birds these should be well set back so that in position the birds are well across the perch. Two long-legged birds ought never to be paired together.

Personally I prefer mating Buff cock to Yellow hen, as I find it much easier to procure a good-sized buff cock than a large yellow cock, and with this matching I have also found it easier to produce that quality that is so essential to the Plainhead.



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(See letter on page 652.)

An Irish Fancier's Favourite Quartette:

By R. COBAIN (Crawfordsburn).

The Siskin, the Redpoll, and the Yellow & Reed Buntings.

(Continued from page 601).

Our Friend the Lesser Redpoll.

THE breast of the male Redpoll is a beautiful pink colour; back brown with dark pencilling; top of the head is crimson, and the bird has a black bib similar to the Siskin; wings and tail, dark brown, with lighter brown bars on the wings; the lower parts of the body are of a dirty white colour, with lacing on the sides as in the Siskin; the legs are dark brown; the beak is yellow, and not so strong as that of the Siskin; there is also a pink spot on the rump. The pink breast is absent, except in the breeding season, though one may find a few specimens that still retain it during the winter. In most cases the pink of the breast is replaced by a yellowish colour during the autumn and winter, the other colours remaining the same. The hens have the same colours as cocks, except the pink breast, so that in winter it is not easy to distinguish the sex. If one finds a pink feather in the breast at all, the bird is certain to be a cock, as the hens never have any.

As a rule, the Redpoll goes to nest about the beginning of May, although I have found nests in the middle of April. To my mind no rule can be laid down as to where a Redpoll will build its nest. I have found nests in all kinds of trees and shrubs, some twenty feet from the ground, and others not more than three feet. The nest is similar in appearance to that of the Siskin, and composed of the same materials. The eggs are four or five in number, blue in colour, with small brown marks on the larger end—darker than those of the Siskin.

Hundreds in a Flock.

The young hatch out and are ready to leave the nest in about the same time as allotted to the Siskin; and, like the Siskin, they come to maturity very quickly. In the nest feather, the young are grey in colour, and do not have the red head until after the first moult. It is not easy to distinguish the sex at this time. The cocks, I think, are a little larger than the hens. I might mention here that there are usually more cocks than hens in a nest. I have found this by rearing them from the nest, and also from the fact that in the beginning of the nesting season one invariably finds two cock birds with each hen.

The song of the Redpoll is not very musical, and is not much heard except in the nesting time. Its natural food is similar to that of the Siskin, and the two species are often to be found in company, especially so when they are feeding on the alder trees. I have seen flocks of Siskins and Redpolls, numbering hundreds at this season. They may be caught in the way described for the Siskin.

They may be bred in cages like the Siskin, but I have not found them to breed so freely as the latter. The cage and food of the Redpoll in captivity may be similar to that described for the Siskin. A good supply of sea-sand should be kept in the bottom of the cage, and also a bath, for either of these birds, as often as they like to take it, as besides keeping them clean it is beneficial to the health of the birds. During the moult they require the same treatment as described for the Siskin. After being housemoulted, the crimson cap is replaced by one of a golden colour, and the pink breast is not reproduced; the other colours remain as they were. The Redpoll, like the Siskin, is well to the front as an exhibition bird and hybrid producer.

The leading points of an exhibition specimen are a good clean-cut, large bib; deep, rich body colour, with good pencilling and lacing carried well down the thighs; the bird to be as large in size as possible.

Two Beautiful Buntings.

I will now leave our two little friends, and turn to my favourite Buntings. Of these, the Yellowhammer is a most beautiful bird, with almost Canary-like plumage when in full summer dress. In winter the plumage is not so bright. The head and upper part of the breast are canary yellow, getting paler in colour in the lower parts of the body; back chestnut-brown, with darker markings; there is a greenish-black mark in the form of a V on the head, and also a mark in the form of a horse-shoe on each cheek. In the winter there are brown edges on the breast feathers, which disappear in the nesting time, leaving the breast yellow; the tail and wings are brown in colour; legs and beak a clear flesh-colour. The hens are easily distinguished from the cocks, having very little yellow in the plumage, and are altogether much more dingy in appearance.

The Yellowhammer goes to nest in the middle of April or beginning of May. The site usually chosen is in the long grass to be found at the root of a hedge, or in a gorse or bramble-bush, and sometimes in a bunch of rushes. The nest is composed of dried grass, and sometimes a little moss, lined with finer grass and hair. It is always placed quite close to the ground. The eggs are from three to five in number, and almost round in shape. The colour is white with black spots and irregular lines all over. The eggs hatch out in about fourteen days.

The young are blue in colour when hatched, as is the case with all Buntings. They do not come to maturity so quickly as the two previous birds. When in the nest-feathers, the young resemble the mother, but I think there is a little more yellow to be found in the cocks at this time. In my opinion the Buntings form a link between the seed-eaters and insectivorous birds. The young are fed almost entirely on insects, and are not fed from the crop like the previous birds mentioned. The parents carry the food in their beak.

The natural food of the Yellowhammer consists largely of insects, but they also eat the seed of various grasses, and the seed of a plant commonly known as Redshank, having a red-jointed stem, and an oval green leaf, with a black spot in the centre, and bearing pink flowers and a three-cornered black seed. They are also fond of oats. In the winter they are to be found in the farm-yards gathering their food round the corn-stacks.

"A Bit of Bread and no Chee-e-ese."

The song of the Yellowhammer is short and plaintive. The last note is very long drawn-out. In the nesting-time the male bird perches on the topmost twig of a tree or bush, and will sit in one position repeating his song for hours at a stretch. The Yellowhammer is not an easy bird to catch, being very wary. In severe weather they may be caught by scattering oats along the ground where they are feeding and covering with limed twigs. They may also be netted at such times, but I have never found a call-bird much use in catching these birds.

In my opinion, the best birds are those which are hand-reared. For this purpose they should be taken, nest and all, when the young are from eight to ten days old. The nest with the young should be placed in a roomy box cage. The bottom of the cage should be covered with dry moss, and should be kept from draughts and covered at night. They may be fed every two hours with a goose quill or sharp-pointed stick. The food I have found them thrive best on is a good insectivorous food, which may be had from advertisers in CAGE BIRDS at about 1s. 6d. per pound, and also egg-food, the same as given to Canaries. I always give the insectivorous food and egg-food on alternate days; that is, one day I give insectivorous food, the next egg food, and so on. I always find them very good feeders, and they thrive well on this food. They should also be given ants' eggs and meal-worms occasionally.

(To be continued.)

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CANARY QUERIES.

Answered by CLAUDE ST. JOHN.

LUMP ON WING (A.B.C.).—The substance may be an abnormal growth of feather. Is it underneath the wing or on the outer surface? A rough sketch showing its position would have been useful. Paint the lump sparingly with tincture of iodine four times at intervals of four days each time. Add a slight dusting of flowers of sulphur to the egg food every third day for a fortnight, and on the day after sulphur is given each time dissolve as much chlorate of potash as will cover a threepenny piece in the drinking water. Report result three weeks hence.

GERMAN HEN (F.E.N.).—Do not depend solely upon this hen for breeding next season. Although it is quite possible that with a good moult and careful management through the winter she may breed quite successfully. Still, I advise you to get a strong healthy young hen after the moulting season for next year's breeding, and thus avoid some of the risks of disappointment. You may, if you wish, keep the old hen also and mate her alternately with the same cock, and thereby increase to some extent your chances of success.

MAKES SQUEAKY NOISE (J.W.H.W.). It is not unusual for bronchial troubles to become acute at the moulting season. The bird should be kept in a comfortable and fairly equable temperature, quite free from draughts, and rather on the warm side until it has finished moulting. In addition to its ordinary seed diet, give half a teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake with four drops of sherry and two of cod liver oil emulsion mixed in it every second day for a fortnight, and on the alternate days a pinch of maw. Add six drops of syrup of rhubarb and as much Epsom salts as will cover a sixpence to the water for two days, and afterwards 20 drops of whisky, five each of oxymel of squills, and ipecacuanha wine, and two of eucalyptus oil, well shaken together, two days in every three for a week.

SONG AND NO SONG (J. H. Macey).—The cock ceasing to sing now he has started to moult is quite a usual and natural thing. Occasionally one comes across birds which continue their song more or less through the moult, but they are exceptions rather than the rule. Treat him on the lines given in article last week, and he will doubtless resume singing as soon as he is quite over the moult. It is also nothing very unusual for a hen to sing more or less, and many of these hens will begin a lively twittering song after being separated at the end of the breeding season. In all probability the moult will put an end to her singing, though this is by no means certain. You must keep a sharp eye on the young birds, and if they start plucking each other, cage them separately at least, do this with the culprit, and do it quickly. Do not allow them to remain with the others until the habit begins to spread. Give them a few half-ripe plantain stalks to pick at, and feed them during the moult as advised for normal cases in article given last week. Your present feeding is rather too meagre for the moulting season.

REARING NO YOUNG (J. Thomas).—I am afraid there is some screw loose in your system of feeding or general treatment. You would certainly be well advised to invest in a copy of "Our Canaries," and thoroughly digest the early chapters in it dealing with all phases of management to equip yourself for dealing with next season's vagaries. I imagine your birds are somewhat overfed and lethargic. It is scarcely credible that they were in fine condition for such a number of pairs (30) to fail so inconsistently as to rear only two young. The cages you describe seem badly proportioned. A single breeding cage should be about 20in. long, 14 or 16in. high, and 10 deep (back to front). You ought to do better by keeping the foster pairs in cages. Common Norwich should make very good feeders, and either Rollers or Borders, or common nondescripts of no particular breed, are excellent fosters as a rule. But what you must be careful about is to get fosters, if possible, from parents which are known reliable and good feeders. If the grandparents have a similar record, so much the better. You should get about half 1912 hens and half 1911, but take care that the latter fed well in 1912, and that all are in good sound health and active.

OUTDOOR BIRDROOM (Hopeful).—You give no idea of the size, aspect, or material of structure of the birdroom, so I am somewhat handicapped in replying fully to your questions. If it is very small it would be as well to provide a sliding shutter over the ventilation apertures, by which you could regulate the current of air in stormy weather in winter, and in any case you should also provide an ingress for fresh air near the floor. If, as I read your letter to imply, the young birds have been bred and kept hitherto under normal conditions of temperature, they would certainly thrive very well in the place all through the winter without any artificial heat at all. I cannot be very definite on this point in the absence of more particulars concerning the room, as already mentioned, though I have no doubt the birds would thrive better without heat than with it. It would have been best to put the birds there as soon as they got on hard seed that they might get acclimatised, so to speak, before the moult began. You should lose no time in putting them in, except any that are deep in moult. If there are any in this condition, let them remain where they are until they have quite finished. Certainly, after thriving in this room through the winter the birds will breed there next spring if they are allowed to do so. Do not put the old cock out until he has quite got through the moult, and all trace of the cold has disappeared. Add 20 drops of whisky, six of oxymel of squills, and two of eucalyptus oil to the drinking water, and shake well together every second day for a week or so.

CANARY QUERISTS

should consult St. John's "Canary Breeding for Beginners" (7d.); House's "Canary Manual" (1/2); Baltye's "Yorkshire Canaries" (1/1½); House's "Norwich Canories" (1/1); Weston's "Stock Book" (7d.); Dr. Clarke's "Septic or Bird Fever" (7d.); Dr. Creswell's "Hygiene of Bird-keeping (1/1); Norman's "Aviaries, Bird-rooms, and Cages" (2/3); Ramsden's "Colour-feeding" (3½d.); "Seeds and Foods for Cage Birds" (1/2); or the "Nutshell" booklets (2½d. each); No. 5 "The Pet Canary," No. 6 "Ailing Birds and How to Cure them," No. 9 "The Disinfection of Cages, Bird-rooms, etc.," No. 10 "The Roller," No. 23 "The Border Fancy," No. 24 "Green Canaries." All thoroughly practical and instructive. Prices quoted are post free, from "Cage Birds," 154, Fleet Street, London, E.C.

FOREIGN BIRDS.

Answered by WESLEY T. PAGE, F.Z.S.,

WHAT COCKATOO? (F. A. Keevil).—(1) It is either a Greater or Lesser Sulphur-crested Cockatoo. (2) Solomon Island Cockatoo. This is both the name of the bird and its habitat. (3) This is very variable, but about 50s., according to number happening to arrive; but it is by no means frequently on the market. Very many of the White Cockatoos show yellow, pink, or salmon at the base of the feathers, especially at crest, nape, and under the wing, though appearing entirely white unless the feathers are shaken out.

DIET FOR BUDGERIGARS (L.B.S.).—The main diet will be a mixture of canary seed and white millet, in equal parts; an occasional millet spray is appreciated. Green food, lettuce, and non-poisonous weeds, but while obtainable they should have flowering (seeding) grass ad lib. Cuttlebone, grit, and water should be regularly supplied; also a few oats, say twice a week. They should have a roomy cage, but they do best in a garden aviary, for they are every whit as hardy as the house Sparrow; at the same time, when kept in cages they must not be subjected to draught. You should get our Nutshell "Budgerigars," 2½d. post free from our Manager. Please note: You should send name and address when asking for information. (See condition 2 at the head of these columns).

BLUE-FRONTED AMAZON (T. H. S.).—(1) One quart each canary seed, white millet and oats, one pint each paddy rice, hemp, and sunflower seeds; half pint each maize, dari, wheat, chillies, and shelled nuts. Well mix and store in dust-proof receptacle. (2) It is a good plan to add a pinch of grit (not sand) to the daily supply of seed. As you use sand keep a tin of Parrot grit in the cage. (3) For running at the nostrils, bathe or spray them twice daily with diluted glyco-thymoline. For a cold 5 drops of Friar's Balsam in one ounce of water in lieu of the drinking water. Continue till relief is given, but prepare a fresh supply daily. If a bird gets a bad chill at any time, write for advice at once, giving full details.

CUTTHROATS EATING EGGS (C. B. Baggs).—It is merely the "cussedness" of some birdy natures. If you can be certain it is only one bird which has the vice and which is the one, get rid of it and procure another mate for the odd bird. But if you cannot ascertain which is the culprit, then get rid of the pair and replace them with another pair. Cutthroats usually sit close and are good parents. My birds have always favoured a roomy box about 6in. square at base by 9in. deep, with a round or oval entrance hole cut in one side and a twig fastened in front of it. At the same time, similar episodes to your own have occurred, which are illustrative of the individualism of respective pairs of the same species.

FOREIGN BIRD QUERISTS

should consult Page's "Foreign Birds for Beginners" (1/1½); Arthur's "Budgerigars and Cockatiels" (6d.); Arthur's "Parrots for Pleasure and Profit" (7d.); "Aviaries, Bird-rooms, and Cages" (2/3); "Seeds, Foods, and Wild Plants" (1/2); Dr. Clarke's "Septic or Bird Fever" (7d.); Dr. Creswell's "Hygiene of Bird-keeping" (1/1); "Colour-feeding" (3½d.); or the "Nutshell" booklets (2½d. each): No. 6 "Ailing Birds and How to Cure them," No. 9 "The Disinfection of Cages, Bird-rooms, etc.," No. 14 "Gouldian Finches," No. 16 "Avadavats," No. 17 "The Grey Parrot," No. 18 "Budgerigars," No. 19 "The Pekin Robin," No. 20 "Waxbills." All thoroughly practical and instructive. Prices quoted are post free from "Cage Birds," 154.

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BRITISH BIRDS, MULES AND HYBRIDS.

Answered by G. E. WESTON.

A QUEER SAMPLE (Andy).—I should be puzzled to tell you what the seed is; neither "fish, flesh, nor good red-herring," as the saying goes. I have seen some rich samples of said-to-be German summer rape seed, but the one you send is about the limit. There is a small quantity of summer rape amongst it and a quantity of charlock, but the bulk is composed of seeds of the brassica group of plants (turnips, cabbage, and near relatives) which it is practically impossible to separately identify at the moment. You would be unwise to use it; your birds, in fact, would reject the greater part unless starved into eating it.

A "FORWARD" BACK CLAW (Anxious).—There are several methods of treating a back claw that will not keep its position, i.e., comes forward under the front claws, but they are not easy to explain on paper. An illustration of an excellent method appears in "Our Canaries" (you could get the particular part containing this). A popular and effective way of coping with the trouble is to get from a chemist a small piece of rubber tubing, such as is used in the old style of infant's feeding bottle. In size this should be just sufficient to pass over the three front claws and hold the back claw up to the shank; the back claw, of course, is inside the tubing. Leave this on for from 7 to 10 days; and for a short time afterwards do not let the bird have very wide perches, and let them in shape resemble a triangle, and be placed so that the bird alights on the apex (the edge should be rounded off a little).

WHAT'S IN A NAME? (A. Goodall).—In all cases where the word "rape" is used, the kind known as summer (or German) rape seed is indicated. This is a highly nutritive seed, and the oil it contains is of a bland character and comparatively easy of digestion. Most of the other rapes (the English rape, or cole seed, sometimes termed winter rape, is a case in point), while of high feeding value according to their analyses, contain oil of an acrid nature and are difficult of digestion. Generally speaking, they are unsuitable for birds unable to take exercise freely on the wing; further, if eaten in quantity by birds not used to them, they will set up diarrhœa (scouring), the stronger kinds in particular. Charlock is the best and safest of all the "wild rapes," and even this requires a certain amount of discretion in its use.

IS IT TOO LATE FOR MULES? (Good Birds).—Your question is a trifle vague. If you mean is it too late to put together a Linnet and Canary with a view to Mule breeding, then I am afraid it is. The hen would probably fall into a moult and fail to rear the young, or maybe even to get as far as egg-laying. If, however, the hen is now about to lay, or is sitting on eggs, then there is some chance of the Mules being successfully reared. I have frequently had Mules hatch out in August and thrive. I always think, though, that it is somewhat rough on the hen Canaries. Those that breed until very late in the season seem to take longer over their moult, and as the weather is then none too favourable, it makes this always trying period a greater strain on them than ever.

A REARING MATTER (Mrs. Sargeant).—Thanks for your interesting letter, which I did not get in time to reply to last week. I hope you will rear the Hybrids should any hatch. If you are in a position to do so, you could not do better than try the food mentioned by Miss Reeves in the letter published two issues ago; or try live ants' eggs amongst the soft-food (these are almost over now, unfortunately). Another plan is to give cut-up mealworms or the "innards" of mealworms squeezed out amongst the soft food. Allow plenty of shepherd's purse, seeding chickweed, and groundsel heads. I should not chance all the fertile eggs under any one hen

BRITISH BIRD & HYBRID QUERISTS

should consult Houlton's great work, "Cage-Bird Hybrids" (7/6); Norman's "British Bird Manual" (2/3); or Part 1 "Hardbills" (1/1), Part 2 "Softbills" (1/1); "Aviaries, Bird-rooms, and Cages" (2/3); "Seeds, Foods, and Wild Plants" (1/2); "Secrets of Hybrid Breeding" (1/2); Dr. Creswell's "Hygiene of Bird-keeping" (1/1); Dr Clarke's "Septic or Bird Fever" (7d.); "Colour-feeding' (3½d.); or the "Nutshell" booklets (2½d. each); No. 1 "Goldfinch," No. 2 "Linnet," No. 3 "Skylark," No. 4 "Song Thrush and Blackbird," No. 11 "Bullfinch," No. 13 "Chaffinch," No. 15 "Greenfinch," No. 22 "Siskin, Redpoll, and Twite," No. 25 "Small Insectivorous Birds," No. 26 "Large Insectivorous Birds," No. 6 "Ailing Birds and How to Cure Them," No. 9 "Disinfection of Cages, Birdrooms, etc.," No. 12 "How to Moult British Birds." All thoroughly practical and instructive. Prices quoted are post free from "Cage Birds," 154, Fleet Street, London, E.C.

Canary (you appear to have a choice). Even the Bullie herself would probably rear the young for a few days, when you could take them in hand and hand-feed them. Keep your eye on her, of course. I have found Bullie hens, when they get "tired," very prone to throwing out the young on to the cage or aviary floor. It is not easy to give advice on these matters, so much depending upon the past behaviour of the birds—some hens will feed anything short of a pigeon and do it with any food within reason.

OVER THE MOULT (Moulting).—Yes; the tasteless pepper is the kind to use, and the brand you name is excelled by none and equalled by but few. There is no hard and fast period of time over which a bird must be colour-fed. It is necessary to anticipate the moult a little; that is, get the system impregnated with the artificial colouring agent before the feathers commence to fall. The pepper should be continued for at least a fortnight after the last pen-feather (i.e., feather in the quill, not fully grown) has disappeared. It is the feathers in the region of the head which are the last to moult—in, of course, normal cases. The colour-food is not needed at full strength the whole of the period; start with it weak; also gradually reduce the strength during the fortnight mentioned above. In most cases the whole period is very little less than three months; broadly speaking, round about 10 weeks. Some birds, however, get the moult over much more quickly than others, as you will find out by experience in due course. I have never recommended the colour-feeding of Goldfinches. What I have advocated is giving them colour-food right at the end of the moult, when the blaze is almost clear of pen feathers. The Goldie starts to "come up" in colour then, and the artificial colouring matter in the blood deepens the "tanning" and crimsons the blaze, while the oil in the pepper aids the acquirement of that silky polish on the plumage without which an exhibition Finch stands a poor chance. If the colour-food is given through the moult, the colour contrasts are ruined and the wing-bars (in my opinion) spoiled. We want to aid (I might say enhance) the natural colour scheme, but not to alter it. By-the-way, please note that I dislike questions about colour-feeding; they generally bring me trouble.

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GENERAL.

Answered by The Editor.

R. Plows.—Accept our hearty thanks. Shall be glad to receive the photograph.

W. Bryant, F. Mascall, W. H. Teat.—Your letters have been duly forwarded.

A. R. Birnie.—We will get a drawing made of your ingenious trap and publish it in due course.

A. C. Norrington.—We have illustrated a similar perch before.

Hailwhistle Lad.—There is no law prohibiting the use of birdlime in the open season. The close season in Northumberland is between February 31st and August 12th.

Keenest.—An autumn cage bird show is not now run at the Crystal Palace. The L. and P.O.S. have once or twice held a show there in the autumn. This society's 1912 fixture, however, is arranged for Oct. 23rd and 24th, in the Holborn Town Hall.

A. Hale.—Almost weekly we state that it is contrary to newspaper rules to disclose correspondents' addresses without their permission. Send your communication to us in a sealed stamped envelope, and we will see that it is posted to the gentleman in question.

The Shows.

ACKWORTH.

Annual show, August 1st. Entries came up well and some noted birds were staged. Mr. M. A. Wilson won special for most points. Mr. R. Winterburn judged. OLD CAN.: 1, Middleton, cl. buff, wins; 2, March, nice cl. yell.; res, Middleton; vhc, Kelsey. BRED 1912: 1, res, vhc, Walmsley, mkd. Nor., in good order, will be heard of again; 2, c, Kelsey, good buff Yorks; hc, Middleton. LINNET: 1, Pogmore, tight as wax, good col, and feather, wins well; 2, Seal, good bird, but not the condition of winner; res, M. A. Wilson; vhc, Hodgson; hc, Brown. A.O.S. BRIT.: 1, 2, vhc, hc, M. A. Wilson, noted Waxwing in rare form, and Bramblefinch, another big winner, in good order, followed by Goldfinch and Greenfinch; res, Hodgson; c, Pogmore. This was one of the best classes seen for some time, and every bird fit to win.—R. Winterburn.

CAMBRIDGE.

The Cage Bird section at Cambridge has fallen considerably from the high position which it held a few years ago, and this year although the entry was better than twelve months back, it was not what it used to be. Most of the classes announced were cancelled, but some very smart exhibits were staged. The challenge cup over the British Bird and Mule Sections was won by a very handsome Goldfinch shown by Mr. Lawrence. Mr. Driver, the energetic and courteous secretary, had all the arrangements in good form, and he was ably supported by a most excellent committee. Mr. C. A. House judged.

NOR. (9): 1, sp, res, Allen, lovely yellow plhd., grand shape, sound col., beautiful quality; 2, Brookes, varieg. Crest, nice centre, capital droop, rare good texture; 3, hc, c, Mayhew, nice quality green Crest; vhc, Thurley; absent, 455a. A.O.V. CAN. (4): 1, 2, 3, res, sp best Canary, Brooks, very smart team; 1st, splendid Dutch Frill, plenty of feather, rare shape and style; 2, beautiful quality buff Cinn., lovely col., nice shape and size; 3rd, another good Frill. BRIT. GOLD, ETC. (7): 1, 3, sp, and challenge cup Lawrence, magnificent Goldie, large deep blaze, splendid chest and back, grand style and feather; 3rd, large, good shaped Greenie, beautiful col., just going into moult; 2, Wren, rare shaped Bullie, very rich rose coloured breast, grand cap and back, neat feather; res, Miss M. Hawkins; vhc, Wren; hc, Montague; absent 465. MEMBERS' BRIT. (9): 1, 3, vhc, hc, Lawrence, very rich coloured, well marked Goldie, and a grandly mkd. Yellow Bunting, beautifully shown; 2, Williams, magnificent Waxwing, wonderful feather, charming markings and col; res, c, Wren.

HAVERHILL.

A nice little show for a first attempt was that of the Haverhill and Dis. F.S., which was held on August 6th. Entries were not numerous, but several very nice exhibits were staged. Mr. F. C. Christmas, the president, personally superintended the arrangements, and they were well carried out by the undermentioned local fanciers, who made a most excellent committee: Messrs. R. '. Morison (treas.), W. Ibbotson, S. L. Bigmore, G. W. Brown, W. Poole, E. Butler, J. Radford, W. Hartgrove, C. Kiddy, W. Jarvis, H. Cracknell J. Arber, F. Westrope, J. Siggs, W. Appleby, W. Westrope, and F. Cole. In Mr. R. M. Reece the society has secured a splendid worker, and to his energy is to be added that courtesy and geniality which make a good secretary. Mr. C. A. House judged.

NORWICH (3): 1, withheld; 2, sp., Master Wallis, rattling good buff, rare shape and size, lovely feather, rather poor in col.; 3, res., Cole, tkd. headed yell. and a buff, both nice feather and col., not quite so stout in body. YORKS. (2): 2, Goodchild, shapely, stylish, well feathered buff cock; absent, No. 3. BRIT. (4): 3, Clayden, smart, clean cut Goldie, rich colour, fails in feather, absent 32, 33, and 34. FOR. (4): 1, Goodchild, very rich coloured, well feathered Long-tailed Whydah, in good form; 2, Sparrow, very rich light coloured, close feathered Blue-fronted Amazon; res., Metcalf, good Rosy-breasted Cockatoo; absent, 35a, Goodchild. LOCAL, NOR.: 1, 3, Westrope, very neat, stylish, nice shaped buff. VARIETY (6): 1, Challis, large, good shaped nat. col. buff Cinn.; 2, res., Goodchild, smart racy yell. Yorks., and a nicely feathered varieg. Yorks.; 3, Westrope, very pretty dark Linnet Mule, shapely and nice quality; vhc, Davey; hc, Siggs. BRIT. (8): 1, sp., best Brit., Clayden, Goldie, grand col., well-cut blaze, nice chest; 2, 3, Ibbotson, very nice Goldie and Bullie, capital colour and shape, not in quite such good feather; res., hc, Whiting; vhc, Mayes; absent, 70, Mayes; 75, Scott. FOR. (4): 2, 3, Goodchild, very nice Orange-cheeked Waxbill, and an Orange Bishop, both splendid colour.

Drawing by] [H. Norman.

THE LANCASHIRE COPPY CANARY.

A sketch of the bird First Prize at the Crystal Palace Show for Mr. A. Hordern (Oldham.)

ROYSTON F.S.

Annual show held August 5. The entry was a good one, the quality excellent, the show was an entire success. Mr. H. V. Chamberlain, the live stock secretary, did his utmost to perfect the arrangements, and he was ably assisted by competent stewards. Mrs. Atiee, as usual, officiated as chief steward for cage birds, and although in somewhat indifferent health, stuck to her post until judging was completed and the prize cards affixed to the cages. Mr. J. Moss was one of the chief exhibitors, and put down a good team of Norwich, Mules and Goldies, while in Yorks. Mrs. Ballard was well to the fore with some typical birds. Mr. Geo. Gardner judged, and his awards were well received. During the afternoon many hundreds of visitors passed through the stock tent, and the cage birds were a great source of attraction.

NOR. (12): 1, sp, res. and medal for best Nor. out of the money, Moss, the leader a grand level coloured rich quality yellow, in fine bloom; 2, vhc, Pedder, typical buff, not quite so close in feather, showing signs of the season, but rich in undercolour, good head; 3, Allington, fine qual., good shape, varieg. yell.; hc, Miss Warren; c, Goldsmith. YORKS. (7): 1, sp, 2, vhc, Mrs. Ballard, leader an upstanding fine quality buff, close in feather, neat head and good all through; 2nd, yell., very straight, but not so evenly moulded; 3, res, Stuart, a varieg. buff, nice one, perhaps a trifle strong. A.O.V. CAN or MULE (4): 1, sp, 2, Moss, two lightly-marked Goldie-Can. cross, former very close and well shown; vhc, Pedder; hc, Muncey. SELF. 7s. 6d. (4): 1, sp, Muncey; 2, vhc, Pedder; hc, Moss. GOLDIE (9): 1, sp, 2, Moss, two fine Finches, rich in face, good bars and buttons, well shown; 3, Allington, good face and hars, hardly in such good condition; res, Hagger; vhc, Muncey; hc, Markham; c, Brooks. GREENIES (6): 1, sp, Allington, a topper, grand feather and colour, not quite the largest, quickly and cheaply claimed at 5s.; 2, Reynolds, larger, but duller in colour; 3, Pedder, loses in head and shape, nice colour; res, Rayment; vhc, Handscombe. A.O.S. BRIT. (3): 1, sp, Moss a well marked and lustrous Brambling, very steady; 3, vhc, Pedder. FOR. (3): 1, sp, Ward, really good Mynah, well shown; 2, Mrs. James, an equally good Grey Parrot; 3, Hon. Mrs. Agar-Robartes, Lemon-crested Cockatoo. COTTAGERS' CAN. A.V. (9): 1, sp, 3, res, Smart; 2, Ashby; vhc, Noades; hc, Reed; c, Beale. A.O.V. (9): 1, sp, Reed; 2, 3, Muncey; res, Marshall; vhc, Stamford; hc, Hines.

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F.F. show, August 2nd. Judge, Mr. Moorhouse. YELL.: 1, 2, Charlesworth; 3, Smith; 4, vhc, Beaumont. BUFF: 1, 2, Charlesworth; 3, c, Beaumont; 4, vhc, Sandford; hc, Butler.—Tom Smith, Sec.

MIDDLESEX O.S.

Second Young Stock and Finch show held at St. John's School, Southall, August 1st. Entries came up fairly well, and some good birds were on view. Mr. Cambers won silver spoon for best Brit. with a topping Chaffinch, and Mr. Jeffery Jefferis the spoon for best Canary with a grand Yorks. Mr. F. Easterling judged and gave satisfaction to all. YORKS, CL. OR TKD. (13): 1, Jefferis, very smart wing tkd. yell.; 2, 3, Crockett, two good ones, not much to choose between them; vhc, c, Taylor; hc, Fletcher. MKD. (6): 1, spl, vhc, Jefferis, grand cap mkd. yell., good wedge-like shape, plenty of length, splendid quality; 2, Crockett, another good one, nice feather and style; 3, Banyard, nice type, ought to make up well; hc, c, Fletcher. MULE OR HYB.: 1, Smith, dark Goldie-Canary, good condition. GOLDFINCH: 1, 2, Burrows, two very nice Goldies, in splendid condition, 1st the better blaze and tanning; 3, vhc, Cambers, smart bird, not quite the condition. CHAFFINCH: 1, spl, 2, Cambers, leader a topper, 2nd not the polish, still a good one. LINNET, &c.: 1, 2, Burrows, good Linnet leading and a smart Lesser Redpoll. FOR.: 1, Smith, pair Cuttbroats, nice condition, well shown; 2, Higgins, Lavender-headed Lovebirds, good specimens.

The Hawfinch in Foreign Lands.

It is said that the habits of the Hawfinch in Northern Africa are precisely similar to its habits in this country, although one would naturally expect to find them considerably modified owing to the altered conditions of its surroundings.

Out After Dark.

The Heron is almost nocturnal in his habits, and apparently is in no hurry to get home before dark. In fact, he has been suspected of slaying and eating young ducks and other wild fowl during the night. One can frequently see him lazily flapping homewards after all other birds have retired to roost, and the noise round a Heronry does not cease with the going down of the sun.

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Brighton and Hove C.B.A.—Aug. 14. Committee meeting 7.30; table show 8.30. Judge, Mr. J. Roast. 2s. 6d. special best in show.—Will H. Gibb.

Bradford West C.B.A.—Aug. 10, Shoulder of Mutton, Girlington, 8. Balance sheet for July. F.F. show and general business.—Kilburn and Western, Sec.

Bermondsey and R.F.A.—Aug. 15, Jolly Gardeners, Rotherhithe New Road, 8. Next general meeting. Washing exhibition and judging competition.—John Clark.

Bath F.A.—Aug. 15, headquarters, 8. Committee meeting, 7. Table show of young and old stock, show arrangements.—W. Eric Cotterell.

Barrow C.B.A.—Aug. 14, headquarters, 7.30. Balance sheet for nest feather show, also arrange winter programme.—Jas. S. Fleming.

Birmingham (South) O.S.—Aug. 7, Sydenham Hotel, 8.30. Pay prize money and specials. Half-year's progress of society; approve winter programme; elect six new members; important.—J. Sheppard.

Bolton Roller C.S.—Aug. 13, Joiners' Arms Hotel, 8. Open show.—William Massey.

British Roller C.C.—Members please note no meeting Aug. 13.—J. W. Norris.

City of Bradford O.S.—Aug. 10, Flying Dutchman Hotel, 8.—F. Rhodes.

Clapham C.B.A.—August 12, Landor Hotel, 8.30. Payment of prize money won at young bird show.—A. R. Coe.

Cardiff C.B.S.—Aug. 15, Maskell Hotel, 8. Fix classification and other important business. Schedule, etc., for open show.—E. Thomas.

City and Suburban A.C.B.—Aug. 12, Church Institute, 60, Paddington Street, 8.15. Payment of prize money, presentation of special prizes, and a draw of questions to be answered.—H. W. Dickinson.

Garston B.B.A.—Aug. 15, Club Room, 8.—A. T. Mullock.

Glasgow West End C.B.C.—Aug. 9, Co-op. Hall, St. George's Cross, 8. Monthly meeting and distribution of prizes for F.F. show.—W. Proudfoot.

Grangemouth O.S.—Aug. 14, Recbabite Hall, 8. Report on F.F. show, last day for members joining.—J. Woodhouse.

Great Horton O.S.—August 10, Butchers' Arms, 8. Special business.—J. Holroyd.

Hetton-le-Hole C.B.S.—Aug. 10, Crown Inn, 8. Important business.—A. J. Notley.

Keighley C.B.S.—Aug. 13, Hare and Hounds Hotel, 7.30. Kindly attend if possible.—J. Binns.

Kelty and Blairadam C.B.A.—August 10, headquarters, 7. Appointing stewards for open show. General show business. Report of League meeting.—A. Dickson.

Leeds C.B.S.—Aug. 10, Lockhart's, next to Hope Bros., Briggate, 7.30. Discussion on colour feeding, opened by Mr. H. J. Mennard; and other important business. Fanciers invited.—W. A. Wilson.

Lancashire C.A.—Aug. 10, Old Boar's Head, Withy Grove, Manchester, 5.30. Patronage, etc.—J. Hampshire.

Lancashire and Lizard F.A.—Aug. 10, Old Boar's Head, Manchester, 6.30. General business.—John Rukin.

Longton C.B.S.—July 13, Castle Inn, 8. Classification for open show.—G. Lea.

Leigh and Dis. C.B.S.—Aug. 14, Railway Hotel, 7.45. Selecting date and judge for old show.—R. Charleson.

Morley C.B.S.—Aug. 10, Sycamore Hotel, 7.30.—J. Rhodes.

Manchester and Northern Counties O.S.—Aug. 12, Deansgate Hotel, 7.45. Payment of prize money; election of show managers; half-yearly report, etc.—H. Boothman.

North Manchester C.B.S.—Aug. 13, Balmoral Hotel, Harpurhey, 8.—John Davey.

Northern Border and S.F.C.C.—Aug. 12, Pillars Cafe, 8.—M. C. Potts.

Oldham C.B.A.—Aug. 13, Textile Dining Rooms, Shaw Road, 8. Selection of show room and classification, also an open debate; all friends and fanciers are invited.—James Cope.

Pudsey, Stanningley C.B.S.—Aug. 13, Fleece Hotel, 7.30. Lecture by Mr. H. J. Chittenden. Fanciers and friends invited.—Hugh Raistrick.

Sheffield O.S.—Aug. 13, Rose and Crown Hotel, Waingate, 8. Question night. Will members kindly straighten for N.F. show tickets. Distribution of fishing prizes.—T. Bishop.

Southend and Southern Counties O.S.—Aug. 14, headquarters, 8.30. All subs. now due.—C. Tapper.

Swansea C.B.A.—Aug. 13, Market Coffee Tavern, 8. Important business.—S. George and H. Jenkins.

Springburn Possil Park C.B.C.—Aug. 14, Kew Hall, 8.—J. Waugh.

Sunderland C.B.A.—Aug. 17, Fawcett Street Cafe, 7.30.—J. Jeffrey.

Thatto Heath O.S.—Aug. 12, Railway Hotel, 8. Paper by Mr. H. Cutler, "Wild Seeds." All members and friends are invited.—A. R. Macdonald.

Thirsk C.B.S.—Aug. 12, British School, Long Street, 8. Enrolment of members, etc.—J. Hedley Barron.

Tong C.B.S.—Aug. 13, Hand and Shuttle Inn, 7.45. Also members' show Aug. 10, at 3. Judge, Mr. F. Self, Bradford.—W. Walker.

Wallsend and Mid Tyne C.B.A.—Aug. 14 Station Hotel 7.30. Schedule and annual show. Subs now due.—John M. Macdonald.

Wakefield O.S.—Aug. 10 Crown and Anchor Hotel, 8. Special business including discussion re cup for competition.—J. Sherwood.

Watford C.B.S.—Aug. 14, headquarters, 8.30. Special meeting, balance sheet and pay prize money for Y.B. show.—W. Rackley.

West Bromwich O.B.S.—Aug. 13, Dartmouth Hotel, 8. To consider motion put on table to rescind open show and substitute inter-club. Urgent.—W. G. Andrews.

York C.B.S.—Aug. 12, All Saints School Room, 8. Lecture on wild seeds by Mr. F. Sissons. Members kindly send subs. up to date.—H. Sayles.

REVIEW OF SCHEDULES.

Filey F. & F.S.—Aug. 29, Masonic Hall. Judge Mr. C. Ward (Derby).—7 open classes: Yorks 2, Nor. 2, A.O.V. 1, Brit. & For. 1. Prizes 8/, 4/-, 2/-. Fee 1/-. Ent. close Aug. 21 to Messrs. Wolstenholme & Wilson, 22, Bellevue Street.

Radstock F.A.—Aug. 21. Judge, Mr. C. L. Young.—6 open classes. Yorks, Nor., Bord., A.O.V. or Mule, Small Brit., and Self. 10/6. Prizes 8/-, 5/-, 2/6. Fee 1/6; members 1/3. Ent. close Aug. 14 to B. M. Clark, Fox Hills, Radstock.

Correspondence.

The Cage Bird Fancy in South Africa.

Sir,—In regard to my note sent (together with photo) per last mail, re the South African Cage Bird Club, kindly make the following correction, viz., to get the various South African poultry clubs to give cage birds better facilities; it should not read South African Poultry Association. If too late, then kindly insert in following issue.

S. W. van Niekerk.

[Our correspondent's previous letter was published in our issue of date July 27.—Editor.]

How Can I Steady a House-moulted Redpoll?

Sir,—I should be very glad if any of our readers of Cage Birds could enlighten me on the above subject. I have a house-moulted Redpoll, and I have tried various ways to get him steady. He flies about the cage like a "wild 'un" when I go to give him more seed or change his water. I have tried covering half the cage up with thin muslin, also putting him in a smaller cage, but all without success. I know readers are always glad to help anyone in difficulty, and I wish Cage Birds every success.

C. Oates.

Now is the Time to Utilise Sunflower Heads.

Seed-eaters Delight in Them.

Sir,—Now that our sunflowers are dying off, I think it is a great shame for a bird-keeper to throw the heads away. I personally cut the heads off with a pair of scissors, or a knife, and then give them to my pets in my aviary just as they are. I may say there are Goldfinches, Greenfinches, Bullfinches, and Canaries in the aviary, and they go after the seed in the sunflower heads before they touch anything else. By using the sunflower heads in this way you save money and give your pets a treat.

H. Moore.

Milk Sop and the Rearing of Canaries.

Sir,—At my first attempt at breeding Canaries I have used the ordinary breeding cages and had five nests from one pair. I removed each egg as laid and returned them after the third egg was laid, and fed on egg and biscuits. Result:—First nest, one out of four (thunderstorm killed); second, three out of four; third, two out of five; fourth, three out of five. For the whole five nests I removed the ordinary nest pans and put in small red flower pot saucers, as I found the birds had no room when beginning to grow. With the saucer they are not on top of one another, and get on much better. I had five eggs laid for the fifth nest, and all five hatched. I then gave the ordinary seed and milk sop, not too moist, morning and evening (not a single taste of egg), and all the young thrived and got on splendid, and are all living to-day. The birds are of the ordinary songster sort (I gave 5s. for cock, and 1s. 6d. for hen). They are kept in front room, which is always warm. They are very quiet, as I am out nearly all day, and there is no one else in the place. I give plenty of green stuff, and find they are very fond of cabbage or cauliflower stalk.

F. Chapman.

How Can We Legally Combat the Cat?

Scotch Judge Holds Owner Responsible.

Sir,—In your next issue please express my thanks to the writers of the three letters on page 637 as to prowling cats. Glad I put the enquiry. The answers will serve many of your readers. The watch I had from you works very well.

Bird Keeper.

Sir,—For the benefit of bird-keepers and readers in general, I will try to explain how I overcame the cat nuisance. My birds are all kept outside in cat-proof cages; but if proof against cats getting at the birds, they are not proof against the fright a cat causes when she appears on the scene. So to prevent this I borrowed a trap I saw at a friend's. I will try to describe it. It is a yard long and nine inches square, made with four boards fixed together; one end has iron rods fixed two inches apart; the other end is fitted with lid, which drops in a groove from the top nine inches from the end with rods. A hole one inch across is bored in top, and through this hole a trigger with a hook is fitted (similar to a mouse-trap trigger), and from this trigger runs a string along the top. At the end is attached a little iron rod. A small hole is made in drop lid, and this rod connected to the trigger by the string holds up the lid. A fish of any kind placed on the hook of trigger will induce any cat to go in, and directly she touches the fish the lid behind her drops, and there she is. We all know we must not damage a cat, and with this method there is no need to. Just take the trap to a water tap and turn on the water through the end fitted with rods; or, failing a water tap, get a large watering can without the rose and do the needful. Pussy doesn't half enjoy it, and it does her no hurt. You may see this cat or eats on the wall in the distance afterwards, but never round your cages again. The Editor has my address, and if "Bird Keeper" does not see his way clear to build the trap, I will get one made and send on to him on receipt of 2s. 6d., the cost of same.

Chas. Burrows.

Sir,—You will find enclosed a cutting taken from the "Weekly News" of July 27, which might interest some of your readers.

Robert Atkinson.

"That an owner is responsible for the depredations of his cat is the decision of Sheriff Moffatt, of Falkirk. The action was one in which the question involved was the liability of an owner for the depredations of his cat. Pursuer claimed for a sum of £2 7s. 6d., being the loss which, he alleged, he had sustained by a number of exhibition chickens being killed by a cat belonging to the defender. In his judgment the Sheriff holds that in law a cat, when it is kept housed and fed by an owner, must be regarded as an animal for whose noxious acts the owner is responsible if the owner has knowledge of such noxious habits. The doctrine that a man may keep, maintain, and support a cat which is injuring and continuing to injure other people's property seems to him to be insupportable. His Lordship accordingly finds the defender liable in reparation to the pursuer in the sum sued for."

Does the Red-mite Live Amongst the Bird Seed?

Our Correspondent Thinks So.

Sir,—I clean my cages out once a week—that is, put clean sand on the floor, clean the perches, and all crevices of mite, but I found I could not keep the mite down. After cleaning the cages, etc., out, the birds were just as restless at night time, and I could not make it out until I noticed that one cage in particular was more "mitey" than the rest—it was the cage into which I threw the seed siftings. I may say I sift the seed every day. The following day, after sifting the seed out of the boxes, I kept the seed in one large cake tin, and left the siftings in the usual cake tin. Then I looked at both very closely, but could not see anything. I was not satisfied with the glance, however, so I took both tins downstairs and placed them in the oven. They had been in but a second when the whole of the siftings and seeds seemed to be alive! That was why I could not keep the mite down. I hope this may be of some use to readers of good old Cage Birds.

F. G. Ball.

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(SEE THE BACK PAGE THIS WEEK.)

THE WAYWARDNESS OF "RUBY."

Strange Behaviour of an "Old Maid" Java Dove.

Sir,—A year ago I gave a young Dove to a friend, who soon got it wonderfully tame. This year Ruby, as she is called, made a nest, and laid several eggs, and when these were taken away she made such a noise they were given back to her again. Being unfertile, the eggs, of course, came to nothing, and after sitting two or three weeks she allowed them to be taken away. She still continued broody, however. A fortnight later we gave her two good eggs, and though she had been sitting practically for four or five weeks, she settled down steadily, and hatched out one young bird; the other egg was accidentally cracked. Her pride and joy were great; in a few days the baby was so fat it looked as if its skin would split, but on the fifth day she refused to have anything more to do with it! Being only white Java Doves, most people would probably have given the youngster up as a bad job, but my friend, who was a nurse and has had much to do with human babies, determined to try and bring the birdy baby up by hand. With the help of a glass syringe she managed it. But twice she left him thinking his last hours had come. Once he could not digest the food, but by gently massaging the crop she saved his life. The food that best agreed with him was crushed seed and soaked bread, which was made warm. He soon learnt to open his mouth when he was hungry. When it was nearly three weeks old my own Doves, who by this time had another young one, on the fifth day began plucking out its quills. I was obliged to take him away, so took it to my friend, so that she might bring it up with hers. One morning, in cleaning out Ruby's cage (she had been sitting again for a fortnight on one of her own eggs) the nesting materials which were clean were put under my baby Dove in the cage where he was, and the eggs were taken away. Later on, on going into the room, Ruby was found trying hard to get into the youngster's cage. Though she had taken no notice of her own youngster, as an experiment the door was opened for her. Immediately she went in, made a great fuss over it, and fed it at once, and settled down as if it had been her very own. The only thing that seemed to worry her was when he got up on his feet and clamoured for food. Did she think he had been hatched out that morning from her own egg we wondered? If so, it may have puzzled her why this baby should be so big! I believe it was nearly a fortnight old then. The little Doves are now nearly four and five weeks old respectively, and they both live in the same cage with Ruby and nestle up with her at night; but otherwise she takes no notice of her first foster child. Strange to say, he takes no notice of her either, and however hungry he is he never looks to her for food, but sits and squeaks till his mistress comes to fed him. He is very lazy about attending to his own wants, and naturally is not such a fine bird as the other one.

E. R. Welch.

Hybrids with Alien Parents.

What About the "Half-and-Half" Bird?

Sir,—I was glad to see this question gone into. Some years ago I wrote asking if hybrids from two foreign Finches would be foreign hybrids. The matter then was not taken up, neither did it seem to interest anyone. At that time the Russian birds were not used so much. Now it is quite different, for the craze is for size, and, of course, quite right too, for a good big one should always beat a good little one. Now the question is, should this be stopped and their hybrids disqualified to compete with British hybrids? Should secretaries of shows state distinctly that hybrids from Russian birds are not eligible to compete against British hybrids? If this was done, many a good bird would not be seen. Or should secretaries provide classes solely for such foreign hybrids? I am afraid if they did, they would not get well filled. Can we look at it in this way, that the Russian Finches after they have moulted in this country have become "naturalised British subjects," and their offspring British subjects." On the other hand, what if hybrid breeders use only one Russian Finch? That would increase the size of hybrid, and it would hardly be fair to set it back for being "half-bred British." As one who in my time has bred a good many Mules and hybrids, and who has not used foreign Finches except on two occasions (years ago it was a rather difficult matter in the country to get them), I must give way, and say that the foreign birds, when they do breed, produce larger and finer hybrids than our British birds. I am surprised that some of our large aviarists don't go in for breeding in aviaries both the Siberian Goldfinch and Bullfinch. I cannot myself see at present how these hybrids can be kept out of the picture. I should like to see the British Bird and Mule Club settle this point, for I expect they will be called upon to do so some day, especially so should some noted man object to some noted bird. I still have a good word for our British birds, as they have been found to be better and surer breeders than the "alien." Is there at the present time a cross between a Canary and a Siberian Bullie hen? Are not many of the Canary-Bullies tainted with alien blood?

Hybrid Lover.

A Yorkshireman's Novel Type of Outdoor Aviary.

(See photograph on page 649).

Sir,—With regard to the fitments of my aviary, the sleeping place is 4ft. long, 3ft. 6in. high and 3ft. 6in. wide, with sloping roof to run the water off. Inside are nest holes about 8in. wide and 10in. high, with a 4in. deep board nailed in front to keep the nesting material in. The door to permit of access to the inside is at the back. I have a hole about 4in. or 5in. square in this door, with wire netting over it, so that I can at all times see in. The flight is 5ft. long, 4ft. wide, 3ft. high, with roof sloping both ways. It is netted all over and then covered with glass, but I can remove all the glass, except the top, in a few minutes, and do this when the sun is shining, and in favourable weather. At one end of the flight I have a lid to lift either up or down. When all the glass is on I let this lid down, and the air goes right in and through the hole where the birds go into the sleeping place and through the hole in the door, so there is always fresh air in circulation. Inside is a hopper, which holds half a stone of seed. The seed runs down as they eat it. At this end there is a tank with a tap in the bottom to let the dirty water out, and a copper pipe runs from outside the tank, so that my wife can give them fresh water any time. I have in it two pairs of Budgerigars, one pair of Red-crested Cardinals, five Canaries (all Yorkshires), one White Java, two Linnets, one Greenfinch and one pair of common House Sparrows. I have had them nine months now. The birds make the wheel go round (seen in the photo.), and they stop outside both winter and summer. I have won two gold medals and one silver with my Yorkshire Canaries.

James Dean.

AN IDEAL HOBBY FOUND AT LAST.

A Reader who is Fascinated by Foreign Beauties.

Sir,—Many and many a happy hour have I spent in my aviary, a dwelling inhabited almost entirely by feathered friends from across the seas. Surely there is no hobby productive of sweet hours of recreation that can possibly bear comparison with this most delightful hobby of bird study in aviaries or in cages. From the poor man to the duke, all may, and practically do, keep at least a few of our feathered friends, who, by their joyous song and brilliant plumage, help to brighten our spirits. It was quite by chance one day, several years ago when as I was passing along a crowded thoroughfare I espied in a shop a magnificent coloured plate issued by Cage Birds, and the glorious plumage of the birds illustrated thereon so struck me that without more ado I marched in and reduced the contents of my pocket by two pennies, I trotted up the street, with a huge smile prominently displayed on my features, for I had at last discovered a great hobby! I very soon had an attractive and cosy aviary constructed at the rear of my residence. The beautiful Budgerigars from the land of the Southern Cross performed the opening ceremony. For beauty, there are few birds to equal these charming little Parrakeets. In an aviary they will breed quite freely, and being naturally gregarious, will do better where there are two or three pairs together. A few British birds and a few Canaries helped to still more brighten the gathering. By the way, just a word to prospective breeders of Budgerigars. Do not allow these birds to mate while very young, as the offspring from such youthful alliances will be sickly and will fledge badly. Budgerigars will, I believe, breed in roomy cages, but cocoanut husk nests are imperative if the best results are looked for. I wonder how many readers have had the pleasure of observing these little treasures in their native land? It is indeed a sight of a lifetime to watch these beautiful birds. They are always seen in flocks; seldom does one see a solitary specimen. They are here, they are there, dodging and flitting around murmuring softly to one another, and the brilliant sun causes their delicate plumage to sparkle like so many emeralds. It needs the sun that shines on the land of the Southern Cross to do these little marvels justice. The effect is indescribable. The nearest approach that I have seen in this country is a flock of Goldfinches, enjoying themselves upon thistle stalks, balancing themselves with the greatest ease in almost incredible and perilous positions. To return to the aviary, I may here remark that for practical purposes I found that cages were, as a rule, too cramped to permit of foreigners successfully breeding, and from experience experts have proved that various foreign birds hitherto considered too delicate and only able to thrive or live in heated rooms, can exist throughout the year in the unrestricted freedom of an outdoor aviary. Even when the temperature was registered as freezing, and the surrounding land clothed in a mantle of snow, in my aviary could be seen flying about in good health and in the pink of condition birds from all climes, both hot and cold—lovely Budgerigars, charming Avadavats, Fire Finches, Waxbills, Lovebirds, Quails, Spicebirds, Bengalese, Combassous, Diamond Finches and the lovely little Orange-cheeks, not to mention the British birds. Such a blending of colour cannot be adequately described; no pen can tell of the glorious spectacle; it must be seen to be fully appreciated. My pets were fed on good canary seed, rapeseed, hempseed and teazle, with, of course, spray and white millet and a few white oats for the Budgerigars. Plenty of gritty sand was supplied, and water for bathing purposes was always at hand. Though I do not possess the aviary now, I, in order to repay somewhat the great debt that I owe Cage Birds, regularly read with pleasure that journal, though, if I purchased ten thousand issues, it would be a poor return on my part for the great enjoyment I have derived as a result of my introduction to that energetic and enterprising weekly.

F. Z. S.

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Six Goldfinch-Twite Hybrids Reared in Scotland.

Sir,—Being interested in the letters that appear in CAGE BIRDS every week about Hybrid breeding, we thought about giving our experiences to those interested. We have a white-checked hen Twite which we paired up with a Goldfinch. They built a nest among some twigs in the corner of the cage, where she laid seven eggs, four of which hatched out, and we are proud to say that two of the young are seven weeks old and doing well. The next nest she laid five eggs; two hatched out; one bird died, and the other is three weeks old. The third nest she laid four eggs, and three of them hatched on Sunday. So I think with a little care we will have six Goldfinch-Twites by the end of the season. We are anxious to know if anyone has struck this cross with the same success. We wish your grand paper. CAGE BIRDS, every success.

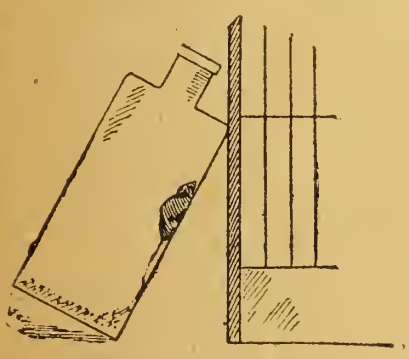
MUIR AND HEENAN.

The Novice Question at the Shows.

Sir,—Perhaps Mr. Fulcher is satisfied with the Norwich classes; but are the Yorkshire men with theirs? He must have heard, as well as I, the men say that the novice is not fairly dealt with. I believe the M. and N.C. O.S. had three sections—professional, amateur, and novice; then why not Ardwick? Or does he want to keep the novices under, for by his letter it seems so? I dare guarantee that if the societies would cater more for novices more would join. I have shown schedules to fanciers who belong to no society, and the question has been asked: What chance has a novice? Mr. F. mentions one of our members being a professional and novice. But in my letter I did not confine my remarks to the County Palatine; I have birdy friends in more than one county, and I hear of more than one county, and I hear of more than one fancier indulging in sharp practices, Mr. F. says more classes and fewer entries; or does he mean more classes, more prize money being paid out, and less money for different societies? Where a man's treasure is there will his heart be also. Mine is in "Ardwick." Where's your's, Mr. F., now? A. E. LONG.

Trapping Mice with a Bottle.

Sir,—I send you what I have found to be a very effective mouse trap. Get a large bottle of suitable shape, and put some canary seed in it, or a bit of cheese. Set it down at an angle against some of your cages or appliances where



the mice are likely to get at it. When a mouse goes in, it can't get up the side of the bottle to come out. My sketch shows one set against an empty cage. WILLIAM MELVIN.

Canary that Cheers Hospital Patients

And Takes Five O'clock Tea.

Sir,—I read with very much interest the following pretty little story in Saturday's "Pall Mall Gazette," and if the facts are as stated (and I have no reason to doubt their authenticity), then the incident is a further proof of birdy sagacity; and I think readers of CAGE BIRDS may be very interested in the matter.

JOHN B. WATERMAN.

How is "Dinky" this morning? Did she come in last night? These are the first inquiries which patients at the Royal Hospital for Incurables at Putney Heath make every morning on rising, for "Dinky" is the little bird that brightens their days and alleviates their sufferings. There is probably no tamer and no more intelligent bird in London than "Dinky," the Canary, the friend of the hospital ward. Every morning "Dinky" leaves her cage and flies to a horse-trough about two hundred yards away, where she takes her daily dip, free from the gaze of the passer-by. As if possessed of true human instinct, she never enters the hospital with her feathers wet, and sees that they are perfectly dry before strutting into the wards. Here she saunters from patient to patient, and in sweet little chirrups seem to bid them "Good morning." When she has made sure that every one has seen "Dinky," and is satisfied, she leaves them to spend the day with the Sparrows, with whom she is a favourite. Punctually at five "Dinky" returns to the wards, where speculation is generally rife among patients as to whom she is going to select to have tea with. But "Dinky" likes to please everybody, and she chooses her hostess in turns. She is equally at home with any one of the patients. After enjoying a "good tea," which, however, consists of breadcrumbs, she will take French leave and make again for the open. She sometimes keeps very late hours, and is so tired as not to be anxious to look for her cage. On such occasions "Dinky" drops asleep on anything that comes in her way.

A Hen that Refused Egg-food.

Was She a Good Judge?

Sir,—Two years ago I put up a pair of Canaries in an ordinary breeding cage. The hen hatched three birds, but she refused to eat egg food, so I had to see what other food I could give her. I took two parts of crushed hemp seed and one part of stale bread crumbs (the latter passed through a sieve), with a little maw seed, and mixed them thoroughly together. I gave this three times a day. In addition, I gave them a good supply of young lettuce seedlings about an inch in height. She brought up three nests that season—two threes and a two—and they were well feathered days before my other birds that were about the same age, and were having egg food. I have been a bird fancier for forty years.

MRS. COVELL.

An Appeal for a Newcastle Fancier.

Sir,—Will you please give me a little space in your paper to make an appeal on behalf of a fellow-fancier, a member of Newcastle Society, and also Gateshead—Mr. C. Eastop, 15, Spencer Street, Gateshead. He underwent an operation some months ago in Newcastle Infirmary for cancer of the stomach, and is now lying seriously ill at his own home, and the doctors give no hope of his recovery. He has a wife and four children, the eldest of whom is eleven years of age. We have decided to open a subscription list. Mr. H. E. Cracknell, 99, Croydon Road, Newcastle; Mr. J. Mackenzie, 50, High Friar Street, and 153, Grainger Street, Newcastle; or myself will be glad to receive any contribution, however small. I can assure fellow-fanciers that this is a really deserving case. Thanking you in anticipation of your publishing this letter.

J. W. REED.

Sec., Newcastle C.B.S., 218, Ladykirk Road, Newcastle.

The White Canary.

Who First Established a True Strain?

Sir,—In your issue of July 27 Mrs. Martin, of New Zealand, puts forward a claim as to being the first in the field in the breeding of White Canaries. By the following particulars, readers will be able to observe that she is not even in the first three. My first White Canary was hatched Aug. 3, 1908, and exhibited at Crystal Palace Show of 1909. Now, in a letter to me from that lady dated May 31, 1909, also to yourselves, appearing in CAGE BIRDS of July 24, 1909, she stated that a young friend of hers at Martinborough, N.Z., had bred that year a White Canary which she (Mrs. Martin) had purchased. On May 3, 1910, I was successful in again proving that this particular kind of Canary can be regularly bred—as hitherto it had been considered a freak. Likewise, in that same year, Dr. Galloway (Aberdeen) and Dr. Syson (Glasgow) were successful in raising White Canaries, while, according to Mrs. Martin's own written statement to me dated October 6, 1910, she had only bred a White Canary a fortnight before that date, whereas all the birds I have referred to were already in existence. I think I may safely leave it with your readers to judge as to who established the White strain. It may interest you to learn that, by the help of Dr. Galloway, I have bred in a new strain. He supplied me in 1911 with a Cinnamon-marked hen. I mated her to my original White, with the result:—One White, three Yellows. The White proved a hen. I mated her this season to one of my White stock; result, from this pair all Whites. In the future I will be able to put up more White pairs, as hitherto I have had to guard against too close breeding.

W. KIESEL.

A COCKATEEL AND THE MYSTERIOUS CALL OF THE SOUTH.

Owners of Finger-tame Birds—Beware!

Sir,—Last autumn I bought two pairs of aviary-bred Cockateels, all 1911 birds. They were in a small aviary in our back yard all last winter. In the spring one hen died, and her mate looked rather seedy; so I took him into the house to "doctor up" a bit. He quickly got well, but as it was too cold and wet to turn him outside I thought I would try to tame him. In a very few weeks he would come out of his cage on my finger and go with me all over the house. In each room he had his special perching place, and was not happy except in that particular place. Soon I was able to carry him about the garden in the same way on my finger. He would sit for an hour at a time outside on a window sill, at times just taking a fly over to talk with his big brother and his wife in the aviary opposite. He generally sat on the back of my chair during breakfast. For a few days past he had been rather restless. When I played with him he would not mock fight so nicely as he used to do, but gave me a sharp nip or two. On Saturday last I was taking his cage outdoors to clean, and, as usual, was going to let Joey sit on the window sill. However, as soon as we got to the door away he flew into a very big tree, then off he went like a flash of lightning. I set the other two Cockateels in the aviary calling by putting one into the sleeping place, thinking that Joey would come back to the aviary; but no, thank you, the mysterious call of the South was far louder in his ears, no doubt. I miss my Joey very much. Others who have pets take warning; during the migration period do not allow quite so much liberty, or your pet bird may try to follow Joey in his hunt for a warmer clime. I left Joey's cage out till to-day in case he might think well to return. I never would have thought him capable of serving me such a trick, for we were great friends, and he was so very tame anyone could take him on a finger so long as they did not touch his tail; he objected very strongly to that. It has been so very wet that I am afraid Joey cannot be having a very good time. If birds can wish, no doubt he has wished himself back in his cage before now.

L. A. KNIGHT.

Very pleased to say I have at last found a paper for good advertising returns from all over the country, and that paper is CAGE BIRDS. Shall try no other now. Please send me some advertising forms and envelopes.—H. Moore (London, S.E.).

Kindly discontinue advertisement as replies to same have far exceeded my anticipations. I wish your very interesting paper "CAGE BIRDS" every success.—A. Nicholls (St. Columb).

Have sold my birds, thanks to the advertisement in "CAGE BIRDS," and shall certainly advertise in "CAGE BIRDS" again when I need—it has proved very satisfactory.—E. M. Wethey (Redcar).

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Cat Mother's Blackbirds

Strange "Family" to be Seen at Newlyn, Cornwall.

A cat which acts as foster-mother to two young Blackbirds is the remarkable sight to be seen at Newlyn, Cornwall, writes a correspondent of the "Daily Mirror." A fourteen-year-old-boy named Alfred Jenkins owns this remarkable family, and when I entered the kitchen of his home the first thing I saw was the cat lying down in a chair with the two young Blackbirds tucked snugly away under her paws.

"Wait a moment," said Alfred. "They'll jump on her head directly, and then puss will go to sleep." A few moments later one of the birds hopped upon the cat's head, the other upon her back, whereupon pussy closed her eyes and indulged in "forty winks" just as if nursing her own kittens.

The young birds have no fear of their foster-mother. I saw them hopping about and pecking at her mouth until I felt she must surely devour them. At another time I saw her stretch out a paw, pull one of the birds to her side in the gentlest manner possible, and then place her foreleg round it in the most motherly way.

This, I learnt, is her second family of Blackbirds this year. How she became a foster-mother was in this wise. Alfred had just brought home his first nest of young birds, and puss, whose kittens had recently been drowned, chanced to enter the outhouse where he was feeding his pets. To Alfred's astonishment the cat got into the box, laid down, and tucked in the birds around her warm body. The birds took kindly to their new mother, who could not afterwards be induced to leave them, even when hungry.

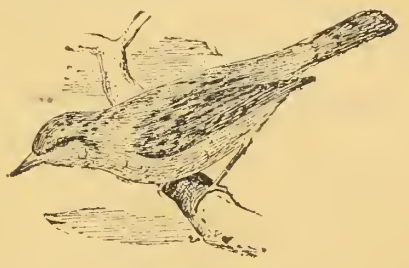
Puss's first family numbered three, but tragedy overtook one of them. Whilst the foster-mother was asleep one day, a strange cat came along and snatched at one of the family. Puss woke up just in time to save the bird, but in the battle squeezed one of her bird kittens so tightly that it died.

Wild-Bird Life.

The Nesting of the Wryneck

That interesting bird, the Wryneck, nested in one of the old walnut trees near to the writer's home. The site selected was a hole at the end of a thick branch, where the limb had been broken off by the winter's storms. For some time the birds were constantly flying about the open meadow-land, visiting tree after tree, and occasionally descending to the ground. The land is a light sandy loam, and consequently just the one to be infested with ants, in fact, their hills are plentiful everywhere, and these the Wrynecks visit, making holes in the sides, in just the same manner as the Blackbird works a damp spot where one has been watering in the garden.

Although the Wrynecks are no nest builders, the birds were constantly popping in and out of the selected hole, as if particularly pleased with their new home; they were as busy as Starlings running up and down



THE WRYNECK.

the branch, and then disappearing for a minute or so, coming to the entrance, and looking about as if surveying the surrounding district.

When the eggs were laid, and the hen bird commenced to incubate, her partner was very shy and wary, seldom going near the entrance; in fact he was more frequently to be seen in some of the surrounding trees, or flying from one to the other. It was impossible to inspect the nest to get a view of the eggs or young. As a rule, the hen lays some half-dozen clear white eggs, although a full clutch might contain as many as eight.

The fecundity of the Wryneck in the matter of eggs is very remarkable. Egg after egg may be removed, and still the female lays more, continuing to do so in some cases right through the summer and she will return to her old quarters the following spring to repeat her efforts to propagate the species.

The Wryneck could frequently be seen, searching among the slender branches and twigs for small insects and caterpillars, but apparently their principal food was obtained from the ant hills. The Wryneck does not pick up food by the beak as other birds do, but, shooting out its long tongue, it gathers the ants and their eggs upon it, evidently by means of some sticky fluid by which it is anointed.

Besieged by Crows.

Crows are infesting Japan in unusual numbers this spring, says the "Daily Express." Recently a farmer and his son at Shidzuoka were attacked by a flock and forced to take refuge in a building, where they were besieged until nightfall.

The Act of Soaring.

The action of sailing or soaring appears to be only possible to certain birds and to take place in a wind of a certain velocity. It differs from ordinary gliding, inasmuch as the bird does not lose either in velocity or in vertical position.

The Wary Oyster Catcher.

The Oyster Catcher is one of the most wary of birds, so much so that one never sees the old bird leave the nest. She takes wing long before the intruder is on the breeding ground, so that she never discloses the whereabouts of the home. The ever watchful male bird is constantly on the look out, and never fails to warn the sitting hen of the danger approaching.

CAGE BIRDS LEAGUE.

How to become an Associate.

Many readers of CAGE BIRDS have written to say that they would like to join CAGE BIRDS' LEAGUE, but cannot afford the subscription. To meet their wishes we have decided to form, in connection with the LEAGUE, a body of Associates. All we ask of these Associates is that *they will promise to give every possible attention to the wants of their birds.* And they must induce others to see that their birds are kept happy and contented.

All that the intending Associate has to do is to sign the coupon herewith, get five of his or her friends to sign each a similar coupon, and send the six, together with a penny stamp, to the Secretary of CAGE BIRDS' LEAGUE, who will forward by return an enamelled Button Badge of the LEAGUE. There will be no other charge. **NOW, THEN, BIRD LOVERS!—USE YOUR BEST EFFORTS IN THIS SPLENDID CAUSE.**

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Club Reports.

DERWENT VALLEY.

Meeting held 3rd inst., Mr. G. Barkess in the chair; moderate attendance of members. Decided that we give 10s. out of funds for first prize in our annual draw, and a special prize of 2s. 6d. to the seller of most tickets (members excepted). Decided to put draw tickets into printer's bands.—Lindsay and Marsh, Hon. Secs.

CHOPWELL C.B.S.

Meeting held in club hall, August 3. Only a moderate attendance of members. Mr. T. Betton was enrolled as a member. Special prizes were looked through, but it was decided to leave them until next meeting to allot them to the different classes. Decided to have Hyde's class in schedule. Messrs. J. Flint and J. Mason were elected as auditors. Next meeting in usual place, Aug. 17.—W. Tomlinson, hon. sec.

GLASGOW AND DISTRICT C.B.A.

Committee meeting in Nelson's Temperance Hotel, Ingram-street, July 29th, Mr. J. F. Park presiding over a good attendance. Secretary reported on judge's acceptances for show. Sub-committee reported re Hall, and it was unanimously agreed to hold show in Glasgow Highlanders' Drill Hall, Greendyke-street, it being more commodious than the last hall occupied by the association. Various matters in connection with show were taken up and considered.—Wm. Hutchison, Sec.

WELSH C.B.C.

I have to-day (August 3rd) sent out balance sheets and new rule books to every paid up member. There are several members who have not yet paid their subscriptions for 1912, and I shall be glad if these members will please do so as quickly as possible. We have enrolled eight new members for 1912, and I trust that before the show season commences we shall add considerably to this number. Can any fancier please give me the address of Mr. J. Pritchard, late of Mountain Ash? I shall be pleased to give any information to any fancier wishing to join.—A. E. Brown, Hon. Sec., 66, Clare Street, Merthyr Tydfil.

AMALGAMATED LANCASHIRE SOCIETIES.

Meeting held at Oldham on August 1 for the purpose of settling all matters connected with our show held at Bury. The following societies were not represented:—Middleton, Heywood, Littleborough. The balance sheet, as issued by Mr. Jameson, show secretary, was passed as read. Decided that each society pay 2s. to cover the expenses of show, and that the three societies not present have a balance sheet. It was also moved and seconded that delegates sound their respective societies with respect to holding a back end show, and that a meeting should be held at Littleborough on Sept. 14 at 3.30.—Jas. Cope, sec.

SHEFFIELD C.B.S.

Meeting held August 1, at the Wentworth Cafe, Mr. F. Jones (President) in the chair. A good number of members were present. The special item was the table show of young birds, 69 birds being on view. A letter was read from the secretary of the Sheffield O.S., asking us to send a deputation to a proposed meeting of the other Sheffield societies to discuss the subject of novices. The two Secretaries and Messrs. F. Jones and T. Hemming were appointed to attend. The Ramble on August 10 is to be in the Oughtybridge district. Members and friends meet at Oughtybridge Station at 2.30. Train leaves Sheffield Victoria Station at 2.10, or Wadsleybridge at 2.19. Next meeting, September 5. Important arrangements for open show. Mr. W. Hallows was elected a member.—J. Woolhouse, Assist. Sec.

GREEN CANARY ASSOCIATION.

Monthly meeting, held at Oldham Hall, Liverpool, July 25, Mr. J. W. Metcalfe in the chair. New members elected, Messrs. Jones and Greenwell. The following were nominated for membership: Messrs. Malone and Taberner. Owing to lack of entries the night show postponed from the June meeting had to be cancelled. Patronage was granted to the following shows: Newcastle-on-Tyne, Yorks. and Bord., Manchester, Liverpool O.S., Rochdale, London C.B.A., Scottish Nat., G.C.A., and Crystal Palace, Yorks., Bord., and Nor., Halifax, Yorkshires, Preston, and Bradford National, Yorks. and Nor. Special cards will be got out as early as possible. It is essential that members send their subscriptions, otherwise it will delay the committee in allotting specials. The August meeting is set aside for arranging a syllabus for 1912 and 1913; members are requested to attend.—C. Green, Hon Sec.

THE NATIONAL GREEN-MARKED Y.C.C.

Meeting held at Market Tavern, Godwin Street, Bradford, July 27. Mr. W. A. Cowgill presided. Messrs. H. C. Crossley, W. Mann, A. Spencer, and S. Binns were elected members of the club. Mr. S. Moore was elected on the committee in place of Mr. W. Crabtree (resigned). Mr. L. Hodgson's tender for the printing of the club's handbooks was accepted. Patronage was granted to the Anfield, Everton, and Dis. C.B.S.'s open show, December 26. We have now granted our patronage to ten shows, which is the limited number. The following is a list of specials given by the club at the shows where the patronage is granted. Open competition: First prize, trophy, value £10 10s. (presented by Mr. W. H. Shackleton), together with a club medal, value £1 1s., the trophy to be won twice before becoming the property of the winner. Second trophy, value £2 2s. (presented by the club), third, (gold), value £1 1s. (presented by Mr. L. Dykes), fourth, pair of boots, 10s. 6d. (presented by Mr. J. Chippendale); fifth, box of 50 cigars (presented by Messrs. Pickup and Sons). A handsome silver-plated teapot, given by Mr. J. W. Ramsden for most points gained by birds moulted solely on his pepper, in the open classes, and a special value 12s. 6d. (presented by Mr. C. Morrison), is also offered for competition for most points gained by third birds, only three birds to count. Amateur: 1st, case of dessert cutlery, value £1 10s. (presented by Mr. T. Sandiford); 2nd, special, value £1 1s. (presented by the club); 3rd, medal, value 10s. 6d. (presented by Messrs. Sutcliffe and Son); 4th, medal, 7s. 6d., (presented by Mr. H. Hill); 5th, special, value, 5s. (presented by the club). Junior novices: To be competed for at Yorkshire Union Shows in novice classes where Green marked classes are provided. 1st, special, value £1 1s. (presented by Mr. W. A. Cowgill); 2nd, special, value 10s. 6d. (presented by Messrs. Brown and Son); 3rd, special, value 5s. 6d. (presented by Mr. J. Bailey); 4th, special, value 5s. (presented by Mr. E. Clegg); 5th, 2s. 6d. (presented by the club). Cash specials: 3s. for most points gained by fourth birds, and 2s. for most points gained by fifth birds, at each show where the club's patronage is granted; winners of first prizes in green marked classes do not compete. I shall be pleased to receive names and addresses from intending members as early as possible, so that I may put them in handbook; also members or others who wish to have adverts in the handbook should apply at once.—E. Clegg, Hon. Sec. and Treas., Victoria School House, Dewsbury.

BLAYDON-ON-TYNE C.B.S.

Usual monthly meeting, with a fair turn out of members. Annual schedule was finally considered. Decided to add some fresh classes. Also decided that a letter of condolence be sent one of the members, Mr. G. S. Ellwood, in the great loss he had sustained by the death of his wife. The Secretary reported having secured the following patronage: Northern Lizard Club, Yorks. C.C., Northern Yorks. C.C., and the Northern Border F.C.—Geo. Havver, Sec.

LANCASHIRE AND LIZARD F.A.

Meeting held at Rawtenstall, July 21st, and a fair number of members put in an appearance from Manchester, Glossop, Oldham, Shaw, Roehdale, etc. Friend Teddy, from Glossop, expressed his opinion in scathing terms as to at last having found a place that was made at a later period than Glossop. However, we had a very good meeting. Patronage to Manchester, L.C.B.A., and Sheffield, was confirmed. The secretary was instructed to write several others re patronage. Messrs. John Hamer and Barker Clegg were elected members, and Mr. E. Lord, Newchurch, was proposed as a member. Next meeting, August 10, at the Old Boar's Head Hotel, Manchester.—John Rukin, Secretary.

VALE OF LEVEN C.B.C.

Monthly meeting, held in Village Schoolroom, Alexaudria, August 1st, President Hannah in the chair. The classes were revised for annual show, to be held in Public Hall, Alexandria, November 16th. The young bird classes to remain the same as last year, viz., Norwich 4, Crests 2, Bord. 4, Scotch Fancy 4, Yorks., 2, A.O.V. 1, Mule and Hybrid 2. Old bird classes: Norwich 4, Crests 2, Bord. 6 (increase of two), Scotch Fancy 4, Yorks. 4 (increase of two), A.O.V. 1, sell., 10s., 1, Goldfinch Brit., do. For.; Bullfinch Brit., do For.; Linnet Greenfinch, Redpoll, Siskin-Twite or Mealy Redpoll, Chaffinch or Brambtefineh, Yellow Bunting, Softbill, hen, any variety, A.O.S. British, A.O.S. Foreign. The Secretary intimated that Mr. G. Hislop, of Stirling, and Mr. D. Holden, of Muirkind had accepted invitation to judge Canary section, and Mr. J. H. Adams, of Glasgow, the British and Foreign.—A. H. McLean, Sec.

NATIONAL BRITISH BIRD & M.C.

Committee meeting, held at headquarters, the Feathers Hotel, Gt. Chapel Street, Westminster, on July 27. Present, Messrs. J. Robson (chairman), A. J. A. Marley, A. C. Askew, G. Mortlock, S. Grahame, C. Cooper, W. A. Shepherd, J. Dewhurst, O. Leek, R. A. Newby, C. T. Maxwell, and J. P. Carr. The Chairman welcomed Mr. Otto Puck as a member of the London Committee. The following shows were granted the club's patronage: Clapham (gold and silver medal), Newcastle (silver and bronze), Cheltenham (silver and bronze), Sheffield, Leicester, Portsmouth, Leyton, Wimbledon, and Luton (silver medal each), Swansea (two silvers and bronze), Cardiff (silver and bronze), Llanelly (two silvers), Bradford (gold and bronze), Scottish National (gold, silver and bronze). Mr. Shellam presented a gold medal for most points in the British section at Cheltenham, Swansea and Cardiff shows. Mr. Longden, a gold medal for most points in Hybrid section at Cheltenham, Swansea and Cardiff shows, and Mr. Archer a silver medal for 2nd most points at Bradford show. The allotting of medals to the following shows was postponed pending fuller particulars of classification and judges: Manchester, Carlisle, L.C.B.A., Gateshead and Crystal Palace. Mr. J. E. Jefferys, Swansea, was elected a member of the club.—J. P. Carr, Joint Hon. Sec.

SWINDON F. AND F.A.

Monthly meeting, held at the Baths, Milton Road, July 31. Present, Messrs. A. Ireland (chair), J. T. Edmonds, W. Greenwood, J. Tarrant, E. Ireland, S. Lewis, T. Patterson, J. Bennett, H. A. Northover, G. Gorton, C. Bridgeman, T. R. Gee, C. Barker, and W. J. Moran. New member elected, Mr. Barker, 40, Commercial Road, Swindon. A small table show of cage birds was held, but only one member, Mr. Greenwood, exhibited, as all the other members' birds were deep on moult. A judging competition was held, and it was found that only one member, a rabbit fancier, had placed the birds in accordance with the judge's awards. Mr. J. T. Edmonds judged the birds, and also gave a very interesting and instructive discourse on cage birds, breeding cages, and outdoor aviaries. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded Mr. Edmonds for his very good advice; and in replying he mentioned he would give another lecture on foreign birds in the coming winter. The next monthly meeting will be held at the Baths, August 28, at 8, when a table show of poultry will be held. Fanciers and friends heartily invited. I wish to call members' attention to rule 3, and will be very pleased to receive subscriptions due before August 31st.—W. J. Moran, Hon. Sec.

YORKSHIRE C.C. OF SCOTLAND.

Meeting to allocate patronage for forthcoming season, held in the Good Templars' Halls, Glasgow, Aug. 3. President Heggie presided over a good attendance. Decided to grant our patronage to six shows, and the following were successful, viz., Lochgelly, City of Glasgow, Ayr, Cowdenbeath, Glasgow and District, and Scottish National. Decided to adopt the English clubs' definitions regarding ticked and marked birds during the season. The trophies to be competed for during the season are as follows, viz., Silver rose bowl for most points, with gold medal to winner; special to runner-up presented by Mr. Chas. Martin. Above confined to nominated birds. Mr. Heggie gives three specials for most points during the year, all entries counted. Second, confined to novices, most points at four stated shows (same system as last year). Third, for the number with least average points at all patronised shows provided he makes at least fifteen entries all told. The Club also decided to give 5s. (or value) for most points at each individual show on same terms as previous years. Mr. McLellan gives a special to runner-up to winner of the President's novice special. Mr. Penman, special for most points in young bird classes throughout the season. Mr. Anderson, special to runner-up to above special, and Mr. Pinnock, special for most points gained by a novice in young bird classes at a show he will nominate. Members might kindly look up Rule 2. New members cordially invited to join now, and be in time for the opening of the season. Mr. Hendry Geddes, Cowdenbeath, and Mr. Steel, Glasgow, were accepted as members.—R. D. Gibb, hon. sec.

NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE C.B.S.

Meeting held Aug. 1, Mr. N. C. Potts in the chair. Correspondence was read from the following societies granting patronage for open show on Oct. 18 and 19:—Open Norwich Plainhead Club, National British B.M.C., Yorkshire C.C., Border Fancy Club, Northern Border and S.F.C., Northern B.B.M.F.B.C., Northern Yorkshire C.C. A letter was read from Gateshead C.B.S., suggesting that we combine to hold a members' show. This will be brought on again at our next meeting. A letter was read from Cinnamon C.C. Mr. H. E. Cracknell sent a letter informing the members of the sad position of one of our members (he is also a member of Gateshead), Mr. C. Eastop, 15, Spencer Street, Gateshead, who is lying seriously ill of cancer of the stomach, and will not recover. He has a wife and four children, the eldest of whom is eleven years of age. It was arranged that subscription lists be opened out: Mr. Cracknell, 99, Croydon Road, Newcastle; Mr. J. Mackenzie, 50, High Friar Street, Newcastle, and Market; or myself, 218, Ladykirk Road, Newcastle, will be glad to receive any contribution, however small. I can assure everyone that this is a really deserving case, and is worth assisting. Mr. Cockburn, 136, Doncaster Road, Newcastle, was elected a member. Mr. Crawhall presented the cups won at our N.F. show to Mr. G. Greenwell, Wallsend, for best Canary, and Mr. J. Nankivell for best in Brit. and For. sections. The schedule for open show was arranged. Will members please let me know by next meeting (Sept.) how many specials they have? We have a big classification, and we will require a lot of specials, so each one stick in and do his best for the society and make our show a bigger success than ever. Those members requiring advertisements in catalogue might let me know next meeting. There are still a few members who have not paid their subscriptions. I am waiting to receive same, so hurry up, be in time.—J. W. Reed, sec.

OLDHAM AND DISTRICT C.B.A.

Meeting held July 23 at Textile Dining Rooms, Shaw Road. Decided that at next meeting, Aug 13, at 8 p.m., which is announced as an open debate on any variety of bird, we should also decide where show shall be held, and also classification for same. With regard to our debate, Mr. Geo. Fitton has kindly promised us the use of his book, "(Our Canaries," and I have no doubt that it will be both interesting and instructive. Hoping to see a good number present, as all fanciers are heartily invited to attend.—Jas. Cope, sec.

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BANKFOOT AND DIST. C.B.S.

Third and last Y.B. show of season, held August 3, at Red Lion Hotel, Bankfoot. Owing to the lateness of the show a wretched entry resulted, only 21 birds being staged in six classes. Mr. J. Wilcock, of Eccleshill, made the awards, which were highly satisfactory. All members kindly note that the next meeting night is Tuesday, August 20th, when, it is to be hoped, all will make a special effort to attend. CL. OR TKD. YELL. (6): 1, 2, 3, Smith; 4, vhc, hc, Mitchell. BUFF (9): 1, Hardaker; 2, Smith, 3, hc, Lawson; 4, c, Mitchell. EVEN, ETC., YELL.: 1, Hardaker; 2, Hudson. BUFF: 1, Hardaker. FOUL MKD.: 1, Hudson. CINN. MKD.: 1, Hudson; 2, Lawson.—F. Gelder, Sec.

EAST BOWLING & DIST. B.F.A.

Third members F.F. show held in St. John's Parish Room on August 3rd, when some grand birds were staged. Mr. P. Mason, Windhill, judged, and gave entire satisfaction. Most points were gained by W. Bteazard, L. C. Casey, W. Hellewell, in open section, and F. Hinton in novice section. OPEN, CL. OR TKD. YELL.: 1, 2, Bleazard; 3, Casey; 4, vhc, c, Helliwell; hc, Padgett. BUFF: 1, hc, Bleazard; 2, 3, Casey; 4, Helliwell; vhc, Padgett. FOUL MKD. YELL.: 1, 2, Bleazard. BUFF: 1, 2, Helliwell; 3, 4, Padgett. NOV. CL. OR TKD. YELL.: 1, 2, 3, Hinton; 4, Wilkinson and Son. BUFF: 1, 2, Hinton. FOUL MKD. BUFF: 1, 2, Stott. CINN. MKD. BUFF: 1, Hinton, 2, Wilkinson and Son.—L. Booth, Sec.

NORTH SHIELDS AND DIS. C.B.S.

Second N.F. show held July 27. A splendid entry was forthcoming, and the majority of the birds were of excellent quality. In the Canary section Messrs. Fox, Newton, Wigglesworth, Johnston, Little, Rutherford, Wilson, Couchman, and Armstrong were the principal prize winners. Mr. Wiggiesworth gained the medal for best Canary, with a splendid Yorks. In the British section Messrs. W. Hunter, Buglass, Bergen, and W. Beevor, took chief honours, Mr. W. Hunter winning the medal with a magnificent Siskin. Mr. W. Johnston, of Wallsend, judged to the satisfaction of everyone. Mr. Wilson acted as show steward. The best thanks of the North Shields and Dis. C.B.C. are due to Mr. Johnston for judging, and to Mr. Wilson for superintending show. New members are cordially invited to join us. Any information can be had from R. P. Fox, Hon. Sec., 34, West Street, N. Shields.

MANCHESTER AND NORTHERN COUNTIES O.S.

Twenty-third annual F.F. Show held July 20th, when 126 birds were on view, a falling off of recent years owing no doubt to the bad breeding season some have experienced, and also to the show being held so late. Although numbers were down the quality was good right through. Mr. J. T. Brown won gold medal for best team of four Canaries with a grand lot of Yorks.; the buff, with ordinary luck, should do the owner some good after it has moulted. He was pressed hard by Mr. J. Beswick, who showed a grand team of Norwich. Mr. R. J. Metcalfe would have won medal for best team of British only there were not enough competitors, several exhibitors not starring their birds; rather hard lines for him. His winning Goldfinch was a grand bird, in splendid condition, and gained special for best Brit. in show. Mr. G. Pike showed a splendid team of Yorks., scoring three 1sts and one 2nd. No doubt these would have carried off the medal if they had been competing for it, and we wish him luck with them and a good moult. Then they will be sure to be seen again on the show bench. His ticked yellow is a topper. Mr. W. A. Cowgill (Bradford) judged, and his awards gave every satisfaction.—H. Boothman, Hon. Sec.

YORKS., CL. YELL. (3): 1, Pike; 2, Bain; 3, 4, vhc, Tansey; hc, Whittaker; c, Jones. BUFF (3): 1, Pike; 2, hc, Jones; 3, vhc, Musgrave; 4, Tansey; c, Hickson. TKD., ETC., YELL. (5): 1, Tansey; 2, Pike; 3, vhc, Jones; 4, Humphries. BUFF (7): 1, Pike; 2, Humphries; 3, Hickson; 4, Bain; vhc, hc, Tansey; c, Jones. NOR., CL. YELL. (6): 1, 3, Cook; 2, 4, Beswick; vhc, Fulcher; hc, Hayward. BUFF (5): 1, Smith; 2, 4, Beswick; 3, Vint; vhc, Hayward. TKD., ETC., YELL. (3): 1, 2, Beswick; 3, Smith. BUFF (7): 1, 2, Vint; 3, vhc, Smith; 4, hc, Beswick; c, Fulcher. MULE, YOUNG (4): 1, 2, 4, Morgan; 3, Metcalfe. OLD (4): 1, 2, 3, Metcalfe; 4, Morgan. GOLD OR BULLFINCH (3): 1, Metcalfe; 2, 3, Beswick. LIN. (6): 1, 2, Morgan; 3, 4, vhc, Metcalfe; hc, Beswick. SISKIN, ETC. (6): 1, 2, 3, Metcalfe; 4, Beswick; vhc, hc, Morgan. A.O.S. (3): 1, 3, Metcalfe; 2, Beswick. FOR.: 1, Metcalfe. NOVICE YORKS., CL. YELL. (2): 1, Brown; 2, Ashcroft. BUFF (7): 1, 2, Brown; 3, 4, Taylor; vhc, James; hc, Asheroft; c, Lomax. TKD., ETC., YELL. (5): 1, Brown; 2, 3, Taylor; 4, Lomax; vhc, Ashcroft. BUFF (4): 1, Brown; 2, 3, Davies; 4, Ashcroft. NOR. CL. BUFF (4): 1, 4, Rhodes; 2, 3, Coldbeck. TKD., ETC.: 1, Rhodes. A.O.V.: 1, Rhodes. AMAT. AND NOV. GOLDF.: 1, Jones. LIN. (5): 1, 2, Appleton; 3, Rev. Richards; 4, Harrison; vhc, Whalley. GREENF.: 1, Harrison. REDPOLL (3): 1, Whalley; 2, Harrison; 3, Appleton. SISK., ETC. (4): 1, Smith; 2, Whalley; 3, 4, Harrison. CHAFF., ETC. (2): 1, Oldham; 2, Appleton. A.O.S. HARD.: 1, Harrison. MULE, YOUNG (5): 1, 3, Rev. Richards; 2, 4, Welch; vhc, Oldham. OLD (4): 1, Oldham; 2, 3, 4, Whalley.

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Members Shows.

KEIGHLEY AND DIS. C.B.S.

Second show of the season, July 27, at Hare and Hounds Hotel, 78 birds faced the judge, and the principal winners were G. Crowther, 14 points, J. Bower 12, J. Sawley 11, and S. Smith 9, in open classes; G. Nelmer 11, R. Burnett 11, T. Myers 8, novice. Mr. G. Crowther won special for best bird in show with a splendid buff cock. Mr. F. Armstrong, of Halifax, judged, and gave every satisfaction. CL. OR TKD. YELL.: 1, Middleton; 2, Trevener; 3, Smith. BUFF: 1, sp. Crowther; 2, Middleton; 3, Crowther. UNEVEN, ETC.: 1, Sawley; 2, Spencer; 3, Bower. SELL., 12s. 6d.: 1, Middleton; 2, Bower; 3, Crowther. NOV., CL., TKD. YELL.: 1, Fawcett; 2, Burnett; 3, Bolton. BUFF: 1, Nelmes; 2, Myers; 3, Bolton. A.O.V. YELL.: 1, Burnett; 2, Myers; 3, Nelmes. BUFF: 1, Leach; 2, Burrows; 3, Burrows.—J. Binns, Sec.

STRATFORD & E. LONDON F.A.

Fourth and last monthly show held at headquarters, July 25th. Entries totalled 181 in all sections. Mr. A. J. A. Marley judged cage birds, the quality being of a high order. Mr. J. Reed won certificate for best bird with a beautiful Glossy Starling, in pink of condition. Mr. A. Skinner, silver spoon for best Canary with a grand cl. yell. unflighted Yorks, which will make a gem. Special for second best Canary was won by Mr. G. A. Parker with a topping Cinn. Nor., an exhibit to be proud of. Special for best Brit. went to Mr. Pearce Lafbury, for a grand Linnet in splendid condition. YORKS. UNFLIG.: 1, 3, r, Skinner; 2, vhc, hc, Parker; c, Francis. A.O.V.: 1, 3, Parker; 2, res Francis. YORKS, PRIOR TO 1912: 1. Skinner; 2, 3, res, vhc, Reed. A.O.V.: 1, 2, res, Reed; 3, Lafbury. GREENFINCH: 1, 3, res, Reed; 2, Lafbury. LINNET, &c.: 1, 3, res, vhc, hc, Lafbury; 2, Reed. A.O.S. BARDBILL: 1, 2, 3, Lafbury; res, vhc, Reed. SOFTBILL: 1, 2, 3, Reed. FOR. LARGE: 1, 2, 3, res, Reed. SMALL: 1, 2, 3, res, Reed.

EASTFIELD SIDE (Sutton-in-Ashfield) C.B.S.

Table show held August 3rd, and a good number of birds were staged. Mr. G. Marshall judged. CL. OR MKD. YELL. NOR.: 1, Kaunt and Keeling, nice cobby bird, grand type, good head, nice col. and feather; 2, Connah, good head, nice quality and condition. BUFF OR TKD.: 1, Caunt and Keeling, nice youngster, good all-round bird; 2, Ellis, good type, bit loose in feather; 3, Ellis, bit too far gone; vhc, Nuttall Bros.; hc, Weston; c, Connah. HEAV: MKD.: 1, 2, Ellis, a nice pair of birds, 2nd hardly in as good condition as winner. CREST: 1, Shaw and Booth, a nice bird, good crest; 2, Nuttall Bros.. C.-B.: 1, Shaw and Booth. BRIT.: 1, S. Ward, nice Garden Warbler, put down in the pink of condition, a credit to the exhibitor.

A meeting was held after the show, and it was decided to have a riding-out party on August 17th. All members wishing to join same to give their names to the secretary on or before Saturday, Aug. 10th. This will be a farewell to our old friend, Mr. S. Hawksley, who is shortly leaving for the land of the maple leaf.—Bernard Gabbitass, Press Correspondent.

SHEFFIELD C.B.S.

The second of a series of table shows was held at the Wentworth Cafe, August 1; 69 birds were staged. The quality throughout was not so good as at the first show, though a few very promising birds were staged; a good number were showing signs of moult. The novice Norwich classes showed up better. Leaders for the points specials are: Champ. Yorks., W. H. Champion, 36 points; Messrs. Drabble and Bennett 25. Nor.: A. H. Waters 35; J. Woolhouse 20. Nov. Yorks., W. Simmonite 29; Messrs. Sorsby and Billard 24. Nor.: J. Curley 14, A. Bailey 13. Brit.: L. Falding 19; P. Walsh 16. Mr. G. Browning, of Rotherham, judged. YELL. YORKS.: 1, Drabble and Benuett, nice wedge-shape, good quality and position; 2, c, Champion, nice shape, bit heavy; 3, Jones, splendid quality and shape, good wings and tail, fails in neck; 4, hc, Lawton; vhc, Butler. BUFF: 1, hc, Drabble and Bennett, beautiful shape and quality, grand wings and tail; 2, 3, 4, Champion, a trio of good ones, well up in size, nice shape and position; vhc, Lawton; c, Butler. YELL. NOR.: 1, 4, J. Woolhouse, 1st good quality and size, rather long; 2, 3, vhc, Waters, similar to 1st, good quality; hc, Hemming. BUFF: 1, hc, Waters, good body, head and neck, nice shape; 2, Lawton, well up in size, good chest and back, very taking; 3, 4, Dunford another big one, nice shape, rather loose; vhc, c, Hemming. NOV. YELL. YORKS.: 1, Sorshy and Billard, grand shape and quality, very good; 2, hc, Simmonite, tkd. neck, nice shape, bit loose; 3, 4, Bestwick, bit short in body, nice quality; vhc, Maynard. BUFF: 1 3, Simmonite, 1st, grand shape and quality, good back, wings and carriage, 3rd, long, crosses wings a little; 2, Hogan, falling in moult. YELL.: 1, 2, vhc, Bailey, nice shape, bit small, reared by hand; 3, Curley, larger, we preferred; 4, L. Woolhouse; hc, White. BUFF: 1, Curley, short and chubby, nice shape; 2, 4, Marcroft, smaller, nice type; 3 L. Woolhouse, good size and quality; vhc, c, Sisson; hc, White. BRIT.: 1, 3, 4, Falding 1st, Yellowhammer, good colour and size; 3, Hawfinch, good size, not at his best in plumage; 2 vhc Bailey, Bramblefinch, grand shape and markings.—J. Woolhouse, Assist. Sec.

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Oct. 5.—**Longton.**—(H. George, 54, Raglan Street, Fenton, Stoke-on-Trent.) J.H.R.
Oct. 9 & 10.—**Clapham.**—(A. R. Coe, 18, Caldervale Rd., Clapham, S.W.). J.R., C.A.H., H.J.F., H.N.
Oct. 10 & 11.—**Norwich Alliance.**—(R. Roll, 62, Ashby St.). W.E.G., J.R., W.V.
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Oct. 12.—**Leeds** (W. A. Wilson, 75, Bayswater Mount, Roundhay.). J.H.R. and W.M.
Oct. 12.—**Morpeth.**—(E. Cowling, Market Place.) H.W.B., A.B.
Oct. 15 and 16.—**Western Counties O.S.**—(T. Pope, 98, Embankment Rd, Plymouth). J.R., T.H.
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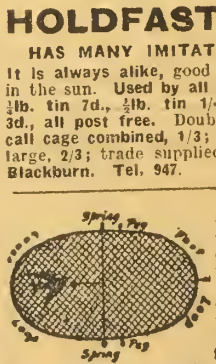

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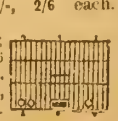

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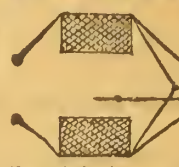

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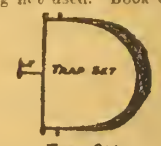

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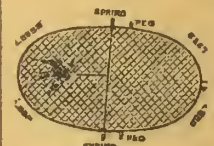

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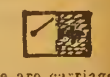

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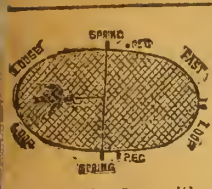

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The Close of the Breeding Season in Liverpool & District.

Taken all round, the final breeding results in the Liverpool district have been fairly satisfactory. Mr Winn (Cabbage Hall) has bred two young Larks; Mr. R. Algie (Bootle) has had phenomenal results—200 young Yorks., Greens and Clears (we noticed some very stylish Greens in this room); Mr. McNulty (Bootle) has bred thirty Yorkshire Greens, not a big lot, but real good ones; Mr. Hamilton (hon. sec., Bootle Society) has bred about twenty Yorks Clears, and has recently bought the stock of the late Mr. Potter, in which are some very nice Clears; Mr. Rawsthorne has bred over forty Yorks Clears and Greens; Mr. Knight only five Yorks Cl., a poor lot this year (better luck next time!); Mr. Lobb, Bootle's oldest fancier, has bred fifty young Yorks Greens and Cl., very typical birds, we liked very much. Mr. T. Rowlands has done remarkably well—eighty young Yorks Greens; Mr. Malone, thirty fine youngsters; Mr. Parsons, 58 Yorks Greens (I noticed some stormers here); Mr. Kelly, 30 fine Cl., another nice lot; Mr. W. H. Harrison 43 (real good young Clears these); Mr. T. Cutts, 47 Yorks Greens and Cl. and Borders, some typical youngsters; Mr. Crowe, 49 Yorks and Nor.; Mr C. Rumsby, 58 Nor. and Yorks; Mr. Williams, 15 real Yorkies; Mr Holden, 38 Yorks Green and Cl.; Mr. McLoughlin, 34 Yorks Greens; Mr. W. Walker has 97, comprising Yorks (Green and Cl.) and Nor. (Green and Cl.) of fine quality. Mr Ritchie, 57 nice Cl. Yorks; Mr. Redpath, 47 Cl. Yorks and Nor., we noticed some fine birds here; Mr. Whiteside, 69 Yorks Cl.; Mr H. Kelly, 43 big young Yorkies; Mr. T. Plunkett, 47 Yorks Greens and Cl.; Mr. Bright, 30 Yorks Cl.; Mr. Cooper, 17 Yorks and Nor.; Mr. Eaton, 29 Yorks Greens; Mr. Cole, 34 Yorks Greens; Mr. H. Cooper, 67 Yorks Greens and Cl. and Nor.; Mr. Sinclair, 35 nice Yorks; Mr. Steinart, 49 Yorks Greens and Cl., very typical birds; Mr. Alf. Corbett, 32 beautiful Yorks Cl. and Greens; Mr. J. Smith, 47 Yorks Greens and Borders; Mr. Cutmore, 60 Yorks and Nor.; Mr. Cross, 29 Yorks; Mr. Alston, 47 Yorks, tip-toppers; Mr. S. Edwards, 43 Yorks Cl. and Greens and Borders, good ones these; Mr. Benson has 87 fine young Greens; Mr. Young, 39 Yorks Green and Cl.; Mr. Moreton, 47 Yorks Cl. and Gr.; Mr. Richardson 49 Yorks; Mr. McDougal, 41 Yorks; Mr. J. Gore, 47 Yorks Gr., and big ones too. The following districts have done fairly well, namely. Chester, Ormskirk, Warrington, St. Helens Widnes, Southport, Wrexham, Birkenhead, Garston, Prescot, and other small towns. Birds are now right in the moult, and I have no hesitation in predicting one of the finest show seasons of recent years. Everybody is very enthusiastic, and the Fancy seems to have taken a new lease of life. I have been requested to escort a party of fanciers into the Bradford district shortly. We are promised by the Yorkshire men their finest collection of birds at one of the principal shows, to be held in Liverpool about Christmas. This will be a treat to the members of several societies. I appeal to all fanciers to join one or other of the societies; it will improve their ideas and bring them into contact with each other, and they will get full value for their subscriptions. Birds are now well on to colour food, but there are still some fanciers who do not like the idea of colour feeding, as they consider it detrimental to the health and breeding qualities of the birds. This is a false idea. Colour feeding has no ill-effects upon a bird in any shape or form, and novices can cast that idea on one side as mere sentiment. Let me appeal to members of societies to send subscriptions in as soon as possible, and so give the officials a chance to get their printed matter out; it will also materially assist in the working up of societies. Rally round, turn up to the meetings, etc, and make your society a success both numerically and financially.—R. B. Wright.

The Toll of the Migrants.

In his admirable book, "Studies in Bird Migration," Mr. Eagle Clarke writes: Those who have not witnessed a "bird-night" at a light-station cannot form any conception of the appalling loss of life that takes place. I have stood on the gallery of the Eddystone Lighthouse and watched the migrants striking the great lantern and falling into the surf beneath for ten and a half hours without a break. I have stood on the deck of the Kentish Knock Lightship from dusk to dawn, and seen birds falling thickly the whole time, to perish miserably, many of them being stunned, in the calmest of seas. On each of these occasions thousands of the migrants perished. What must the combined slaughter have been at these neighbouring stations, or, perhaps, at many British stations, for the conditions and the movements are often widespread? What for a whole season? Hundreds of thousands: I am convinced of this. Another danger may be alluded to, namely, the havoc wrought among the travellers by birds of prey. These destroyers take a heavy toll, for many follow their migratory prey and play havoc in their ranks.

Nests of Birds, Poultry, etc., should be regularly sprinkled with KEATING'S POWDER, especially when hens are sitting. Don't forget to do this just previous to the eggs hatching, to destroy the Red Mite. Kills all insects. Harmless to everything else.

Some Favourite British Seed-eaters.

Their Selection for Show, and Management.

A lecture delivered by Mr. H. J. Chittenden, a well-known fancier and judge, before the Leeds C.B.S.

THE Linnet which has the following good points will be a show specimen: good colour, to be heavily marked, marks to extend well down the thighs, well-braced wings meeting nicely at the tips, neat pipe tail, white feather in wings and tail, showing clean and distinct as the bird hops from perch to perch, nice round head and bold eye. It should be of the true Norwich type; I never favour those of the Yorkshire type.

Getting the Show Shine.

Such a bird as I have described will win, providing he has that good condition which makes the Linnet so very pleasing to the eye. Steadiness is also an important item, and the fancier who takes pains to get his bird steady is the man who wins the prizes. If I were judging a class, a bird possessing these characteristics, if only of medium size, or even on the small side, would get preference to the big rough birds you see winning occasionally. I am no believer in constant washing, preferring the spraying process, as this does not take too much out of them. When thoroughly dry, catch the bird, and hold gently but firmly; next take a good quality silk handkerchief and groom him. You will find that this will make your Linnets shine like glass bottles—termed in shaw reports, "lovely sheen."

I find the Linnet is improved by a little colour feeding, and have never had any difficulty in getting them to eat it by simply adding a pinch of aniseed, which kills the taste of the pepper, and is itself pleasant. Care should be taken not to overdo it; just a pinch of pepper in the ordinary food every day during the moult is all that is required.

Many of you will know that staining and faking exist to-day, practised by those who are utterly devoid of any sense of honour. A more contemptible action than showing a stained bird against competitors who are staging their exhibits honestly and fairly I cannot imagine. In my opinion the stainer and faker might just as well put his hand into his brother fancier's pocket and rob him. Judges experience great difficulty in detecting stained birds, simply because the fanciers (if they are worthy of the name), by years of constant practice, have become artists—in a sense of the word—at this low-down game.

"Improving" the Redpoll.

A good specimen of the Lesser Redpoll must be bold, cobby, of good size, be well tanned and laced, with perfect wing carriage and good round head, showing a nice clean bib, almond shape (or similar to shape of thumb nail). It is hard to get one good in all these points, the biggest fault being the uneven bib. It is common knowledge that birds have been tampered with to get that clean-cut bib which puts on the finishing touch to a specimen good in all other respects. When showing the Redpoll, care should be taken to have the show cage in proportion to the bird, which means a little bird should never be staged in a big cage, and vice versa, but to have bird and cage in proper harmony.

This little fellow is the easiest of our British songsters to get steady, and when once used to the show cage he will never forget it, even if you allow him to fly about in a large flight for as long as two years. When visiting some of our big shows, I have seen the owners of many of these little birds giving their pets a tit-bit in the shape of a hemp seed, holding it against the wires, and the birds have come forward fearlessly and taken it. This is how you should have your show Redpolls, so that when the judge picks up his cage he will come up to the front of the wires and show off all his qualities; such a bird demands attention.

Many of the winning Redpolls on the show bench are foreigners, they being much larger than our own, and so have a big advantage if possessing all other good qualities. To get the good deep colour that is required, I treat the same as the Linnet, viz., a pinch of colour food mixed with aniseed in the daily food. I have found Redpolls readily eat this.

The Points of a Twite.

In the Twite, size again is needed, along with good colour, bold and distinct markings, high condition, and good wing carriage, with tail neatly folded and well carried, the bird to be as steady as a rock, and carrying no loose feather, be clean waisted, and cut away like a clean-cut Norwich, nice round head and shapely body. A bird such as I have described will be a tip-top show bird.

(To be continued.)

Told by a Lemon-crested Cockatoo

And Communicated by Mrs. B. J. Moore, S. Belgravia, S.W.

MY name is Billy, at least that is what my present and favourite, mistress calls me. I have had a good many masters and mistresses in my time and I hope that a friendly talk about my experiences may be found interesting to CAGE BIRDS readers.

My first master bought me at a big shop. I heard him bargaining with the bird dealer; for I must tell you that soon after I was imported over here I began to understand the English language, but never felt inclined to try to talk it, it was too great an effort. Of course the bird dealer cracked me up a lot, and I felt very proud of myself. Well, home we went, to rather a nice house and he showed me to his wife.

"Oh! George," she said "I hope it is not a screamer." Up went my crest at that! "No dear," he answered "the shopman said that with a little patience he will talk."

I was made a great fuss of, and people would talk to me, and poke their fingers through the bars. But somehow I did not feel comfortably settled, and got generally sick of things, so I wondered what a little noise would do towards getting me a new home, and every time they left me alone I would kick up a row. To my joy, one day I heard them say they would advertise me and try and get a talking Parrot in exchange.

I hoped I should get a real good home where I might feel content, get plenty of monkey nuts, and not always be shut up in my cage. How I longed to get out and have a nibble at some wood work and stretch my wings and generally dash about. It would be glorious. I believe I did once have a fly, but such a long time ago when I was a baby I suppose.

Hurrah! My new home is fine! This time it is a mistress I belong to; she is young and has quite taken a fancy to me and I to her. I heard her say she wanted to make me finger-tame. I thought why not? Then I shall get out of this old cage. She is very gentle, and keeps tapping my claws with her fingers. Now this, done by some people, I should resent, but how can I resist her! I have made up my mind the next time she tries me I shall step on to her finger, and perhaps she will lift me out.

My mistress lifted me to-day on to the back of a chair. I fluttered my wings and generally shook myself. I did not attempt to fly; for one thing I was not sure of my wings, and could not tell where I should land. After a time she put me back again into my cage and gave me a monkey nut. We are getting friendlier with each other every day, I now let her stroke my feathers, and even my tail. But, alas, I have discovered she has a sweetheart, so you see there is always something to upset a poor bird, and just as I thought I was going to be happy and settled, too. She is getting married next month; I only hope she leaves me out one day when "he" is in the room!

Well, we are settled in our new home, and what do you think I have found out? A way to get out of my cage. I pushed out my food tin, and pulled the wires about and soon squeezed through. I nibbled one or two chairs, when as luck would have it, in came the master! I flew towards his shoulder in the hope of getting a peck at his ear, but no; I found myself on the floor, and then he got the broom handle and invited me to climb thereon. This I did in a sulky way and was forced into my cage. Soon my mistress came in and scolded me, but we soon made it up and I got a new cage. Now, one day I laid an egg, and every body seemed so astonished and pleased with me, and they laughed because my name was "Billy"! I really think I must reform and be a good bird in a good home!

CAGE BIRDS LEAGUE

POINTS ABOUT OUR ASSOCIATES SCHEME.

A Disappointed Glasgow Bird-lover.

NOTES BY THE SECRETARY.

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A Hint to Intending Associates.

Among the hundreds of readers who are applying for registration as Associates of CAGE BIRDS LEAGUE, there are a few who have not read correctly the simple condition that they must send in six coupons, one signed by the reader applying for registration, and the other five signed by separate friends of the sender. Some readers are forwarding coupons which, although they bear different names, are not actually signed by the different people, but are all filled in by the sender. This is not complying with the condition, which states plainly that the friends of the sender must themselves sign the coupons and fill in their addresses.

Six Coupons, One Badge.

Further, quite a number of readers seem to be under the impression that badges are sent to the five friends of the sender of the six coupons, and that all six are entitled to be added to our list of Associates, and a few even go so far as to write in a strain similar to that which follows, and which is a word for word copy of one of the letters received. "Please make me and my friends members of CAGE BIRDS LEAGUE." In view of such misconceptions as these, I am compelled to point out that only the actual sender of the six coupons is registered an Associate Member of CAGE BIRDS LEAGUE. If the five friends who sign his coupons wish to become Associates, they must each send along six coupons duly signed, while if they wish to join as ordinary members they must, of course pay the subscription of half-a-crown annually.

Every day I have to write to readers who have misunderstood the plain reading of the coupons, telling them that coupons filled in otherwise than in the way clearly specified are wasted, and I hope the publication of the above note will prevent the continuance of the misunderstandings.

A Misapprehension Corrected.

Some members of the LEAGUE are asking whether, in renewing their subscription, they have to pay half-a-crown, the present annual membership, or one shilling, which was the membership rate at the date of their joining, and some members who joined before the rate of subscription was altered are sending two shillings and sixpence in payment of their renewal, in the mistaken idea that that is the amount which they now have to pay.

Here, again, I thought it had already been made clear that in the case of members who joined when the subscription was one shilling the renewal subscription, of course, remains the same, namely, a shilling. If, however, they drop out of the LEAGUE, and afterwards wish to rejoin, they can only do so as new members, and in that case their subscriptions will be half-a-crown annually. I have had several times to return the balance of eighteenpence to old members who have sent the incorrect amount, and I hope that members will please note that whatever alterations may be made in the terms of subscription, such alterations can only affect those joining after the alterations are made. Members whose original subscription was one shilling pay only one shilling annually.

Glasgow Readers Please Note.

Some weeks ago (in our issue dated June 22) I had the pleasure of announcing that Mr. J. Stevenson, hon. sec. to CAGE BIRDS LEAGUE for Glasgow, whose address is 38, McNeil Street, South Side, Glasgow, had made the generous offer that if any Glasgow reader would send him three coupons properly filled up, he would himself add three more to them and send them to me so that the original sender should be registered an Associate Member of the LEAGUE, and receive a badge.

Mr. Stevenson is disappointed to find that only a few of his fellow citizens have taken advantage of the offer, and writes to say that it is still open to the first fifty Glasgow readers who will send him three coupons. He says he is not disheartened, for he knows that Scotch folk are generally "slow but sure," and he hopes yet to be able to say that he has helped at least fifty fellow fanciers to become Associates of CAGE BIRDS LEAGUE. All that a Glasgow reader has to do is to sign one coupon himself, get two of his friends each to sign another, then send the three to Mr. Stevenson as above, and he will in due course receive his badge.

In the Matter of Overdue Subscriptions

Last week I referred to the fact that a considerable number of renewal subscriptions were overdue, and asked members to kindly send these along to avoid the expense and trouble of applying separately by postcard. I have received several letters from members saying that they do not know the date upon which their subscriptions fall due. This they can gather from their original receipt, or if they have not kept this, and are in doubt as to the date, they may send the renewal amount at any time and they will receive a receipt dated from the time the subscription is, or was, actually due, and covering a year from that date. I am sorry to find that a few members to whom reminder postcards have been sent have not yet complied with the request that they send P.O. in payment. If a member remains for more than a month in default of paying his renewal subscription his name may be taken off our list of members, and if he wishes to rejoin it will cost him half-a-crown annually instead of a shilling.

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Neat and unobtrusive badges are supplied to members, without any charge beyond their subscriptions as above. The badges may be had either in button form, or mounted in rolled gold in two forms, one as a brooch for ladies or for cycling caps or coat lapel, and the other as a pendant for bracelet or watch-chain. The kind required should be specified clearly.

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Twitterings.

A plague of Sparrows has ruined many acres of wheat in various parts of Warwickshire, it is said.

All prize-money won at Epworth Show has been paid, writes Mr. W. E. Burrows. Anyone overlooked please communicate with the secretary.

A new and unusual inmate has just entered the Church Army's Central London Labour Home for Men, in the shape of a pet Canary, which has been sent to the society by a lady.

We learn from Mr. J. Woodall that the Sheffield O.S. ramble via Grindleford and Baslow, on Sunday next, weather permitting, will be carried out. Meet Midland station, 1.45; tea at Royal Hotel, Baslow; all fanciers and friends invited.

Mr. J. Gilliatt, of Leith, sends a sketch of another removable cage front. The two inside crossbars are left a little longer than usual, then bent downwards (hook shape), and the bent-over portions drop into small brass eyes screwed into the cage sides.

Mr. H. Norman will judge the cage bird section at the Ilford and County F. and F. Society's annual show in November, and Mr. A. E. Enfield the cage birds, and all except poultry, at the young stock show in September.

The Sheffield C.B.S. outing on the 25th to Torksey, writes Mr. J. Woolhouse, assist. sec., will consist of a ramble in the Sturton-by-Stow district. Train leaves Sheffield Victoria Station at 2.20; fare 1s. return. A good number are intending going. All fanciers welcome.

Mr. J. E. Jones (Harlech), being desirous of making their show a success, asks us to inform all fanciers from a distance that he will keep their birds till Monday, and then return, if so desired. A silver cup is given for most prizes, and 5s. special for most entries. He hopes that exhibitors will support the well-known fanciers at Harlech at the annual show on Sept. 13.

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Quite a pleasant surprise was awaiting me last Friday morning, writes Mr. J. Bevan, of Ipswich. I thank you very much for the honour of placing my Buff Norwich Cinnamon cock, Pride of Ipswich, on the front page, especially so in company with Mr. J. Wagstaff's Yellow Cinnamon. Also your artist for the splendid drawing of him. I have shown him several times, and he has always been in the first three. Wishing Cage Birds every success.

We have received from Mr. Councelly, of Glasgow, writes Mr. G. Mitchell, Coaltown of Balgonic, Markinch, Fife, a medal for the best British bird at our show, to be held on Nov. 2. We have been successful in securing the following judges:—Mr. Watson (Glasgow), Scotch Fancies; Mr. A. Chalmers (Kirkintilloch), Mr. Bennet (Kelso), Borders; and Mr. Connelly, British.

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I was delighted, writes Mr. A. Hordern, of Shaw, on opening Cage Birds last week to find my buff coppy illustrated in your valuable paper. This bird was 1st at Manchester, 1st Nottingham, 3rd L.C.B.A., 1st Palace, and 1st at L. and L.F.A. Show, Hyde, and winner of Toronto medal for best Lancashire in show. I am glad to be able to say he is now going through the moult very nicely, and I am hoping to be amongst the winners with him again next show season.

Adwick-le-Street C.B.S. has a radius of ten miles, writes the secretary, Mr. G. H. Robinson (21, The Park, Woodlands, Doncaster), and I shall be pleased to enrol fanciers within that radius as members. I hope they will come forward and try to make our inter-club shows a success. Our popular squire and president, Mr. C. Thellusson, has kindly consented to give a cup for competition between the Ardwick, Hemsworth, and Doncaster societies.

Mr. A. Wellings has been engaged to judge Dundalk (Ireland) show, Nov. 13.

See last week's "Twitterings" for Sandiford's Colour Feed's success at last Palace Show.—(Advt.)

Ealing and Hanwell F.S. are holding an evening show on Aug. 21, writes Mr. Rowland Bamber, hon. sec. and treas.

There are nine open classes in the cage bird section of Brasted (Kent) Show, entries for which close on Monday, August 26. Exhibitors should send for schedule. Particulars will be found in the show advertisement and review of schedule in this issue.

Owing to Mr. J. Young taking over the duties of secretary of the City of Glasgow Show, writes Mr. R. Whitton, sec., Broughty Ferry C.B.S., he is unable to fulfil his engagement as judge at our show, but we have arranged with Mr. Chas. Campbell (Glasgow) to take his place in the Norwich section.

Mr. Fairhurst is unable to give us his lecture at our next meeting, owing to pressure of business, but has promised to give us one in November, writes Mr. H. Boothman, sec., Manchester and Northern Counties O.S. We have engaged the following judges for our annual open show on Oct. 25 and 26:—Messrs. Mundell, Battye, Booth, Compston, Houlton, and J. Johnston.

OBITUARY.

Mr. C. Eastop (Newcastle).

Mr. H. E. Cracknell (Newcastle-on-Tyne) writes:—I regret to have to report the death of one of our brother fanciers, in the person of Mr. Charles Eastop, of 15, Spencer Street, Gateshead-on-Tyne, who passed away on Saturday, August 10, at the early age of 38 years, after a long and painful illness. An appeal was made for him in the columns of this journal last week. Mr. Eastop was a keen fancier and well respected in the district. His main hobby was Canary breeding, and he was well known amongst the birdy men in the district. Owing to his long and painful illness, he was compelled to part with his stock for the support of his home, but was always cheerful with the thoughts of one day replacing them and still carrying on the hobby. He leaves a wife and four young children to mourn his loss, and it is for these that we now appeal to brother fanciers for help.

Exhibition at San Francisco.

A mammoth exposition of live stock will be held at San Francisco in 1915. The Panama Pacific International Exposition Company has set aside 175,000 dollars to be used in premiums in the live stock departments, and this amount will be largely augmented by the Pedigree Record Association and Legislatures of some of the States. Mr. D. O. Lively, North Portland, Oregon, is the hon. secretary. A postcard to Mr. Lively from anyone interested will bring full particulars.

Birds as Life-savers.

"It is comforting to know that the bird now required to accompany explorers, and upon which their safety so much depends, has not been overlooked." Mr. J. Gerrard, the Inspector of Mines for the Manchester district, makes this reference in his report on the inspection of mines for the year 1911 respecting the taking down of Canaries and other birds into coal mines to detect the presence of bad gases. He continues: "No longer now need the life of a bird be sacrificed. A light rectangular box having mica sides to enable the bird to be seen, and to permit of oxygen from a small cylinder to be administered to the bird for its revival, may prolong its life after warning has been given."

Readers, Please Copy.

It gave me pleasure to see my perch idea in last week's Cage Birds, and I may say that I have had one or two nice letters from fanciers returning thanks for same, writes Mr. H. Rees (Clapham). I visited Brighton yesterday (Monday), in rather bad weather, raining all day, but I managed to dispose of the parcel of back numbers of Cage Birds that I took down with me. I think that if other fanciers would do this, the effort would do our paper, Cage Birds, a world of good. Two persons to whom I gave a copy were surprised to hear of a paper solely devoted to our feathered pets, and promised to read same each week. (We are much obliged to Mr. Rees for his kindly help, and shall be glad to send specimen copies to readers disposed to do likewise.—Editor.)

Black Redstart's Nest Found.

It is reported on the authority of Canon Rawnsley that the Black Redstart, usually regarded as a winter migrant in Great Britain, has nested in Cumberland. From time to time reports of the nesting of this species have been published, but none has hitherto been regarded as authentic. In the present instance, however, it appears that the bird was found on the nest. Two or three years ago the nesting of the Black Redstart was recorded in "Country Life" by two correspondents, and the descriptions of nests and eggs corresponded with those of the Black Redstart. In neither of these cases, however, does the bird appear to have been seen. The Black Redstart is a regular visitor to all the Midland counties, and as it regularly nests on the Continent in similar latitudes, its avoidance of Great Britain for breeding purposes has long been a mystery.

Wild-Bird Life.

A Persistent Singer.

In some places the heavy showers and storms have somewhat impeded one's movements in the study of wild bird life. The hedgerows and undergrowth are now so dense and thick, that a good shower prevents one from penetrating very far, excepting at the risk of a wetting, and yet these thick hedgerows are just the places one likes to investigate at this time of the year, for, although our spring visitors have mostly finished their domestic affairs, the Finches and Buntings are still busy with their last brood. These last broods are in some years exceptionally late, and the writer has sometimes found young birds still being fed in the early part of September.

Of all our song birds, perhaps the Yellow Bunting is the most persistent of singers. Day after day one may sing from a bare

THE YELLOWHAMMER.

branch by the gateway leading into the fields, and if you stroll there in the afternoon you may sit and listen to him for a full hour. At long intervals he flies into the field, but soon returns to his perch, and drones out his somewhat monotonous song; he sings until the sun sets behind the hills, and then again until dusk. He is almost the longest of all singers, he sits and sits, and has no inclination to move.

Another is perched daily upon a telegraph wire which runs along the railway embankment. His only cessation from singing is when a passing train drives him from his post, and then he frequently only flies into the air, away from the line, going round in a half-circle and returning quickly to his perch. His song commences again before the roar of the train has died away.

Where Yellowhammers abound one does not lack for birdy music. In the spring they sing, in the summer they sing, and in the autumn when the leaves are colouring, and the last sheaves of corn are being carted along the country lanes, still they sing.

All the Buntings are somewhat clumsy in build and gait, and yet each species builds a fairly neat nest. Although the materials of which the exterior is composed do not favour neatness, yet the interior is snugly lined with fine roots and horsehair, and of a beautiful cup shape. The eggs are most interesting, being spotted and streaked in a peculiar manner, as though one had scribbled over them with a reed pen, dipped in purplish-brown ink.

A Trained Starling.

Last year some Starlings built in our chimneys, writes "N.W.N." (Tonbridge), to the "Strand Magazine," and during alterations to the house the workmen disturbed the birds. I took one of them, and after feeding it for some weeks it gradually began to recognise me, and eventually answered to the name of Ticka. I have now taught it to sit down, and on the word of command to hold out a claw for food. It will also pick out the ace or one of the picture cards from a few cards arranged in front of it. My friends are very interested in the bird, and I wondered if any of your readers knew of a similar case of bird training.

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A Herb that Saves Birds' Lives:

By J. ANDERSON (Harthill, Lanark.)

A well-known Scottish fancier tells the remarkable powers of a herb, and gives hints on moulting and training young birds.

WHEN feeding my young birds I mince up one egg and mix it with five sponge biscuits. As soon as they are four weeks old I remove the youngsters to the flight cages. I continue the egg-food till they are six weeks old, but I give crushed canary seed also. When they start to eat seed they have a tendency to get very loose in the bowels, and many breeders lose a lot of young birds through that trouble. Well, I may say I have never lost a bird in my twenty-three years' experience, as I have a little knowledge of herbs and there is a herb which helps me.

The herb is called tormentil. I get the root of it and boil it and give the young birds the water to drink, and my young birds are always hard and healthy. I might say that tormentil is worth more than its weight in gold to the breeder of Canaries, for I never knew it fail.

Over Twenty Young Pulled Round.

I went to see an old breeder and exhibitor two years ago, and he had over twenty young birds looking very poorly. He said they were incurable; but I said "No." I went out and pulled up some tormentil, and made it ready. Then I caught the young birds one after the other and gave them a few drops in their beaks. Then I filled up their drinking glasses, and about twelve hours later you would have said that there had never been anything wrong with them! They were tightened up and hopping about as smart as you please. That's what the tormentil did for them. I could not speak too highly of it, for I know through experience there is nothing that can fill its place. It keeps young birds in grand condition, strong and healthy, to start the moult.

To use the tormentil, I simmer for one hour eight ounces of the root in two gills (half-a-pint) of water. When cold I fill the birds' drinking glasses with it every other day until I see that they are quite recovered and in tight condition again. It is safe to give as strong as you think fit, as it will not in any way injure the birds, but the above is the strength I adopt. In case you have a bird very bad, catch it up and administer five drops direct into the beak, and in an hour's time it will be a great deal better. I have never known this remedy fail when the case has been taken in hand within a reasonable time.

When the young are eight weeks old, I start to colour-feed them. I make it very weak and raise its strength by degrees till I tone it up to a deep dark red. The birds I intend for exhibition I put in separate cages, for if you have more than one bird in a cage they will pluck each other, and it is very disheartening to see a bird's plumage spoiled that might have gained honours on the show bench. During the time of moulting I give a little sulphate of iron in the drinking water; it helps to nerve up the birds, and also is a great help to the feather. I also mix some maw seed with the colour-feed, and at the end of the moult I give a little linseed, which also improves the feather.

Benefit from Scalded Milk.

Scalded milk in the drinking glass once a week, with a little corn flour in it, is a great help, especially to any that get "soft." I also mix the colour feed for one day in each week with bread soaked in scalded milk, then squeezed out. This helps to keep them from getting too soft. By the aid of the above-mentioned I can always secure a successful moult.

As to training the young for exhibition, I have very little difficulty, possessing plenty of patience, which helps greatly. I have doors in the ends of the cages that I moult exhibition birds in, and I open this door and place a show cage with the door open close to it, and the bird can run out of its own cage into the show cage. By doing this it gets used to the show cage and very soon tames down. I also put tit-bits in the show cage to encourage it. I handle the cages often; I handle them in turn and work the birds to and fro with a pencil and they very soon get used to the training. I believe in handling birds for exhibition as much as possible, for it makes them gain confidence in you. I have them at this present time as steady as a statue, and the above-mentioned is my method of training.

Tormentil belongs to the cinquefoil group of plants, some members of which bear a close resemblance. A distinguishing characteristic of tormentil is that its flowers have four petals; they are small and bright yellow in colour. It is a small perennial plant, flowers all the summer, and is common on banks and in woods. The roots are large and woody, and are used in medicine, possessing astringent properties. Its name comes from the Latin, *tormina*, meaning dysentery, for which it was considered a specific. The root can be obtained at all herbalists and most chemists; while the plant is easily cultivated in one's garden.

Birds in a North Yorkshire Garden:

By the Rev. BERNARD WILTON (Middlesborough).

A year's life in delightful surroundings delightfully told by a lover of our British birds.

THERE are some serious disadvantages in living nine miles from a railway station. One realises this when the Dale roads are blocked by a sudden fall of snow. But I am far more than compensated for incidental discomforts by my enjoyment of the undisturbed wild life of the fields and woods which such a situation affords, where neither tripper nor bird catcher ever penetrates. The Dale, twelve miles long, in the centre of which I live, abounds with birds, but I purpose in this article to mention only those which I have seen in my own garden. Thus I hope as I enumerate what seems to me a considerable number of species (about 60) to make the townsman who pities my barbarous isolation, envious of my ornithological opportunities.

To begin with January. We are then passing through our dreariest time. The garden is in the grip of frost, and only the most faithful of our feathered friends remain with us. Under a crab apple tree that grows wild in the tall hedge on the east side of the lawn, the Blackbirds are often hard at work among the small fallen apples that have lain there neglected until these hard times. Blackbirds are dear to me in the abstract, but not in the concrete. I adopt the same attitude towards them as an old man in my father's parish who was always quarrelling with his neighbours. My father told him that as a Christian he ought to love his enemies. "Yes, sir," he replied, "I loves their souls, but I hates their bodies!" Even so, when I sit at my window in the April twilight, and hear the mellow fluting of the Blackbird from my garden hedge; I love the musician's soul that breathes such music through his golden beak, but when, later in the year, I see his all too material body among my ripe fruit, and afterwards at closer quarters view the havoc he has made, I fear that my hatred sometimes takes a deadly, and explosive, form.

The Birds of January.

But to return to the January birds. Under the dining-room windows the Hedge Sparrows are searching among the privet roots for any belated insects that the frost had benumbed before they found a securer hiding place. If we throw out a few crumbs after breakfast, these will be joined by the clamorous House Sparrows that accompany me daily while feeding the fowls. The Great Tit, too, and the Blue Tit, will want but little encouragement to swell the breakfast party. The cock Chaffinch, also, is there in his gay dress. He has consented to a temporary separation from his sober wife, who is away in a neighbouring farmyard with a number of other ladies, and a few gay young sparks, hatched last year, who will be turning their thoughts to matrimony in a few weeks' time.

At feeding time in the fowl yard the Robin is my daily companion. There, too, comes sometimes the Marsh Tit, snatches up a grain of maize, and flies with it to some safe haunt, where he can deal with it at his leisure. I used to wonder what these tiny birds did with such a tough subject, until I had traced one, which had carried away one grain after another, picking out the soft heart from the pointed end, while he held the corn tightly between his feet on a convenient branch. Once, in the same part of the garden, where the hazels fringe the orchard wall, I saw his tiny first cousin, the Coal Tit, conspicuous and distinguishable by the white mark upon his head, flitting among the interlacing nut boughs.

In this same thicket I have first heard the thin silvery note, and then seen the flaming head, of the daintiest and smallest of British birds, the fairy-like Goldcrest. There, too, where the alders grow by the little brook that, happily for me, runs through my garden, the Siskins may alight for a moment in their search for seeds, among the hard cones of the alder.

February Music and March Arrivals.

It is generally on the first fine evening in February that the Thrushes sing again in my garden. They seem to leave us for lower ground in the autumn, but with the first mild afternoon of the year they are back again in their old haunts, a few days after the Missel Thrush has hurled his first wild greeting to spring from one of our oak-tree tops. The little Wren that during the hard weather I had often watched clinging to the leaded panes outside the windows, in his search for torpid flies, is now proving that a small person can make a great deal of noise, and the Starlings "clap their tiny castanets" on the housetop, and in the old oak tree, close by, which contains those convenient nesting holes of which they take annual advantage.

When March comes, the Lapwings which nest in the meadows all round our house, and on the moor above it, will be back in their old haunts. I love to hear the creak of their wings as they dash close by me on the terrace in the spring twilight, and to listen to their weird cry at all hours of the night as I lie in bed. It is in March, too, that the Pheasants from the neighbouring woodlands make their presence painfuly felt. Their winter stock of seeds and berries is exhausted, and the new year's growth has not yet made good the deficiency. In consequence, they systematically dig up my rows of new sown peas in the early morning, undeterred even by the taste of the paraffin in which I have soaked them as a precaution. The Partridges come, too, but are less mischievous. Last year a pair nested beneath the cypress close to the drive.

Spring's Real Awakening.

Then April comes, and the stirring time of bird life begins again. I see the Pied Wagtail once more by one of the big pools in which I have dammed up the waters of my garden brook. The people here say that when these birds appear again it is time the corn was sown. By the same pool I have occasionally seen a Water Ouzel bobbing up and down by the water's edge. But he is only a chance visitor, his real home being the little river that flows a quarter of a mile below my house.

Now, once more the Jackdaws fly overhead, their beaks full of wool to line their stick nests in the crevices of the quarry near by. Now, too, high up, one may hear the mellow call of the Curlew, and see him as he sails with his mate towards the moor above the quarry where he has his summer home. I can hardly claim him as one of my garden birds, however, for though I often watch him from my little kingdom, he never sets his foot there. In this he resembles the Heron, which flaps solemnly over me on his way from one fishing ground to another, or the Skylark which I see as an almost invisible mote of song in the blue sky above my house, but which I have never seen alight within my boundaries.

(To be continued.)

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CANARY QUERIES.

Answered by CLAUDE ST. JOHN.

SIZE OF BIRDROOM (Hopeful).—Thanks for further particulars about room. Considering its size and aspect, I would not advise you to attempt heating it. I have no doubt whatever the birds will thrive better without it. As you seem to have rather a large amount of glass you should provide yourself with wooden shutters to cover about one-half of it in severe weather during the winter months. These could be made either with hinges at bottom to drop down when not in use, or to slide in grooves, and put up when required.

STIFF HIND TOE (T.G.).—Fill a small saucer with cold water, and dissolve in it a half-teaspoonful of common salt. Fill another saucer with fairly hot water—not hotter than you can comfortably bear your little finger in for some time. Place these side by side on a table. Catch bird, and hold the foot in the hot water for a minute or so, then transfer it at once to the cold water for a similar time. Repeat these movements half a-dozen times, keeping the same order—hot to cold—and finishing up with the cold. Then dry foot and lightly paint the toe with a feather dipped in Friar's Balsam. Repeat the process all through, if necessary, after an interval of a week. Give one perch of a nearly round shape and varying in thickness from a little under to a little above the thickness of an ordinary lead pencil, in addition to one of your usual perches.

CRESTBRED MOULTING (T. Harding).—It is not at all unusual for birds to be more or less dull and listless when moulting, and some specimens are affected more than others. Keep the bird in a cosy temperature as equable as possible, and quite free from draughts. Also touch the ends of the perches, joints of doors, etc., with a good insecticide twice a week if there is any sign of red mites being troublesome. Give a staple diet of plain Canary seed. Add separately just a pinch of summer rape daily. Also give every second day half a teaspoonful of fresh egg-food well sprinkled with maw seed, and on the alternate days a piece of bread the size of a hazel nut soaked in cold milk, two drops of cod liver oil emulsion on it, and sprinkled with soft sugar. Omit the oil after the first week, but continue giving the remainder for two or three weeks. Twice a week give a small teaspoonful of a mixture of equal parts hemp, millet, teazle, black rape, broken groats, and chopped sunflower seeds. Give a half ripe plantain stalk about three time a week. In the drinking water add 20 drops of whisky and as much sulphate of soda as will cover a sixpence for two days, and afterwards 20 drops of Chemical Food two days in every three for a fortnight.

TWO COCKS (G.B.).—Possibly you have not taken sufficient precaution to remove the exciting causes which make your treatment for asthma of no avail, and you certainly will not be likely to aid the cure by limiting the bird solely to a diet of sop. Make yourself sure it is not exposed to cold draughts at any period of the day or night, that it is not subject to extreme and rapid fluctuations, nor exposed to foul impure air, such as hanging near the ceiling or near or over a burning light in the evenings. Give a staple diet of a mixture of two parts canary to one part summer rape, and each day for the next two or three weeks give half a teaspoonful of rusked sponge cake with four drops of sherry and two of cod liver oil emulsion mixed in it and sprinkled with maw seed. Give a pinch of the seed mixture advised to "T. Harding" twice a week, and on each of the remaining days a half ripe plantain stalk. In the drinking water give six drops of syrup of rhubarb, and as much Epsom salts as will cover a sixpence for two days, and afterwards 20 drops of the following mixture, which any chemist will mix for you, two days in every three until better. Mixture: Two drams each of glycerine and oxymel of squills, one dram each of ipecacuanha wine and chlorodyne, and eight grains of iodide of potassium. Give the other cock that coughs occasionally a little sponge cake as mentioned above for one week, the rhubarb mixture for one day, and the other mixture as above for one week. See that causes are removed, as in case of the first-named bird.

BIRDS IN GREENHOUSE (Avis).—(1) Certainly you should remove the birds from the greenhouse, at least until the moult is quite finished. Otherwise, with such great and constant fluctuations you may find the moult become perpetual, or it will be checked and recommence in the spring when the birds are wanted to breed. Take them indoors—an unheated room will do very well so long as the temperature is fairly equable. You may treat them otherwise the same as advised to No. 1 "G.C." (2) Better send a Mule query separately to Mr. Weston before next season. Your failure this year is probably due to keeping an incompatible mixture of birds together—always a big mistake.

CLEAR EGGS AND CROSS-BRED (Crest).—When mating occurs in the cup of the nest, as you describe, clear eggs are more the rule than the exception. You can do nothing else to prevent it besides placing something in the nest or removing nest altogether until the hens are ready to lay. Then if the hens are really in good breeding condition, they will solicit from the perches for some days before they are ready to lay. Your hens ceasing to "call" when something was placed in nest simply shows they were not in a keen condition normally. I would advise you to try them next season with fresh mates, and choose lusty vigorous young cocks in fierce song for them. If they repeat the performance with the first nest next year, discard them at once. The cross-bred youngster would be properly described as a Roller-Crest first cross. It is quite possible for it to grow a crest, but it is not certain to do so.

ALL UNFERTILE (Rellens).—Your experience is quite a common one. The fact of the birds apparently mating and performing all their duties satisfactorily does not by any means ensure the fertility of the eggs. There are so many causes of this trouble that it is barely possible to say what is the cause with any degree of certainty. The cock may not have been in good breeding condition, notwithstanding his attentions to the hen, or he might have been very young, or past his prime. On the other hand, the hen may have been the one at fault. Sometimes these cases are simply due to the hen sitting in the nest when pairing, instead of on the side, or on the perches. At other times no reason at all can be assigned other than a lack of affinity between the individuals concerned. Your best plan is to separate the birds, get them through as good a moult as possible, and then try to keep them in good hard condition ready for next spring, when I would advise you to try both birds with different mates. I note you have five clutches from them this season, which is too many, and may tell against their fertility and usefulness again next season.

AN OLD CREST (Urmston). If the bird is not continually dropping stray feathers there is no reason to think it is troubled with "soft moult." Its bareness on legs and lower parts is far more likely to be due to red mites infesting the cage, or a natural thinning of its plumage on account of its age. Fifteen years is a long lease of life for a Canary, and you cannot now expect it to be quite equal to a youngster. Examine the cage well, and if any mites are found take steps to exterminate them. You may perhaps discover mites on the cloth with which it is covered at night when you remove it in the morning. In that case soak it in boiling water each morning. Keeping cage in a window is also running a tremendous risk of injuring the bird's health. Either remove it elsewhere, or make yourself quite sure that it is not exposed to draughts or extremes of heat and cold. For the rest, treat the bird as advised to "G.C." No. 1, giving a staple diet of three parts canary and one part summer rape, and omitting the extra pinch of rape seed each third day. Instead of the latter offer it a morsel of banana, or one or two mealworms, crushing the heads of the latter.

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should consult St. John's "Canary Breeding for Beginners" (7d.); House's "Canary Manual" (1/2); Battye's "Yorkshire Canaries" (1/1½); House's "Norwich Canaries" (1/1); Weston's "Stock Book" (7d.); Dr. Clarke's "Septic or Bird Fever" (7d.); Dr. Cresswell's "Hygiene of Bird-keeping" (1/1); Norman's "Aviaries, Bird rooms, and Cages" (2/3); Ramsden's "Colour-feeding" (3½d.); "Seeds and Foods for Cage Birds" (1/2); or the "Nutshell" booklets (2½d. each): No. 5 "The Pet Canary," No. 6 "Ailing Birds and How to Cure them," No. 9 "The Disinfection of Cages, Bird-rooms, etc.," No. 10 "The Roller," No. 23 "The Border Fancy," No. 24 "Green Canaries." All thoroughly practical and instructive. Prices quoted are post free, from "Cage Birds," 154, Fleet Street, London, E.C.

EGGS DRYING UP (Lover of Birds).—If you had the current issue of CAGE BIRDS' ANNUAL you would have seen in my article therein that the cause of this trouble lies with the hen—most likely some weakness in the lower portion of oviduct. The panting of the hen whilst sitting is also suggestive of some slight weakness. You should separate her now and devote your attention to getting her through a good moult and in hard, healthy condition for next season. You could, of course, mate her with the Roller cock next year, but if you want the best possible singers you should get a Roller hen for him, and try to get a stout singing, healthy, 1912 yellow Yorkshire cock for the Yorkshire hen. If the hen is clear, the cock should be ticked or marked. It is quite possible the hen may succeed better next year, but you would do well to be prepared with a robust young hen and substitute her in case the old one fails again with the first nest next season. Or you might run the cock alternately with both hens. Any breeder or dealer could supply you with a hen that would lay fertile eggs. You only want a quite healthy normal hen, beyond that no one can guarantee future fertility. Watch our advertisement columns for a few weeks.

GOING LIGHT (S. Thomson). The birds are undoubtedly troubled with the complaint called "going light," or rather, one of them, as this vague description is applied to more than one complaint. Put on a staple diet of plain canary only. Every morning give a little bread soaked in cold milk, drained, and sprinkled with soft sugar, allowing a piece about the size of a hazel nut to each bird. At mid-day give half a teaspoonful of soaked or scalded rape per bird, and in the evening before roost give a similar quantity of a mixture of equal parts rape, hemp, millet, teazle, and broken groats, with a sprinkling of maw. Each time when giving these extras remove what is left, if any, from the previous supply. Keep cages and perches scrupulously clean, and the cage floor strewn with clean gritty sand. In the drinking water add six drops of syrup of rhubarb, and as much sulphate of soda as will cover a sixpence for three days, and afterwards four drops each of tincture of gentian, tincture of calumba, and dilute sulphuric acid every second day for a fortnight. If birds are very listless add 30 drops of brandy to the water on the alternate days for the first week when giving the gentian mixture. As regards your friend's assertion that he has repeatedly written for advice, and got no reply, will you ask him to kindly send definite particulars of any query which has not been answered. As a matter of fact, I am afraid he is mistaken or has overlooked reply. I have received a great number of queries in the course of time from your town, all in the same handwriting as your letter, and every query, without exception, has been replied to, some of them postally, in which cases, at least, there is no question of reply being overlooked.

VARIOUS (G. C.).—(1) Keep the green cock rather on the warm side until the moult is quite finished, and see that the cage is quite out of the way of cold draughts or extreme and rapid fluctuations of temperature, and that it is free from red mites. In addition to the staple seed mixture, give a morsel of bread the size of a hazel nut, soaked in cold milk, drained, and sprinkled with maw seed, every third day. On the intervening days give an extra pinch of equal parts rape, inga, teazle, and gold of pleasure one day, and a little green food the next. Add 20 drops of whisky, and as much sulphate of soda as will cover a sixpence to the water for two days, and afterwards four drops each of tincture of gentian, tincture of calumba and aromatic sulphuric acid three times a week for a fortnight. (2) The splashed bird's cage is probably infested with red mites. Look well into this, and if any are found thoroughly overhaul cage. Mix a few drops of essence of quassia in the bathing water twice a week for a time. If moulting, treat it as above for a month. (3) As mixtures usually go, the sample you send is a very good one, the bulk of it consisting of very fine seed. But as a regular staple diet I prefer a plainer mixture.

BRITISH BIRDS, MULES AND HYBRIDS.

Answered by G. E. WESTON.

COLOURS OF SHOW CAGES (J.W.M.).—Personally, I think a rich deep blue (turquoise blue, for example) very hard to equal as a colour for the wires and interior of the show cage for all kinds of Mules. Certainly I know nothing that sets off a light Mule to better advantage. For dark Mules, some exhibitors prefer light tones of different colours (blue chiefly), but others go in for dark greens—the difference in opinion is very marked. There are, of course, no recognised "standard" colours for the show cages. Some men even have a fondness for pink!

YOUNG MULES (Alton).—Young Mules get their "proper colouring" (i.e., adult plumage, except tail and flight feathers) in the first moult, but improve very much in colour at the second moult. The yellow showing on the breasts of your birds is the earliest indication of this. Give the following stock mixture: Canary 3 parts, teazle 2 parts, summer rape and linseed 1 part each. Reduce the linseed when the moult is over. For variety, give each bird now and again a dessert-spoonful of cracked sunflower seed, a teaspoonful of cracked hemp, the same of a good wild seed mixture, ditto Finch mixture, and a little coarse oatmeal (not all at once, of course, but separately). For green food, ring the changes on chickweed and shepherd's purse, with occasionally groundsel tops; thistle and hard-heads, plantain stalks, and other "wild foods" are also excellent.

PRESERVING BERRIES (J.H.W.).—Do you mean by "preserving" them, treating the berries in same manner as bottled fruits, or making jam of them? If so, I have no doubt they could be so preserved (that is, in syrup); but I can't give you instructions beyond those used by house-wives generally, and mentioned in cookery books. They will, I know, keep for a long time if packed amongst sawdust (like imported grapes), and stored in a cool place; or they can be buried in sand. Most berries will keep for a long period if gathered on the branch, the stem of the latter being immersed in a bottle of water. I have personally used all the three last-mentioned methods with success with privet-berries, black berries, etc. I generally tinted the water with a few drops of Condy's Fluid, this undoubtedly helping to keep them fresh for a longer period than when same is not used. I stored them in a cool, dry cellar, changing the water (when I used it) as necessary.

COLDFINCH FAT AND SOFT IN CONDITION (W.H.W.).—I presume it is the young bird? I expect you have been feeding him very generously on rich seeds, with a view to keeping him in high show condition, and that his liver has been thrown out of working order. After a course of treatment, your best plan would be to give him a few weeks in a good-sized outdoor aviary. Reduce his staple diet to equal parts canary and teazle, with a pinch of summer rape. Let him have a very small quantity of other seeds (just a "feed") daily; crushed sunflower, hemp, and niger, not all on the same day, of course. You could also with advantage use the special wild-seed mixture I frequently recommend in this column; or Thistle and hard heads. Give on alternate days for a week half-a-teaspoonful of syrup of buckthorn in two tablespoonfuls of drinking water; but don't allow the excreta to become too loose and watery; just keep the bowels freely moving. Soak a dessertspoonful of teazle seed in hot water; let it stand over-night; then drain, dab dry in a cloth, and give the bird to eat. On the days you do not give the buckthorn, let the bird have to drink the water in which the teazle has been soaked. Keep on with the soaked teazle for some time. I think you will soon see an improvement in the bird. I hope so, seeing that he has a good winning record.

THE LINNET'S DRESS (John Hind).—It is curious how many people get in a knot over the seasonal changes of plumage of the Linnet. Briefly, a fully adult cock Linnet in spring and summer dress has a red crown and red breast (more or less expansive, according to age). The hen Linnet has at no time a red breast and head. After the moult and during autumn and early winter, both cock and hen are plain brown, but the hen is invariably a greyish-brown tone, whereas the cock is a deep nutty brown tone, especially on the shoulders. With regard to the sex, if you get a bird which is a warm, nutty brown on the back and the wing-butts, and which has the white on the outer edge of the flight feathers extending back up to the quill (shaft), you can depend on it being a cock. The hen seldom has more than the edge of the web of the flight feathers white, there being a dark line between there and the quill—thus she looks to have less white in her wing than the male; further, she is seldom other than greyish-brown on the back. If you just ruffle the breast feathers with the tip of the finger, a tinge of rose colour can often be seen which is not otherwise visible; that is a sure sign of a cock (providing, of course, it is not artificial colour, owing its presence to human agency). In the adult cock, too, at all times the tips of the breast feathers have a dark edging, giving what is known as a "mooned" appearance (the dark edging being, of course, necessarily crescent-shaped). In the hen the dark colour runs down alongside the quills of the breast feathers, giving her a heavily streaked (pencilled) appearance. That there are odd instances, however, of genuine cocks with "henny markings" on the breast cannot be questioned, for I have myself bred Mules from such a one; but these, of course, carry all the other distinguishing marks of the male sex.

COLOUR-FEEDING A YELLOWHAMMER (Frankie).—It can easily be done by grinding up canary-seed and groats (or coarse oatmeal), and mixing the tasteless pepper with this. Only a very little of the colouring agent should be added at first, gradually increasing it. The process is made even more simple, however, if the bird has been used to eating a little soft-food (which should be a high-class insectile mixture). Simply mix the colour-food with this, one teaspoonful in about eight; commence with a pinch only, and gradually work up to this strength. Use tasteless sweet pepper, without added oil (which I have often fancied to turn Britishers against it), adding a little finely-ground linseed to it, say, half a teaspoonful, made fresh every day, towards the end of the moult. You can mix enough of the stock food (insectivorous food and pepper) to last a week, letting it stand a week before using, as then the colour-food gets well absorbed by the other ingredients. Damp it for use with a spot or two of water; don't make it "pasty," only crumbly moist. A little whole canary-seed can be mixed in, if you like; but see the bird does not waste the food searching for it. Or add it crushed, with the groats. A Yellowhammer will thrive well on this diet through the moult, with a fair supply of live insect food in addition. Continue the colour-food for at least a week after the moult is over, which will be when feathers cease to be dropped, and when you can discern no quill feathers remaining about the head. Give a feed twice a week through the show-season.

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should consult Moulton's great work, "Cage-Bird Hybrids" (7/6); Norman's "British Bird Manual" (2/3); or Part 1 "Hardbills" (1/1), Part 2 "Softbills" (1/1); "Aviaries, Bird-rooms, and Cages" (2/3); "Seeds, Foods, and Wild Plants" (1/2); "Secrets of Hybrid Breeding" (1/2); Dr. Cresswell's "Hygiene of Bird-keeping" (1/1); Dr Clarke's "Septic or Bird Fever" (7d.); "Colour-feeding" (3½d.); or the "Nutshell" booklets (2½d. each): No. 1 "Goldfinch," No. 2 "Linnet," No. 3 "Skylark," No. 4 "Song Thrush and Blackbird," No. 11 "Bullfinch," No. 13 "Chaffinch," No. 15 "Greenfinch," No. 22 "Siskin, Redpoll, and Twite," No. 25 "Small Insectivorous Birds," No. 26 "Large Insectivorous Birds," No. 6 "Ailing Birds and How to Cure Them," No. 9 "Disinfection of Cages, Birdrooms, etc.," No. 12 "How to Moult British Birds." All thoroughly practical and instructive. Prices quoted are post free from "Cage Birds," 154, Fleet Street, London, E.C.

FOREIGN BIRDS.

Answered by WESLEY T. PAGE, F.Z.S.,

WHAT PARROTS (Perplexed).—(1) I think this must be a Dufresne's Amazon, but I will keep your query by me, and if necessary will revise my reply in next issue. (2) Undoubtedly a Festive Amazon; the dark beak is a sign of youth—it will get lighter, and the forehead more red as the bird grows older. Both species are uncommon, and extremely handsome birds.

MILLET SPRAYS AND BUDGERIGARS (Walliton).—Any of the large seed merchants advertising in our columns would send you millet sprays, and the same applies to procuring Budgerigars. Write the dealers and others appearing in our Foreign Bird advertisement columns. Send to "C.B." Manager for "Budgerigars and Cockatiels," also the Nutshell "Budgerigars"—nipence will secure you both post free. If the above does not meet your need, send me a stamped addressed envelope per the Editor, and I will try and assist you further.

BUDGERIGARS (Bird Lover).—(1) It would accommodate sixty, but I consider six breeding pairs would be ample, as with their young you should soon have a good troop. You could keep with Budgerigars pairs of Cockatiels, Madagascar, and Bluewing Lovebirds. (2) None, as birches, etc., of all kinds are soon pulled to pieces. Put in some good sized branches of fruit trees, consisting of a good stout main stem, with branches and twigs of varying thickness. (3) Put nests everywhere and leave the birds to choose. (4) Give canary and white millet in equal parts, and the others also in equal parts, but supply at least double the quantity of the former to what you do of the latter.

BREEDING MEALWORMS (A.J.R.).—This query has been passed to me to answer. Have you closely examined the contents of the boxes; possibly many of the worms are in the chrysalis stage, and will shortly reach the beetle stage; if this is not the case, first minutely examine the contents of the box, and if there are no mites, then add some more beetles and leave them alone for a time. You must remember that while in the minute stage, like thin twine, they can squeeze through a very small hole indeed; as soon as the worms are large enough to be picked up conveniently, they are better removed from the breeding box, but the box to which they are to be removed should with its contents (food, etc.) stand in the same temperature for 24 hours before the young beetles are placed in it.

PARROT NOT PERCHING (J.G.D.). Reinstate the thick perch at bottom of cage, but leave the thinner one above it, and for the present remove the grit from above cage tray. The difficulty is, you say, it will not let you handle it. There is evidently some foot trouble that would be relieved by fomenting with hot water, and painting with whisky. Keep the cage tray covered with sawdust, and add a pinch of grit (not sand) to the daily supply of seed mixture, also add a little cuttlebone crushed to the size of millet seed, as it appears to be afraid of things hanging or lying in cage. For the lower perch get a piece of a branch of a fruit tree about 1½ inches in diameter, and another about 1 inch thick for the upper one; leave the bark on both perches. Keep the bowels moving by putting a teaspoonful of Dinneford's Magnesia in its water once a week, and on other days half a teaspoonful of hypo-phosphates in the water. In addition to the

diet you name, supply ripe fruit daily, any kind it will eat; it can also have pieces of plain biscuit and a portion of lettuce leaf. I should also spray it with a dilute quassia solution once a week, choosing a warm sunny day and keeping out of draught till dry. It should get over its fright as soon as it becomes accustomed to you all. Do not reinstate grid till the bird is perching freely.

BLUE SUGAR BIRD (Sugar Birds).—Yes, your bird is the Yellow-winged Sugarbird, a beautiful little species. Prepare the milk sop so: Condensed milk one teaspoonful, ditto crumbled sponge cake, saltspoonful each Mellin's food and honey, boiling water to fill an ordinary small round cage glass; this will suffice for one day's supply. I find my birds take fully ripe banana fairly freely. I should not stint food; give it a roomy cage, with a twiggy branch for perch, and the exercise it will then take will keep it fit. Supply split grapes, and if it cares for an occasional mealworm (small) supply one daily. It should do well, as they are not at all difficult to keep.

SEXING COCKATEELS, ETC. (F.W.C.).—(1) The cock is easily distinguished by his bright primrose-yellow cheeks, bright brick-red ear patches, and black underside of tail. The hen has grey cheeks, slightly tinged with yellow, dull red ear patches, and the underside of her tail is barred black, white and yellow. Yours may be a young male coming into colour, as the nestling plumage is very similar to that of the adult hen. (2) I am not clear as to this query. You call it bird-room, but surely the space 11ft. by 8ft. is not a room. I take it this is a flight, if so, your shelter accommodation is fully taxed. If the whole is an enclosed room, then the large section of your ground plan is insufficiently lighted. If it is a room, you could add to your present stock pairs each of Zebra and Ribbon Finches, Java Sparrows, Ruficauda, and Longtail Grass Finches, Bronze and Magpie Mannikins, and Gold-breasted Waxbills. (3) Not often; they mostly do not breed till they are two years old. I think you had better repeat query No. 2 with fuller details of the room or aviary, and I can then be more definite.

IN POOR PLUMAGE (F. Moore).—(1) It is an African Grey Parrot, and you should send for our Nutshell, "The Grey Parrot," 2½d. post free, from our Manager. It will give you the fullest details as to dieting your bird. Use a "mist" sprayer, and spray it with a dilute solution of quassia twice a week for a month, avoiding cold dull days, and keep it strictly out of draught till dry. Give it once a week one teaspoonful of Dinneford's Magnesia in its drinking water, and on other days put half a tea-

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should consult Page's "Foreign Birds for Beginners" (1/1); *Arthur's "Budgerigars and Cockatiels"* (6d.); *Arthur's "Parrots for Pleasure and Profit"* (7d.); *"Aviaries, Bird-rooms, and Cages"* (2/3); *"Seeds, Foods, and Wild Plants"* (1/2); *Dr. Clarke's "Septic or Bird Fever"* (7d.); *Dr. Creswell's "Hygiene of Bird-keeping"* (1/1); *"Colour-feeding"* (3½d.); *or the "Nutshell" booklets* (2½d. *each*): *No. 6 "Ailing Birds and How to Cure them," No. 9 "The Disinfection of Cages, Bird-rooms, etc.," No. 14 "Gouldian Finches," No. 16 "Avadavats," No. 17 "The Grey Parrot," No. 18 "Budgerigars," No. 19 "The Pekin Robin," No. 20 "Waxbills." All thoroughly practical and instructive. Prices quoted are post free from "Cage Birds,"* 154,

spoonful of byno-phosphates in the drinking water; you must not use a metal drinker while giving drugs. In addition to what you are giving, supply daily ripe fruit, any kind it will take, shelled nuts, pieces of plain biscuit, also supply regularly cuttlebone, grit, and a little green food, lettuce, etc. As soon as you get the Nutshell booklet, compound your seed mixture on the lines given therein. If your convenience permits you to let the bird out for a little daily, to go about the room as it pleases, and to return of its own will to the cage, it will be very beneficial, and certainly help towards recovery. Report progress in about a month.

AVIARY QUERIES, ETC. (C.H.S.).—(1) Your aviary should give the birds ample protection as it is, but it will be a wise precaution to put a glass sash (I should not make this permanent) over top of open flight, and cover up the end of same with felt; it would also be well to cover up side of covered flight, between the shelter and entrance door. Damp is the chief enemy, and by the above means you should circumvent it. (2) Many species do this if disturbed at all, and probably in your case cats are the disturbing influence. (3) Yes, the Red-crested and the Red-head (Pope) are quit distinct, the former has a crest, the latter has none, and the upper parts of the Pope are darker and purer in colour and more variegated than the Red-crested. (4) Send me a stamped addressed envelope per the Editor, and state the ground you want covered, and I will send you brief descriptions of the most interesting and highly coloured species. (5) No, I should not separate them; let them take their own "sweet will"; but there is ample time for another brood yet.

YOUNG BLUEFRONT (Bird Lover).—For one day put one teaspoonful of Dinneford's Magnesia in the drinking water, follow this for four days with five drops of Friar's Balsam to each ounce of water, then repeat the Magnesia, afterwards putting the bird on to a course of byno-phosphates, half teaspoonful to two tablespoonfuls (one ounce) of water. All the above take the place of the drinking water for the time being, and you must not use a metal drinker while giving the above. Stale crusts and pieces of stale bread and plain biscuits are quite in order, and can be given freely. Also supply nuts (Barcelona, pea and walnut), shelled nuts are best. Induce it to take some fruit, test its taste by offering various kinds. Keep a piece of cuttlebone hanging in the cage, and add a pinch of grit to the daily supply of seed. Let the bird have light and air, but keep strictly out of draught. Cover it up at night, all round the sides of cage, but the great part of top should be left open for ventilation. Prepare the following mixture: One quart each canary and white millet seed, one pint each crushed oats, and paddy rice; half pint each crushed maize, wheat, dari, hemp, and sunflower seeds; one gill chillies—well mix and keep constant supply in cage.

SEXING BLACK-CHEEKED LOVEBIRDS, ETC. (L. D. Pickard).—(1) It is almost impossible to sex an odd bird; one long accustomed to the species might make a shrewd guess from its demeanour. From a crowd of adults a pair should be picked out by carefully noting the shape of head and beak, choosing one with a flattish crown, and the other with it more rounded also noting the shape of their beaks, particularly the length of the hooked tip. Your best plan is to buy a guaranteed pair, and get the vendor to take your bird as part exchange. (2) I am assuming you have this bird in a cage; give it a liberal quantity of seeding grass to pick over daily, and you can include other weeds, chickweed, etc., but the grass should predominate. A small leaf of fresh lettuce may also be given. Keep it where it will get light and air without draught. Keep its bowels moving freely (not watery-loose) by an occasional dose of Dinneford's Magnesia, half teaspoonful to one ounce of water; give this as required, the bird's condition to regulate the frequency of the doses. On other days put the same quantity of byno-phosphates in the water, continuing this treatment till the bird is fit again. You must not use a metal drinker while giving the drugs. Supply millet sprays liberally, also paddy rice, canary seed, and white millet.

POST MORTEMS.

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W. Moore.—Septic fever. It is strange though that only the Crests become affected. As the other birds at present seem healthy, I should advise you to at once isolate them, as otherwise they will be certain to take the disease.

Avis.—I see no reason why the mate should not survive. The hen died of septic peritonitis, resulting from infection of the oviduct.

F. Fulcher.—Septic pneumonia. The infection occurred by way of the oviduct, which contained a quantity of septic egg contents.

GENERAL.

Answered by The Editor.

H. Wilkinson; W. Williams.—We have given illustrations several times of contrivances similar to that of which you send a sketch.

J. F. Cowl.—In Cornwall the following birds are protected all the year round:—Cirl, Reed, and Snow Buntings, Goldcrest, Goldfinch, Lesser Redpoll, Hawfinch, Hoopoe, Chough, Kingfisher, Bearded Tit, Wren, and Woodpecker. In the case of the Skylark, Nightingale, and Nuthatch, the period of protection is extended to between the 31st of January and the 1st day of September. Other birds are protected over the usual period, viz., March 1st to Aug. 1st. In this reply, please note, we have selected for mention only birds which are of interest to bird-keepers.

Country Rambles

LOCHGELLY BIRD-LOVERS' SPLENDID DAY.

The members of the Lochgelly C.B.S. held their first annual ramble on July 16, through Raith Estate, by the kind permission of the Hon. R. Munro Ferguson, M.P. At Shawsmill we were met by one of the keepers, who had been kindly detailed off to guide us. We struck along an old cart road leading to the farm of Lambswell, then we turned to the left, past an old ruin where the Starlings were busy. In a hollow at the side of the woods the camera man tried his wiles and arts on us to make us look our best. Then the "top of the town boys" had to get theirs taken in their own way of posing, much to the amusement of the others. Skirting alongside some beautiful woods, J. Petrie was the first to get a find—a Thrush's nest with three young and one egg. A. Muir found a Blackbird's shortly after with one egg and two young. A lot of empty nests were located, the majority bearing signs of having contained broods. After about a mile we came to a drive, the left hand side of which presented a beautiful appearance, a high sloped bank covered with bracken, foxgloves, and other wild flowers. At Croupie Craigs, where we halted to admire the falls, surrounded by rocks, covered with ivy and ferns, I noticed a young Yellow Wagtail flying from bank to bank. A little further on we came to a nice spring of crystal clear water, known as the "Wishing Well," and nearly all of us had a refreshing draught from it. How many wished that they might have a champion or two for the coming show season I am not going to tell. A little further along we came to the top of the lake, and had a lovely view of a stretch of water of about three-quarters of a mile long and a quarter of a mile broad, with various kinds of reeds and willows round the edges, the whole encircled with lovely trees, all looking at their best. We saw a pair of Bullfinches and some Whitethroats, Wrens, Coots, Waterhens, and various Ducks with young with many Swallows, Swifts, and Martins flying overhead. A pair of Teal Ducks with five young were on the curling pond. After a short rest we went along to Kirkealdy, where, at Morrison's, we had tea and did ample justice to the splendid fare provided. We arrived home about nine, after having spent a splendid day. All are agreed that we will have it earlier next year.—W. Grewar, secretary.

CLUB & SOCIETY NOTICES

ONE notice of any forthcoming Society meeting inserted free. It should reach us not later than Tuesday morning's post. Specially printed Club Notice Postcards may be had free on application to our Manager. Secretaries should always use them.

Adwick-le-Street Dis. C.B.S.—Aug. 24, Foresters' Arms, 7. Inter-Club business; allotting specials for November shows; election of chairman, and other very important business.—G. H. Robinson.

Anfield Plain C.B.S.—Aug. 17, Mr. Lumley's, 7. Mr. Slack, of Walkend, will give a lecture, "Reminiscences of old time shows and British birds I have kept"; all fanciers welcome.—R. Peart.

Ardwick and Manchester Dis. C.B.A.—Aug. 20, Onward Hall, 8. Open question night; half-yearly balance sheet.—J. Spencer.

Ayr and Dis.—Aug. 21, Academy Hall, 7.30. Lecture on "Colour-feeding," by Mr. Robt. McKay. Members' subs. are now past due, and should be paid immediately.—Jas. Sloan.

Bankfoot and Dis. C.B.S.—Aug. 20. Red Lion Hotel 8. All members urgently requested to attend.—F. Gelder.

Birkenhead Canary F.A.—Aug. 20, Ablett's Cafe, 8. Syllabus for 1912-1913; members please attend this important meeting.—George Morton.

Bradford National Show Committee.—Aug. 21, Market Tavern, Bradford, 8. Classification for Nor., Bord., etc. Subscription cards and other important business.—H. Hill.

Cowdenbeath C.B.S.—Aug. 21, Smith's, Foulford Arms, 7. Review of schedule and other show business.—Joseph R. Reid.

Coventry Godiva C.B.S.—Aug. 19, Chequer's Hotel, 9. Prize money from young stock show; also business concerning open show.—H. Saunders.

Codnor Park and Eastwood C.B.S.—Aug. 24, Three Tunns, Eastwood, 7.15. Open show business.—J. H. Mitchell.

Chopwell C.B.S.—Aug. 17, Club Hall, 6. Allotting of special prizes and other important business.—W. Tomlinson.

Dysart C.B.S.—Aug. 24, Victoria Bar Rooms, 8. Final show business.—William Russell.

Darlington C.B.S.—Aug. 21, Labour Hall, 7.30. Wild seed competition, and other important business.—H. Todd.

Eccles and Dis. C.B.S.—Aug. 21, Diamond Inn, 8. Electing new secretary; important.—J. Hall.

East Ham F.S.—Aug. 19, Earl of Wakefield, Wakefield St., East Ham, 8; general business.—H. Rutter.

Highgate, Hampstead C.B.S.—Aug. 22, Spencer Hall, Dartmouth Park, N.W., 8 p.m., when Mr. Shakespear will give a washing exhibition of Canaries. Ladies and friends invited.—G. T. Clark.

Hartlepools C.B.S.—Aug. 21, St. George's Hall, Park Road, 7.30. 2nd N.F. show; judge, Mr. A. Wake.—Woodhead and Pyman.

Hemsworth and Dis. C.B.S.—Aug. 21, King's Head, 7.30. Special meeting to appoint judges, classifications, etc.—James W. Gillings.

Hebden Bridge and C.V.O.S.—Aug. 22, White Horse, 7.30. Subs.; table show; judge, Mr. J. Robertshaw.—A. Pickles.

Jarrow, Hebburn and Dis. C.B.S.—Aug. 21, Lockhart's Cafe, 7.30. General business.—W. Ayers.

Larkhall C.B.A.—Aug. 24, Public Hall, 7. Classification for annual show. Please note change of meeting place.—J. Pollock.

Leicester C.B.S.—Aug. 22, Saracen's Head Hotel, 8.15. Late nest feather show; election of secretary.—G. H. Groocock.

Leicester Hand-in-Hand C.B.S.—Aug. 20, White Swan, 8.30. "Moulting and Preparing for Exhibition," by Mr. W. A. Gibbins.—A. Freestone.

Manchester and Northern Counties O.S.—Aug. 19, Deansgate Hotel, 7.45. Oct. show business, etc.—H. Boothman.

Metropolitan C.B.A.—Aug. 17, All Saints Parochial, Battersea Park, S.W., 8.30. Pay prize money; elect 4 candidates, and elect secretary.—J. Best.

Sheffield O.S.—Aug. 18. Ramble via Grindleford; see "Twitterings" for time of departure.—Bishop and Coltan.

Sale and Dis. C.B.S.—Aug. 19, Volunteer Hotel, 8. General business: members please note, subs. due.—Royle and Wood.

Walkden and Dis. C.B.S.—Aug. 20, Bull's Head, 8. Business important.—H. Howard.

Wandsworth F.S.—Aug. 22, the "Red Lion," 8. Important business of the open show, to be held in November.—W. Lightfoot.

Wombwell B.F.A.—Aug. 24, Park St. School, 7.—Thos. Eames.

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Bird and Cat Lover.

To Fanciers in Bargoed.

Sir,—The next meeting of the Bargoed and Dist. C.B.S. will be held at the McDonnell Hotel on Wednesday, Aug. 21, at 7 p.m., when we hope to meet all fanciers who have promised to join us, and any others who are interested in the cage bird hobby. Fanciers have not yet attended the meetings as we should like, although they say they should like to see a society formed here. There is a good opportunity for them now. Trusting they will turn up at our next meeting to enable us to get to real business.

E. J. Chisholm.

Uddingston's Newly-formed Cage Bird Society.

Sir,—At the Reading Rooms, Uddingston, on August 8, a large extraordinary general meeting was held, and it was unanimously agreed that we separate entirely from the poultry, pigeon, and cat sections, and call our society the Uddingston and District Cage Bird Society. We now ask all fanciers to send their entries to us on November 23 (the date of our open show) with confidence that they will be well looked after by experienced men. I may also state that we will have fifty-four open classes, comprising five Scotch Fancy, four Yorkshires, eight Borders, thirteen Norwich, and twenty-four British and foreign.

Jas. Cosgrove, Secretary.

Greenfood Changes the Luck.

Sir,—I followed the kind advice given me in Cage Birds when my young Canaries died, with the result that in this last round I have raised seventeen birds out of twenty, which cannot be complained about. All my trouble was that I was not giving sufficient green food—it seemed extra hard on the birds, for it is very easy to get all kinds here, as we are quite in the country, and have a large garden. The birds very much appreciated your advice, except they do not like groundsel. Only in one nest did I see anything of my old trouble—but not very much— and I raised all the birds. I wanted to thank you for the trouble you took, but waited until I could give you the full result. I am most grateful for the help you gave me, and next year I hope to get the full benefit.

F. Bird.

The Novice Question at the Shows.

Sir,—In answer to the letter from Mr. Long in your issue of August 10, I must say that I was disappointed that no fresh points had been brought out. The discussion seems to be developing into a useless controversy. Mr. Long says "perhaps I am satisfied with the Norwich classes," and hints that the Yorkshire men are not satisfied with the classification provided for them. The point is, if the Yorkshire men are not satisfied they are always in a position to alter the conditions by attending the meetings. I cannot quite follow the drift of Mr. Long's remarks. He seems to hint that there should be more prize money for novices. Can he tell us how to get more than twenty shillings out of a sovereign? No society can pay out in prize money more than the amount of members' subscriptions added to the entry fee for the show, less the expenses attached to the running of a show—at least, not without some hope of eventually finding itself in "queer street." Or perhaps he means that the novices are not treated as well in this respect as the amateurs and open members. By the way, to which grade does Mr. Long refer when he mentions "professionals"? I fancy he can find professions in every grade. I think it would take a very clever man to prove that the amateurs in Ardwick Society are treated better in the matter of prizes than the novices. Mr. Long says why not have three grades—novice, amateur, and professional (by which he probably means open or champion) in Ardwick Society? Perhaps he has never heard of the old recipe for jugged hare. It begins, "First catch your hare." I suggest that Ardwick Society first catches its champion or open members. If Mr. Long would try to get down to facts instead of generalising so much, we might be able to come to some point where we have views in common. In conclusion, let me say if Mr. Long is referring to the shows in general, let him come out with a scheme to improve the lot of the novice. I for one will back him up to the best of my ability. If he is out to cause friction inside the Ardwick Society, the proper place is at the meetings of the society (why wash dirty linen in public?). But if the idea is to work up trouble between the two societies he mentions in his letter, then I am not prepared to take any part in it whatever.

E. H. Fulcher.

Sir,—I would like to have a word in reply to Mr. A. E. Long as to why shows do not pay. It is lack of support in entries (he was one of the non-supporters). It is not so easy to get out of the novices as he says. The rule says three firsts with three competitors. It puzzles me to know what he really does want. "More classes in the novice section"—I think there are quite enough classes provided to secure competition. What is the use of showing if you are going to have more classes and no competition? I think the society alluded to caters very well for the novices—a special value 30s., to say nothing of others at the first feather show. This proves every consideration is given this section of the Fancy. As a committee man, I claim we have a fair average attendance of novices, and they are quite satisfied; if they were not, they would soon voice their feelings on the matter. If they are, then why not Mr. Long? Is he trying to "get at" some particular member? If he is, why not come to the meetings and speak out? I am glad "Ardwick Novice" reminds him that it is the members who provide these classes, not the secretary. Re the tale he tells about the professional in Yorkshire wanting to join in December and his subscription to cover the next year, I have made inquiries from the secretary, and he informs me there is no truth in the statement. The objection was that the proposer wanted to run him though in one meeting, to be eligible to show; this was against the rules, and was why the objection was laid. I challenge Mr. Long to prove otherwise. Harmony prevails at the meetings, and why should one be absolutely different outside? would like to remind Mr. Long to be fair, show the white light, couple up, and be one of the satisfied.

A Committee Man.

Affairs of the Yorkshire and C.B.S. of Ireland.

Sir,—Seeing a notice that Mr. Holley has resigned the hon. secretaryship of the above society, might I ask who fills the position of ring steward. Seeing that Mr. Lattimore is appointed hon. secretary, also, who is the present hon. treasurer? Assuming Mr. Hawkins to be president, it would be information for many to know who is vice-president and also who is to be responsible for the arrangements of the forthcoming show, seeing that Messrs. Stewart and Holley have severed their connection with the society. Perhaps Mr. Busse and Mr. Gillen, as old fanciers and committeemen of the above society, could give the information asked for?

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Sir,—I enclose a report of my case against the Lancashire and Yorkshire Railway re delay of a bird on the return journey from Blackburn Show. The lawyer for the defence contended that Rule 7 on the consignment note signed with North Stafford Railway Company at Ashbourne, on the outward journey, covered the return journey too. As an ordinary parcel waybill was used at the Lancashire and Yorkshire Railway station on the return journey, there was no signed contract with that railway. The judge found that delay occurred on the return journey, and, there being no signed contract with the L. and Y. Railway, he said they could not shield themselves behind that made by the N.S. Railway. It will be useful for all fanciers to notice the above point, on which the judge's decision hinged. I conducted the case myself, and I owe no thanks to the secretary of Blackburn Show, to whom I wrote asking for a few particulars that I thought might help me in the case, for he did not take the trouble to reply. Will you please publish this letter along with the account of the case?

J. M. Williams.

REPORT OF THE CASE.

John M. Williams, chemist, Ashbourne, sued the Lancashire and Yorkshire Railway Company for the sum of £2 2s., the value of a prize Goldfinch, which plaintiff alleged died through the negligence of the defendant company.

Mr. H. E. Daniel (Manchester) represented the company, who had paid 5s. into court, with proportionate costs.

Plaintiff stated that he was an exhibitor of cage birds, and on December 14 he dispatched a Goldfinch from Ashbourne station to Blackburn show. The delay complained of occurred on the return journey from Blackburn, in consequence of which the bird died.

For the defence Mr. Daniel submitted the consignment note of the North Staffordshire company, signed by "C. Burns," plaintiff's agent, on which the conditions were printed. Amongst these was the clause that the company were not common carriers of live stock, respecting which there were two rates, and also a clause to the effect that in the case of loss or damage the company would not be liable beyond the sum of 5s., except it was proved conclusively to be due to the negligence of the company.

Mr. Williams pointed out that the consignment note referred to the North Staffordshire Railway Company, but he was claiming from the Lancashire and Yorkshire Railway Company, who were the contracting carriers on the return journey.—Mr. Daniel said that the conditions also applied to the return journey.

Mr. Williams said the bird was on the return journey for 26 hours. It was not sent back by the same route as it went; nor by the route it was ordered to be sent. It was conveyed to Stockport, where it remained from Saturday evening till Sunday afternoon, and in consequence of this delay the bird died.

His Honour held that the company had admitted liability through their payment into court, and they could not limit it to 5s. or defend it by depending on a contract entered into by the North Staffordshire Railway Company, who were not their agents.—Judgment was given for the plaintiff for the full amount claimed with costs.—"Ashbourne Telegraph."

Are the Members of the Barnsley and District C.B.S. "Gone Dead"?

Sir,—I have been instructed by our worthy chairman, Mr. W. Rapson, to ask through Cage Birds if the members of the Barnsley and Dist. C.B.S. are all "gone dead," as we have been unable to have a meeting for two months owing to members not attending at headquarters. Like our worthy chairman, I think it is time something was done. I sincerely hope this will catch the eyes of our members and remind them that it is too bad on their part to keep the officials waiting on meeting nights from seven to nine o'clock, only to have to go home disappointed, which is not very encouraging to us or to our host, Mr. Waite, who is always ready to help the society. There is always a comfortable room for us to hold our meetings in private, and I think it is a great pity that we do not appreciate this gentleman's kindness more by attending the meetings. I appeal to all the members to attend the next meeting on Saturday, September 7, at 7.30 p.m., when something definite will have to be arrived at.

F. C. Sims, Hon. Sec.

How I Rear Linnets by Hand.

Sir,—The Linnet is one of our sweetest singers, and the song is always beautifully varied. The young taken from the nest just as the feathers peep through their sheaths are easily reared. After being removed they must be put in a warm, roomy artificial nest, and covered with a bit of cotton wadding, and fed every two hours from sunrise till evening, on moistened white bread mixed with a little hard-boiled egg and well soaked rape seed. They will soon get their feathers and be able to hop about and feed themselves. Then their food, to keep them in health, must be varied. Canary, teazle, and rape seed must always be within their reach, but hemp seed is too fattening unless they are permitted to fly about the room. A little green food, such as chickweed, shepherd's purse, groundsel, etc., should also be given. Three things Linnets ought always to have in their cages: a bit of chalk, which instinct will teach them to peck at if diarrhœa comes on, a little box of sand, and a water bath to clean themselves in, the two last-named articles being frequently changed. The males have more brown on their backs than the females, and on stretching out the wings the white on several feathers extends back right up to the quills—proof that the bird is a male. Linnets ought not to be confined in close, hot, stuffy rooms, else they are liable to asthma.

A. E. Vipond.

Ghostly Music Piped by a Thrush.

A "Creepy" Story.

Sir,—The imitative powers of a Song Thrush are both interesting and curious, judging by the following story, told to the writer of an old work by a friend at Manchester on whose veracity he says he can rely. There lived on the outskirts of the city a thriving woodchopper. He had a capital business, employed several hands, and his workshop adjoined his dwelling house. He was a particularly cheerful man, and from morning till night the din made by his chopper and the choppers of his men was rivalled by his incessant singing and whistling. One day, in spite of his thriving business and his cheerfulness, the woodchopper committed suicide. To the surprise and dismay of his wife and his workmen, he was found hanging to a beam. The woodchopper's wife was a woman of business, therefore, after having the husband's body removed to the house and allowing the workpeople an hour or two to discuss the calamity, she set them to work again. It was a sultry summer afternoon, and what with the heat and the sight of the ugly beam and the thought as to what had so shortly before been hanging there, the choppers rose and fell very languidly indeed, and the men and boys spoke to each other in whispers. Suddenly every mouth was agape with terror, for pealing through the place was heard the familiar tune, "William at the garden gate," in the unmistakable whistle of the dead woodchopper. The men and boys rushed from the place and went and told the widow. They returned all together, and, just putting their heads inside the door, listened. With the exception of blocks and choppers and billets the shed was empty. Still from invisible lips issued "William at the garden gate," clear, shrill, unearthly. Neither for love nor money would man or boy venture within the shed to split another billet. The place was haunted. Sometimes the most profound silence would reign in the shed for hours, and then would come a sudden burst of ghostly whistling, scaring away listeners from chinks and keyholes. The widow advertised the business, but no man was found bold enough to buy it. So passed on three months, and the poor woman was fairly on the road to ruin. One day, however, while seated at her window, she saw a bird fly from a neighbouring copse, alight on the roof of the deserted shed, and immediately pipe up the now dreaded tune. Thus the mystery was cleared up. It was a Thrush who, attracted by the woodchopper's music, has listened until he had learnt it, and, proud of the accomplishment, returned to the same spot every day to publish his scholarship.

John Watson.

Breeding and Training Roller Canaries.

The writer rears 106 young and describes the methods which have brought him success.

Sir,—I thought your readers might be interested to know that from sixteen hens and eight cocks I have reared 106 young, all living and on hard seed. My method is as follows:—Two hens to one cock, run in sixteen double breeding cages, with partitions removed. I use earthenware nest pans, brown linings and charpie. A clean nest is given when the young are twelve days old. I run a cock with one hen till she has laid three eggs, taking away each egg as laid, and substituting a dummy, replacing eggs the evening the third egg is laid. I then take the cock back to singing room, till the young are three weeks old, then return till the third egg is laid again, allowing each hen to have three nests. When the young are four weeks old they are taken to the singing room and run in three large flights, till all the cocks are picked out. All young hens are returned back to breeding room and run in a very large flight, till required for breeding. For training I have a room fitted up with sixty-six shutter cages. I train with Queck organ and best schoolmasters. The young are kept in open cages for the first few weeks, then I begin to draw down the blinds a few hours each day. When I hear the youngsters rolling nicely I close the cage shutters, but allow the shutters to remain open on very dark days. My feeding is as follows: When breeding I use best Roller rape and canary mixed, crushed hemp and groats ad lib. and egg food three times a day; one egg to a round of plain loaf, one inch thick, passed through egg mill. All young ones get this diet, with rape steeped in cold water till well on hard seed; with green food every day (lettuce, watercress, young rape). My cocks after moult have all rape as staple food, egg food and mixed seed alternately every second day. The mixed seed is maw, gold of pleasure, white millet, niger, hemp, teasel, groats, winter rape, and canary.

Joseph Mawhood.

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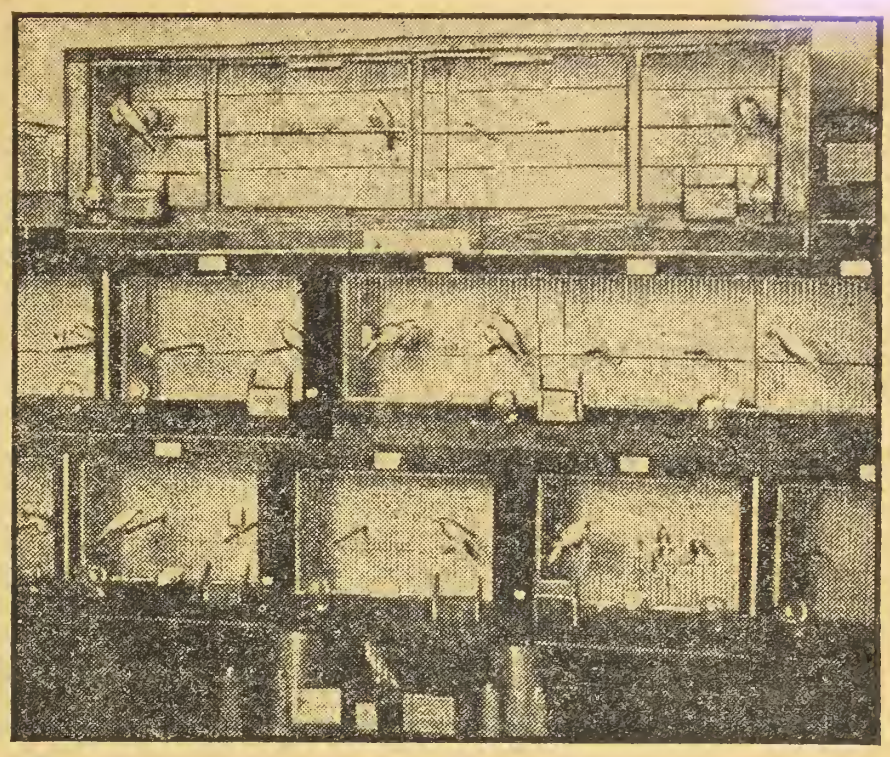
My First Experience of Mule Breeding.

Some "Ups," and a Few "Downs."

Sir,—A few years ago I read an article in Cage Birds on Mule Breeding, which fired my enthusiasm. The following autumn I bought two Goldics—one a proved Muler, the other a splendid songster, but very wild. In February I noticed the latter was feeding a young buff hen of my own breeding (I had him in a flight with several hens), so towards the end of April I mated them up in an ordinary 20in. breeding cage. A double one would have been much more convenient, but I did not happen to possess one. This Goldfinch would sing to his hen like a Canary, and on May 8 my first Mule was hatched—only one, but how pleased and excited I was! Of course, I took the Goldfinch away after the third egg was laid in this and succeeding nests. The hen was a good feeder, and in three weeks the youngster could do for itself. I always keep up the egg food for several weeks, till the young are well on seed. This pair of birds had four young ones altogether, all ordinary dark Mules and very wild, with an abominable habit of twirling, which they inherited from their father. At the same time that I mated my first pair I put the proved muling Finch with a beautiful large clear Norwich yellow hen. I left them together some weeks, but she never laid a single egg, and must, I think, have been an old or worn-out bird. Next I mated the Goldie with a good large buff Sib.-bred hen, from which I had previously taken a nest of Canaries. She hatched out two good-sized dark Mules. The Goldfinch seemed so tame and domesticated that I left him with the hen while she was hatching the next lot of eggs, but with sad results, as about three days before they were due to hatch Mr. Goldie put his beak through every egg—and they were all fertile! I did not trust him a second time. Next I paired him with a young yellow cinnamon hen, and got the only decent mule of the lot—a very prettily marked cock with deep yellow head and breast, but, unfortunately, his claws were deformed, which spoilt him. This hen sweated her chicks, and the only other birds I bred from her—two Canary hens—had also deformed claws, though not so bad as the Mule. It was now getting late in the season, when a neighbour offered to lend me a hen Canary she kept as a pet, and which was most anxious to nest, and from this bird and the tame Goldie I had two Mules, one a very good songster. All the Mules from the last-named Goldfinch were easily tamed—a contrast to those bred from the other. This same season I paired up a Linnet several times—house-moulted and very tame—with a small yellow hen, but although the Linnet used to feed his mate on the nest, and they appeared a most devoted couple, I did not get a single fertile egg. The same hen afterwards had a nest of Canaries, so I suppose the fault lay with the Linnet. I fed the Goldfinch and Canary pairs on hemp, teasle, canary, and German rape, with egg food and greenstuff, chiefly chickweed, and out of the nine young Mules I bred I did not lose one. I do not think it is wise to overdo the niger, as I believe it causes egg-binding in the hens. I may say that I kept my birds in a conservatory, where they were undisturbed, and I fancy this had a good deal to do with my success.

Novice the Second.



A peep into the birdroom of Mr. C. H. Hill, of Wiveliscombe, who is an enthusiastic breeder of Yorkshire Canaries.

(Note the accompanying article.)

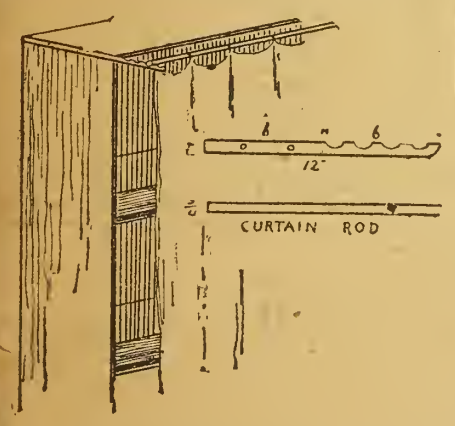
A Hybrid Breeder's Perplexity.

Sir,—I have had a 1911 hand-reared hen Bullfinch and a 1911 Norwich cock Canary paired, and have had close on thirty eggs from her this season. The Canary fed her, and mated with her, and I thought I was all right for some Hybrids, but after wasting my Canary's time sitting the eggs, I did not get a single fertile one. Can any fancier tell me if I tried the same pair another season whether there would be any likelihood of success? I might say that they were not always friendly; sometimes she would go for him "tooth and nail."

Perplexed.

To Protect Birds which are Being Colour-fed.

Sir,—This curtain rod will be found very useful to most of your readers who keep their cages in a rack. They must first have made two pieces of iron twelve inches long by one inch deep, with three-quarter-inch ridges in from about half-way. These iron rods should be fitted on the outside top corners of the rack. Then get an ordinary curtain stick



about six inches longer than the cage rack, and fasten some thin muslin or calico with curtain hooks to the curtain stick according to the measurements of the rack. This is very useful during the moulting time for keeping off the rays of the sun, which destroy colour in birds.

C. Oates.

The Clashing of Shows in Ireland.

Sir,—In your issue of July 27 your correspondent "Semper Idem" seems to think there are only two shows clashing, viz., Holywood and Lurgan. I may point out to him there will be about a dozen shows in Ireland this year, yet six of them are to be held inside ten days. The following list should explain the situation:—Dundalk, Nov. 13 and 14; Derry, Nov. 14; Bangor, Nov. 14 and 15; Belfast N.C. and Y.C.C., Nov. 16; Holywood, Nov. 22 and 23; Lurgan, Nov. 22 and 23. For some weeks past letters have appeared in Cage Birds re Holywood and Lurgan shows. Would it not be advisable for the secretaries of these and other societies affected to take advantage of the correspondence columns of Cage Birds and endeavour not to have shows clashing, and so benefit exhibitors and societies alike? The committee of Lurgan C.B.S., I believe, do not intend to change their date. Mr. Secretary, is this correct? If it is, their show will be an utter failure, as, although a few old fanciers in Belfast may support them, the sympathy of the principal exhibitors in Ireland is with Holywood, as they had their show date fixed and their judge appointed before Lurgan fanciers thought of holding a show. If Lurgan has not yet appointed their judge, they can save the situation, as Holywood are determined to hold their show on the date fixed.

Interested.

An Appeal for a Newcastle Fancier.

Sir,—I thank you for inserting the appeal for help last week for the late Mr. C. Eastop's widow and children. Up to the present I have received nothing from outside our own district. This poor fellow never missed a week without Cage Birds, and while in the hospital undergoing an operation he always looked for me taking him a copy, which he always preferred to any other paper. I sincerely hope we may still be able to get a few donations so as to help his widow, if only ever so small. The Newcastle and Gateshead members have responded liberally to the appeal, and have stuck to their motto, "May the wings of friendship add new feathers."

Henry E. Cracknell.
99, Croydon Road, Newcastle-on-Tyne.

Good Sportsmen at Newport Pagnell.

Adverse Weather Causes Severe Loss.

Sir,—All prize money which was won at Newport Pagnell Show, held August 7, is paid; if anyone has been overlooked I should be glad if they will apply for same. I am sorry to say that owing to the very bad weather on the shew day we have lost over £60, which, added to similar experiences we have had this last two years, leaves us bankrupt. Through the generosity of my committee, who have lost a lot of money, they have paid full prize money within forty-eight hours.

W. Murrell, Sec.
The Poplars, Newport Pagnell.

REVIEW OF SCHEDULES.

Wellingborough.—Aug. 24, Dog and Duck Grounds. Judge, Mr. A. Keech, Bedford. 10 open classes: Nor. 4, A.O.V. Can. or Mule 1, Brit. 3, For. 1, Sell. 1. Prizes, 8/-, 4/-, 2/-. Fee, 1s. Ent. close Aug. 20, to W. Howe, 9, Ranelagh Road.

Brasted, Sundridge, and Dis.—Sept. 4, Combe Bank Park. Judge, Mr. C. A. House. 9 open classes: Nor. 2, Yorks 2, A.O.V. 1, Brit. 1, Mule 1, Sell. 2. Prizes, 10/-, 5/-, 2/6. Fee, 1/6. Ent. close Aug. 26, to J. Downie, Brasted, Kent.

Radstock and Dis.—Aug. 21. Judge, Mr. C. I. Young. 6 open classes: Yorks., Nor., Bord., A.O.V. or Mule, Small Brit., Sell. Prizes, 8/-, 5/-, 2/6. Fee, 1/6. Members, 1/3. Ent. close Aug. 14, to B. M. Clark, Foxhills, Radstock.

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HOW WINNING YORKSHIRES ARE BRED IN SOMERSET.

By C. H. HILL (Wiveliscombe).

(See photograph on this page).

I HAVE been a great lover of birds always. Since I was a schoolboy I have kept a bird or two, but not until four years' ago did I make up my mind to go in for a certain breed of birds. Then I fixed my thoughts on the Yorkshires, which I thought the pride of the Canary family. Having a spare bedroom, with good light, I turned it into my bird-room, first taking off the paper, and having it whitewashed out, and half covered with oilcloth on the side the cages would be placed.

I had four double-compartment breeders made so as to admit of easy separation of cock and hen when necessary (48 in. long, 19 in. high, and 12 in. deep); also two flight cages 5 ft. long, all with loose wire fronts. They were made by my brother, a cabinet maker, to my own designs. All sand trays are fitted with runners, so that they can be drawn out quite easy; they are then above sand and sawdust if any should work over the sides; also there is a free passage of air, and it keeps the sand trays fresh and dry.

I have my cages resting on sweet tins 10 in. in height, so that mice cannot climb up and get into the cages. All cages are painted black outside, and with light blue distemper inside. I use three-ply wood for the cage backs.

Six Firsts at Six Visits.

At the bottom of the photo is seen a Yorkshire that last show season I sent out six times, bringing back six first, six specials, and silver medal for best in show. I thought he deserved a place in the photo.

Canary breeding is a most pleasant hobby for either old or young. I have spent many pleasant and happy hours in my bird-room. I can recommend it to anyone who is looking out for a hobby for pleasure or profit.

Sawdust I use for the bottoms of cages; sand I keep in a tin that is hung on the bottom rail. I make a practice of cleaning out all cages once a week. I also do not forget to keep a piece of cuttlefish bone between the wires for birds to peck at; it is useful in many ways. Jeyes' fluid is a fine disinfectant to mix with water when washing out bird-room; it leaves a sweet smell. Cleanliness must be one of the first considerations in a bird-room. Let your motto be "Fresh"—fresh air, fresh water, fresh seed, etc.

I like to pair up the first week in April, if birds are ready. A little egg food with a little maw seed will soon get them into condition; also give a fresh dandelion leaf now and then. I remove the first three eggs as laid, putting back a dummy egg each time I take the hen's own egg away, replacing all three on the evening of the third day, and well dusting the nest with Keating's insect powder. I remove the cock-bird while she is sitting, and give plain Canary seed, with now and then a pinch of mixed seed, just for a change.

On the morning the young hatch I give a little yolk of egg with a little powdered Osborne biscuit. As they grow I increase the biscuit until it is six biscuits to one whole egg. On the third day I supply in a separate vessel a little whole hemp and rape seeds, and also give a good supply of fresh leaves of dandelion. This I continue until the young leave the old ones. When by themselves I give Spanish canary seed, hemp (crushed a little), and rape seed, but instead of giving egg food I get them on to cod-liver oil food, which I think is better for them. Be sure there is no stale food about for the young birds to pick up, as that will soon upset them.

The Winter Menu.

As a rule, I find the hens are just about ready for another nest by the time the young are about and starting to pick up for themselves. Then I place the cock with the hen again.

Throughout the winter I feed on best Spanish Canary seed, with once a week a little mixed seed put into finger drawers; also once a week I give all birds a little cod liver oil food with a pinch of rape, maw, salt and sugar mixed together, then made into a crumbly state with a little warm water. When cold I give it to them, and they do enjoy it.

I may here say that I have learned much from Cage Birds, my weekly paper, and I look forward to it as much as I do my dinner.

On Saturday I look it through before I have my dinner, and the wife has often said to me: "Your dinner will be cold before you eat it if you don't put down our Paper." "Our Canaries" is a grand book. I have just had the 16 parts bound, and I am more than pleased with it; it is so useful, and the print is clear and big. Again, there is Cage Birds Annual, which is worth having; a very cheap book. I hope all your readers have had a good breeding season.

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A Story from the States.

By way of America comes the gratifying announcement that two eminent scientists of Munich have discovered that egg shells, consumed in proper form and proportions, lengthen human vitality, increase the power of resistance to the withering blight of time, add weight to the body, activity to the brain, and strength to the heart, destroy injurious bacilli, prevent inflammation and disease, and lend courage and energy to the human being. In other words, egg shells will do as much as is claimed for any of the patent medicines now on the market!

A physician who was invited by a representative of "The Daily Chronicle" to express an opinion on the matter, said: "I don't think poultry will be any dearer on this account. There is no mystery about the composition of an egg shell. It is formed principally of carbonate of lime, and, in addition, phosphate of lime and magnesia are present. Also, in the case of those rich brown breakfast eggs which some people prefer there may be—unless their tint is due to being boiled in coffee, which I understand is frequently the case—a trace of hæmoglobin or red colouring matter of the blood, with which birds are supposed to colour their eggs.

"Carbonate of lime and phosphate of lime and magnesia have recognised medical properties, but I have never heard claimed for them the surprising list of virtues which is enumerated here. Medical men will want to hear more about the discovery before they put their patients on an egg-shell diet."

In their experiments the scientists fed egg shells to four pairs of white mice, and within a given time fifty-four offspring were added to the colony, whereas the progeny of four other pairs of mice which had to do without the stimulating egg shells amounted to nine only. It was argued from this that a diet of egg shells will conduce to fecundity and prevent depopulation.

The Norwich Plainhead.

A Lecture by Mr. H. Bell, before the London and Counties A.C.B.

Meeting, August 10, at Headquarters, Earl Cathcart, Osnaburgh Street, N.W., Mr. W. Shakespeare in the chair. Among the correspondence was a letter from Mr. Ayris stating that he was in the Middlesex Hospital with a broken knee cap. A paper was read by Mr. H. Bell on the Norwich Plainhead.

Mr. Bell said: I have been a breeder of the Norwich Plainhead for about thirty-four years, and during that time I have never been without a pair, and am not tired of it yet. I find I keep learning more about them every year, and I can say a Norwich Plainhead has always been my fancy. Now, this bird is frequently described in Cage Birds, which I cannot see how a fancier can do without. I am pleased to get my Cage Birds to look over and see how things are going along in the Fancy. The writers tell you what an ideal Norwich Plainhead should be, but the thing is getting it bred right. At times you will get a bird with a nice round head and good chest, but long in the flights and tail; and that spoils the look of it. On the other hand, you get a bird with nice short flights and tail but it will very likely have a long, thin, narrow head; and that will spoil it again. The only way is to keep on breeding to get them right; once a man sees one or two birds coming along about right, it gives him a good heart to keep on trying.

Making a Start.

Suppose a man is going to make a start; if he is able to buy two good pairs he should go to a fancier he knows has some good birds and has done some winning and get one pair from him; then get another pair from some other good breeder. If he rears some young from both pairs, and then crosses them, he will very likely get on all right if he mates them carefully. I am not, however, one who believes in inbreeding too much.

Of course, a man must start according to his pocket. If he has a few pounds to spare, the bigger the price he pays, the better the birds he ought to get; but I do not want you to run away with the idea that if a man cannot pay a big price for his birds he must not make a start. Pay the best price you can afford and chance your luck. Even if you have what you think a bad year at the beginning, do not be downhearted and think your birds are no good; keep them and moult them and very likely you will be surprised to see how well they look. If you have a good bird that you are expecting to throw something first-rate, and do not get it the first year or even the second or third season, never give up until the bird is dead, as you will often find a good old bird prove better than a young one. I have a cock bird in my place now that I bred four years ago, and he has done better for me this year than all the other years put together.

A hearty vote of thanks to Mr. Bell was proposed by Mr. Shakespeare and seconded by Mr. Pretty, which closed a very pleasant and instructive meeting.—G. G. Stubbs.

GLOSSOP, HADFIELD, C.B.S.

At the usual monthly meeting of the above society, it was decided to provide five natural colour classes at the back end show, in December next, viz., Cr. Yell. Nor., Buff, Nor., Yell., Yorks., Buff, Yorks., and A.V. Canary. Next meeting, September 24.—E. Thompson, Sec.

BROUGHTY FERRY C.B.S.

Monthly meeting held in Baker's room, Aug. 7. President R. Carmyllio chairman. The report of the Secretary showed that arrangements for the open show were well forward, and patronage of the Scottish Crested Canary Club had been granted the Society, and along with the valuable challenge cup presented by F. S. Weinberg, Esq., for best Crest, the success of this section is assured. Next meeting Sept. 4, when final arrangements for open show will be brought up.—R. Whitton, Sec.

ANNFIELD PLAIN AND DISTRICT F. AND F. C.B.S.

Meeting held Aug. 3. Moved that we accept terms re hire of schools, also terms of our boys' and girls' pigeon club. I must impress upon birdie fanciers to attend next meeting to have Canary classes settled. We have a lot to do, and I wish to have the schedule arranged as early as possible. I must again remind members to return duplicates and unsold tickets, also cash, by the 24th latest. Next meeting Aug. 24, at the Ox Inn, Oxhill, 7.30.—J. W. Chilton, Sec.

WALKLEY AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

Monthly meeting held St. Philips Mission Room, Westmorland-street. Mr. T. Ridal in the chair. Resolved that a deputation be formed to visit the Sheffield O.S. to consider the novice rule of local societies. Messrs. Ridal, Butler, Tomlinson, and Scott were elected to serve on same. Will members please note September meeting, arrangments open show. The winners of points for table shows are now about equally divided among the novices, so it should make competition keen at later ones.—C. Tomlinson, Sec.

ANFIELD, EVERTON & DIS. C.B.S.

General meeting held headquarters, Aug. 12, Mr. W. Bell in the chair. Resolution passed thanking Mr. R. B. Wright for having worked up one of the finest nest feather shows in the district for several seasons past. It was decided that those members who did not show at the nest feather show, and also any new members joining before the end of October next, will be eligible to compete for all cups, specials, and other prizes at the next show, November 16th. (Night show down for 11th November is cancelled.) We have been granted the N.G.M.Y.C.C. patronage for our show, Boxing Day, Dec. 26th; several additional specials will be given to the G.M. classes, in order to induce the Yorkshire men to send as many birds as possible. We shall also allot some very fine specials to the four open clear Yorks. classes. Decided that Secretary and Committeemen pay a visit to all members of the society at a later date. Our next and last ramble takes place Sept. 8th (Sunday) when a big muster is expected. Mr. J. W. Cutmore gave his lecture on the evolution of the Canary, its origin, etc.—R. B. Wright, Hon. Sec.

PARTICK AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

Monthly meeting, held Trades Halls, August 2. Owing to regrettable absence of Mr. Henderson, the popular secretary, through indisposition, his duties for the evening were taken up by the President, Mr. Park. Mr. Anderson, vice-president, occupied the chair, and with a good attendance of members, the business was agreeably carried through. The books showed a very satisfactory return from the monthly and F.F. shows. Points specials gained at these were fixed, and the awards paid over to the following: Canary section: 1, Maxwell; 2, Walker; 3, McRobbie; 4, Park. British: 1, Park; 2, Webster; 3, Aikenhead; 4, Priest. The Chairman called the attention of the meeting to a report of the Glasgow West End Club meeting, held July 5, and which appeared in the Fancy Press the following week. We fanciers in the Partick and District Club having before us the rule bearing on the winning of the rose bowl at Glasgow and Dis. open show in January, were pleased to accept that society's decision, that we (and not the "West End" Club) had won the bowl, as the rule did not debar confined classes, and Partick is certainly not a specialist club. Further, we would be slow to think that report conveyed the feeling of the members of the West End Club, or was authorised by their meeting, and if it should be only the mind of individual member or members, it would be well dismissed. Partick won the bowl with honour, the West End having the honour of being the runners-up.—J. F. Park, Acting Secretary.

NORTHERN B.B.M. AND F.B.C.

Meeting held July 24, in Lockhart's, 65, Grainger Street. Mr. C. Petterson presided over a fair attendance. Patronage was granted to Chopwell, Newcastle, West Hartlepool, Carlisle (Border City), Gateshead, and Sunderland. An invitation from the Northern Crest Club was read, re joining with them to have a show on New Year's Day, and, after a deal of discussion it was decided to decline same. Members please note that subscriptions are now due. Fanciers in the following counties are eligible to join: Northumberland, Durham, Cumberland, and Westmorland. For further particulars apply W. Curry, 60, Grosvenor Gardens, Newcastle, Secretary.

GRIMSBY & CLEETHORPES R.C.S

Monthly meeting held July 29th, at club-room. Mr. Ives presided over a fairly good attendance, and after formal business was got through, Mr. Rawcliffe gave his paper on "Training the Roller Canary." This was a splendid success, proving both interesting and instructive. It was very nicely put together, and took us by stages from the birth to the contest. At the conclusion the hon. sec. moved a vote of thanks to Mr. Rawcliffe, which was heartily responded to. A friendly discussion followed on the subject of the paper. I think everyone present left the meeting well satisfied with their evening's entertainment and discussion.—H. Mason, Hon. Sec.

GLASGOW (West End) C.B.C.

Monthly meeting held in Co-operative Hall, St. George's Cross, August 9th, vice-president, Mr. R. B. Gibb, presiding over a good attendance. Various business relating to the forthcoming annual members' show was transacted, and other business was left over pending estimates. A letter from Mr. A. Forrest, sec. Scottish Roller Canary Club, asking if arrangements could be made to hold their first Roller Canary show in conjunction with Glasgow West End, on November 16th. Decided to appoint a small committee to confer with Mr. Forrest and his committee regarding same. Prize cards and specials for first feather show were paid out to each of the winners, as were also points specials counting over two monthly shows and F.F. show. I again ask members to note that the remainder of annual subscriptions for 1912 is now past due, and I should be very pleased to have remittance at earliest convenience.—W. Proudfoot, Sec. and Treas.

KELTY AND BLAIRADAM C.B.A.

Special meeting held August 10th, Mr. Jas. Fotheringham (vice-president) in the chair. A letter was read from Border Fancy Club granting us their patronage. Stewards for open show were appointed as follows: Scotch Fancy, A. Cowan and J. Inglis; Bords., J. Anderson and J. Duff; Yorks., J. and S. Cargill; Crests, W. Brown and D. Kirk; Plainheads, T. Barclay and A. Ramsay; British, A. Anderson, J. Cordery and A. Strachan. It was also thought advisable to appoint extra stewards for packing up time, and the following were appointed: Messrs. D. Moffat, W. Purvis, and F. Johnstone. A schedule committee was also appointed as follows: A. Cowan, J. Anderson, A. Anderson, J. Veitch, T. Barclay, J. Cargill, and president and secretary. J. Veitch was appointed to assist secretary on show day. The delegates to the West Fife League were then instructed for next meeting. The following were accepted as members: G. Fisher (Jamphlars), A. Wilkie (South Glencraig), W. Laing and T. Rankine (Kelty). The meeting was closed with a hearty vote of thanks to the chairman, whom we were glad to see amongst us again after his severe illness.—A. Dickson, Sec.

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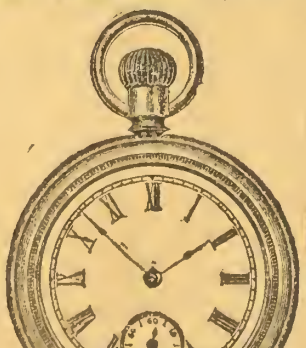

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The Shows.

WOODLANDS (Doncaster).

Show held Aug. 5, in connection with the Woodlands Allotment Holders' Horticultural Show and Carnival. The members of the Adwick-le-Street, Doncaster and Hemsworth C.B. Societies are to be complimented on the way they came forward with their exhibits. Seeing that this was the first venture in conjunction with the above, I hope the fanciers of the surrounding districts will rally round and try and make this an annual event. The principal winners were:—YORKS.: Hunt, Trueman, Tomkinson (Doncaster), Graham and Gillings (Hemsworth). NORWICH: Grainger (Woodlands), Trueman (Doncaster), Graham (Hemsworth). CREST: W. Baxby and Wilks (Woodlands). MULE: Grainger and Blanchon. BRITISH: W. Lee (Woodlands), Pogmore, Trueman and Blanchon (Doncaster). Mr. W. Lee and Mr. H. Clayton staged a fine display of foreign birds. Judging was in the hands of Mr. C. Presley, of Bentley, and his awards gave every satisfaction.—G. H. Robinson.

ABBOTS LANGLEY.

Show held Aug. 5th, in conjunction with the annual flower show. The birds were staged in a separate tent in a very attractive way. A good attendance during the afternoon was much appreciated by the fanciers who were responsible for the arrangements. Mr. Charnock made an admirable secretary, and valuable assistance was also given by Messrs. Willis, Lowe, and Ginger. Special for best in show went to Mr. Ginger's Crest; the runner up was a nice yellow Yorks., shown by Mr. Willis. A choice collection of foreign birds (not for competition) was staged by Mr. R. J. Watts, of Watford, who also placed the awards, which were well received. CRESTS: 1, 2, 2 spls, spl. best in show, Ginger; 3, Walters; vhc, hc, Charnock, Cox. YOUNG CRESTS: 1, Walters; 2, Charnock; vhc, Stopley. C.B.: 1, 2 spls, Charnock; 2, Walters; 3, Ginger. YORKS.: 1, spl, 2, 3, Willis. CANARY (Songster). 1, spl, Miss McLeod; 2, spl, Ashby; 3, Woodwards. BRIT.: 1, 2, spl, Willis, good colour Bullfinch and Goldfinch; 3, Chipman, nice Linnet, rather small. PARROT: 1, spl, Tiffen, good Sulphur-crested Cockatoo; 2, Mrs. Coomber, nice Grey Parrot; 3, Ginger.

CARNARVON.

First open show, Aug. 5, held in the Pavilion, a wondrous place for an open show. Being about the worst time of the year to hold a show of cage birds, owing to the moulting season, it was marvellous to see such a collection together, no doubt brought about by good advertising. It would pay to put in the guarantee list of shows in future. The cage bird section was well looked after by Messrs. E. Jones and R. E. and Griff. Griffiths, who are adepts at catering for the Fancy. The secretary, Mr. R. Jones, was kept very busy, and had things in A1 order; he received valuable assistance from Messrs. J. W. Parry, J. and R. Hughes, and J. Jones. The attendance was immense, over £30 at the gates without tickets. Sir Charles and Lady Asshcton Smith honoured the show with their presence, and took a great delight in the cage birds. Mr. J. W. Metcalfe (Liverpool) judged, and we did not hear a grumble.

NOR.: 1, 2, 3, spls, Owen, a rare team, leader clear yell., topper for shape, colour, and size, clean cut, 2nd variegated, grand size and quality, not so good in colour, 3rd clear buff, fine body and type, a wee bit pinched in head; r, W. H. Williams; vhc, Badley. NOR., BRED 1912: 1, r, Owen, stormer, should moult out a champion, bold head and neck, sweet carriage and rare size; 2, Bradley, looks like a yellow hen, if so, real good 'un, bonny head and neck for a yellow, well staged; 3, W. H. Williams, wing mkd., rare skull and front, crosses wings a bit; vhc, G. Jones. YORKS. YELL.: 1 2, Herbert Jones, leader straight as a gun barrel, well filled in, exquisite feather, full of swank; 2, variegated, another good one, but breaking up; 3, W. Nolan, round as a bottle, good head and neck, afraid of showing his legs; r, hc, R. Angel; vhc, Sergeant Evans. BUFF: 1, hc, Herbert Jones, variegated, grand back and wings, pipe tail, well staged; 2, Sgt. Evans, smart exhibit, all type and quality, bit on the small side; 3, r, vhc, Nolan, a neat team, put down in style. DITTO, BRED 1912: 1, Nolan, eye marked, a stormer, not a fault, will be heard of again; 2, W. J. Jones, neat wings and tail, nice front, a bit soft when taking notes; 3, Sgt. Evans, very small, but smart, full of quality, a bit more size next time Sergeant, with the same type; r, vhc, hc, J. Jones. A.V. NAT. COL.: 1, 3, W. H. Williams, dark crest, fair centre and radiation, wealth of feather; 2, Border, very jaunty, takes perches well, trille lacking in quality, so essential in this variety; 2, Nolan, eye mkd. buff Yorkie., a smasher, hard lines to meet the Crest; r, Sgt. Evans; vhc, Green. BORD.: 1, 3, Herbert Jones, leader cap mkd. buff, an absolute gem, neat head and beautiful contour, silkiest of feather, staged, 3rd Cinnamon, nice depth of col., and rare pencilling; 2, r, Rob. Jones, variegated, full of swank and quality, fit as a fiddle; vhc, J. Jones; hc, W. H. Williams; c, Williams and Green. LIGHT MULE OR HYB.: 1, spl, R. E. Griffiths, four-pointed Goldie Mule, topping size, grand colour and well staged; 2, 4, H. S. Davies, Linnet Bullie, fair size and colour; 3, Hughes Bros., small Goldie Canary. DARK: 1, Parry, yellow, not as fire, rare order; 2, 3, R. E. Griffiths, Siskin Can. and Goldie Can., two beauties, quite a credit to owner, loses in colour only; r, vhc, H. S. Davies; hc, Hughes Bros. GOLDIE: 1, 3, spl, Ed. Jones, gems, both expansive blazes, good buttons and bars, winner has it in tanning only; 2, Morris Jones, great blaze and colour, not quite so good on top; r, W. H. Williams, looks a stormer, but soft on day; vhc, Hughes Bros.; hc, E. Jones; c, W. J. Jones. BULLIE, ETC.: 1, Thomas, a charming Bullie, enormous cap and wealth of colour; 2, R. E. Griffiths, Greenie, whopping head and size, good bars; 3, W. H. Williams, good Bullie, deep in moult; r, E. Jones; vhc, R. Williams; hc, J. Edwards; c, Rowlands. SISKIN, ETC.: 1, 2, Pritchard, Linnet and Siskin, both good ones, fit for keener competition; 3, Green, Redpoll, well marked and full of colour; r, R. E. Griffiths; vhc, Rowlands; hc, H. Jones; c, E. Jones. BRIT.: 1, vhc, E. Jones, Goldie; 2, Thomas, Bullie; 3, Griffiths, Greenie; r, Williams; hc, R. Roberts. FOR.: 1, H. S. Davies, Eclectus Parrot, coming into colour nicely, will win in good competition; 2, Powell, monster Amazon, in fine order; 3, Angel, charming Grey, tight as a Java, would not stop talking, quite a treat; r, G. O. Williams; vhc, G. W. Jones; hc, Mrs. Owen; c, Capt. Williams. SELL., 12s. 6d. 1, W. H. Williams, very cheap yell Nor.; 2, Hughes Bros.; 3, Sgt. Evans; r, Angel; vhc, c, Griffiths; hc, Green. 7s. 6d.: 1, G. Jones; 2, Taylor; 3, G. Jones; r, Sgt. Evans; vhc, Edwards. NOVICE: 1, Mrs. Owen, nice pair of Conures, put down in form; 2, Miss Owen, Blue-fronted Amazon, lovely feather, chatty; 3, Pritchard, Norwich, fair size and shape; r, hc, O. Thomas; vhc, Butler; c, J. Williams.

NEWPORT PAGNELL.

Unfortunately most of the classes had to be cancelled at this show on August 7th, notwithstanding that full prize-money was guaranteed in all classes which stood, and there was no amalgamation. Of course, this was accounted for by the fact that nearly all cage birds are in moult at this time of the year. There was, however, a brilliant show of foreigners. Mr. Timeans brought a very fine team, all in perfect condition, and Mr. Davies' Eclectus Parrot was also in prime order. Mr. J. C. Wilmot was judge, and his awards were well received. YELL. NOR. (6): 1, T. Millard, nice compact bird, in good condition; 2, G. Hall, excellent type, but just a bit rough through moult; 4 birds absent in this class. MULE OR HYB. (7): 1, 2, 3, vhc, H. Andrews, first, light Goldfinch Mule, just dropping into moult; 2, lovely Siskin Mule, in prime condition, 3, very fine large dark Goldfinch Mule; hc, c, G. Notley. FOR., Small (6): 1, 2, 3, Timeans, grand red-headed Gouldian, feathered like wax, a pair of Ruficauda Finches, in perfect order and a charming Racket-tailed Whydah, either of these three birds might have won; vhc, Andrews; hc, Davies. LARGE (5): 1, Davies, a superb Eclectus Parrot, in grand fettle, 2, 3, Timeans, very charming, glossy Starling, with plumage like satin, and a grand pair of Black-faced Spectacle Love Birds; res., Page; vbc, Reed.

BEAUMARIS.

Annual fixture, held August 5, the cage bird section being benched on top of the poultry benches staged at a nice height in a large marquee on the Castle Grounds. The show was patronised by the gentry and visitors. Various parts of the Island had spectators some part of the day or another. Norwich were the best specimens here to-day by far. Few decent Yorkshires put in an appearance. Mules were a nice lot; Goldies very fair, the best of the latter in moult. The cage bird section deserves more attention here with such well-known exhibitors in the locality, and surrounding districts. We should be very pleased to see a class added, A.O.V., for Canaries, as there is only one provided for Norwich; also the same for Yorks. The best birds went for the money and better classification to-day in the same circuit. Mr. J. Kershaw judged, and gave universal satisfaction. Mr. Jones held the secretarial reins once more—the right man in the right place.

The Critique

YORKS. (9): 1, W. Nolan, long and shapely clear buff, good style and quality, in rare form; 2, Gallichan, another clear buff, good length and position, neat head and eye, shade thicker; 3, P. C. Jones, variegated. Buff, good col. and feather, good stock bird; res., hc, Hughes; vhc, Williams; c, Roberts. NOR. (6): 1, sp., W. H. Williams, good shape and quality, varieg. yell., nice round head, good wide entrance, rich colour throughout; 2, 3, J. Jones, both varieg. yells., former in good condition, typical birds, shade small in head; res., P. C. Jones, wing tkd. buff, nice stamp, fair condition. MULE OR HYB. (6): 1, 3, Roberts and Pritchard, lightly varieg. Goldio Can., medium size, full of quality, typical, and well finished; 3, Goldie Greenie, plenty of size and substance, just slackening in feather; 2, Gallicban, dark Goldie Can., good size, grand type, showing parentage, well on both size; res., Donaldson. GOLDFINCH: 1, 3, Evans and Roberts, typical youngster leading, rare blaze, and colours well defined, good polish, 3, good square blaze, grand body, good under colour, nice tan and markings, starting to moult; 2, W. H. Williams, nice medium size, good tan and markings, lustrous colour, rich blaze: res., Hughes Brothers; vhc, Sergt. Sloane; hc, Donaldson; c, Roberts. LINNET OR BULLFINCH (4): 1, W. H. Williams, good sized Bullfinch, dense black cap, good broad head, rich breast col.; 2, Roberts, another Bullfinch, good type, plenty of size, not so rich in colour as the winner; 3, Hughes, paler in breast col. SELL., 12s. 6d.: 1, W. H. Williams, good Norwich hen; 2, Evans and Roberts; 3, Roberts; res., Donaldson. A.O.S. BRIT. (6): 1, W. Nolan, a grand Jonque Greenie, good type and col, full of quality, Bethesda winner; 2, A. J. Hughes, capital Buff Greenie, in rare form; 3, W. H. Williams, good Yellow Buntiug, very fair markings; res., Evans and Roberts, Bramblefinch; vhc, hc, Hughes.

Members Shows.

WALKLEY AND DISTRICT C.B.S.

Second table show held Aug. 8th, headquarters. Rather late, but 46 birds put in an appearance. Judges: Norwich, Mr. Marshall; Yorks, Mr. Woolhouse; British, Mr. Champion.

MEMBERS', YORKS., YELL., ETC.: 1, Lawton; 2, Butler. BUFF: 1, Lawton. NOR. YELL., ETC.: 1, 2, Woolhouse. BUFF: 1, 2, Lawton. NOV., YORKS., YELL., ETC.: 1, Pickering; 2, Abbott; 3, G. Cowley; vhc, Chadwick; hc, Hogan. BUFF, ETC.: 1, Pickering; 2, Abbott; 3, Chadwick; vhc, hc, Hogan; c, Stocks. NOR., YELL.: 1, Curley; 2, 3, Bailey; vhc, hc, Smith. BUFF: 1, vhc, c, Curley; 2, Sisson; 3, Smith. BRIT.: 1, 3, vhc, J. and C. Scott; 2, hc, c, Bailey.

DUBMIRE (Workmen's Club) C.B.S

Second annual N.F. show, held August 10, in the large building adjourning the Workmen's Club. A very poor breeding season was not conducive to a large entry, yet between 40 and 50 birds were staged, and the quality of the exhibits amply made up for what was lacking in numbers. The season being so far advanced, several very promising birds showed signs of colour feeding, which was rather unfortunate for the owners, as the judge was instructed to put back all such birds. Mr. W. Holton secured the special for best in show with a very nice clear yellow Norwich. In Mr Barras Robinson the society possess a most effieient secretary, courteous and obliging, and he had all the arrangements carried out in fine style. He was ably supported by a fine set of fanciers, comprising the chairman, Mr. D. Hann; vice-chairman, Mr. J. Fenton; treas., Mr. J. Henderson; assist. sec., Mr. G. Lynn, and Messrs. R. Lindsay, T. Stokeld, W. Holton, F. Bilton, R. H. Dixon, H. Fenwick, M. Dixon, and W. Wood. The society is well supported, and the members are evidently determined to make it one of the most influential societies in the district. Mr. W. Reid (Sunderland) judged.

NOR., CL., ETC., YELL. (6): 1, hc, Holton, very shapely, full fronted bird, nice col. and quality, fine carriage, clean cut, takes special for best in show; 2, vhc, Fenton, scarcely so compact as leader, yet very promising; 3, Patterson, not far behind; c, Bilton. BUFF (6): 1, 2, Bilton, two nice type birds, good carriage, neat wings, leader excels in finish; 3, Fenwick, very young, should make out well; vhc, Holton; hc, Liddle. TKD. OR VAR. YELL. (5): 1, Liddle, varieg., grand size, nice col. and quality; 2, 3, Holton, tkd. and varieg. respectively, scarcely the same substance as leader, yet very promising; No. 1 and 2 debarred. BUFF (7): 1, Fenton, varieg., all there for size, splendid quality, nice shape and col.; 2, Liddle, a baby, should make out well, good col. and quality, grand carriage; 3, Fenwick, another baby, very similar to 2nd, but hardly so neat behind; vhc, Bilton; hc, Lindsay; c, Robinson. YORKS., CL., ETC. (3): 1, Patterson, slim and stylish, nice col. and quality; 2, Fenton, longer than leader, but scarcely so well finished; 3, Liddle. TKD. OR VAR. (3): 1, Dixon, very stylish var., gets well up, nice wings and tail; 2, Patterson, another promising youngster, lacks the finish of leader as yet. No. 1, very nice cinn. mkd., debarred. BORD. (5): 1, Fenton, grand col., very shapely, well carried wings and tail; 2, 3, Lindsay, two very promising youngsters, hardly ready yet, 2nd, excelling in quality; vhc, hc, Finlay. A.O.V. CAN. (3): 1, 2, Fenwick, two very neat, heavily varieg. Crests, leader exceeding in col. and quality, 2nd, equal in all other respects; 3, Robinson, green C.B., bit small, nice quality. BRIT. (3): 1, 2, Fenwick, Greenfinch leading, very shapely, grand col. and condition, 2nd, Goldie, nice col and tannings; 3, Robinson, Linnet. SELL., 7s. 6d. (1): 1, Hann. FOR. (1): 1, Hann.

PLUMSTEAD & WOOLWICH C.B.S.

Young stock show, August 1, at the club room, when a good number of exhibits were staged. J. Hazell, Esq., judged, and his awards were well received. During the evening the members and friends were entertained by vocal and instrumental selections, under the musical directorship of Mr. G. E. Hartland, our vice-president. Special mention should be made of the way in which Mrs. Roulton and Miss Mead were received. Many thanks are due to all the artistes that gave their services for this occasion, and they promised to again favour us with au entire evening when the time can be arranged. Miss Somers was the pianist. The members who were not present lost a great treat. Catalogues with awards were on sale in a few minntes after judging. Will members please note that the next meeting will be held in September.

From the catalogue sent we gather that the principal winners were Messrs. Moore, Smith, Wood, Hartland, and Lafbury.

LIVERFOOL B.B.A.

Third and last night show, August 8th, when over 80 birds were put through by Messrs. Handley and Richardson, whose awards were well received. Mr. W. Jones, the Birkenhead crack, had a field-day in Yorks. Mr. W. Whiteside ran him very close with some smart youngsters. In the Green Norwich, Mr. Rumsley again fairly held his own; we expect to see him after the G.C.A. novice cup this season. Mr. J. W. Cutmore once more put down a rattling team of clear Norwich. There was a grand attendance, eight new members being enrolled. We anticipate great things at the old show, and hope to top the record held by the bird breeders of 225 at young show, run by Mr. F. Hawkes, and 578 at old show run by Mr. S. Hadwin, when Mr. Joe Bexson left his dinner rather than miss the train. Secretaries Eccleston and Lloyd inform us they have something up their sleeve for the novices this season. Class 1 (8): 1, 3, hc, W. Jones; 2, Crowe; vhc, c, Whitside. Class 2 (11): 1, 2, hc, W. Jones; 3, c, McMahon; vhc, Crowe. Class 3 (5): 1, 3, Pullman; 2, vhc, hc, Bell. Class 4 (9): 1, 3, W. Jones; 2, Bell; vhc, Pullman; c, Maxwell. Class 5 (5): 1, 2, Cutmore; 3, L. R. Jones; vhc, hc, McMahon. Class 6 (6): 1, 2, Cutmore; 3, c, Rumsley; vhc, McMahon; hc, L. R. Jones. Class 7 (4): 1, Rumsley; 2, 3, Tarbuck; vhc, McMahon. Class 8 (3): 1, Rumsley; 2, McMahon; 3, Brotherton. BRIT. AMALG. (6): 1, Bell; 2, McMahon; 3, vhc, hc, Pullman; c, L. R. Jones. Most points in show, champion, W. Jones, 35; Cutmore, 22; Rumsley, 12. Novice: McMahon, 23; Pullman, 20; Bell, 18.

PENKETH C.B.S.

Young bird show was held Aug. 10. Unfortunately, owing to many young birds being in moult, and others not quite ready, there was only a small entry. A good young Norwich Green took special in the open young Canary section, and a very large Grey Parrot in the other section. Some nice Borders were shown, and a nice class of Novice Yorks. Mr. A. Hampson was cage bird secretary, and Mr. Chas. Houlton judged, and his awards were well received. NOR.: 1, 3, Tomlinson, a pair of very cobby birds, first good type, colour and condition; 2, Andrews, pretty silky feathered varieg., only just beaten in head a little; 4, Higham. GREEN: 1, 2, Johnson, a rare good young self leading, takes special for best young Canary, 2nd, foul thigh and tail, nice colour and type, very good feather, etc.; 3, Andrews, good type and strong coloured self, well up to leader. BORDERS (6): A nice young lot. 1, Higham, four-point yellow, very nice type, colour and feather; 2, vhc, Johnson, green Borders of nice colour and type; 3, Andrews, four-point buff, rare type, etc., only beaten in fullness of feather; hc, c, Hampson. OLD CANARY (5): 1, Andrews, very fine yell. Nor. cock, grand build all over, rare colour, etc.; 2, hc, Hampson, a pair of very nice Borders, in rare good condition; 3, Higham, foul green, nice condition; vhc, Tomlinson, good nat. col. Nor. Mule: 3, Ray, foul throated buff Gold Canary; c, Goulden, hen buff foul throated Gold-Canary. BRIT. FINCH: 1, Jones, nice Linnet; c, Ray, Goldfinch. FOR.: 1, sp., Ambler, very fine Grey Parrot; 2, Hampson, also good Grey Parrot, shade smaller. NOV., YOUNG CAN. (6): 1, 3, Higham, very finely drawn yell., and a big strong buff Yorks., former best all round style, position, and condition; 2, hc, Ratcliffe, cinn., varieg. Yorks., nicely rounded, bit shorter than winner; vhc, Darlington. A.O.V. CAGE BIRD (2): 1, 3, Bishop, good dark buff Gold-Canary, and a fair sized Linnet.

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Oct. 26.—**Hartlepools.**—(Woodhead and Pyman, West House, Grange Rd., W. Hartlepool.
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Singing Contests.

LEIGH.

Globe Inn Linnet Club third club contest August 10th, when the birds sang for eight prizes. Quality: 1st, Barnes (Wigan); 2nd, Randells (Warrington); 3rd, Page (Leigh); 4th, T. Statham (Leigh). Time: 1st, Poole (Leigh); 2nd, R. Statham (Leigh); 3rd, 4th, Brown (Leigh). General meeting will be held at headquarters on August 16th, when every member is expected to attend. Also there will be a consolation contest on August 17th, when every member that has not previously won a prize is eligible. —R. Holcroft, Sec.

SALFORD.

Contest held on August 10th at the Boat House Hotel. Ten birds entered; some very poor singing was done, many birds going in the moult. J. Green won first prize, no points being awarded to the merit prize. Timekeepere, E. Hickman, A. Marshall, and H. Coates; tappers, E. Evans, J. Cresswell; birdkeeper, W. Wilson. After the contest 15 members sat down to a splendid tea, and after full justice had been done to it, the surprise of the evening was the president, Mr. Coates, making a presentation of a handsome timepiece to the secretary, Mr. B. Wharton, for his services to the club. We again added two more members to the list, which is increasing splendidly. Next meeting and special evening, August 25th. Members kindly attend, when new business will be dealt with. F. Hickman, Asst. Sec.

CASTLEFORD.

Weekly Linnet contest, Aug. 10. 22 good birds sang for three prizes, and some very good time was done by most of the birds. Winners: 1, E. Smith, 84; W. Nelson, 69 and 65. Also Aug. 11, 13 birds entered for three prizes given by Mrs. Parker, but only one bird sang anything like its true form. Winners: 1, 2, W. Nelson, 75 and 28; E. Smith, 25.—Walter Dobson, Hon. Sec.

LEEDS.

Open contest, held old bird house, King's Head Shannon Street, August 5, when 24 of the best picked birds in Yorkshire sang for four good prizes given by Mr. Wm. Tillotson. 1, Ward; 2, Butler; 3, 4, shared by Richardson and Stead. Judges, S. Hardcastle, W. Naylor, C. Biss. Also Aug. 10, when 14 birds sang for 3 good prizes. 1, Richardson; 2, Farrar; 3, Bott. Judges, S. Hardcastle, W. Sissons. Also August 11, when 12 birds sang for 3 good prizes. 1, Bott; 2, Kelly; 3, shared by Ward and Richardson. Judges, S. Hardcastle, W. Naylor. Open contest will be held at the above house August 17, when Mr. Wm. Tillotson will give half tea service 1st prize, flower pot and 2 good prizes for runners-up. First pair hung at 3.—Walter Naylor, Hon. Sec.

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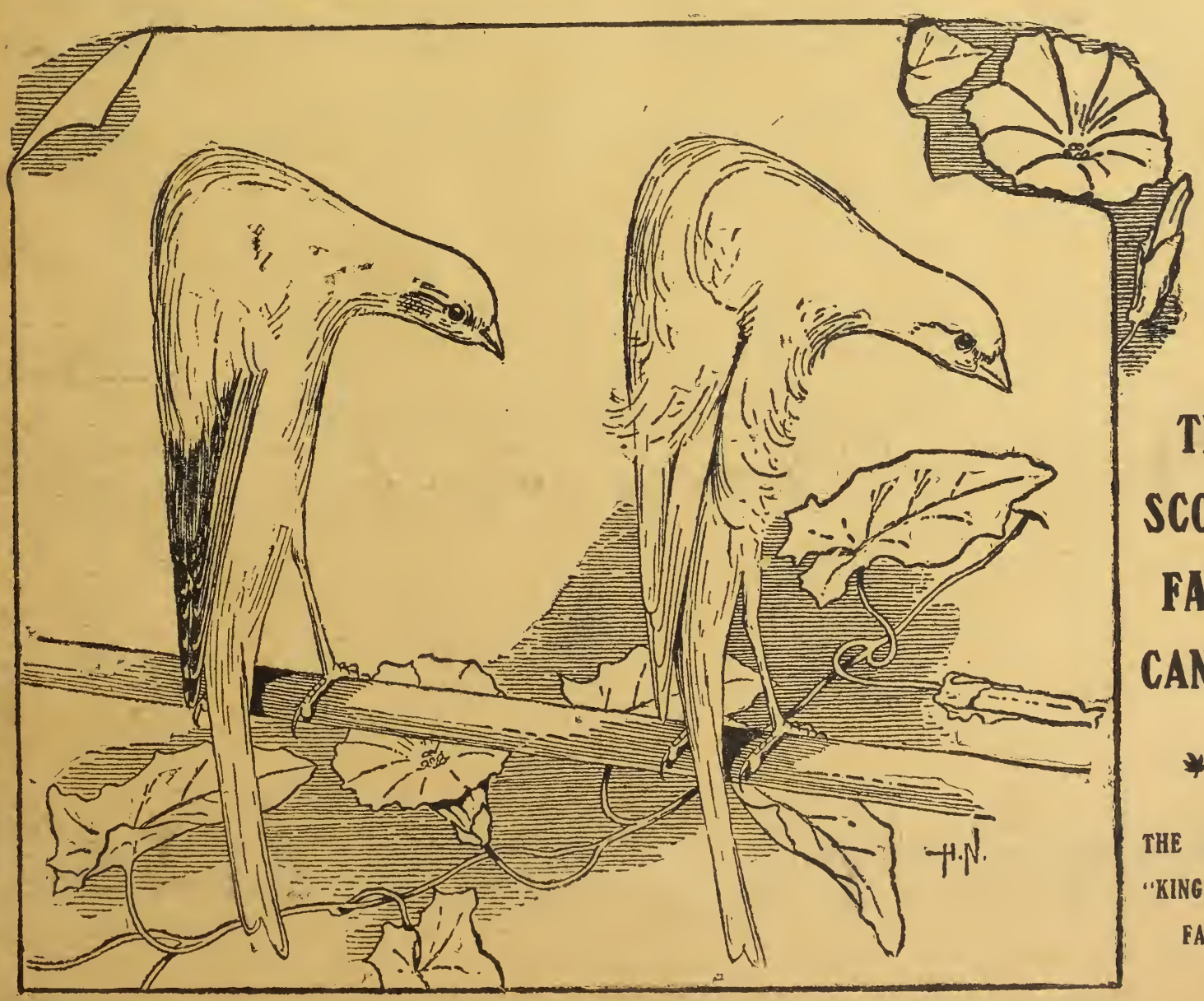

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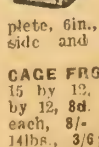

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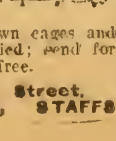

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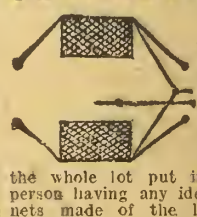

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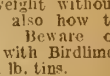

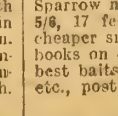

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A Southerner on Moulting and Exhibiting the Yorkshire.

Some Useful Timely Advice by A. Burtenshaw, of Worthing.

WHEN the young birds are about eight weeks old, the best I cage by themselves to make sure that they do not get plucked by the others. The second best birds are caged in pairs, and so on, according to the size of the cages. It is good to moult a lot in a large flight cage, it saves a deal of work where you have a number on colour food. I am in favour of sawdust for the bottom of the moulting cages, as it keeps the birds nice and clean while they are on colour-food. A vessel containing some sharp grit is placed inside the cage.

Feeding for Colour.

There are many systems of colour-feeding; I have good results from the following. I give the usual seed during the time they are on colour-food, and towards the end of the moult give linseed two or three times a week, also a slice of boiled carrot between the cage wires, as it tightens up the feathers splendidly. Also I give the birds while on colour-food the red marigold flowers, also the flowers of the nasturtiums; they seem very fond of them and they help to improve their colour.

Give the colour-food in the strength of two teaspoons of tasteless pepper to one hard boiled egg and slice of home-made bread, rubbed through a sieve, and add a teaspoonful of brown sugar (known as raw sugar), also 20 drops of the following:—Put two drachms of hay-saffron into four ounces of best rum. Let it remain for seven days, then strain off and keep well corked up. Mix well together and prepare this colour-food fresh every day. Three times a week place one or two drops of solution of iron in the drinking water, enough to just colour it.

It is well to keep the birds from the sun while the moult is in progress. I myself, like a sheet drawn right across the fronts of the cages, about four inches from the cages and coming down to about one foot from the floor. You then can get a current of fresh air between the two and it is easy to draw the sheet backward and forward at will when you are doing anything to your birds.

Training the Young Birds.

To train young birds, I place seven or eight Yorkshire show-cages close together, put between each cage a thin piece of board or cardboard that will come up to the topmost cross-bar, then place a small piece of apple between each two cages, on the top, when the birds will draw themselves up to their utmost to get a look at their neighbours, also to get a peck at the apple. They will soon get used to the show-cages. Spend what spare time you have in handling your birds; it is time well spent to get them used to the show-cages and steady.

Clean Birds and Clean Cages.

One must send birds and cages as clean as possible to the shows. But with care during the moult there will be no need at first for anything beyond the washing of the bird's legs, tails and flights, if they are sprayed twice a week. I myself am not in favour of too much washing. Run the birds into a show cage, which will answer for a spraying cage. Lay two thin pieces of board on the bottom perches, the top one for the bird to stand on while you are spraying it. Place the cage in a foot-bath on a chair, as it saves wetting the bird-room floor. Use a little pure glycerine (one teaspoonful to a quart of water) for the spraying water, shaking it well up. Afterwards run the birds into clean cages or your trouble will be in vain.

Have your show-cages, also the perches, spotlessly clean, and well blacked, should they want it, as well as the water fountain. So keen is the competition now at our shows that one cannot, and must not, forget to see to this; not that a cage is judged, but there are times when two birds of equal merit meet, the better staged one of the two I should say ought to win.

Sending Out to the Shows.

When you receive your schedule from the show at which you are going to exhibit, read the show rules, so as to save any trouble 'twixt the show officials and yourself. Send your birds off in good time, with the bottoms of the cages covered with plain canary seed only. Send them in a box or basket that gives no trouble, either in the unpacking or the repacking for the return journey, cages tied in paper are not only dangerous to the birds, but a great nuisance to the show stewards and packers, while canvas wrappers are not a great improvement on the paper. Get a good outfit to begin with.

Should you happen to be one of the "unfortunate" exhibitors, do not pull the show officials and the judge to pieces because you are unsuccessful; but take your losses like a man and try again.

Foreign Bird Keeping.

The Lesson of a Year's Experience.

By W. J. Green (Aintree).

MY first year in aviculture has just closed, so before proceeding with my essay, I wish to say that it is written only with the endeavour of providing a little instruction for the beginner, which a more experienced fancier might consider unnecessary, but which, I think, had I read it a year ago, would have enabled me to have had a more successful breeding season, and have saved me from some vexatious losses.

I will commence by describing my aviary: It consists of a shed 6ft. by 8ft., and an outer flight of 10ft. by 8ft., height 6ft. The shed is of wooden construction, with large glass windows at each end, back and sides being well furnished with perches and twigs, in which are various nest-boxes and husks. The shed is provided with a door, which I keep closed in winter (except occasionally on suitable days), and take away altogether in the warmer weather. The outer flight is constructed of boards to the height of 3ft. (laid on two courses of brickwork as foundation) with the exception of the North side, which I have boarded up to the full height of 6ft. The remainder is half-inch wire-netting. I have not a part of my outer flight covered in, as is usually recommended. Possibly this would be an improvement, but I think the aviary I am describing is, for all practical purposes, suitable for the keeping of the commoner Foreign Seedeaters, with which I propose to deal. The flooring of the shed is wood—about 2in. in thickness—which I occasionally sprinkle with sand. In the outer flight I have a grass plot, various shrubs, ornamental grasses, etc. The constant drip from the wire-netting overhead in wet weather, however, tends to render the grass plot somewhat dilapidated, so I purpose doing away with the grass.

A Modest Commencement.

Having described the aviary, I will now proceed to the birds themselves, and give my experiences with the few I have possessed. After studying Mr. W. T. Page's excellent booklet "Foreign Birds for Beginners," various price lists, etc., and obtaining the advice in the query columns of Cage Birds, I purchased pairs of Cutthroats, Grey Java Sparrows, Silverbills, and Avadavats (so-called) and, later, pairs of Chinese Painted Quails and Budgerigars. I put the first lot of birds into the inner compartment on arrival, and on visiting them the next morning, found that one of the Javas had killed itself, by flying against the window, the glass being then unprotected. (Moral: Always have glass windows protected inside by wire-netting.) I replaced the loss, and patiently awaited the breeding season. I allowed them in the outer flight about April, shutting them in the inner flight for the first few nights. I continued giving the food and water in the inner place, and I think this is one of the chief causes of my failure to breed the birds successfully.

The Danger of Interference.

The Cutthroats were the first to begin nesting. This event took place towards the end of April. They chose a cokernut husk as a site, and soon deposited three eggs therein. Being only a novice, and not respecting the advice to leave the birds as much as possible to themselves during the breeding season, I at once began interfering, lifting the husk down occasionally when the hen was off, "just to see what was going on," etc. The consequence was that, though they sat the full period, no young were hatched.

Soon after this, my Silverbills started laying on a bare shelf, without having made any attempt to construct a nest. I procured a Hedge Sparrow's nest, made same look as natural as possible, in a flower-pot, and placed the eggs therein. This, however, was of no avail, as they took no further notice of them. In the meantime, the Cutthroats had again laid, and this time one youngster was hatched. This only had about two days of life, but whether it passed out of the world naturally, or received a helping hand, or rather beak, from Mr. Cutthroat, will never be known. Things were now quiet in the aviary till August. I then discovered the Silverbills had built a nest behind some ivy in the outer flight. This I left severely alone, so much so, indeed, that I never knew whether any eggs were laid or not. However, I think, if it had happened earlier, some young would have been hatched. As it was, nothing came of it

Found Drowned.

The birds I had bought for Avadavats were birds of a greyish-brown colour, lighter underneath, with red beaks and red patches on the rump, and turned out to be Common African Waxbills. When I bought them, I thought they were Avadavats out of colour; and indeed, after having had them some weeks, imagined that the red patch underneath was growing larger, and only discovered that they were not what they were sold for on seeing a coloured plate of the various Waxbills some time afterwards. One died soon after arrival. I replaced same, but this killed itself later, and the other was "found drowned" in its bath. They were interesting little birds, however, and as I only paid 2s. for them, do not consider I lost much, even though they were wrongly named. They made no attempt at breeding, nor did the Java Sparrows.

(To be continued.)

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THE LETTER FROM THE R.S.P.B.

A League Hon. Sec. Replies.

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In the League columns of Cage Birds of August 3, I recorded the fact that Miss Gardiner, the secretary of "The Royal Society for Protection of Birds" had written to the Somerset papers protesting against the action of the Education Committee for Taunton in accepting the offer of Mr. W. H. Grant, local hon. sec. to Cage Birds League for Taunton, of prizes to the children for the best three essays on "Feathered Pets." In her letter, Miss Gardiner described the act of the Education Committee as "a retrograde step," and took the opportunity of making the usual mis-statements about Cage Birds League.

To my remarks in Cage Birds, a marked copy of which was sent to Miss Gardiner, that lady has vouchsafed no reply. This was nothing out of the way, for one does not expect the paid secretaries of "humanitarian societies" to do more than present to their own subscribers and sympathisers, and to others who know nothing of the subject, the views, mistaken as they are, of their own societies.

I learn, however, that Mr. Grant has addressed a letter to the newspapers in which Miss Gardiner's letter appeared, and this letter is reproduced below. It will be interesting to learn whether Miss Gardiner will extend to Mr. Grant the courtesy of a reply.

Children and Caged Birds.

Sir,—As local honorary secretary to Cage Birds League, I cannot allow the mis-statements of Miss L. Gardiner in your issue of July 22nd to pass unnoticed. In the first place, it is utterly untrue to say that Cage Birds League "was started to promote the caging of birds." Its chief object is the enlightenment of the thousands who keep birds in a state of domestication upon the best and most humane methods of following their hobby. There are thousands of people in this country whose views on the caging of birds are diametrically opposed to those of Miss Gardiner and her friends, and surely these people's opinions are worthy of equal consideration. For its members Cage Birds League acts, it is true, as an association of defence and protection, but to assert, as Miss Gardiner unblushingly does, that its interests are of a purely trade character is utterly false, and no one knows it so well as she. Miss Gardiner belongs to that large army of humanitarians who cannot see that Nature, left to herself, is one of the cruellest and most pitiless forces in a bird's life—that hunger, the predatory instincts of other animals, adverse climatic conditions, etc., are all aspects of its existence which the real bird-keeper studies but the so-called bird protectors ignore.

There is also an economic side to the matter. The interests of the farmer and fruit grower are of no account to these psendo-birdlovers so long as the shallow sentiment which animates their attitude can be tickled. Sir Walter Gilbey has pointed out the danger to the agriculturist of prolificacy in birds, and of too great a licence for bird "protectionists." Miss Gardiner must give the men of Somerset credit for as much love of bird-life as she has herself, and attribute to them a sufficient measure of common-sense to treat birds as birds, and not as the Egyptians did their cats—make them objects of blind insenate worship. It is easy to read between the lines of Miss Gardiner's letters, and to see that her remarks are instigated not so much by a genuine regard for the welfare of the birds as by irritation at the fact that Cage Birds League has taken a step which is opposed to the interests of the society she represents.

W. Henry Grant.

School House, Taunton, Aug. 5th.

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Will Mr. Cutter, Salem Avenue, Sunderland, who advertised in a recent issue, let us have an address that will find him. We have a letter for him.

Mr. W. Williams, of Rose Cottage, Black Rock, near Abergavenny, would be glad if some reader would send him a specimen of the plant called purple loose-strife.

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Mr. A. M. Baird, sec., Scotch Fancy National Derby O.A. (Glasgow), writes that the judges at the forthcoming annual show are Messrs. J. Watson (Glasgow), A. Paterson (Edinburgh), A. Borland (Galston), and J. Price (Barrhead). The society numbers 111 members—a few less than last year.

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How the Bird Laws Vary.

While in some counties only the birds scheduled in the Wild Birds Protection Act of 1880 are protected, and those only from March to July inclusive, yet in other counties many birds are protected between other dates, and some all the year round. Recently the Surrey County Council have declared it illegal to take or kill at any time throughout the year any of the seventy named species. Among these are included the Wren, Linnet, Owl, Swallow, Nightingale, Wagtail, Goldfinch, Robin, the Tits, etc. Those who contemplate the catching of a bird or two during what they think is the open season—August to February—should enquire at their local police station whether the schedule of the Act of 1880 has been extended in respect of their locality.

White Hedge Sparrows.

It may interest readers to know, writes Mr. A. McLean, that two pure white Hedge Sparrows have been caught at Swinhill, Lanark, one by myself and one by Mr. Kelly. They are young birds. The parents are normal coloured birds. They had two nests, but only one egg in each.

Does Experience Run Second?

In a letter to us the other day, a well-known Canary breeder of long experience writes: "To be a judge nowadays one must be a member of all the specialist clubs, or one is not eligible to officiate. It seems to me that experience counts for nothing so long as one is a member of the various clubs."

A Kingfisher in Trouble.

As two ladies were boating on the Thames at Goring recently, their attention was aroused by a terrible noise, which was evidently being made by a bird near at hand. Pulling into the bank, they saw a Kingfisher evidently in great trouble, and on looking round saw another Kingfisher nearly choking in attempting to swallow a bleak which was too big for it. One of the ladies took the bird in her hand and pulled out the fish, and then released the bird, which, with the other bird—which remained during the operation—flew away, none the worse for its escapade.

OBITUARY.

Fanciers and friends of Mr. Teddy Fitton, of Oldham, writes Mr. Jas. Cope, sec. Oldham and Dist. C.B.S., will learn with regret that he has had the sad misfortune to lose his daughter Edith on Wednesday night, Aug. 14, at the age of 24, after being ill for some time. I can assure Mr. Fitton and family that the sympathies of each and every one of our members are with them in their bereavement.

Mr. E. J. Causton.

We regret to announce the death of Mr. E. J. Causton, of Caversham Bridge, one of the oldest members of the Reading and District C.B.S. At one time he was a very prominent exhibitor of Norwich Canaries in the South, winning many prizes. Latterly, owing to increasing business and great age, he was unable to spare the necessary time. His age was seventy-one, and he leaves a widow, four sons, and six daughters to mourn his loss.

The St. Kilda Wren.

The St. Kilda Wren is a resident on the islands whose name it bears. There are no trees or bushes on these islets, but the bird hops about the rocks and the face of the sea cliffs, and haunts the rough stone walls and sheep shelters. It pairs for life, and makes its home in the same spot year after year.

Risked Life for His Canaries.

The "Daily Sketch" reports that during a fire at a Widnes brush warehouse on Aug. 13 the manager rushed into the burning building to rescue some Canaries which he kept in the principal warehouse. With great difficulty he got the birds safely out, and his action was loudly applauded by the onlookers. He received severe burns and injuries to his arms and face.

The Rook of "To-day."

It is generally agreed among farmers that the Rook of to-day is much more destructive than formerly. At one time he was called the "farmers' friend," but now he plunders corn stacks and potato clamps, and digs up sown grain. They destroy acres of turnips by pecking holes in them, which collect rain water, and eventually rot the roots. They are also destructive to birds and eggs.

Averted a Flood.

A Parrot belonging to Miss Constance Ussher speaks Spanish and English, and sings a pretty song all about herself. "The other week," writes her owner, "we had terrible rain, and one of the drains got choked up. The Parrot noticed the water accumulating and shrieked out 'Oui rico bano' (what a nice bath). We were in another room at tea, and had Polly not called out, and so set us wondering, the house would have been flooded!"

The Ringing of Wild Birds.

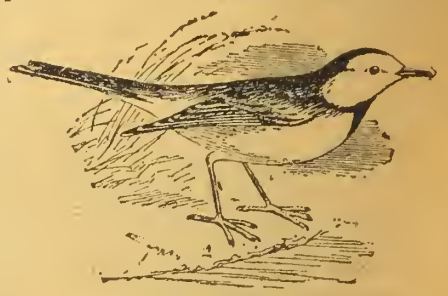
An Appeal to Catchers and Others

No doubt most catchers of birds, dealers, etc., will know by reason of the letters, etc., which from time to time have appeared in our pages, that numerous wild birds have been rung (metal rings placed on their legs) with a view to throwing light on the mysteries of bird migration and distribution. This object can only be attained by all those who chance to catch any bird wearing one of these rings sending particulars at once to CAGE BIRDS (for publication) or to the authorities concerned—the officials of the University, Aberdeen, or Messrs. Witherby and Co., High Holborn, London. The particulars required are: (1) Name of bird; (2); place where caught and date; (3) the number and other marks stamped on the ring. We trust that our readers will assist in this excellent work whenever the opportunity comes their way; unless the captures are properly and promptly recorded, the labour of ringing is, of course, rendered so much waste of time.

Wild-Bird Life.

In the Corn Fields.

By the cutting of the corn the reaper has changed the aspect of the country-side. Instead of the wide sweeps of golden grain stretching away over hill and valley, the view is now broken up; with here and there patches of corn still standing dotted among the numerous stacks dotted over the fields everywhere. The removal of the tall wheat has made a vast difference in the daily life of the wild birds in the district. Previously the pretty Turtledove sank gracefully among the stalks, securely hidden, and took his fill of the noxious wild seeds growing around. Now he must settle in the open, and feed with watchful care, looking upon every heap of sheaves as a likely hiding place of one of his enemies. The flocks of



THE PIED WAGTAIL.

Sparrows and Finches that played such havoc with the wheat growing at the edge of the field, are doing much less damage now; the reaper has knocked out bushels of golden grain while cutting and binding the sheaves, and one can plainly see the corn lying thickly upon the soil, and the farmers' little enemy, the Sparrow, is now doing yeoman's service in clearing the fields. The birds have increased enormously, and flocks of hundreds are common everywhere, a fidgety, flighty throng, taking wing at the slightest sign of danger. The movement of half-a-dozen of these in seeking a fresh patch to feed upon, is to the others a suspicious sign, and quite sufficient to put two or three hundred birds into the air at once. Wheeling round, they settle again, or if near the edge of the field, crowd together upon the hedgerows or convenient bushes. From here they make their way in driblets, once again to the feeding ground. Sometimes it is several minutes between the flight of the first bird, and the departure of the last one, and frequently a fresh cause of alarm will put the whole flock to flight before they have joined him. When the corn has been too wet to carry, the farmer's team has commenced to turn the soil for a fresh planting. Upon these rich brown furrows the graceful Wagtails flit about; so dainty and graceful are they that one can almost imagine them to be huge butterflies. Their flight is peculiar, undulating, and with a few rapid flaps they float off in graceful curves. These birds are partly migratory, and there is generally quite an influx in the writer's district in the early autumn.

The Blue Tit's Other Names.

The Blue Titmouse has many names, one of which is "Pick-cheese," but why, no one has yet been able to explain. He lives almost entirely upon insects, and does not evince any particular partiality for dairy produce.

Wild Birds Massacred.

The French, says a correspondent in "Madame," make holocausts of birds of all sorts. This is so true that the forests of the country are almost entirely silent; Lark, Thrush, and Blackbird are conspicuous by their absence from their natural haunts, but you may see their poor little corpses heaped high on market barrows at special seasons of the year.

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Twenty-five Years of Outdoor Canary Breeding:

By W. COLE (Harlow).

Success of simple methods described; and one or two uncommon experiences are also related.

THE life of the private bird keeper, breeder, or exhibitor is to-day a very different thing from the life of the private fancier when I first took up bird breeding 25 years ago. Then the obtainable information was meagre, and in many cases unreliable; it required constant personal exertion on the part of the hobbyist in visiting other fanciers' rooms, and so on, to keep oneself acquainted with the latest type of exhibition bird, and to get some little idea of the style of bird to breed for. Now that is all changed, thanks to CAGE BIRDS, with its splendid ordinary and double issues, and its splendid coloured plates, depicting the best examples of birds extant; also thanks to CAGE BIRDS ANNUAL, which always contains a wealth of information no fancier can afford to be without if he inteuds to be "in the running."

My first venture was the purchase of two Norwich Plainhead cocks and four hens, which I turned into an aviary I had already prepared for them, bearing in mind the axiom "Get your cage before you get your birds;" and, as I expected to succeed and to increase my stock, I provided accommodation in advance, making the aviary 18ft. long, 12 ft. wide and 8ft. high. The back and two sides were formed by existing 9in. brick garden walls; the front, facing due South, was covered with ¾in. mesh wire netting. The front half of the roof was of glass with ventilator in centre and the back half with ¾in. deal floor boards, well tarred.

A Paper Roofing Lasts Twenty Years.

I then obtained some thick sheets of brown paper, with which I covered the boarded part of the roof, laying one sheet flat on the roof and tarring the upper side, then reversing the sheet and placing it *in situ*, and tarring the other side; and so on until the whole surface was covered, taking care to well lap all the edges, and commencing at the lower part of roof and working upwards. When this covering was partially dry, I applied another covering in the same way until there were three thicknesses of paper over the boards. This roof was perfectly water-proof and lasted 20 years.

The interior I divided into three parts by means of wire-panelled folding doors, to open or close at pleasure, which I found very convenient for cleaning purposes, also during the breeding season. The floor I laid with turf cut from an old pasture, leaving a path down the centre; and I provided a large sand-tray, 4ft by 3ft. and 3in. deep, raising it about 3ft. from the ground which sand bath the birds enjoyed immensely. There was a good supply of perches of various sizes, and also a hanging trapeze suspended from the roof by a swivel, which gave the birds a good deal of amusement.

Flower Pots the Best Nests Ever Used.

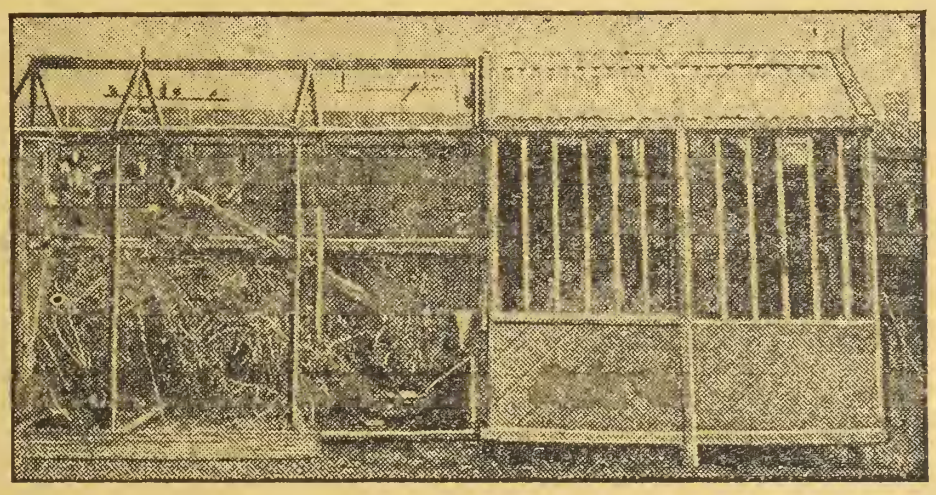
For nests I used clean 4½in. flower-pots, half filled with fine dry hay, and suspended in iron rings fixed to an upright post in the most retired part of the aviary. These were the most successful nest pans I ever used, and I have tried many different kinds in my time. But it is very necessary to see that the rings fit the pots, otherwise accidents may happen, as in the following case.

One Sunday morning about 10.30 o'clock, having occasion to pass the aviary, I saw to my great distress that one of the upper pots had fallen into a lower one which was directly under it, and apparently crushed to death a splendid Crested hen (which was at the time sitting on five eggs), as her poor little head was immediately between the edges of the upper and the lower pots. Believing that death must have been instantaneous, I left the wreck until the next morning, when I removed the top pot, and took the "mangled remains" in my hand. As I stood mourning over them the bundle of soiled feathers, that bore not the slightest resemblance to a Canary, sprang out of my hand on to a dove cot in the Aviary, where (being called away on busines) I left her trying to regain her balance. On returning about half an hour later, I was more surprised than ever to see her sitting close on her nest again, and about a week later she brought off five beautiful youngsters, which all did well. When I think of the incident I have never ceased reproaching myself for not releasing her at once, and probably never shall.

Studied Simplicity of Diet.

The way I prepared my soft food was to take a stale loaf and grate it very fine, then place it on a dish and put it in a hot oven until it was baked to a light brown colour. This, moistened with water until of a crumbly consistency, makes a very nourishing food by itself; but for a change, a hard boiled egg grated fine, and mixed with about half a pint of the baked bread is very beneficial. Some carrot grated fine and mixed with the food I also find a very good change for the birds. For green food I have always considered water-cress hard to beat, but here again a change is beneficial, and dandelion leaves, chickweed and groundsel make good alternatives. A few plantain stalks now and then are also much relished.

A plan I adopted when other green food was unobtainable was to grow mustard and cress in boxes with a couple of perches fixed over them, and place the boxes entire in the aviary. The perches being fixed over the cress prevented the birds treading it down and wasting it.



AN AUSTRALIAN OUTDOOR AVIARY.

This useful structure is owned by Mr. A. G. Boardman, of Sydney, a well-known lover of birds, and breeder of several rare hybrids.

Fresh from the Rabbits.

But to return to the fitments of the aviary. In the breeding season I supplied a bundle of dried grass, moss, etc. By-the-way, for lining purposes the birds often used to help themselves to the fur of the rabbits, of which several had the run of the aviary. It was very curious to see them perched on the rabbits' backs tweaking out a beakful of wool and flying off to their nests with it. A fellow fancier who knew of this advised me to introduce two or three cats for the same purpose! Needless to say I declined the suggestion, with thanks.

One great advantage of keeping the birds in this approach to a natural state is that I never have had a case of red mite, or of any disease amongst the stock since I started.

With regard to the feeding of the first young, I had no trouble, as, strange to say, an old Bullfinch took that duty entirely upon himself, going from nest to nest in rotation. It was very amusing to see him, when the egg food failed, carrying small pebbles or bits of stick, and offering them to the young Canaries, which, I am glad to say, had the good sense to refuse such indigestible stuff. "But past is all his fame; the very spot where many a time he triumphed is forgot."

I omitted to say that at the end of the aviary I wired off a compartment with a small door to it, and over the door left a 2in. hole for the birds to pass in and out of. This arrangement was for catching any bird I wished to handle, for when the desired bird passed in at the hole I closed a small sliding shutter and took the bird out through the door.

The Value of Method.

In conclusion, my experience teaches me that a hearty interest in his stock is indispensable to the bird-keeper's success, and that this, coupled with scrupulous cleanliness, regularity of feeding, and frequent change of diet, will do more than anything else to bring him to his desired goal. If beginners in the Fancy would but work on more methodical lines, making the best of the great advantages they possess at the present day, no doubt the great number of queries re ailments, etc., that have to be answered in CAGE BIRDS would grow beautifully less, until they would practically vanish. I have always had excellent success in my outdoor aviary by proceeding on simple, straightforward lines.

An Irish Fancier's Favourite Quartette.

By R. Cobain (Crawfordsburn).

(*Concluded from page 649*).

The Siskin, the Redpoll, and Yellow and Reed Buntings.

WITH this treatment the Yellowhammers soon commence to fend for themselves. When they do so, the nest and the moss should be taken away, and sea-sand put in the bottom of the cage. In addition to the above food, they should be given at this time, oatmeal, which should be given dry, and also a little crushed hemp and canary seed. A bath should be given at least twice a week, as these birds bathe freely, and there is nothing better for keeping them in good health and feather.

Wild caught Yellowhammers will eat very little but plain canary seed when caged. In time they will commence to eat other seeds also. Hemp seed they soon acquire a taste for, but very little of this should be given, as it darkens the colour. A good stock food is canary seed and insectivorous food, with a little mixed seed once a week, and a good supply of ants' eggs and mealworms, and such small insects as one may be able to find; also oatmeal. This treatment need not be changed during the moult, except if one wishes to exhibit, when they must be colour-fed. This is easily given, as the colour food may be mixed with the insectivorous food.

Improving with Age.

The Yellowhammer never gets its full colour until after the second moult, and will improve even after this. The leading points of an exhibition specimen are: size as large as possible; bold appearance, with a rich clear body colour; a distinct V-shaped mark on the crown of the head, and a horse-shoe mark on each cheek. Hand-reared Yellowhammers make splendid pets, as they become very tame. I believe that these birds will become greater favourites as time goes on. If a cross from the Yellowhammer and Canary could be got, it would surely be a beautiful bird, and I feel sure some one will produce it before long.

The Reed Bunting is also a beautiful bird, smaller in size than the Yellowhammer. The colours of a Reed Bunting are: breast whitish, with dark pencilling; back and upper parts of wing brown, with dark markings; wing flights and tail black, with white feathers to the sides of the tail; black cap on head extending down over the eyes, and a white mark on each cheek extending round the back of the neck; the legs and beak are darker than those of Yellowhammer. The hens are easily distinguished from the cocks, as they have no head markings.

The Reed Bunting's Nest.

The Reed Bunting goes to nest about the same time as the Yellowhammer, the nesting-place usually chosen being in the reeds or long grass at the root of a hedge, sometimes out in a meadow or in a bunch of rushes. The nest is always well concealed, indeed I know no bird which can conceal it better, except it be the Sedge Warbler.

Anyone who would try to find a Reed Bunting's nest had better be careful, or he may tread on it without seeing it. The best plan is to watch the birds going out from and into the nest. If a Reed Bunting is flushed from its nest, it will flutter over the grass as if unable to fly properly. By so doing, it tries to draw one's attention from the nest, and if one sees a Reed Bunting acting in this way one may be sure he is not far from the nest. The nest is composed of much the same materials as that of the Yellowhammer, but is rounder in shape and neater, with less loose straws about. The eggs are four or five in number, and very dark in colour; the ground colour is brownish, with dark brown spots and lines, somewhat resembling the eggs of the Chaffinch.

The young resemble the mother until after the first moult when the cocks get the black cap and the white marks on the head. Their natural food is similar to that of the Yellowhammer. These birds are not to be found so much about farmyards as the Yellowhammer; they keep more to the open ground. Their song, like that of the Yellowhammer, is short and plaintive, but the notes are entirely different.

In my opinion, the best birds are those which have been hand-reared. Their food and treatment in captivity may be similar to that described for the Yellowhammer. As an exhibition bird, the Reed Bunting is not such a success as the other Buntings; although, in my opinion, in beauty of colour and markings, it equals any bird on the show bench. As a pet, a hand-reared specimen stands second to none.

CONTINENTAL "SPORT."

How they Destroy Larks in France.

In "The Field" appears the following answer to a correspondent. We are sorry to find that such "sportsmen" are apparently to be found in England as well:—The "lark glass" or "twirler" is better known in France than in this country. There it is, or was at one time, very popular. It may be described as a wooden mushroom-shaped implement, the head of which revolves and is studded with bits of looking glass inlaid. It is worked with a long string by the shooter, who lies in wait for passing Larks at the distance of five-and-twenty or thirty yards, when the birds, attracted from curiosity by the glittering glass, hover over the "twirler" and are shot. A long illustrated article on "Lark Mirrors" appeared in "The Field" of March 4, 1882, and will be found reprinted in "Essays on Sport," published at "The Field" office. In some parts of France they make quite a business of shooting Larks in this way for the market, and in French books relating to shooting this branch of the art is sometimes described. At the moment of writing we have before us a little French manual on the subject, undated, but bought in Paris in June, 1889. It is entitled "Le Chasseur d'Alouettes au miroir et au fusil," and three or four different patterns of "lark mirrors" are figured. The author's name Neree Quepat, and the publisher Auguste Goin, Rue des Ecoles, 62. In reply to our correspondent's question, he should be able to find Larks on the big stubble fields in any part of Sussex mentioned by him.

Questions and Answers.

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NOTE.—If an answer is required concerning the proper mating, etc., of Norwich, Yorkshires, Crests, Cinnamons, Greens, Borders, Lizards, Scotch or any other variety of the Canary family, we shall, should the querist desire us to do so, be pleased to submit his questions for answer to some leading specialist of the day on the variety concerned.

CANARY QUERIES.

Answered by CLAUDE ST. JOHN.

KEEPING CANARIES OUTDOORS (A.B.C.).—Sorry that your query has been accidentally delayed. It will be answered next week.

MILLET FOR CANARIES (F.H.G.G.).—Yes, a spray of millet as a change now and again is very good for Yorkshires, or any other small slender breed, as it gives them a wholesome change without much risk of making them fat. As a rule, however, Canaries are not very partial to millet when a sufficient supply of other seeds is available. Maw seed is a very acceptable and wholesome tit-bit for them.

BARE SPOT ON BACK (Avi).—Are the three young birds caged together? If so they are certainly plucking each other, although you may not have noticed them indulging this wretched habit. Cage the birds separately, and slightly smear the bare spots once or twice with castor oil or lanocylin. Allow an interval of two days before anointing a second time. Give the birds a half-ripe plantain stalk daily for a time to occupy their attention.

CITRATE OF SULPHATE (T.H.H.).—If you have not misread the words you quote, they are undoubtedly a printer's error, which escaped notice, but which was corrected in a later edition of the book. What edition have you? I have referred to a copy of the "fourth edition," and find the sentence reads: "citrate or sulphate of iron," which is quite correct, and the original meaning. Citrate of iron and sulphate of iron are two different preparations of iron, quite distinct from each other. The author means that either of them may be employed for a given purpose. Any chemist worthy the name stocks both preparations, and you should have no difficulty in procuring one or the other.

INJURED LEG (M.G.B.).—You might show the bird to any veterinary surgeon, and ask his advice. Had you given me more particulars about the case, and said how it happened, I might have helped you better out of the difficulty. It is not unlikely the leg may be broken, and if given a fair chance Nature frequently restores these injuries perfectly. Keep the bird in a moderately small cage, with perches quite low down, and arrange seed and water in such a manner that bird can reach it without the least straining. If necessary place them in small shallow vessels on the floor inside cage. Then keep bird perfectly quiet. Do not disturb or flutter it in any way until it begins to resume its active condition voluntarily. A light cover over front of cage will help to keep it quiet if disturbed by seeing people moving about.

WHEEZY YORKSHIRE (Singing E.M.—McIlanka). The best thing to get for the Yorkshire cock would be a new respiratory system, but as these are not on the market, you may try what the following treatment will do towards patching up the old one, though I cannot promise you certain unqualified success, only complete rejuvenation would insure that result. First see that the bird is kept in a healthy place, quite free from draughts, and extreme fluctuations of heat and cold, yet well ventilated, and not exposed to foul air or fumes from burning lights in the evenings. Give a staple diet of plain canary, with a pinch of summer rape separately every second day, and on the alternate days a little sponge cake, as advised to "A.S.," for a fortnight. Also give the same additions after this time to the staple diet as are advised to "A.S." In the drinking water add six drops of syrup of rhubarb and as much sulphate of soda as will cover a threepenny piece, for two days, and afterwards 20 drops of the following mixture two days in every three for a fortnight. If not cured in that time omit mixture for a week, then resume it, and go on with it for two, three, or four weeks, as may seem necessary. Give the hen the same diet as above, but in her case reduce the frequency of the "extras" one-half for the first month. Give the rhubarb and soda aperient as above every second day for a week, and in the following week add four drops each of tincture of gentian, tincture of calumba, and aromatic sulphuric acid to the water every second day.

SNEEZING (A.S.)—It is merely a symptom of a cold generally, and not a complaint in itself, so you are not likely to find it dealt with as such. Keep the birds out of draughts, and in addition to the usual seed diet, give half a teaspoonful of crushed sponge cake with four drops of sherry and two of cod liver oil emulsion mixed in it, and sprinkled with maw seed, every day for a week, and add to the drinking water 20 drops of whisky, six of oxymel of squills, and two of eucalyptus oil, well shaken together, each day for three or four days, or until sneezing has disappeared. Give the Canary, in addition to its staple diet, a pinch of summer rape every second day, a small teaspoonful of mixed seed twice a week, a morsel of bread and milk, or egg-food, or crushed sponge cake, once or twice, and a spray of green food three times a week.

SINGING HEN BARE ROUND BEAK (E.T.).—It is quite a trifle uncommon but by no means rare for a hen to sing more or less—generally it is less, and the efforts limited to a mere twittering. As regards the bareness around beak, you should thoroughly examine the cage to see if it is infested with red mites, and if any are found, thoroughly overhaul cage and exterminate them. Remove bird to a temporary cage, and, after cleaning this one superficially, saturate it with paraffin and stand in the open air to dry. Then wash out with a fairly strong solution of Jeyes' Fluid, and when again quite dry re-distemper, paint, etc., if necessary. Slightly anoint bare place twice a week for a month with boracic ointment, and allow bird to bathe freely when it desires. The bareness will probably disappear when the bird moults, which should be very soon.

CANARY QUERISTS

should consult St. John's "Canary Breeding for Beginners" (7d.); House's "Canary Manual" (1/2); Battye's "Yorkshire Canaries" (1/1½); House's "Norwich Canaries" (1/1); Weston's "Stock Book" (7d.); Dr. Clarke's "Septic or Bird Fever" (7d.); Dr. Creswell's "Hygiene of Bird-keeping" (1/1); Norman's "Aviaries, Bird-rooms, and Cages" (2/3); Ramsden's "Colour-feeding" (3½d.); "Seeds and Foods for Cage Birds" (1/2); or the "Nutshell" booklets (2½d. each): No. 5 "The Pet Canary," No. 6 "Ailing Birds and How to Cure them," No. 9 "The Disinfection of Cages, Bird-rooms, etc.," No. 10 "The Roller," No. 23 "The Border Fancy," No. 24 "Green Canaries." All thoroughly practical and instructive. Prices quoted are post free, from "Cage Birds," 154, Fleet Street, London, E.C.

STARTING ON SAFE SIDE (Hopeful).—November is about the best time to procure stock for breeding next season—that is, as soon as the birds are quite over the moult, and in perfectly fine plumage. But any time from October (assuming the birds in view are through the moult) to January is a very good time. You should get a nice pair of stock birds for the sum you name, but must not expect first-raters. Sorry I cannot distinguish between individual breeders. The person you name is a breeder of good stock, and I know nothing at all to his discredit. More I cannot say. It would be a good plan to write him or any other breeder you may choose and ask for a quotation for a pair or trio of healthy young birds, unrelated, to start breeding. You might say you cannot afford high prices, or name the amount you are prepared to spend, and rely upon their judgment in selection. Could you not get someone to see the birds on arrival.

FOREIGN BIRDS.

Answered by WESLEY T. PAGE, F.Z.S.,

SAWDUST, ETC. (Robin).—(a) I do not like sawdust, and never use it. Use a gritty sand and a small turf (such as is given to Larks), renewing this when necessary. (b) No, nothing other than the gritty sand referred to in "a." (c) Yes, but the front of the cage should be covered up at nights; a good protection is a wood and glass sliding shutter, which can also be used during periods of driving rain.

WHAT PARROT? (Levenshulme).—Your bird is one of the Ring-necked Parrakeets, which one I cannot say, as your description is too vague. If there are red patches on the bend of the wings it is an Alexandrine, if no red patches, it is the common Ring-necked Parrakeet. All talk, more or less, but this talent is very variable in individual specimens. As soon as it is steady, and not scared by the proximity of members of the household, keep it where it will hear plenty of conversation, etc.; it should get plenty of petting, and no teasing; it should then soon respond and utter many words and mimic calls which it hears. Also teach it by the constant repetition of words and short sentences.

YOUNG GREY PARROT (Lady Jane).—Continue to give the sop as at present, but spot over the daily supply 10 drops of Parrish's Chemical Food and allow it to soak in. You must not make any sudden change in the diet, but gradually bring it on to the treatment advised in the booklet—soft food must be continued till the bird is cracking seed freely. At the same time, tea, coffee, or milk sops, table scraps, or any kind of animal food, must not be given. There is no talking cage; train it as per booklet, and it will soon prove more or less responsive. I should say its age was about 12 months. Fine sleek plumage, in fact, perfect condition, no missing claws, etc., would be the points that would tell for exhibition. Keep up a constant supply of food, the soft food must be prepared fresh daily. Yes, but the first moult will, I expect, prove a very protracted one.

WEAVERS (C. H. S.). The distinctions are so minute, while out of colour, that it would be quite beyond our space to describe it here: Napoleon Weaver, black and yellow, centre of abdomen black; the cock shows more of a yellowish tinge in its plumage when out of colour than the female. Orange Bishop: Fiery orange and black, out of colour but little brighter than the female. Common or Reddished Weaver: This bird is golden-brown, with a rosy sheen over the lower surface and a black mask, covering the forehead, front of face and chin; out of colour very little different to the female. Atlas Weaver I shall not describe, as the name is given by dealers to more than one species. Full-mark is also another fancy name. The Black-headed Weaver has the head black, upper surface green variegated with yellow, below bright yellow. The Half-mask is similarly clad, but a little smaller; but it has the front of the crown chestnut and the mask is confined to the side of the face and throat, rather more yellow in its plumage than Black-headed. The males in undress are similar to their mates, but are larger and rather more brightly coloured. Paradise Whydah: Whole of the head, shoulders and tail black; wings brown and black; rump white; back and sides of neck and breast chestnut-mahogany, remainder of under-surface buffish-white. In undress the male is similar to the female, but is larger, and a little darker coloured. Pin-tailed Whydah: A gaily variegated species with plumage of warm browns, pure white and rich blacks, with red beak and feet. Your Weaver appears to be the Half-masked (Hyphantorius vitellinus).

WHAT BIRD (W.T.B.).—I am still of the opinion that your birds are young Quaker Parrakeets; the tail feathers certainly point that way. I am assuming that "Bluish-purple wing" only applies to the large feathers. If it changes in colour materially after the moult, send me the description again.

STOCK BIRDS (Fancier-Senghenydd).—Stock birds are the birds reserved by any Fancier for breeding or "stock" purposes. As you name no particular kind of birds, I can only say that the age at which birds mature (they are mature when in adult plumage) is very variable, and that they should not be put up for breeding till they have donned full adult plumage. You had better repeat query with fuller details next week.

WINTERING BIRDS (Bulneck).—The aspect of the aviary, N.E., as bad, and for the winter months I should put roofing felt over the whole of roof wire netting of flight, and also a strip right along the N.E. front, 18 inches deep. With this precaution (your county is not given) I think you will be able to winter safely all the birds you name, but I think you would be wiser, unless your county is a southern one, to cage the Cordon Bleus and keep them in one of your living rooms for the winter. If you are very far north you had better cage the White Javas, Orange-cheeks, and Avadavats—though the latter would probably survive.

AVIARY QUERIES (E. E. Law).—(1) You could keep in your aviary 2 pairs Budgerigars, 1 pair each Cockatiels, Grey Java Sparrows, Red-crested Cardinals, and Madagascar Lovebirds, but this would leave your space fully occupied, and young birds must be got rid of as soon as able to fend for themselves. (2) Canary and white millet in equal parts. A second mixture of hemp, oats, paddy rice, and sunflower seed in equal parts; green food, fruit, and three mealworms or other insects for each Cardinal daily. Grit (not sand) and cuttlebone must also be supplied. (3) Javas often prove troublesome, but would be quite in order with the species named above. The editor will be glad to get your photo and notes.

AVIARIES AND BIRDS (Avic.).—Birdroom: For ventilation, the bottom inlet is better with a casing inside, so that the air cannot blow in in a current, but must filter out at each end, and a narrow slot about one inch wide at ground level. The best roof vent is a cowlpipe one, but it must be well cowled, so that a down draught is impossible. Your arrangements re the aviary (first plan) should prove satisfactory, all the plants and bushes you name are wholesome. Utmost accommodation for breeding, one foot frontage for each pair. You must of course not put any birds out into the aviary at this time of year; if you do the bulk will die during the winter. They should have gone out at least two months ago. Not knowing your county it is difficult for me to speak of wintering outside, but broadly speaking put out in the spring all your foreigners should weather any ordinary winter out of doors (see reply to another querist re N. and S.).

BUDGERIGARS, ETC. (New Reader).—(1) I should advise 2 pairs Budgerigars, 1 pair Cockatiels, and 1 pair each Madagascar and Blue-wing Lovebirds. This will make a nice show, and will be better than mixing Finches and Parrakeets together, with probable disaster. You could add a cock Red-crested Cardinal and a pair of Java Sparrows, as these are usually able to look after themselves. You must part with any young that are reared when they can fend for themselves. (2) It does not matter that they remain outside at present; later on you'll find they'll seek the shelter. Fixing one-inch mesh wire netting, say 9 inches, above the roof proper, will safely guard your birds against, and protect from undue scaring from cats.

GREY PARROT (J. Park).—Unless you consult a vet., who might operate, you can only aim at keeping the bird as fit as possible. Give a dose of Dinneford's Magnesia—one teaspoonful in the usual supply of drinking-water—every third day, but if the voidings become watery-loose you must then lengthen the period between the doses. When not giving the magnesia, put half a teaspoonful of Byno-phosphates in the drinking water, and continue this treatment for fully a month. If you can handle the bird, foment the swollen nostril with a hot (not hot enough to cause discomfort) decoction of camomile flowers daily dry well and anoint, only lightly, as the plumage must not be greased to any extent, with a little cooling ointment (from your chemist); after 14 days' fomenting please report progress and describe the swelling and its condition as closely as possible; try by gentle pressure if it is soft, and any signs of pus. Give the bird the usual diet—seed, fruit, nuts, plain biscuit, green food, grit and cuttlebone, but do not give any tea, coffee or milk sops, table scraps or any kind of animal food whatever. Keep it where it can get plenty of light and air without draught.

FOREIGN BIRD QUERISTS

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AILING BUDGERIGAR (E. M. Musgrave).—I cannot give you date of previous reply, but it would appear within a week of the date of your query. Give the bird, for a week, one drop of Dinneford's Magnesia, by same method as you have given the whisky, every other day, and then for another month two drops every fourth day. In between, supply Parrish's Chemical Food in the drinking water, and a spot or two on rusk. Foment the legs and feet daily with hot water (not hot enough for discomfort), dry with a cloth, and then paint with neat whisky; continue this for a month and then report progress. While you must keep it strictly free from draught, it must also have light and air. At this stage there is a possibility that the trouble has become chronic, and if there is no improvement in a month, it would be kindest to have it painlessly destroyed—the bird has evidently been in a bad way for some time—it is very possible the trouble is constitutional, in which case nothing

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CHEMICAL FOOD, ETC. (Green Amazon).—Chemical food will answer quite well, but as it has a constipating tendency you must keep the bowels regulated by an occasional dose of Dinneford's Magnesia. Continue to use both the above and the sulphur for some time yet. A Parrot ought to get a bath once a week, choosing a warmish genial day for the purpose, and keeping strictly out of draught till it is dry. If it is tame enough to come out of its cage, let it have a bath in any shallow vessel, but if it shirks the bath, then you must spray it, using a mist sprayer. The bird will be the better for it, and should have a bath, though these can be less frequent during the winter, and omitted during exceptionally severe periods.

FOR EXHIBITION (Foreigners). — Gouldians, Masked, Grey, Golden-breasted, and Orange-cheeked Waxbills; Tiger Finches, Pintail Nonpareil, Pekin Robin, Paradise Whydah, Cape Canary, and Green Singing Finch. You must choose according to competition; at large shows the rarer birds, if in condition, usually score. Soft-bills: All the following are good: Gold-fronted Green Fruitsucker, Silver-eared Mesia, Blue, Maroon, Scarlet, and Palm Tanagers. Some swear by cages for hybrid breeding, but if I were arranging a programme for myself, I should put an odd lot of birds into an aviary by themselves, taking care that there were no pairs of any one species among them—some result would be very probable. Budgerigars and Javas can be kept together. Greenfood and fruit you can give as much as birds will take. All insects named can be given in any quantities. Your query is too cumbersome to be dealt with properly, and Canary, British, and Foreign queries should not be written in one letter, but should each be on a separate piece of paper. Mr. Weston will answer you re British birds next week. If anything overlooked, repeat query next week.

BRITISH BIRDS, MULES AND HYBRIDS.

Answered, this week, by H. J. FULLJAMES.

THE "TAILER" (Two Joes).—The Goldfinch has quite a long list of local names, and among these are "Proud-Tail" and "Proud-Tailor." You are right therefore in assuming that "Tailer" (as you put it) and Goldfinch are the same bird. The egg of the Starling is very pale blue, almost a "French grey."

TO GET COLOUR IN A HAWFINCH (Bird-keeper).—The only rational way to get the plumage to show at its best the colour natural to the individual bird (some birds could not be made a good colour by any method), is to feed the bird somewhat as he would feed himself in nature. Hawfinches feed largely upon berries, and a supply of these, such as you may get from now onwards will do more to improve the colour than any quantity of colour food. For the seed portion of its diet, provide sunflower, hemp, canary, rape-seed, beech nuts, and a little linseed; the latter will tend to put that polish on its plumage which goes so much in favour of a show specimen. Remember also that, like many seed-eating birds, the Hawfinch in liberty eats a good many insects. A mealworm or two, a smooth caterpillar (these latter are plentiful enough just now in the cabbage patch), and a good fat spider now and then will all help to keep your bird in good health, and, consequently, in good plumage.

HAND-REARING SWALLOWS (G. Coates).—It is, as you surmise, an unusual thing to undertake the hand-rearing of young Swallows, mainly because, excepting to those who are prepared to give them the full scope of an outdoor aviary, and to take the trouble to provide insect food for them, such a task would have no object. Swallows have been kept for a considerable period as cage birds, but only by experienced and indefatigable bird-keepers. In an outdoor aviary, with proper feeding, they have done well with some. Apart from the inadvisability of attempting to keep in a cage a bird of such wing power as a Swallow, whose food in nature consists entirely of tiny insects captured while the bird is darting at express speed through the air, a Swallow has no value as a song bird, and very little as an exhibition specimen, for many judges would pass such as being undesirable as a cage bird. For instance, the Swallow is excluded from the list of the National British Bird and Mule Club, and is not qualified to compete for any specials offered by that club. It is to be presumed that any judge who was a member of the N.B.B. and M.C. would "pass" a Swallow whether or not his club's patronage were given to the show at which he was judging. In your aviaries there is every possibility of the birds which you have been successful in rearing doing well, especially as you say "they are in lovely condition at present," and it will be interesting to hear of their progress. In any case, it would seem from the photograph you kindly sent that the birds are too young to get away on their migratory journey if you set them free. If you succeed in keeping the birds in health, the Editor will be glad to hear from you again, and to publish the picture in one of our special numbers. It would not reproduce satisfactorily in an ordinary issue.

CHAFFINCH NOT "TIGHTENING-UP" (Wag).—Glad to hear that you found useful the advice re Yellowhammer. I think you are not feeding your Chaffinch sufficiently well. Mixed Finch seed is very well as an extra, but the bird needs a stock mixture made up somewhat as follows: Canary seed one pint, German rape, half a pint, teazel one pint, and charlock half a pint. Give it also, occasionally, not all at once, linseed, maw-seed, sunflower, broken walnuts, hemp, thistle, beech kernels, and any wild seed you may be able to obtain. Sprouted turnip, or rape, or radish seed is greatly relished. Success in bird-keeping depends upon varying the diet of one's birds, not in giving mixed Finch seed and cod-liver oil food twice a week as you say you have been doing. Further, the Chaffinch in nature lives upon insects as long as he can get them, and in captivity a good insectile mixture is a necessary addition to the seed diet. Try your bird with any insects, or grubs you can procure, gentles, smooth caterpillars, spiders, etc. You should get Nutshell No. 13, which gives not only the proper food for a Chaffinch, but much other information regarding the bird.

MULES WITH "FLESH COLOURED" SKIN (A. Dudley).—It is difficult to imagine birds with any other than "flesh coloured" skins. What other colour do you think the Goldfinch Mules should be? Glad to hear that your birds have done so well, but the Goldfinch-Canary cross is quite an ordinary one, and your birds would have no especial value unless they are good enough to hold their own in strong competition. This you may easily find out for yourself by entering any show. It is not in our province to name any "likely customer." Put your own price on them, and advertise them on approval in CAGE BIRDS if you wish to part with them.

THE COLOURS OF SHOW CAGES (W.J.M.).—This is mainly a matter of individual taste, plus a consideration of the tone of colour of any individual bird. Two birds of the same species would not look equally well in the same coloured cage, and you must use your judgment in each case. Speaking generally, the best colours for the birds you name would be Chaffinch and Bramble, holly-green, not too deep; Greenfinch, French grey, or white with the slightest dash of pink; Bullfinch, pale blue; Siskin, royal blue; Linnet, Redpoll, Snow Buntiug and Ortolan Bunting, dark holly-green, very dark for the Snow-Bunting, especially if he has plenty of white at the time of showing. By the way, an Ortolan Bunting is not sufficiently often a visitor to us to be considered a British bird, and most judges would "wrong class" such a bird, or at least pass it. They do win under some judges, so you may take your chance if you choose.

BRITISH BIRD & HYBRID QUERISTS

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GENERAL.

Answered by THE EDITOR.

A. Wright.—Communicate with Mr. J. Dewhurst, 52, North End Road, West Kensington, London, W., who we think would fix up the matter for you.

Identity of Bird (E. E. Saw).—It is quite impossible even to make a guess at the identity of the bird without fuller particulars. It may be a British bird or an escaped foreign bird. If you will give more details one of our experts will doubtless be able to identify the bird for you. You do not even state the size. Glad to hear that you find our paper interesting, and we shall be pleased to receive the photograph mentioned and to publish it if suitable.

The Open Season for Catching (F.B.).—Under the Wild Birds Act of 1880, the catching of certain wild birds named in a schedule is prohibited between March 1 and August 1. Local authorities, upon application to the Secretary of State, stating reasons for their application, may be granted power to extend either the schedule or the close time, as concerns their own districts, and practically every county, and, in many cases, parts of counties, have so extended the schedule or the close time. You should apply to the police authorities of any county in which you are interested, or to Messrs. Wyman and Co., Fetter Lane, E.C., for particulars goveruing any individual district. The price of these local orders is one penny each, plus postage. If you would like further particulars as to scope of the various Wild Birds Acts passed from 1880 onwards, you should write to Messrs. Trower and Co., 442, Caledonian Road, London, for "The Bird Dealers' and Catchers' Guide," price sixpence.

Close Season for Co. Dublin (Bird Fancier).—See reply to "F. B.," above. So far as we can gather, there has been no extension of the Act of 1889 which would apply especially to the county of Dublin, but you may discover this for certain on application to your local police authorities. If you enclosed a stamped addressed envelope with your letter to Messrs. Wyman, we cannot understand the reason of their not replying to your communication.

POST MORTEMS.

Mr. G. Yates, M.R.C.V.S., 1, College Road, Harrow, Middlesex, will examine and report upon dead cage birds for a fee of 1s. 6d. each bird; for reply direct, 2s. 6d.; analysis, 21s. Subjects for post mortem examination must be sent packed in a box direct to Mr. Yates, with the fee, this and any accompanying letter being kept from contact with the dead bird. Send by letter-post; it is cheaper and quicker than parcel post. Any bodies sent to the office of this paper will be thrown away, and if a fee is enclosed the loss will be the sender's.

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CLUB & SOCIETY NOTICES

ONE notice of any forthcoming Society meeting inserted free. It should reach us not later than Tuesday morning's post. Specially printed Club Notice Postcards may be had free on application to our Manager. Secretaries should always use them.

Burslem C.B.S.—August 29, Barnfield's Inn, 8. To fix date of autumn show, and make classification for same.—Leonard James.

Barrow C.B.A.—August 28, headquarters, 7.30. Election of judge for back-end show, also general show business.—Jas. S. Fleming.

Beamish C.B.S.—August 24, Bird Inn, High Hold, 7. Business for annual members' show.—W. Knowles.

Bonnyrigg C.B.S.—August 31, Foresters' Arms, 7.30. A large attendance is requested.—James Hamilton.

Chester C.B.S.—August 27, Nag's Head Cocoa House, 8.30. Fixing date of annual show, etc. Important. New members welcomed.—R. L. G. Simpson.

City of Bradford O.S.—August 24, Flying Dutchman Hotel, 8.—F. Rhodes.

Dunfermline C.B.S.—August 31, Co-operative Hall, 7. Classification for annual show. Consideration of West Fife Derby.—Robert T. Campbell.

Dubmire Workmen's Club C.B.S.—August 25, Duhmire Workmen's Club, 10.30 a.m. Prize money for Nest Feather paid.—B. Robinson.

Derby C.B.S.—August 31, Derwent Hotel, 7. Open show arrangements; members' class for members' show.—G. H. Wharam.

Grimsby O.S.—August 29, Slatter's Rooms, 8. Yellow and Buff N. and C., British Classes, etc., Mule or Hyb., Goldfinch or Bullfinch Linnet, Siskin, Twite, or Redpoll, Greenfinch, A.O.V. British. Business important.—Towl and Smith.

Hetton-le-Hole C.B.S.—August 24, Crown Inn, 7. Important business.—A. J. Notley.

Heywood and Dist. O.S.—August 27, Rechabite Hall, Pine Street, 7.30. To settle up show business; will members bring in ticket money.—A. H. Meadowcroft.

Haltwhistle C.B.S.—August 27, Mr. Nicholson's, 8. Open show business.—Nicholson and Tallantyre.

Hebden Bridge C.B.F.A.—August 27, Lello's Dining Rooms, Market Street, 7.30. Arrangements for old bird show.—A. Roberts.

Ilkeston C.B.S.—August 31, Havelock's Inn, 7. Arranging classes for open show; all fanciers are invited to attend.—T. Smith.

London and Counties A.C.B.—August 24, The Earl Cathcart, Osnaburgh Street, N.W., 8. Mr. E. Pretty is giving a lecture on colour feeding. Friends will receive a hearty welcome.—W. Gilbert.

Longton C.B.S.—August 27, Castle Inn, 8. Special meeting to arrange classification for open show.—Geo. Lea.

Leigh C.B.S.—August 28, Railway Hotel, 7.45. Selecting judge for old show.—R. Charlesou.

Laisterdyke B.F.A.—August 24, Railway Hotel, 2. Members' F.F. show; judge, Mr. J. Bailey, Sandy Lane, Allerton.—J. E. Hudson.

Long Eaton C.B.S.—August 31, Sawley Road, Council Schools. Committee 7, members' 8. Important business for committee. Members' meeting, Mr. A. Brown will read a paper on the general management of the Border Fancy. A hearty invitation to all interested in aviculture.—G. T. Wall.

Midland Roller C.C.—August 29th. Important show business.—T. J. Smith.

Morley C.B.S.—August 24, Sycamore Hotel, 7.30.—J. Rhodes.

Mid-Rhondda C.B.S.—August 29, White Hart Hotel, Tonypandy. Fixing of classes for open show, Dec. 11. Judge, Mr. J. H. Payne.—A. H. C. Lees.

Northern Yorks. C.C.—August 27, 65, Grainger Street, 8. Handbook and other important business. Subs. now due.—R. Tindale.

National British Bird and M.C.—August 29, The "Feathers," Gt. Chapel Street, Westminster, 8. General business.—Plumbridge and Carr.

North Manchester C.B.S.—August 27, Balmoral Hotel, Rochdale Road, Harpurhey, 8. Amalgamated show business.—John Davey.

Northern B.B.M. and F.C.—August 28, Lockhart's, Grainger Street, 8. General business. Members please attend. Subs. now due.—W. Curry.

Northern Counties N.C.—August 31, Lockhart's, 65, Grainger Street, 7.30. Patronages, etc. Important business.—W. Curry.

Oldham C.B.A.—August 27, Textile Dining Rooms, 8. General business, also a debate on moulting and colour-feeding.—Jas. Cope.

Pendleton and Salford O.S.—August 26th, Irwell Castle, Lower Broughton, 8. Show business, election of delegates for amalgamated show.—Critchley and Metcalfe.

Reading C.B.S.—Sept. 4, Palmer Hall. We shall be glad to see as many members as possible present so that we can settle all matters connected with annual show. New members will be welcomed, also promises of special prizes.—W. H. Pyke.

Rossendale C.B.S.—Sept. 3, Commercial Hotel, Stacksteads, 7.30. Final arrangements for show, also potatoe pie supper.—H. Wantling.

Rochdale Good Intent C.B.S.—August 28, Temperance Club, Toad Lane, 8. Back-end show business; arrangements for whist drive.—Thos. Holt.

South Shields C.B.S.—August 26, Cyprus, 7.30. Important.—W. L. Smith.

Sheffield C.B.S.—Sept. 5, Wentworth Cafe, 8. Agenda arrangements for open show.—A. Hobson.

Warrington C.B.S.—August 29, Blue Bell Sale Rooms, 8. Making arrangemeuts for open show.—G. M. Nelson.

Wolverhampton C.B.S.—August 29, Duke of York, 8. Settling business for members' show; members bring or send ticket money, programme for open show opens.—J. Gibbons.

A LOVER OF ALBINOS.

The Breeding of Freak Birds at Newport.

Mr. Bush, the headmaster of the Art School at Newport Technical Institute, has been concerned in rearing freaks or curiosities for something like thirty years, says "The Western Mail." He probably has had the largest collection of any person in the kingdom of white birds whose normal plumage is black or brown. Mr. Bush has studied Mendel's system of heredity, and he finds it works true in bird life. Mendel apparently did not experiment with birds. Mice and plants were his subjects. Mr. Bush has at present a dozen white Ring Doves, nine white Thrushes, one white Blackbird, three white Sparrows, and two cinnamon (light yellow) Sparrows, and one cinnamon Blackbird. Within the recent past his collection also included white Jackdaws, Starlings, Magpies, Jays, Linnets, and Robins. The white Jay was believed to be the only one living.

"Yes, I have verified Mendel's system," said Mr. Bush, "especially in the case of Ring Doves, which breed freely. A white freak bird is put to mate with one of normal colour—brown or black. The product are birds that Mendel speaks of as 'F1.' To all appearances they are all true to the normal type. But there is a trace of the albino in the blood of probably all of them. If you follow the experiment a stage further you get what Mendel calls 'F2,' and out of a hatch of, say, four, you will find three apparently normal and one quite white bird. But of the three apparently normal one only is a quite common bird. And if you could determine which one that was, exclude him and follow up your experiment with the others, you are pretty certain to get white birds. But you cannot determine which is the commoner, and so you must go on till you get a white stock.

"Here is a cage of 'F1' Sparrows (pointing to four chirpy little fellows) from a cinnamon and a common Sparrow. I expect to get one cinnamon from them in time. Yes, the freaks seem to be quite as strong and healthy as the common birds. What is their money value? Oh, it varies considerably. I never sell any of mine. I have bred a good many, and I buy others. It is a very interesting study. But neither Mendel nor anyone else has told us where the first white Blackbird or Sparrow or Jay came from or how he came to be so abnormal."

An Indictment of the Bullfinch.

Every grower of fruit or vegetables knows that the birds which frequent his garden take very considerable toll of his produce. Whether birds compensate for this toll by destroying insects which would, if left to themselves, do as much or more damage to the summer crops is a debatable question, and arguments on both sides are perennial. Perhaps there is no bird which has given rise to so much difference of opinion as the Bullfinch. In the spring the Bullfinch is probably the busiest bird of any among the budding fruit trees. Fruit-growers accuse the bird of eating large numbers of the buds and destroying many others, while the out and out defenders of birds claim the Bullie only takes buds which already contain insects which would prevent the development of the fruit, and that, therefore, the damage that the bird does is absolutely nil. The latest light on the question is furnished by Mr. W. E. Collinge, the editor of the "Journal of Economic Biology." In that journal Mr. Collinge states that he made an analysis of the contents of the stomachs of 308 Bullfinches which were killed at different seasons in five counties. As the result of this analysis, it was found that from January to May the food of the Bullfinch "consists largely of fruit buds and fruitlets, and in addition to those which are eaten, an equal, or even larger, number are wantonly destroyed by this bird." Mr. Collinge further states "that the Bullfinch is for quite half the year most destructive in fruit orchards, causing considerable losses to growers, which far outweigh any little good it may do in keeping down the spread of weeds. Indeed, its value in this respect is extremely doubtful, for it certainly helps in the distribution of such seeds as dandelion, dock, groundsel, ragwort, charlock, etc."

CAGE BIRDS LEAGUE.

How to become an Associate.

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Correspondence.

Is there a Fumeless Lamp?

Sir,—Can any kind reader tell me how I could make or where to buy a fumeless lamp for lighting purposes in a bird room?

P. Jackson.

The Breeding of Skylarks in Captivity.

Sir,—In a recent issue of your valuable paper I read with interest of a fancier breeding Skylarks in captivity. Being a lover of these birds, I, with other fanciers no doubt, should be delighted if Mr. Marsh would kindly give us a few details on the subject. It is to these old hands of many years' experience that we novices must appeal for information, which I have no doubt will be forthcoming, and will be appreciated by many readers, like myself.

R. Henshall.

Holders for Twigs when Using Birdlime.

Sir,—Some time ago I noticed a reader enquiring about holders, or butts, for use with limed twigs. He should take a strip of strong paper (about two inches wide and six inches long) and roll it round one of the twigs he is going to use, then glue or gum the paper together into a solid roll. When set, draw out the twig, and cut the paper tube into pieces one inch long, then you have real good twig-holders, and easily made.

Bird Catcher.

Kent County C.B.A.

A Word from the Ex-Hon. Secretary.

Sir,—I beg that you will kindly allow me to notify the County members of the Kent County C.B.A. that owing to my departure from Dover I have handed over the duties of hon. secretary to Mr. H. Wood, Snargate Street, Dover, and I am sure the association will benefit by having a permanent resident as secretary. I take this opportunity of thanking all the members for their kind assistance in the past, and especially in the present, for I am glad to say that owing to several local members consenting to take over a few of my birds I will sustain little loss and be enabled to continue in the Fancy. Wishing the association the success which it deserves and the best of show seasons to the members, I beg to remain a brother fancier,

A. Hendry.

Colchester.

A Hybrid Breeder's Perplexity.

Another Perplexed Reader Asks the Same Question.

Sir,—I was pleased to read "Perplexed's" letter in your last issue on the subject of "unfertile eggs," as I, too, have had a very disappointing season with my Bullfinch hens and Norwich cock Canaries. I have had 51 eggs from three pairs, namely, British hen Bullfinch and cock Canary, 19 eggs; Siberian hen Bullfinch and cock Canary, 7 eggs; and British hen Bullfinch and cock Canary, 5 eggs. All the eggs were unfertile, although I have had the hens since 1910, with the exception of the Siberian hen, which I bought last December. The cocks are two years old. I may add that I keep the birds in double breeding cages, that they agreed well, the cocks fed the hens and mated many times, so I thought I must have good eggs. I shall be very glad if any of your numerous readers will kindly give me a few hints, and say if it will be any use trying the hens next year with the same cocks, especially the Siberian hen, which is a beauty.

Novice.

Are Red Mite Unavoidable?

Sir,—Almost every week I read in our paper, Cage Birds, of the troubles of bird-keepers through the plague of red mite, and it would seem that these pestiferous insects are looked upon as an unavoidable accompaniment of cage bird keeping. It is never "Are red mite ubiquitous?" It is always "How can I destroy them?" I know that it is a doctrine with many bird keepers that where there are birds there are red mite, and Cage Birds scarcely ever comes out without some advice as to how to destroy them. Paraffin, soap, wax, petrol, creosote, and messy and smelly things without end are recommended, doubtless with good, if temporary, results. My object in writing this letter is to reply to my own question stated above, viz., "Are red mite ubiquitous?" The answer is "No." They cannot exist without crevices, for if there is nowhere for them to hide during the day they cannot live. They do not stay upon the body of the bird, but only come out of their hiding places to prey upon the unfortunate bird at night, when it should be sleeping. I therefore earnestly advise the bird keeper to look to his cages? This applies very particularly to the keeper of just a bird or two, one who perhaps does not know that such a thing as a red mite exists, and who, when he sees his Canary puffed out and miserable during the day, and wanting to do nothing but sleep, writes to Cage Birds detailing the sorrows of the bird, and asking how he may doctor it. Most of such birds are Canaries, and these are mostly kept in "all wire" cages. These cages are fitted with a wooden boss, by which they are hung to a chain. Let the owner of such a cage unscrew this boss, and I will promise him a sight that will surprise him. He will find the underparts of it smothered with an impalpable dust like the finest flour. This dust represents the excreta of thousands of red mite, and the wooden boss is their sleeping place. The body of the poor bird is their nightly hunting ground. The remedy is obvious; destroy them in their haunt. If you must keep your bird in such an entirely unsuitable cage as the all-wire "parlour" cage, periodically unscrew the boss and thoroughly scald it. These cages, also, are frequently covered over at night by a cloth "to keep the bird from draughts," and such a cloth becomes peopled with hundreds of red mite which are invisible to the naked eye. A cloth used for such a purpose should be scalded each morning when taken off the cage and dried for the next night's use. The ends of the perch or perches also provide retiring places for red mite, and these should be dipped daily in boiling water. People who keep many birds, and who are frequently renewing their stock, have red mite, more or less, always with them, for a new bird, or its travelling cage, may import hundreds into a room, but the owner of a pet bird or two should never be troubled with them.

Anti-Mite.

A Catching Query.

Sir,—Can any of your readers oblige by telling me how to catch Hawfinches?

W. W.

Training a Kitten Not to Touch Birds.

Sir,—I notice a correspondent asks how to make puss dislike a bird in a cage. Take the bird out of the cage. Put the cat in. Bind round the cage a piece of string, leaving two feet to spare, with a loop at the end, which loop you hang over a nail. Spin the cage round like a top. Then open the cage door. Out puss will flop, and bid good-bye to a bird in a cage for evermore. She won't look at one, much less go near it.

H. Truelove.

The Affairs of the Y.C. and C.B.S. of Ireland.

Sir,—In replying to "Provincial's" communication of last week, I can assure him that everything is going on in apple-pie order with our society's committee of management. The small responsibility attaching to ring steward is held in conjunction with the vice-chairmanship by our new hon. secretary; he has a good grasp of things generally. The treasurership has been finally pressed upon Mr. Power, who has reluctantly accepted the responsibility. "Provincial" cannot assume that Mr. Hawkins is president; his letter to the Fancy Press precludes that assumption. The vice-presidents are Mr. Rooney, a one-time exhibitor, and a gentleman from Dundalk, who is a good exhibitor. The arrangements for forthcoming show are being well looked after; already several new innovations have been adopted, which will help to keep birds at home. The new scheme of hanging birds around the walls and producing catalogues without advertisements does not appeal to more businesslike fanciers. It is wrong to believe the society is on the down grade because Messrs. Holley and Stewart are no longer in office or that Messrs. Gillen and Birse and a few others who did not attend committee can give you any information about matters affecting the society's welfare.

Committeeman.

Extraordinary Charge Against Magpies.

Reader Says They Eat Six Weeks Old Ducks and Chickens.

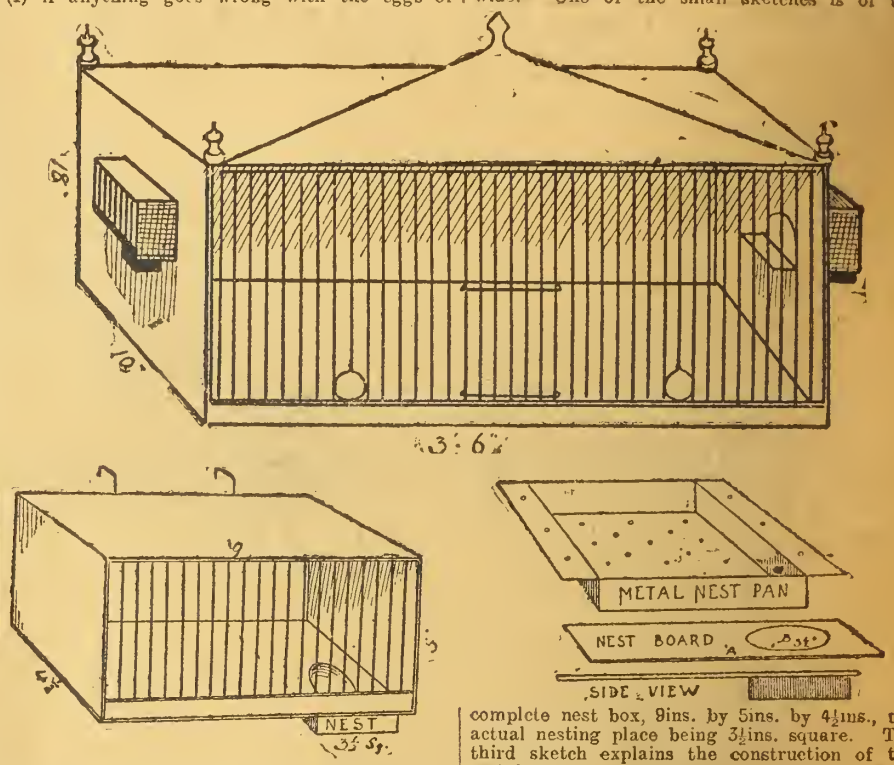
Sir,—The destructive Magpie has been playing sad havoc in the poultry yards in North Hunts during the past season. Within a radius of about half a mile three Magpies' nests have been found with young ones in them nearly ready to fly. One nest had five young, another seven, and the other six. Only fancy what these young at that stage could consume, and they are not at all particular what they go for. As there are not any young Pheasants or Partridges about in these parts, they confine their destruction to the poultry yards. One yard lost a fine brood of young Duckling, six weeks old, before one of the culprits fell to the gun after hours of vigil. It had been thought that stoats or weasels or rats had been at work, but the watcher saw the Magpie in the act of taking one away. The nests were then sought and the young taken to be brought up by hand. Probably some of them may one day grace the show bench. Other poultry keepers have lost young chicken as well as ducks, but the preference seems to have been for the young Ducks. No doubt young of other birds have been destroyed in like manner, and all this near a town. The keepers and game preservers have probably driven them from the woods, where game is preserved, for I cannot remember ever hearing of so many breeding pairs being about as this year. The only other explanation I can assume is that boys do not do so much birds'-nesting as they used, or the nests would have been found and the eggs taken. The destructive but pretty Magpie may be easily brought up and trained, and makes a desirable pet for anyone who has plenty of room to keep such a large bird and make a pet of it, and teach it to talk.

Observer.

Novel Style of Nest Box Highly Recommended

An Irish reader claims many advantages for a box hung outside the end of the cage.

Sir,—Being a constant reader of your valuable paper, Cage Birds, I wish to give its readers a hint as regards the nests they use. I have tried several styles, and have found the nest of which I send diagrams by far the best. It is hung on the outside of the cage. It has many advantages, amongst which are (1) if anything goes wrong with the eggs or young, or you wish to examine the nest, it can be taken off easily with the minimum of disturbance to the birds; (2) the young never leave the nest until fully fledged; (3) the nest pan being made of tin, perforated with square holes, the nesting material keeps in it firmly, and at the same time there is ample ventilation the eggs and young being "well aired"; (4) the nest being outside the cage, I find does away with the danger of the cock bird breaking tho eggs or pulling the material about. Amateurs would do well to try this style of nest. My father has used it for over twenty years with great success, and at present has a good number of young, all doing well. The large sketch shows the boxes hung on a single breeder 3ft. 6ins. long, 18ins. high, and 10ins. wide. One of the small sketches is of the complete nest box, 9ins. by 5ins. by 4½ins., the actual nesting place being 3½ins. square. The third sketch explains the construction of the metal nest pan, 3½ins. square by ⅛in. deep, with two flanges ⅜in. wide. By the latter it is screwed to a nest-board (A), 9ins. long and 4½ins. wide, under a circular hole (B) 3½ins. across, cut out towards one end; this "nest-board," it will be seen, forms the floor of the nesting cage. I think the sketches, with this explanation, will make all clear.



J. J. Barron.

Waterford.

Bread and Milk for Canaries.

Sir,—I am writing to tell you of my experience with a pair of Norwich Plainheads, and of how I proved the value of bread and milk. The hen went to nest and hatched out some nice healthy chicks. She fed well for a few days, but then let them die. The second nest fared the same. I was using singlo breeders, and feeding them on egg and biscuit, or egg and bread crumb, with plenty of seeding weeds, such as chickweed, dandelion, etc., and mixed seed. After the death of the second lot of chicks I thought, as my birds were all fond of milk sop, I would try that. I got a thick slice of stale bread, put it in a plate, poured some boiling water over it, just enough to soak it through, then poured some cold milk over it, left it a few minutes, then pressed it gently with my hand to squeeze out most of the moisture, being careful not to break the bread, but keeping it in the slice. After sprinkling a little soft sugar over it, I broke a small piece off, put it in the egg drawer, taking away all the egg food, but gave the green food and seed as usual. I found the birds ate it greedily, fed their young on it entirely, leaving the seed and green food, and reared the young well. This pair of birds never had any egg again, and the young birds never had any, even when they were doing for themselves. They were quite as strong as any reared on egg food. Of course, my birds were all used to sop, having had it every week during the winter, and I believe it would be quite easy for anyone to do without egg if they liked. Hoping this may be of some use to a few who have had bad feeders, or who do not want to use eggs, I send these few lines.

A Bird Lover.

A Tale of a Novice.

Sir,—Having read Cage Birds since January and noticing what a lot of good reports you publish, I thought it would be a change to have a bad report to comment on. My luck seems dead out. Early in the year I bought a cock and two hen Norwich Plainheads, also "Canaries for Beginners," ordered Cage Birds every week, and made two double breeders and fitments, etc. Like all beginners, I expected great things. But, as the prophet says "blessed is he that expects nothing, for he shall not be disappointed." I tried the cock with one hen, and after about three weeks she laid four eggs, which she didn't half sit on. Still, it didn't matter much, as they were clear. Tried No. 2; she laid four eggs, sat splendidly, and hatched two, which she would not feed. So you see it was a case of "As you were." Now, what I cannot understand is this: I tried the cock first with one, then the other, all through the season, and all I got afterwards was three eggs, all clear, at long intervals, weeks in between each egg. I might say one egg was a green egg. I am told that is a rarity. The birds came from a thoroughly reliable source. They have built dozens of nests in a sense, and that's all. I got so tired of it that I put the whole three together in one breeder and let them take their chance. But the same old story—two lovely nests and nothing in them. One hen has now been sitting on an empty nest a fortnight. I reckon she will sit there till Christmas if I let her. I fed on Canary in hopper, and, for mixed seeds, one lot millet, niger, gold of pleasure, maw, and another rape, hemp, linseed, and teazle, which I changed about every other day. Greenstuff, cuttle bone, sand, water, and proper attention. I thought perhaps I was feeding too well, and so knocked the mixtures off. But there was no improvement. The cock has sung all summer and looks in good condition now. Also the hens. What shall I do? Clear them out and have another try, or keep them for another year? I might say I have given them Parrish's Chemical Food, Epsom salts, and wormwood in drinking water at different times to try to make an improvement, but all to no purpose. Can any reader give me any advice where I am wrong? No mites or draught, room faces west, and perfectly clean. So endeth the tale of a bird-keeping failure.

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Bending Cage Wire.

Sir,—I am a novice very fond of cage-making for the birds I keep, and I would be glad if any wire-working cage-maker would tell me how they make the fancy turns and twists in all-wire cages, and also how they bend wires for the square top cages to have them all one size.

NOVICE.

The Escapade of a Three Weeks Old Canary.

Sir,—While cleaning out breeding cages a few days since I was taking out the sand and seed husks which had got below the sand trays of one compartment in which there was a Norwich hen and four young three weeks old. One of the youngsters darted out of the cage and flew outside into the fruit trees of a garden some dozen yards away, and it spent the remainder of the day flying from tree to tree and over the housetops. I gave it up for lost, until, in the evening, a friend suggested trying his double-trap cage, into which I put the hen and placed it on the garden hedgerow. The first call of the hen was answered by the youngster, and it made frantic but futile attempts to get into the cage to be fed, never going on to the top, only flying on the sides of the wires, and occasionally getting a bite or two from the hen. Then darkness came on, and it spent the night in the trees. The night was cold, with a heavy dew, and I did not expect it to be alive the next morning, but I rose early and hung out the trap cage containing the hen on a nail in the wall of the house. I had barely got back into the house when out of a pear tree straight into the cage it flew, and, with a click, down went the trap. It was speedily transferred, along with the hen, to the breeder, and then the fun began. "Hungry" wasn't the word! It was a full half-hour before its appetite was appeased, after which it was none the worse for its adventure.

JOHN WATSON.

The Novice Question at the Shows.

Sir,—I see I was misled in my statement re a member joining in December, and I apologise for the mistake. What do I want, Mr. F.? Why, a section for novices at open shows. No one, I know, can get more than twenty shillings out of a sovereign, but my contention is this: Put a section on for novices at open shows, and what is lost in the amateur section would be regained in the novice, for I am certain more novices would enter. Are open shows run for the advancement of the Fancy or to be paid in honorariums for services rendered by different members? I know a man is worthy of his hire. What I am fighting for I know is appreciated by many, yet they sit on their heels and let others do all the fighting, and they do all the grumbling. I bear no member malice, quite the reverse. If I were to stay in the Ardwick Society for another twenty years at the present rate with my fancy, I should still be a novice. I cannot show amongst novices in open shows. Why was I a non-supporter at our late show? For the same reason as others, I had no F.F. to show. Why don't I couple up and be satisfied and attend the meetings? No one can say I have grumbled whatever the judge's award has been to my entries, and if every member would put in as many attendances as I do with my different turns of duty, there would always be a room full. I often attend at personal inconvenience not only to myself, but to others (others beside my fellow-members will understand me when I say others). I have been accused of saying there are no sportsmen at Ardwick; quite the reverse. Now come, novices, if you want this section put on, let the different societies see that you mean to have bread and not a stone, and they will meet you one way or another.

A. E. LONG.

To Combat the Cat.

Some Drastic but Effective Methods.

Sir,—I have watched with interest—as a sufferer from their depredations—the correspondence re the cat nuisance. I think the last letter, descriptive of the trap, an admirable one, except that the cat in the trap might attract the attention of its owner, and lead to reprisals which might inflict further annoyance upon the man who has dared to erect an aviary upon his premises. Whether such an ingenious contrivance could be effectively used is largely a matter of the situation of the house. May I record my experiences "pour encourager les autres"? As a preliminary measure, I took the trouble to affix wire 2½ft. high from the bottom of the fence, and some a similar height above it, all round my garden, threading a clothes line wire through the top to prevent sagging. The "outfit" cost close on £1, but did that prove a barrier to felis domesticus? Not on their nine lives! They swarmed up the supporting stakes, and, dropping upon the roof of the shelter, used to "chivvy" the birds up and down by running over the wire roof of the outdoor portion. But I must not kill one, so I resolved to do it by deputy, and I achieved my object in one instance to my certain knowledge. I procured some tar, and, mixing as much hot grease with it as I could, I smeared the roof of the shelter to half an inch in depth. The cats landed all right, but on making contact with the greasy tar they "greased off," taking plenty with them. Such a mess did one old brute make in his own home that the owner killed him to save his carpets and furniture! When renewing the tar, let some days elapse after the first lot has dried, and scatter some cement on it. If marks of cement appear on the wire roof it will show that the pussies have forgotten the last dose and will be ready for another. Another wheeze: Attach some very tiny fish-hooks by the catgut to the top of the wire. When the cat scrambles over, the hooks will remove sufficient fur to stop it coming again—till it has grown some more, at any rate. The minute hooks will not seriously injure the cat but make it the object of inquiry round the neighbourhood as to how it hurt itself. Again, get a few "breakback" rat traps at about sixpence each. Either place unbaited where the creatures walk or bait and place near their entrance. A cat which treads upon it or smells it will receive a crack on the foot or nose which will expedite its movements towards its own place. As these traps are not sufficiently strong to hold a cat, it does not stop to prove where it was trespassing when retribution befell. A bloater laid under some cayenne pepper on the shelter roof also acts as a deterrent, as if they smell this substance they do not as a rule stop to describe the sensation. I once saw a "fall" made with four strong springs which were forced into catches by being pulled down with a rope which reached the ground. On the trespasser alighting upon the board, it released the springs, and as the board was covered with greased zinc "puss" was shot off into space. The contrivance being fixed near a pigeon loft, the cat got "a drop too much," if it sought to destroy one of the splendid racers kept there. I am reckoning to be classed as a brute by a certain section of the community, but I can bear this as long as the law demands that a person must sit up day and night to see a cat destroy a valuable bird, and then only secure the right of suing for damages at the price of the life of an innocent feathered pet.

JUSTICE.

A Question for Hybrid Breeders.

Should We Make More Use of the Hen Britisher?

Sir,—Now that the breeding season is over, and breeders are comparing realisation with anticipation, the time seems opportune for asking the question, Do Hybrid breeders make enough use of the hen Britisher? Most breeders like to put up a pair or two for Mule and Hybrid breeding, in the hope of getting a special "hit," and not depending solely on all their pairs for a chance result. Even if you get the eggs there is many a slip between the cup and the lip, and eggs do not always mean young birds. I have had a bitter experience of this—two nests of nine good eggs from the Redpoll-Bullio cross, and could not raise a bird; also fertile eggs from the Siskin-Bullie, which I have placed under Canaries, but failed to raise one. My object in writing this letter is to get fanciers to launch out a bit, and go in for the hen British bird, and give her as great a chance as the cock bird has had. Many a time I have got eggs from the hen Goldfinch, Linnet, Greenfinch, Bullie, Siskin, Twite, and Redpoll, even without a male bird of any kind being with them. Why should not these birds be used as much for Hybrid breeding as the cocks? The hen may not have so much to do with the beauty of plumage as the cock, but she certainly has a little. The hen Chaffinch, which was once considered not to be worth its keep as a cage bird, has produced something to bring its name before Hybrid breeders, and stimulate them to go "one further," and so might some of the other hens if given a proper chance, especially if a large aviary could be used. If not, an aviary a good large cage out of doors might suffice. Then, again, any of these birds might be used paired to their own species. For instance, a pair of Goldfinches or Greenfinches might be put together out of doors in large suitable cages, and encouraged to breed, so as to get some young, and these would come in very useful another year for Mule or Hybrid breeding. A case came under my "ken" last season, wherein a young fancier put up a cock and hen Greenfinch in quite a small cage (he thought they were Linnets, so his knowledge of birds was not very high), and he had no trouble at all in raising a nest of young on ordinary seeds. As soon as some one told him they were "green Linnets" he let the lot go in disgust. Now, if the hen Greenfinch was paired to a good large Norwich or Lancashire Plainhead, a good Mule might be bred; not a clear one; one could not expect such from this cross, but a good dark one might be the result, and that would be worth getting. The hen Siskin, also, breeds very readily in a cage, and, mated to a good Norwich or Goldfinch, might breed a useful bird. The hen Bullie has now been used in so many crosses that it is perhaps needless to name her with any particular bird unless it be that hitherto impossible cross, the Chaffinch one; but I still have hopes, and expect it will come, that the cock Chaffinch paired to a Bullfinch will prove a parent. She might be tried with the Siskin, as I believe this cross has not been got as yet; also with the Twite or the Bramblefinch, this hen Bullfinch will come to the front ere long, the same as the hen Bramble has done. There is also the hen Mealy Redpoll, a very interesting little bird, and one which most readily takes to cage life. This bird should produce a very interesting Hybrid if paired either to a cock Goldfinch or Siskin, or even a Greenfinch. I should always advise anyone to be on the look-out for any pied or rare-feathered hen Britishers, as it plainly shows that they are given to "sport," and it is from the "sport" that we often get something good. What to say about the hen Yellowhammer I must confess is not much, for I have never been able to get an egg from her, but where I have failed others may succeed. She might "hit" probably with some of the other Buntings. If this letter has the effect of getting some of our Hybrid or Mule breeders to give their opinions, I am sure that an interesting discussion would result.

ONE OF THE OLD ONES.

The Sparrows' Annual Combats.

Town Birds Fight Country Cousins for a Place in the Corn Fields.

The annual summer Sparrow comedy in the country cornfields has now begun, says a writer in the "Daily Mirror." It is really a kind of sparring or pecking contest between two types of Sparrows—the desperate little London Sparrow on his holidays and his fat, bucolic, dull-witted cousin of the country. Every minute of the day there are exciting one-minute fights, conducted without anyone to call "Time!" save perhaps Farmer Larkins' man, who carries an ancient gun, and sometimes is so annoyed at the number of the noisy combatants that he fires into the heart of the fray. A rather unsporting referee! But then both camps of Sparrows are robbers, marauders, attracted to the fields of corn by the ripening wheat ears or the sweet, swelling barley.

Tired of London Courts.

Trust the London Sparrow to find good things to eat! Tired of the dusty London courts and streets, where hungry cats are ever on the prowl, the Sparrow annually migrates into the country, where he hopes to obtain a nourishing and restful holiday.

"My dear," chirps the cock Sparrow to his wife, as they soar over the chimney-tops, "I know a field where there are thousands of wheat ears that we can eat all day to our hearts' content."

But the town Sparrow is not the only one fond of ripe corn. His arrival is watched with a jealous eye by the country Sparrow.

A Challenge to Fight.

Thus the bird comedy begins—the great sporting contest between clumsy strength and nimble sharpness born of the streets.

With dialogue running something like this:—

Country Sparrow (shrilly): Hullo! Who are you?

London Sparrow: Tut, tut! I am here to do a little harvesting. By the way, who are you?

Country Sparrow: Like your cheek! These are my wheat ears. You just get out.

London Sparrow: Get out yourself! I can come here if I like.

Naturally, this sort of thing ends in a fight. With his town experience of dodging stones and taxis, the London Sparrow is used to fights, snubs, and insults. He pecks with shrewd blows, and easily gets the upper hand of the slow-moving villager, who ends by being chased away, glad even to escape to the quietude of another field.

But in the end the country Sparrow scores. He knows nothing about town life, but he does understand farmers and guns, and the Cockney Sparrow doesn't know the difference between a gun and an umbrella. That is why so many town Sparrows never return after their summer holidays. The comedy ends in tragedy, and that is why there are so many empty, ragged nests in the eaves of London houses.

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Dummy Eggs from Acorns.

Gather as many acorns as you think fit and pick those nearest the shape of eggs, then get a penny sample tin of varnish paint, stick a pin into the acorns and paint them all over. When dry you will find you have a nice lot of dummy eggs that look well, and will not damage the real eggs that the hen lays.—J. Pratt, 29, Astor Street, Bramley, Leeds.

For Fresh-caught Bullies.

When arriving home rather late with fresh-caught Bullies, before you go to bed get a cup of water and a pot with some hemp in. Then hold the bird in one hand, dip your little finger in the water first and then in the seed pot. The seed will stick to your finger. Hold it to the bird's beak, which in none cases out of ten they will open and feed for some time, and you rarely find any thick in the morning. —H. C. Ainge (Melton Mowbray).

Brimstone Removes Red-mite.

Get a pennyworth of brimstone from the chemist's. Take your cage into the yard and remove front, etc. Get two or three red-hot cinders, place them on the ground, put one good dessertspoonful of the brimstone over them, put cage upside down over the cinders at once, and leave for a quarter of an hour. Then wash cage and leave to dry, and you will find it perfectly clear of redmite.—G. Hunt (Doncaster).

Cleansing the Water Bottles.

I find the best thing to clean my water bottles, etc., is a half-teaspoonful of salt and four or five drops of vinegar; shake the bottle and it will fetch all grime and sediment off.—J. F. Blackwell (Flint).

Pitch in the Bird-room.

During the hot weather fanciers who use metal drinkers will find if the water is not frequently changed it becomes slimy. For years I have adopted the following device. Place a small piece of pitch inside tin, then with a hot poker dissolve same, turning tin so that the liquid will run all over the inside. Let it stand a few minutes, and you have got a hard and smooth lining. A wooden seed-box, or any tin that leaks, can be made watertight in this way.—H. A. Hayes (Aberkenfig).

For a Broken Leg.

[Winner of Half-crown Prize.]

Keep in the bird room a box containing a number of quills of different sizes; these are easily procured from fowls, geese, turkeys, etc. Also a small sharp pair of scissors and a reel of fine thread. When an accident happens, take a quill of the size required, cut to length desired, and split it down. Wrap the bird lightly in a handkerchief, lay it on its back in your left hand, leaving only the broken leg protruding, open the quill, and slip round the injured part. Twist a length of the thread round, and tie it securely. When the bird begins to use its claws freely you may snip the thread and release the leg.—Mrs. E. M. Sargeant, 78, Bransford Road, St. John's, Worcester.

A Cheap and Effective "Sun" Blind.

Now that moulting is in full swing and birds require shading, perhaps this idea will be useful. Make some ordinary whiting into a paste with water and apply to the glass of the bird-room window with a rag. Whilst still wet, stipple this over with a dry brush (work the brush perpendicularly to the glass). The result will be effective, artistic, and easily be cleaned off.—R. H. Gardner, 5, Prior's Wood Terrace, Taunton.

To Avoid the Red Mite.

[Winner of Half-crown Prize.]

To avoid the red mite pest in box cages, treat as follows:—Melt thoroughly half an ounce of glue in a 2lb. jam jar and then add one and a half ounces of whiting and fill up with boiling water, stirring so as to well mix, and apply this to all the woodwork of new cages before painting. Use it as hot as possible, and allow it to run well into all joints. Be sure and use glue (not size), and have it well dissolved before adding the whiting. This coat will be dry next day, and should be rubbed all over with glass paper, and then all dust be brushed out. Now get 1lb. of zinc white, ground in oil, price fourpence, and thin down with copal varnish and turps to the consistency of good milk, then take some powdered ultramarine blue and mix as much of this as would lie on a florin, with a little turps, on a piece of glass, with an old knife. Add this to the zinc white, and stir well in. This will give you a splendid paint or enamel. Apply with a brush, and, when the first coat is hard, lightly rub over with glass paper, and give another coat. I use wooden nest boxes also treated in this way, and the wood will wash like marble—it sets so hard. Be sure and get zinc white (not white lead).—Thomas Stanley, 212, Rookery Road, Handsworth, Birmingham.

IN THE BRENT VALLEY BIRD SANCTUARY.

Another nesting season in the Brent Valley bird sanctuary is now over, and has proved something in the way of a record. Not only have the visitors been more numerous, but the birds have proved tamer than in previous years, and have sat on their nests without disturbance in spite of the fact that they have been subjected to so much close-at-hand inspection. This gratifying circumstance, says a writer in the "Glasgow Herald," is largely due to the adoption at the beginning of the season of the new natural wood nesting-box, which practice had shown to be preferable to the old plain formal-looking box.

But the difference between the two types is not only that the new one, so closely resembling the limb of a growing tree, presents more of a natural attraction to the birds, but that it opens at the top instead of at the side, as in the old pattern, thus rendering it possible to make a close examination of the sitting hen without alarming her. In fact one Blackcap seated on her nest with all a parent's pride was easily inspected at intervals by as many as 150 visitors. It may be said that the Blackcaps' nests were present in larger quantities than usual. This year seven or more were found, all of which reared a numerous progeny.

Nightingales were to be heard in plenty, but the record was in Wrynecks. Eight of these strange birds were the outcome of the patient attention shown by the custodians of the sanctuary. The Wryneck, also sometimes known as the Snake Bird, derives its name from its habit of projecting its long neck out of the nest and moving it from side to side. Another snake-like characteristic of this creature is the hissing noise made by the young when they are disturbed.

A bird that is generally very shy is the Nuthatch, but the specimens in the Brent Valley underwent the gaze of prying eyes quite calmly in the new nesting boxes. The same fact was to be remarked of the Tits, which, in spite of their reputation for hard sitting, used to desert their nests under the old system in the sanctuary, but now found apparent peace and comfort under the new style, and continued to sit on the eggs or to rear their young undisturbed.

A curious case last year was that of a pair of Bullfinches. A Bullfinch's nest containing five eggs was discovered in one of the boxes at so late a period as August 25, which is, according to the normal reckoning, about two months late. The theory was advanced that the parents were a pair of that season's birds, but this was upset by the fact that their colours were too bright for there is a marked difference in the intensity of colouring between the older and the younger birds. The conclusion was, therefore, come to that it was probably a third brood. This year, on the other hand, the first Bullfinch's nest to be discovered was at an unprecedentedly early date.

Country Rambles

MEMBERS OF THE SHEFFIELD O.S. IN DERBYSHIRE.

Fortune again favoured us on this our second ramble of the season on Sunday, Aug. 18. We were prepared for anything in the shape of weather, as we had not had a fine day for the past three weeks in the Sheffield district, and Derbyshire had followed suit, according to reports. But a transformation awaited us on wakening on Sunday morning; the sun was shining high up in a glorious cloudless blue sky. The birds on the housetops were all alive with delight and chirping merrily. The flowers and foliage in the suburban gardens all appeared to have adopted their Sunday garb, and were looking at their best, as if to welcome Old Sol after such a long absence. About midday the clear blue sky became overcast with dark ugly clouds, and everything pointed to a change, the glorious prospects which we had welcomed with delight earlier in the morning now becoming very doubtful and everyone became resigned to a repetition of rain. Fortunately, this was only a false alarm; the sun gradually became visible, the clouds cleared away in the distance, and we came to the conclusion that Fortune was going to favour us after all—and it did. We left Sheffield by the 2 p.m. train for our rendezvous (Grindleford). Unfortunately owing perhaps to the unsettled state of the weather our party was not so large as was anticipated, but those who decided to risk all things were well repaid before home was reached at night. Immediately on leaving the outskirts of Sheffield we beheld a young Magpie, as if to introduce bird life to us and welcome us on our birdy outing. We soon reached Grindleford, and after taking the road for about a hundred yards we turned off into the woods. Immediately upon entering we were welcomed by about half a dozen Blue Tits, we then beheld Blackbirds, Thrushes, Greenies, Goldies (old and young), in fact, almost every species known to this district came across our path. The first two miles of the route were through dense wood, and it was glorious to behold the rays of the sun streaming between the branches of the trees in their radiant hue, for although we are in the middle of August, they appeared as fresh and green as though the leaves had just burst forth. As we got further into the woods the birds became fewer in number; this we could not understand at first, but on getting into the open again we soon solved the problem. All the birds were in the fields amongst the seeding grass. It was surprising the number of Wagtails of all species we came across at this stage; the country was perfectly alive with them. Some of them appeared as though they would do credit to their lucky owner on any show bench. Blackbirds and Thrushes we saw here in great numbers, also a perfect shoal of Chaffinches and Greypates revelling in a field of what appeared to be recently cut grass. Tramping on, we were frequently coming across fresh species of birds, all of which were very interesting, a Robin taking our fancy greatly. We saw various nests en route, but owing to the lateness of the season the youngsters had all deserted the nursery for a higher sphere. We were now approaching the highway, where we were surprised to meet one of our members of the medical profession, who, after attending his patients, had commandeered his motor and set out after us. Of course, he was the first back at headquarters, the Royal Hotel, Baslow, where it was arranged we should take tea. We arrived about five o'clock, all ready for a rest and good tea, which we had set before us, and every one did justice. After tea we wended our way to Chatsworth House, the seat of the Duke of Devonshire. As we had to retrace our steps quicker than we really liked, on account of time, we chartered brakes to Grindleford Station, arriving back in Sheffield at nine o'clock. Everyone expressed the pleasure and enjoyment they had derived from the outing, and all are looking forward to the next. Owing to the success attending these rambles, another one may be arranged before the close of the season.—John A. T. Woodall.

Is it Courting Disaster?

A Wagtail has been known to nest quite close to a Falcon's eyrie, and a pair of Wood Pigeons have reared young in the lower branches of a tree inhabited by a couple of Hawks.

An Insect Preventive.

A reader found a House Sparrow's nest composed of the usual collection of straw, hay, leaves, pieces of string, feather, and hair, but conspicuous among this gathering was about a dozen leaves of the pyrethrum ("Golden Feather"), a strong smelling plant, which an old country woman says "insects can't abide." Did our friend the Sparrow take it to his nest by accident, or was it as an insect preventive?

SHOW DATES FIXED.

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England.

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Oct. 9 & 10.—**Clapham.**—(A. R. Coe, 18, Caldervale Rd., Clapham, S.W.). J.R., C.A.H., H.J.F., H.N.
Oct. 10 & 11.—**Norwich Alliance.**—(R. Roll, 62, Ashby St.). W.E.G., J.R., W.V.
Oct. 11 & 12.—**Derby.**—(Wharam and Bamsey, 23, Macklin St.). J.H.R.
Oct. 12.—**Leeds** (W. A. Wilson, 75, Bayswater Mount, Roundhay.). J.H.R. and W.M.
Oct. 12.—**Morpeth.**—(E. Cowling, Market Place.) H.W.B., A.B.
Oct. 15 and 16.—**Western Counties O.S.**—(T. Pope, 98, Embankment Rd, Plymouth). J.R., T.H.
Oct. 17.—**Hanley.**—(W. G. Llewellyn, 45, Hawthorn St., Cobridge, Stoke-on-Trent). A.H.
Oct. 18 & 19.—**Burnley.**—(F. Cunliffe, 19, Lark St.). J.H.R., J.T.
Oct. 18 & 19.—**Newcastle.**—(J. W. Reed, 218, Ladykirk Rd., Benwell). J.C.B., J.C., J.S., J.P., A.S.
Oct. 19.—**Burton-on-Trent.**—(A. Wood, 10, South Oak St.). J.R.
Oct. 19.—**Middlesborough.**—(A. Wake, 128, Princes Rd.). W.A.C., F.M.
Oct. 23 & 24.—**London and P.O.S.**—(C. W. Law, Brimley House, Woodhouse Rd., N. Finchley).
Oct 24.—**Stamford.**—(A. Harrison 7, New St.). J.R.
Oct. 25 & 26.—**Manchester and N.C.O.S.**—Belle Vue.—(H. Boothman, 10, Parker St., Levenshulme.)
Oct. 25 & 26.—**S. Shields.**—(W. L. Smith, 3, Queen-st.)
Oct. 26.—**Derwent Valley.**—(Lindsay and Marsh, Railway Cottages, Westwood, Medomsley, R.S.O.). W.R., G.W.
Oct. 26.—**Hartlepools.**—(Woodhead and Pyman, West House, Grange Rd., W. Hartlepool.
Oct. 29 & 30.—**Barnstaple.**—(J. D. Hortill, 17, King Edward Street). T.H.
Oct. 30.—**Torbay O.S. (Paignton).**—J. N. and J. Jeffery, "Sartor House," Winner Street, Paignton.) J.H.P.
Oct. 30 & 31.—**Cheltenham.**—(A. S. Treasure, Idahoe, Oakland Ave.) W.G., H.W.B., J.F.
Oct. 30 & 31.—**Grimsby.**—(Towl and Smith, 205, Welholme Rd.). J.H.R.
Oct. 30 & 31.—**Ramsgate.**—(A. Afrigan, 21, Thanet Rd.). G.G.
Oct. 31.—**Grantham.**—(W. E. Allen, 119, Alexandra Road). J.C.B.
Nov. 1 & 2.—**Sheffield O.S.**—T. Bishop, 69, Alexandra Road.). W.M., C.H., W.V., J.N.
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Nov. 1 & 2.—**Liverpool.**—(Metcalfe and Deacon, 68, Brunswick Rd.). H.W.B., J.W., J.W.C., E.B.
Nov. 1 & 2.—**Blaydon-on-Tyne.**—(Geo. Havver, 1, Theresa St.). W.A.C., C.A.H.
Nov. 2 & 4.—**Leicester Hand-in-Hand.**—(A. Freestone, 79, Clarendon Street). J.H.P., R.J.H.
Nov. 5 & 6.—**Portsmouth.**—(King and Joiner, 80, Stubbington Av.). J.H.R., H.N.
Nov. 6 & 7.—**Newport, Mon.**—(J. Hammett, 56, Milman St.). C.A.H., D.A.S.L.
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Nov. 9.—**Warrington.**—(G. M. Nelson, 466, Knutsford Rd.).
Nov. 13.—**Alnwick.**—(R. Forster, 42, Bondgate Without).
Nov. 14.—**Stoke-on-Trent.**—(J. Pitchford, 218, London Rd.). H.W.B.
Nov. 14 & 15.—**Brighton and Hove C.B.A.**—(Will. H. Gibb, 19, Bond St.). C.A.H., J.R.
Nov. 15 & 16.—**Hull.**—(E. R. Ridley, 19, Lambton Street.) J.R., H.W.B.
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Nov. 15 & 16.—**Codnor Park and Eastwood.**—(J. H. Mitchell, South Street, Greenhill Lane, Alfreton). J.C.B.
Nov. 19 & 20.—**Bournemouth.**—(W. O. Brooke, 102, Norfolt Rd.). J.H.P.
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Nov. 23.—**Hinckley.**—(A. H. Gidgway, Priesthills Rd.)
Nov. 23 & 25.—**Ilkeston.** (Thos. Smith, 5, King st.). J.C.B., C.H.
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Nov. 30.—**Coventry Godiva.**—(H. Saunders, 31, Vernon St.) H.W.B.
Nov. 30.—**Harrogate C.B.S.**—(G. H. Barnwell, 29, Collegegrd.). W.M.
Dec. 6, 7. & 9.—**Bradford National.**—(H. Hill, 15, Settle Terr., Thornton Lane.)
Dec. 7.—**Rotherham.**—(B. Bailey, 47, Craven Street, Parkgate, nr. Rotherham.) J.C.B.
Dec. 11.—**Luton.**—(E. Bloomfield, 22, Hitchin Rd.) J.R., J.F.
Dec. 12.—**Frome F.A.**—(C. J. Young, 8, Palmer St.). H.N.
Dec. 13 and 14.—**Gateshead.**—(J. Davidson, 16, Weathercock Lane, Low Fell.) G.H., J.C.B., J.R., J.M., W.C.D.
Dec. 14.—**Sheffield C.B.S.**—(A. Hobson, 66, Langsett Avenue) J.R., H.W.B.
Dec. 14.—**Winsford.**—(S. S. Brooks, 157, Station Rd.)
Dec. 26.—**Anfield, Everton.**—(R. B. Wright, 15, Worcester Drive, Clubmore, Liverpool).

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Jan. 11.—**Yarm, Eaglescliffe.**—(T. W. Wilson, High-st.)
Feb. 7, 8, 10, 11.—**Great National (Crystal Palace).**—(J. W. Ramsden, 11, Josephine Av., Brixton, S.W.).

Scotland.

Oct. 5.—**Paisley and Dis. O.A.**—(J. Kelly, 7, Underwood Lane). D.C., A.F., J.Hr., J.Hy.
Oct. 5.—**Broughty Ferry.**—(R. Whitton, 2, Churchill Place). W.B., T.T., C.C., T.A., R.B.
Oct. 5. **Dysart.**—(W. Russell, Castle O' Guns). J.A., J.C., J.McL., L.J.A.
Oct. 12. **Lochgelly.**—(W. Grewar, 7, Park View).
Oct. 18, 19.—**City of Glasgow.**—(Scots. Fancy and Belgian, J. Young, 80, High St., Rutherglen; remainder, R. Higgie, 27, McLennan St., Mount Florida.) J.D., W.R., A.N., J.W., G.F., J.P.
Oct. 19.—**Kelty and Blairadam.**—(A. Dickson, 37, Adams Terrace). J.Sn., W.D.H., R.H., F.R., R.M., R.V.R.
Oct. 26.—**Perth.**—(Jas. Kerr, 18, James St.).
Oct. 26.—**Kirkcaldy.**—(C. Rae, 15, Anderson St., Pathhead.)
Oct. 26.—**Ayr and Dist.**—(J. Sloan, 19, New Bridge St.). J.T.D., J.M.
Nov. 2.—**Bo'ness.**—(T. Cameron, 7, Ash Terrace, Grangepans).
Nov. 2.—**Brechin.**—(G. Mitchell, 118, Montrose St.) A.H., W.Me., J.F.
Nov. 9.—**Forfar.**—(D. Kerr, 15, Green St.)
Nov. 9.—**Hamilton Cadzow Oak.**—(G. Marlin, 21, Glebe Street.) J.Sn., J.Hn., R.B.
Nov. 16.—**Cowdenbeath.**—(J. R. Reid, 7, Woodland-pl.) J.P., J.W.B., C.C., G.A.
Nov. 16.—**Galashiels.**—(J. Brown, 156, Croft St.). G.F., T.B., A.G., A.H.
Nov. 22 & 23.—**Glasgow and Dis. C.B.A.**—(Wm. Hutchison, 163, Hospital Street.)
Nov. 23.—**Blairgowrie.**—(M. Irvine, 17, Brown St.)
Nov. 23.—**Uddingston C.B., etc., S.**—(Jas. Corgrove, 2, Croftbank Terrace, Bothwell.)
Nov. 30.—**City of Dundee.**—(A. Miller, 3, Park Ave.)
Nov. 30.—**Musselburgh.**—(W. Nisbet, 101, High St.).
Dec. 4.—**Forres and N.O.S.**—(W. Cumming, 28, North Rd.). J.L.
Dec. 7.—**Cupar.**—(Ritch and Westwood, Linley, Cupar.)
Dec. 14.—**Broxburn.**—(W. M'Laren, Church Street). J.McL., A.C., G.H., R.V.R., J.Gw.
Dec. 14.—**Kilsyth.**—(A. D. Duncan, "Chronicle" Office.)
Dec. 31 & Jan. 1, 1913.—**Scottish National.**—(J. R. Meikle, 51, Lothian Rd., Edinburgh.)
Jan. 1 & 2.—**Edinburgh Open.**—(R. Lile, 15, Argyll Terr.)
Jan. 1 & 2.—**Paisley O.A.**—(W. Lambie, 25, Caledonia Street.)

Wales.

Nov. 13 & 14.—**Swansea.**—(S. H. George, 32, Fisher Street). J.R., J.F.D.
Nov. 20 & 21.—**Cardiff.**—(E. Thomas, 48, Craddock-st.) W.M., W.V., D.A.S.L.
Nov. 26.—**Llanelly.**—(D. John, 9, Pottery Place.) W.V., J.F.
Nov. 28.—**Pentrebach.**—(A. E. Brown, 66, Clare St., Merthyr Tydfil). G.G.
Dec. 4.—**Pontypridd.**—(A. A. Gordon McLucas, 43, Rosser-st., Maesycoed).
Dec. 11.—**Mid Rhondda.**—(A. H. C. Legg, 7, Primrose Terrace, Llwyncelyn, Porth.)

Ireland.

Nov. 7 & 8.—**Banbridge.**—(A. McCagherty, Belmont Terrace, Banbridge). A.Lse., J.Hy.
Nov. 14.—**Derry.**—(M. Kerr, 99, Foyle St., Londonderry).
Nov. 22 & 23.—**Holywood and Dist.**—(Jno. Dunwoody, jun., 42, Church st.).
Nov. 22 & 23.—**Lurgan.**—(S. McCollum, Drumgor).
Nov. 28 & 29.—**South County Dublin (Kingstown).**—(D. Smyth, 21, Eden Terr., Kingstown.) W.M.
Dec. 6 & 7.—**Ulster O.A. (Belfast).**—(R. Trimble, 11, Waring St., Belfast.) J.F.D., W.V.
Dec. 12 & 13.—**Larne.**—(T. Mayne, 35, Barnhill.)

Club Reports.

CHOPWELL C.B.S.

Meeting held August 17, in Club Hall. Mr. M. Simpson, in the chair. There was a fair attendance of members. Specials were allotted to members' classes. Decided to leave specials for open classes until next meeting, Aug. 31, at 2, in Club Hall. Now, members, let us have your specials in good order, and we will be able to get schedule printed. —W. Tomlinson, Hon. Sec.

SITTINGBOURNE C.B.S.

Meeting August 12th, Mr. G. Whalford in the chair, and a good attendance of members. The meeting was great, and also was the news that the secretary had received a letter stating that the society would receive the patronage of the Kent County C.B.A. on Nov. 27th and 28th. Final arrangements were made for this great event, which I am sure all fanciers of this district are looking forward to, and I think will prove a great success.—B. Tidy, Hon. Sec.

NORTHERN BORDER & S.F.C.C.

Meeting held Aug. 12, 1912. Mr. W. Smith in the chair. An interesting talk on the Scotch Fancy Canary, re patronage at shows was then held. Mr. W. Harvey opening the discussion. Mr. Graham, of Newbiggin, was elected a member. The prize-drawing held over from the July meeting was then settled, the winning numbers being: 1st 2261, 2nd 89, 3rd 229, 4th 377. Members not having paid their subs. before August 31 cannot compete for any of the club's specials.—M. C. Potts.

OLDHAM AND DISTRICT C.B.A.

At a meeting held Aug. 13, it was decided to have the same classification with the addition of a young Mule class at our back end show at headquarters, Textile Dining Rooms, Shaw Road, on Nov. 2. After going through our business, we had an instructive debate on any variety of Canary. A vote of thanks was accorded to our friends, Messrs. Fitton and Steeple, for the manner in which they opened the debate. It was decided to have twenty minutes at our meetings in future for questions suitable to the season, and that the subject for next meeting on Aug. 27 be on moulting and colour-feeding. James Cope, Sec.

SHEFFIELD O.S.

Monthly meeting held at headquarters, Rose and Crown Hotel, Aug. 13, the chairman, Mr. T. Down, presiding. In the absence of the secretary, Mr. T. Bishop, Mr. J. Woodall undertook the secretarial duties of the evening. There was a good turn up of members. The chief item of importance was the presentation of Fishing Club prizes. Afterwards, other important business was transacted. Don't forget next meeting, Sept. 3; this is very important. All members should attend, as arrangements will be made for All England Show, which will be the biggest show ever held in Sheffield. Remember, the committee have not all the brains; they want the assistance from the members.—John A. T. Woodall.

PELTON FELL C.B.S.

Meeting held at Mr. Enoch Waugh's to arrange for our annual show, Mr. J. Stanger in chair, and we had a good turn up of members. Decided that we hold only a members' show this year, and not an open show, as we have tried an open show two years, guaranteeing all prize money, paying on day of show or first post after, and we find it does not pay, so we let it fall through. Decided to hold members' show on December 7th. Mr. J. Riseborough (Sunderland) judge. Also that we again run our annual prize draw of Canaries. We give an invitation to any fanciers to come and join us at Pelton Fell, any radius, at 1s. entrance and 5s. per year subs.—Wm. Forster, Sec.

SOUTHERN N.P. CLUB.

At a committee held in July, it was agreed that the same specials be given as in year 1911-12. Also that patronage be given to six champion open shows and four novice open shows, which should be balloted for by voting papers being sent to the London and Provincial committeemen. Mr. F. S. Matthes, 31, Rotherhithe New Road, London, was again elected as hon. secretary; Mr. L. Richardson, Post Office, Rotherhithe, assist. sec. Two new members were elected by ballot: Mr. W. Palmer, Swansea, and Mr. A. E. Morris, Bank Fishguard. The result of patronage is as follows: Champion Section, L.P.O.S. 13 votes, L.C.B.A. 10, Clapham 10, Plymouth 9, Wimbledon 9, Cheltenham 8. Novice Section, L.P.O.S., 10 votes, Clapham 9, Wimbledon 8, L.C.B.A. 6.—F. S. Matthes, Hon. Sec.

CITY OF BIRMINGHAM C.B.S.

There was only a moderate attendance at the monthly meeting held at headquarters, "Crown Hotel," Hill Street, Aug. 7, many members being on holiday. Mr. Broadhurst presided. The prize money and special prizes won at the recent N.F. show were paid out, and two nominations for membership received. A resolution was carried rescinding the minute passed a few months ago restricting advertising, and Secretary was instructed to give the necessary guarantee to CAGE BIRDS to ensure our show date appearing in Dates Fixed column. A committee meeting will be held this month to draw up classification, etc., for young stock show for approval at next monthly meeting, Sept. 4, and we hope to offer a good list of special prizes for competition. If possible, the Secretary will have on view the oak cabinet presented for most points gained at N.F. and Y.S. shows. Open show business will also be dealt with next meeting night.—J. H. Jones, Hon. Sec.

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LEEDS C.B.S.

Meeting held August 10th, when a good attendance of members turned up to hear a lecture on colour-feeding given by our worthy chairman, Mr. Mennard. The usual monthly business was gone through, two new members made, and several specials were promised for our open show. Mr. Mennard then gave us, in a very clear manner, his ideas and system of colour-feeding. The main points were: He did not use eggs, but soaked a slice of bread in water, squeezed it nearly dry, and then mixed the colour food in with the back of a spoon: he did not use any oil, as he thought it had a tendency to make birds loose. After a good half-hour of questions and answers, a hearty vote of thanks was proposed and carried, to which Mr. Mennard suitably replied. To Mr. Wilson, our secretary, unfortunately happened an accident whilst at his work the other day. He fell down a hoist, about 30 feet, and is now in bed with a broken rib and a bruised leg.—J. P. Moir, Assist. Hon. Sec.

GUILDFORD AND DIST. F.A.

Committee meeting held at Trinity Chambers, Guildford, Aug. 19. Secs. reported having written to a large number of fanciers and specialist clubs asking for support at the next show, Jan. 14. In the short time which has elapsed, the replies have been very favourable, and committee are making every effort to prove the fixture one of the biggest in the South. A manual is in hand, and will shortly be ready for distribution to members. Members please help the Association by sending your subscriptions in early. Two new members elected. Watch this column for notices. An auction sale was held at headquarters Aug. 6, when stock sent by members was sold. Half the proceeds went to vendors, the remainder going to the Association. The sale was a success, being conducted by the hon. auctioneers to the Association, Messrs. Folker and Horton, and resulted in a profit of £1 2s. 3d. being handed over to the Association. Membership now open to the whole of the United Kingdom. Next great annual show January 14, 1913. Members wanted, and support in any form for this big event. Subscription, 2s. 6d. per annum. Hon. Joint Secs., G. Russell-Cox, and E. Stevens; assistant Sec., S. W. Barter, 34, Quarry Hill, Guildford.

SOUTH BIRMINGHAM O.S.

Monthly meeting held at headquarters, Sydenham Hotel, Small Heath, August 14, before a good muster of members, the chair being taken by J. Hughes (vice-chairman). Mr. Rees elected a member (five others promised to be present but did not turn up). The secretary read the report of the past young bird show. After judge's fees, printing, and other expenses had been deducted, the balance due to the society was 10s. This, with the profit on the June show, had resulted in 19s., a splendid effort, and gave all members good cause to be satisfied with the young bird shows. The half-yearly report was presented by the sec., and showed that the cash at bank and in hand was £12 6s. 8d. The winter programme was submitted to the members, and received unanimous support, with the hopes it would be carried out. September meeting, Mr. Burke will open a debate on, "The Preparing and Choosing of Birds for Show purposes." October, washing exhibition and competition, also young stock show. November, final arrangements for the December show. It was unanimously decided to have the show as before on Boxing day. (The secretary intimated that he believed the donor of the handsome tea service might give a dinner service at this show on certain conditions, which would be given at a later meeting.) January, elect new officials for the coming year. February, general meeting and pair show. Specials were presented, also prize money paid out.—J. Sheppard, Sec.

THATTO HEATH AND DIS. O.S.

Monthly meeting held Aug. 12, at the Railway Hotel, Thatto Heath; Mr. Enever in the chair. Prize money and cards were given out to the successful exhibitors at our Nest Feather show, after which we were entertained by Mr. H. Cutler (one of our members) with a very good and instructive paper on "Wild Seeds." At the outset Mr. C. said he did not wish to pose as an authority on the subject, and that he would only deal with it as from his own experience. He had gone to a good deal of trouble to procure specimens of the different plants producing wild seeds suitable for our feathered friends, and fully described each one in a very fancier-like way; also told us where they could be gathered, and for the small amount of trouble taken the birdies would be all the better for having what a good many are denied when kept in cages. At the close of the paper, Mr. C. invited questions, and those that were asked he answered and explained, after which a hearty vote of thanks was given him for having entertained us so well, to which he very suitably replied. Mr. R. P. Bixter, another member, kindly promised to give us a paper at our next meeting, September 2, on "Norwich Plainhead Breeding," when I hope that as many as possible will turn up, and bring a pal with them, for I'm sure we shall get something worth listening to. These papers are being given with the object of keeping up the interest in the Fancy, and also to try and instruct the younger members, and to encourage social intercourse amongst us all.—H. R. Macdonald, Hon. Sec.

PUDSEY, STANNINGLEY C.B.S.

The August meeting took the form of a most interesting lecture by Mr. H. J. Chittenden (Bradford). Those present had the pleasure of hearing one of the most interesting lectures we have had for some time; the subject was Colour-feeding Canaries. The lecturer brought with him several kinds of fruit from which the colour-food is made, including capsicum fruit, Natal pods, and several samples of colour food prepared ready for use. Mr. Chittenden commenced by saying that he always contrives to keep all young together that come from the same nests, being of the opinion that if so kept it prevents plucking to a larger extent than if the birds were strangers to one another. He commenced by giving the colour in a mild form at first, and gradually increasing same till he got it to the desired strength. He gets the colour well into the birds before they commence to moult, which usually commenced at about 12 to 14 weeks, with the first round youngsters, second round at about 8 to 10 weeks, and third about 6 or 7 weeks. He generally tells them when he sees the colour striking through on the breast, and when it shows on the neck and head he starts weaning them off the colour-feed so as not to get them too hot at the top end. It is the nice even colour that is wanted, not the patchy colour. He liked to give the bath about twice a week in fine weather, it being the finest feather tightener that he knew. After the lecture, Mr. Chittenden invited questions, and he was kept well employed till a late hour. A most enjoyable evening was brought to a close by a hearty vote of thanks to the lecturer.—Hugh Ralstrick, Sec.

ATTERCLIFFE C.B.S.

Monthly meeting Aug. 8, at the Horse and Jockey, Mr. Havenhand presiding over a fair attendance. After the usual society business was gone through, the president announced the inability of Mr. Welbon to attend and give his demonstration in cage making. As a fair number of members was present, the classification, etc., of the annual show was taken instead, and by the schedule drawn up it is hoped we have a record show. Competent judges have been selected, and as the Society now have three silver cups for competition at their annual show, I trust members will do their best and make it a grand success. A letter was read from the Sheffield O.S. re novice rule of local societies. The following were elected to form a deputation to meet the other local societies: Messrs. Havenhand, Hailstone and Perry.—W. Hailstone, Secretary.

CARDIFF C.B.S.

Monthly meeting held Maskell's Hotel; Mr. Whetton presided. The sec. stated that the club had secured the patronage of the N.B.B. and M.C., also the S.Y.C.C. Decided to give 11 open classes and four novice classes, both in Norwich and Yorkshire sections. We are this year trying a new venture by giving heavily-marked or foul green class in Norwich and Yorkshire sections: also a hen Mule or Hybrid class. Mr. Alf Shellam is again backing the Hybrid section by guaranteeing six of the seven classes. Hybrid exhibitors ought surely to appreciate this sporting offer of Mr. Shellam's; we are also increasing the Borders to 5 classes. It was decided to increase the open classes to 65; also to have 7 members' classes. In extending our classification and engaging three specialist judges, we are catering for the Fancy, who we trust will support us. Messrs. W. Morgan and D. Peterson, Cardiff, were enrolled members. I should be pleased to hear from any fancier desirous of joining our society. I also appeal to the members to attend next monthly meeting, as we have important business for them to deal with.—E. Thomas, Sec., 48, Craddock Street, Cardiff.

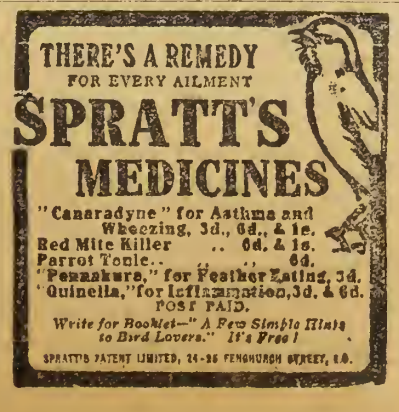
The Shows.

BETHEL.

First show held at Bethel, Carnarvonshire, August 17, in connection with the Poultry and Horticultural Show. Entries came up very well considering the time of the year, and some rare good birds were on view. Some had to be content with lower honours for not being ready. The arrangements were all that could be desired, especially for a first venture. Classification was very good. The committee seems a very hearty lot. The show was well attended in spite of all the weather. Chairman Mr. W. Winnard, Treasurer Mr. R. T. Williams, Secretary Mr. O. H. Jones, a very courteous and obliging official, here there, and everywhere; we must give him credit for meeting and returning the exhibits at Port Dinorwic Station in good time. The committee deserve every support as fanciers all round. Mr. E. R. Roberts, Penygroes, judged, and gave general satisfaction. Specials for most points went to Messrs. Lewis, Davies, and Pritchard. Norwich special, Mr. H. Parry; Yorkshire and Norwich first feather, J. O. Williams; Natural Colour, D. Parry; Mule or Hybrid, R. E. Griffith; Local, D. Parry.

The Critique.

NOR.: 1, sp, 3, Hugh Parry, 1st a typical buff hen, good size and substance, well braced wings and tail, 3rd tkd. yell. cock, medium size, good shaped head, nice entrance, rich colour throughout, shade light; 2, vhc, J. O. Williams, clear buff, fine size, shape, and quality, rich level colour, not quite through the moult; hc, c, Aitken. NOR. F.F.: 1, sp, J. O. Williams, cl. buff, good body, head, and shape, exquisite feather. YORKS. (6): 1, Sergeant Evans, cl. buff, beautiful shape and quality., grand wings and tail, straight as a gun barrel, in good form; 2, sp, vhc, J. O. Williams, rare length, and style, clear buff, nicely moulded, well braced wings, extra quality and colour, not yet at his best; 3, W. J. Jones, another clear buff, good length and position, nice feather, shade thick for a youngster; hc, Lewis, Davis, and Pritchard. YORKS. F.F.: 1, Sergt. Evans, nice quality buff, fair length, good stand, neat feather; 2, J. O. Williams, cl. buff, slim and stylish, good boxy feather, a grand one all over; 3, Lewis, Davies and Pritchard, another buff, nice length and style, good feather, shade thick; W. H. Jones, a neat one, close up. CAN., NAT. COL. (14): 1, sp, D. Parry, good feather and clean; 2, Williams, Yorks. buff; 3, Lewis Davies and Pritchard, another Yorks., noted; vhc, Hughes, neat Border; hc, Lloyd; c, R. J. Williams. MULE OR HYB.: 1, sp, 2, Griffith, well-known light Goldie Mule winning, a stormer, rare col. and feather, in the pink of condition, 2nd Goldie-Canary, dark jonque, good size and quality, rich col., well polished; 3, vhc (2), c, Lewis Davies and Pritchard, leader variegd. Goldie Can., good qual. and col. GOLDFINCH: 1, Hughes Bros., good size and tanning, rare blaze, bars, and buttons, well finished, easy winner to-day; 2, Griffith, good size, shape, and quality, tans, and markings, beaten blaze; 3, Taylor, very fair one, not ready yet. A.O.S. BRIT (10): 1, vhc, Lewis Davies and Pritchard, 1st good pencilled Linnet, grand type and quality, well shown; 2, Griffith, good typical Greenie, rare head and neck; 3, Thomas, good Bullfinch, in rare fettle, rich col. and markings; vhc, Hughes, good Greenfinch, grand polish; hc, R. Taylor; c, Green. CAN., LOCAL NOV.: 1, 2, sp, W. J. Jones, noted in open; 3, c, Roberts; vhc, R. J. Williams; hc, D. Parry. BRIT., LOCAL. NOV.: 1, 2, W. H. Williams, very fair Bullie and Goldie; 3, Thomas; vhc, Roberts; hc, Bob Jones.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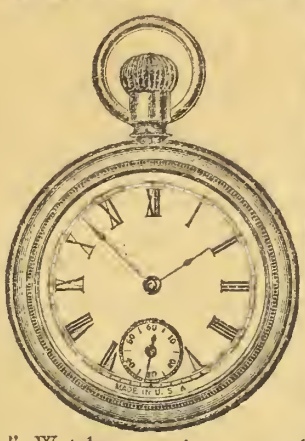

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CROYDON AND DISTRICT F.A.

Y.B. show held August 14, in St. Michael's Hall, West Croydon. Quite a nice collection of young birds were staged, and the quality was very good, Yorks. and Borders excelling. The management of the show reflects great credit upon the able and courteous hon. sec., Mr. F. W. Capell, who gave his undivided attention to the show while open. He was assisted by a practical committee (in the cage bird section by Messrs. G. Britton, C. E. Gunnell, and G. Lisney). The society is well patronised by the gentry and chief residents of the district, and is usually visited by a number of people. The special for best bird in show was won by Mr. F. Britton with a rare bodied yellow Norwich. Mr. Geo. Gardner judged, and his awards were well received. NOR. CL. YELL.: 1, sp, 3, Britton, the leader thick-set, grand depth of colour, silky feather, 3rd a bird of doubtful colour, got the benefit; 2, Lock, loses in head and neck, else good feather. BUFF: 1, Lock, best type, thick-set, nice wings, rump, and tail; 2, 3, Britton, both good quality. TKD., ETC., YELL.: 1, 2, Britton, the leader grizzle tailed bird, of rare size and glossy feather, good colour, 2nd good quality, loses a bit in size; No. 3 a buff. BUFF: 1, Lock, ticked, nice head, good quality; 2, Britton, variegd., plenty of feather. YORKS., CL. YELL.: 1, 2, Britton, the leader very neat and stylish, hardly so long as 2nd, but gets up well and shows plenty of leg, 2nd more length, very nervy, and should do well; 3, Lock, not quite so stylish or so good behind the leg, nice feather; res, vhc, Soper. BUFF: 1, 2, Britton, leader best length and style, rare pose and good quality; 3, Soper, hardly so full of nerve, silky feather; res, Lock. TKD., ETC., YELL.: 1, 2, Britton, two smart Yorkies, little to choose; 3, Lock, variegd., not quite the length, and hardly so stylish as leaders; res, vhc, Soper. BUFF: 1, 2, Britton, well away; 3, Soper, very neat and nervy; res, Lock. BORD.: 1, Rev. H. A. Soames, very pretty bird; 2, Bacon, yell., very perky, scarcely so equally moulded, rich feather. TKD., ETC.: 1, 2, 3, Bacon, the leader a sweet tkd. buff, by far the best Border staged, rare shape, pretty head and good feather, 2nd and 3rd also good. MULES: 1, Bacon.

BRIGHTON C.B.A.

A small show of cage birds was held at headquarters, Aug. 14. Owing to members being away on holiday only a few exhibits turned up. Mr. J. Roast officiated as judge. Special for best in show went to Mr. C. Pearson. YORKS.: 1, spl, 2, Pearson; 3, vhc, Dandridge; hc, c, Rev. W. Miller. NOR.: 1, 2, Dean. A.O.V. CAN.: 1, Miles. BRIT.: 1, Bickuell; 2, Miles.—Will. H. Gibb, Hon. Sec.

WESTON (Near Runcorn).

Y.B. show, held August 17, in conjunction with the Weston Horticultural Society's show. The show proved a success and attracted a nice entry of over 50 exhibits, although confined to a radius of four miles. A good number of special prizes were offered in addition to the money prizes per class on sliding scale. Yorks. were very good all through, and the novice class contained some wonderfully smart birds. Norwich were very good, also the Norwich Greens, and some very promising young Crests and C.B.. birds were put down by that old and sterling fancier, J. Guy, of Runcorn. Hyde's special was won by a very typical wing marked yellow Yorks. of good standard qualifications. A few nice Linnets were on view, and a nice variegd. Goldfinch-Canary. Mr. Chas. Houlton judged, and his awards were favourably accepted. Mr. Linaker, the Chairman, worked very hard and made all very comfortable. Mr. Nancollis, the Secretary, is a fine capable person for his post, and did his duty admirably. The birds were nicely staged in the Village Hall. Mrs. Banks, of Overhill Farm, Weston, opened the show in the presence of a large representative attendance of the villagers and gentry of the district. YORKS. YELL.: 1, sp., 2, 3, Sutton, a trio of very good typical birds; first excels in all-round merit to-day, all good type and position. BUFF: 1, 2, Sutton, very fine Cin. variegd. leading, A1 type, etc. NOR. YELL.: 1, Jones, clear, A1 type, good head and well filled neck and nice feather; 2, Guy, nice body, a variegd., good feather and condition. BUFF: 1, Sutton, eye tick, lovely type, colour, feather and condition; 2, 3, Jones, fine colour clear, good type; 3rd loses in body feather to-day; vhc, hc, Grey; hc might have won had all its tail feathers been there. NOR. GREEN (7), all very good: 1 2, 3, Guy, a rare trio of youngsters; vhc, hc, Jones; c, Guy. A.O.V. CAN.: 1, 2, 3, vhc, hc, Guy, a rare nice lot of young Crest and C.B. birds in good feather and condition, very promising. A.V. MULE: 1, Harrison, nice buff variegd. Goldfinch-Canary; 2, Norton, dark buff Goldfinch-Canary. LINNET: 1, Jones grand shape, colour and mark[illegible] nice glossy feather and condition; 2, Walk[illegible]nger, and paler colour, nice markings and cond[illegible]n; 3, Orme, bonny bird, pale colour, and gives[illegible]ay a little in condition, vhc, Lenster. NOV. W[illegible]RKS., capital stuff here: 1, Norton, A1 all through, a yellow; 2, vhc, Ratcliffe, very fine Cinn. variegd. buff, in grand feather and condition; 3, Brown, [illegible]g. long, fine drawn yell., just a shade coarser in head and beak than 1st; hc, c, Poole. NOR. (9), strong set of youngsters: 1, Roberts, a grand yell. all over; 2, Hayes, good variegd. buff, in nice feather, very cobby; 3, Jones, good head and nice body, good feather and condition; vhc, Sutton; hc, Fearnett; c, Bate. A.O.V. CAN.: 1, 2, Hayes, nice pair of Norwich Greens, good colour and type. Hyde's winner, Sutton.

Singing Contests.

LEEDS.

Open contest for quality held at the Old Bird House, King's Head, Shannon Street, Leeds, August 17, when 14 birds sung for three good prizes given by Mr. Wm. Tillotson. 1, Wigfield, half tea service; 2, Brophy, flower vase; 3, Ward. Judges, S. Hardcastle and W. Naylor. Also August 18, when 12 birds sung for three good prizes. 1, 2, shared by Wigfield and Farrar; 3, Kelly. Judges, S. Hardcastle and W. Naylor.—Walter Naylor, Hon. Sec.

Usual week-end contest, Aug. 18, Prince Albert Inn, Newtown, Leeds, when 12 picked birds sang for three good prizes given by Mrs. Saynor. Judges, Messrs. A. and C. Lorriman. 1, A. Binns; 2, J. Chippindale; 3, 4, divided between J. Clark and A. Turner.—E. Wood, Sec.

Linnet contest held Skinner's Arms, Buslingthorpe, Leeds, August 18. 12 birds were hung. 1, Ward; 2, Sellers; 3, Hullen. Judges: T. Summers and A. Grainger. Next sing Aug. 25.—C. W. Smith.

CASTLEFORD.

Weekly Linnet contest August 17. 15 birds entered for three good prizes, and some very good time was done. Winners: 1, 2, E. Smith; 3, B. Nelson. Also Aug. 18. 10 birds entered for a three-minutes' sing. Winners: 1, 2, W. Nelson; 3, J. Brindley. Open sings every Sunday. First birds in the window at 1. Will all members try to attend our last two sings, as there is some very important business to attend.—Walter Dobson, Hon. Sec.

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